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Tonight and Friday, occasional rain; fresh southwesterly winds

WILSON WINNING OUT

Lest We Forget

The Victory Loan is now coming along, and one of the points which will be emphasized in that drive is the fact that the world catastrophe had its root in the selfishness of an individual who wished to dominate the world, and for his self-aggrandizement did not hesitate to drench the world in blood.

After all the sacrifice, in spite of the million mothers' sons lying in France and Flanders, and in the depths of the waters of the earth, that spirit of selfishness is not dead, and here in this city only a few nights ago was permitted to raise its ugly head, and this whilst our hearts are still torn, and our imaginations vivid with the pictures of youth, strength, beauty and talent wiped from the world forever. As time goes on, these pictures of the mind will dim, and perhaps vanish.

"Lest we forget," it is well that Seattle should have a memorial of the splendid dead, and no thinking man or woman in this city will think but the best good enough to remind us of those gone West, maimed and crippled and otherwise incapacitated, in order that this world might remain comparatively free.

The only question left in one's mind, after listening to the many speeches made last Saturday evening in the Metropolitan theatre was the important one, "Are we going to give ourselves a present of a splendid auditorium, long and ardently desired, and admittedly much needed by our city, or are we going to get within measurable distance of the spirit of the men we wish remembered and honored?"

"Gone West." Sad words that chill our souls. Maimed and crippled men. Sadder still; but with this saving grace, that we know our government will care for them.

Saddest of all, those retaining all the appearance of health and vigor, but as some of us know, just unfit mentally and physically; and with the gradual realization of this unfitness coming home insistently to the boys and men themselves as time goes on and we forget, and they face the increasingly exacting conditions of ordinary existence.

Then to what shall they turn—a temple of marble as beautiful as the brain and hand of man can conceive and create, or to a living, breathing, helping center where they shall meet those of their own understanding kind, who will hold for them hope and material comfort? This is the question which Seattle is asked to decide, and to decide without sufficient thought, and with only perfunctory consultation with those most materially affected, the enlisted men themselves.

The few returned warriors present at the meeting, with soldierly modesty, voiced the desire of many of us who realized that the only and proper memorial to valor and sacrifice is material help for the returning men, such help as they can find in a club designed for them, managed by them, and consecrated to their use forever.

Shall we fall below the standard set by the boys themselves, the standard of purest service and love, exemplified by the boy, who as his blood seeped into the earth, and life went with it, looked at the doctor and whispered, "Tend to Jim first, I'm all right?"

Let us "Tend to Jim first," and follow the simple suggestion made at the meeting, i. e., that one-third of the funds shall be devoted to providing a permanent club for sailors, soldiers and marines.

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LOVE, HOPE GONE, GIRL ENDS LIFE

Dreams Shattered, So Elma Marie Robertson Ends It All; Leaves Note

EFFORT TO SAVE FAILS

She dreamed of love—of a home she could call her own, of loved ones—and love was almost within her grasp when the dream faded and the air castles crumbled.

He whose answering love was promised, but failed, is walking the streets somewhere today, but—

Elma Marie Robertson, 18, is in the county morgue. Despairing utterly, she turned on the gas jets of the tiny range in her apartment at 502 Pontius ave. late Wednesday night and welcomed death.

A strange letter the girl wrote as she planned her death, addressed to Lembe Karvia, her best friend and former roommate, was found by the police after two hours of vain efforts with a pumpjack failed to bring her back "from the next world," she spoke of in her letter.

Escaping gas was discovered in the apartment house by a woman tenant, who called an unidentified man from the street. The outer door of the Robertson girl's apartment was open, but the kitchen was locked. Dr. C. W. Shannon was called from the city hospital with a pumpjack, but the girl's suicide attempt had succeeded. Reports that she was breathing for more than an hour after the physician arrived and that the lung motor was out of order were denied Thursday by Dr. Shannon.

Lock Up Rooms
The girl's father is coming from Carbonado and her rooms have been locked by the police pending an investigation. The name of the man whose failure to return her love made the taste of life as ashes in her mouth is not known.

The Robertson girl's letter, telling the age-old story of love not repaid, follows:
Letter Shows Despair
"Dear Lembe:
"You may be surprised when you read this, but I am quite sure that after you have read this you will not altogether blame me, for you know that the lot of a working girl is hard and much harder for one who is as weak willed as I am, too cowardly to live and too cowardly to die.

"This morning, when you left for work, I decided that there wasn't any earthly use to try, because I am not going to be married and I can't love another man like him. So when you are reading this you may imagine that I am in a land where dreams come true. I know that you are a good girl, pure as the dew from heaven, and when you and Oscar work in double harness, I hope that he will prove to be a husband worthy of your love, and trust you, too, will be a good wife to him and a mother, too. If there is anything of mine that you would wish to keep as a memory of our sweet bachelor days, you may have it, and the rest of my junk can go in the garbage can, as I don't think that my folks would want it. How could I want anything of mine when I myself wasn't good enough to enter his home? If my ma ever worries over me, tell her I loved her more than any one else on earth, with the exception of you and Jake.

Wants Man Warned
"I hope if any one gets hold of this that they won't charge any one with abduction, but if you see him after I have passed on, will you tell him just a few things? Next time when he gets a green girl in love with him, (CONT'D ON PAGE SEVEN)

VAST RUIN IN PATH OF BIG STORM

Crop Damage Runs Into Millions; Oil Region Wrecked; Communication Poor

DEATH LIST IS GROWING

DALLAS, Texas, April 10.—Nearly 100 dead, several hundred injured, with property loss estimated at several millions of dollars, was the toll taken by Wednesday morning's storms in northern Texas and southern Oklahoma, according to information gathered early today.

The known death toll totaled 97 at the last tabulation. Indications were this will be increased when crippled communication lines are restored to the small villages in northern Texas, where the heaviest loss of life occurred.

Damage to crops probably will run into millions, as the principal products raised in Texas were at the stage most easily affected by heavy wind and rain.

Oil Region Wrecked
The wind created havoc in one of the most important oil districts in the world, in the Oklahoma-Texas region, centering in Burnett, Texas, and Walters, Okla., the damage will run into the hundreds of thousands, according to oil men. They said their figures were conservative.

Sections of the oil fields near Lawton, Okla., were reported a mass of tangled beams, pipes and battered machinery. Fifty derricks were destroyed, boilers blown away and small buildings wrecked. Dispatches from Burnett reported similar scenes there. Fear was expressed here that oil production will be set back considerably.

Railways were heavy sufferers. More than 300 poles are down. Interurban service to Fort Worth is halted temporarily. Many cars were blown from the M. K. & T. tracks.

Communication lines were hopelessly out of action. Because of these conditions it was believed complete reports of casualties will not be available for several days. The death list is expected to exceed 100, with the injured over 600. Conservative estimates of property damage is placed at over \$1,000,000.

DENVER, Colo., April 10.—Wires are down to the east, south and southwest of Denver (CONT'D ON PAGE SEVEN)

Here Is Today's Weather Story

BY G. B. JOYFUL

Usually weather stories (and many of them are stories) come from the official weather bureau. Sometimes they say "Rain," and that doesn't tickle us any. Then they say "Fair," and it rains all the same. Now here's a weather story that is a weather story:
"I understand she carried the house by storm."
"Sure—no wonder—she did a lightning change in front of the audience."
And there was thunderous applause.

Troops of Allies Evacuate Odessa

PARIS, April 10.—The allied forces have evacuated Odessa and the city has been occupied by Ukrainian soviet troops, according to official dispatches received here. The move has been expected for some time, as Bolshevik prestige in that locality has been rapidly increasing.

New Zealand May Go Prohibition

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 10.—Early returns from the New Zealand referendum on prohibition show that prohibition was probably adopted in the vote taken yesterday. It will be some weeks before the soldiers' votes have been counted.

42nd Division Men Leaving for Brest

COBLENZ, April 9.—(Delayed.)—The 42nd (Rainbow) division, bound for Brest on its way home, is expected to clear the army of occupation territory by Saturday. It was announced today. The last contingent of the 148th field artillery left for the French coast today.

Conducts Seattle Symphony Which Opens Concert Series



This is John Spargur, conductor of Seattle's new Symphony orchestra, which opens its first series of concerts tonight at Masonic temple auditorium. He was one of the original members of the famous Florenz string quartet, and for 10 years played with the New York Philharmonic orchestra. He served as concert master for five years with Victor Herbert's orchestra, and in the same capacity with the Damrosch orchestra. His ambition is to keep a great symphony orchestra intact in Seattle and give all the people the opportunity of hearing the best in music.

Seattle's Dream of Symphony Realized

BY EDWARD FOSS

One of Seattle's dreams of community advancement will be realized tonight, when the Seattle Symphony orchestra, completely organized, and comprising talent of international reputation, plays its initial concert in Masonic temple auditorium. Leopold Godowsky, famous pianist, is soloist.

With its future financially assured for three years by public spirited citizens, the civic orchestra, beginning with the spring concert series of 10 programs, plans to enrich the community life with an almost continuous series of concerts of classical music, with the ultimate aim of popularizing symphonies and symphonic poems for all the people.

The best of music, the masterpiece, will be played, according to Conductor John Spargur.

Pian Fall Series
Five numbers by the Russian composer, Tschaiakowsky, including the fourth symphony, constitute the opening program, with the great Beethoven and Schubert symphonies to be presented later in the series. The year's activities of the orchestra will be concluded with a fall series of 25 concerts, starting late in October.

"Our opening concert will demonstrate what a vital need is being filled in the community life by an orchestra, capable of conveying the soul-stirring messages of the great composers," declares Spargur.

"The Seattle Symphony orchestra, as it stands today, is a greater civic asset than any industry we have or any institution we maintain, and means as much to the city in its relations with other cities and different parts of the world, as our universities and high schools, our churches or our shipyards."

Makes People Nobler
And it is in the presentation of great music only that Spargur thinks the existence of his orchestra is justified, because "it tells of the common troubles and aspirations of the orchestra's continuance."
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GLOOM LIFTING AS PEACE MEN MAKE HEADWAY

The situation in Paris has changed almost overnight from one of deepest gloom to the greatest optimism. Four important questions, reparations, responsibility for the war, Fiume and the Saar valley, apparently have been disposed of. As reflected by representatives of the three chief powers, the situation today was as follows:

United States—The sudden haste on the part of the "big four" has made possible signing of peace by the last of April or the first of May.

Great Britain—Lloyd George, while bearing in mind his election campaign pledges, is disposed toward effecting a compromise whenever necessary to maintain the present rapid pace, and is determined to maintain permanent friendly relations with America above anything else.

France—France has reduced its claims to the minimum, consistent with Wilson's 14 points, and will now "stick by her guns."

Recent reports said the allies would establish a new "eastern front" against the Bolsheviks, by bringing about co-operation of the Rumanian, Czecho-Slovak and Polish armies. These armies are to be officered, equipped and organized by the allies.

BY CARL D. GROOT

United Press Correspondent
PARIS, April 10.—The "big four," setting a new pace in its deliberations, has reached a stage where it was reliably forecast today that predictions of an "Easter peace" will not fall many days short of the mark.

If the present progress continues, it was said, the George Washington probably will be held in Brest and will return to the United States with President Wilson aboard.

The Italians are now ready to accept internationalization of Fiume, according to authoritative information. It is understood that France will get use of the Saar coal mines and control of labor in the mines as part of her reparations.

This is regarded as a fair return for Germany's destruction of French coal mines in the Lens region. Germany will retain political control of the Saar basin and a plebiscite will be held later to determine permanent disposition of that territory.

Four important questions—Fiume, the Saar valley, reparations and responsibility which have contributed largely to the delay in arranging a peace settlement, have thus been virtually disposed of. Many observers are disposed to attach considerable significance to the fact that this sudden increase of speed developed immediately after the president summoned the George Washington to Brest, giving the impression that he was prepared to leave Paris at once unless the conference submerged their individual claims in favor of world interests.

The president and Mrs. Wilson called on Queen Marie of Rumania at the Ritz hotel at 9:40 o'clock this morning, remaining a quarter of an hour.

The orchestra is for all the people. Spargur doesn't think the banker or plutocrat better qualified, save by opportunity, to appreciate good music, than the shipyard worker or shoe clerk, and it is his ambition to make classical music accessible to the latter.

The symphony organization, Spargur says, will develop into one of the finest musical organizations existing in the United States. Its personnel includes some of the members of the old philharmonic, established by Spargur in 1911, and musicians from the Boston, New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco symphony orchestras, engaged by Spargur on his recent trip down the coast and East.

Because of the high quality of the musicians engaged, and the expense of maintenance, including guarantees for tours, the orchestra cannot be placed on a sustaining or paying basis, according to Spargur. To make it pay, a seat charge of between \$5 and \$10—a prohibitive scale—would have to be instituted. The financial backing of a number of civic spirited citizens insures the orchestra's continuance.

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BY ROBERT C. BENDER

United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, April 10.—"Hammering ahead" along the path he has definitely selected, President Wilson reported "fine progress" in his peace conference during the last 24 hours, according to a private message received here today.

This message, adding that the president's physical condition continues to improve, that he took his first drive yesterday since his recent illness, and that by the power of his "personal force" he is making gratifying headway, materially increased optimism in official circles here today.

TREATIES NEXT TO BE SETTLED

Secret Agreements Are Not Yet Cleared Up

PARIS, April 10.—The inter-allied commission on reparations has decided Germany must pay \$5,000,000,000 in indemnities within the next two years. The remaining damages to be paid over a period of 30 years, beginning May 1, 1921, will be assessed later.

BY FRED S. FERGUSON

United Press Staff Correspondent
PARIS, April 10.—Although agreement has been reached on reparations and responsibility for the war, the peace conference is not yet out of the woods regarding the secret treaties entered into by the allies before American intervention, it was learned today from an authoritative source.

British insistence that the conference has agreed on the principal points of the treaty, "with only details to be settled," means in one sense that a showdown on the London secret treaty is yet to come.

Also the suggestion from high quarters that the peace delegates again "look over the 14 points," was regarded as a reminder that President Wilson is standing just as firmly on the 14 principles and the armistice terms as at the start of the conference. These recognized no secret treaties.

When Greece's claims were being discussed in a committee of British, French and Italian representatives, this committee held it was not competent to discuss certain points relating to Smyrna, as their governments were bound by the London pact regarding these points. This situation came up, it was learned authoritatively, just as President Wilson returned to his peace work after his recent illness. It has not yet been brought to the attention of the "big four."

Italy Question Up
The Adriatic question has also lain dormant for the reason that Italy is standing by the London pact in this matter. Efforts have been continued to arrange a possible agreement thereon, thru individual conferences. The situation briefly is that while
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ASK RECALL OF TACOMA MAYOR

Councilman Lane Addresses Labor Council Meeting

TACOMA, April 10.—Resolutions demanding the recall of Mayor Riddell and the Tacoma city commission, and branding them as "a juncture of un-American and unpatriotic individuals, not fit to occupy the high positions to which a trusting public has elected them," were adopted by the Central Labor council at its meeting last night.

The resolutions were offered by the committee of 25 from organized labor, which has been engineering the recall movement, following the soldiers' and sailors' council tag day arrests.

W. D. Lane, acting mayor of Seattle, addressed the council, asserting that "we have come to a new period in the world's history. People are not satisfied with the things which have satisfied them before. They are going to ask for something that goes to the root of their trouble."

BANK BANDITS TAKE \$100,000

200 Policemen Pursue Robbers in 30 Autos

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 10.—The Baden bank of St. Louis was held up by eight bandits and looted of an amount estimated at \$100,000 shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Two hundred policemen, armed with riot guns, pursued the bandits in 20 police automobiles. The highwaymen headed west, toward Kansas City.

The holdup men lined five employees of the bank against the walls, three men guarding the employees while others looted the bank. Three others acted as lookouts in a waiting automobile outside.

Bank officials fired a volley of shots as the robbers took flight. A patrolman engaged the men in a running revolver battle until he was outdistanced.

CARDIFF—Said to have been the destroyer of 1,000 carrier pigeons, a peregrine falcon which has been nesting in the city hall clock tower, has been shot by an indignant pigeon fancier.

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