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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

Weather
Tonight and Thursday: occasional rain; fresh easterly winds.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 51. Minimum, 43.
Today noon, 48.

Paul Bunyan
The Duncutter. Salt in the Ocean. Drowning of a Dog. Chipmunks as Tigers.

It is only natural that the mists of legend should obscure the epic figure of Paul Bunyan, king of the tall timber. The Star has printed without question the stories it has received. The daily accumulation of Bunyan letters now includes many from those who knew the great man in person, who worked with him and are trifled by unreliable reports. Today The Star is able to print significant figures and other data gathered at first hand.

Certain incidents in the life of Paul have been many times repeated in the letters. When the stories are cut, it is to avoid repetition.

EVEN SANTA CLAUS FIGURES IN PAUL BUNYAN LEGEND

Editor The Star: I have seen some big ones about Paul Bunyan in your paper that are not so, but you wish to know some facts about Paul. If I understand it right. When his blue ox was full grown, he was seven ax-handles between the eyes and 42 ax-handles between the tips of the horns, and his tracks in the soft dirt were so deep and big that if a fellow fell into one of them, some one had to bring him a long step-ladder to get him out.

Paul had Big Ole make him a big moving machine. They called it the duncutter. He would hitch the blue ox to the machine and go around eight townships of timber and cut a swath 500 feet wide.

The smallest man in Paul's crew weighed 500 pounds. They called him the Kid. The last I heard of Paul, he was logging at the North Pole and Santa Claus was bringing them grub. O. A. JOHNSON, Onalaska, Wash.

MOUNT RAINIER WAS A GOPHER KNOLL

Editor The Star: I take the liberty at this time to rise up in defense of the dead, my old friend Paul Bunyan. That which has been written for The Star has been written from hearsay, and not by one who was on the ground at the time Paul brought his blue ox to the Pacific for the purpose of digging the Sound.

At that time Mount Rainier was a gopher knoll and the Sound was a muskrat slough, and there was no salt in the Pacific ocean. The cause for the salt being there now is the drainage from the kitchen sink in Paul's camp, where I freshened salt pork for the bears.

The winter of the blue snow the Blue Ox was strained from trying to pull the crooks out of 18 miles of logging road. He cast a shoe at the time and it was thrown a mile and killed eight Swedes that were clearing a railway landing.

Now, these are the facts that should be handed down to posterity, and not the ravings from some diseased mind, with his dream mixed in with his notes written from hearsay.

HOPE THAT NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH will appear in the columns of The Star in the future regarding Paul Bunyan and his Blue Ox. I wish to state further that I own a full-grown dog. His dog drowned when a puppy, in Lake Superior, breaking thru four feet of ice. Yours for the truth.

HE KNEW PAUL BUNYAN BACK IN MICHIGAN

Editor The Star: I knew Paul Bunyan in Roscommon county, Michigan, when he was logging for Write & Ketchum. He had 100 men in his camp. Ninety-nine of them were from Peterborough, Canada. They were seven feet across the shoulders, six feet across the hips and 1 foot tall. The other one was the chore boy, of medium size, who weighed 200 pounds. He had a tough-time, because the Canadians played catch with him in the evening. Those men used 22-pound, double-bitted axes, with 12 to 14 feet of rope, so they could chop both ways. They tripped all the felled trees and sent the whole trees in. Prune pits from the cook shanty were haled and taken to the woods, where chipmunks ate them until they were so big people shot them for tigers. A barrel sat on the table, full of four-foot wood for toothpicks.

If any one doubts this story, he can find out the truth by going to Roscommon county, near Higgins lake, where Paul had a camp. It's deep a well 165 feet and six inches deep. They pulled the curb up where he left, and the last time I was there the sand had blown away and left the hole sticking up in the air 60 feet.

A MAN FROM BIG LAKE, WASH.

German Planes to New York Halted

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—The entire air mission has halted a shipment of German all-metal planes to the Larsen Co. in New York. The mission demanded that 11 machines of the shipment be given to the allies. The manufacturers declared this violated assurances previously given that there would be no interference with the transaction since the planes were not for military use.

INDICT 31 IN BOOZE QUIZ

SLAYER IS CAUGHT ON WAY HERE

Kills Everett Officer Almost Instantly When Accosted

EVERETT, Nov. 24.—Following a revolver duel on the street here last night, Charles Harris, 21, was being held today in the Snohomish county jail accused of the murder of Police Detective J. H. Fox. He is said to have confessed to Sheriff John McCulloch.

Fox was shot to death by a foot pad, identified as Harris, who had been holding up pedestrians at 25th st. and Broadway.

Sent to the scene of the holdups, accompanied by Detective H. J. Miller, whose shooting arm was in a sling, Fox accosted a suspect, intending to question him.

Immediately the suspect opened fire on Fox, as the latter drew his gun. Six shots were fired in quick succession, and Fox dropped, with the cry:

"HE'S GOT ME; TAKE ME TO HOSPITAL!"

"He's got me; take me to the hospital, quick!"

The slayer fled as Fox was breathing his last. Fox's revolver showed he had fired only one cartridge.

Sheriff McCulloch threw out a cordon of deputies south of the city, in which direction the murderer had disappeared, and Harris walked into the trap. He was armed with a Colt's revolver when Deputies N. S. Berridge and James McKay stopped him on the interurban tracks south of town.

On reaching the sheriff's office they sent for Detective Miller and the latter positively identified Harris as the slayer of Fox. The prisoner was cajoled with Sheriff McCulloch for some time. When the conference ended the sheriff announced that Harris had "come clean."

HAS POLICE RECORD IN SEATTLE

Others who will be asked if they can identify Harris as the man who held them up just before the shooting last night are: G. F. Ahmrt, 3509 Lombard ave., and J. G. Folks, 3495 Broadway.

A young woman stenographer, whose name has not been disclosed, was at the scene of the shooting.

Harris has a long police record, according to Seattle police. He is believed to have been arrested in Seattle in 1918 and sent to Walla Walla for one to 15 years for grand larceny.

Suit Transferred to Federal Court

Suit brought by Eddie Gorman, Seattle boilerworker, against the Western Union Telegraph Co. for injuries alleged to have been sustained when hit by one of the telegraph company's cars, was transferred from superior to federal court Wednesday.

Gorman claims to have suffered a smashed leg and other injuries due to the alleged carelessness of the company's driver. He asks \$5,000 damages and \$1,192 costs.

Nearly Half of "U" Students Freshmen

Of 5,191 students enrolled in the university, 2,983 are in their freshman year, according to Secretary Stevens.

WIDE VARIATION IN PRICE OF TURKEYS UP AND DOWN COAST

Wide variation in the price of turkeys was shown by reports from Pacific coast cities today. In Seattle, the prices ranged from 55 to 67 cents. In Los Angeles the Thanksgiving birds were retailing for 57 cents. San Francisco had the highest price. Turkeys were selling at 75 cents a pound, with very few available under 70 cents. In Portland it took only 60 cents to persuade the turkey owner to part with a pound.

CONSOLIDATION BILL FINISHED

City-County Merger to Go to Legislature

Completion of the tentative bill providing for the consolidation of city and county governments was announced Wednesday by Corporation Counsel Walter E. Meier and Vivian Clarke, who have been working on the measure for several months.

The bill, which was prepared at the request of prominent civic organizations, will be presented to the legislature during the January session. It is expected that today it will be submitted to a vote of the people at the next general election in November, 1922. The bill will require an amendment of Article XI of the present state constitution.

The primary objects to be gained in the proposed merger of city and county governments are economy and efficiency for several months.

Copies of the bill have been submitted to most of the large organizations of the city.

THREE DEAD IN BOILER BLOWUP

STOUGHTON, Wis., Nov. 24.—Three persons were killed and two others probably fatally injured in the explosion of a boiler at the Stoughton Marketing company plant today. The blast occurred while the boiler was being tested. The entire boiler was blown through the wall of the creamery plant 198 yards away.

HE SELLS DOPE TO AN OFFICER

Patrolman P. E. Knapp, in plain clothes, stood at Third ave. S. and Washington st., Tuesday afternoon with his cap pulled down over his eyes, his coat collar turned up, fingering a dollar and looking nervously about.

Charles Chinn, 24, a Chinaman, stepped up to Knapp, looked greedily at the dollar and said:

"Just a minute, I'll get some." When Chinn returned with a package of "dope" he was arrested by Knapp and Lieut. G. V. Hasebald. He is charged with possessing narcotics.

AUTO UPSETS; TWO UNDER IT

Caught underneath their overturned auto at Dexter ave. and Roy st., at 8 a. m. Wednesday, Robert Becker, 8405 Greenwood ave., and John Lundquist, 8835 Eighth ave. N. W., escaped with bruises and slight cuts. Their auto collided with that of T. C. Miller, 4157 47th ave. S. W.

IDENTIFY AUTO IN SHOOTING

The auto used by Elwood Cox, 21, shot by Motorcycle Patrolman C. V. Harvey at First ave. S. and Horton st. the night of November 4, has been identified by Detective W. E. Wortham as stolen from Guy Boswell, Milton apartments, October 29.

The engine number has been identified, but Wortham identified it by the numbers on the tire.

Cox was shot when he tried to escape after being arrested by Harvey following a gas station holdup. Cox is still in city hospital.

CHICAGO IS LAUNCHING BIG DRIVE

Six Police Sergeants Included in List of Men Named in Whisky Probe

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—"Mike De Pike" Teitler and 20 others, alleged members of the largest booze ring operating in the country, were indicted by the federal jury here today on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

Among those indicted were six Chicago police sergeants.

O. H. Walther, an official of the Old Granddad Distillery Co., of Louisville, and W. D. Knebelkamp, owner of the Louisville American Association baseball club, also were accused in the indictments. Practically all of the others charged with conspiracy were Chicago saloonkeepers.

The alleged conspirators planned to transport 1,000 cases of whisky from Walther warehouse, at Hobbs, Ky., to Chicago, via Peoria, Ill., federal agents claim.

Continuing their warfare on the illegal booze business in the city, federal authorities today obtained injunctions from Federal Judge Landis closing eight of Chicago's largest cabarets. The places must remain closed for a year under the Volstead act, unless it can be shown they were not used for the liquor business.

Suits asking closing of 72 other places also were filed.

William Gorman, a nephew of the president of the Chicago & Rock Island railway, was indicted, it was learned.

PROHIBI MAN IS ACCUSED IN S. F. BOOZE CASE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—F. Ray Groves, secretary of the California democratic state central committee; Ralph Groves, his brother, a former prohibition enforcement officer, and another brother, E. C. Groves, were named in an indictment returned late yesterday by the federal grand jury investigating bootlegging activities, it became known today.

The three brothers, accused of violating the Volstead act, were preparing to appear today in the United States district court in response to bench warrants for their arrest.

Another man high in state political circles is reported to have been named with them. All are charged with having conspired to violate the Volstead law.

EDIT PAPER IN DRESS SUITS

Pledges to Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity at the university, published Wednesday's issue of the U Daily. The neophytes were garbed in full dress suits for their day's labor. The make-up of Wednesday's Daily was modeled after the Chicago Herald Examiner.

Former Kaiserin Is Now Nearing Death

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 24.—The former Kaiserin Augustina Victoria's children gathered around her at Doorn today in what they feared was their last visit to her. The former empress' fever was high and specialists held little hope for recovery.

The former Princess Victoria Louise and her husband, the duke of Brunswick, the former Crown Prince and Eitel Friedrich and Albert arrived today.

WANTED—PAIR OF 4-LEGGED ELK

When the East could not produce a pair of elks for advertising purposes, C. A. Taylor, of 4 Clinton-ave., Albany, N. Y., decided to go to the frontier of America for them, and his geography designating Seattle as the spot, he writes to the Chamber of Commerce, asking that body to put him in communication with someone who knows where there is a couple of elks, four-legged ones, running loose.

SAVES FAMILY FROM FIRE



Mrs. Anna B. Johnson, who tossed her three children out a window to save them from fire. Below are (left) Elmer, aged five, and Jackie, the baby, two months. At the right is Arthur, aged 8. Photos of the children by Carter of Cress-Dale.

Man Whose Job Is Averting Divorce Divorces Couple

In keeping with his duties as divorce proctor to maintain peace between warring spouses, Charles C. Dalton, acting as superior judge in the case of Katherine M. Peterson against Charles M. Peterson, announced Wednesday that the divorce would be granted to both parties.

"Furthermore," said Col. Dalton, speaking from the bench, "I have chalked up my rulings on objections made by attorneys to the submission of evidence during the case and I find that each side has been sustained an equal number of times."

By a "gentlemen's agreement" during the progress of the case, alleged lucrative bootlegging activities of the husband were referred to as "business operations."

Pending the colonel's decision on the distribution of the property he granted Mrs. Peterson \$200 out of her husband's earnings from "business operations."

MOONSHINE AT \$50 A GALLON

Joe Garnett changed a former plea of not guilty of liquor transportation charges to guilty, when he appeared in federal court Wednesday, and was fined \$250 by Federal Judge Neterer. Five gallons of moonshine in an auto was the evidence against Joe.

Bandits Escape With \$75,000 in Booze

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Bandits escaped with \$75,000 worth of liquor when they robbed the Harders' warehouse here early today. The watchman was bound.

PLUCKY WOMAN CHEATS FLAMES OF THEIR PREY

Plunges Thru Scorching Heat and Snatches Tots From Blazing Beds; Throws Them Out Window

Without the slightest premonition that she would be called upon to risk her life in blinding, choking smoke and flames four hours later to save her three little ones from being burned to death, Mrs. Anna B. Johnson.

At 3 o'clock this morning she was awakened by the screams of her eldest, 8-year-old son, in the room adjoining hers. She went thru the ordeal that followed in total disregard of her own peril, rescuing all three children by heroic effort, single-handed, and was herself dragged from the burning home by a neighbor woman after she had collapsed inside a smoke-filled room.

Last night's episode was the climax of a long series of misfortunes that have filled Mrs. Johnson's life with sorrow and disappointment. "I AM VERY FORTUNATE," SHE MOANS

"But I am a very fortunate woman," she moaned, as later today she lay with her baby clasped to her breast. She was suffering terrific pain from a burned forearm and badly wrenched right shoulder. "Just think it was the first time I had ever been in a fire, and we might all have been burned to death!"

Mrs. Johnson was left a widow with two baby sons on her hands a few years ago. Facing the world practically penniless, she hung out a small sign for dressmaking. She was struggling bravely, making a meager living, when a second man came into her life. She married him.

He abandoned her, two months ago, Arthur, E. C., and two going to the third little son was born, adding another burden. Johnson has written to her twice, she says. Meanwhile she has resumed her work of dressmaking.

YESTERDAY WAS HARD DAY FOR HER

Yesterday was a hard day for Mrs. Johnson. She had her usual work to do, and besides, found it necessary to spend most of the afternoon downtown. Returning home, she got her children's supper and prepared to put in the evening at sewing. She also had a washing to do.

Seven neighbor women came to call on her after supper. They remained until about 9 o'clock. With a smile and a cheerful "good night," she closed the door when they departed, and turned again to her work.

Arthur, her 8-year-old, and Elmer, 5, she put to bed on a davenport in the living room of her small apartment. Babe Jackie was restless and needed attention, but when 11 o'clock came she had finished her washing and had put it on a line stretched across from the stove to the opposite wall over the davenport. Then she retired to her own room off the living room, closed the door and went to bed with Jackie snuggled beside her.

"When I woke up," she explained, "I heard Arthur screaming. Mother, mother, I am choking to death! My own room was full of smoke. There was no electric light bulb in the socket. I was in the dark and couldn't see."

HEAT SO STRONG HER EYEBALLS BURN

"My first thought was to get Arthur and Elmer out of there. I opened the door. More smoke puffed into my room. It was so hot and thick it almost knocked me down. The clothes on the line had caught fire and the davenport was smoking."

"I couldn't keep my eyes open in there; it was so hot and the smoke burnt my eyeballs so. I felt my way over to the davenport and first I got hold of Arthur. I carried him into my room and opened the window. Then I tossed him out. It was only a few feet to the ground."

"Elmer was crying and I ran back after him. I couldn't have left him in there to burn to death—not if I had died. Just as I took him out the mattress caught fire on the davenport. Then I tossed him out. It was all around him. Oh, my shoulder hurts so! I don't mind the burn on my arm, but my shoulder pains me terrible. Then I threw Elmer out the same window I had put Arthur thru."

"I picked up Babe. He was in my bed and was crying, too. I couldn't see. I had to throw him out just like the older boys. I was trying to climb out thru the window myself. A woman grabbed me. She pulled me thru and we both fell, she on top of me. That's all. I'm glad I had the strength. Brave! Do you think so? And, just think, none of them were burned!"

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STABS VAUGHN, CUBS' PITCHER

Chicago Player Wounded by Father-in-Law

KENOSHA, Wis., Nov. 24.—James (Hippo) Vaughn, star pitcher of the Chicago Cubs baseball team, was in the city hospital here today suffering from wounds received when his father-in-law, Harry De Bold, is alleged to have stabbed him during an argument at the Vaughn home. The stabbing followed settlement of the divorce proceedings of the Vaughns, which was scheduled for hearing yesterday. De Bold is said to have become angered over charges made by Vaughn against his wife.

Vaughn and his wife arranged a reconciliation before the case came up for hearing. Vaughn was cut about three inches deep in the abdomen.

Altho the Vaughns had been reconciled and decided to live together, Mrs. Vaughn and her nine-year-old son were in Chicago at the time of the quarrel.

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