

# 18 IN SHIPWRECK RESCUED!

## AGED SEATTLE MAN FOUND SLAIN IN STREET!

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

## GIRL TRAPPED! Ex-Portland High School Student, Near "Shoplifter Queen," Says: "I'm Thru" WAS BETRAYED

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Howdy, folks! This must be back to the Old Fedora day.

"Crew Quits Sinking Ship."—Headline in Wednesday's paper. We'll bet the captain made them stop.

Lives of great men often remind us that we can also readily be. And by grafting dimes and nickels Leave a fortune to posterity.

HARD AND THICK "Steel Heads Will Dine With Harding."—Headline. We just love these hard-headed business men, don't you?

These modern jokes are not much better than the old ones, altho they are sometimes older.

"These are trying times," said Judge C. C. Dalton Thursday.

We wonder if that highwayman who robbed a municipal bath house made a clean getaway?

THE GRAPG GANG "Hammer and Coffin" is the name of a fraternity at the University of Washington. Sounds as if it were a drinking club.

Perhaps it is the new title of "TNE"—the old-time beer fraternity.

Mayor Caldwell is having another camel brought to Seattle. It really isn't necessary. We already know that America is a desert.

Throw a tear for the poor fraternity boy. When he tells his friends that he is a member of "TNE," they think he is working a broadcasting station.

LIL GEE GEE, TH' OFFICE VAMP, SEZ: Every week is Paint Up week for we weak gels.

Writer to The Star complains of the complexities of dining out. Which reminds us that Little Homer Brew, Jr., went to a party last week and ate a butter ball in the belief that it was a new form of Eskimo pie.

The crookedest man in the world is the bimbo who has to use a curling iron on macaroni before he can eat it.

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY Today's word is TELECHRONOMETER.

It means—a mechanical device for increasing telephone rates. It comes from—Greek "tel," which is a contraction of the Yiddish "wot" "tell," together with the suffix "meter," also from the Greek, which means a device which never knows when to stop.

It's used like this—"A telechronometer can't soak people for talking just because some guy said silence is golden."

With Rodolph Valentino facing charges of bigamy and Constance Talmadge getting a divorce from her new husband, the marriage knot among the movie people seems strangely to resemble a slip knot.

ONE MORE WEEK Now that Better Babies week is over, we suggest More Babies week.

If fish aren't plentiful in the streams around Seattle just now, then bars are.

Little Homer Brew, Jr., is very religious—like his daddy. He be.



Harriet Crothers, who almost became "shoplifter queen," but now says, "I'm thru!"

## EXPECT TREASON CASE ACQUITTAL

BY C. C. LYON  
Special Correspondent of The Star  
CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., May 18.—With the state's case brought to a close it appears to be a 100 to 1 bet there will be no conviction on the murder and treason indictments against West Virginia miners on trial here.

Opinion is general that William Blizard, mine leader whom the state elected to try first, will either be acquitted or there will be a "hung" jury.

The West Virginia state constabulary has done more than any other factor to crystallize sentiment for the miners.

It has been the contention of the defense from the beginning that there would have been no arrests with the local police and claimed authority over them; they treated the local citizens with arrogance and contempt; and on one occasion they rushed upon the base-

Fainted, Picked Up, Taught to Steal  
GOT RICH HAUL

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Harriet Crothers, alias Rae Dupont, has achieved a master's degree in the school of shoplifting since she left the Jefferson high school in Portland, five years ago.

This youthful heiress to the throne of "Shoplifter Queen," under arrest here in connection with huge department store thefts, has bared an almost incredible tale of melodramatic incidents woven about the operation of a nation-wide ring of scientific store thieves.

How an accident of fate tossed her into the hands of this ring, how she became a student at a carefully tutored school of shoplifting, and her fear of betrayal and death caused her to continue a crime career once she was embarked upon it are but a few of her thrilling chapters.

She was taken into custody here after she had, in a single week, stolen \$15,000 worth of gowns, according to her admission. Seven gowns per store trip was her modest average, she says.

"I was a nervous girl," she begins her story. That was in Winnipeg. My parents are respectable Portland residents. My father is in business there. His name is not Crothers—that is my husband's name—and I would not drag my father into this mess for anything in the world. After convent, I went to the Jefferson school. I had a good voice and decided to try for vaudeville.

"In Chicago my story really starts. I had not been feeling well, and on a hot summer day I fainted on the street. A strange man came to my aid. He appeared a gentleman and cared for me tenderly. I fell in love with him, but awakened one day to find my lover was Gus Saunders, head of the greatest shoplifting gang in America. One day he took me to the 'shoplifting class.'"

"It was room filled with tables, and on them were piled high all sorts of dresses and gowns. There were 10 other girls in the class, most of them recruited by fear, as I had been.

"He then threatened my life if I attempted to betray his secret. We were trained in this school for three months, and then were graduated. We were not considered proficient until we could escape undetected with seven gowns, four to be secreted beneath a coat and three to be carried (Turn to Page 7, Column 3)

WRECK VICTIM IS HYSTERICAL  
Woman Whose Companion Died in Plunge Suffering

By Wanda von Kettler  
Mrs. George Carlson, who with her sister, Mrs. Genevieve Marcus, now dead, crashed thru the University bridge railing at 3 p. m. Wednesday, in her automobile, is now suffering a severe attack of nervous hysteria at her home, 2234 Second ave. W.

Mrs. Carlson was rescued from the water by Clayton Osterhout, a city fireman, after three sinkings.

Her sister's body, 30 feet below the water, was not found until 6:50 p. m., when Charles F. Gilman and Fred G. Davis brought it to shore after dragging from a rowboat.

Today no one is allowed to see the one survivor but her daughter, Miss Bernice Pound; a nurse and friend of the family, Mrs. Lois Long; and her physician. Each moment, in her hysteria, she lives again the tragedy of Wednesday.

According to her daughter, an employee of Riggs Optical Co., who hastened to the bridge immediately upon being informed that "an auto accident" had occurred, Mrs. Carlson (Turn to Page 7, Column 4)

## EVERETT MAY SEIZE PHONE CO. IN FIGHT

Petitions Out to Give Weapon to City to Clean Up Telechronometer

By S. B. Groff  
EVERETT, May 18.—Not only will the telechronometer, so-called "speech measuring" device, be defeated, but the Puget Sound Telephone Co., owners of the invention, may be taken over by the city, either by purchase or condemnation, and operated as a municipal monopoly.

This was indicated today by City Attorney R. J. Faussett and advocates of the "home rule bill," known as initiative 44, under which the seizure will be made possible.

The petition is now being circulated thruout the state by agents of the public utilities committees of Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Everett. The quota of 40,000 voters' signatures are said to have been almost secured. The bill then automatically is placed on the ballot at the November elections for approval by the voters.

According to Marvin W. Smith, local exponent of the "home rule bill," any city will be empowered, in his opinion, to acquire, thru condemnation or purchase, any public utility, such as telephones, light, water or public markets, and operate them by municipal ownership.

"The bill means simply freedom of the cities from state control," said Smith in explanation. "The progressive citizens feel that they are capable of managing their own affairs. The bill does not dictate, and is not vicious. It simply enlarges upon the cities' powers."

The seizure of the telephone company may be considered as a last resort to defeat the phone meters. Faussett stated, and in case the phone company should emerge victorious at the hearing before the state board of public works June 6.

The fight against the meter is only just beginning, Faussett said. The citizens of Everett are organizing with such apparent strength and determination to force the removal of the unpopular device, that to an unprejudiced observer their efforts seem sure of success.

The citizens view the telechronometer as a "monstrous" and unjust, in that it penalizes them for using the phone when necessity demands, making a public convenience a public nuisance.

They declare that the telephone is as much a luxury necessity as a business asset, and that a honest person should not be made to pay simply thru the ambitions of one man.

The woman in the home must also be considered, they declare. Hampered by her family, she cannot visit with her friends as she desires, and with her phone to keep in social touch with the world. And five minutes each day, as allowed by the phone company, are barely enough to take the grocery and order the day's menu.

The phone company is selling (Turn to Page 7, Column 2)

## BANDIT ROBS AND MURDERS HIS VICTIM!

Abraham Holm, 77, Shot Thru Heart After Pockets Are Rifled

Apparently murdered by a bullet thru the heart, Abraham Holm, 77, of 4437 46th ave. S. W., was found stretched across the sidewalk at 1 a. m. Thursday at Greenes st. and 49th ave. S. W. in West Seattle.

The body was found by G. E. Briles, a University of Washington student, living at 4123 46th ave. S. W. Briles was returning home when he saw the body.

Thinking the man was drunk, he passed by the body, ran home and informed his father, T. E. Briles, who notified the West Seattle police.

Sergt. G. E. Buchanan and Patrolman Delbert Minkler hastened to the body and found a revolver lying close by the right hand. One of the trousers pockets was turned inside out, a short piece of watch chain was lying on the sidewalk. Buchanan summoned Deputy Coroners Frank Koppitz and U. E. Sellers.

Sellers made the following report after the body had been removed to the county morgue:

"The old man was lying on his left side; his left hand was under his head. The right hand was lying over his waist with the hand in front of him.

"The gun, a .38-caliber revolver, was lying on the ground about a foot from the body and a handkerchief, with a pair of glasses on it, was on the ground about opposite the feet. The handkerchief was damp, and the left eye-glass was broken.

"Sergt. Buchanan picked up a severed link of a yellow watch-chain on the sidewalk.

"The right-hand trouser pocket was partly turned out, as if someone had gone thru the pocket in a hurry.

"There are powder burns on the shirt and also on the flesh. Apparently the man was shot with the muzzle against the body. There were no other marks of violence, nor powder marks on the hands.

"A thorough search of the body and clothes showed that he had no valuables left on his person.

"Mrs. Abraham Holm stated to me in person that she had awakened her husband from a nap about 11 p. m. at his request, as he wanted to go out and see if he could get some work painting on (Turn to Page 7, Column 6)

## HARDING'S BROTHER DENIES PREDICTING END OF THE WORLD

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Dr. George Harding, brother of the president, today emphatically denied reports circulated thruout the East that he had predicted the end of the world before the convention of Seventh-Day Adventists which he is attending here.

"I have discussed nothing but medical subjects—things which I am acquainted with," Dr. Harding said. "That has been only before committees. I have not yet spoken before the convention."

"I have not made any statement or in committee discussions which imagination could construe as a prediction of the millennium, and I will not take responsibility for such statements which I understand are credited to me."

## OZMO'S CREW NOW ON WAY INTO HARBOR

Disabled Vessel Being Brought in by Steamer, Braving Fog

MARSHFIELD, May 18.—The disabled motor ship Ozmo was in tow of the steamer Daisy and was being brought into Coos bay harbor, despite the fog, according to a radiogram from the Englewood naval radio station here this morning.

The entire crew of the Ozmo, Capt. Worth and 17 men, is aboard the Daisy, the radio said. No further details were given.

The lumber schooner Willamette reported early that she had given up the search for the Ozmo and was steaming on toward San Francisco. There has been no report from the Coos bay harbor tug Fearless.

WIRELESS MEN IN GOOD HUMOR  
The Ozmo first reported her position and her condition shortly after 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. From that time on the radio operator on the motorship kept up a stream of good cheer which was matched in airy perfunctory by the operator at the Englewood station here and by the operator on the lumber steamer Willamette, en route from Portland to San Francisco.

"Stick to 'em, lad, and we'll buy you some sandwiches when we come up," wirelessed the chap on the Willamette.

"A pair of web feet would be better. The going is rough and we could make better time," chanted back the Ozmo's operator, name unknown.

"You'd better stick some blotting paper around that gas engine of yours or your radio will be shot floozy," suggested the man at Englewood.

"You tell 'em! The fly wheel is running in water half its diameter now. This old dasher 'I'm wigging won't last much longer."

Interposed with these bits of humor went out from the Ozmo the details of the disaster which had fallen her in the early morning hours of Wednesday. It was the best account ever sent out by a vessel distressed off the Oregon coast, the Englewood station here reported.

WATER DROWNS OUT MESSAGES  
Constant check was kept upon the Ozmo's movements thruout the day until the seeping water had drowned out her wireless. The operator told how the vessel had become water-logged, how the engines became disabled and the pumps refused to work; how the hand pumps were manned vigorously but without effect; how a portion of the crew took to a lifeboat and stood by for a time and then melted away into the fog, leaving Captain Worth, the operator and seven other men still aboard.

Then the movements of the steamer Willamette and the Coos Bay tug Fearless were taken up. It was reporting these two vessels that the Ozmo's radio "drowned."

"The Willamette just to the northward. Think we see tug Fearless"—spluttered the radio. Then silence.

The Willamette reported later that she and the tug Fearless were about to take off the crew and take the Ozmo in tow. Then came the message that before either the tug or the steamer could reach the motor ship the fog dropped suddenly and the fate of the motorship was wrapped in mystery until the message of good cheer came from the La Purisana this morning.

## BRAVES DEATH AND CAPTURES BOLD ROBBER!

Unarmed Veteran Takes Revolver From Thug and Ties Him

Because of the heroism of Loring C. Streeter, 151 Boylston ave., world war veteran, Ivan Snyder, 19, was in the city jail Thursday, following one of the most daring attempted robberies in the criminal annals of the city.

Snyder is alleged to have entered the drug store of C. E. Goff, 103 Woodland Park ave., Wednesday night, and attempted to hold up until a dozen customers in the full glare of a dozen brilliant lights.

Unarmed, Streeter grappled with the bandit, took his revolver away from him after one shot had been fired, threw him to the floor and held him until witnesses brought rope with which to truss the prisoner.

Streeter was in the drug store with his wife, his mother, Mrs. Stella Streeter, a woman friend of the family, and Dr. L. R. Nutting, 301 Yale building. Goff was behind the prescription counter and did not emerge until after the bandit had been overpowered.

The bandit stuck a revolver at the back of Dr. Nutting's head when he entered, commanding everyone to "stick 'em up."

Instead of obeying, Streeter climbed with the intruder, knocking his weapons away from Dr. Nutting's head. The bandit fired, but the bullet lodged harmlessly in the mirror back of the soda fountain. The next moment Streeter gained possession of the revolver and threw it away as he bore the robber to the floor.

Motorcycle Patrolman C. G. Stanley and J. J. Krush took Snyder into custody after he had been securely bound with rope by his captor.

## 19 BURNED IN HOSPITAL FIRE

800 Imperiled in Blaze at Rome

ROME, May 18.—Nineteen persons were burned to death or asphyxiated today, when the Santo Spirito hospital, near St. Peter's, was swept by fire, according to an official announcement.

Eight hundred patients were imperiled. Four besides those dead were seriously burned, one fatally.

Several firemen and guards were injured during heroic rescue work. Some victims leaped from high windows.

A great crowd of relatives of patients fought to get near the hospital. Pitiful cries went up from those seeking to struggle thru the lines.

By a freak of fate, the ward where incurables were treated was first destroyed.

## OFFICIALS SIT ON FORD PLAN

Councilman C. B. Fitzgerald's resolution, proposing to open negotiations with Henry Ford for the leasing of part of the Skagit power site will be considered by Mayor Caldwell, the entire city council and the members of the board of public works.

This was the decision reached Thursday morning by the council utilities committee.

Doubt was expressed at the utilities session regarding the power of the city to lease Ruby creek, inasmuch as the city has only a revocable permit from the government for the development of the Skagit. It is expected that the matter will be brought before the council some time next week for decisive action.

## URNS TABLES ON 2 ROBBERS

Stanley Hages, mechanic at the Wildwood garage, 7835 Rainier ave., turned the tables on two bandits who attempted to hold him up early Thursday.

The men phoned the garage from Rainier ave. and Alaska st. that their car had broken down and that they wanted a tow. When Hages arrived he found no car, but the two highwaymen informed him they wanted his watch and money.

He pulled a gun and the men fled.

## LAST CALL ISSUED ON EARWIG POISON

All persons in the earwig infested areas must bathe with Earwig Poison by next Saturday, or the state will do it for them. It was announced today by F. S. Coyne, special inspector in the horticultural division of the state department of agriculture.

"And if we are forced to have it done," Coyne added, "it will be much more expensive than if the owner attended to it himself, as there are certain fees which must necessarily be added to the cost. We don't want to do this unless we are forced to it, but the state law empowers us to have the work done and provides that the cost shall constitute a lien against the property."

Earwig bait should not be spread except on a warm, dry evening. The approved formula is one pound of paris green to 15 pounds of bran, mixed with water until it will run thru the hands. This makes enough for three applications to the lot of ordinary size.

## SEATTLE SUNSHINE SUCCUMBS TO RAIN

Northwest winds blew rain back to Seattle at 6:30 a. m. Thursday after a five-day spell of sunshine. By noon Thursday the temperature had reached to 45, comparing with a mercury report of 60 the noonday before. The winds changed to southeast, but the rains persisted.

## Star Newsboy Dying From Auto Accident

Jimmy Pionn, 14-year-old Star newsboy, whose skull was fractured Wednesday when a board struck by a motor truck at Fifth ave. and Union st. hit him in the head, was reported "no better" at Providence hospital Thursday. He is not expected to live.