

What Is the Matter?

(EDITORIAL)

It is a disgrace to the Pacific Northwest that its combined congressional delegation cannot muster strength enough to force action on the Smith-McNary bill.

It is still more of a disgrace that our senators and congressmen do not even seem to be TRYING very energetically to get the measure passed. Or to be greatly concerned over their impotence.

Where is that great influence due to their seniority, of which Senators Poindexter and Jones tell us at election time? Why isn't it being exerted today in a mighty shove to bring this vital reclamation measure into life?

What is Congressman Miller doing? And Johnson and Hadley and the rest?

Here is a measure, essential to the welfare of the Pacific Northwest, of major importance to the future prosperity of the entire nation—a measure which bears the explicit approval of President Harding and the mandate of the last republican platform—languishing helplessly, hopelessly, in committee!

Just because there is not statesmanship enough, or energy enough, or dogged perseverance enough on the part of somebody in congress to insist upon action!

What is the matter with all our Northwest senators, all our Northwest congressmen?

ARE THEY ASLEEP? ARE THEY DEAD? OR MERELY FEEBLE?

WOMAN SLEW MAN, SAYS JURY

"Wesley Howarth came to his death by a bullet fired from a gun in the hands of Olga Farley." This verdict was returned at 12:45 p. m. Monday by a coroner's jury after an inquest into the death of Howarth, killed Sunday morning in the Metropole apartments, Second ave. and Yeaser way. Two women, Bessie Shelton and Mrs. Farley,

had been held since the shooting. Mrs. Farley was accused in an alleged dying statement made by Howarth and introduced at the hearing.

"No, girlie, I did not shoot myself. She shot me—Olga Farley."

That is the statement made by Wesley Howarth on his death bed. Miss Ruth Callahan, 2009 E. Mercer st., pretty graduate nurse at Providence hospital, testified.

Miss Callahan's testimony came as a bombshell at the inquest after several hours of grilling cross examination of various witnesses.

Mrs. Farley sat on a bench while Miss Callahan told of the description of the shooting Howarth had given her.

She appeared very nervous and pale, continually clasping her hands and twitching her lips.

Mrs. Farley broke down and wept while Miss Callahan was testifying.

Howarth told the following story a few moments after he had signed a statement in which he cleared Mrs. Farley of all suspicion:

"Of course, I didn't shoot myself. Olga shot me. We went to her mother's home for dinner. Then Olga and I went in another room. Another man was there and he continually joked Olga about me. She was very peeved and we quarreled. Then I took her home. We quarreled some more and I struck her. She got her gun and threatened to shoot me. I took the gun away from her and hid it, but she soon found it and brandished it before my eyes. I didn't think she would shoot, but she did.

"Why did I say I shot myself? Why, because I didn't want to send the little girl to the penitentiary. You wouldn't want to do such a thing, would you?"

Sister Mary Estelle then took the stand and told Howarth had proposed his statement after the last rites had been administered by a priest. He knew he was dying and thought his confession would not be used. He had previously made statements to Adam Beeler, attorney, and to police, in which he declared, "Olga is not to blame. I shot myself accidentally."

Mrs. Farley declined to make a statement. She was taken back to the city jail by Detective R. R. Herbert.

William Lake, chauffeur, who occupies a room across the hall from Howarth, testified that he was invited by Howarth and Mrs. Farley to go on a party with them Saturday night. He declined because he did not want to get drunk.

He said he spent the evening playing cards until midnight and then read a Sunday paper while lying on his bed.

He heard Mrs. Farley enter the room across the hall and said she seemed intoxicated. Howarth came in shortly after, also intoxicated. He heard them quarreling, but could not make out the words. Then he heard a noise as the chair fell over. Howarth staggered into his room and gasped, "Bill, I'm shot."

Bessie Shelton testified that she was alone in Mrs. Farley's apartment Saturday evening. She said Howarth and Mrs. Farley appeared after midnight, intoxicated.

She said she heard the quarrel and the shot, but that Howarth claimed he shot himself, a statement which Howarth also made to Lake. She did not see the shooting.

Dr. J. E. Godfrey testified that Howarth was shot in the left side, that there were no powder marks on the body, and that he had been fired from a considerable distance.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

GERMANY MAY COLLAPSE!

Scorns Fortune!

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Greetings, folks! Did you enjoy your Sunday wetting?

On a tree at a crossing on the Everett highway is a sign bearing the advice, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," and right underneath is another sign, "Detour."

Lives of all great men remind us We should work as hard as we can, and, successful, hire a secretary To write articles for The American.

"Momma, momma, is that what you call free verse?" "Yes, my child, but it ought to be given life."

TWO IS COMPANY Dr. E. J. Brown, mayor-elect, arrived home Sunday from his ranch. He brought with him his prize bullock, Glenwood Boy. "I like to have him around," he said. "He's good company."—Newspaper.

Prohibition Note: J. D. T. says the people of Indiana seem to prefer the old beverage to the new.

"Owes His All to Y. M. C. A."—Headline.

Over on the other side you had to pay 'em cash.

REVENGE IS SWEET Jack Dempsey announces that he is going to be married. How Jess Willard will chuckle when he hears this!

A Bainbridge Island man has discovered a potato bug with two heads. All we can say, however, is that the Genoa conference must go on at all costs.

Man in Kentucky sleeps for four months. Doctors at first puzzled over his malady, but the poor fellow turns out to be a city councilman.

Mrs. Jean Acker, movie actress, objects because Husband Rodolph Valentino gets married to another woman, and only today we heard a man kicking about the weather.

They use to lock the stable doors after a horse had been stolen. Now they build a garage.

OBSERVATIONS We suppose all you bright young minds have noticed the Corona typewriter ad which quotes H. G. Wells as saying "The Corona is just the machine for an author like myself, because it is absolutely fool-proof."

A man I like Is Pete McCloud; Because he al- Ways treats the crowd.

Ad Club Stuff: "How do you find business?" "By going after it."

The National City Bank of New York says the world owes \$460,000,000,000. The great consolation in this is that it owes it to itself.

HE DOES IT OFTEN The world's record for endurance piano playing has been broken by a Cleveland man who played a piano for 44 hours and (Turn to Page 7, Column 1)

DAUGHERTY FAILED TO GET \$25,000 So Senator Says in Publishing New Letters on Morse Pardon

BY LAURENCE M. BENEDICT

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A complete account of how Attorney General Daugherty and Thomas B. Felder, Atlanta and Washington attorney, are alleged to have obtained a pardon for Charles W. Morse from the Atlanta penitentiary in 1912 was given in two letters published exclusively here today in the Washington Daily News.

Facsimiles of part of the correspondence were printed. The letter giving what purported to be the story of the activities of Daugherty and Felder in the Morse pardon case was signed "T. B. Felder."

FAILED TO PAY \$25,000 FEE

It apparently was written because Felder thought Morse had failed to pay to Daugherty and Felder the \$25,000 fee, which, according to copies of the alleged contract inserted in the Congressional Record Saturday by Senator Caraway, Arkansas, the two lawyers were to receive if they obtained Morse's freedom.

Caraway expects to present to the senate the two letters published today as further evidence of his charges that Felder and Daugherty entered into a partnership contract to obtain Morse's pardon.

The charge that Daugherty was involved in the Morse pardon recently was denied by Senator Watson, Indiana, at the request of the attorney general.

DAUGHERTY HAS NOTHING TO SAY

Despite Caraway's demand that he resign because of the recent revelations regarding Morse and Maj. H. L. Scaife, dismissed as fraud investigator of the department of justice, the attorney general, up to noon today, had made no reply.

One of the letters appearing in the News today was written by "T. B. (Turn to Page 7, Column 5)

SECOND BURCH JURY BLOCKED

Disagrees on Murder Verdict and Is Dismissed

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—For the second time a jury has failed to agree on the fate of Thur C. Burch.

At 10:15 today the jury reported disagreement, after deliberating more than 60 hours, and was discharged by Judge Reeve.

Burch was tried for the murder of John Belton Kennedy.

The vote on the final ballot stood 7 to 5 for acquittal, it was announced.

Burch, who was brought into the courtroom before the jury made its report, accepted the discharge of the jury without comment, smiling and bending over to kiss his mother before he was taken back to his cell.

Widow Refuses to Accept \$200,000 for Her Son WAS DIVORCED Her Antipathy for Husband Keeps Boy Hidden

BY ALEXANDER HERMAN

NEW YORK, May 22.—A fortune estimated at \$200,000 goes begging while a determined woman keeps her 12-year-old son in hiding.

Will her mother love conquer her antipathy for the boy's father and everything pertaining to him?

Two New York lawyers are wondering. They are the executors of the will of Col. Frederick J. Barrett, famous surgeon, whose country-wide search for his divorced wife and kidnapped son ended tragically with his death recently.

"He was hard-headed," says Andrew A. Fraser, an old friend, "a 'he-man.'"

But a frail woman beat him! She kept him from winning back their boy; and the father died—heart-broken.

WAR CHANGES DISRUPT HOME

Dr. Barrett and his family lived happily until the beginning of the war. The physician enlisted and was detailed to the base hospital at Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. Barrett went with him. But she found difficulty adjusting herself to the new conditions. In New York she had been living in luxury; in the South she had to live on the meager salary of an army officer.

The doctor's new work took him away from his family for the first time in his life. His wife began making friends of her own.

Dr. Barrett sued for divorce, then dropped the action. "He loved his son too dearly," says a friend, "to disrupt the family permanently."

"The boy was sent to a New England school. He led in athletics. His father was very happy—for a while. "But conditions at home did not change. A new action for divorce was started and carried to a finish. Then began a fight for possession of the boy. The father was awarded his custody."

BOY A FAWN IN EXCITING GAME

While the youngster was home for the Easter vacation in 1920, he was kidnapped on Broadway. After a long time detectives reported they had located him in Hollywood with his mother.

Before his father could get him, the lad was spirited to Arizona. Another hunt. Once more the boy was found and was with his father for Christmas.

Dr. Barrett became ill. He had to go South for his health. So he took his son to Asheville, N. C. But Mrs. Barrett loved the boy too well to think of giving him up.

A short time later, the boy was seized on a street in Asheville and rushed away in an automobile.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WOMAN?



Sketch of Mrs. Frederick J. Barrett, who carried away her 12-year-old son, after the child's custody was awarded to her divorced husband. The father died while searching frantically for the youngster, and bequeathed him a \$200,000 estate.

Let's Show the Vets! Ex-Service Men Should Be Given the \$25,000 They Need

Seattle NEEDS the joint convention which the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 91st Division Association plan to hold here next August.

It's not so much the money that the 30,000 visitors will spend—albeit that is no inconsiderable matter.

It's the principle of the thing. Former soldiers, the country over, are complaining of the attitude that the public has taken toward them.

As Kipling put it, they say, it's "thin red line of heroes" when the drums begin to roll, but "kick him out, the brute," when the trouble's over.

Congress' apathetic attitude toward the bonus question gives them a certain amount of justification, too.

But let's show the veterans that Seattle doesn't share this ingratitude with congress.

And the best way of proving it is to raise the \$25,000 which is needed to entertain the veterans during their convention here.

Heroine Ascribes Attack to Grudge

That a personal grudge was the basis for a letter sent to The Star last week by Wesley Davis, 124 W. Canal st., and Clarence King, 119 W. 40th st., was the statement made Monday by Mrs. L. H. King, 3631 Greenwood ave.

FINANCIAL CRASH IS FORECAST

May 31, Date of Next Reparations Payment, Critical Day, Declares Karl Lang, German Envoy to This Country; Urges U. S. Assistance

BY CARL LANG — Charge d'Affaires, German Embassy at Washington, and Consul General to New York

NEW YORK, May 22.—The collapse of Germany, and consequently of other European nations, is inevitable if the United States continues to stand aside.

Financial collapse may come any time. May 31, when another reparations payment is due, will be a critical day.

Germany needs speedy and considerable reduction of reparations payment and a breathing interval of at least a number of years in which no payments are made. Germany also needs a considerable loan, in which we hope the United States will take part.

Foreigners traveling in Germany are easily led into a misconception of conditions. Factories are running and there is very little unemployment. There are even signs of luxury in the larger cities, especially in hotels, and foreigners often conclude a certain prosperity exists.

The truth is that this prosperity to a very great extent is absorbed by payment of reparations and by increased imports of foodstuffs which are necessary because of the decline of German agriculture.

Reparations paid last year were one and a half billion gold marks—the product of the work of a million men and women.

The cost of living in Germany in August, 1921, was 14 times as much as before the war. In March, 1922, it was 32 times as much.

Grain costs 53 times as much. Consumption of meat is only 40 per cent of pre-war consumption and bread 24 per cent.

Standards of life are lower and taxation is highest of any country.

Spends 180,000 Marks a Month

BY EDWARD M. THIERRY

NEW YORK, May 22.—Karl Lang is the German "Coal Oil Johnny."

"I shudder to think what a spend-thrift I am," he says. "In two months in America I've spent a wagon load of money."

Lang is German consul general to New York and for two months was charge d'affaires at Washington and acting ambassador until the arrival of a week ago of Ambassador Otto L. Wiefel.

"It costs a million marks to bring my furniture and household goods from Germany," says Lang.

"Upkeep of the German embassy costs several million marks a month. The government has to pay the enormous amounts because of the low exchange."

"It cost my wife and me 150,000 marks for steamship passage to New York. To live we spend 180,000 marks a month—enough for a couple to live on a year and a half at home."

"When we go out to lunch it costs us 1,000 marks. With that same amount my mother, in Germany, lives two months."

Lang was the first envoy sent here by Germany since the war. He is under medium height, with a bald head, a fringe of light hair, a graying mustache and blue eyes.

"It is not so hard a job as I thought it would be," he said. "I have been treated very well. I think hostility toward Germany is disappearing. People seem to believe that our present government is trying to do the right thing."

No man ever had better intentions, Miss Acker declared, and in her declaration she was seconded by Thomas Meighan, Douglas Gerrard, Richard Walton Tully, John Mathis, scenario writer, and Victor Clark, general director of the Lasky studios, where Valentino was under contract.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, May 22.—Three persons were reported killed and several were injured in tornadoes and cloudbursts that swept the Southwest Sunday night, demoralizing communication in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The storm toll: O'Keene, Okla.—Two women reported killed in tornado; heavy property damage.

Shawnee, Okla.—One woman killed, two injured.

Southern Kansas—Property damage from cloudburst at Belle Plains; damage from storms at Winfield and Wichita.

Walnut Springs, Texas.—Tornado in Bosque county; cloudbursts and floods in Somerville county.

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