

The Times has demonstrated once more during the last week in its handling of the Titanic wreck story that it surpasses any newspaper in Tacoma in giving the readers a big news story. Through the United Press and special telegraph articles, it kept ahead of its rivals in handling the news of the event. Four big extras on the night the Carpathia landed kept the city informed of every important move in the biggest disaster in half a century. In the line of illustrations the Times demonstrated once more that THE TIMES PRINTS THE PICTURES, AND PRINTS THEM FIRST. The Times pictures of the survivors, of thrilling rescue scenes marked a new epoch in the local newspaper world.

HOME EDITION

Are you reading Dr. Wiley's great articles on Pure Food? See page 4 of the Times Today.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Probably rain tonight; fair Friday.

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DID SECOND SHIP SINK WITH THE TITANIC?

EX-WIFE AND WIDOW WILL MINGLE TEARS OVER ASTOR'S DEATH

Dispatches stated the other day that Mrs. Astor No. 1 is hurrying from London to comfort Mrs. Astor No. 2. Mrs. Astor No. 1 yesterday sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Astor No. 2, which was gratefully acknowledged.

When these two women meet, a few days hence, the event will mark the end of a romance which is as wholesome as the romance itself was sensational. It is essentially a "smart set" romance, and "smart set" romances do not always end well, or even decently.

MARRIAGE WITH AVA WILLING
When, in 1891, John Jacob Astor, head of the house which has ruled New York society for three generations, and whose sovereignty even the house of Vanderbilt has not dared to question, married Ava Willing, the reigning belle of Philadelphia, their friends said it was in every way an excellent match.

For the Willings were rich, and older, even, than the Astors. And Ava was clever and beautiful.

Two children were born—Vincent, now 20, and Muriel, now 10. Mrs. Astor filled with grace, dignity, authority and infinite tact the high niche which destiny had made for her in American social life. Her sway was absolute. Her frown was social death; her smile the open sesame to the sacred circle of which she was the queen. The climbers courted her. The snobs worshipped her. She was held to her course unflinchingly, casting out those whom she deemed unfit, admitting with a regal graciousness the few who satisfied her exacting standard of social fitness.

THE DIVORCE
Then, in 1909, a whisper went abroad—a hint that crept into the newspapers and was seized upon greedily by the scandal-mongers. Mrs. Astor, for all her wealth and power, was not happy. Like any common mortal, she was suing for divorce. Like any other wife, she would take the stand in court and retail her marital woes. The divorce was granted on November 9, 1909, by Supreme Justice Mills, at White Plains, N. Y. The event furnished lean pickings for the scandal-mongers. It was a three-minute divorce, formal and hurried. Immediately the papers were sealed, and to this day the contents have not been revealed.

DIVORCED WIFE GETS \$10,000,000
Astor was worth \$125,000,000. He gave his divorced wife \$10,000,000, and she went to London to live. By the terms of the divorce, she was given the custody of Muriel, while Vincent stayed with his father. Mrs. Astor was no stranger in London. She has now her town house and country estate. Her New York credentials were approved by the social big-wigs of the tight little island, and, if she could not rule English society, she at least became a factor there. No ambitious American can be "received" there if Mrs. Astor disappears.

THE SECOND MARRIAGE
The second marriage of Astor was a bigger sensation, even, than the divorce. He was 47 years old. Madeline Force was 19. Strictly speaking, she was not "in" society, though her people were rich and ambitious. They were on the fringe.

When the engagement was announced, a great cry of protest went up from the whole civilized world. The mating of a girl yet in her teens—who, probably, "didn't know her own mind"—to a world-weary and cynical divorcee old enough to be her father, shocked society and church alike.

By the terms of the divorce, Astor was forbidden to remarry in the state of New York. Dozens of clergymen, of all denominations, refused to perform the ceremony. Astor and the girl and the girl's mother went from city to city, searching for a man of God who, for a handsome fee, would tie the knot.

An unknown carpenter-preacher was found in a Connecticut village whose sermons did not stand in the way of his earning the big fee that Col. Astor offered.

The marriage took place in the "white and gold" parlor at Beechwood, Astor's Newport estate. The elderly groom and his bride were hurried aboard the palatial private yacht Noma for the honeymoon.

THE LONG HONEYMOON
On January 15 of this year Astor and Madeline sailed from New York for Europe to complete the honeymoon. They traveled to Egypt, viewed the pyramids, sailed the Nile, and, so far as the world knows, were happy.

The girl's mother waited at home, living in anticipation the social triumph which would be hers when her daughter returned and took the place to which she was entitled as the wife of John Jacob Astor.

THE DEATH OF ASTOR
Then came the wreck of the Titanic, the death of Astor, the rescue of the bride.

And now the significant news that Mrs. Astor No. 1 is returning. Society knows what it means. Mrs. Astor No. 1 is a beautiful woman of 40-odd, more beautiful now, in the maturity of her womanhood, than when she went to the altar with the head of the house of Astor.

But the years have taught her tolerance. She does not regard Madeline in the sense of a rival, the usurper of her rightful place, but rather as the victim of a vicious practice.

She is coming to Madeline Force Astor to offer her friendship and sympathy. It is a wholesome ending of the romance.

Over the grave of Astor will stand, with clasped hands, the two women who were nearest to him in life.

Steamer Olympic Still Tied Up Till Life Boats Are Tested

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., April 25.—At a late hour today the liner Olympic, sister ship to the Titanic, was still lying off the dock because of its inability to secure stokers to replace the 300 men who struck yesterday, declaring the lifeboats on the vessel unseaworthy.

17th and Tacoma \$1300 For

One lot on Tacoma avenue near 17th; all assessments and taxes paid. Easy terms. CALVIN PHILIPS CO. 211 California Bldg.

Joint Divorce Is Given Beaudins

After dragging the whole neighborhood into the trial, John Beaudin and Florida Beaudin were granted a joint divorce late yesterday afternoon by Judge Clifford.

Mrs. Beaudin complained that her husband was cruel to her while he stated she was out at all hours of the night with other men.

Both were fighting for the custody of the child, but it is doubtful if either will get it, the attorneys declaring that they will try and give it a home with disinterested parties. The court made no decision in the matter.

Supreme Test Between Game And Office This Afternoon



Baseball today. Today is the big test between the ball field and the office. Last Sunday's game, the opener in Tacoma, came on a holiday. That was all right. But today there are customers to be waited on, invoices to be made out, clients to be advised, patients to be doctored.

The fans who turn out today will all be labeled 32nd degree men.

Nick Williams, Portland's blonde manager, is aching to get even for the defeat that Cameron and Abbott's long bats chalked up against him yesterday.

TIMES BOOSTS FESTO

Publicity that counts. The Times has just completed an important booster stunt for the Montamara Festo. Through the Newspaper Enterprise association, which besides all the Scripps papers from Cleveland to San Diego, serves also altogether some 60 big newspapers all over the country, reaching New York to the North and Atlanta to the south, the Times has sent out the "story" printed below.

This means that the story of the Montamara is being printed this week all over the country. By grouping it with the other coast festivities the article opens up a regular summer outing for the Eastern tourists.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE PLEASED
Members of the Montamara Festo committee, who learned of the matter have hearty appreciation of it.

"This is fine work," said George D. Dunn, secretary, "I'd like to express appreciation both for myself and for the entire committee. A story like this, with the pictures, is bound to attract attention in every paper where it is printed."

"It can't help but being a great boost to the carnival and to the city," said Warren E. Burges.

"It's good publicity," said George B. Burke, "I'm glad to hear that you've been able to get it printed all over the country, where people planning tourist trips for the summer can't help being attracted our way."

The story as it is being printed this week from Maine to California is as follows:

Three Rival Cities Kiss and Then Make Up



The Montamara Tiger, the Potlatch bug and the Portland rose are lying down together.

To the people who know the fierce rivalry that has always existed between Seattle, Portland and Tacoma, this is as strange a proceeding as the traditional stunt of the lion and the lamb.

Interpreted it means that each city is giving a carnival this summer, and that instead of each city knitting the others, each is going to plug for the other fellow's show.

In the literature going out all over the country, each city is listing all three attractions. They are planning that tourists can spend a good part of the summer in the Northwest and have something big going all the time. Other city carnivals are scheduled also, so that the full list includes: Portland Rose Festival, June 10-15. Tacoma Montamara Festo June 30-July 4.

Seattle Potlatch, July 10-15. Mot M. Bellingham Marathon to top of Mt. Baker, July 23-25. Vancouver, B. C. Fair, August 10-17. Yakima State Fair, September 23-28. Pendleton, Ore., Cattle Roping Contests, Sept. 26-28.

The Portland Rose Festival is an established thing in the Northwest. The Seattle Potlatch started last year. Potlatch is Indian for "getting together in a pow-wow." The Montamara Festo, es-

peranto for "where the mountain and ocean meet," is a new comer; the Tiger is the official emblem. The Tacoma people plan auto trips to the top of Mt. Tacoma (or Rainier), some 15,000 feet high, the one that Taft climbed last fall.

But old-timers, however, who see the old-time rivals working hand in hand vow that the millennium is near.

WHAT WILL CITY DO FOR THIS WOMAN

Three little children with hungry mouths to fill. A widowed mother with an electric flatiron pressing clothes and tailoring to try to fill them.

An unpaid light bill delinquent, and this morning the city turned off the current from that flatiron and the food from those children.

That is the situation that confronted the council this morning when a little woman appeared to put the solution of the problem of life up to the city dads.

There was no questioning the facts.

The light bill was delinquent. The law says when the bill is delinquent the current must be shut off.

But the law had not taken into account those three hungry mouths.

The commission did.

It ordered that light back on and the electric flatiron is again busy.

What will be done next is a question.

The widow is still there, the three children are still there, but the income is not enough to pay rent, fill those hungry mouths and pay the light bill.

The problem is up to the commission. It is also up to the whole city.

Hubby Made \$100 a Month, Gave Her \$1

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—"I can't live on \$1 a month, judge," said Ella Kellner, applying for a divorce.

The wife declared that her husband was a model of domestic virtue, but that his stinginess was unbearable. She declared that he allowed her only \$16 a month out of which she had to pay \$15 for rent. Her mother, declared the plaintiff, supplied the household with food.

Kellner has a salary of \$100 per month.

TAFT TO HIT BACK AT T.R.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ABOARD PRESIDENT TAFT'S SPECIAL TRAIN ROUTE TO SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 25.—Planning a strenuous attack upon Roosevelt, President Taft invaded Massachusetts today. He is optimistic.

It is expected that the Massachusetts primary Tuesday will be the pivotal point and that if Roosevelt wins Taft will have a hard time getting the nomination.

Taft will reply tonight at Boston to Roosevelt's charge that the administration has been supported by Lorimer.

Arrest Gen. Otis Criminal Libel

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, April 25.—A charge of criminal libel was sworn to yesterday by Frank G. Henderson, former secretary to Mayor Alexander, against General Harrison Gray Otis, Harry Chandler and Harry Andrews of the Los Angeles Times.

The Times criticized Henderson's appointment to the public service commission.

Emma Bucks Stock Market

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, April 25.—Emma Carus, the actress, is suing her brokers, W. L. Stevens & Co., to recover \$2,346.14, which she alleges is due her on a transaction in United States Steel.

Broken Hearted Mother Sees Children Start Long Trip Alone



LITTLE GOLDIE, HUGH AND THEIR MOTHER.

"He's all right, mother. I'll take good care of him. He won't cry long," smiled little 9-year-old Goldie Bligh last night as she put one arm around her 11-year-old brother Hugh when they started on their journey to Jerseyville, Ill., alone.

Biting her lip to check back the tears, her whole body trembling, Mrs. M. McWhirter, 2323 North 28th street, Old Town, looked tenderly down through misty eyes at her little daughter, now playing the mother. She even forced a smile "just so they would not feel bad," and gave them an extra hug and kiss.

"I just can't stand it, mamma. I won't go unless you promise to come and stay with us in three weeks," sobbed the lad, big tears coursing down his cheeks. His little sister, hugging him tighter, dried his eyes and smiling bade her mother good-bye. Then the train pulled out.

Woman Breaks Down.
"Oh, I just can't bear to be without them," sobbed the woman as her pent up tears came forth. With their noses pressed against the smudgy window, the children waved their handkerchiefs in a last good-bye. Just as the train pulled out little Goldie's courage fled and she broke out crying.

There were two tear stained faces against the window. On the platform the mother saw her child. Will Pay Up Bills.

"But it's for the best. I can't keep them here. I am sick part

of the time and have to work out when I'm able. It's all I can do to keep body and soul together some times. I am going back in three weeks. I couldn't go now. I've got to wait until I can raise the money to pay off my bills.

"I'm so afraid they'll get hungry. I fixed up a great big basket just full of everything to eat, but it's a long ride and they'll eat all the time. They've got money, too, and I suppose people will kind of look after them, but that will not be me and I'm so afraid something might happen to them," she said as the tears came afresh.

Mrs. McWhirter's second husband deserted her. She says he really never has supported her, so the police raised funds to send the children back east where they could be properly cared for. The big blue coats patted the little tots on the shoulder tenderly and added a little to their meager fund before tagging them and putting them on the train.

dren leaving her, perhaps for life, maybe but for a few weeks.

"They've never been away from me before," she said. "When the boy was just a year old his father was killed by lightning. We lived for a while with my father, H. Tobey. They're going to live with him now. We came out west alone."

"I married again, but they didn't know what the word father meant. Their mother was their all to them. I had trouble. They were everything to me."

Times Pink Hits Street With Crack of Last Bat

All the sporting news that is worth printing is to be found in the Times Pink Sporting edition. It reaches the street almost as soon as the last batter is called out every day.

The Pink carries the latest and best local and telegraph news of any sporting page in Tacoma. Its telegraph news and specials come from all corners of the world, written by the most authoritative sport writers living. It brings the readers face to face with the men who are doing things in the sport world through its excellent illustrations, and has always been first to show actual photographs taken at the ringside, on the diamond or in the field.

It will carry today's ball game, play by play by a special wire direct from the ball park.

Horsewhipper Refuses To Pay Fine, Jailed

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, April 25.—Referring to stay in jail rather than pay the fine of \$1 and costs imposed upon her, Mrs. Christina Olson, who was found guilty of assault in the third degree for striking Judge Main of the superior court here with a horsewhip, this morning began her sentence. The costs amount to \$40.70, so that she will have to serve 14 days at the rate of \$3 a day. Mrs. Olson believed her self unjustly dealt with when

Judge Main reversed a jury decision involving \$600 in her favor.

Pearsons Better
CHICAGO, April 25.—The completion of D. K. Pearsons, 82-year-old philanthropist and former multimillionaire, who gave his last dollar to educational institutions, was greatly improved today. Physicians are hopeful of his recovery.

MARCONI MAN ON GRILL TODAY

(United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, April 25.—The sinking of an unknown 18,000 ton steamer on Mar. 26 about 400 miles north of where the Titanic went down was witnessed by the Norwegian steamer Romsdel, here today.

Romsdel attracted the attention of the Romsdel to the distressed ship. On the way the Romsdel had several holes stove in her hull by great icebergs. At daylight the Romsdel was unable to find any trace of the vessel. The distress signals ceased about midnight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 25.—William Marconi, head of the wireless company, the first witness today, admitted that his New York offices had sent the following wireless order to the Marconi operator on the Carpathia:

"Hold news story of disaster at four figures."

The message, Marconi explained, was not sent until the rescue ship was off Sandy Hook, and Marconi denied all personal knowledge of the message, saying that Chief Operator Sammis was responsible. He insisted that the message referred to interviews with Operator Cottam only.

Read Strange Message.
Senator Smith then read the following wireless message intercepted by the U. S. steamship Florida:

"Seagate. To Carpathia, 8:15 p. m., April 18.—Say, old man, Marconi company taking good care of you. It is fixed so you'll get big money. Now please do your best to clear."

"Seagate. To Carpathia and Titanic operators, 8:30 p. m., April 18.—Arranged for your exclusive story for dollars in four figures, Marconi agreeing. Say nothing until you see me.—J. M. Sammis, operator C."

"Seagate. To Carpathia, operator, 9 p. m., April 18.—Go to Strand hotel to meet Mr. Marconi. C."

"Seagate. To Carpathia operator, 9:30 p. m.—Meet Mr. Marconi and Sammis at Strand. Keep your mouth shut."

Marconi said of these messages: "I know nothing about them. I would not prevent the operators making what they could out of their information. It is not the custom of the company, but it was done in the case of the Republic wreck. Jack Binns was permitted to give his statement for pay."

Makes an Explanation.
"When I told the operator to take something for his story," said Marconi, "I meant the newspapers would be so interested in what he had to say in view of the fact that Bride had behaved bravely and brilliantly, that he could expect to be paid."

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