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WILSON BELIEVES SITUATION IS CLEAR

THERE SEEMS TO BE JUST ONE WAY OUT OF THIS

A picnic with a large Sunday crowd at Spanaway lake yesterday served to renew attention to the outrageous grab of the Stone-Webster interests in its street car fare on that line.

When the Spanaway line was built it was practically given to the projectors. The people all along the line went into their pockets, put up their hard-earned cash as a subsidy, and donated vast areas of land, and the construction company actually built the line and had money left.

THE COMPANY GUARANTEED THE PEOPLE A ROUND TRIP FARE OF 15 CENTS. TACOMA VIEWED WITH OPTIMISM A RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION IN THAT TERRITORY. Cheap fare not only builds up a suburban community but it makes big cities bigger.

Instead of a reasonable car fare the present company began to charge extortionate rates and instead of a great and constantly increasing population out on the prairie where opportunities are ideal for the building of suburban homes, we find only a mediocre settlement and acres and acres of vacant territory.

Manager Bean has practically shown "the hand" of the Stone-Webster people in this city. **SOME TIME AGO HE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT HIS COMPANY IS NOT "PIONEERING IN TACOMA."** That means it will do nothing to help the city grow to get future business. It wants to grab all it can NOW. So it boosts the fare to Spanaway, to American Lake, and to all outside points where the public service commission will let it.

Whether this is just shortsightedness or too much Jacob Furth in the Tacoma control does not matter. The policy is an outrage on this city. **IT LOOKS AS IF THERE IS JUST ONE WAY OUT—TACOMA AND PIERCE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO ELIMINATE STONE-WEBSTER FROM THIS COUNTY AND DO BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES.**

The Times will not only stand back of the people in their demands for cheaper fares, but it will keep up its campaign as it has in the past in impressing the public that **THE STONE-WEBSTER CORPORATION IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST DRAWBACKS TO A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS TACOMA THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY NOW FACE.**

Pretending to Be Scientist Sensational Murderer Uses Deadly Disease Germs to Slay Victims

Charges Hopf Secures Germs of Asiatic Cholera, Lockjaw and Typhus; Starts a Murder Laboratory in Basement.—Authorities Charge Him With Murder of Father, Mother, Two Wives and Babe for Insurance.

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.

FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN, Germany, Aug. 11.—"I want some live germs of typhus, tetanus and Asiatic cholera, fresh from human corpses."

Charles Hopf, a fencing master, sent this order by mail to a Berlin laboratory, using a fake letterhead to make it appear that he was a scientist.

He has now confessed to the police that he mixed these germs with raw chopped meat and fed them to his wife.

All Germany is astounded at the name of "Charles Hopf, wife poisoner." I came to Frankfort to get the complete story, and if police suspicions are true, Hopf, since 1902, has murdered:

1. His father, because he would give Hopf no money.
2. His mother, to get \$6,000 which his father had left her.
3. His first wife, to get her life insurance of \$3,500.
4. A six-weeks-old child by his second wife, after giving disease germs to the wife, also on whose life there was insurance for \$20,000.
5. An illegitimate child.

And, to cap it all, he has confessed that he tried to murder his third wife with germs. Her life insurance was \$15,000.

Five times this astonishing man—whose reputation for ferocity was so general that five policemen jumped on him simultaneously when they arrested him. He has watched the police dig up the remains of two wives, two parents and two children. Hopf made a day's work of it with the police and he lolled on the cemetery lawn in his chains while the police exhumed the bodies of his first wife, who died in 1902, and of a child by his second wife, who died in 1906.

Another day he saw the police dig up the bones of one of his children and later he watched them exhume the ashes of his mother, whose body had been cremated by Hopf's orders.

In the ashes of his mother arsenic was found. Hopf claims that he treated the ashes with arsenic to preserve them. Arsenic has been found in all the other remains.

Germany received the tip-off shudder when, in the basement of Hopf's house, in a crude private laboratory, the police found tin capsules of enough Asiatic cholera and typhus to start an epidemic in Europe.

They discovered that with great ease, by faking a laboratory letter head, he had purchased from a Vienna laboratory fifteen different lots of germs.

Hopf, who is 50 years old, once worked in a drug store. Immediately after he married his first wife, a Frankfort girl, he insured her life for \$3,500. She died suddenly after a violent fit of vomiting. Hopf collected the life insurance and then began to pay court to a girl in Frankfort of good family. Immediately after the marriage he insured her life for \$20,000. A girl baby was taken ill after a few weeks.

The masterful Hopf was always able to find a woman willing to marry him. In April of 1912 he induced a pretty Frankfort girl to become his wife. Immediately after the marriage he took out \$20,000 insurance on her life. The first year's premium cost him \$1,000, which was part of the money left him by his mother.

Unknown to Hopf, the Frankfort police learned of the insurance and also made the discovery that Hopf was trying to buy "germs fresh from human corpses."

So when his wife took violently ill they arrested him.

Hopf's confession followed. The women is permanently broken in health, though she may live. The police say Hopf's father would give him no money, while



CHARLES HOPF.

TACOMA SHOULD DEMAND MEAT INSPECTION

After inspecting the slaughter houses of Tacoma this morning Mrs. Caroline Bartless Crane this afternoon told the Commercial club that Tacoma should insist on adequate meat inspection by the city for the protection of the people here. She said Tacoma eats annually about 16,000,000 pounds of meat.

She declared the federal stamp of inspection, which meat packers and the government, too, would have it believed, stands for meat free from disease, is not always representative of the truth, and that the city must look to itself to protect its own people from meat from diseased animals.

Mrs. Crane spent all forenoon among the slaughter houses, contagious hospital and other places of Tacoma that have a bearing on the public health. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ellis, Dr. Jones, Miss Wimple and Dr. Colkins, city milk and dairy inspector.

OH! OH! ENGLISH ARTIST VISITING TACOMA SAYS GIRLS DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THEIR FEET; OFFERS 'EM SOME ADVICE



When J. Belford Walling, famous artist, declared today that Tacoma girls don't know how to handle their feet, he said he'd prove it. He posed the young lady pictured above. Does Tacoma femininity sit in these impossible poses? Watch 'em and see if he's right.

It really grieves J. Belford Walling. It is annoying, don't y'know. J. Belford hates to say anything disparaging of beauty. But really, don't y'know, the truth must out. And J. Belford, being that famous English esthetic who dropped into Tacoma today for a brief visit, is compelled to state the facts. J. Belford has no fault to find with the beauty of Tacoma girls. Indeed, J. Belford opines they are rare specimens of pulchritude. "It's Not Their Shape. "But their feet!" J. Belford sighed, deeply. Now, don't misunderstand him. It isn't the size, shape or contour of Tacoma girls' feet which annoys the beauty critic. "Nor have I any fault to find," says J. Belford, "with the way the girls of Tacoma are shod. In Berlin, that was the fault."

Interviewer Takes Peep. J. Belford really hated to tell. But The Times interviewer finally secured his confidence, and out it came. Girls, you simply allow your toes to shock all esthetic consideration when you sit down. J. Belford is a keen observer, you will notice. He wanted the interviewer to take a peep, a low-down peep, in the restaurants and ice cream parlors and cafes. Wray 'Em Around Chair. "Ah, there, you see!" J. Belford remarked. "Your girls use their feet as they would never think of using their arms. See this girl, who has her feet folded, feet crossed, one up in the air, pointing to the North pole, and the other to the South pole, as though fleeing from each other. "Now, there is another beautiful young lady. But, see! Her

feet are wrapped around the chair rungs." J. Belford's sense of beauty was badly, rudely hurt. The interviewer promised to publish his prescription for correct "feet" position. "Sit on a chair that allows your feet to reach the floor comfortably. Place them lightly on the floor, under the rungs. Keep the heels closer together than the toes."

IS TRIAL MARRIAGE A SUCCESS? WASHBURNE'S BELIEVES THAT IT IS!

PASADENA, Cal., Aug. 11.—Trial marriage is a success, according to the statements today of Carleton Washburne, of this city and Heluz Chandler, daughter of a literary woman of Philadelphia, who eleven months ago startled society and provoked a nation-wide discussion by announcing their marriage by contract under which either one of them could cut away from the other at will and both to be bound wholly by their feeling toward each other.

Today Mrs. Washburne said: "Our marriage has been one continual honeymoon." Mr. Washburne said: "Yes, we are very happy. Freedom is the answer to the divorce problem, freedom before marriage, seeking the one perfect ideal and freedom to change when a mistake has been made."

The reporter who interviewed the couple said they appeared to be superlatively happy and that the only thorn that seemed to

CHICAGO ACTOR HELD FOR MURDER

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 11.—Harold Schneider, an actor, and John Faith, a member of the underworld, were today formally charged with the murder recently of Joseph Logue, a jeweler. An assistant state's attorney sweated the men and later asserted that while only one of them was involved in the actual killing, Schneider and Faith both secured the stolen jewels.

KILLED IN DUEL

LAWRENCE, Kas., Aug. 11.—Dean Warren, 21, rancher, was killed in a formal duel with another young ranchman with a bullet in his brain near here Saturday night.

CONVICT SOCIALIST

FORT STEVENS, Ore., Aug. 11.—Private Waldo Coffman, socialist soldier, was convicted of treasonable utterances by a court martial.

RAIN MAY SAVE IOWA CORN CROP

DES MOINES, Aug. 11.—Rains that began last night are general throughout Iowa today, with a total precipitation of three inches here already. It is believed that the corn crop of the state will be about 75 per cent of the normal crop, and possibly better. The Iowa fruit crop has been partially saved by the downpour and the apple crop will be about 75 per cent of the normal. Rain fell in torrents today, with a record of two and one-third inches at Cedar Rapids, an inch at Boone and two and one-quarter inches at Marshalltown.

BANK CLEARINGS

Clearings	\$465,219.32
Balances	32,752.00
Transactions	787,738.54

LATEST! TEACHING DAD HOW TO CARE FOR BABY WHEN MOTHER IS AWAY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 11.—Physicians in charge of the Children's Orthopedic hospital have decided to have a weekly clinic for fathers. Heretofore they have conducted throughout the year a clinic for mothers, in order that a free course of instruction might be given to show mothers how to care for the babies and children. The course has given such success that many of the mothers frequently expressed the desire that their husbands might hear the lectures, too.

MADE TO MEASURE CLOTHING

Adorned with a bunch of hip-sute growth and a pair of vivid trousers Prosecuting Attorney Lorenzo Dow is back from a two weeks' trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended the convention of the Royal Order of Moose, as a delegate from this city. Evidently the heat got the best of the county official for he lost 14 pounds on the trip.

GIRLS NERVOUS; TAKE STAND TOMORROW

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—Lola Norris is in such a nervous state today dreading the ordeal confronting her when she takes the witness stand against Diggs tomorrow, that there is doubt whether she will be able to testify when the case is resumed. Marsha Warrington is also extremely nervous but the prosecutors do not believe that either will collapse on the witness stand.

RET DOW BACK MINUS ONLY 14 POUNDS

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HUERTA IS WILLING TO SEE LIND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—(By United Press).—President Wilson believes the air has been cleared in the Mexican situation and that Huerta is more willing to adopt a conciliatory attitude toward this government, according to latest reports from the White House today. The president saw newspaper men at their regular Monday conference. He told them that Lind would not be required to report directly to the president but will work through Charge d'Affairs O'Shaughnessy and proceed in a manner that will not arouse resentment.

Huerta proves to be obdurate Lind plans to discover definitely the forces behind Carranza for the president and report fully to the administration of his discoveries. There will be no effort of the government to hurry Lind's work. Meantime the army and navy are ready.

Senator Sheppard of Texas has told the president that 60 per cent of the Mexicans favor General Carranza's claims to the presidency. The president thinks this statement hard to prove, but is reported to be impressed with the constitutionalist faction's claims for recognition by its belligerency. He is willing that they should be shown as much recognition as Huerta and his party.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 11.—John Lind, who arrived here Sunday, conferred with O'Shaughnessy today. The city is quiet.

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