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Are you a devotee of The Times' humor column, known as the "Nothing Serious" page? The cleverest humorists and artists in the country supply laughs to our thousands of readers each night. There's fun for the young and old—good wholesome wit that can't help but amuse you. "Nothing Serious" appears on page four each night.



WELL, ANYHOW we know of ONE BIG GAME HUNTER who won't mind tackling that out at Regents Park.

HE—Do you know you've made quite an impression on me. She—It is easy to make an impression on something soft.

WOULDN'T IT TICKLE YOU—If the conductor reserved a seat for you on the Point Defiance car line?

If the sun came out when the weather bureau said it would rain? If the public service commission said we could all ride free?

If the person who invented all these new fangled fashions for women were made to wear them himself?

"WELL, SONNY, you've had all the luck shooting birds today, and I've been a hunter for 12 years."

"Well, I'll tell you how it is, mister—a feller has to make a life study of it."

DON'T JUMP in the bay just because the city has a pulmotor now for the machinery might not work.

IT HAS BEEN observed that the workman of Tacoma is taking no personal interest in the income tax which proposes to tax all incomes over \$3,000.

"WHY DID YOU discharge your bookkeeper? You told me once he was a capable man." "He was, my dear, but he refused to shave his upper lip." "Perhaps he was growing a mustache."

"So he told me, but he shouldn't have done it during office hours."

AMONG the others that are striving valiantly to come back is the green felt hat with the push band. Then again among the few doing their level best not to come back is H. K. T.—P-1.

HEALTH HINT:—Take your own umbrella.

THE LONGEST skid in the world: Sherbrooke to Matteawan. The longest wait in the world: On the corner of Ninth and C for a street car.

ODDITIES IN THE DAY'S NEWS There were TWO cops on the avenue today. Ren Dow shaved off his whiskers. Jeffries "can't come back."

A PRISONER yesterday told Judge Magill he had never worked in his life. Lucky dog!

A KANSAS CITY JUDGE says there is nothing immoral in X-ray gowns nor slit skirts. That boy will never be recalled.

POPULAR TACOMA THINGS:—Cougars, Cabarets, Commissioners.

JANITORS of many buildings are taking down fly screens this week, confident that fall is close at hand.

A Tacoma janitor took down 75 screens from windows of a downtown office building and carried them to the top floor to store in space under the roof.

When he had carried them all upstairs he found they were too big to go through the opening in the ceiling. "It might have been worse," said the janitor, viewing the situation from a brighter side. "It might have been a 16-story building."

THE MARKET: Chickens are soaring today.

WITH a governor's fight in New York, a revolution in Mexico, a daily rebellion in South America, an uprising in China, a Jolo war in the Philippines, a Jaqui outbreak in Sonora, Mexico, a prize fight in Vancouver, B. C., and a cabaret war in Tacoma, please explain the true intent and purposes of the Hague tribunal.

A MAIL CARRIER is a man not an express wagon.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS. Clearings \$435,374.55 Balances \$6,121.79 Transactions 1,114,717.34

JEROME ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING

WHEN A MAN IN PUBLIC LIFE WISHES TO TALK MONEY MATTERS THESE DAYS



PEOPLE PROTEST TO PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD AGAINST STONE-WEBSTER CO. RATES

The population of the North side of American lake in 1907 was 122. The population in 1913 is 808. On the South side are 650 more, and Stellacoom asylum district adds 1,750. Lake City has grown so that the district has bonded for \$9,000 to run a new school. Growth has been steady. Such are the facts brought out at the hearing before the public service commission here today on the efforts of the Stone-Webster interests to boost fare on the Traction line.

The line to American lake was shown to be 11.9 long with 5.15 miles from the city limits to Lake City, and 5:07 miles to the south side of the lake. From the time the Traction line was built the people had 25-cent round trip and commuters' tickets at 20 cents. The company after gobbling the Traction line withdrew the 25-cent round trip and recently attempted to pull off the commuters' ticket and compel everybody to pay straight 15-cent fare was built.

"They will have more dollars at the end of the year by issuing the commuters' tickets than without," was the testimony of Walter J. Thompson. "They will get more money in the end on the 25-cent round trip also."

"Don't you think if a person has tickets he will ride oftener than if he has to dig up fare in cash?" asked Chairman Judge Godman of the commission.

"That is the case with my wife," said Thompson, who afterward admitted it was a universal trait of human nature. Thompson said both the Traction line and the T. R. & P. had built to American lake as pioneering propositions to build up that section for future business, and that to raise the fare would retard development which has been steady and constant.

Andrew Lowe, a laboring man, declared to take away the commuter tickets would be a hard blow to the people and the district. He said on the strength of the implied promise of the low rate and the coming growth the district had bonded for \$9,000 to build a new school, and if the rates were raised it would drive people away and actually reduce values of property. He gave the figures of the growth since 1907, showing an increase from 122 to 808 persons around Lake City since the Traction line was built.

Justice Derritt M. Evans, a member of the Lakeside Country club, said the club had organized and bought property on the lake and was establishing homes for members there because of the transportation and low fares. He pleaded for restoration of the 25-cent round trip and commuters' tickets.

He said the club has 18 families on its grounds now, with 55 persons who pay fare going and coming to Tacoma. The total investment of the T. R. & P. company in and around Tacoma amounts to \$5,850,000, but the depreciation is \$3,507,034 on the street railway and it can be reproduced for \$4,585,308.

The earnings for 1912 were \$1,124,599; expenses \$652,149, leaving a net profit of \$272,450. For the first six months of 1913 the earnings dropped to \$558,102 and the net profits \$104,026. Such is the report of Engineer F. S. Burroughs of the public service commission presented Thursday afternoon.

The company has \$1,500,000 outstanding bonds with \$2,000,000 stock. A fact that shows up strong in the company's affairs is that it is constantly decreasing in earning power. This year there is a drop which will amount to approximately \$8,000 in gross revenues. In 1912 there was a big slump from 1911 and 1910 was higher than 1911.

Whether this is due to the automobile or to the general unpopularity of the company is a matter for the company to consider, but the facts stare them in the face according to the report of the state's engineering expert.

Practically nothing was done on the matter of the Spanaway rates at the hearing yesterday afternoon. The street railway was there in the persons of Manager Bean and Superintendent Rounds, but marked behind Judge Shackelford and Attorneys Howe and S. A. Piles of Seattle.

It was decided the Spanaway hearing will be taken up later after both sides have examined the valuation figures. Then all hands set down for a sociable "business" talk.

Attorney J. B. Howe, in his smooth way, wanted to discuss as a business proposition the status of the Puget Sound Electric. He said the courts had upheld the former commission and enforced the present rates reducing those of the company in some particulars on the local travel in the Seattle and Tacoma zones, but that the company was not earning enough to pay dividends. He said the net profits last year were not over 3 per cent, and unless the company could get some relief it will have to go into the hands of a receiver.

He thought the commission as a business proposition, should take the matter up on its own initiative, as the company is stopped by law from doing it now, and allow a rate "modification" that will get more money out of the people.

The commissioners said they would consider it. After the lawyers left, however, they discussed the company's affairs freely. They noted that while the company had recently pulled off three local trains on the interurban, it had added a limited service running every hour. Thus it is trying to get the through service with a \$1.25 and \$1.75 rate for round trip between Tacoma and Seattle in competition with boat service which is just as quick and much cleaner and easier riding at a fare of 50 cents round trip, and at the same time is overlooking and discouraging the building up of the suburban communities for local travel where there is no competition.

"I don't know, but on the face of it it does not look like good management," commented Chairman Godman. The commission discussed at length whether the company had such management as was conducive to getting the best returns. The action in paralleling the Traction line to American lake just to make trouble for the Traction line was called to mind by Engineer Burroughs.

And the question naturally arose as to whether the people are to be made to foot the bills for this sort of folly on the part of the managers of the street railway company. It was agreed by the company that the higher rates they had charged before the commission cut them on local travel between Tacoma and Seattle, had not paid, the lower ones were losing also, so the commission did not see any immediate relief.

Rate Expert Calderhead of the commission, called attention to the fact that if rates are boosted on the local traffic for the little home owners along the line it will cause them to quit their homes and thus the company would lose all the business.

It seemed to be a popular idea that the company had better make the best of a bad case and cut rates to the suburbs if possible to try to build them up as their only hope of ever getting out alive. It is useless for them to hope to compete with the boat service on through travel.

Judge Shackelford before leaving Thursday afternoon, signified the attitude of the company on the American lake contest. He said the company was now selling the 20 cent round trip commutation tickets under the order of the commission, but he denied the right of the commission to enforce this. He said the commission might make general rates, but not commutation rates.

The entire commission, with engineers and attorneys on both sides, went over the Traction line to American lake this morning on the first car at 6:50 o'clock and returned to take up the hearing at 10 o'clock.

THIRTEEN PERSONS DIE WHEN INSANE MAN RUNS AMUCK; ELEVEN INJURED

STUTTGART, Germany, Sept. 5.—Thirteen persons were killed and eleven others injured, five probably fatally, when a demented school teacher named Wagner ran amuck today in the villages of Degerloch and Mulhausen, near here. Wagner first murdered his sleeping wife and four children at Degerloch. Then he rushed to Mulhausen a short distance away, and fired a dozen dwellings, jeopardizing the lives of scores of sleeping persons. When the inmates of the burning buildings rushed to the street, Wagner opened fire with a revolver. Eight women were killed and eleven others injured before Wagner was overpowered. Two revolvers and 22 cartridges were found in his pockets. Wagner was almost beaten to death by a mob before the police arrived.

Last Minute

OUT TO BE FINISHED SOON. WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 5.—According to a dispatch received by the war department today from Col. Goethals, the Cuba cut will be finished by September 15 and water will be admitted in the basin October 15.

ELECTED PRESIDENT. BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 5.—John Lewis Smith of Washington was elected today commander-in-chief of the Spanish War Veterans at the convention here.

HOWARD PLAYS TENNIS. NEW HAVEN, Sept. 5.—Coadjutor Mix resumed a secret inquest of the Wallingford wreck today. President Elliott of the New Haven road played tennis while the inquest was going on yesterday, it is said.

POPE HAS BAD COLD. LONDON, Sept. 5.—That the pope is seriously ill as reported yesterday was denied in Rome dispatches today. He is said to be suffering from a slight cold.

SOME MORE REVOLUTIONS. SAN JUAN DEL DEL, Sept. 5.—That the Nicaragua government has discovered a liberal plot to start a revolution was learned today. It is said that a simultaneous uprising is planned in Managua and Leon.

SUBWAY PUT OUT OF COMMISSION. NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Flooded from the vicinity of the Grand Central station to 59th street the subway was put out of commission in one of the heaviest rainfalls of the summer today. Operation of trains is impossible.

JUDGE SAYS THEY WON'T BLOW HIM UP JUST YET

SEATTLE, Sept. 5.—Superior Judge Humphries announced today he would beware of women in the future. An alleged plot to blow up the jail in the basement of the court house was discovered several days ago. Humphries was to be enticed to the jail so he too would be destroyed. "Their plan," said the judge, "was for a woman to come to my courtroom and persuade me on some pretext to accompany her downstairs to the jail, then nitro-glycerine would do the rest. But they won't get me. I'm wary."

Judge Is Strong For Slit Skirt

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 5.—Condemning the propriety of the old fashioned hoop skirt, Criminal Judge Ralph S. Latschaw today became the champion of the slit skirt and diaphanous gown when he told a committee of women campaigning against the latest freak fashions that he could see no immorality in the fad.

GEORGE COHAN HURT IN CRASH

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 5.—George M. Cohan, actor and playwright, his 13-year-old daughter Georgia, Wallace Eddinger, leading man in Cohan's new play, and Francis K. Hope, Cohan's secretary, were only slightly injured when their automobile, late yesterday, crashed into a garbage wagon, near here.

Horrors! Woman Endorses Harems

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Harems for England! Polygamy as the cure of many social evils and incidentally the settlement of the woman question! These are the moral suggestions which Miss Grace Ellison, who edited "A Turkish Woman's European Impressions," has given society to talk about. Miss Ellison sees many good points in polygamy and regards the harem as by no means an unmixt evil.

Wants Divorce Because He Objects to Diaphanous Gowns

SAN JOSE, Sept. 5.—Diaphanous skirts jarred the home life of Mrs. Bertha C. Hanscom, age 30, a very pretty woman, and her millionaire husband, James D. Hanscom, age 60. The result is that the wife today filed a suit for absolute divorce. "My husband is an old fossil," said Mrs. Hanscom. "I'm built for X-ray skirts and I'm going to wear 'em. He don't like them, but I don't care. Wait until I get my divorce and I'll make his eyes pop." Hanscom admitted that the new skirts were "perfectly scandalous."

PENNANT COUPON NO. 32

Any three coupons clipped from The Times consecutively numbered, when presented at The Times office, The "Want Ad" Corner, Ninth and Commerce, with 15 cents, will entitle you to a beautiful 30-cent pennant hereafter presented by mail will cost 5c additional to cover postage. Bring or mail to The Tacoma Times, Ninth and Commerce.

CAMINETTI'S FATE RESTS WITH JURORS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—F. Drew Caminetti, accused of transporting Lola Norris from Sacramento to Reno for immoral purposes in violation of the Mann federal white slave law, probably will know his fate before nightfall.

Attorney Robert T. Davlin concluded his address for the defense at 10:30 a. m. today. He was followed by Special Prosecutor Matt J. Sullivan for the government. Judge Van Fleet's instructions to the jury were next in order, with the retirement of the jurors to consider their verdict expected early in the afternoon. Announcement of their decision was looked for about 4 or 5 o'clock.

It was predicted by persons who have followed the case closely that Caminetti would be found guilty on two of the four counts against him—those involving his relations with Miss Norris.

It makes no difference to these two men took a whole circus of lovely women to Reno," summed up Attorney Davlin. "The case was on the trip's purpose. We have proved affirmatively that Caminetti's purpose was not the purpose that the indictment charges."

SOME HARD JOB

PITTSBURG, Kas., Sept. 5.—With a howling mob of a rival faction on the outside, school is being held at Currenville, northeast of here under disadvantageous conditions. The trouble is the result of a disputed election of members of the school board.

FORMER DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF N. Y. PLAYED POKER GAME

COATICOOK, Sept. 5.—Harry Thaw was found deportable on two counts by the immigration board this afternoon and ordered deported immediately. Thaw's counsel entered an appeal, stating that a writ of habeas corpus writ had been obtained in Montreal for Thaw's deportation. Grounds for the expulsion were because he entered Canada by stealth and because he had been an inmate in an asylum in the last five years.

MONTREAL, Sept. 5.—It is authoritatively stated that Judge Gervais today issued a writ of habeas corpus requiring the immediate production of Thaw in King's bench here. He denied the report. Attorney LaFlamme started for Coaticook on a special train.

COATICOOK, Que., Sept. 5.—William T. Jerome, Harry Thaw's nemesis, was today arrested on a charge of gambling. Representatives of New York state seeking Thaw's deportation asserted that his arrest was part of a plot hatched by the fugitive's attorneys. He was admitted to bail after spending an hour in jail. The case will probably be continued to allow him to conclude his work on the Thaw case.

After his arrest Jerome was led through the streets with a hostile mob of hooting men and boys at his heels. He was locked in the same cell that Thaw occupied when he was first arrested.

Dr. Kiehl, superintendent of the Matteawan asylum, was greatly aroused by the arrest. He called up American Consul Daniels by long distance telephone in order to arrange for Jerome's release. While Jerome's auto was waiting yesterday in expectation that Thaw would be ordered deported, newspaper correspondents started a poker game in which Jerome is alleged to have joined. The game was played openly while a hostile crowd looked on. Milford Aldridge, a prominent citizen, notified the police.

Attorney W. L. Shurtleff, Thaw's personal counsel, admitted today that he expected Thaw would be deported to New York.

WEST SAVES BOY'S LIFE

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 5.—Robert Morgan, the 18-year-old boy, who was to have paid the extreme penalty on the gallows here today for the murder of his sweetheart, Virgie Hart, in Condon last October, will spend the rest of his life behind prison bars instead. Governor West announced that he had commuted Morgan's sentence.

During his incarceration Morgan's hair has turned from raven black to iron gray and he has grown two inches in stature.

BRING THIS WITH YOU

And save a half dollar on any hat in the house.

Good Only Saturday, Sept. 6th.

Menzies Steves

KITTANNING, Pa., Sept. 5.—Hiram Shearer, 54, of Ford City, and Mrs. Elizabeth Myers, 45, were married here by the Rev. J. B. Taylor, 54. All were friends 56 years.