

30c A MONTH

JUST LOOKIN' ON



**TO A LAWN MOWER.**  
When the Devil was idle one summer day,  
And the traffic in souls was dull;  
The Devil, to idle the time away,  
And put some pep into the lull,  
Bethought him of old inquisition machines,  
(And without thinking too too hard, he invented thee, O I. M.,  
and while this otter end up in poetry,  
nobody can write poetry about a I. M.)

**WORD FROM AFAR.**  
Chicago, July 25.  
Sir: I am not wearing my white silk hose here for I find they are quite common.  
J. H. Dege.

**DON'T BE IMPATIENT.**  
Tacoma, July 31.  
Sir: What has happened to Mr. Pepps?  
G. Cromwell.

**MORE CORRESPONDENCE.**  
Tacoma, July 31.  
Sir: Do you pay anything for original jokes and comical drawings?  
Edward Saltonstall,  
455 J street.

Yes, Edward, we would, only there ain't no such animals. The last original joke was invented in 1620 when the Pilgrim Fathers, upon landing on Plymouth Rock, swapped a Bible with the Indians for four cobs of maize. And so far as comical drawings are concerned—shucks—ain't we got enough photograph galleries in town, Edward?

We see that the h'd work'g Market Editor of this inspired journal, meaning this here Times, yesterday awarded a One Bone prize to a lady who sent in a recipe for a nice economical plate of soup. The ingredients, delightfully simple, include onions, a carrot, 2 heads of celery, curry powder, TWO SMALL CHICKENS, 3 lbs. of veal, parsley, thyme, bay leaf, cloves, mace, etc.

Very nice, but where d'you get the TWO SMALL CHICKENS in these days when the h. c. of I. is omnipresent?

**IN THE SOUTH**  
The South is the land of the chigger.  
Which we're glad that it isn't no bigger.  
And by looking around  
O'er the chigger-strown ground,  
You'll find an occasional colored person.

The Montreal Gazette mentions "The Hawatha, a fine steam yacht now under charter to a Mr. Ford of Detroit, a prominent business man of that city." Which leads us to infer that the yacht is evidently named for a well known Indian character in a poem written by a Mr. Longfellow, a prominent New England writer.

**WHAT HAS BECOME OF—**  
The "Don't Care" syrup flavor at the soda squirt fountains?  
The old fashioned woman who used to wilt lettuce leaves with ham drippings?  
The man who considered muskmelons a luxury, to be eaten only on Sundays?  
The person who wrote a message on a non-illustrated post-card?  
The girl who blushed when she walked out on the seashore in a bathing suit?  
The man who rode a bicycle and took "riders"?

**A NARROW ESCAPE.**  
If this escapes the waste basket we will come again.—Nameless.  
(Come again, but remember Wednesday is the day to get the letters for publication into this office, and that hereafter all the letters coming to this office without being signed by author will be promptly consigned to Mr. Davis' paper eating cow.—Ed.)  
Clintwood, Va., Moon.

Tomorrow being the day of rest, Friend Wife and I will go out into the country, inhale much dust on route, eat cold victuals whilst the ants fiercely combat us for the desert. He gracefully in a sea-going hammock and, when completely exhausted, come back home from the merry outing. Ah, life would be something fierce without The-Day-of-Rest!  
O. K. CHESTNUT.

**FOX IS FETE**  
Residents at the southeast end of Fox Island will hold a big celebration August 15 over the completion of the new concrete county wharf. Commissioner W. H. Reed will make an address.

# GERMAN EMPEROR DECLARES WAR

**LONDON, Aug. 1.**—According to an unofficial, but well-founded report received here this afternoon, Germany has formally declared war against Russia.

**PARIS, Aug. 1.**—Wires crossing Franco-German frontier were cut by Germany this afternoon severing telegraphic communication between the two countries.

The British ambassador called tonight at Elysee palace and formally informed Premier Viviani of France that England would stand by its treaties and co-operate with France in connection with the present crisis. A cabinet conference was in session when the ambassador arrived. Premier Viviani explained the situation, and the British diplomatist said England endorsed the position France had taken and would support her. Viviani previously had told the German ambassador that France must stand by its ally, Russia. That the ambassador would demand his passports tonight was deemed certain.

**NISH, Serbia, Aug. 1.**—Serbia's forces are retreating from the southern bank of the Save river before the Austrian advance. This is admitted at a Serbian war office. It is insisted that the Austrians are intentionally being drawn into the interior for strategic reasons. The Serbian retreat followed three days' fighting in Semendria. The

losses thus far are very heavy on both sides, it is stated.

**PARIS, Aug. 1.**—Diplomatic relations between Germany and Russia have been severed. An official news agency dispatch from Berlin said with the expiration at noon of an ultimatum from the kaiser served on the czar, arrangements were made in Berlin, and at St. Petersburg, to

transfer diplomatic business to representatives of a neutral power. It is believed the United States will be asked to act in both cases.

**LONDON, Aug. 1.**—The German embassy disclaimed knowledge of a twelve hour ultimatum the kaiser is reported to have served on Russia and France.

## DRY MEAD MURDER CASE NONPLUSES POLICE

With only .01 of an inch of rain since July 1, and forests literally drying up for lack of moisture, smoke from brush and timber fires today hung like a pall over the Puget Sound country making water transportation hazardous and causing a dull, sultry appearance to the atmosphere. There are dozens of fires burning in all sections of the country, according to County Fire Warden S. R. Fraser, who returned last night from a week's job of fire-fighting, but as yet the most valuable timber has been saved.

A good rain would probably save thousands of dollars worth of jeopardized forests.

Police officers admit themselves completely baffled over the identity of the murderer of Claude Mead.

Captain of Detectives D. O. Smith announced today that he was not even certain whether or not he would interview Mrs. Havel V. Mead, widow of the murdered man, again about the case. Every available clue has been run to earth, and not a single item of evidence has been found that would give substantial grounds for a motive for the murder of Mead.

Five detectives yesterday afternoon searched the neighborhood of South 4th and L streets, where the murder occurred, in a last desperate effort to find the revolver. Their efforts failed, and the police feel certain that whoever killed Mead, carried the gun away with him.

"I still think that Mrs. Mead is withholding something, but I doubt if further interviews with her will avail us anything," said Captain of Detectives Smith today. "She admits that she quarreled with her husband bitterly on the morning of the crime, but evidence shows that the breach was healed up by evening.

## DON'T FORGET BIG HANSON MEETING

Ole Hanson, candidate for the progressive nomination for the United States senate, will start his Tacoma campaign with a rush this evening. Hanson has leased the vacant property at 908 A street, opposite the Tacoma hotel, placed sufficient chairs in the space to seat a vast audience, and hired a band for the evening. The band concert will begin at

7:15 this evening and continue for an hour. At 8:15 Hanson will make an address, outlining his platform and policies. It is probable that Stanton Warburton, former congressman and candidate again, will also make an address. Progressives of Tacoma are planning a rousing reception for the congressional candidate when he makes his initial appearance before a Tacoma audience this evening.

## ALL EUROPE FACES REAL FOOD FAMINE

**LONDON, Aug. 1.**—All Europe faces a famine. Prices of food-stuffs are soaring. Supply in England, it is said, will hardly last a month. Prices have trebled in Holland, Sweden and Norway.

## Tee Hee

"I also want to say that the police car goes to the baseball games every day," said Commissioner Mills today in council meeting, retaliating to Mayor Fawcett's charge that women were riding about in the police auto. "and that the chief goes in it. He goes there to be on hand in case another riot should break out against the umpire, such as occurred last Sunday."

## DRUNKEN AUTOIST JAILED

Autoists who drive cars in Tacoma while intoxicated will face a long jail sentence hereafter. This was the ultimatum of Police Judge Magill today, when he fined A. Johnston, of American Lake, an engineer, \$100 and costs, with the added order that Johnston remain in jail until the fine is paid. Johnston was arrested in South Tacoma last night by Officer James Donovan. He was badly under the influence of liquor and drove his machine awkwardly from curb to curb on Union avenue, the main artery through South Tacoma. When the officer stopped him, it was necessary to pick Johnston up bodily and carry him to the South Tacoma police station. Johnston pleaded guilty to the charge and started to serve his 30 days' sentence immediately.

## Meeting Today

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.**—President Wilson is scheduled to meet with the representatives of the Western railroads and trainmen at 5 o'clock this afternoon in an effort to avert a threatened strike of engineer and firemen.

## TACOMA TALKS

It's rather old, but don't forget that "God hates a quitter." Somehow or other, a newly painted home makes a man feel as though he had on a new suit of clothes. Don't merely THINK Tacoma is a mighty fine town—tell OTHER folks so.



Ole Hanson was born in a log cabin in Wisconsin, 40 years ago. His parents were good, clean, wholesome folks, but poor, very, very poor. They came from Norway to secure a fuller opportunity for themselves and their offspring.

The bare necessities of life were all they could provide for their children. There were no books, no pictures, no toys in that home—just a fierce struggle for existence, food, clothing, shelter. As a boy Ole sawed wood, picked fruit, tended cattle, did anything and everything a boy could do to help out.

His first big fight was to secure an education. Working nights and mornings he attended the little country school. Then he determined to go farther. He worked in a clothing store nights and studied law during the daytime. Then he took to the road as salesman, but always continued his studies until today Ole Hanson has a fund of knowledge stored under his white hair of which any man might be proud.

A railroad wreck in Texas resulting in the loss of one of his children and partial paralysis for himself, sent him back to Racine, Wisconsin, a helpless invalid, the doctors said. It shows the stuff of which Ole is made in that he secured a prairie schooner and with his wife and two children and aged father started for Seattle.

His life in this state has been an open book that all might read.

No fear of failure has ever entered his heart.

No difficulties daunt him.

He has lived his life, open, square, fearless.

He has fixed opinions, a strong character and tireless industry.

Prosperity has come to him. He has made good, yet no man has ever questioned his honesty.

Best of all, he never forgot his struggle or the strivings of the millions who, like him, are refused equal opportunity.

This is the sort of man the people of this state have an opportunity to send to the United States senate. He is different in every way from the usual senatorial candidate. He

isn't a millionaire with a money barrel. He isn't a smooth ex-judge with special privilege alliances. HE IS A MAN—A REAL TWO FISTED MAN, DETERMINED, UNAFRAID, AGGRESSIVE, SQUARE.

The Times can do no less in justice to itself, to its readers, to this great state, than to give him its unqualified support.

## War Bulletins

**NEW YORK, Aug. 1.**—The stock exchange didn't reopen today. It is not believed the exchange will reopen Monday.

**LONDON, Aug. 1.**—Germany is known to be bringing strong pressure on Italy this afternoon for a statement of its attitude relative to the war situation. It is said the Italian government favored neutrality.

**COPENHAGEN, Aug. 1.**—Denmark asked Germany to explain the stopping of Danish vessels off Langeland. Both vessels were searched.

**NEW YORK, Aug. 1.**—Four North German liners which sailed from the United States and Canadian ports for Europe were overhauled by wireless and ordered to return to await instructions from the German government which expects to impress them for naval use.

**VIENNA, Aug. 1.**—Austria is rushing complete mobilization of both land and sea forces. The last man available for military and naval duty has been ordered to the colors. Everyone assumed the move was directed at Russia.

**BERLIN, Aug. 1.**—The government has ordered all German shipping to seek the nearest neutral port.

**PARIS, Aug. 1.**—The government seized all telephones including submarine lines connecting France and England. Censorship of news is complete.

**NEW YORK, Aug. 1.**—The Standard Oil company has discontinued, until further notice, the exportation of petroleum and oil products.

**CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 1.**—December wheat went up one three-quarter cents, but September is down three-eighths.