

AIRSHIP ATTACK FEARED

LONDON, Aug. 28.—London citizens are in gloom today over the possibility of a German raid by Zeppelin dirigible balloons over the city from either Antwerp or Ostend as a base.

Although the British marines have occupied Ostend and expect the Germans from establishing an aerial base at this place, experts declare that a trip from Antwerp by dirigible would take only about five hours and that the raids are now not only possible but highly probable.

Even if Germany does not seize Ostend it is shown that the mighty city of England and the world is now in great danger of a raid of deadly explosives from the air.

Experts point out, however, that detection of the invaders in the air, even at night, will be comparatively an easy matter. The Zeppelins would be compelled to fly as low as 5,000 feet and at that distance would be in range of defense guns.

Thousands of English Recruits Hurry Into the Ranks



England has realized the terrible seriousness of the European war. Recruits are rushing into the ranks by the thousands and trained military men are drilling them for duty on the field of battle. The possibility of a Zeppelin dirigible attack on London by the Germans has only added to the determination of the fighting Britons to fight the foe to the last. The picture shows recruits going through their paces in Hyde park, London.

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHS
Do you notice the regularity of our "beats" on other Tacoma papers with real news photographs from the war zone. And that's only one good feature of THE TIMES.

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THE WEATHER
Our Weather Man is reticent today—"Fair tonight and Saturday." We think he's sore because he can't remember the formula for a little summer shower or thunder storm.

ALLIES LOSE GROUND

MYSTERY IN ASSAULT ON TACOMA MAN

Lossing his identity by a peculiar derangement of the mind while strolling along Pacific avenue last night, O. E. Johnson, a marble cutter, was found at the 15th street city dock at 5 o'clock this morning bleeding to death, the artery of his right arm cut in two by some sharp instrument. Johnson is dying at the county hospital today.

HANSON CHEERED BY CITIZENS IN TALK AT DAYTON

DAYTON, Wash., Aug. 28.—The leading merchants of Dayton cheered the progressive talk made by Ole Hanson, candidate for U. S. senator, here last night. He attacked the doctrine of state rights, declaring the idea had held back the unity of the nation, making progressive states suffer because of the stagnant methods of reactionary states.

WOMAN ESCAPES BURNING HOME

Hemmed in by flames when she awoke to find her home on fire, Mrs. Marte Lanere, a widow, 5307 McKinley avenue, was forced to leap from an upper window to the ground at 2 o'clock this morning. She was attired only in her nightgown, with a blanket thrown about her. She was not injured.

THREE OF SEVEN SISTERS LOSE

OLYMPIA, Aug. 28.—Three of the Seven Sisters initiative bills—the abolition of the state bureau of inspection, the anti-pork barrel road bill and the fish bill—were declared to have insufficient signatures to receive a place on the November ballots, by a decision of the state supreme court late yesterday.

MONSTER GERMAN FORCE ADVANCES

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Having effected a junction, the German armies of the Saar and Lower Moselle are reported advancing in an enormous force on Longwy, which the vanguard has already occupied, together with the towns of Villersrupt, Joppécourt, Audun-leron, Briery and Montmedy. French are strongly entrenched along the Meuse between Sedan and Verdun.

LAW'S INJUSTICES

JUDGES HAVE ADDED "GLORIOUS LARCENY" TO LIST OF THEFTS—AND TREAT IT REVERENTLY.
BY JOHN H. PERRY.
Some judges—great in wisdom—have revised definitions which they learned at law-school. Legal writers have always divided larceny, for instance, into classes of petit and grand. Petit larceny is the theft of about ten dollars. Grand larceny would average probably the taking of a thousand.

To these some of our modern learned judges have added a new class, "glorious larceny," which is the stealing of a million or more and is hardly an offense at all.
Three years ago I saw one of these "glorious larcenists" and one of the "hardened criminals" of the plain larceny class receive their sentences on the same day.
The glorious larcenist was a frenzied real estate dealer, advertising himself as the "poor man's friend," surrounding himself with cappers, dividing his swag judiciously with vendors of printer's ink and owners of billboards. He had stolen between two and three millions of dollars.

His system was the purchase of large tracts of land, announcing the building of a new town and the selling of town lots at fabulous prices. Shrewdly circulated rumors of factories to be built, of railroads to be constructed, of sky-scrapers to be erected, of fortunes to be made quickly drew to his net the credulous, the ignorant and unsuspecting.
Had he been content to stop there, he might have been written in history simply as a shrewd and able captain of industry. His crooked mind was not content with the subtler forms of thievery and he enlarged upon his initial trickery and fraud by actually selling the same barren bit of sand lot to at least a half a dozen dupes. Whereupon the law rather reluctantly charged him with larceny and convicted him.

The law provided a penalty of two and a half years for each of his larcenies, and the jury found him guilty of thirteen of such crimes. You might expect that he was sent to prison for thirteen times that space of time which lawmakers had used as a tape-measure for his felony.
Guess again. The judge saw not the man but the millionaire, and using that discretion which belongs to judges, inserted the word "concurrently" into his sentence whereby he was enabled to do thirteen days' penance for each twenty-four hours he passed behind prison-bars.

Perhaps the poor devil had heard the same words before. At any rate glancing at his fellow felon in broadcloth, he voiced his disapproval of the judicial sermon by boldly telling the ermined one to "TELL THAT TO SWEENEY."
The judge changed the sentence. Instead of five years he made the minimum punishment ten. Discretionary to a judge is twice as great a crime as stealing a million dollars. That was three years ago. During the next six years that the man who stole a million will spend amid his roses this poor devil will be working in a jute mill. Such is justice.

GERMANS CAPTURE LONGWY

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Resisting the attack of the Germans for 24 days the old fortress of Longwy, which has been bombarded since August 3, has capitulated, the garrison numbering only one battalion. More than half the men had been killed or wounded.

This fact was given out in an official statement from the war information bureau.
It is also given out that the French troops have driven the Germans back in the Vosges district and are assuming the offensive. The French attack in the region between the Vosges and Nancy has continued for five days without interruption. The German losses are said to have been enormous.

Begin Sistine Masses
ROME, Aug. 28.—Cardinal Vannutelli today celebrated the first of the Sistine chapel masses for the repose of the soul of Pope Pius X. Every cardinal in Rome participated in the services.

POLICE NERVOUS AS GRAFT HEARING DAY APPROACHES; WITNESSES SCARED AWAY

With police officers wondering nervously what developments they may expect, Mayor A. V. Fawcett said this morning that he was ready to prove graft in the police department, when the graft hearing is called at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Witnesses gone.
Instead of bringing a number of witnesses, Mayor Fawcett will present affidavits from persons who have either been directly interested in police graft or who have positive information regarding it, the mayor said today. Most of the witnesses have been so badly terrorized by the police that they have left the city, but some of them have furnished affidavits.
"There's a reign of terror in Tacoma, caused by the police threats," said Mayor Fawcett today. "These persons who could testify against the police are afraid of their lives. They dare not put in an appearance here."

MYSTERY! BULLETINS

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 28.—It is officially announced that the Russians have occupied Tilsit, a town 60 miles northeast of Koenigsberg, East Prussia.
LONDON, Aug. 28.—A merchant who arrived yesterday from Berlin, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Chronicle, says trains from Koenigsberg reaching Berlin are crowded with fugitives, who say civilians have been strongly advised to leave.

INVESTIGATE SHIP WRECK

Following the charges that the C. P. R. steamer Princess Victoria, which rammed and sunk the steamer Admiral Sampson Wednesday morning, was traveling at a high speed, although the Sampson was moving slowly. U. S. Inspectors Whitney and Turin are holding a rigid secret investigation of the accident at Seattle today.
The Pacific-Alaska Navigation company has filed libel suit for \$670,000 against the C. P. R., alleging that the Victoria was wholly responsible for the wreck.

WILKESON LOSES \$7,000 IN FIRE

Fire on the main street of Wilkeson, a coal mining town 25 miles east of Tacoma, destroyed two saloons, a restaurant and poolroom last night. The fire started at midnight in the restaurant, probably caused by an overturned stove. All the structures were small frame buildings. The total loss amounts to \$7,000.

Berlin Craze By Joyful News

BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—Convinced by Germany's latest victories on the French frontier that the Kaiser's troops would soon reach Paris, Berlin is half delirious with joy today. The fatherland's infantry, it is officially announced, has shown superiority over the enemies at Neubeug, Longwy, Namur and other places.

FRENCH KAISER FEAR REACH PARIS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—A report of a series of German victories over the allies has been sent to the German embassy here from Berlin. It reads:
"The French army has been divided. The eastern and northern armies are being widely separated."
"The French west army has been partly driven south."
"As a result of recent encounters the French and British armies on the Sambre and Meuse rivers are surrounded on all sides by Germans. The French west army has been partly driven south."
"All German armies are in close contact from Cambria to upper Alsace. The German cavalry has advanced on Ostend. Civilians of Louvain attacked German troops while they were fighting. They were punished by a destruction of their city. The appearance of Zeppelins at Antwerp has thrown London into a panic."

British Must Fight or Die

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Such mad confusion of fighting has prevailed at the front that for a moment it is hard to determine how the tide of battle is going. That the allies have given ground at points where the Germans are most numerous is admitted.
The war office asserted that the second defensive lines are holding, though the Germans outnumber the French and British. It is denied that the French flank has been turned. It is insisted that "at a proper time" the Gallic troops will resume the offensive.
"MUST WIN OR DIE!"
The British are holding the center of the line opposing the invaders. The British expeditions, it is stated, have been combined, and have been given a post where they must either defeat the Germans or be overwhelmed. The expert opinion is that the Kaiser is staking everything on a mass assault.

\$10,000 FIRE

ELLENSBURG, Aug. 28.—An explosion of gasoline in the gasoline engine hoisting room in the Northern Pacific coal bunkers here last night started a fire which destroyed the coal bunkers with a loss estimated at \$10,000 and seriously burned Jack Brown, chief machinist in the railroad shops, son-in-law of State Senator Charles Flummerfelt.

COWBOYS AND STEAM CALLOPES VISIT TACOMA

Coming on a special train to boost the Columbia River Interstate fair, to be held in Vancouver, Wash., September 7-12, more than 150 Vancouverites, with a band of cowboys and a steam callopes, arrived in the city last night. They were given a reception at the Commercial club, attended by several hundred club members. They left this morning for Olympia.
Because the city council does not want the county commissioners to think that it is accepting gratuities on any "trade" proposition, the council today arranged for an afternoon meeting at the court house to discuss an \$8,000 appropriation made to the city for construction of the city's portion of Pioneer way.

FREE 3 BOX SEATS TO FANTASIES THEATRE
If you find your name published today among the classified ads of The Times, each day a new name of some Tacoma resident will appear. The party whose name appears shall be entitled to three seats for the performance of the week, which are absolutely free.