

DISCOVERED!

We've discovered a thick plot. The weather man, dishing out fair weather each day, is conniving to give us those summer "co'ds in the dose" that we all boast today. Please, can't we have some rain?

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POLITICS.

California voters have a ballot four feet long. They furnish a stepladder for the voters at the polls. We've got 180 names on our ballots for next Tuesday. How did it happen, we ask?

3 NATIONS CLASH IN BIGGEST BATTLE OF WORLD'S HISTORY

FLAMES CAUSE HEAVY LOSS

With a loss estimated at \$650,000, the monster packing department of the Carstens Packing company, located on the tide flats, near the middle waterway, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. Firemen with seven engines, pumping 20 streams of water, were able to gain control of the flames after several hours' desperate fighting, and confined them to the main building of the plant, saving the offices and auxiliary structures. Night Watchman T. H. Magnusen discovered the fire on the roof of the lard refinery at 1:30 o'clock. Nine Companies Respond. Nine companies of fire apparatus responded. Six steam pumps, with the big gasoline pump, fought the flames from 1:30 o'clock until a late hour this morning the fire continued to burn. Property of the St. Paul mill and of the Standard Oil company, adjoining the packing plant, was not damaged by the fire. Several head of cattle in pens across the street from the packing plant were stampeded. Two Big Fires. This morning's fire is the second disastrous tidelands fire in four days. The long dock and trestle of the St. Paul mill was destroyed by fire Saturday morning, with a loss of \$40,000. Little Insurance. Practically none of the loss is covered by insurance. There was a \$1,000 policy on part of the building that would have expired at noon today. This is all that Thomas Carstens, president of the company, will be able to collect. May Not Be Rebuilt. Carstens has been anxious to remove his plant to an Eastern Washington location, and it is doubtful whether he will rebuild in Tacoma. Among the losses were \$16,000 worth of beef, killed yesterday.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS
Clearings \$ 363,371.59
Balances 60,602.92
Transactions 1,321,557.76

Who Grants the Favor?

We ask you to become a depositor at this bank, thereby asking you to do us a favor; but at the same time we ask the privilege of rendering you a valuable service. We ask the privilege of being your banker; of caring for your money and keeping it safely, free of charge; of being your friend, counselor and adviser; and, if necessity arises, of extending you credit and helping you in every way we can, both as friend and banker. You will find it very advantageous to accept our invitation to become a customer of this bank.

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1115 Pacific Av., Tacoma, Wash.

FRENCH PICKETS PREPARING TO FIRE ON OPPOSING GERMANS



The French soldiers are hereshown on the firing line in Alsace, where for a time they had the advantage of the victorious Germans. It is this type of French soldiery that is united with the flower of the British army in resisting the forces of the kaiser.

Belgians Plan Action

ANTWERP, via The Hague, Sept. 1.—Following a conference between King Albert and his staff, it is believed that the Belgians have planned today to take an aggressive attitude against the Germans immediately. The Belgians' concentration camps are exceedingly active, and it is reported that the British at Ostend are being strongly re-enforced, and that they would co-operate with the Belgians in the field is considered possible. The Belgian cavalry continued its harassing tactics today, threatening the German line's communication.

MILLS ELABORATE IN HIS ESTIMATE

Commissioner of Safety A. U. Mills filed a budget of expenses for the coming year with the city clerk today, his estimated expense for 1915 being several thousand dollars in excess of this year's expense. Mills asks for a new \$4,000 police patrol, about \$9,000 extra for maintenance of the police department, and about \$10,000 extra for the fire department. Mills wants four new motorcycles for the police, and a couple of Ford automobiles for the fire alarm linemen and building inspector.

SEGREGATE SEXES

Attendance at the Tacoma schools on the first day of the new semester broke all records yesterday, with 11,458 pupils enrolled, according to the figures of Superintendent Geiger. This figure is expected to be increased later, as there is always a large number of pupils who enroll during the first week. At the Lincoln Park high school, Principal W. W. Parker segregated the sexes in the roll rooms yesterday, for the first time in the history of Tacoma schools, and if the plan is successful it will be instituted in all the Tacoma schools.

EGGERS IS HELD FOR AUTO THEFT

Confessing to the police that he had stolen the automobile of A. T. Stall, 4304 Yakima avenue, last evening, it is reported, Theodore Eggers Jr., superintendent of the Eggers Fish company, was today bound over on a charge of automobile theft by Police Judge Magill, with \$500 bail fixed for his release. Eggers and Frank Filton, a mechanic, are said to have stolen the machine last night. The official police report says that both men were intoxicated, and that they insulted several young women during their ride around the city.

COLORED WOMEN MEET

Colored women of Tacoma met at the African M. E. church last night and formed the Colored Women's Republican club. Officers were elected and plans were made for helping the republican cause at the coming elections.

GERMANS LEAVE BELGIUM

LONDON, Sept. 1.—The Daily Mail dispatches today reported the Germans rapidly withdrawing troops from Belgium. It is said that many cities they have taken are being evacuated.

HANSON HERE, READY FOR TALK TONIGHT

Declaring that he would carry Eastern Washington by a big majority, Ole Hanson, progressive candidate for nomination as United States senator, arrived in Tacoma today after a vigorous campaign in all of the eastern counties. "I've toured practically all the eastern counties, and it looks as though I would get the nomination easily," said Hanson. Hanson came to Tacoma to be the principal speaker at a big pre-primary rally of the Pierce county progressives at Moose hall tonight. Stanton Warburton will be chairman of the rally, and State Senator W. H. Paulhamus will speak for J. A. Falconer, who has been held in Washington, D. C., by the long congressional session. Mayor Fawcett will sit on the platform, and will probably make an address.

DEMENTED WOMAN HID IN BUSHES

SOUTH BEND, Sept. 1.—While police searched within 20 feet of her hiding place, Mrs. John I. Anderson, wife of a local boomtender, who disappeared last Thursday, hid in a clump of bushes and refused to reveal herself. She was found last night. Mrs. Anderson is subject to temporary spells of mental aberration, it is said.

TACOMA MAN SHOOT'S SELF

Dickey Myers, 22, living at South 25th and Yakima streets, accidentally shot and killed himself this afternoon with a .22 rifle in a woodsmans cabin at South 12th and Pearl streets. He had seized the weapon to shoot a grouse and the trigger, catching on a nail, discharged the gun, sending the bullet in his breast. He died soon after before police officials arrived. He had been working for two weeks with Elmer and Edward Nelson, who lived in the cabin.

Women Risk Lives

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Carrying 150 passengers, mostly women and children, the steamer City of Chicago rushed into the river today with its hold in flames, crashed into the pier and sank. All the passengers and crew were saved. The fire started when the vessel was far out on the lake. Wireless calls for aid were sent out. Many passengers, including women, became panic stricken, leaped overboard, and swam out to approaching tugs. All passengers not saved by tugs were removed safely before the vessel sank.

Won't Hurt Fair

OLYMPIA, Sept. 1.—Although the European war still prevents countries of that continent from sending exhibits to the Panama-Pacific exposition next year, the exposition will be enhanced by unusually large exhibits from South America, and by the more solid support of the United States, according to L. M. Brown, horticultural commissioner of the state fair commission of Washington.

Russians Win Over Austria

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 1.—The war office announced today that Lemberg, in Austrian Galicia, has been invested and that its capture is certain. The Russians in Austria, it is stated, are more numerous than the Austrians and expect to overwhelm them. "The German defense is stiffening, and we are sustaining severe losses in east Prussia," the war office declared, "but the enemy is losing far more heavily than we are and won't be able to withstand our assault."

AVERAGE WORKMAN GETS \$2.88 A DAY

OLYMPIA, Sept. 1.—Workmen in mills, workshops, factories and logging camps in the state of Washington work an average of nine hours and 45 minutes each day and receive an average wage of \$2.88 a day, according to a report of the state bureau of labor for 1914.

WAR ATLAS COUPON

This coupon with 20 cents, if presented to The Times office, entitles the bearer to a 20-page War Atlas. (25 cents by mail.)
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Hordes Of Men Facing Death

VIENNA, Sept. 1.—"The greatest battle in the history of the world," was the war office's description in a statement issued today of the conflict now in progress along the Russo-German and Russo-Austrian frontiers, where upward of 3,000,000 men are engaged in actual fighting. No decisive result is as yet in sight, but some definite conclusion to the hostilities cannot be long delayed. As a result of the concentration between Lublin and Grubiescoze, for 60 miles, the fighting is said to be almost hand to hand.

Parisians In Wild Flight

PARIS, Sept. 1.—Four German armies are pounding on the French left today. "The allies' line, though intact, is nevertheless retreating. Having mounted heavy artillery, the Germans are murderously shelling the French entrenchments from Sedan southward. The French continues the offensive along the Lorraine frontier. Paris is quiet. In anticipation of a siege, the exodus of non-combatants continued today. All trains were packed. Crowds in Panic. Fifty troop trains have been provided by the government to facilitate the departures. Even these are inadequate to handle the situation, and the jams at all stations are so great that the police were kept busy to prevent serious accidents. May Move Government. The authorities are encouraging all but soldiers to leave. No steps have been taken toward moving the seat of government, though the subject is being considered by the cabinet. General Joffre has predicted that the German troops will not get closer than 50 miles of Paris.

Germans Laugh At War Danger

BERLIN, via The Hague, Sept. 1.—Germany's advance against the Franco-British allies has again continued, the war office announced today. The enemy was repulsed with heavy losses near Lafare, it is stated. Elsewhere the operations of the kaiser's troops have been satisfactory, it is said. The war office asserted that the situation is excellent on the eastern frontier. The Germans in east Prussia are reported to have been reinforced and have taken the offensive against the Russians. Stories of the Russians menacing the German line fortifications along the Vistula river are ridiculed.

TRAPPED--HOW AN AMERICAN GIRL ESCAPED EUROPE!

CHAPTER I.
THE WAR IS COMING
By Louise Townsend Nicholl
"The war is coming, and no one will be gladder to see it than a Britisher," said the old guard who showed us the tower of London. We were watching the reserve drilling, turning and returning, marching and halting, all under the weight of their great fur hats, all just skirting the little enclosure where Anne Boleyn was killed. This was the last day. I crossed the chapel and if I had been

ing I would not have gone, would not have seen Paris in its mad war-fever, would not have missed the boat I was booked for, would not have got steered away from the Celtic just five minutes before the center left with its cargo of Americans and its smattering of immigrants. But I had given up reading papers in my meteoric flight through England and Scotland, and some way the old guard's warning seemed more a bit of local coloring than anything else. He told us of the troops which had left for Newcastle that morn-

ing at half an hour's notice. "Could your American soldiers do that, Miss?" he asked abruptly, looking at me, with suspicion. I frankly did not know and anyway it was time for me to be off to St. Paul's. When we reached Rouen the next day the pension-keeper would not accept our traveling cheques; the banks would not cash them. "La guerre," said the pension-keeper, shrugging her plump shoulders and looking at us with big eyes. "La guerre," said the bank

clerks, eyeing two American women alone in France, at this time, with a kind of pitying admiration. But we talked with Americans at the pension, and they said: "Paris will surely be safe for a few days. Anyway, you can get your cheques cashed there. We would go if we were you." So we, being "you" went. The station at Rouen was crowded with French soldiers and their families. Every man was the center of a little crowd of women. The children pulled at his coat or fingered his beauti-

ful red cap as he picked them up to kiss them goodbye. We sat on our suitcases in the corridor of the train, for soldiers had first place. At every bridge or crossing was stationed a soldier. But still it all seemed a strange rumor, a sort of play by which these excitable people, these little French soldiers in their blue and red, these young mothers holding up their littlest babies to be kissed goodbye, were filling their summer days. The fair, sunny country of France passed us by. The sweet air from the fields sifted

in through the train windows. Inside, the soldiers were cheering and jesting roughly, but outside a peaceful land rolled itself out before us, a tolerant land, generous of beautiful in peace. The River Seine wound coolly in and out of the yellow grain fields, into which some of the English poppies had strayed. Everywhere the fields were dotted carefully—beautifully—with the slim black poplars, the very symbol, slender, and full of grace, of what I had thought France to be. The soldiers laughed among themselves inside the compartments, and we

were nearing Paris. Paris was hot, crowded, hectic, hurried, confused. The army was mobilizing. We had come from England and from old Rouen, where the air had come in from where the dark yeteases and the Cathedral spire were silhouetted against the late twilight. It was a very rude awakening. At that time there were two of us. I could talk only the merest trifle of French. My friend could not say anything but "Mais oui, Madame." "Mais, non, Monsieur." With great difficulty we got

a cab after coming out ahead in an argument with the porter, who wanted four francs for carrying our bags to the cab, we started for our hotel. (Continued on Page Three.)
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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 should call at The Times office before 4 p. m. tomorrow for an order for the seats, which are absolutely free.