

8,000,000 AMERICANS ARE DESTITUTE

(Editor's Note.—Two million American men and women are unemployed this winter! This means that nearly eight million people are destitute—starving or near starvation. The United States government is ignoring the terrible situation. The president did not even refer to it in his message. Most of the states and cities are also officially ignoring it. The unemployment of two million Americans—the destitution of four times that number—can no longer be regarded. There must be action! It is time for President Wilson and congress and all in authority to WAKE UP! PLAN SOMETHING! GET BUSY!)
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TALK O' THE TIMES
WHO SAID THAT?
"Time flies."
Edward Young, born 1684, died 1765, wrote this suggestion. However, we wager ten to one Edward never tried to time a fly in his life.

PASS THE LEXICON
I do rejoice that I have passed the awkward age of youth! For pert, precocious, know-all quabs
Get on my nerves, forsooth!
(Look it up in the dictionary. We had to.)

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE

"Soy Bean came down town carryin' somethin' in a clear box gingerly. He favored a few of his more intimate friends with a peep at th' contents, and ther wuz many guesses at what it wuz. Some said it wuz a wombat and other said it was a Spug."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A cucumber pickle will last longer if given a coat of white shellac.
A pinch of indigo will give cream a better color.
A stovepipe should be turned inside out and given a good airing in the fall and spring.
Cod liver oil is good for a clock that is run down.

COME AND SEE

THE TAN GO
We dye them black for fifty cents.
(The above sign was saw in a shining parlor.)

DEAR STEVE—

We've heard that oft On Sat'dy eve
The pay-day ghost doth walk. But pedal soft,
Don't bull us, Steve— Don't waste your windy talk. We've had experience in that line—
That stuff to us is Auld Lang Syne—
We are no blithering simps. We know it's so—
So beat it! Blow! The ghost don't walk, he limps.

WINTER SPORTS

Instructing wife instructing cook.
Listening to cook listening to wife instructing cook.

WAR NEWS

Fighting in the Champagne district in France is terrific, says a news despatch. That's nothing. We have seen terrific fighting in our own champagne district.

NO, WE THINK NOT

Will the person who borrowed my rubber boots a few weeks ago return them at once?—R. S. Blank. Ad in New Richmond News.

O TELL US, AL

Prince Alexander of Serbia declares the end of the war is in sight. But which end?

CITY HALL NEWS

Mayor Fawcett wears black Sox on his feet.
Clarence Rockhill sits in the mayor's office in a seat.
A. U. Mills, head of the fire department, hasn't fired anyone for a week.
W. Scott Snyder, the building inspector, has to pay for all the Snyder's catsup he eats just the same.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor: Please tell me the proper way to beat an egg.—Ethel.

Answer: Get a good start and run fast. You can beat it.—Ed.

ALAS, POOR FELLOWS!

"Until I noticed a group of men examining photographs of the Tacoma girls in 'The Dance' in front of the Tacoma theater yesterday, 'postcards C. C. E.' I didn't know there were so many near-sighted people in the city."

SMASH!

Captures Broadway



Margaret Williams

ARMED WITH SMILE, SHE CONQUERS CITY

And along came Margaret Williams, a very young person from Kentucky, she had no theatrical experience and she had no theatrical pull, but with a smile, a radiant, confident smile she captured Broadway, New York, U. S. A.
It was her alluring smile that won for her a place in George V. Hobart's extravaganza, "Experience," in which she plays the role of the siren, "Intoxication," who lures with mirth and melody. She also plays the contrasting character of "Frailty," a poor little creature of the street—the daughter of "Intoxication."

Blackhand Threatens President Wilson May Not Visit Northwest

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7.—James Spaña of Youngstown, O., who Captain John E. Washer, United States secret service operator, charges wrote a "black hand" letter to President Wilson, demanding money, was brought to Cleveland last night and placed in the county jail. Spaña denies the charge. He was arrested yesterday in the Youngstown postoffice when he inquired for a letter from his mother in Cavalona, Italy.
Spaña says he was asked after his arrest to write President Wilson's name and the address. He says he was shown an envelope with this address on it, but he did not see the letter he is charged with having written. Captain Washer said he could not reveal the contents of the letter.

OHIO RIVERS THREATENING

DAYTON, O., Jan. 7.—Dayton is facing the possibility of another serious flood. The Miami river is rising rapidly. Seventy men are prepared to dynamite huge ice gorges and are watching at the junction of the Stillwell and Miami rivers, a dangerous point. Ice gorges in the Muskingum and Licking rivers are threatening bridges at Zanesville.

British Release U. S. Steamship

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The American steamship Denver, bound from Norfolk to Bremen with a cargo of cotton, which was held up by a British cruiser and diverted to the Orkney islands, was today ordered released, the government having acted so promptly that the United States had no time to file a protest. The vessel was laden under supervision of British consular representatives. Its detention was a surprise to the admiralty.

PHONE RATE TO DEVELOP WARM FIGHT

Calling upon Tacoma citizens to fight for their rights and demand that the city commissioners represent them properly in granting a 25-year franchise to the Sunset Telephone company in Tacoma, Mayor Fawcett today fired the first gun of his campaign for lower telephone rates.
The mayor's franchise ordinance comes up for final passage on Wednesday, January 27. Fawcett declared today that he would appeal to every voter in Tacoma to attend the council session and bring pressure to bear on Commissioners Atkins, Drake, Mills and Woods to pass the mayor's ordinance.
REDUCE RATES ONE-THIRD
Fawcett has enumerated in his franchise ordinance the rates that the company may charge, his proposed rates being two-thirds the present rates. He specifies that the telephone company, which, it is said, planned to move its offices from Tacoma to Seattle, must remain here.
In the statement to the Times the mayor shows that the company is collecting \$50,000 a month in Tacoma, or \$600,000 a year. Without any increase in the city's size, this would amount to \$15,000,000 in 25 years.
\$3,750,000 SAVING
The adoption of these new rates, by the company would save the people on the present business \$150,000 a year, or in 25 years \$3,750,000, says the mayor's proclamation. "But with the growth of the city and increased business, the saving would be multiplied. A conservative estimate of the saving in the next 25 years under these new rates would be at least \$17,500,000—enough to pay the entire city debt and wipe out nearly the debt on the water and light plants as well."
"I wish every man and woman would become aroused over the importance of the matter. The people have a right to demand it."

Y. M. C. A. WOULD EDUCATE COPS TO PAY FOR LIGHTS

Tacoma's Y. M. C. A. wants to educate our policemen.
The association has prepared a proposition to be submitted to the city council within a few days, by which it will guarantee to educate the coppers, mentally and physically, if the city will cancel a bill of over \$500 that the Y. M. C. A. owes for light and water.
"The association ought to give the cops a course of education that would teach them how to reduce their waist bands by six or seven inches," remarked Commissioner Atkins today.
"Why, if we make that kind of a bargain," said Mayor Fawcett, "everybody in town will ask the privilege of educating the policemen, in exchange for free light and water. They'd be anxious for the chance."
The council decided to wait another week before taking action towards collecting the Y. M. C. A. bill, and will listen to the association's offer of free police education whenever the educators are ready to state the proposition.

ATKINS SUGGESTS LIGHTED BRIDGE

Electric illumination of the 11th street bridge will probably be ordered as the result of an informal discussion by the city council today. Commissioner Atkins suggested that electric lights be placed on the bridge, so as to outline the big structure from top to bottom in electric ribbons.
"The cost would not be great, and it would be a grand sight, besides advertising our municipal light plant," said Atkins.
Atkins also declared that the lights illuminating the city hall should either be repaired or discarded. Only half of the lamps are burning. Commissioner Woods said he would repair the lights at once.

Maybe! Hard Fighting Is Continuous

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Hard fighting in the eastern and western war zones was reported today, with no particular gains on either side except that the Germans had made substantial progress in the Argonne region. At North Arras the French are trying to recapture the trenches that the Germans took from them earlier in the week. At Argonne it is stated the Germans have gained and are still taking the offensive.

Today's Best Joke

"Just met your wife."
"That so? What'd she have to say?"
"Nothing."
"It wasn't my wife!"

Congressman From Michigan; Member House Committee on Labor.

Congress is trying to deal with every problem under the sun except the most important problem of all—UNEMPLOYMENT.
Literally millions of men and women are today out of employment in the United States and are face to face with black despair. The industrial system in this country makes it inevitable that there shall be many workers constantly out of employment. The conditions at this time are intensified.
What congress must do at this time is STOP TALKING AND DO SOMETHING. I have introduced three bills to provide for a national labor exchange so that the man out of a job who wants a job can get it if there is one in the country.

The first bill creates an elaborate machinery by which the postoffices throughout the country become employment bureau centers. I have introduced two other bills in skeleton form, one of which simply authorizes a bureau in the department of labor to act as a labor exchange. The other bill authorizes the postoffice department to act as such a bureau.

THESE BILLS ARE HUNG UP. The house committee on labor says it is waiting for the report of the Industrial Relations commission. IN THE MEANTIME MEN ARE STARVING TO DEATH. They cannot wait!

If one of these bills should be passed—or if any bill of similar nature were passed at once—the department of labor could begin putting the JOBLESS MAN AND THE MANLESS JOB IN TOUCH.

That is simply the first step. After the jobs which are open are filled there will still remain a reserve army of unemployed which it is the duty of the government to make some provision for. These men are not tramps, beggars, loafers or vagrants. Those who are sick or incompetent should be cared for in institutions. The others should not be dependant on charity.

CHARITY IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE. What these men want is a chance to earn a decent living. They want work, not charity. I am in favor of giving the man in this situation a chance to make something of himself. Society is usually responsible for the condition in which he finds himself. It is the duty of society to help him out.

The only way the unemployed problem will ever be solved will be by every city, county, state and the national government, each in its respective field, embarking on public works of enduring character and providing jobs for the men who want work and can't get it.

As long as our industrial system is such that it necessitates an army of unemployed, it is the duty of society to see that this army can find work to do. AN IMMEDIATE AND PRACTICAL STEP, which is by no means a final solution, is to enter upon public work and pay good wages and provide decent conditions of labor for the unemployed.

ENGLAND PREPARES FOR GERMAN RAID

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Added precautions by the authorities today indicate their belief that an important German aerial raid is expected in the near future. Additional men have been sent to the coast guard stations and crews in charge of the aerial guns have been strengthened.
The London police have been instructed to rigidly enforce the lighting regulations. The precautions follow the discovery that Zeppelins had been cruising the straits of Dover, escorted by army aeroplanes. It is believed they were sent out to determine the air currents, similar to preliminaries to a general raid, probably on London.
The Zeppelins have been plainly seen at Dunkirk. They did not approach within range of the guns, but the aeroplanes were fired upon and driven away. One was hit, but it escaped.
Both the Zeppelins and aeroplanes are reported to be carrying light machine guns. It is believed that if a raid materializes it will be directed on a naval base in an attempt at retaliation for the Cuxhaven affair. The British aerial squadron is prepared for invasion, armed with machine guns and bombs.

TACOMA LAWYER WANTS EXPERT CRACKSMAN TO BLOW OPEN SAFE

Wanted—An expert safe cracker. Apply Hugo Metzler, Bernice Bldg.
Hugo Metzler, wealthy Tacoma attorney, after an unsuccessful search of the county and city jails, is today in a quandry as to where and how he is to find a man sufficiently skilled in the science of safe-cracking to open a big three-ton vault which the attorney has just installed in his office in the Bernice building.
Locked in the big safe are papers of inestimable value, and Metzler has not the combination. Neither is he a capable Jimmy Valentine.
Metzler purchased the safe yesterday. The second-hand dealer of whom it was bought gave the purchaser the combination written on a slip of paper. A painter was engaged to retouch the safe, and, inadvertently closed the door while at work, locking the combination card inside with a lot of other valuable papers.
This morning Metzler called the county and city jails, hoping to find a man who could open the safe, but was unsuccessful. He is thinking seriously of sending to McNell's island and Walls, and says it may be possible he will have the safe taken outside the city limits and blown with nitro-glycerine.

Italy Demands An Explanation

TURIN, Italy, Jan. 7.—Italy has demanded explanations and reparation from Austria, according to an assertion in the Stampa, for "the arrest and detention of four Italians held as hostages at Belgrade during the Austrian occupation."

