

Oregon City, Ore., is built on two levels, an abrupt cliff separating the business and residential sections. A municipal elevator was erected recently to connect the two stories of the town.

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KEEP OFF THE GRASS
FEB 12

WEATHER FORECAST
Tacoma and vicinity: Probably rain tonight and Saturday.
Washington: Fair east, probable rain west portion tonight and Saturday.

BELGIUM DOOMED! Whole Country Swept Clean of Moveable Property and Food, and Land a Desert

WOULD CLASH WITH I. W. W.

CENTRALIA, Feb. 12.—Chief of Police R. L. Scheider is assembling his forces to resist another invasion of I. W. W.'s, which he was informed from Seattle yesterday will be made tomorrow night. The threatened invasion was learned through a letter written to Seattle by a crippled vagrant ordered out of the city by the local police last week, in which he urged that the invading force be of sufficient strength to overcome local opposition, such as caused 47 of the undesirable to be escorted from the city last week by citizens. At a meeting of the Trades and Labor council last night a committee of 50 men was named to assist the chief.

TACOMA PEOPLE HONOR LINCOLN

At the Armory, the schools and many of the churches Tacomans are today commemorating the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. G. A. R. veterans and veterans of the Spanish-American war and their women's auxiliaries, will hold forth at the Armory tonight when a program will be given, and will attend services in a body at the First Methodist church Sunday, when Rev. C. E. Chie of Portland will deliver a Lincoln memorial address. The Tacoma Bar association will hold its annual Lincoln day banquet at the Tacoma hotel this evening. Programs in both high schools will be given throughout the afternoon.

BENBOW GRABBED

L. I. Benbow, county superintendent of schools, was arrested by Motorcycle Officer Fred McCallum late yesterday afternoon charged with having driven his automobile past a standing street car. The alleged offense occurred at 14th and 11th on Pacific avenue. Benbow deposited \$10 bail for his appearance in court.

JUDGE CHIDES 'EM

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Judge Gatens halted the "spite" suit between two factions of the First Methodist church here, to admonish the litigants and suspend trial. He ordered the contestants to go home and open peace negotiations. The trial was to settle title to the property on which the church is located.

CHILD IMPROVES

Little Willie Wawkaas, aged 4, who was frightfully burned recently while playing "bonfire" with an older brother, will probably survive, according to nurses at St. Joseph's hospital today.

MUSIC ACADEMY BURNS

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Academy of Music, a famous landmark here, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Your Husband's Pay Envelope

Your part of the bargain, Mrs. Housewife, is to make your husband's pay envelope bring to the whole family the greatest possible number of necessities and comforts. Judicious buying on your part means the same thing in the long run as an increase in your husband's pay envelope. A dollar well spent is worth \$1.50 carelessly spent.

Commonsense buying combined with careful study of advertisements will in the course of a year be equivalent to a ten per cent increase in the purchasing power of your husband's pay envelope. That means the same as an outright increase in your husband's pay.

Go through Times' advertisement tonight. We found such a flock of exceptional opportunities to make a dollar do the work of a dollar and a half that you can't help but see them yourself.

Don't overlook Frank Hart's interesting and original ad on page 8. READ THE ADS.

The United States is still pouring supplies into Belgium by the shipload. Millions of dollars have already been spent to keep this unfortunate people from starving. Is their condition improving? How is Belgium after six months under the conqueror? The following article, together with another to be printed tomorrow from our two correspondents, show the state of affairs in that country in mid-winter.—Editor.

BY MARY BOYLE O'REILLY.

LONDON, England, Feb. 12.—The conqueror's house-wrecking Belgium and moving the debris back to Germany! Military authorities have inaugurated sabotage of war on church ornaments, precious metals, memorial brasses, grills and chimes commanded in Namur and other cities of the devastated nation. French prisoners are leveling the forests and the wood is being sent back to the Fatherland.

ACCIDENTS ARE FREQUENT

At Mons, Liege and Charleroi, 40,000 prisoners are mining coal for Germany. Ignorant of the methods of dissecting the bowels of the earth dreadful accidents are happening among them. All factories, especially the textile plants of Ghent, Courtrai and Verviers are being dismantled and the machinery sent to Germany. Copper from the destruction of Belgian industries is being sent to Essen to be made into bullets. Everywhere ruin portends a frightful economic future.

The known war loss of the Belgians now amounts to \$1,100,000,000! Germany has offered to end its destructive measures on payment of \$100,000,000. The present monthly indemnity is \$8,000,000.

MILLIONS LOSE ALL

The 2,000 parishes, or counties, of Belgium are densely populated with millions of peasant land owners who have lost their all. In France are 300,000 penniless refugees. All official city and county records have been destroyed.

The allies contend that Germany must feed the Belgians. Ger-

many claims that Belgium must feed itself and the invading army. There are approximately 7,000,000 persons now in Belgium. The invaders are now driving from France another 3,000,000. Twelve hundred thousand of these are absolutely destitute.

The American relief committee is sending monthly supplies amounting to \$6,000,000. It has sufficient funds to last until March 30. Then God knows what will happen!

NO HOPE FOR BELGIUM

The prospects are dark. There probably will be no harvest this year. Famine now means famine later. Disease is breaking out. Should an epidemic develop it would spread like wildfire. There is no hope for Belgium.

The military authorities are still requisitioning enormous quantities of food and fodder in the villages near the fighting. Elsewhere they are seizing cattle, money and local food supplies.

There are whole cities of beggars with drawn faces and hopeless demeanor. Fully two million persons are living on a half loaf of bread and few potatoes apiece daily. Babies are suffering tremendously through lack of milk. In some parts of the country the peasants are nearly naked, and subsisting on grass, nuts and boiled leaves.

Compare the fate of the peasants with the experience of the two countesses of Lerebancourt. The girls are orphaned and their brothers are away at the front. The prince of Wied, the story goes, established his staff headquarters in their castle and compelled the two countesses to serve at table and act as chambermaids. On leaving, it is alleged, the staff looted the family treasures. Whatever remained was smashed by soldiers.

LINCOLN DAY BANQUETS FOR TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The nation's capitol today paid tribute to the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, on this, the 105th anniversary of his birth. Tonight the National Emancipation Commemorative society will hold a big mass meeting at which the speakers will be Representative Greene of Massachusetts, the Rev. James Ed Churchman of New Jersey and the Rev. M. W. D. Norman of this city.

A movement will be started to get congress to make Lincoln's birthday a national holiday.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—Members of the Illinois general assembly will be guests tonight at

the annual Lincoln banquet, at the state armory. President Wilson, who was urged to attend as the principal speaker, could not leave Washington. Bishop Samuel Fallows, Senator L. Y. Sherman, Archbishop Glennon and Guston Borglum of New York are the speakers. A pilgrimage to Lincoln's tomb was a feature of the day here.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Governor Whitman, United States Senator J. E. Wadsworth, former Ambassador Myron T. Herrick and Congressman J. Adam Bede are to be speakers at the Republican club's Lincoln banquet at the Waldorf tonight.

ACCUSED BY GIRL MAN GIVES BOND

David A. Allison, manager of the Clay City plant of the Far West Clay company, is under bonds of \$1,000 today to answer the charges of 15-year-old Christina Sigmund.

Allison was arrested late yesterday and taken to the county jail, where he furnished bonds.

He is charged with having assaulted the Sigmund girl as she was returning home with mail from Clay City along a deserted road.

WORKMAN CRUSHED BY MOVING TRAIN

Antonio Laminio, an Italian, 20 years old, missed his footing when he attempted to leap from car of a logging train near Montezuma late yesterday, fell under the wheels and was crushed to death.

Laminio leaves a widow in Italy. He was employed by the Manley-Moore Logging company. The body will be brought here.

PANAMA SHAKEN

PANAMA, Feb. 12.—A slight earthquake shook the Panama canal zone early today. No damage has been reported.

One More Victim Of Tax Boosting

Suppose the assessed valuation of your property were boosted seven hundred per cent, you would naturally think there was something rotten somewhere, wouldn't you?

Edmund Croft, 609 I street, wealthy property owner, had the "pleasant" experience this year of a seven hundred per cent boost. And Croft says he not only thinks something is rotten somewhere, he says he knows it.

BOOSTED FROM \$90 TO \$600
Croft owns, among his other property, 15 acres of stumps and underbrush, on the banks of Balch and Carp lakes, near Shelton, Heretofore, including the 1913 statement, this property has been taxed on a total valuation of \$90.

A few days ago Croft received his tax statement for the 15 acres, and it gave a valuation of \$600.

Other property in the same neighborhood has been boosted in valuation beyond any reason, despite the fact that not a cent of improvement work has been done, and there are just as many stumps and scrub berry bushes on the land as there ever was.

"It's outrageous," says Croft.

WILL MAKE PROTEST
"I have investigated taxation in other counties adjoining ours, and I learn that in almost every case taxes have gone down this year. Instead, however, Pierce county's taxes have gone sky-high. The taxpayers have to suffer, and especially in a year when they can hardly afford the added burden."

Croft announced today that he would join with the Roy taxpayers, or any other taxpayers who have a just grievance, and demand that valuations be reduced.

BRITISH OFFICIALS RESENT VIGOR OF U. S. WARNING

LONDON, Feb. 12.—That the United States intends to protect the rights and privileges of her citizens and merchant ships in the war zone is the construction placed on notes forwarded to England and Germany regarding the Lusitania flag incident and German extension of the war zone in British waters.

There is no question that the vigorous language used in the communications was a distinct surprise to a majority of diplomats.

It is the general disposition on the part of officials here to resent the action of the American state department in assuming, without asking official information, that the British war office sanctioned the "misuse of neutral flags."

It is believed the note to Great Britain would have aroused great irritation but for the fact that the language in the note to Germany was equally strong.

BANKER AND WIFE BEATEN TO DEATH

OAKLAND, Feb. 12.—Jacob Vogel and his wife were found in their home early today, murdered. The couple had been beaten to death by an axe or club by robbers while fighting for their lives and property.

Three rooms in the home were spattered with blood. Vogel was a wealthy banker. He was president of the Bank of Sanger and vice president of the First National of Fresno, also a director of the Citizens' National bank of Fruitvale.

PARIS WOMEN TRAIN THEIR BOYS TO DIE



Countess de Mouillac and her son.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—"Above all, the women of Paris are watching their children who must replace the many brave men fallen on the battlefield."

Countess V. de Mouillac of France, who recently arrived here on her way to rejoin her husband, naval chief at Tahiti, was speaking of Paris as "the city without men" and of what the women and children did during their long vigil.

Beside her, as she told of the military spirit firing the youngsters of France, sat her little son, Guy, who is already being taught to be a soldier.

"Paris today is already a woman's world," resumed Countess de Mouillac, "they nurse, operate trams, scrub hospitals, knit and sew for the soldiers, drive cabs, move baggage, in addition to managing their households. They are as much as heroes of the republic as the 'blessed military'."

HYMN WRITER DIES
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—Fanny Crosby, the famous blind hymn writer, died here today, and aged 95 years. She contributed more than 8,000 hymns to the services of Protestant churches under more than 200 pen names during her lifetime.

STORK HOVERS OVER CROWDED JAIL CELLROOM

Mr. F. G. Remann, Prosecuting Attorney of Pierce County: Dear Sir: As result of an examination of one Mrs. Effie Hartly Nottle on Jan. 29, I am of the opinion she is in a delicate state and believe the effect of the place where she is confined at this time may result deliriously upon the offspring on account of the poor ventilation, crowded quarters and her inability to have proper exercise. The general sanitary conditions are not of the best. Respectfully submitter, B. W. SHAW, M. D.

Coincident with his report on the health of Mrs. Effie Hartly Nottle, whose case has attracted the attention of prominent club women here, Dr. B. W. Shaw, a physician, today assailed the women's quarters in the county jail as being "crowded—poorly ventilated—unsanitary."

Petition Release. Influence is being brought on Prosecuting Attorney Remann looking to the release of Mrs. Nottle. A petition, asking that Mrs. Nottle's child be born outside the prison, signed by nearly 100 prominent Tacoma women, will be presented within a few days to the prosecutor.

Jail Unsanitary. "Any jail so constructed is not a proper place for the confinement of human beings," said Dr. Shaw. "It is too small. The beds in the woman's ward are arranged in tiers, one above the other. There is no proper air, the only ventilation being through a single tiny window high up in the wall. There is no chance for exercise. The women inmates eat, sleep, bathe in the same room but a few feet from an open lavatory. There are five persons confined there and they are crowded. It is no place for Mrs. Nottle, particularly, considering the condition she is in. She is extremely nervous."

U.S. Government Communications Have War Tone

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Diplomats and government officials generally expressed astonishment at the vigor of the American notes to England and Germany today.

Some authorities expressed the opinion that the communication issued to Germany would require the United States to go to war with the kaiser should American ships be sunk by German war-craft.

Administration officials held that, despite the "strength tone" of both notes, neither involved the United States in international difficulties.

The note to Germany consisted of a warning that the imperial government would be held responsible for such acts of its naval authorities as might result in the destruction of American vessels or the loss of American lives.

The note to England warned against the misuse of the American flag and mentioned that the government would be held responsible for loss of American property or lives arising from such a use of American colors on British vessels.

Following are excerpts from both notes:

To Germany. "If such a deplorable situation should arise, the imperial German government can readily appreciate that the government of the United States would be constrained to hold the imperial German government to a strict accountability . . . and to take any steps it might be necessary to take to safeguard American lives and property."

To Great Britain. "The government of the United States, therefore, trusts that his majesty's government will do all in their power to restrain vessels of British nationality from the deceptive use of the flag of the United States . . . since such practice would greatly endanger the vessels of a friendly power and would even seem to impose on the government of Great Britain a measure of responsibility for the loss of American lives and vessels."

Officials are confident that both England and Germany will acquiesce the position taken by the American government and will grant the relief demanded, assuring complete safety of American shipping and passengers in affected waters. Opponents of the administration held that the two notes showed a complete reversal of form and a spirit of protest carefully subdued at the outset of the war.

CLEAN UP TOWN

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 12.—The police arrested fifteen persons yesterday, all charged with the illegal sale of liquor. Most of the arrests were in rooming houses. Three convictions were had on the early arrests and fines and jail sentences imposed. The police say they are out on a general cleanup, as the city is infested with blind pigs.

DODGES TORPEDO

YNUIDEN, Netherlands, Feb. 12.—By adroit maneuvers the British steamer Laertes, which arrived here from Java today, escaped being torpedoed by German submarine U-2. The steamer, when attacked, was flying the Dutch flag.

WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED



What Have You to Sell? What Do You Want to Buy?

In either case, the answer is a want ad in The Times. No matter what you may want to buy or sell, there are surely some dozens of Times readers who will be interested. You will be surprised at the number of inquiries which you will receive from a Times want ad. Phone your ads. Main 12, or call at the "Want Ad Corner."