

Editorial Page of The Tacoma Times

Warning To President Wilson

At the beginning of the European war President Wilson appealed to the American people to be neutral and peaceful, to avoid speech that might infuriate racial animosity, to be fair toward all belligerents, since the administration at Washington was bound to meet most embarrassing situations and it might be very easy to plunge the nation into war.

It was a most sensible and patriotic appeal. During six months of the war the American people have complied with that appeal after a fashion that is one of the most remarkable features of the war period. The millions of Germans, British, French, Russians and Austrians in this country have lived peacefully together. Instead of bitterness and riots, the whole country has risen to feed and clothe the sufferers of Europe, irrespective of nationality, and, we repeat, the people of our country, foreign born and native, have shown their good sense and loyalty to law and order to a most remarkable degree.

Now, however, with the masses talking and acting for neutrality and peace, comes a federal judge, an officer high in the nation, one Killits of the Toledo district, with this which he has delivered at a public school meeting:

"I am a German, but I don't care how soon somebody drops 1,000 bombs on the kaiser's head. I don't care whether he is an Irish, Russian or British airman who does it, so long as it is done."

We warn President Wilson that, with such examples by federal judges, it will not be long before some of us common people start race riots.

What About It?

Do you have to count the nickels each Saturday night and lay each one aside for a definite purpose, squeeze every dollar in the pay envelope until the eagle screams?

Then the infamous manipulation of wheat is getting next to you RIGHT NOW.

The price of bread is going up, the size of the loaf getting smaller.

Last week the nickel you set aside for the purchase of bread provided a portion for six mouths. This week it feeds but five. One must go hungry!

Thus the unlawful manipulation of the wheat market by a coterie of ruthless speculators is veritably taking the bread from one of your children.

In order to satisfy their lust for wealth—money with which to gratify their profligate passions for which they neither toil nor spin, the gambler is robbing you and yours as surely as if he held you up at the point of a pistol.

That the price of wheat should be above normal is admitted, but it is manipulation alone that has carried it to \$1.66, flour to \$8.60 per barrel, bread to six cents a loaf—not natural causes but greed. Meanwhile the workingman pays the toll and his children suffer.

What's going to be done about it?

Be Americans First

If the American flag is in such good repute abroad that ships in danger fly it for safety, let's not discredit it here at home by partisan plays.

We are not called upon to fight the battles of Europe in America. Nor are we going to help one of the countries over there win from any other.

If any man here is so full of war spirit that he cannot keep neutral, let him go back to the old country and get his fill of fighting.

As the screws tighten in the war zone, things will happen which will more and more put American neutrality to the test.

We ought to meet this increasing tension with united determination to defy any attempts to make our government take sides.

Back of these efforts to sway our government is only one purpose. That purpose is to get us into this war! Watch for it! Note its development! Nail it! Swipe it!

Alaska, The Golden!

News dispatches state that Alaska's products in 1914 totaled \$42,660,000. And, contrary to general belief, the sea yielded more than its mines. Its fisheries produced over twenty-three millions and mines over nineteen million dollars.

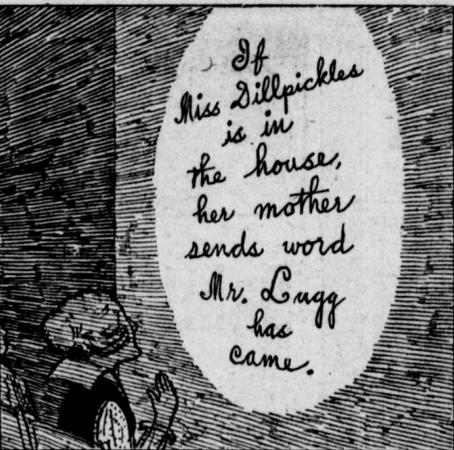
Pretty good investment for Uncle Sam. In 1867 we bought Alaska for \$7,200,000. In a single year this sum is returned nearly sixfold. In the less than fifty years we have had Alaska its cost has been returned many hundredfold. And its storehouse of natural resources has scarcely been tapped as yet.

For scenic wonders it is also one of the world's treasure houses. Glaciers, mountains, waterfalls, rivers, valleys—no wonder tourist travel to Alaska is steadily increasing.

Gladstone defined liberalism as "trust of the people, tempered by prudence;" conservatism as "distrust of the people, tempered by fear;" and a radical as "a liberal in earnest." Can you improve on these definitions?

DIANA DILLPICKLES IN A 4-REEL "SCREECHER"

HER TARDY BEAU



UNDER SUSPICION
Visitor (leaving inn after sleepless night)—I suppose you don't happen to be a German?
Landlord—Do I look like it?
Visitor—No, but I thought I'd just ask because my room last night had a concrete bed in it.—Punch.

PUNISHMENT
"I'd sooner be a criminal than be married to a woman like Peck's wife."
"What do you mean?"
"Why, a criminal gets one sentence at a time, but poor Peck gets a whole string of sentences every day."—Chicago News.

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TALK OF THE TIMES



POLITICAL PURE
The man who can't find friends enough

To form a bunk committee To plead with him to run for mayor Deserves the public's pity.

A WORD FROM JOSE WISE
"A travellin' phrenologist read Clate Crosscut's head th' other evenin' and convinced everybody with his powers. He pronounced Clate just th' kind of man who would send a post-card with tinsel on it."

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Happy suggestions for signs on our new waste receptacles, commonly termed garbage cans:

WASTE PAPER
BANANA SKINS
THE CIVIC LEAGUE

A CLIMBING CAR
W. H. Tweedle can take a 12-mile run, climb several telephone poles, fix all the wires, then get back home in less than two hours with his auto.—Arkadelphia Southern Standard.

CONSOLATION
We are both tickled and happy to see that the ladies of the First church gave a card party. Only we wish our wife had been one of them. Because last Sat. eve when we gave a card party most of our wages, she just riz up and raised Cain. We haven't a comeback. And we wonder if it was the same party in both cases.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS
A pair of old kid gloves can be made to feel like new by starching them and then pressing them with a hot iron. A loaf of bread can be preserved indefinitely by varnishing it. In boiling an egg see that the shell is heated first.

CORRESPONDENCE
Dear Selah: This is said to be a certain cure for hiccough if repeated in one breath:

When a twister a-twisting will twist him a twist, for the twisting of his twist he three times doth untwist, but if one of the twines of the twist do untwist, the twine that untwisteth untwisteth the twist, untwisting the twine that untwisteth between, he twisteth with the twister the two in a twine, and twice having twisted the twines of the twine, he twisteth the twine he had twined in twain, the twain that in twining before in the twine, as twines were untwisted he now doth entwine, 'twixt the twain intertwining a twine more between, he twirling his twister makes a twist of the twine.
Yours,
IGNATZ.

Dear Ignatz: Many, many thanks. We never knew how it was done before, but your explanation is so simple.—Selah.

HERE'S ONE FOR F. C. H.
No more we have to scramble For a jitney we can ramble With comfort in a F—d.

And this one, by the same author, somehow reminds us of certain public officials also:

Why is a lodger out of work like a false report?
Because he's an idle rumor.

BILL COCKROACH
Bill Cockroach, dilettante bug denizen of the court house, is perhaps the most wholesome hated insect on earth. And yesterday's experience didn't put him in the class of the honored.

Fred Remann, prosecutor, went to the court house yesterday to do some work, sly old rascal. It was a holiday and Fred thought nobody would bother him.

Then the phone rang. He answered it. It rang again, ad infin. He answered it ad lib. Rumor has it that he muttered sinister things between whistles.

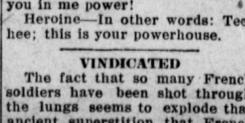
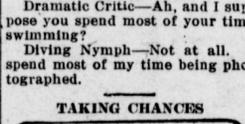
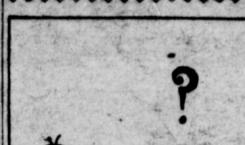
Finally he called it off. He had some work to do. He refused to answer again. It rang, loud, long and clear. And Bill Cockroach, asleep under Fred's desk, awoke with a noise.

"Phone's ringing," he said. When Bill regains consciousness he will be approached for a statement as to what followed.

WORKINGMEN'S CORNER
A Massachusetts man has built a miniature dreadnaught, thirteen feet in length, which has all the features of a real battleship, including guns that fire, rangefinders, wireless instruments, gunners, and even a band that plays martial music. The vessel is propelled by electricity, can make ten miles an hour in smooth water, and costs its constructor \$15,000.

SELAH!

PONTO THE PUP



OBSERVATIONS

The new American neutrality league recently organized at Washington by Congressman Bartholdi and others has just held its first mass meeting. It was at Chicago. The hall was decorated with 150 German flags and just nine American flags. It has not been explained why the American flag was there.

If the captain of the Lusitania hadn't used the American flag, and the German submarines had sunk the ship with its "passengers and crew" as ordered by the German admiralty, he would have been perfectly legal but all the world would have damned him.

Andy Carnegie has given away \$324,657,399. He evidently has forgotten the 2 cents' change he once permitted the newsboy to keep.

Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Rockefeller really seemed to enjoy putting their left hands hep to what their right hands have been up to.

A Kansas squirrel stored a cocoon for its winter food, probably anticipating a rise in the price of nuts on account of the war.

It saddens us to read of 140 surgeons being killed in battle, but at the same time we feel a bit safer in the appendix!

If the Congregationalists keep on criticising Billy Sunday for being so noisy, some New York restaurant will hire him.

Whole wheat bread is declared to be healthy, but who is wealthy enough to buy a whole wheat?

"Just Between Ourselves"

BY ADMAN.

You can get a free drink at Dickson Bros. whether you buy anything or not.

I asked Frank Hart if he ever got real angry. After a few minutes' hesitation, he said: "No, not angry, but I have a righteous indignation once in awhile."

My moving picture magnate friend, Clarence Summerville, talks about Runaway June in his sleep, and—

Last night he ran around the corridors of the Stratford in his sleep hollering for June—

One of the roomers called up the night clerk and asked him to please come up and pacify a nut who thought it was June when it was only February.

Tallmudge Hamilton of the Puget Sound Savings bank has an automobile.

So many of my friends own a automobiles, and in spite of it all I walk and walk and walk.

Someday I am going to get real devilish and drink four straight "Hires" at Charlie Meuhlenbruch's soda fountain.

Then I'll hire two Ford cars and run between them and spend the rest of the night watching C street change to Broadway.

M. J. Emery, Adv. Mgr. of the Peoples store, has solved the problem—the high cost of living—

Information on the subject is gratis, so get busy. (See you again Monday.)

OUTBURST OF EVERETT TRUE

