

# 7 PEOPLE DIE IN HOUSE FIRE

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WEATHER FORECAST  
For Tacoma: Unsettled, probable rain tonight and Thursday. Cooler tonight.  
For Washington: Unsettled, probable rain west and snow east portion tonight and Thursday. Cooler tonight in interior and west portions.

At San Francisco they claim to have sent the human voice 721 miles, by wireless. Married gents doing the Midway at the Expo have a timely warning.

30c A MONTH

### Think the World Do Move? See Auto Show



A man in Tacoma last night walked down a long aisle among thousands of chained horses. Horses hooked 60 together; horses drawing luxurious wagons; horses that could speed with the flight of a bird; that ran on feet of rubber; horses that thought nothing of going 10,000 miles without sleeping; horses that a child could drive, or a soldier could charge with through the serried ranks of mailed men in safety. Horses with great eyes that could glare across miles of rugged roads; horses that could climb mountains at 50 miles an hour; horses that sped noiselessly and surely and never balked, shied nor were afflicted with the bots, colic or the glanders. Horses that were harnessed to divans that my lady could quietly drive while she made her luxurious toilet.

Of course you know what we are talking about, the automobile show; BUT 10 years ago if you had read this you would have said the writer was crazy. So far has the world moved in a decade that what was wonderful, impossible, beyond human imaginings is today so accepted and commonplace that even the street urchin is blasé. Everything in the way of motor vehicle is up at the armory this week. Great 10-passenger luxurious eight-cylinder cars that rival a private Pullman for comfort and can surpass a transcontinental for speed; tiny cars that a worker can buy, but that have for a few hundred dollars comforts and sturdiness and convenience and safety that \$5,000 could not buy a few years ago.

cranks spoke large and wide of certain new boat automobiles that would ride the waters like a duck; that when the speed reached 30 miles an hour would soar into the air, or that would meekly roll over the ground at 20 knots an hour. Nobody had heard of a craft that would make a submarine of itself, but probably there are some in the making. When it comes to hill climbing, some of the light cars, some of the tiny folks of the auto realm, do wonders. Little tin bugs these days hike up hills on the high that a few years ago were inaccessible to the most expensive cars, and the continental idea is here of light cars, with wire wheels, a small but sturdy engine plant and electric lights, all to sell at a price within the reach of the average salary.

The center of interest appeared to be the new eight-cylinder cars and automobile sharks said that within two years the six-cylinder car would be out of date and that all the big concerns would manufacture either a four or an eight, and that eight-cylinder cars would sell as cheaply as the better class four do now. There was a tire shown that you could cut with a knife, hack with a hatchet, jab with tenpenny nails and still it would not leak air; this tire had no filler in it and was a pneumatic tire, the peculiar construction of it enabling it to instantly repair any punctures. Outside of free gasoline, that appeared to be about the biggest thing yet for the harassed auto driver. The low priced car section vied with the eight-cylinder corner in popularity, and the newer designs of cars that give you \$1,200 worth of looks for about half that sum, were well looked over. Nobody offered a car for \$100, nor one that you

could go fishing in, but probably by next year some bright genius will embody these ideas in one small vehicle; anyhow you can get a real automobile today for what a motorcycle would cost a few years ago, and you can get a motorcycle that has the full gear equipment and luxury and comfort of an automobile. Guess the town must be prosperous in spots, because some of the finest cars shown had been sold, and in some cases the dealers had sold even their new demonstrators and had to rely on their purchasers to enable them to make an exhibit at all. The era of get out and get under to fix your automobile has passed; machines these days are fool proof and low priced, and the chief reason why the jitney will not thrive forever will probably be because everybody who has a job will have some sort of a car of his or her own in a few years. All of which doubtless peeves Jawn Dee Jr. immensely, seeing that he sells the nation its gasoline.

### DESERTED WOUNDED FREEZING

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—More than 50,000 prisoners, 50 cannons and 60 machine guns with enormous quantities of war materials are the prizes of Field Marshal von Hindenberg's latest drive in East Prussia, the war office announced today. The Russians were crushingly defeated. The ground over which the enemy retreated is covered with dead and wounded. Most of the latter will undoubtedly die as they were abandoned by their fleeing comrades in the worst weather of the war. Freezing temperatures and continuous rains brought pneumonia to most of these unfortunate soldiers.

### DO NOT LIKE NEW NAME OF SO. C STREET

The city council is ready to do another flip-flop. This morning when George Winslow presented a petition at the city hall signed by 30 business men requesting that the council revoke its action in changing the name of "C" street every one of the council except Mayor Fawcett was in favor of flipping. Winslow declared that it would be an injury to business if the street between 9th and Division avenue be named East Broadway. He asked that St. Helens avenue, which has been given the name of Broadway, retain its old name and that South C be called Broadway from Jefferson to Division. The petition will be considered when the street-change ordinance comes up for final passage in two weeks.

### FIRST TAX SUIT IS FILED TODAY

W. D. M. Davis, a Civil war veteran of Orting, today filed the first "small man" high-tax suit to be brought against the county contesting the 1914 assessment. Hundreds of other similar cases are expected to follow. Davis, who owns a small confectionery store, declares his stock was assessed "arbitrarily, unlawfully and maliciously" at \$500, when its actual value was less than \$300. He asks that the court reduce it to the less amount.

### 5 NEW AUTOS FOR COUNTY?

It was learned today that county officials have quietly opened negotiations with representatives of certain automobile concerns here for the purchase of five new machines of an expensive type. Although the matter, which has been pending several days,

### BLERIOT SCORNS IDEA OF ZEPPELINS FOR WAR USE

channel, is France's chief consulting expert in aerial matters. "This war has killed Zeppelins," he declared. "They are bound to disappear entirely because they are impracticable. They are too bulky and at the same time too frail to endure any sort," said Louis Bleriot, famous French inventor of the monoplane. He had been reading a United Press interview with Count Zeppelin, in which the inventor declared that dirigibles would be a material factor in ending the European war. Bleriot, who was the first aviator to fly across the English

### SUES BELMORE BROWNE

With E. P. Kemmer, prominent member of the Rotary club, sitting as a jurymen in Judge Card's court today, Paul E. Weston, by his guardians, is attempting to recover \$5,000 damages against Belmore H. Browne, the explorer, for injuries received in an auto accident in November, 1911.

### U. S. Anxious Over Replies

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Between the fires of England's determination to starve the Germans into submission, and Germany's resentment of such tactics the government is admittedly troubled today as to what will be the answer of the two belligerent countries to the recent American protests. It is expected that Germany's answer to the American demands would be received before night. Prospect of a favorable or even a compromise reply are considered slight. Nothing has been heard from the British foreign office in reply to the protest regarding the use of neutral flags by English vessels.

### READY FOR SUBS

LONDON, Feb. 17.—England's navy is ready to meet Germany's submarine raids, it was announced today. Only the admiralty knows what the plans are.

### Today's Best Joke

Jake—See that girl there on the beach? She gets ten thousand dollars a year posing for Rake—That's some figure!

### HIGH TAXES? HERE'S WHY!

Watch the Metropolitan Park board! If you would learn one of the chief causes of ever increasing taxes, look into the way the Tacoma park commission is spending its money. Because the park board has irregular meetings and spends its money with an air of mystery, the public learns little of the wasteful methods of this board. The commission calmly continues from year to year spending all the money it can get hold of, and answering to no one for its extravagance. For instance: Last year the park board spent \$6,800 for a lavatory in Wright park. It is a little brick building, not more than 25 feet long. It has marble fittings and the latest type of plumbing. Six thousand, eight hundred dollars for a diminutive rest room! The public could have been equally well served with a structure costing not more than \$1,500 or \$2,000.

The park board has just completed a residence at Point Defiance park, costing \$3,100, where the park foreman will live. The superintendent already had an elaborate residence there, but the foreman had to have one too. And the park board has gone into the landlord business, by charging that foreman \$25 a month rent. The commission's excuse is that it wants its foreman handy, in case of fire. He couldn't have rented a residence just outside the park? No, the taxpayers had to dig up \$3,100 for his new home. The foreman lives in a swell residence. And the public pays the bill.

Unbidden Guest Stabs the Host  
Allecks Karwowski, 1423 East 30th street, was entertaining friends last night when Fred Srenkowski, a neighbor, walked in uninvited. Karwowski tried to eject Srenkowski. In the fight that occurred, Karwowski was stabbed several times. Police officers took the injured man to St. Joseph's hospital and arrested Srenkowski. A bloody knife was found in his pocket. Although severely stabbed, Karwowski is reported to be out of danger.

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 17.—Two firemen were killed by falling walls and six others were injured when fire today destroyed the Odd Fellows' building here. The loss is \$100,000.

### FIRE ENGULFS MILL WORKERS

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 17.—Fire which destroyed the boarding house of the Smith Lumber company here early this morning caused the death of seven persons and serious injuries to ten others. A number of the injured are in a precarious condition. Fifty-five persons lodged at the house, including the regular mill workers. The buildings burned rapidly. A. A. Craig, an invalid, father of the proprietor, suffocated in his room. His body was saved. Six other bodies, horribly burned, were removed today from the debris. Five are those of Louis Kalinowski, William Glover, W. Ward, Louis Peppate and Sidney Lewis, mill workers. The sixth has not been identified. Benjamin Olson, a boarder, leaped from a third floor window and was seriously injured.

### MEADS SALARY BOOST GETS COOL RECEPTION

City Controller Meads' attempt to increase salaries in his office to the extent of \$1680 a year, is destined to have a stormy time at the city hall. The ordinance, increasing salaries of all but one of Meads' clerks, came up before the council today on second reading. "I am going to move that this ordinance be indefinitely postponed," said Fawcett. "It's ridiculous. We can't afford to raise any salaries at this time." "I move that we take up the matter in committee of the whole," said Atkins, when nobody offered a second to the mayor's motion. "All right, we'll settle that thing this afternoon," replied the mayor. A committee meeting was scheduled for this afternoon.

### CITIZENS BRAND COUNCIL MEN AS "FOUR-FLUSHERS"

With the name of "four-flushers" branded on them by an indignant citizen and in the face of a protest from a council room filled with property owners, the city commission again today delayed action of the regrade of East 26th street. A month ago the regrade was taken up and continued over, despite the protest of 50 property owners: Today the same citizens appeared to protest, and the council, announcing that City Attorney Stiles was in Olympia, set the matter over until March 15. The regrade is a bluff by the city to attempt to force 26th street residents from suing the city on a former mistake of grade. "It's an outrage to keep us running up here every few days," shouted one angry citizen today. "You fellows are four-flushers. You want to slip this thing over on us when we're not looking."

### CREW PICKED UP

HAVRE, Feb. 17.—Twenty-two members of the crew of the British collier Dulwich were picked up by a French destroyer after the ship had been sunk by German submarines Tuesday and were landed here today. The crew said the Germans gave them 20 minutes to take to their small boats and then torpedoed the collier.

### COUNCIL DODGES ITS DUTY

When it come to sidestepping important issues, Tacoma's council is becoming more proficient than a whole convention of tango masters. During the past few months, dozens of important matters taken to the council have calmly been sidetracked to the "committee of the whole" or "laid on the table," there to be forgotten until some insistent citizen demanded their resurrection. For instance: The council's decision to trade Y. M. C. A. athletic instruction to policemen for light and water rebates, was thus sidetracked. The proposed sale of the North End water system was buried. The following other matters are now in this condition of slumber: Report that Wright park should pay for its electric illumination. Request for free water and light to "Home of Peace" charity hospital. Invitation to Municipal convention at Olympia last month. Bids on fire insurance for Municipal dock. Petition for rebate of building permit for Tacoma General hospital. Municipal cemetery idea. Proposition to exchange Atkins' and Drake's authority. Necessity of more water storage for Nisqually powerplant. Ordinance demanding fire-proof storage of motion picture films.

### WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

