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A new industry has sprung into being coincident with the arrival of the jitney bus. A bold, bad highwayman held one up in San Diego and collected 75 cents from the passengers.

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WEATHER FORECAST  
For Tacoma: Fair tonight and Tuesday.  
For Washington: Fair, with colder east portion tonight and Tuesday.

## "IN TIMES OF PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR"

### FAT WOMEN CAN'T BECOME VAMPIRES, ASSERTS THEDA

Star in "A Fool There Was" Gives Some Points on How to Make Fools of Men.



"V STANDS FOR VAMPIRE" SAYS THEDA BARA

A MAN KILLED HIMSELF FOR THIS FACE

BY NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH.  
NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—V stands for Vampire, and when Theda Bara, French actress, leans her V shaped face in another V made by her slender arms, she truly looks the part she came all the way from Paris to play in the "movies."

Mlle. Bara has the star part in "A Fool There Was," the film dramatization of the Kipling poem about the "fool who made his prayer to a rag, a bone and a bank of hair."

On the stage this slender, serpentine young woman plays the part of the selfish creature who drains a man's heart to its last drop, wrecks his life, and ends by gloating over his dead body.

She denies that she is a vampire herself, but her life has not been without its vampire incidents.

A few years ago a young man killed himself in her dressing room because she had spurned his love.

He was furiously jealous of an East Indian Gaekwar then visiting in Paris who had given the actress a wonderfully wrought snake-bracelet containing an Indian poison.

Mlle. Bara was showing the young man the secret spring by which the poison was released from the mouth of the hollow gold snake when he suddenly seized it from her and, placing the snake to his lips, died at her feet.

"I do not know what gives certain women a strange, witch-like power over men," she said. "One thing I know. A vampire cannot be fat. There never was and never will be a fat vampire!"

"Since I have been in New York I have received letters from men who told me they never believed in vampires till they saw my face on the screen.

"Yet what am I except an ordinary woman, a little tall, a little of shadow?"

"A vampire must never love," Mlle. Bara told me calmly. "I have never loved, and if I ever fall under the spell of a man, I know that my power over men will be gone. Every woman must choose whether she will love or be loved. She cannot hope for both!"

"But, believe me, for every woman vampire there are ten men of the same type—men who take everything from women—love, devotion, beauty, youth and life, nothing in return. The vampire that I play is the vengeance of my sex upon its exploiters."

### CARELESS STUNT AT CITY HALL

If a good safe cracker had walked into the city hall this morning between 9 and 10 o'clock he would have had "easy picking."

He could have had access to all the safes of the city treasurer's office, where thousands of dollars in cash are kept from day to day. He could have stolen stacks of postal cards, stamps, office fixtures and valuable records.

And he could have gotten away just as easily as he got in.

The city hall was officially closed today. The Commerce street entrance was open, however. A few wandering persons, forgetting that it was a holiday, walked into the municipal building. One of them after ascertaining that there was no business being transacted, was astonished to find the door of City Treasurer Charles D. Atkins' office standing wide open.

The man walked in, and found the entire office open, with no one inside.

No one can be found who accepts responsibility for the open door. None of the clerks or officials had been in the office since Saturday afternoon. So far as can be learned, nothing is missing from the office.

### Indians In Hard Fight With Posse

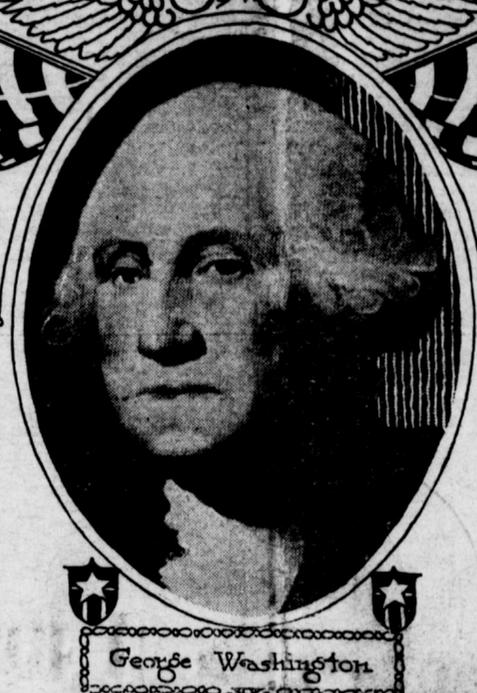
GRAYSON, Utah, Feb. 22.—After a sharp fight early today, Plute Indians who were engaged by a posse under Federal Marshal Nebeker were driven from a rocky position near Bluff and withdrew to Cottonwood canyon, where they are entrenched.

Any attempt to capture them means certain heavy losses. Casualties since Saturday are three Indians and one white killed and one white injured.

There is evidence that the Plutes have been heavily reinforced. It is reported there are now 300 Indians in the party. Authorities are deeply concerned as there is little doubt, they say, that the Indians will fight to death. The posse now numbers 80 men.

### WRECK FATAL FEUDISTS BUSY AGAIN

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 22.—A telephone message from Talmage, Iowa, received at noon today reported the wrecking of a Great Western passenger train there. The engineer was killed, it is said, and several passengers injured.



George Washington

### PROBE SINKING OF U. S. VESSEL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Official investigation of the reported sinking of the American steamer Evelyn in the North sea began here today after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan.

The Evelyn, which sailed from New York January 29, with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, it is stated, was blown up by a mine off Bokrum Island, Saturday.

Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin were notified by the president to open searching inquiries as to the nationality of the mine, and to furnish every convenience to Captain Smith of the ill-fated steamer and his crew, who were

### SARAH BERNHARDT SUBMITS TO PAIN FOR SAKE OF HER ART

BORDEAUX, France, Feb. 22.—"For the sake of her art," Sarah Bernhardt today submitted to the amputation of the right leg at the knee. Professor Deuce, who performed the operation, said that Bernhardt bore up under the ordeal remarkably well. She was

cheerful as the doctors prepared to operate.

"I consent to being mutilated," she said, "only because I cannot bear to remain idle. My work is my life. As soon as an artificial limb is fitted, I shall resume my stage work."

### PLANNING TO SPEND MILLIONS

Plans to dyke both banks of the Stuck river practically its entire length with concrete and incidentally burden Pierce county taxpayers with an additional assessment of several million dollars therefor, are being seriously considered today by County Commissioner Williams, according to his associate, Commissioner Reed.

Williams is spending Washington's birthday making a detailed personal survey of the river and the improvements already under way there, for which Klug and Pierce counties are paying jointly the sum of \$1,500,000, already appropriated.

Whether or not the land to be benefited would be worth several millions more were Williams' plan adopted, apparently has not been considered.

"Williams believes the Stuck waters will always cause trouble unless the stream is dyked with concrete," said Commissioner Reed this morning. "He is serious in his claim. Perhaps he is right, although the old board of commissioners went into the matter pretty thoroughly and it was their conclusion that \$1,500,000 would take care of the White, Puyallup and Stuck rivers permanently."

At Berlin, officials point out that Germany would have had no cause to blow up the Evelyn, as that country is in sore need of cotton, and the vessel was laden with that product for Germany's consumption.

It is believed by some that the mine was one which had broken from its moorings in the war zone and had drifted into the waters just off the German coast, where the explosion occurred.

It is conceded, by Bryan, that the United States, diplomatically, has no ground for redress, since the disaster was caused by a

### RAIN POSTPONES VANDERBILT RACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—After a thorough test of the exposition speedway this afternoon, the Vanderbilt cup race, scheduled to take place today, was postponed until March 6.

An enormous crowd had gathered at the exposition grounds and lined the speedway. The postponement came at the last minute, when judges of the contest decided that the track was not in condition for the powerful race cars, and was a disappointment to the thousands of race fans who had gathered.

### TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 22.—In order successfully to sue a man for the alienation of your wife's affections, you must have a wife.

That is the verdict of a court here, in the case of Adolph Nordquist, suing J. W. Allen for the alienation of the affections of Anna Hansen, whom Allen claimed as his wife.

Anna said "no," and the jury took her word for it.

### BRITISH CHILDREN SING AS HOSTILE AIRMEN APPROACH

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Two German airmen raided Essex last night. Apparently no damage was done. Both aeroplanes were of a powerful type. eZpellins participated in the affair.

Five bombs were dropped. Aeroplanes were seen above other cities. Warned of the approach of the hostile airmen, boys and girls in one British town paraded the streets singing, "The Germans are coming, they are, they are," to the air of "The Campbells are coming."

### AH! MAIDS OF FASHION WILL WEAR TROUSETTES

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—It's to be trousettes for the fashionable spring maid of fashion, but not

as Dr. Mary Walker wore them. Dainty chiffon billows peeping beneath the hem of a dancing frock, like grandmother's pantallettes, satin bloomers as voluminous as those of a harem favorite—these milady may have. They are far different, however, from the bifurcated garment of masculine choice.

With trousettes come a capacious feminine pocket, not tucked away on the folds of an 1830 skirt, but hanging conspicuously on blouse or afternoon frock. Both the novelties are shown extensively at the spring opening of the Fashion Art League of America, beginning here today.

### Today's Best Joke

"You understand your duties thoroughly, don't you?" she said to the new footman.  
"Yes, ma'am; certainly, ma'am."  
"And you know your way to announce?"  
"Well, ma'am, I shouldn't perhaps like to go quite so far as that, but I think I know my weight to a pound or so."

### WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED



TOM, I WISH YOU WOULD BE A LITTLE MORE SOCIABLE WITH BROTHER. CECIL WHILE HE IS HERE. NOW GO IN AND TALK TO HIM OR TELL HIM.

HELLO CECIL—I MUST TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED TO ME ON THE WAY HOME THIS EVENING—THE CAR WAS CROWDED AND SOME ONE KICKED ME IN THE LEG.

I LOOKED AT THE LADY STANDING AT MY SIDE AND WAS SURE IT WASN'T HER, WHEN I GOT ANOTHER KICK LIKE THAT—A HARDER ONE.

I WAS GETTING PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THAT TIME, WHEN SOME ONE GAVE ME A TERRIFIC BELT JUST LIKE THAT!

JUST THEN, THE CONDUCTOR CALLED OUT MY STREET AND I GOT OFF THE CAR AND DIDN'T FIND OUT WHO DID IT.