

# TOO MUCH TALK SAY OFFICIALS

Frightened at reports given out by city hall politicians that the Nasqually power plant, Tacoma's municipal system, was proving inadequate to handle the load put upon it, Benjamin Weeks, former commissioner of light and water, wrote to the council today.

Weeks asked "if it would be wise" for the city to connect up with any more power consumers.

In his letter, the former commissioner referred to the Mutual Light & Power company, a new concern that was planning to purchase 1,000 horsepower from the city at 45 cents per kilowatt hour. The electricity was to be used on the inter-county improvement project.

"Why, what are these people talking about?" demanded Mills, when the letter was read. "We've plenty of juice for everybody."

"Well, certain men around the city hall have been saying that we were going to run short," said Mayor Fawcett.

"It's just talk," replied Mills. "We need all the business we can get. Whatever shortage will be on the peak load, and this business would be for daytime work. We want that business. And these fellows who are talking too much about the inadequacy of our plant ought to be forced to keep still."

# Raises Blockade On Yucatan Port

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—Gen. Carranza has bowed to the demands of the U. S. and has raised the blockade on the port of Progreso, Yucatan, John H. Shillman, special consular agent, today notified Secretary Bryan.

This action followed on receipt on the American note threatening to have the cruiser Des Moines "prevent interference" with American commerce.

This gives assurance that there will be no further shortage in the supply of sisal, the base from which binder twine is made.

# LETTER ON STAND IN BREAD INQUIRY



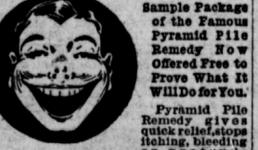
Joseph Letter, wheat plunger, as he appeared on the witness stand in New York in the recent state inquiry into the increased cost of bread.

# State Warrants Are Held Void

OLYMPIA, March 16.—In a letter to Gov. Lister, State Auditor C. W. Clausen admits that he has overpaid legislative appropriations, acting on the presumption that the governor would approve extra expense appropriation, passed by the legislature. The governor has thus far not signed the extra appropriations and Treasurer Meath has held up some warrants.

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# ARMY THAT FOUGHT OUR OWN LITTLE WAR



A PART OF THE PALE FACE ARMY CAMPED NEAR BLUFF CITY—THE COLORADO "REGIMENT" UNDER THE COMMAND OF SHERIFF GROVER BRITTON OF DOLORES (SECOND FROM LEFT.)

# PIUTE FORCES PICK WILD SETTING AS BATTLEFIELD

BY DELOS WALKER.  
 BLUFF, Utah, March 5.—(By Mail.)—I was sent out into this wild cattle country by the Times to get a first-hand description of the savage war now going on between the Piute Indians and the whites of this section—hard, grizzled veterans of Indian fighting in the old days.

First, however, I will tell you how I got here. I had to ride 200 miles on horseback over mountains, down through deep winding canyons, with a blizzard to buck against when we were high up in the hills, and snow and mud and sand to wallow through when the trail plunged down through some deep valley.

Then I will describe the first battle, in a war that promises to be as cruel and hideous as any immortalized in the novels of Jungs Fenimore Cooper, which took place on the outskirts of this town Feb. 21, when the redskins under Chiefs Posey and old Polk daubed on warpaint and bested Nebeker's army (the posse).



DELOS WALKER "Snapped" on a Bluff City street.

Desert Flocks. Fearing a massacre the frontier people at the very first alarm fled from their ranches leaving sheep, cattle and horses to shift for themselves.

Hemmed in by the snow, waist deep in many places, herds were left on the high ranges to starve. In the four days that my guide and I rode, tramped and half dragged ourselves over the almost hidden trail, we had to travel to reach Bluff, we didn't encounter a single cowboy.

They had all grabbed up their "shooting irons" and hurried to reinforce the "paleface" army, for the savages, cunningly concealed in the hills, were holding "pow-wows" and "war-dances" to incite the young bucks to make daring raids on the whites.

Well armed and with our grub and blankets well strapped on my horse we hit the trail, going by way of Dolores, Colo., to Monticello, Utah, and thence south to Bluff.

Have to Hike In. For two days the snow fell, and on the 20-mile approach to Monticello, my guide, Newell Martin, a cowboy of Dolores, and I had to lead our horses most of the way.

The blizzard-swept trail, obscure enough during summer months, was lost in the blanket of blinding snow, and our heavily packed horses could not penetrate

stopped us at the entrance of Cow canyon, down which the road drops into the settlement.

Bluff is a little Mormon outpost settlement on the north bank of the San Juan river, between solid rock cliffs rising 400 feet sheer on each side of the stream. Here are huddled the men, women and children of the depopulated district for miles and miles about.

They are living each day and night in fear of a raid by the savage Pi-Utes, under Chiefs Posey and old Polk, who daubed on war paint and bested a posse of veteran Indian fighters on the outskirts of this town Feb. 21.

Somewhere to the west, high above the San Juan, on a mesa, or in the impregnable dwellings of the ancient cliff dwellers, beneath the rim-rocks of gigantic bluffs, is a small band of Pi-Ute renegade braves, armed with modern rifles and pistols, and on the fight.

The Indians have a herd of 300 sheep and 330 horses, tended by the score of squaws and children. Scouts report the squaws, children and sheep camped on the almost inaccessible Douglas mesa, 25 miles west of Bluff, and 1,500 feet above the bed of the San Juan.

Army General On Job. In the streets of Bluff men armed with pistols and rifles walk about. Women and children dare not venture far from the stone houses of the town.

I was given lodging at the home of A. L. Raplee, a pioneer, although not a Mormon.

From Raplee, Mormon witnesses, and members of the "paleface army" who took part in the battle with the Indians across Cottonwood Wash at the west edge of Bluff on the morning of Feb. 21, I got the first authentic story of the fight which has brought Gen. Hugh Scott of the United States army from Washington over most of the trail I traveled to attempt to settle this modern Indian uprising.

This first battle I will describe in my story tomorrow.

(Be sure to read tomorrow the first real story of the fierce Indian battle fought the other day at Bluff, Utah—the eye-witness story.—Editor.)

England Ready to Seize Ships

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Great activity is evident at the admiralty. Preparations are being rushed to make the blockade "airtight" and before many hours, it is announced, there will be enough British and French warships off the German coast to make the blockade effective.

# BEST RECENT PICTURE OF MRS. ROCKEFELLER



Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, always shunning publicity, has posed for few photographs in recent years. This is one of the best taken shortly before her death.

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# Wheeler Donates Barber Work to Tubercular Home

Al C. Wheeler, owner of the Olympic Club barber shop, has added a unique donation to the list of offerings at the county tubercular hospital through his agreement to visit the hospital twice a month to take care of the tonsorial needs of the patients.

He made good on his promise last Friday when he visited the place and cut 25 heads of hair and operated on bewhiskered chins.

# AFTER KILLING 2, AGED RANCHER SLAYS HIMSELF

BELLINGHAM, March 16.— Sheriff Wilson Stewart, with a posse of searchers, yesterday found the body of Sam Thomson, wealthy rancher, who lived five miles northwest of Lynden, lying against a stump in a strip of timber a half mile from his house.

A charge from his shotgun had torn a wound through the heart. His foot was still in a loop he had made from his handkerchief and fastened to the trigger. The finding of the body was the end of a search started Sunday night after Thomson had shot and killed his wife and his hired man, Hugh Body, with the same gun he used to end his own life.

The dead rancher's dog aided in locating the body.

Thomson's act is attributed to a more or less tempestuous existence with his wife, who had threatened to obtain a divorce and who only last week consulted an attorney. Thomson's first wife ran away with a hired man several years ago and married him. This always preyed on his mind. In late years he had been using opiates, and from recent conversations it appears that he rapidly was reaching a stage of insanity.

# WAR MAKES COBLERS OF ENGLAND'S POOR LITTLE BOYS; THEY CALL IT "THRIFT;" IN U. S. IT IS CHILD SLAVERY



The poor children of London being taught to mend their own shoes. This is a part of the program of thrift adopted by the British authorities as a result of the war.

# RUSSIANS IN NORTHWEST MUST GO HOME TO FIGHT

SEATTLE, March 16.—Nichol Bogolavensky, Russian consul here, has issued an order for all Russian reservists in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Alaska to return home to join the colors of the czar. It is estimated that 25,000 men will be affected. They must report not later than April 13.

# Look Out For a Spy, Folks

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—Government officials are investigating rumors that since last November spies in the employ of the European allies have been operating in the leading cities and seaports of the nation to gather information regarding shipping, movements of vessels and other knowledge of benefit to the allies.

A contract is said to exist with a detective agency which employs 150 men. Two of these agencies are said to be in Tacoma and three in Seattle and Portland.

# Uncle Sam's Big Warship Afloat

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 16.—Sponsored by Miss Elizabeth Kolb of Germantown, Pa., the giant U. S. dreadnaught Pennsylvania, greatest of sea fighters, slipped from the ways today and took her place as the most powerful fighting machine yet launched.

In the presence of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and other officials, solemn ceremonies were conducted. White sailors and marines stood at attention, and as big salute guns boomed forth, Miss Kolb dashed a bottle of champagne over the bow and christened Uncle Sam's 38th battleship the Pennsylvania.

# TACOMA BUSINESS MEN GET CONTROL OF GLOBE OIL CO.

Prominent Tacoma business men have taken over the holdings of the Globe Oil company, which recently sank into receivership during a lull in oil field enthusiasm, and have guaranteed sufficient capital to pay off the indebtedness against the company and place it on a sound financial basis.

The new officers declare that in no way will the old organization be changed so far as the interests of stockholders are concerned. The change is merely in the control and financial backing of the well.

Tacoma's in active control are: Dr. J. F. Austin, president; D. J. Carney, vice president; Theodore Knutsen, treasurer; F. B. Kirk, secretary; F. Kotick, L. E. Corbett, F. H. Blair and William Elashout, directors.

Drilling at the well will be resumed just as soon as a court order is received cancelling the receivership. Casing and tools are being shipped to the well to aid further work.

The Globe holdings consist of 2,000 acres with leases fully protected. The head office will be removed from Bremerton to Tacoma.

The new officers will pay off debts dollar for dollar," said President Austin to the Times. "The drillers have been paid and have gone to the well. The drill will soon be pounding away again in the hole, now 500 feet deep."

# CONFESSES CYCLE THEFT

Arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of having stolen the motorcycle of L. G. Strong, Arthur Johnson, an 18-year-old mechanic, confessed to the police that he had cut his own machine in two, welded parts of Strong's machine to it, and rebuilt for himself an entirely new cycle.

# You'll Find It Here

James N. Neil is the newly appointed Puget Sound shipping commissioner.

Perfectly fitted glasses, \$1.50 up. Prof. Graduate Optician, 1147 C st.

Tacoma credit men will hear J. W. Spangler, vice president of the Seattle National bank, discuss "Theory and Operation of the Federal Reserve Act," tonight.

Watch for our special week end dollar boxes and potted plants. Haydon-Watson Co. 922 C st. Main 900.

Grade school pupils will hold an art exhibit in the Central school building March 24.

Masquerade ball at Moose hall, St. Patrick's day. Admission 50c. Prize will be awarded.

"An Irish Eden" is the title of a play to be produced in St. Leo's auditorium tomorrow evening.

Whole Wheat Health Bread. Duenwald's, 313 11th, near U.

Hood river apple growers have succeeded from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors' association and will market their product according to their own ideas.

# STANLEY BELL PRINTING CO.

Attorneys for David Caplan and M. E. Schmidt, alleged conspirators in the Los Angeles Times dynamite plot, will ask that indictments be quashed on the ground that the grand jury was prejudiced.

A. O. Burmeister will fight any attempt to deport Henry "Big Cabbage" Dacht to France. Dacht has just completed a year's prison term for violation of the Mann act.

Judge Easterday has invalidated the referendum invoked by Tacoma stationary engineers against the Tacoma Steam Heating company franchise, because of false signatures.

French has issued an official review of the first six months of the European war.

WANTS CITY TO BUY LOTS. Commissioner Drake has recommended to the council that the city purchase two lots at North 34th and Mason avenue, valued at \$300 each, to be used as a pole-yard for the light department.

# OUCH! LAME BACK RUB LUMBAGO OR BACKACHE AWAY

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# DR. W. F. BLAIR

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Don't consider lightly the first evidence of disease and resort to "ready-made cures" or the half-way treatment of the inexperienced. Such methods are responsible for a "lot of trouble" later. Get the right treatment at the beginning. It saves time, worry and money.

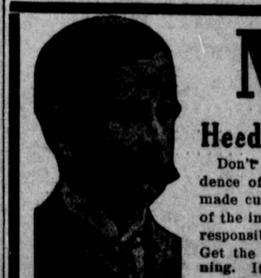
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RESULTS. SEE PAGE SIX.