

A former United States naval officer has invented a one-man submarine carry a full-sized torpedo.

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For Tacoma: Heavy tonight and Friday; fresh tonight, heavy in places.  
For Washington: Fair; cooler in eastern portion.

MAR 18

# CHIEF IN RAGE OVER VICE CHARGES; DENIES LID IS UP; OFFERS REWARD

## Diffley Jurors' Verdict Nearing

In one of the most tensely dramatic addresses ever delivered before a jury in this county, Homer Bone, associated with Attorney A. B. Comfort in the defense of Mrs. Bertha Diffley, today made his final appeal to save his client's liberty.

He directly charged one witness for the state with having testified solely for the purpose of obtaining witness fees. The case will probably go to the jury late this afternoon. There is little chance for a verdict before tomorrow.

Raps Mrs. Kenworthy. "I wish to speak of the state's witness, Mrs. F. Kenworthy," said Bone. "From her tone, her manner and the inflection of her voice, as well as from the subject matter of her testimony, I think this woman came into this court room and tried to swear away the liberty of my client for a paltry \$2.20."

Attorney Bone declared the prosecution had attempted by indirection to damn Mrs. Diffley and to secure a conviction by magnifying petty affairs to such a diameter that they would appear blackest crime.

Reads Letter to Hall. "Mrs. Diffley has reached a critical period in life. The state here is trying to prove her guilty of murder. Can you say a woman, whose first thought was of sympathy for the stricken father at a time when she was herself under suspicion, is a bad woman?"

Is it probable that Mrs. Diffley, who was expecting Hall to return home Jan. 10 would murder her son Jan. 11 in cold blood? "And when Hall did not return as expected, Mrs. Diffley wrote him this letter: "Clarence fell off the trunk and is still unconscious, and although we may be able to pull him through all right, I wish that you were here. Don't worry about my pay or anything else, but come home right away."

Expresses His Sympathy. "I feel sorry for this woman accused of murder. She has not a dollar in the world and knew no friend to which to turn in her time of trouble.

"Every hand was raised against her, and yet her neighbors come into court and they and the prosecuting attorneys are astounded because she can not recall every occasion on which Clarence Hall's nose bled and every time he cried during the years she cared for him. I believe in her innocence more than ever and I want to say I'm going to fight this case through to the finish, though criminal practice is extremely distasteful to me, because I do believe her innocent."

DISAPPROVE JAP PROGRAM PEKIN, March 18.—United States, Russian and British diplomats have informed Japan that some of her demands on China are distasteful, news reached here today.

## Greatest of Sky Pilots and His Shroud

Lincoln Beachey and the wreckage of his monoplane being hauled from San Francisco bay, from which his body was reclaimed by U. S. divers from the battleship Oregon.



## BEACHEY WENT, AS HE WANTED TO GO, WITH HIS STRAPS ON

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—He died with his straps on—the greatest of all flying men! It was on the 10th anniversary of his first ascension that Lincoln Beachey, the fearless, plunged to his doom in San Francisco bay Sunday before 50,000 horrified exposition visitors whom he had

been thrilling for an hour. He had discarded his faithful mechanical first love, the frumpy little biplane that had borne him safely through a thousand sky adventures, for a slim, rakish new monoplane. With his new love he hoped to outdo all former feats of recklessness. Strapped—heel, thigh and waist—to the one-winged siren, Beachey rose to 6,000 feet. Then going like the wind he came downward in a spiral. Both wings crumpled at a height of 600 feet above the bay

surface. The canvas and wires whipped around the doomed pilot like a shroud, and as a plummet he went down, through 40 feet of water into the marine mud. On the piers fully 20,000 people stood barcheaded—the valediction of the crowds whose plaudits brave little Lincoln Beachey had always pleased in. He wanted to go, when his time arrived, with his straps on. And so it came to him—after thousands of amazing flights which made people say that he bore a charmed life.

## City to Buy Power Of Private Co.

Instead of spending another couple of millions for an auxiliary power plant, to protect against possible shortage of water for turning over the dynamos of the Nisqually system, Tacoma likely will make arrangements for auxiliary current from private concerns.

Central Heating company over the proposition of supplying Tacoma with auxiliary current. The heating company's franchise was declared valid this week by Judge Easterday. City officials hope to induce the company to install an extra unit of electrical power, by which it could supply the city with 20,000 horsepower in cases of emergency.

## GOV. LISTER APPROVES ANOTHER LIST OF BILLS

OLYMPIA, March 18.—Among the 20-odd bills approved by Gov. Lister yesterday are those exempting Y. M. C. A.'s and like institutions from taxation, providing for a state budget system (save for one section), and amending the mothers' pension law.

## \$10 FOR PROOF, SAYS LOOMIS

Chief of Police Loomis is angry. He has lost all patience with The Times for exposing vice conditions in Tacoma.

Chief Loomis declares that there is no organized vice in Tacoma—no bawdy houses in operation—no legitimized prostitution—and he's willing, he adds, to pay a reward to anyone who can prove that there is.

Loomis completely lost his temper this morning. He called The Times some frightful names. "I'll pay a reward of \$10 out of my own pocket to any person who can prove to me the existence in Tacoma of one house of prostitution," he shouted.

"It's ridiculous to declare that vice is operating openly here. There may be a little going on that my officers can get no evidence of. But to say that bawdy houses are operating, or that women are using D street or any other street for their exclusive operations—why, it's an insane notion.

"Any person who can prove to me that a single house is operating will get \$10."

Mayor Fawcett today declared that he had voluminous evidence to prove the existence in Tacoma of a police-regulated restricted district, but that he dared not give out the names of persons supplying him with the evidence.

"If I should give out the name of a single person who has supplied me with information about the vice district, that person would be run out of town by the

police," declared the mayor. "Every day persons come to me with evidence. They have absolute proof of their assertions.

His Hands Are Tied. "It is the most outrageous condition of affairs that I have ever experienced in my residence here. "It was the same when I made charges of graft. My witnesses were hushed up by the police, or else forced to leave the city.

"As mayor of Tacoma, my hands are tied, so far as enforcing strict regulation of vice. It's up to the people to act."

## CITIZENS WANT LID PUT BACK

Alexander Contis, president of the Twelfth Avenue Improvement club, today called a meeting of the citizens of the district to consider ways of putting the lid tightly back on D street.

The meeting will take place at 8 o'clock tonight at Klang's hall, 12th and Pine streets.

Residents of that part of the city are reported to be greatly aroused over D street conditions and are prepared to fight them to a finish.

## FINE RESOLVE

Good for Prosecuting Attorney Remann! He says he will investigate thoroughly the moral, or rather, immoral, conditions of South D street. He intimates that redlight abatement actions will follow speedily.

The Times is willing to take his word in good faith. It will help him to the extent of its ability. He should find no trouble at all in closing up dozens of houses.

One good object lesson like that will suffice to keep Tacoma clean for years to come. Landlords are human. Some degenerate, dollar-greedy property owners may be willing to accept blood money, but even that kind, if it learns that the full punishment of the drastic abatement law is to be meted out, will forego the many tainted dollars for the smaller but legitimate rentals. And all the decent landlords will profit by having this large and important part of the city cleaned up once for all.

**BUT, PROSECUTOR REMANN, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY WILL STAND FOR NO WHITE-WASHING AND NO HALF-WAY MEASURES. THEY WANT ACTION, VIGOROUS, EFFECTIVE ACTION.**

## A BLACK HAND MENACES CITY



A black hand clutches at Tacoma. It is not the traditional black hand of south Europe murder societies, but the black hand of negro procurers and bawdy proprietors.

In Seattle, one Felix Crane, sometimes known as "The King of the Tenderloin," is under penitentiary sentence for accepting the earnings of fallen women.

Another man is about to face trial on a similar charge. Prosecutor Lundin says he has evidence to show an immense traffic in girls is still firmly entrenched.

AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION WITH CARE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE FELIX CRANE GANG OF SEATTLE AND THOSE OPERATING ON SOUTH D STREET, TACOMA, ARE THE SAME.

When things get too hot in Seattle the girls are hustled to Tacoma, and vice versa. Right now Tacoma's balance of this terrible trade is unduly heavy.

Negro males domineer and direct on D street, both in the houses where white girls are ensconced and where negro women live. Felix Crane is a negro. In the following resume of the Seattle situation, note that his victims were YOUNG WHITE GIRLS.

Young white girls, Tacoma and Seattle girls, in the grasp of a terrible BLACK HAND!

## SEATTLE SENDS "KING" TO PEN

SEATTLE, March 18.—On the heels of the sensational conviction of Felix Crane, negro saloon-keeper and boss of the secret tenderloin in Seattle, Prosecutor Al H. Lundin of King county is bringing to trial next Monday, Paul R. Schuman, a former policeman.

Schuman, like Crane, is charged with accepting the earnings of fallen women.

Crane is under sentence of two to five years in the penitentiary. At no time since his arrest did Crane or his friends exhibit the least alarm as to the outcome. They seemed to be impressed with an overwhelming idea of his power, and the tenderloin freely predicted Crane never would serve any time.

13 Girls to Testify. That feeling has been dissipated. Crane is in the county jail now, and his appeal to the supreme court hangs on the merest thread. Judge Ronald had no difficulty in deciding against Crane on a motion for a new trial.

It is said the evidence against Schuman is even more conclusive. Lundin, with the assistance of Chief Lang, has prepared a thorough case. It is claimed there are 13 girls who are willing to testify they paid Schuman \$5 each for "protection," Schuman agreeing not to arrest them as they piled their trade in the American and certain other cafes in this city.

Girls Only 20 Years Old. Crane's territory was in another section of town, away from the white lights and cafe district, a few blocks from the old restricted district. Here, under cover of darkness, women of the underworld established themselves in ramshackle frame houses and would solicit passersby by tapping on the windows.

Felix Crane, a saloonkeeper, in the lower part of town, was the man who, it was claimed, "fixed" things with the police so that the women, who paid tribute to him, were left unmolested while the others were quickly apprehended.

Two white girls, still carrying the bloom of youth, were the chief witnesses against Crane. Gladys Bates and Catherine Roberts, each 20 years old, testified they had never been in the "sporting" life before they became inmates of the house on Dearborn street and Seventh avenue south.

Policeman in Trouble. The girls had formed the acquaintance of one George C. Rice in a cafe. Last September he went to Felix Crane, he said, asking permission to install the two girls in his hotel.

"Sure, put three or four in," Crane replied at that time, Rice said.

At a second conference, it was agreed that \$15 was to be the "protection" money, and Rice thereupon got \$5 from each of the girls, adding \$5 of his own and taking the same to Crane, as the fine payment. Shortly afterward, Crane visited the place and was introduced to the girls, they testified, as the man who was "protecting" them.

Besides Schuman, Prosecutor Lundin's graft dragnet also caught Charles Shea, a cigar storekeeper who was said to have acted as Schuman's agent.

Another policeman, C. G. Reynolds, is under arrest for attempted tampering with witnesses against Schuman.

## CHARGE JEALOUS HUSBAND RIOTOUS

Believing that his wife was in Tacoma preparing to elope with another man, Charles Wakefield, a Seattle broker, it is charged, attempted last night to demolish the home of Mrs. B. R. Hoskins, 2718 East D street, where Mrs. Wakefield had taken refuge.

Wakefield was arrested by the police and Mrs. Hoskins today swore out a warrant charging him with malicious destruction of property. He is said to have broken all the furniture in the house, smashed the dishes, torn down a stove and stovepipe, and broken nearly all the windows.



IF HELEN CAN SPEND TWENTY DOLLARS FOR A PET PARROT I GUESS I CAN SPEND TWO DOLLARS FOR A PET DOG

THERE'LL BE SOME FUN HERE IN A MINUTE-GO TO 'M OLD SPORT IF YOU WANT TO

GWAN GET 'M-GET 'M SICKEM SICKEM

SICKEM!

GR-RR-R-R-R