

HERE'S \$10,015 FOR SOME TACOMAN

Tacoma followers of the movies are now going to have a chance to win a \$10,000 prize, a \$15 prize and to see one of the greatest films ever manufactured free of charge.

Clarence Summerville has signed up "The Diamond from the Sky," a film from the American Film Manufacturing Co.'s studios that has been declared one of the best of them all.

A \$10,000 prize was given by the film company to the author of the serial. The prize winner is revealed in the first installment, which is to open at the Melbourne Friday.

The American Co. now offers another \$10,000 as a prize to the person in North America who submits the best suggestion for a sequel.

In addition, The Times will give a \$15 cash prize to the person in Tacoma submitting the best suggestion. The best local scenarios will be sent east to be entered in the national contest.

Manager Summerville is anxious that Tacomans see the first installment. To see the first picture means, he figures, that a person will become a regular attendant for the remaining shows. In The Times this week will be printed a free coupon allowing any person to attend the Melbourne Friday or Saturday between 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

If you want to see one of the greatest dramas yet exhibited, don't miss this chance. Lottie Pickford has the leading role, and there's an all-star cast. And remember that \$10,015.

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WILL ARMY'S IDOL DETHRONE CZAR?

AUSTRIA SHELLS VENICE!

ROME, May 23.—Austria this afternoon struck a quick, sharp blow at Italy—the first in the war.

Airships and a fleet of dreadnaughts and torpedo boats sped across the Adriatic sea from Pola, the Austrian naval base, and bombarded several coast towns and dropped bombs on the arsenal at Venice and the Italian aeroplane hangars at Jassi.

An attempt was made by a landing party and by aeroplane bombs to destroy the railroad from Ancona to Porto Cosin, but this was not successful. A bombardment for two hours also was attempted without serious result.

Following this attack, the warships moved southward, shelling other coast towns.

King Goes to Front. At first it was believed that all the towns had been shelled from the air, but later the presence of the Austrian fleet was proved beyond doubt. Feverishly excited, vast crowds gathered in Rome and heard the first reports of Italian casualties.

They were badly frightened, despite official assurances that the raid merely was to draw "first blood" and to terrorize Italy.

All princes of the royal family have joined their regiments, and King Victor Emmanuel himself has left for the front, where he will establish a headquarters.

For pictures of bombarded Venice, see pages 3 and 8.

Franz Josef Wrathy. VIENNA, May 23.—Emperor Franz Josef today issued a manifesto characterizing Italy's declaration of war as "the greatest act of perfidy ever known."

He called on his forces for victory over "the treacherous army to the south of us." The emperor declared he wanted Italy held up to the scorn of the world as "the vulture which hovered over the battlefield in sheer greed."

Seize 80 Vessels. ROME, May 24.—Eighty Austrian-German vessels valued at \$20,000,000, which had been interned in Italian ports, today were seized by the government.

Germany Joins In. BERLIN, May 24.—The German foreign office today formally declared that a state of war exists between this country and Italy.

Enrollments Rapid. ROME, May 24.—Italy is formally at war with Austria. The declaration issued by the foreign office became effective today.

The government has issued a drastic decree forbidding all civil and religious public meetings throughout the kingdom. The nation's country virtually is in the hands of the military.

A rigid censorship on the mails and telegraph has been provided. Volunteers are enrolling by thousands. Crowds of youths vie for the honor of being first.

Ten Nations In It.

LONDON, May 24.—When Italy formally opens warfare against Austria tonight, there will be at war 10 of the world's largest nations, including every power of importance except the United States. The ten nations are: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Turkey, France, Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Belgium and Serbia.

In addition, it is likely that Greece and Rumania may declare themselves on the side of the allies at any moment, while Bulgaria will not make up its mind which side to take until the results of the tremendous Galician campaign begin to be visible.

Italy's own army is concentrated along the border, ready to strike. Austria also is prepared, and it is said there is a tremendous force, including many Germans, which is to be hurled against Italy in a strong offensive movement. If this is successful,

POLYMURIEL WINNER



—Photo by A. L. Jackson.

MRS. E. M. EVETTS South Tacoma woman declared winner of Times Polymuriel dress contest. For all the particulars see page 5.

WOMEN SURRENDER

Following the death of Albert J. Olson, 68, a retired farmer, as the result of being run down by a speeding automobile, formal charges of manslaughter will be filed this afternoon against Mrs. J. L. Warner and Jane Roe, both of Seattle.

The two women, who are alleged to have driven the car which struck the old man, notified Deputy Prosecutor Cramer today through an attorney that they will give themselves up and stand trial.

When it is definitely decided whether Mrs. Warner or her companion, known as Jane Roe, was actually driving, one of the charges of manslaughter will be dropped.

It is expected that Mrs. Warner and her woman companion will arrive here late this afternoon.

TIGERS BATTLE WAY INTO LEAGUE LEAD VICTORIA, May 24.—Before a big crowd, Peterson of Tacoma held the slugging Victorias to three hits in the first game of a double-header and Tacoma won a shut-out game, 4 to 0. Score: Tacoma . . . 30010000—4 7 3 Victoria . . . 00000000—0 3 3 Batteries: Peterson and Stevens; Bonner and Haworth.

meeting of the pan-American union which opened here today. This meeting, between two of the foremost men of the world, is known as the pan-American financial conference, and indications are that it will be one of the most significant gatherings in American history. It shall be symbolic of peace—of all America acting together for peace.

Appreciation of the new organization spread from the army to the people. When the Russian army mobilized the commander-in-chief ordered all vodka shops closed lest soldiers squander their allowances.

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raw, external brute force will never crush national spirit. Lives on Troop Train. Now Russia's reign of terror, theft and assassination is closed, Nicholas Nicholovitch recognizes no favorites. Surrounded by his hard working staff he lives on a troop train near Baronivitch on the Warsaw-Moscow R. R. ready for an instant dash to any threatened point on the front.

He stops at nothing. When Ludz fell because Russian troops were deserted by their pleasure seeking officers, the commander-in-chief suddenly appeared in the Hotel Bristol. Heavy whip in hand he cleared the rooms of the humiliated captains and lieutenants, nor cared what citizens or soldiers saw the startling spectacle!

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It is hoped that Italy will cease its activity. If it fails, a defensive campaign will be waged. The Austrian coast has been prepared against attack by the powerful Italian fleet. It is considered unlikely that the Austrian fleet, now at Pola, will leave its base unless forced to by Italy.

The usual stories of atrocities by both Italians and Austrians have been begun. One account says that 1,000 Italians have been captured and concentrated in a camp by Austrians. Terror exists along both sides of the frontier.

TURKS LOSE TORPEDO BOAT CONSTANTINOPLE, May 24.—The loss of a Turkish torpedo-boat is admitted today in the official statement. An enemy submarine sank the "sub." It is asserted. All of the crew of 111 were saved except two.

RUSSIA FACING CRISIS

BY MARY BOYLE O'REILLY. GRODNO, Near the Russian Front, May 1.—(By mail.)—This is the story of Nicholas the czar and Nicholas the commander, told at Grodno by Russian officers just back from the front. A new time is dawning in Russia—an era of revolutions dominated by a dictator.

Will that dictator be Nicholas II or Nicholas III? When war became inevitable the "peace czar" suffered an attack of nerves. Russia was unprepared, but must begin fighting. The imperial family selected its strongest member—the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholovitch to assume command of the armies.

He recalled the Moscow postal frauds and Red Cross thefts which put \$2,000,000 into Grand Duke Serge's purse. He told, too, of scores of other scandals and government frauds in which high personages were involved, and then he said:

"I can fight—but not for a pack of thieves, idle, unscrupulous, irresponsible and above the law."

Awed, the imperial council again offered him the supreme command, removing all restrictions.

"I accept," said Nicholas Nicholovitch, "but remember, whoever is proved guilty of theft or treason will be shot."

Suddenly Russia quickened to a commanding touch. The army was mobilized in record time. Troop trains concentrated from thousands of miles away, reservists marched in by battalions, barbers waited to transform hairy peasants into trim recruits.

Soldiers presently realized that of all the armies in the field they were the best clothed and booted for a winter campaign.

Thieves shrank to a minimum. Grand Dukes who had resped a rich harvest from graft in the Russian-Japanese war discovered to their chagrin that this war was different and that honesty was the only safe policy.

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Czar and Commander. Grand Duke Nicholas pointing out military operations to his cousin, the Russian Emperor.

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LONDON, May 24.—George Joseph Smith, the notorious "bride's bath" murderer, who has been married six times and is said to have drowned three of his brides in bath-tubs, was put on trial in the Bow street court today charged with triple fratricide.

Scotland Yard has unraveled Smith's life of crime, until Prosecutor Bodkin declares he has positive proof of the three murders, and strong suspicions of even more.

In two and one-half years, the prosecutor claims, Smith has become \$15,000 richer through the life insurance collected from the three wives. And all the time that Smith has been marrying and drowning his wives in bath-tubs, the prosecution asserts, he has been returning regularly to his first wife—his one true love—a woman named Pegler, and living respectably with her for definite periods.

Cheated First One.

The three wives who are said to have been Smith's victims were Beatrice Mundy, who died in a bath-tub two years after the wedding; Alice Burham, who drowned in her bath two months after she became a bride; and Margaret Loft, who was found dead in her bath the day following her wedding.

It was in 1898 that George Joseph Smith was first married. Why he cheated Caroline B. Thornhill, at Leicester, and told her his name was George Ollivier Love, no one knows. However, it was better to be cheated than to be murdered. Whether Smith got any money from this woman will come out at the trial.

On Way to Trial. Mrs. Caroline Thornhill Smith, the only woman of the six who is entitled to bear the sinister name of George Joseph Smith, is now on her way to London from Canada, and will testify in the coming trial.

Ten years later Smith met Edith Mabel Pegler at Bristol. He made a whirlwind courtship.

Women always, it seems, gave in to him; their wills were as nothing, in his hands. The trial will show that he was always able to make them say his words and even to think his thoughts.

T. R. & P. AUTO BECOMES A JIT

Manager Louis Bean of the T. R. & P. Co. last week sold a touring car that had been in the service of the street car company as a "trouble" auto for several years.

Today the new owner of the automobile applied at the city hall for a jitney license. "It's just my luck," said Bean. "I sold the car because I thought it was junk, and now the new owner starts in competing with me. Anyhow, I'll take all he can make to keep the car in repair. I've got that satisfaction."

Will Urge Year For Mrs. Duffley

Prosecutor Remann said today he would recommend a term of not less than one year or more than 10 years in the penitentiary for Mrs. Duffley, convicted of second degree assault.

The jury of 12 men which returned the verdict against her recommended clemency. The last sentence which Judge Card could pronounce would be six months imprisonment.

WILL KEEP UP FIGHT ON PATENTED PAVING

On the basis that there is an admitted "arrangement" between the Washington Paving Co. and the Warren Brothers, holders of the patent for bitulithic paving, Contractor Jos. Warter today planned further steps to prevent the carrying out of the contract for the Stellacoom road.

The county has awarded the contract for 1.67 miles of roadway near the speedway, but Warter has applied for a permanent restraining order to prevent the carrying out of the contract.

Judge Clifford overruled his application for a temporary injunction Saturday, but the fight for the permanent order will continue.

Even members of the Washington Paving Co. admit that they have a special agreement by which they get the use of the bitulithic material for 20 cents a yard, but the material is supplied by Warren Bros. Between these two arrangements, it is claimed that there is so great an advantage to the Washington Paving Co. that bids on bitulithic are not competitive, as required by law.

Chairman Slayden, of the county board, denies that this county plans the abandonment of concrete paving altogether, although he says that in his opinion bitulithic is so superior that it is real economy in the long run.

WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

