

The Russians have captured the city of Uraliah where, we guess, the war correspondents have their headquarters.

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WEATHER
Tacoma and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; warmer Sunday.
Washington: Same, except near coast.

VILLA DEFIES, CARRANZA PLACATES U.S.

SENSATIONAL MURDER CASE EXPECTED TO GO TO THE JURY TONIGHT

OLYMPIA, June 12.—The fate of A. L. Miller, who shot and killed William M. Chatten, president of the Union Lumber Co., when he found the latter leaving his home on the night of May 2 under suspicious circumstances, will be in the hands of the jury before night.

Judge Wright gave the jury his instructions this morning and arguments of the opposing attorneys immediately began. That a man has the right to kill another to prevent the commission of a felony towards his wife, children, or anyone else in his home and under his protection, was one of the instructions, and the defense, in the argument, lays stress upon it to justify Miller's action.

Both Miller and his pretty wife testified yesterday. Mrs. Miller was calm, distinct in her testimony, bravely facing the audience which literally stood on tiptoe to make as much room as possible in the courtroom.

The moment she got off the stand, she broke down and grew so hysterical that she had to be led outdoors. It was almost the opposite with Miller.

The Miller children were sent out of the courtroom while their parents testified.

Crowd Favors Defense.
The crowd unmistakably favored the defense, and at the conclusion of Mrs. Miller's testimony broke out into loud and vigorous applause.

The prosecuting attorney attempted to shoot through testimony of Mrs. Miller that her husband, prompted by jealousy, had been in a shooting scrape before. "Is it not true," he said, "that Mr. Miller shot a man when you were living in Kansas?"

Mrs. Miller looked straight at her questioner, and replied quite sharply: "It's absolutely untrue."

At no time during the testimony of either Miller or Mrs. Miller was it intimated that Chatten had succeeded in pressing his attentions on Mrs. Miller successfully.

Miller described how he would come home, on several occasions, to find his wife almost hysterical.

On the witness stand, Mrs. Miller made a clean breast of her emotions at that time. She told how Chatten, a well built, well educated man, began to pay marked attention to her a year after the Miller family came to live at Union Mills in September, 1912, and how finally he gave her \$15 to begin divorce proceedings against her husband. The money was never used.

Chatten visited her frequently, she said, during her husband's absence on business trips. "Following any of these conversations with Mr. Chatten," Attorney Vance asked, "did you take up with your husband at any time the question of divorce?"

Spoke of Divorce.
"We talked of this matter more than once, but it hurt my husband very much and he said it was impossible, that he could not give up the children, and neither could I."

"Did you tell him why you suggested a divorce?" Mrs. Miller hesitated a moment, then said: "I told him I had lost my love for him."

"Did your husband on any occasion ask you the reasons for the change in your affections toward him?"

"I could give him no definite reason."

"To what and to whom did you yourself attribute the change in your attitude toward your husband?"

Fateful Evening.
"To Mr. Chatten's attentions and pleadings. He was a man of strong will."

On the day of the shooting, Mrs. Miller said, her husband and she discussed a plan he had to resign and to move to new surroundings. Miller left to catch the train for Seattle at 7:30, still debating the question, and about 9:30, Mrs. Miller testified, she discussed the matter with Chatten.

"Where did this conversation with Mr. Chatten occur?" she was asked.

"In my home."

"I went to the back door, to put the dog out, when I heard Mr. Chatten call to me. He came up to the porch and talked with me. I opened the door and followed him into the kitchen. He locked the door after me. We passed into the dining room and I sat down in a chair, and I said to him: 'I cannot see you again,' and he said: 'Yes, it looks like I must go, and kneeling in front of me he took my hands in his.'"

Asked About Rumors.
She then described hearing someone at the back, and finally how Chatten started to leave by the front door when he was shot down.

Attorney Vance sought to introduce testimony to show that the deceased, William Chatten, had a bad reputation "with women."

Miller was the last witness for the defense, and he was excused from the stand with scarcely any cross-examination.

He testified that he had heard rumors concerning Chatten and his wife over a year ago, and he asked both of them concerning it. Both denied there was any truth in the rumors.

Toward the fall of 1914, Miller said, he began to notice a cooling of affection towards him on the part of his wife.

"One night when I returned home," said Miller, "I found she had been crying. I asked her if she was ill. Finally, between sobs, she said she had something to tell me that almost broke her heart—that she had ceased to love me."

Describes Shooting.
"A little later—it was in the early part of March—in a hysterical mood she asked me to occupy a separate room. Later again, she asked if she could take the children and move to Tacoma or Seattle while I should remain at Union Mills. I couldn't agree to that but I told her I would agree to move to town with the whole family. And then, a few days later, she broached the subject of divorce."

He then described how on May 2, still wavering whether to give up his position or not, he had started out to Seattle, but on the train made up his mind that he would quit his job. He left the train at St. Clair, three miles from Union Mills, walked back in the dark, and pulled his revolver from his grip when he heard there were tramps abroad on the road who might hold him up. Near his home, he said, he saw a figure step to the back porch, whisper to his wife, and enter. The shooting followed.

Nell Pickerill, Man-Woman, Again In Jail



NELL PICKERILL, THE "MAN-WOMAN," PETROGRAD.

There was mild surprise at central station this morning when the mail from Seattle brought the picture of a neatly dressed young man, with a rogue's gallery tag affixed to his coat, and the name "Nell Pickerill" underneath.

"Why, I thought Nell had reformed," remarked Bertillon Operator Harry Smith.

"Guess she's up to her old tricks again," said Detective Captain D. O. Smith. "There's no mistaking that picture. It's our old friend Nell, all right, and she's still wearing men's clothes."

The picture really was Nell Pickerill, the "man-woman" who years ago shocked all Tacoma by her criminal record here.

Nell tried to reform a few years ago, and dropped out of sight of the Tacoma police. Her reformation was apparently short-lived, for the Seattle police arrested her in a South Seattle saloon a few evenings ago, accompanied by a man and two girls, and charged her with vagrancy.

Neither the girls or the man knew that she was other than a nice, pleasant young fellow with plenty of money.

Nell is now "doing time" in the Seattle county jail, wandering about the women's quarters of the jail in her men's clothes, and with every appearance of being a normal, healthy man.

Nell Pickerill's masquerade life began in Tacoma many years ago.

WARRING MEXICAN CHIEFTAINS REPLY TO WILSON'S NOTE

EL PASO, Texas, June 12.—Declaring that the United States has no right to interfere with the internal affairs of Mexico, and denying that starvation and anarchy exists, as alleged by President Wilson, Gen. Villa's reply to Wilson's note was made public today.

Villa places all blame for civil warfare on Carranza.

At the same time Villa made public a proposal to Carranza to make peace.

Either the reactionaries will gain control if the revolutionists continue to fight, or the United States will intervene, Villa urges Carranza.

Villa denies that outside relief for Mexico is necessary.

Villa denies that as soon as any central authority arises, it was undermined and destroyed by those who originally supported it.

He says also that the reason why no foreigners are safe is because the country is engaged in a bitter civil war; and that resulting conditions are what they would be anywhere.

CARRANZA FRIENDLY.
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—The reply of General Carranza to President Wilson's warning, issued in the form of a proclamation at Vera Cruz yesterday, reached the state department today.

Carranza bids for recognition by the United States.

He declares that the constitutionalists are practically in control of Mexico, and he gives assurances that he will call a regular election and turn over all authority to the president chosen by the people.

Several of the veteran police officers can recall it.

Nell was the daughter of well-to-do Seattle folks. When the bicycle craze swept over the Northwest, she took to scouring the old fashioned bicycle "bloomers."

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The Man Who Dared Will His Happiness Endure? Times to Give \$10 In Prizes For Opinions

Ten dollars in prizes will be paid by The Times for the most interesting letters on the main issue raised in the story of John Hunt, the Man Who Dared, which was concluded in The Times yesterday.

These prizes will be divided as follows:

Five dollars cash for the most interesting and thoughtful letter. A box at Pantages theater, where the story of John Hunt will be produced in dramatic form shortly, for the next best letter.

A pair of box seats for the third best.

The question to be considered and treated in these letters is: Can there be assurances of lasting affection and domestic happiness in such a marriage as John Hunt dared to consummate with Anna Sterling, a girl with a checkered past?

In a nutshell, the story of The Man Who Dared is the story of a love by which Anna Sterling

was won back to respectability through the courage of John Hunt, a man of the respected average, who was willing to chance his hope for happiness and contentment in such a union, despite the frowns and punishments of society.

The conclusion of John Hunt's story of this daring courtship and marriage left them apparently happy in each other's tested and confirmed love. But can this happiness last?

Will jealousy, brooding over her past, the ostracism of society and the thing that was implanted in Anna Sterling's soul up there in alley—all will all these things permit domestic peace and loyalty in marriage?

This is the question we want you to answer.

There are no particular conditions governing this contest, except that the letters should be kept brief—not more than 200 words.

The names of the contestants will be withheld if desired.

However, send your full name and address with your letter.

DERNBURG DEPARTS

NEW YORK, June 12.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg and wife sailed today on the Norwegian-America liner Bergenford for Berlin by way of Bergen.

They are guaranteed safe conduct by the allies.

On sailing—the unofficial spokesman for the kaiser said: "From my heart I salute the American liner Bergenford for good-bye with sincerest wishes. Auf Wiedersehen."

EMPEROR GETS COPY

BERLIN, June 12.—President Wilson's rejoinder is now in the hands of the kaiser. It was cleared from Berlin over the military telegraph lines to the Galician front ahead of all other dispatches on the orders of the emperor himself.

PROPOSES TURNER TO SUCCEED BRYAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—In an editorial discussion of probabilities for appointment as secretary of state, the New York Evening Post suggests that if the appointment goes to the west, because Bryan is from the west, no better man could be named than George Turner, former senator from Washington.

TEUTONS LOSSES 40,000

PETROGRAD, June 12.—The losses of the Austro-Germans in the battle along the Dnieper Thursday are placed at 40,000 in official estimates from Lemberg.

The Russians are reported to have virtually annihilated several forces which became detached.

The Teutons are being steadily thrown back.

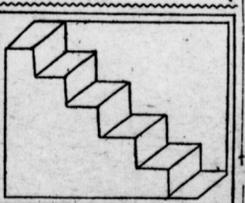
ITALIANS CLOSE IN UPON GORITZ

ROME, June 12.—Three Italian armies are closing in upon Goritz, 22 miles northwest of Trieste. Gradisca is said to be occupied.

Goritz, which is now being shelled, is famed for its cathedral dating back to the 17th century.

Austrian guns mounted on flat cars are sweeping the river bank, trying to dislodge the enemy.

TODAY'S OPTICAL ILLUSION DO YOU SEE IT?



Here's the staircase illusion. Are you looking at the steps from above or from beneath them? It works both ways. Stare at it. If the stairs don't turn a somersault for you the first time try again.

Now turn to page 5 and see who all the graduates are.

What Bank Will I Patronize?

How to Size Up a Bank
Go into the office, breathe the atmosphere, observe the surroundings, size up the situation, measure the service you want and choose the Puget Sound State Bank, Tacoma, where most of the new accounts are crowding, because there the human spirit is put forth and the wishes we cheerfully meet without a moment's hesitation.

A Married Man's Troubles---and Joys



the mother, who once again withstood the temptation of intoxicants, for which she has an abnormal liking.

As a result, she has made good to Superior Judge Chapman in still another test. She is allowed to keep the child on probation.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Berglund, was divorced after a suit in which drunkenness was charged by the husband and in which she charged that it was her husband who had first set intoxicants before her. She admitted an excessive liking for them.

The child was given to her. Two weeks ago, Berglund was in court attempting to get the child away from his mother. He alleged that she was unfit to take care of the child because of alcoholism. However, she testified she had not tasted liquor since she had been apart from him.

She also showed Judge Chapman a pledge which she had signed at the instance of the W. C. T. U. This, with testimony that she had kept sober despite efforts by her former husband and by his friends to excite the taste for drink in her again, resulted in Judge Chapman's giving her the child on six months' probation.

Thursday, friends of her former husband called on her and tried to induce her to drink. She refused, and when they tried to force her to, drove them from the house with a stick.

Chris Lind, one of the party, was arrested and given 30 days yesterday by Judge Evans—the limit. The court also reined him to a term.