

# BLIND 25 YEARS, SEES AGAIN

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 3.—Suddenly regaining the sight of one eye after being totally blind for 25 years, Carl Gulott, a musician, was at once the happiest and the most sorrowful man in the world today. He was happy because for the first time in

his life he saw his wife and his son, 10 years old. He was sorrowful because his physician told him that by every medical chance he would again be cast in total darkness within 24 hours. Gulott was improving every moment, spending his time with

his family. His sight came to him suddenly and mysteriously while he was being guided along the street here yesterday. He could scarcely realize what the new sensation meant. Medically, the case is a mystery. Resolved to see all that he could while

his sight remained, Gulott telephoned R. W. Fletcher, a friend, and asked to be taken about the city in the latter's automobile. Until nightfall, Gulott rode about the city, hailing with delight the new buildings, and laughing with boyish abandon when he recognized old landmarks.

**A** number of villas have been destroyed in Europe. One in Mexico seems to keep right on going. An optimist is a fellow who always thinks poison ivy does not affect him.

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**WEATHER:**  
For Tacoma and vicinity: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably showers.  
For Washington: Same, cooler east portion.

# SEATTLE YOGA SCANDAL GROWS

## WATER BLIGHTS LAWNS?

A mysterious blight, believed by West End residents to have been caused by contamination in the city water, ruined a score of gardens and lawns in the neighborhood of 11th and Ainsworth avenue Sunday evening.

The blight occurred immediately after the citizens had sprinkled the flowers and lawns. It developed in the form of brown and gray blotches on flowers, leaves and grass blades. Entire lawns were turned brown drab by it. Sweet peas, nasturtiums, geraniums and dahlias were instantly killed by the blight.

**Attacks Several Yards.**  
Mrs. E. G. Fincham, 1107 Ainsworth avenue, reported today that she was one of the victims of the mysterious attack on city gardens.

Her flowers were ruined and her grass has turned to a sickly brown. She declared that the blight appeared immediately after she sprinkled Sunday afternoon, and that it only appeared on plants and lawn that she watered. Neighbors all around her suffered from the same blight.

A bundle of leaves, showing that the peculiar brown blight had eaten out almost everything but the principal veins, was delivered by The Times to Water Superintendent Paul Savidge today.

**Official Incredulous.**  
Savidge declared utter disbelief that city water could have caused the unusual phenomena, but said that he would have chemical tests made at once by the city chemists.

"The district where the blight is reported is supplied with city water from six-inch cast iron mains, fed by an eight-inch main on South 11th street," said Supt. Savidge today. "There is perfect circulation through the district. I have never heard of such a blight caused by water."

The fact that no one in the district suffered from drinking city water Sunday, when the blight developed, has added further mystery to the case.

## BRITISH SUB HAS REVENGE

LONDON, Aug. 3.—British submarines today reported the sinking of a large German transport in the Baltic sea, a German destroyer near the German naval base, and of having passed through the Dardanelles and sunk two large Turkish ships in the Sea of Marmora.

The latter undersea boat, if it went in a straight line, must have traveled 250 miles.

## THE PAYMENT OF MONEY, OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

A few days ago the Puget Sound State Bank had a little advertisement in the Tacoma Times calling special attention to the facilities offered through its Collection Department.

Such ready response was given to this announcement that the bank not only wants to express its appreciation, but again desires to call attention to the fact that it is much more convenient to the payer of a note, or the holder of a note to have same placed in the Puget Sound State Bank, than to have the note lying around the house, and then when the man goes to pay, the holder is away from home.

The charge made by the bank is so small that it does not count.

H. N. TINKER,  
President.

## Man Who Saved Frank's Life Visits Mt. Tacoma



EX-GOVERNOR AND MRS. SLATON.

Ex-Gov. John M. Slaton of Georgia, who commuted the death sentence of Leo Frank to life imprisonment at the state penitentiary, visited Mt. Tacoma today, and then left for Portland and California. Unknown, he heard Bryan's

## GERMAN CHARGE IN WEST FAILS

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Fighting on the western front still centers about Souchez and Voges. In both regions today the Germans suffered heavy losses when repulsed in repeated attacks against the French lines, the war office announced.

The Germans charged, showering the French trenches with hand bombs, but were hurled back, their ranks riddled by machine guns.

Soissons again was bombarded, but no serious damage was done, it is said.

The German artillery has been active at many points along the Aisne.

## CALL FLYNN AN ORDINARY FLYNN-FLAM

The Pierce County Medical association today received word from Los Angeles and Chicago correspondents that Earl W. Flynn, the "breakfastless" health expert who recently took a wad of money from this town, was known to them as an ordinary flynn-flamm, "easy-money" lecturer.

In some towns, they said, his game was to enroll a newspaper to push his advertising, and in others to obtain publicity-seeking ministers.

Dr. A. William Lewis of Los Angeles, where Flynn "worked" previous to coming here, reported that before he left there he was the joke of the town. Lewis is secretary of the Los Angeles county association.

Along with the Chicago letter, which briefly referred to Flynn as an "easy-money" proposition, came a booklet describing numerous health fakirs. It was from the Chicago office of the American Medical association.

Flynn is now in Seattle.

## TEN MILLION GERMANS ARE ENGAGED IN WAR

LONDON, Aug. 3.—It was estimated at a meeting of the British prize court yesterday that 10,000,000 Germans are engaged in the war. Sir Frederick E. Smith, the solicitor general, estimated 4,000,000 on the battle front, with 6,000,000 doing home duty in the mines, arsenals and munition factories.

## AUSTRIA TO TURN ON ITALY

PETROGRAD, Aug. 3.—Drastic action as the result of the Russians' lack of ammunition was taken today by the duma when a resolution demanding the prosecution of those criminally responsible for the shortage of ammunition, regardless of their position, was adopted.

ROME, Aug. 3.—A powerful offensive movement against Italy is planned by Austria, following the fall of Warsaw. Information from the Swiss frontier declares that Austria plans to make an invasion of Italy through the Adige valley.

Troops are already massed between Trent and Roverto, and every preparation is being made to launch a heavy attack against the Italian line, it is said.

At many points on the Tyrolson front, particularly in the Ledro valley, small detachments of Austrians have attempted to take the offensive during the last few days.

These attacks have been easily repulsed. It is thought the moves are to test the Italian lines in advance of the main offensive body. Italy is now prepared to resist any move that may be launched by the Austrians and is prepared to press on its own offensive, especially in the Goritz region, it is declared.

**Battle Over Railroad.**  
PETROGRAD, Aug. 3.—A great smash is being made against the railroad from Warsaw to Petrograd. In this attempt to cut the communications between these two cities, the Teutons will be reinforced by 200,000 men, probably from the western front.

The troops in command of General von Gallwitz are making an attempt at a terrific drive against the railroad by crossing the Bug river at Vyskof, 30 miles northwest of Warsaw. The Germans evidently hope to surround a part of the Russian forces defending Warsaw and force the fall without a delay.

Von Gallwitz' advance guard reached Olsaki, 10 miles from the Bug river and 20 miles from Tuzoz, where a seizure of the railroad will be attempted. The Russian defense along the Bug river near Vyskof is declared by the war office to be strong and the country is well defended.

There is no ground for the belief that the Germans will crush through and make their way to Warsaw and capture the Petrograd railway in a short campaign, it is said.

**Attack Bridge.**  
PETROGRAD, Aug. 3.—Seven were killed and 14 wounded in a German air raid on Warsaw, it is said. Aeroplanes attempted to destroy Vistula river bridge in an effort to hinder the Russian retreat, but the bombs fell harmlessly into the river.

**T. R. WILL STICK AS MOOSER**  
OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 3.—"I shall enroll as a progressive and if any man in this state asks me my advice I shall advise him also to enroll as a progressive."

This is the advice given out by Theodore Roosevelt after a tour of the western states. He was commenting on the decision of certain New York state progressive leaders to return to the republican party.

The colonel said such men were to be praised for the work they had done in the last two years, and probably were acting conscientiously now, but that such a course for "a man holding my convictions" would be impossible.

**Lots of Money to Move Crops**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 3.—There are so large surpluses in banks of the country that little difficulty should be had in financing this year's harvesting, the federal bank board believes.

It has advised that generous credits be given on all U. S. crops, and that the cotton growers especially should be aided.

## Woman Who Figures In Seattle Scandal



"Isona," the beautiful wife of Dr. Rudolph H. Gerber of San Francisco, whose soul has been "Burbanked," as the Yoga book calls it, by "Dr." Ralph De Bit, the Yogi. "Isona" is Mrs. Gerber's "spiritual" name. Her true name is Mrs. Dorothy A. Gerber, though she is sometimes known as Beaux Arts, the Yoga village near Seattle, as "Madame" De Bit. She and Dr. Gerber are engaged in a legal tug of war for the custody of their beautiful child, Areal.

## Whence Woman Came

An extract from the Christian Yoga Monthly, by which De Bit is editor, gives the following version of the conception of woman: "Twashtiri, who, according to the Hindu legend, created the world, fell into profound meditation. When he arose from it he took the roundness of the moon the undulating curves of the serpent, the graceful twist of the drooping vine, the light shivering of the grass blade and the slenderness of the willow, the velvety softness of the flowers, the lightness of the feather, the gentle gaze of the doe, the frolicsomeness of the sunbeam, the tears of the cloud, the inconstancy of the wind, the timidity of the hare, the vanity of the peacock, the hardness of the diamond, the sweetness of honey, the cruelty of the tiger, the heat of the fire, the chill of the snow, the cackling of the parrot and the cooling of the turtle dove. All these he mixed together and formed woman. Then he presented her to man."

## SINGLE TAX LEADERS TO SPEAK HERE

Arrangements were partially completed today by a committee of Tacoma business and professional men for one, and possibly two, single tax meetings, Aug. 17. On that date Tacoma will be visited by three of the single tax leaders of the country. They are: Mrs. Joseph Fels, widow of the well known single tax exponent; Daniel Klefer, secretary of the Joseph Fels foundation, and Dr. Slaughter, a widely known speaker on taxation reform.

It is probable that Mrs. Fels will address an afternoon meeting especially for Tacoma women and that all three speakers will talk in the evening in one of the large centrally located churches or public halls.

## CULT LEADERS BATHED LIKE SEPT. MORN

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—Lack of drapery appeared today as one of the chief beliefs of the leader of the Christian Yoga cult, Yogi Ralph DeBit, in his trial with Mrs. Dorothy Gerber before Justice Brinker for alleged misconduct.

Like the character in "The Naked Truth," it appeared that the mystery of human life was unveiled, and the inner truth revealed to the elect only when earthly and statutory vestments were tossed away.

A. G. White, manager of the Liberty building, where the Yogi formerly had his headquarters, testified that he had long suspected that all terrestrial influences had to be removed before the beliefs of the order became clear to the members.

Then one day, his utmost suspicions were justified when he walked into the office of the Yogi and found him standing as pure of earthly concealments as when he was born.

This, said White, was in the presence of Mrs. Gerber, whom Dr. Rudolph Gerber of San Francisco knows as his wife, whom the world knows as DeBit's wife, and whom the Yogi knows as Isona, a woman of wonderful understanding who was conducted into the society by the ceremonious rites which DeBit devised.

B. B. Phillips also testified that he had seen DeBit, undraped, and a woman, who looked like September Morn, bathing in Lake Washington near the select colony, Beaux Arts.

The husband, Dr. Gerber, is an interested spectator at the trial.

## FROM FOREST RANGER TO YOGI IN FIVE YEARS; HOW DE BIT BECAME PROPHET

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—Five years ago "Dr." Ralph De Bit, fount of the Yoga colony at Beaux Arts, "Burbanker of souls" and "servant of humanity," who is facing charges in criminal court as a result of his attentions to the wife of Dr. Rudolph H. Gerber, of San Francisco, was an \$80-a-month forest ranger in the heart of the Bitter Root mountains of Idaho.

Two weeks ago, De Bit's former wife, 434 Queen Anne ave., who resumed her maiden name of Jessie Derby after her divorce from the Yogi, left Seattle for Oakland, just in time to escape being dragged into the courts as a witness against her former husband in the De Bit-Gerber scandal.

File Amended Complaint.  
The latter affair presents as many angles as the facets of a many-sided diamond.

De Bit, in an amended complaint filed Friday afternoon by Prosecutor Lundin, is charged, with Mrs. Gerber, whom the Yogi has named "Isona," with adultery.

Mrs. Gerber's divorce is pending in superior court, and Dr. Gerber's habeas corpus proceedings to get possession of his 5-year-old daughter Areal, are to be heard tomorrow.

Various estimates place the fortune coming to the little girl somewhere between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000.

It is the legacy of the child's grandmother, who lives in San Francisco, and was settled upon the child a short time after Areal's birth.

Says Husband Wants Money.  
Mrs. Gerber, who says her husband's motive in seeking the cus-

tom of the little girl is solely to get possession of the legacy, declares the fortune easily worth \$1,000,000.

De Bit, who poses as a highly educated prophet in dispensing the Yoga teachings, was fighting forest fires as a United States government employe at Avery, Idaho, in 1910. Much of his time was spent in the solitude of the Bitter Root mountains, where desolate mountain trails alone.

Today he is the great "I-Am" of the Yogi cult, writer of erudite articles on such subjects as "Illusion and Knowledge," "The So-Called Hereafter," "Mental Alchemy" and "The Burbanking of Souls."

Henry Graham, the Stadium High school tennis star who upset all expectations in yesterday's play of the Pacific Northwest tennis tournament by defeating A. Pringle, today made a game fight for victory against William Marcus, the San Francisco phenom, only to be beaten at the end of two sets.

The Graham-Marcus contest was the most sensational of this morning's play on the courts of the Tacoma Lawn Tennis club. Marcus found his opponent fast and accurate, playing a game far back of the net and using perfect service strokes. The final score was 6-3, 6-4.

**Other Scores.**  
Other games today resulted as follows:  
Miss Frances Burrill beat Miss D. Dempsey, 6-2, 1-6, 8-6.  
Miss Lydia Lowell beat Miss Wooster, 6-3, 6-1.  
W. V. Burrill, Jr., and Will Taylor beat F. Neville and G. Wales, 6-1, 6-1.  
Mrs. Wheaton beat Miss Marian Ballio, 6-3, 6-2.  
M. V. Burrill, Jr., beat P. B. Kauffman, 6-0, 6-1.  
Earl Weeks beat N. Paschall by default.

**Luncheon This Noon.**  
Miss Tucker wired from Portland that she could not arrive in time for her match with Miss Helen Parker, and the match was defaulted.

The 20 visiting tennis stars were entertained at luncheon this noon at the home of Mrs. M. E. Horgan on North E street, and will be guests for supper this evening at Chop Bob.

## WOULDN'T LET DOCS

CARVE HIS APPENDIX  
Detective Captain D. O. Smith returned to his duties yesterday after an illness of a week with appendicitis. He refused to submit to an operation and declared today that he was practically well already.