

# EDITORIAL PAGE THE TACOMA TIMES

## Several Sorts of Americans Ought To Feel Ashamed of Themselves

The Washington government has won a great victory in its negotiations with Germany with reference to the submarine warfare. Foreign papers admit it. All Americans should be thankful for it.

Several sorts of Americans now ought to feel ashamed of themselves.

The newspapers which threw up their hands and fearfully begged us to let Germany have her own way ought to be ashamed.

The newspapers, printed in a foreign language, which shrieked that the United States was wrong and Germany right; who called President Wilson an Anglo-maniac, who charged American newspapers with being in British pay—they should be ashamed of themselves now that Chancellor of the Empire Bethmann-Hollweg, and even the kaiser himself, say that the United States and President Wilson are right and Germany wrong.

The German-American fire eaters who said German-Americans would not fight for their adopted country in this "unjust cause" should be ashamed of themselves now that Germany fully and freely admits that the AMERICAN CAUSE WAS JUST.

Those who kept crying out upon the Americans who traveled on merchant ships on a perfectly legitimate avenue of transportation now find themselves deserted by that foreign govern-

ment to which they preferred to give their sympathy and aid rather than to their own.

Without any desire to rub it in on these misguided people, OR ON THOSE WHO HAVE HOWLED FOR "ACTION" ON THE PART OF THE PRESIDENT WHILE HE WAS CARRYING ON THESE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS, The Times suggests that it is just as well not to crowd the president.

**Wilson knows what he is doing!**

### THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED

Two sisters, 18 and 20, attractive and eminently respectable, of a Texas city, accepted an invitation to go auto riding with two young men, which in itself was not so reprehensible.

But—the party stopped at a road house—a "chicken garden" in Texas parlance—and looked on the wine when it was red. Going home the younger sister, intoxicated, fell from the machine. She is in a hospital dying, the other in disgrace. Never mind about the men; they are not worth mentioning.

Will our American girls never learn that shame and death lurk in the wine glass?

### THE BIG ONES ESCAPE

The U. S. internal revenue commissioner reports that only \$6,439,000 of the income tax yield came from individuals with net incomes of over \$500,000.

It is not hard to discover in this that the income tax is a fizzle. In this, as in other efforts to tax, the little fish are caught and the big ones get away.

It would be mighty interesting to know what the total of income in this country is.

It must be three or four times greater than England's 12 billions, Germany's 10, or France's 8 billions. If we remember rightly, less than a half million people are paying income tax in this country.

The principle of income taxation may be all right but it is apparent that either the methods of or efforts at collection are weak to the point of imbecility.

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT--



PETROGRAD, Sept. 7.—The Russian steamship Czar struck what the captain thought was a submarine. In a moment the object flipped its tail, spouted a stream of water and disappeared.



PATCHOGUE, L. I., Sept. 7.—A man 80 years old leaped astride of an auto about to run him down here and thereby saved his life.

### NOT A RESTORER

That Eastland horror raised the deuce with certain big businesses at Chicago, and so the Association of Commerce came to the rescue.

"In order to restore confidence in lake steamships," the association got up a membership excursion to cross Lake Michigan, in the steamer Alabama.

"Public confidence" is now roaring in derision. Only a handful of the association members went on the excursion, none took their wives and children, and the Alabama being partly a freighter, was in nice ballast.

None of the conditions surrounding the Eastland affair prevailed and those fellows operating death traps will have to await restoration of confidence by time.

### WHY WE DON'T KEEP ON GROWING

**EDITOR TIMES: Why do we stop growing in size after we are 21? A YOUNG READER.**

Nature gives us about 21 years in which to grow up. Until we are 21 the myriad tiny cells which make up the human body have the power of taking nourishment into themselves and so becoming larger and then dividing themselves into other cells. This power of growth is limited, however, by what we call the law of growth.

No matter how much food you take or how much exercise the law of growth prevents the cells from increasing in size and from becoming more numerous than the size-limit set by the law of growth.

It's a wise jitney driver who hires a pretty girl to ride in the back seat.



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