

ARMIES IN DEATH STRUGGLE

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WEATHER

Tacoma Fair tonight, Wednesday, increasing cloudiness followed by showers. Washington Fair tonight, cooler north-east portion; Wednesday, increasing cloudiness, followed by showers west portion; fair and warmer east portion.

The small boy already has the days counted to Christmas.

ALL CLUES FAIL; GIRL IS STILL MISSING

CONVICT KILLS 2 OF FOES

ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 28.—Despite the efforts of an armed posse of 200 men, no definite trace can be found of Otto Hooker, escaped convict who shot and killed Superintendent Harry Minto of the state penitentiary about midnight last night. Two hours later he shot and fatally wounded City Marshal Benton of Jefferson. The entire countryside is alive with men hunting him. No such hunt has been seen since the days of Tracy. Minto was shot when he and a prison guard attempted to arrest Hooker. Marshal Benton was shot while trying to capture the convict. Minto shot at Hooker with a shotgun, the bullets failing to take effect. The convict fired simultaneously with a revolver, and the bullet pierced the official's brain.

EVANS HANDS WIFE-BEATER 90-DAY JOLT

Police Judge Evans yesterday found a way to give A. J. Laferty, barber, a sentence corresponding with the real offense for which he was arrested. The officer who first took Laferty into custody reported an exceptional case of wife-beating. For some unknown reason, he was charged simply with drunk and disorderly. But Evans gave him 90 days, on the grounds that he was an habitual drinker.

GET READY FOR BIG VALLEY FAIR

Hey, school kiddies! Hey, auto-owners! Hey, all you fellows that believe in high-class agriculture; high-bred cows and horses; high-class school exhibits; and smiling, healthy youngsters. Get ready for the Puyallup fair. It starts tomorrow, really, although the grounds were open to many visitors today. It will be the biggest the Northwest ever has seen. It's a show of what folks can do when they put their heads as well as their muscles into their work. School kids in free. As a special inducement for tomorrow, every school kid in the county will be admitted free. The interurban will carry 'em free, if they don't care to pay. And the driver of every auto will get in free, although the rest

\$18,000,000 Spent in the U. S. for Hairpins

Girls, save your hairpins! It has been figured out by a correspondent of The Times that 35,000,000 girls and women in the United States use hairpins and that they lose 45,000,000, considerably more than one apiece, each day. Now that the supply—which has been chiefly from the European countries now at war—has diminished, they'll have to be more saving or there will be a hairpin famine. Honest, to goodness! The world has made \$41,000,000 worth of hairpins each year. And women of the United States have used \$18,000,000 worth.

CONVICT HULK IN CHANNEL

Barbarism—walled and iron-bound and bloodstained—wreathed with gore-incrusted leg-irons, and garlanded with torture chains and brutal whips and thongs, floats in Tacoma harbor. The ship Success, the last of the infamous prison hulks, arrived yesterday afternoon from Seattle, and is moored at the Municipal dock. She will be here for a week. After 2 p. m. tomorrow she will be open to the public every day from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. The Success, under the command of Capt. D. H. Smith, is the oldest ship in the world. She was built in 1790, was sunk in Melbourne harbor and raised again. It is built of teak throughout. This morning Mayor Fawcett and the city commissioners were guests aboard the vessel. They were aghast at the methods of torture they were shown.

SHE'D DECLARE ALL SMOKERS DRUG-USERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 23.—Smokers may be deprived of the privilege of importing 24 qts. of beer a month under the prohibition law, if the plan of Mrs. Mattie Sleeth, temperance worker, goes through. She announced at a W. C. T. U. session yesterday that she would endeavor to have the supreme court declare all smokers addicted to the narcotic drug, nicotine. Drug-users, under the law, are denied the privileges of any liquor.

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WOMAN HIT BY MOTOR

Mrs. Mollie C. Dillingham, 45, lies in a serious condition today at St. Joseph's hospital as the result of being struck this forenoon, when at E st. and Jefferson ave., by the skidding auto of Ernest E. Perkins, general foreman for the Sunset Telephone & Telegraph company. It is feared she has a fractured skull, in addition to other injuries. Commissioner Atkins, who saw the accident, says Perkins was speeding 35 or 40 miles an hour when his machine skidded away across the street and struck Mrs. Dillingham. She lives at 1307 East Morton street. Mrs. Dillingham was crossing E street when Perkins approached from the north. According to Perkins, the woman stood rigid in the center of the street for a moment, apparently undecided which way to turn, and then dodged back and forth in front of the machine. Perkins told the police that he was driving at a 15-mile speed. Commissioner Atkins was highly wrought up as a result of the accident, and notified the council today that he believed more strict regulations should be enforced to prevent speeding. It was reported late today that Mrs. Dillingham had regained consciousness, and that, unless she was injured internally, she had good chances of recovery.

ANOTHER OHIO PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITY!

Well, folks, we guess Tacoma must be some political shucks. Tonight, we're going to entertain another presidential possibility. Of course, he's a presidential possibility, for he's an Ohioan. But more than that, he's an ex-congressman, ex-legislator and a governor who hasn't had to tack any ex-prefix to that title yet. He is often mentioned as a dark-horse candidate. He's Gov. Frank B. Willis of Ohio. With him are Mrs. Willis and Adj. Gen. E. W. Hough and C. A. Jones, political friends. In private life, Gov. Willis is a lawyer. Once he was a college professor, just like Woodie Wilson. He won the Ohio governorship in 1914. He has been criticized by enemies for an alleged disposition to find a place on the state pay-roll for every good and true G. O. P. voter in the commonwealth. (But that's no nice thing to say about a visitor.) He'll be a guest at 6:30 p. m., Commercial club. Also, if time permits, of Young Men's Commercial club.

Slayden to Talk

J. W. Slayden, chairman of the board of county commissioners, tomorrow will address the Blue Smoke club on the county budget. This is the second in a series of such lectures. Commissioner Atkins last week explained the city budget. TODAY'S CLEARINGS
Clearings \$317,387.81
Balances 51,983.46
Transactions 957,958.60

Plucky Girls Will Wed War Cripples

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Hundreds of English girls have volunteered to aid their country's cause by wedding crippled British soldiers and caring for them. The offers followed a suggestion that plucky girls might be of service in this way. Now the only thing that stands in the way is maidenly shyness. "Of course," said one, "we can't walk up to the first one-legged soldier we see and tell him we'll marry him." So meetings are to be arranged by certain women of the London West End where these self-sacrificing girls will be introduced to the lifelong burdens they have agreed to take as husbands.

50 DIE IN ARDMORE DISASTER

ARDMORE, Okla., Sept. 28.—With 50 persons believed dead, 200 wounded and \$500,000 damage done, the work of rescue today proceeded haltingly. The little town is stunned from the effects of an awful explosion which was set off late yesterday when a spark from a workman's hammer set fire to a tank-car full of gasoline. Nearly every family in the city has someone killed or wounded. Every window in business houses and residences is shattered. Gas and electricity systems are disabled. Men, women and even half-grown boys and girls have been on duty from 16 to 20 hours endeavoring to quench the 20 blazes which resulted from the terrific blast. All last night, these fires gave almost the sole light by which the work of rescue went on. Every room in the hospital is taken and private residences have been pressed into service.

TEUTONS WILL INVADE SERBIA IN FORTNIGHT?

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The Exchange today received a telegram from its Athens correspondent saying that he had learned positively an Austro-German invasion of Serbia is planned to begin within a fortnight. DIPLOMATS LEAVING
BERLIN, Sept. 28.—The Serbian ambassador to Bulgaria is leaving Sofia on the pretext of falling health, according to Budapest dispatches. The Bulgarian consuls in Macedonia have been recalled on the same pretext.

BUDGET CUT TO BONE, HE SAYS

Following the meeting yesterday of the heads of every county department and the county commissioners, the 1916 budget was cut \$130,000. The road and bridge fund was trimmed \$20,000, making it \$100,000. The mothers' pension suffered a \$7,000 cut. The superior court funds were cut \$2,000, as was the indigent fund. Chairman Slayden said today that the budget had been reduced to the very bone.

NOT A TRACE FOUND

New clues in abundance showered today about the heads of police and county detectives who are searching for Ethel Oliver. A dozen city officers combed the city, following every piece of information supplied to them. But at noon the case was as black as ever, and Captain of Detectives Smith announced that he was more than mystified. Detective Frank Geary interviewed Mrs. Shedwick. He questioned the girl's former employer closely, but brought to light no new facts in the case. Many False Reports.
The Times received a report that Ethel had called an express man on the day of her disappearance and quietly had sent her trunk and other belongings to a storage house. Every storage and transfer company in the city was queried by a Times man, together with all the express men operating in the North End, but without result. One report today came from a man who said he saw Ethel and a man companion in an auto, near the Tacoma Eastern railroad, 15 miles from Tacoma, and that the machine had broken down. Another report said that Ethel and a young man were seen riding on a motorcycle at Hillhurst last evening.

By E. A. Peters

Where is Ethel Oliver? Dropping completely out of the environments she has known since babyhood, leaving not a single clue behind to indicate her actions, this pretty Tacoma girl of 17 has caused one of the most baffling mysteries that the police have faced in years. Missing for 26 days, while her mother, brother, lifetime friends and other relatives have scoured Tacoma and the entire northwest, aided by the entire Tacoma police department and the prosecuting attorney's detective force, Ethel's whereabouts are daily becoming more deeply enshrouded in mystery.

Gives Up All Hope.

Mrs. Lizzie Oliver, hysterical with grief, so ill from worry that she cannot leave her bed, has given up hope of seeing her baby alive. She was more like a sister than a mother to Ethel, she says, and she scents as absurd any theory that the girl could have voluntarily disappeared. She believes that the girl has been murdered—probably by a fiend who attempted to assault her. Mother-like, she can put credence in no theory but the most horrible.

She even has made bitter charges against the Shedwicks, former employers of the girl. She has said things that she undoubtedly would not say if she were not so overwrought and hysterical over her loss.

Dear Joe Her Mind.

Ethel is gone! That is the soul thought of the crazed mother. All day yesterday and today she lay in bed, hair streaming about her face, babbling incoherently over her missing child during her frequent lapses of hysteria. During the moments when her mind was clear, she would whisper weakly to those about her, sending them to tear asunder the cloud of mystery and bring Ethel back to her.

Mrs. Oliver is a physical and nervous wreck, after a week's vain search. Physicians fear that she may lose her mind. Shedwicks Wrath.
Mrs. W. J. Shedwick, 3812 North Mullen street, for whom the missing girl acted as nurse and maid, is angry, defiant and threatening legal action against Ethel's mother, as a result of the publicity given her through the mystery.

Her husband, employed as a mineralogist at the Tacoma smelter, has also lost his temper over the affair. Both declare that they have been deeply humiliated through the girl's disappearance. They aver that they know nothing of Ethel's whereabouts.

Packs Following Reprimand.
"Ethel had long planned to disappear, because her mother expected from her all the wages that

THE MISSING GIRL



ETHEL OLIVER, MISSING GIRL, AND BILLY JACK SHEDWICK.

Mother's description of missing girl: Very tall for her years, and unusually slender, weighing 100 pounds, while five feet, six inches in height. Seventeen years of age. Easily recognizable by pronounced goiter on throat, and by scar on upper lip. Large, limpid brown eyes. Wavy dark brown hair. Cheerful, smiling disposition. When last seen, wore blue velvet dress over green silk petticoat; black velvet hat with flowers; blue three-quarter length coat; black shoes.

we paid her," says Mrs. Shedwick. "She at first planned to leave during the coming holidays, when we intended to go east on a six months' visit. On Sept. 1 I was forced to reprimand her for some trivial thing. She decided to leave at once. The following day she packed up her belongings. Most all of the clothing that she wore had been given by me. She had never been able to hold back enough from her mother to buy herself clothing. Promised to Write.
"I asked her where she was going, and she replied that she was going somewhere to hide. Somewhere where no one, especially her mother, could find her. She wanted to start all over again, she said. She had ambition to make something of herself. "I remonstrated slightly, but gave up when I came to the conclusion that her personal affairs were none of my business. She promised to write me some day. I have never heard from her. "What makes me angry, is the fact that Mrs. Oliver intimates that we have done away with her daughter. Why should we take enough interest in a maid—a hired girl—to want to put her out of the way? If things go much further we intend to ask the courts for protection from such charges. No Unusual Habits.
Mrs. Shedwick is a beautiful

woman of the brunette type, still in her 20's. She says that Ethel was a model girl, without any boy friends, or any unusual habits. The girl was completely wrapped up in Billy Jack, the Shedwick baby. Ethel's only diversion was an occasional swim at the Point Defiance tank, a picture show, or a walk through the park with Billy Jack. Mrs. Oliver is small, of nervous disposition and extremely energetic. She is 35 years of age, and has acted as a trained nurse for several years. She is divorced. After her divorce, which occurred in Tacoma two years ago, she returned to her former home in Everett, where her family has lived since pioneer days. Ethel had a great number of girl friends in Tacoma, as well as several relatives. The mother declares it to be the most remote possibility that the girl could remain here without being recognized.

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ALLIES GAINING TODAY

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The greatest battle of the war is waging on the western front with more seriousness than when the great conflict started three days ago. The staggering Germans forced the allies to withdraw after one night's smash. The allies reformed their lines for another blow, which was dealt last night, consisting of a heavy infantry attack followed by a hail of artillery fire. The Germanly yielded yard by yard in Champagne under the massed bayonet attacks of the French. The Teutons are battling to save Betzen Court-Argonne railway. In the north the English are progressing under difficulties, where the Germans are aided by stronger defenses which run from Arras to the sea. Against these the English have been remarkably successful.

Capture 70 Field Guns.

After the first shock of the battle, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria pushed up his reserves and called for reinforcements. He then attempted counter attacks. General French's troops withstood these attacks and in addition made several gains improving his hold on Lens and adding several sections of the German lines. The English together with the French captured 70 German field guns.

Both Sides Lose Heavily.

The fighting of the last 24 hours has been attended by heavy losses on both sides. Steady streams of fire are playing across the Champagne and Artois fronts. The allies continue on the offensive. (Editor's note: A picture that just arrived in The Times office today from the western war theater shows for the first time a view of the new and terrible war weapon mentioned above as the "stream of fire." We print the picture today on page 3.)

BERLIN CONFIDENT

BERLIN, Sept. 28.—The allies' first rush on the western front has been met and stopped, it is claimed here. The second rush, proclaimed by the enemy, will be dealt with even more effectively, the war office declares. Berlin is extremely confident that the offensive will crumble into mere trench fighting before the end of the week. In spite of the fact that the German defenders are checking them, the allies will, however, attack again, it is expected here.

What's Doing

Today
Prof. Meany opens lecture course before Tacoma Business Girls' club; Y. W. C. A.
Junior Commercial club; first get-together meeting; Commercial club rooms; 7:30 p. m.
Annual poultry show opens at Puyallup fair; continues all week.
Smoker; Tacoma School of Boxing; Glide rink; 8 p. m.
P. T. A., Sheridan school, business meeting 2 o'clock; reception 3:15.
Reception to Rev. D. H. Trimble, pastor First Methodist church; at church; evening.
Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio visits Tacoma; dinner and reception, Commercial club; 6:30 p. m.
Parents give reception to teachers at Park avenue school; afternoon.
Tomorrow
Puyallup valley fair; automobile delegation leaves Tacoma 1:15 p. m. for formal opening.
CIVIL WAR ARMY NURSES MEETING
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—The 21st annual convention of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War opens here today. Most of the nurses are more than 70 years old.