

A British private escaped three bullets in an hour's fighting in France. One penetrated his pouch, another the pack on his back, and a third destroyed his rifle.

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Unsettled, probably showers.
Washington: Fair east, unsettled, probably showers west portion.

Calls Tacoma Schools Firetraps

\$1,000,000 FIRE AT SEATTLE PIER

FOREIGN FIREBUG BLAMED

SEATTLE, Oct. 29.—Fire of mysterious origin swept the second floor of pier 14, at the foot of Broad street, shortly before 7 o'clock last night, and in less than an hour had caused damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Confident that the conflagration was the work of incendiaries, the police and Fire Marshal Harry W. Ringhurst started an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of D. Wilmann, who has been employed during the past week as a longshoreman on the wharf.

Third in Week. "She's going fine. Let her go. Pier 5 will be the next one to go." This is the statement attributed to Wilmann which led to his arrest.

The fire was the third incendiary attempt on the dock in a week. One theory is that German sympathizers started the fire because a quarter million dollars worth of merchandise destined for Russian ports was stored on the dock. Another is that Japanese

Going a Long Way for Job



MISS DOROTHEA CLAYBERG

She'll travel half way 'round the world to seek a career when she is graduated in the spring from the College of Engineering, University of Illinois, at Champaign. Miss Clayberg has been engaged as assistant to Walter Burley Griffin, royal architect in Melbourne, Australia. She's 22 and one of the few women architects in the country.

WILL NOT BE BORN IN JAIL

Child of Woman Murderer to Come Into Free World.

JUDGE IS LENIENT

SEATTLE, Oct. 29.—Mary E. Lillian's child will not be born in jail.

So declared Judge Smith yesterday when the woman who killed Howard Borders the man alleged to have betrayed her when she was a young girl and deserted her came up for sentence. She had been convicted last week of manslaughter.

Judge Smith imposed a sentence of one year in the county jail, but in the event she is to become a mother, her sentence will be automatically concluded a few days before the child is born.

WILL GET SOME LAWYER TO TALK

The college-professional club of Stadium high school met yesterday morning for the second time this semester. It was decided to obtain some Tacoma lawyer for the principal speaker at the next meeting, Nov. 2.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS
Clearings \$213,922.90
Balances 40,197.43
Transactions 689,610.27

SCHOOL DANGER OF FIRE

"With all our talk of fireproof school buildings in Tacoma, there are a few schools left that would prove as terrible crematories as the one in Peabody, Mass., which gobbled up the lives of 50 children yesterday when it caught fire.

Although he expressed confidence in the majority of Tacoma's public schools, Fire Marshal Harry C. Chandler today declared that some of the buildings here are veritable fire-traps. "I wouldn't give two cents for the life of a child in one of them if it caught fire," said Chandler today.

Gives No Names. The fire marshal did not name the schools that he considered dangerous. But he declared that they were a few of the old, wooden structures, some of them without fire-escapes, that have been allowed to remain in a dangerous condition while thousands of dollars were spent on the larger schools.

"The majority of our schools are in good condition to withstand fire," said the fire marshal. "They have either adequate fire escapes, fire-proof construction, or plenty of wide halls and good exits. Of course, a panic might develop in the best school building the world, and cause more deaths than fire itself would ever cause."

Should Be Rebuilt. Chandler said that the private schools of Tacoma are, comparatively, as well protected from fire as the public schools. They either have fire escapes, or plenty of adequate means for quick exits.

State Probes.

PEABODY, Mass., Oct. 29.—Twenty-one of the children, victims of the parochial school fire yesterday, are awaiting burial today. Following a careful check of the school register, it is thought other bodies are still in the debris.

Every door in Peabody was decorated with black crepe, bespeaking the worst child tragedy in the history of Massachusetts. State investigators are trying to discover the origin of the fire.

Local officials are blamed for the tragedy because there were no fire escapes in the school and all the doors opened inward. It is not known yet what action will be taken.

TO GIVE FIRM A CHANCE

The state will give Jacob Vogelbaum, proprietor of the Home Cloak & Suit House, an opportunity of settling with the hundreds of women who have protested against the alleged lottery game conducted by the firm.

Deputy Prosecutor Selden said today he is willing to let the case drop if satisfaction is given, but that so far as he can learn the limited stock is insufficient to equal the hundreds of dollars collected on the "lottery" scheme.

Crowds of women continue to besiege the court house with tales of having been duped, their losses varying from 50c to \$19. In practically every case they declare they will feel a severe loss if forced to accept merchandise, as the goods, they declare, are of inferior quality.

Vogelbaum is still out on bond. Even if he makes good to the patrons, prosecutors declare, the firm will not be permitted to conduct business in the future under the same methods.

Friends of Irving Heilig, who furnished bail for Vogelbaum, said today that Heilig is not directly interested in the cloak house.

Two months ago, they said, he had loaned Vogelbaum money with which to buy stock, and had no knowledge of the alleged lottery. He furnished bail for the man as a protection for his loan, and for no other reason, it was explained.

HE LIVES IN SILENT CITY

Tacoman Suddenly Loses Sense of Hearing; Still Can Talk

NEEDS WORK BADLY

By Edgar C. Wheeler

Suppose that one day you went about your business like any other ordinary being, with the hum of street cars and autos and the sound of your neighbors' voices in your ears. Suppose you went home from work at night to be greeted by your wife's laughter and the latest words your baby had learned to say.

Then suppose the next day all these sounds you had lived with every day—the music that had made your heart sing—were shut out as if a prison door had been closed upon them.

Really Case of Faulkner. How would you feel, and where would you turn?

This is exactly what happened to F. S. Faulkner, who came to Tacoma last summer intending to rent a small farm where he and his little family might live happily.

As Faulkner went down the hill from the Tacoma General hospital one day early in September he reeled like a drunken man. He clung to posts and trees for support. Passers-by stared and sniggered, and mistook him for a common drunk.

He had undergone an operation to save his life, and the operation had destroyed the delicate mechanism of both ears.

Now he and his wife and baby have just three dollars between them and starvation.

Still Has His Voice.

The only way he can hold a conversation with a friend is to read what his friend writes with pencil and paper. Faulkner, however, can reply verbally. His voice is as clear and as normal as anybody's.

How is it when Tacoma is silent?

"It is appalling," says Faulkner. "Street cars go silently along; autos refuse to honk at the crossings; even the newsboys cry their wares in pantomime."

"Wonder changed to dismay. Music, singing and many of the old pleasures were gone. Wee Elizabeth would come to say 'Daddy' and would creep away puzzled."

Needs Work Badly.

But this was not all. There came the question of how to support the small family. With his head swimming at the slightest exertion and his legs refusing to follow a straight path, Faulkner has been unable to find any work which he can handle. The operation had injured the mechanism which is his body's balance wheel.

With able-bodied men competing for every job, what chance is there for a crippled invalid?

Faulkner is appealing for someone in Tacoma to answer this puzzle and find means of caring for the family which depends on him.

The prominent Tacoma physician who performed the operation says that he will not regain his hearing, but that the trouble which throws him from his balance may gradually be righted.

FLASHES

LONDON—Gen. Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army, visited the war office here today, in company with Minister of War Kitchener.

WASHINGTON—White House attaches declare less than 50 invitations will be issued to the president's wedding.

NEW YORK—J. P. Morgan was operated on today for appendicitis.

LONDON—English war office obtained information today of German plan to land expeditionary forces in England within short time.

BERLIN—Imperial chancellor takes advantage of federal council's order empowering him to fix food prices, designating the retail price on potatoes as \$1.09 a hundredweight.

PHILADELPHIA—Bethlehem Steel Co. sued for \$3,000,000 by Churchward International Steel Co. for alleged infringement of patents in making war munitions.

Man To Whom Tacoma Is Noiseless, and His Family



F. S. Faulkner, suddenly stricken deaf, with Mrs. Faulkner and Baby Faulkner, whose support now has become a terrible problem to him.

Officials Knew, But Didn't Act

The Times has the word of a leading tailor of Tacoma that as much as six months ago he complained to the prosecuting attorney of the operations of a cloak house which now faces a mass of litigation, criminal and civil, for the alleged fleecing of hundreds of Tacoma citizens.

Furthermore, a second leading business man, assures us that months ago he brought the operations of this company to the notice of the city authorities. He succeeded in stopping its agents from soliciting business in his particular part of town, but nothing more.

The prosecutor's office denies it ever was informed of the deal until a few days ago, and we'll have to take its word for it, we suppose, but it certainly ought to have had wind of so generally operated a scheme, that is certain.

The losses bid fair to aggregate thousands of dollars and to be distributed among hundreds of Tacoma citizens who can little afford to pocket them.

We do not know how the victims feel about it, but it seems to us that a considerable share of the blame should rest on the shoulders of our easy-going officials.

Months ago, before the duping took place, the police, at least, knew as much about the way the scheme was run as they do today.

They didn't act, and in not acting they became a negative sort of partner of the concern now accused of a felony.

- Talk o' the Times -

The Central Heating Co. seems to cause a chill at the city hall.

When the wife boils some onions for dinner, how savory the aroma—but when a neighbor does the same stunt how rotten it smells!

Now if Chiefs Lang and Loomis only could send each other to jail simultaneously.

Londoners don't appreciate having the German Zeppelins making so many

calls before even the first one is returned.

An Indian has just died at Hart, Mich., at the ripe old age of 118. He probably got a good start before germs were discovered.

CZAR LEAVES FOR SOUTHERN FRONT
PETROGRAD, Oct. 29.—The emperor of Russia has gone to the southern front with Crown Prince Alexis.

FIEND STILL FREE

Police detectives have made an ineffectual search of over 18 hours for the fiend who last night seized Anthea Harrison, a pretty 15-year-old high school girl, threw her down on a North End parking lot and attempted to choke her.

At a late hour today no arrests had been made and the officers admitted that they were baffled. A theory of Mrs. Laura F. Harrison, the mother, that the man might be her husband, from whom she is separated, is scouted by the officers.

Anthea had left home at 7 o'clock to visit a girl chum. She had gone hardly a block from home, 1407 No. Anderson st., when a tall man with Van Dyke beard, stepped out from behind an electric pole and seized her wrist.

The girl, almost hysterical with fright, started to scream, but her cries were muffled by a hand placed roughly over her mouth. She struggled, kicking and biting. The man had said nothing during the assault, and the only sound of scuffle had occurred with the girl's first scream.

No one had been attracted to the scene.

Finally Escapes. As the struggle continued, the girl seemed to be getting the better of her assailant. Suddenly loosening his grasp of her wrist, the bearded man gripped the girl by the throat, forced her down to the grass of a parking lot beside the walk, and started choking.

Miss Harrison has no idea how long she remained there, or how she released herself. All she remembers is a faintness, a last flash of strength in an effort to get away, and then she was running down the street, the man pursuing.

She rushed into her home, and Mrs. Harrison telephoned police headquarters. Detectives arrived in a moment, and searched the entire neighborhood, but found no trace of the man.

Believe Man a Fiend.

Police officers had the opinion today that a father, trying to kidnap his daughter, never would have taken such drastic measures, and lay the assault to a fiend.

The Harrison home, 14th and Anderson, north, is in a well-to-do residence section of the North End. Several detectives are working on the case today.

The girl has not yet recovered from the shock and injuries to her throat, caused by the assault.

O. A. C. TEAM IN MICHIGAN

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 29.—The Oregon Agricultural college football team arrived today in a special car for the game tomorrow with the Michigan aggies.

The westerners are somewhat tired but expect to be in tip-top shape tomorrow.

What's Doing

Today
Lecture, Wesley L. Jones, "Washington, the Capital City," First Swedish Lutheran church, So. 8th and I, evening.

Hallowe'en party, young people's unions of all churches and Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., evening.

Tomorrow
Formal opening, University club; 8:30 to 10 p. m.
Football game; U. of Washington vs. Whitman college; at University grounds; Seattle.
Hallowe'en dance by Itney drivers; Eagles' hall; 9 p. m.
Charity film show at Colonial; proceeds go to Thanksgiving dinner fund for the poor.
Roller skating tournament, Y. M. C. A.



The Times has no intention of prying into the personal affairs of any policeman.

But when uniformed city patrolmen visit houses of ill-fame for social purposes, at a time when they are supposed to be on duty, we think it's time to protest.

Two officers, in uniforms and helmets, visited a resort at 14th and Court A at 10:30 o'clock last night and engaged at length in light banterings with the half dozen scantily clothed women who reside there.

For the benefit of Commissioner Mills, the house was in the notorious 14th street vice district—a district that he insisted a few days ago did not exist.

might have caused it because of their hatred for Chinese crews on Blue Funnel liners which use the dock.

The damage to the pier alone is estimated at \$100,000.

Carried War Supplies.

Huge shipments of war supplies for the Japanese and Russian armies have been assembled on pier 14.

The British steamer Ixion on her last outward voyage took big consignments of steel rods which were for use in the building of fortifications by the Russians. There were also shipments of wire for use in the entanglements in front of the Russian trenches.

The fire was discovered on the north side of the second floor, in the same place where a blaze was located Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, and which, according to Fire Marshal Ringhurst, was of incendiary origin.

Immense Cargo Stored. Merchandise, nearly one-third of the \$4,000,000 cargo discharged by the Blue Funnel liner Ixion early in the week, was resting on the two floors of the dock when the blaze was located, besides nearly \$250,000 in exports, mainly canned salmon awaiting shipment to Liverpool.

The dock was leased by Dodwell & Co., agents on this coast for the Blue Funnel line, operating a great fleet of steamers between the Sound and the United Kingdom and ports in the Orient.

SIGNALS CAR, HIT BY AUTO

Mrs. Katherine Mattingly, age 72, 3703 So. 7th street, was struck and painfully hurt by an automobile driven by S. A. Horton, manager of the Commercial Truck Co., at 6th and G streets, last evening.

Mrs. Mattingly had stepped back toward the curb into the path of the machine after a street car which she had signalled had failed to stop.

Witnesses said Horton was driving slowly and was not to blame.

PARIS—Aristide Briand, who will form the new French cabinet, calls for meeting of candidates for late this afternoon.

HORSE THROWS KING GEORGE V



KING GEORGE V OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 29.—King George is suffering from severe bruises caused by a fall from his horse, says an official announcement today.

The accident occurred yesterday while the king was inspecting the army in a field in northern France. His mount, excited by the cheers of the troops, reared and fell, throwing the king.

The king was confined to his bed but passed a fair night, his physician stated.

PLAN TREES IN PARKING SPACES

Following requests from several citizens, the park board is preparing to make an estimate of the cost of installing shade trees on parkings throughout the city.

SERBIA IS NOW DOOMED

PARIS, Oct. 29.—Serbia seemed doomed today.

Invasion of the territory by the Teutons and Bulgars proceeded remorselessly.

The allies are preparing a tremendous attempt to stop the onward movement before the advancing forces reach Constantinople, but indications are that this struggle will occur either on Bulgarian or Turkish soil after the Teutons pass through Serbia.

WOMEN IN BATTLE

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—"Fiercer than Belgium" was the semi-official description today of the resistance to the meeting of the Teuton invaders in Serbia.

Though it is said the central allies are progressing more rapidly than was expected, the difficulties they have to face are tremendous.

They are now in the Serbian Alps where the advance is particularly arduous. The Serbians are fighting madly, with women and children participating. Sniping and bushwhacking are incessant.

It is officially claimed that Serbia's resistance is collapsing, however. The main drive is advancing west of Banovo toward Kragujevac. Heavy fighting is in progress eastward of Svaljeac.

BULGARS ENTER PIROT

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—"The Bulgarians victoriously entered the fortress of Pirot today," said a Sofia official report. Pirot is on the Nish-Constantinople railway between Nish and Sofia, and the victory is regarded as important.

SCHEDULE GAME

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29.—The University of Southern California and U. of Oregon football teams were matched for game Nov. 6.