

# TACOMA IANS QUIT HARD DRINKING

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**WEATHER**  
Tacoma: Occasional rain tonight and Saturday.  
Washington: Occasional rain west, rain or snow east portion.

Mrs. Gaither Drewry, age 30, has presented her husband nine children in 18 months, five at one time and four at another. Two were girls, who died; the remaining seven are lusty-lunged, healthy boys. And this at Lexington, Ky. May each one become a colonel.

# EXECUTE HILLSTROM

## POWER DEAL A GAMBLE

The four city commissioners who are lined up to grant the T. R. & P. Co. an auxiliary power contract by which the city will pay an exorbitant rate for current, are gambling with the people's interests, according to Mayor Fawcett.

"By that proposed deal, the city would be betting at three to one odds that the municipal power plant would never break down or be short of power in 15 years," said the mayor.

"We would get the benefit of protection from shortage, because the power company would stand ready to furnish us 10,000 kilowatts of current. But if we ever did need current, we would pay more than three times the ordinary retail rate for it.

"As a sporting proposition, it might be a good bet. But as a business deal, it is the rankest piece of work I ever heard of."

Mayor Fawcett declared today that he was not opposed to making an agreement whereby the T. R. & P. Co. could furnish the city current during a breakdown or shortage of power at our Nisqually plant.

"And I would even expect to pay a little more than the usual rate for the juice," said the mayor. "Because we could not expect to have this emergency service at our command all the time without paying something for it. But I think we should pay for what we use. I think a fixed rate should be named, and let the city pay for just what current we consume.

"I will never agree to this proposition, which makes the rate jump up to \$2.50 a kilowatt from 3-4 cent, the minute that we use more than two hours and one half of service."

## DRUNKENNESS FALLS OFF 30 PERCENT IN TACOMA DURING 1914

By E. A. Peters

There has been 30 per cent less intoxication in Tacoma during the first eight months of 1915 than there was during the similar period of last year.

At this rate, the theorists might argue, there would be no intoxication in Tacoma within three years and four months, even if the saloons were to remain in existence.

Statistics compiled today from records of the Tacoma police records show that there was 27 per cent less arrests from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 of 1915 for drunkenness than there were in 1914, and that there were 38 per cent less arrests on the charge of "drunk and disorderly" during the same comparative periods.

The combined figures show an actual decrease in drunkenness of 32 per cent. The charge of "drunk and disorderly" is merely a slightly more severe charge than that of "common drunk" and is preferred in cases where the prisoner was unruly either before or after his arrest.

Police officials have no explanation to make for the remarkable decrease except to say that there is a great difference in the amount of liquor consumed this year than last. The fact of impending prohibition undoubtedly had its effect. It is not considered likely that the discontinuance of a few Tacoma saloons would have caused this great decrease.

Mayor's Ordinance Helped. The only recent legislation of the city council which might have had an effect is Mayor Fawcett's ordinance prohibiting the carrying of pay checks in saloons. This has prevented many men from starting on an unremediated carouse, Mayor Fawcett declares, and has been a direct benefit to the families of hundreds of working men.

A graphic chart detailing the number of arrests for intoxication would produce a straight line starting last year at the upper left hand side of the sheet and tracing rapidly downward to the opposite corner. During last month, October, there were only 115 arrests on this charge, the smallest number for any month (excepting in May, when the number was 314) in years.

The arrests for intoxication, according to police records, show the following figures:

Month	1914	1915	Decrease
March	211	155	26
April	280	163	41
May	314	170	32
June	170	124	26
July	129	127	01
August	193	154	20
September	177	116	35
October	266	149	42
November	151	115	22

man—or woman—is indeed penitent, in the captain's eyes, Read releases him. But he always gives him a fatherly talk, and a bit of advice that is said by those who have heard it to be one of the greatest prohibition lectures ever repeated.

And at the end of his fatherly talk, the captain asks the prisoner to promise that he will leave liquor alone, and that he will at least never cause himself to be arrested again for intoxication.

It is seldom that the recipient of one of Capt. Read's talks is re-arrested. Frequently men walk into police headquarters and thank the captain for advice given them in this manner months before.

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## BILLION T. R. TO EGGS IN ENLIST STORAGE IN WAR?

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The "egg kings" who planned to garner a financial harvest by selling their goods to the allies at wartime prices are wig-wagging to the public for help. The allies did not buy as had been expected.

Hence the "egg kings" have been caught with a surplus, complicated by prospects of a mild winter, which promises to make the hens lay more than usual. In 24 cold storage plants there are over a billion eggs, or ten apiece for everybody in the United States. Unless the housewives come to their rescue and buy storage goods, several of the egg brokers will face financial ruin.

## FLASHES

BERLIN—Central powers captured 5,000 Serbs Thursday.

ROME—British monitor sunk in Tigris river with entire crew aboard.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—State department is delaying action against Austrian Consul Nuber and other alleged plotters, it is claimed.

NEW YORK—New York witnessed the worst storm in years last night when it was rocked by a 70-mile gale.

CHICAGO—Terrific blizzards are blowing off Lake Michigan, endangering traffic.

## HOTEL A GAMING JOINT?

An information may possibly be filed against Sam Cassmir, proprietor of the old Oxford hotel, charging him with running a gambling house, as a result of the gun battle last night by John Goodman, Alaska hotel proprietor, to recover several hundred dollars of which he claimed he was fleeced.

Both Cassmir and Goodman will appear before Prosecutor Remann today. Remann said today he did not believe Goodman should be dealt too severely with if his story is true.

## SEATTLE ELOPERS CAUGHT

Trilled to Tacoma by a private detective hired by the girl's parents, Miss Myrtle Carson, 17, and E. C. Robinson, Jr., both of Seattle, were arrested by the Tacoma police at 2 o'clock this morning in a room of the West hotel, 1401 1/2 Pacific avenue.

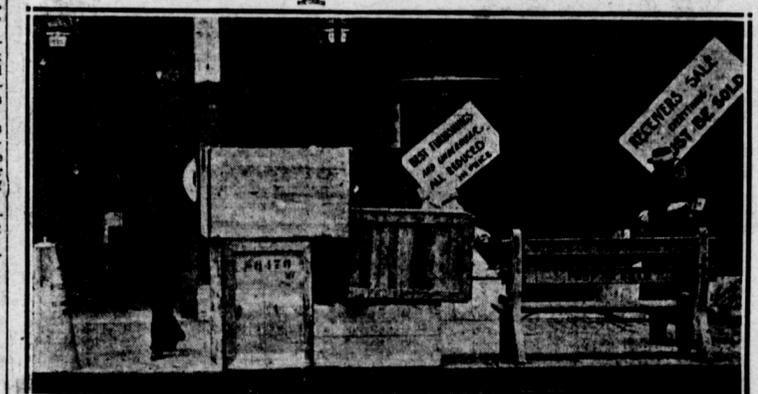
The couple eloped several days ago, it is charged. Because of the girl's age, they feared refusal of a marriage license after they had come to Tacoma, and were waiting here to get up "couverture" enough to apply for a permit to wed, according to the police.

## SCHOOL GIRLS' MORALS O.K.'D

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—An investigation into morals in the high schools here, which followed published statements of laxity among the pupils, has vindicated the pupils, according to a report today by Mrs. Ella Fogg Young, superintendent of schools.

Charges had been made that 300 Chicago school girls a year had become pregnant.

## Shall Tacoma Be a Dump Ground?



ON THE SIDEWALK TODAY IN FRONT OF DEGE'S.

Is Tacoma to be a dumping ground for cast-off merchandise of Seattle and Portland. Are slick salesmen to be permitted to dispose of vast stocks of inferior goods under the guise of selling at a reduction of the stocks of this or that Tacoma merchant?

The picture shows one sample of the loads of goods which have been set down at Dege & Co.'s clothing store, 11th and Broadway, since Tuesday when Garret Fisher, partner of George Frances Rowe, in the "advertising" business, began to pull off a "receiver's sale."

One of the boxes there bears the label of Lipman Wolfe & Co., Portland, Ore. The goods began to arrive at the Dege receiver sale Monday afternoon when a whole express van of loosely wrapped bundles pulled up at the Dege store and unloaded.

Today these boxes you see in the picture were unloaded at the same place. And the selling-out-at-"lowest prices" continues.

Fisher refused today either to deny or affirm that he is hauling in goods from outside cities for the sale.

"It's nobody's business where we get the goods offered for sale," he said. "The court empowers the receiver to conduct a sale for the benefit of the creditors and we are following out the instructions of the court."

"Nice thought, isn't it, that Tacoma should be the refuse dump of the Northwest?"

Tallies in fine with our Buy-at-Home movement and all that.

## FIGHTS UP TO DEATH

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 19.—Fighting in an insane frenzy, Joe Hillstrom, I.W. W. member, went to his death, before the Utah state firing squad in the yard of the penitentiary at 7:42 o'clock this morning.

In some unknown way he had concealed a broom handle in his cell. When the door opened he leaped at the guards, swinging the club over their heads fiercely, severely cutting one of them on the scalp and face.

The guards quickly overpowered him and then the death march commenced.

Warden Pratt and a deputy led. Two physicians followed. They came Hillstrom between the two deputies.

Hillstrom's eyes were not blindfolded until he reached the prison yard. He wished to face the squad with open eyes, but a thick band of cloth was placed around his eyes and head.

Yells "Fire" himself. With a swinging stride, he walked to the death chair. When he had been buckled in he faced the door of the blacksmith shop 20 paces away from which the glittering muzzles of the rifles penetrated.

A white target was placed above his head.

"Aim," shouted Sheriff Corless. Five rifles were steadied at the portholes.

"Fire—let 'er go," shrieked Hillstrom mockingly. He was plainly grinning—a horrible death grin.

No disturbances. "Fire!" commanded Corless. Five rifles spoke.

Hillstrom's body sank down into the chair. In one minute the physicians pronounced him dead. Despite threats of the industrial workers, they created no disturbance.

Hillstrom was executed for the murder of J. G. Morrison, a grocer, and his son Arling. An eleventh hour attempt to save him failed. A Seattle man named Bushby is reported to have signed an affidavit furnishing an alibi, claiming he was in Hillstrom's company elsewhere than the scene of the murders. Hillstrom himself swept even this small hope of life aside.

Reputedly Him. "I don't know Bushby," he said. Ed Rowan, secretary of the Salt Lake Industrial Workers, applied for admission as a witness because he was a friend of Hillstrom, but was not allowed within the prison walls.

## Now What Would YOU Have Done?

JUST WHAT WAS DONE. SAYS A TACOMA MOTHER. Editor The Times: After all, the vital question is not whether science has a right to allow nature to take her course in cases such as that of the Bollinger baby, but rather what would have been the desire of the tiny little life.

None of us ask to come here and it is hardly fair to condemn a human being to a life made unendurable by an insurmountable handicap. We are kinder to dumb beasts.

Having taught defective and subnormal children, I have witnessed the dumb suffering and pining, helpless anger that they were not of their more fortunate companions.

I have seen a boy of 12 turn upon a taunting playmate with a hatred that was terrible to see. And he was only slightly defective. How much more keenly must the actual monstrosity suffer? How much more eagerly must he seek to "set even" with the world where he has no fighting chance?

From every viewpoint, such a child might better die. In mercy to itself, in protection to society, in betterment of posterity. True, we all have an equal right to life, but who of us would want to live an object of pity to those who love us, a horror to the passer-by, a wretched malcontent to ourselves?

It seems absurd to make such a furor over this particular case. It was merely an accident of time that the babe died after, instead of before birth. Nature intended that it should not live. On the other hand, had there been no actual cause for death, would have been far better for the physician to have silenced the little unfortunate.

A MOTHER.

## REACH 6 MORE MINERS

Six more bodies of the 31 victims of the explosion in Ravendale mine Tuesday were recovered by rescuers last night from the third level, where they had been entombed by a mass of fallen rock and debris.

They were terribly mangled, and identification so far has been impossible, officials of the Northwestern Improvement Co. here said.

Of the 25 victims buried in the third level 16 still remain unrecovered. In all, the bodies of 19 of the 31 victims have been found.

At 1,500-Foot Level. The light where the explosion occurred, 1,500 feet below the surface, was reached at midnight by the rescuers who have been digging and searching many hours.

Officials expect that all the bodies yet have been recovered by tonight.

The miners on the third level were working in pairs in the various rooms at the time of the explosion, so that considerably more work in clearing away the debris needs to be done before they can be reached.

To pay the large sum of relief money to which the families of the victims are entitled by law, the state industrial insurance commission is planning to levy an assessment on the coal mines of the state.

This sum is estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Of the 31 victims, 20 were married and only 11 were single. As far as can be learned, 39 children were made fatherless by the disaster.

What's Doing Today. "Stunt night" of Young Men's Commercial club; 7:30 p. m. Masonic reunion ends; concerting of first and second grades; Masonic banquet, 8 p. m.

## GAVEL MADE OF OLD STREET CAR

In the future the president of the Tacoma Rotary club will wield a gavel with a wooden head made out of Tacoma's first street car and a handle from the spoke of an old prairie schooner. The gavel was presented yesterday by John Hartman.

## TRAIN DERAILED; 11 CARS DITCHED

An N. P. train was derailed one mile west of Kanasket at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, ditching 11 freight cars. No one was hurt.

## ROBERTS REPORTS ON RIVER WORK

PUYALLUP, Nov. 19.—To S. H. Roberts, Chief Engineer in charge of Taylor County River improvement project, yesterday was a report on the work done in detail what is being done a meeting of the Pierce county commissioners in the Commercial club here last night.

**D.Y.C.S.E. OHHA**

WELL, WELL!  
HERE'S AN OTHER STORY.  
WHAT CAN OHHA MEAN?

## Triples—and Father Has \$5 a Week Job

SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—In a ramshackle house on the side of a bluff overlooking the tidelands near Georgetown considerable property has been given the Italian population of Seattle.

To a family of eight, presided over by Earl Molinari, 1010 Broadway street, on the north side of the city, the property was given by the Italian population of Seattle.

## Talk o' the Times

Eminent astronomer says the people of Mars are dying of thirst. Certain Tacoma friends of ours soon will be able to appreciate the Marsians' plight.

They've got Villa "nearly surrounded" again in Sonora. They've done that as they have "found" Ethel Oliver.

## FIGHTING TO FINISH

VIENNA, Nov. 19.—The shattered and torn flanks of the Serbs, surrounded by mountains bordering Novibazar near the Montenegrin border, are preparing to make their last stand.

The Central powers are increasingly closing in on the remnants and are daily gathering new tolls of prisoners. Indications point to the capture of Serbia, and it is thought, are being made to make their way to Montenegro and Albania.

## CATCH A SUR

SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—A neighbor who is caring for the mother said that the father, who is employed in a nearby brick yard, is earning little more than \$5 a week.

"How do you get along?" he was asked.