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BOMB PLOT RING IN TACOMA

AFTER HUGE PROFITS OUT OF 'PREPAREDNESS'

YANKEE KRUPPS ACTIVE

By Gilson Gardner
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Public service or private graft?
That is the question which has come to the front in connection with the administration's preparedness program. Are the millions to be spent really for defense or are they to be distributed as enormous profits to the steel trust, the powder trust, the shipbuilding trust, and the other American Krupps?
Shall the government spend the money and get a dollar's worth of preparedness for every dollar spent, or shall the government let the private corporation take from 20 to 60 per cent in private profits for doing it?
This is the very real and practical question confronting congress. It cannot be dodged.

A group of determined congressmen will force the issue during the whole time the preparedness program—both army and navy—is on the floor of congress. These men will not oppose preparedness—but they will oppose private-profit-preparedness.
The question will be emphasized, too, by the attitude of Secretary of Navy Daniels, who charges openly that the shipbuilders are a trust; that their bids are collusive, and that their profits are extortionate.
The question will be forced from another angle by the charges and counter-charges between the navy league and Representative Clyde Tavenner, the league threatening libel suits and Tavenner threatening a congressional inquiry to determine whether the league is supported by men who profit by private munitions manufacture.

A hint as to what has in the past become of the staggering sums appropriated for preparedness is to be found in the fact that four firms have received since 1887 orders aggregating \$175,000,000, and have been paid from 20 to 60 per cent more than the same could have been manufactured for in government arsenals and navy yards.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has stated officially in his annual reports that the navy department can manufacture every single item from paint to superdreadnaughts cheaper than the same articles can be purchased from private manufacturers.
This is true in spite of the fact that government employees are generally better treated, have shorter hours of labor, more holidays and better pay than is the rule in private plants. These government arsenal costs also include 15 per cent for overhead charges, depreciation of plant and similar items.
All these facts are going to be pointed out with great emphasis on the floor of congress.
But that isn't going to be enough!
A rich lobby is to be on hand for the American Krupps.
That rich lobby is to be assisted by another rich lobby of social influence.
Congress is easier than you think! It's not going to be hard for the lobby of privilege to make congress vote their way unless—
The American public wakes up right now—right now quick—and tells congress that—
This nation will not stand for anybody to profit in gold and silver from the bloodshed by its army and navy!

T. R. WON'T
NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Col. Roosevelt intends to stick by his guns and not back the republican party, according to a statement made today by Chairman Perkins of the progressive executive committee.
"In fact the colonel has withdrawn his name from the republican nomination in Nebraska," he said. "He should put an end to all this talk, he thinks."

LISTS DAIRIES WITH REACTORS

Only Five Tuberculous Herds Now Serving Tacoma With Milk.

NAMES ARE PUBLIC
True to his threat made to dairymen a month ago, City Milk and Dairy Inspector R. A. Button today gave out a list of firms supplying milk to Tacoma, showing which ones have complied with the health department's request by removing diseased cattle from their ranches.

The retailers who still own "reactors," or tuberculous cows, are named in Dr. Button's list as Eastern dairy, 3; Reservation dairy, 3, all of them calves which are not giving milk; Washington dairy, 2; West Parkland dairy, 5; Julius Gratzler, one, a heifer not giving milk.

Wholesale dairies still owning diseased cows are Copofero, Picnic point, 4; C. Bergheim, 14; George King, 1; Mrs. A. Fox, 2; J. W. Kennedy, 1.
Those With Clean Herds.
Retail dairies, having no reactors or diseased animals:
Alger's, Anderson & Olson, Brookdale, Burnside, Central, Cold Springs, Manitou Park, Crystal, East Side, Flett, Firoaks, Golden Eagle, Goldman's, Hiawatha, Hoke, J. A. Jr. (Glazier dairy), Ideal, Jasmine Terrace, Jersey Farm, McKinney's, Mt. Tacoma, North End, Oakgrove, Oakwood, O. K., Oakland, Olympia Ice Cream, Pandras, Pioneer, Puyallup Valley, Royal, Ruston, Higney Dairy Farm, South Tacoma, Standard, Starr, Swiss Alpine, Swind Dairy No. 2, O. G. Vog, Wapato Park, H. N. McKinnon Bros., Pure Milk supply, Geo. Lawler, Gardenville, Dairy Produce Co., Willow Junction, Mellin, C. A.

MUSHROOMS ARE NEARLY FATAL FOR 3

Three persons, victims of eating poisonous mushrooms, hovered between life and death all last night at St. Joseph's hospital. Those poisoned were Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons, 1515 South Tacoma ave., and Claude Seales, their boarder. Late information from the hospital today shows improvement by all three victims.
Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, accompanied by friends, gathered a quantity of mushrooms yesterday near Puyallup. Shortly after dinner last evening the victims were taken with violent cramps and became unconscious.
Dr. Hinton Jones was called and gave little hope for the recovery of the men, but throughout there was a slight chance for Mrs. Lyons. She recovered consciousness this morning at 8 o'clock for the first time.
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FLASHES

LONDON—British steamer Colenso and Oranges Prince were sunk today by German subs. Fate of the crew of the Orange Prince not known.

BERLIN—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg reported to have declared he will bring peace discussion before reichstag soon.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Necessity of applying at the state department in person for passports may possibly hinder a number of the Ford peace party from setting sail on the steamer Oscar II Saturday.

LONDON—Kitchener conferred last night with King George, declaring allied army must be tripled to win in Balkans.

CENTRALIA—O. W. R. & N. railway placed orders yesterday for 950,000 ties, valued at \$392,000, among mills of the vicinity.

20-MILE LIMIT IS ADOPTED

By unanimous vote, Commissioner Mills' new 20-mile speed limit ordinance for automobiles was adopted by the city council today.

Mayor Fawcett and Commissioner Woods hooked a proviso to their votes, however, by which they demanded a repeal of the new traffic law later if it did not prove effective.
The latest freak feature of the ordinance popped out today, when Commissioner Mills notified the council that he would post permanent signboards on the downtown streets, warning pedestrians to cross the streets only at street intersections.
These signs will be suspended from the trolley guy-wires in the center of the streets.
By the new ordinance, pedestrians must not cross streets other than at regular intersections. Autos and other traffic has right of way in the middle of blocks anywhere in the city, and can drive up to 20 miles an hour. At street intersections they must slow to six miles an hour.

Commissioner Mills asked the council today also to take action to force northbound Point Defiance and Tractin cars to stop only on the south corner of 9th, at Broadway, pointing out danger of traffic congestion on the north corner. Others in the council objected, saying the change would mean a discrimination against property owners on Broadway. No action was taken.

What's Doing

Today
Meeting of Tacoma alumnae of University of Washington; Commercial club; 4 p. m.
Lecture on color photography by Charles Bedford before Tacoma Camera club; in club's quarters; evening.
Trinity M. E. church bazaar; at church parlors.
Picture show for St. Andrew's guild; Sunset theater; Sixth avenue and Fire.
Frolic club gives first dance; Union club.
Tacoma Yacht club "high jinks;" at club house; evening.
Union label exhibition, Tacoma theater building.

Tomorrow
Lecture, E. P. Marsh, president State Federation of Labor, afternoon and evening, on the "Union Label." Label exhibition, Tacoma theater building.

MONTENEGRO TO BE NEXT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 2.—Montenegro is the next nation in which the central powers intend to concentrate their armed forces. Both Germany and Bulgaria announced today that the Serbian campaign is at an end.

WILL HELP SERBIANS
ROME, Dec. 2.—Italy definitely decided today to send aid to Serbia. This announcement, made by Foreign Minister Sonnino to the Italian parliament, confirmed recent reports that Italy intended to take an active part in the Balkans.

Clearings \$352,088,933
Balances 47,582,853
Transactions 989,578,119

Only 19 shopping days until CHRISTMAS


'RIPPING THE BRASS BUTTONS OFF THE WAR'



"FINDING HERS" ON THE BATTLE FIELD OF THE MARNE. - - - **BY ROBERT MINOR**
"Wherever possible," says Cartoonist Minor in a letter to the editor from the war zone in France, "burial parties on the battlefields put the name of the dead soldier on the simple little crosses they press into the soft earth of the newly filled grave. As I crossed the wide battlefield of the Marne, I saw many women—mothers, sisters, wives, sweethearts—passing from one cross to another, reading the names. In this picture this poor old mother had found her's and she stood there a sad and forlorn figure, weeping her soul out with dry eyes."

AND SHE DOES IT EVERY DAY!

By E. A. Peters
While the operator is changing reels we wish to make a brief announcement of our next film. It is exhibited without the approval of the social service board and produced under the name of no great movie company.
This picture is played in Tacoma. The title is, "She Dresses by Her Window 'Mid the Gaze of Loving Eyes.'" Thank you for your kind attention.
Turn the crank, Jimmie.
CAST
Max Garretson, Harold Rockhill, Adelbert U. Mills, Edward J. Hackett, J. S. Ellsworth, T. L. Stiles, A. V. Fawcett, DeWitt M. Evans and others.
SCENE 1.
Cross-section view of Seventh street side of Tacoma city hall. Time—Any morning between 9 and 10 a. m.
Max Garretson, tall, dark, wavy-haired secretary to the commissioner of public safety, stands contemplatively before his third-floor window. His mind might be centered on the cost of hay for fire horses, but it is not. He might be thoughtfully considering the fire report on school buildings, but—
Suddenly his abstraction ceases. He becomes alert. His gaze rests steadily and with intent upon something across the way. The telephone rings. He ignores it. A policeman comes in with a report. Max lets him wait.
The telephone jangles again. Max impatiently jerks off the receiver and lays it on a desk.
After minutes—make it a thousand feet or so of film—the secretary relaxes. He turns guiltily about. The cop is still waiting, report in hand. Max blushes. He answers the phone. He takes the report. With briskness he begins anew the day's routine.
Jump two flights up. We see Eddie Hackett, clerk of police court. He has been nervously pacing past his window ever since he drove down from the Hackett residence.
At the same moment that Max, downstairs, begins his rigid stare, an electric shock petrifies Hackett. He, too, gazes down and out from his window. He wets his lips. One hand passes tremblingly over his shiny pate. Somebody calls "Court is convening." But the clerk is in a hypnotic trance. Court goes on without him.
Another thousand feet. The multiple reel shows our stammering actor slowly dissolving from the pose of "The Thinker" into his more humdrum one of a court clerk busily trying to catch up with his work.
Down one flight. Harold K. Rockhill, gray, oldish, active little secretary to Mayor Fawcett, in turn becomes a principal in our all-star cast.
Ceasing in the midst of preparing a speech for His Honor, Rockhill suddenly evinces a desire for



HOME AGAIN—"A group of children who returned to their old homes in the battle-stormed Vosges after the Germans had been driven back."—Robert Minor.

- Talk o' the Times -

Notice how certain newspapers, highly excited over the arrest of some easterner for possible complicity in a Seattle powder plot, fall to betray even a lukewarm interest in the very evident plot of a big, greedy corporation to cripple our own Tacoma lightning plant!

Don't get your Johnsons mixed Saturday. There are two of them running. Walter L. is the right one.

Greetings to Dr. A. J. Carlson of Chicago! He says that a nice breakfast of ham and eggs, or steak is a cure for morning headaches.

Edgar Wheeler, highbrow Times reporter, told his wife last night that he was going to begin raising Belgian hares—you know he writes articles about 'em every little while. And she told him she wished he would raise some sort of hairs, because he's threatened with what herpeticide's used for.

Rev. Elijah Voliva, of Zion City, remarks that the devil introduced the tobacco plant. Must have had help if it was the brand a dear, knowing friend has just induced us to try.

In Biharkentseer, Hungary, cat meat is selling at 28 cents the pound. Must have run out of dogs early.

All hand raises. Something long and black dangles into view. In one quick move, the white-clad figure bends down—and reappears without the black thing. Repeat this once.
There are more flashes of white and black and pink. Many white things, lifted from near and far, float toward the central object and dissolve into one indistinct mass.
The cloud of white arises, and advances to the window. Ah, a woman! Large, shapely, beautiful!
But her garments—well, Theda Bara might get past the board of censorship with them, but we wouldn't bet on it.
Then begins more action. New articles—we can now discern that they are lingerie—are seized and donned. Hooks are fastened and

pins are jabbed in here and there. The leading woman remains close enough to her window to permit camera man to get every move, every detail, every expression.
A thousand feet or more film. Her hat, her coat, her gloves—all are in place. Slam—down comes the blind again.
The city hall quivers from its morning thrill. Please don't crowd as you pass out.
(The End.)

LETTER TELLS PLANS

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 2.—Continuing the revelations in the alleged anti-ally bomb activities in this country, the Providence Journal today announced it had laid before the department of justice some startling evidence in the case of C. C. Crowley, held in San Francisco as an anti-ally plotter.

The most significant evidence was a letter purporting to have been sent by Crowley to the American wife of Russian Ambassador Bekhmeteff, at Washington, asking her to aid as a Red Cross representative in getting cases of dried fruit aboard steamers bound from Tacoma to Vladivostok.
The letter announced: "We have an agent in Tacoma who could assist in shipments," and it is suggested the Blue Funnel line could be used to advantage because of its numerous sailings.
The Journal claimed that Miss Bekhmeteff ignored the appeal, suspecting mischief. In the alleged letter, Crowley is quoted as saying the California Fruit Growers' association wished to donate the fruit to the Russians.
The letter asked that the shipments be facilitated, as the writer understood that government supplies were constantly being shipped to Vladivostok.

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CROWLEY WON'T TALK
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Crowley wouldn't discuss the Providence Journal's allegations that he wrote to the Russian ambassador's wife to secure credentials for shipping "dried fruit" aboard munition steamers out of Tacoma. He referred the inquiries to his lawyer.

SMITH SUSPECTED
Government officials here are of the belief today that the "agent in Tacoma" referred to in Crowley's letter was Lewis J. Smith, also known here as Walter J. Brown, to whom Crowley is said to have sent three money orders totaling \$350.
Soon after the explosion of the dynamite barge in Seattle harbor last May, Smith was suspected in Tacoma on account of his actions. Efforts to trace the explosion to him failed at the time, and since then U. S. officials have been on his trail.
Raleigh Faulkner, the prisoner in the county jail who was reported last week to have admitted knowledge of the details of this plot in connection with smuggling operations, and to have been personally acquainted with Crowley and Smith, made a flat-footed denial of it today.
"It's all a lie," he said. "I know absolutely nothing of any bomb plots in Tacoma or Seattle. I have never seen Crowley or Smith, and I know nothing of their doing or this letter."

KING IS CHOSEN
AFIFI POTENTATE
E. B. King was elected potentate of Afifi temple, Shriner's, last night to succeed Bishop F. W. Keator, who accepted the office of high priest and prophet.

FOOD QUESTION IS AROUSING GERMANS

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Germany wants a speedy settlement of the questions affecting food prices and food distribution. This fact is clearly shown by the crowds of people gathered in front of the reichstag today.
An inspired statement declared today that Germany's enemies would again spread ridiculous reports about street riots.
The statement intimated that the chancellor will make a statement before the reichstag soon.

ing at the belief in Germany's ultimate economic depression. It continued: "Nobody in Germany can understand why the allies, after repeated diplomatic and military defeats, do not sue for peace.
It is believed the chancellor will show the allied rulers are being led blindly to further action as a result of the rumors that Germany faces starvation and economic prostration."