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WEATHER: Tacoma and vicinity: Rain to night and Wednesday. Washington: Rain west, rain or snow east.

Some men who have been disappointed in love are lucky and will never know it.

30c A MONTH

INVOLVES HIGHER-UPS

OPEN BREAK NEAR

Police Chief Loomis and Commissioner Mills are "at outs." Intimate friends of the two police officials declared today that they were on the verge of an open break.

It may come tomorrow, when an ordinance will be up for final passage to reduce the chief's salary from \$175 to \$25 a month, and to authorize Mills to appoint an acting chief in the case of a vacancy in the office of chief.

WARSHIPS BOMBARDED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Russian warships escorting 16 laden transports were bombarded yesterday at Varna, a Black sea port in the Balkans, according to an Athens report today.

LABOR RESENTS SPEECH ON WAR

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Organized labor today resented Lloyd George's speech in the house of commons yesterday, saying he tried to cast the bloody mantle of responsibility of English failure on the workmen of the nation.

FIFTEEN YEAR OLD BRIDE DIVORCED

June Munson, a 15-year-old bride of a year, was granted a divorce yesterday by Judge Easton from Oris Munson, on the ground of non-support. The court allowed the young wife to use her maiden name again.

MAYOR IMPROVING

Mayor Fawcett was still in bed today, but announced his intention of attending tomorrow's legislative session of the city council. The mayor was reported by Mrs. Fawcett to be considerably improved today, but forced by physicians to keep indoors.

ROBS HIS BEER CACHE

John Johnson, 1402 East 26th street, reported to the police today that thieves had entered his woodshed and carried off three cases of beer that he had just purchased.

STAR OF OPERA WEDS NAVY MAN



MARGUERITE SYLVA. The opera singer was married in Paris to Lieut. Bernard L. Smith of Richmond, Va. Smith is an assistant naval attaché of the American embassy.

WALL'S GOT A NERVE

Oh, you gripe sufferers! You're not sick. There isn't any such thing as gripe in Tacoma. Doc Wall, city health officer, says so.

He gave out a statement today to the effect that everyone in Tacoma who thinks he has the gripe is only suffering from a cold.

But we've had it! Doc Wall's explanation of gripe symptoms is that the sufferer first has chills and fever. Then he begins to ache all over. Loss of his appetite and gets weak.

NEW RECEIVER FOR VOGELBAUM

Following the resignation yesterday of S. F. Bullard as receiver for the Home Cloak & Suit House, Judge Clifford appointed Grant Dentler as receiver. Bullard claimed that "other business" would not permit him to take the time required of a receiver.

WILL BACK DOWN

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—There will not be a quarrel between Austria and America if Washington keeps cool. In a statement to the United Press today Stephen Fiszta, Austria's strongest man next of the emperor, called talk of such a quarrel "sheer nonsense."

FLASHES

PARIS—French troops plan to hold Christmas celebrations in the trenches. A soldier representing Santa Claus will distribute presents in each trench.

ROME—Natives of Albania are taking the Serbian refugees into their homes and sharing their food with them.

CHRISTIANIA—The king of Sweden refused to give Henry Ford an audience despite the efforts of Mme. Schwimmers.

SAN FRANCISCO—The American liner Kronland has rounded the Horn on its way here. It was forced to take the long trip because of the slides in the canal.

LONDON—The Germans are reported to have suffered heavily in a gas bomb battle yesterday near Ypres.

CHIHUAHUA CITY—General Villa said he intended to leave Mexico, and asked government officials to grant him protection in the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO—Opium valued at \$350,000 was seized aboard the Japanese liner Suivo Maru today.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States supreme court today denied squatters' rights to land outside the original congressional grants, bringing to a close a legal battle which was started six years ago in Pierce county by the N. P. railroad against squatters.

Mrs. Bean and Mrs. Dempsey In Auto Mixup

Arrested Saturday afternoon on the charge of driving past a street car at 9th and Broadway while the car was loading passengers, the name of Mrs. L. H. Bean, wife of the T. R. & P. Co.'s manager, yesterday afternoon was scratched from police records, and the name of Mrs. J. J. Dempsey, prominent society woman, put in its place.

"The police officer saw Mrs. Bean riding in the car with Mrs. Dempsey, and made the charge against her by mistake," explained Loomis today.

"I investigated and found that Mrs. Dempsey had technically violated the law because the street car, after starting, had stopped to pick up a belated passenger. Mrs. Dempsey's car was directly behind the street car and she could not stop in time. She had tried to obey the traffic laws, and I let her off with a reprimand."

LOUIS WALRUS TUSK Thomas Burke reported to the police today that while he was intoxicated last night he had left an 18-inch walrus tusk in a Pacific avenue saloon. He was going to have it transformed into a cribbage board, he said.

MY EXPERIENCE AS COUNCILWOMAN

The absorbing story of a woman who helps run one of the largest cities on the Pacific coast. She will tell what she has done and what she has learned during half a year of public service.

BEST WOMAN FEATURE OF YEAR



Mrs. Estelle Lawton Lindsey, member of Los Angeles city council, who will relate her experiences to readers of The Times.

MADE POLITICIANS TAKE NOTICE

Mrs. Lindsey's acquaintance with life in a great city made her realize that the women must voice their own opinions and back them up for results.

FIRST INSTALLMENT TOMORROW

WELL, FOLKS, IT'S OUR 13th BIRTHDAY

Thanks, friends, for your congratulations and good wishes. Now if you will kindly let go our hand—

No, jinx and hoodooes don't befuddle us in the least, even if today is the Thirteenth Birthday Anniversary of The Tacoma Times.

And every day we have greeted our friends at the old stand, The Times Corner. We may swat 'em, but they always come back.

Jack Browne set all the type for the first baby 4-page paper. He's still at the old stand; he's setting type for our birthday edition today.

There was an editor and one cub reporter. They rounded up all the news.

But it was The Times, and you couldn't stop it growing. We're still growing every day—take a pinch at our muscle—and never a sign of tottering, toothless old age for us.

We're a bit bashful, but we thank you again, make our bow and say: "Grow old along with us. The best is yet to be."

- Talk o' the Times -

With John Rea and some of the other higher-ups to carry, Gov. Lister is a heavily loaded man.

A lot of hundred dollar counterfeit bills are in circulation, when you draw your next week's salary, examine it carefully.

Wonder what King George is going to send the Kaiser for Christmas?

State Official Is Accused of Bold Grafting

The first direct charge that a higher-up in the state administration was involved in the looting of the industrial insurance fund at Olympia was made today in Tacoma by Joe Fleury, a shingle filer and foreman.

Fleury, while working as an engineer in a Seattle woodworking plant two years ago was severely injured. According to his statement to The Times today his claim of \$1500 was allowed by the state commission.

Before his money came, however, he says he was approached by this higher-up and informed that the \$1500 claim would be put smoothly through, provided that Fleury would split 50-50.

Furthermore, he says, the offer was made that should he agree to this bargain he would be given regular employment under this official, his duties to consist in "faking up" one bogus claim after another.

Fleury declares that he dickered along with this administration leader until he had succeeded in having witnesses overhear several of the conversations.

When the time came for his first payment to arrive, he charges, he was given a voucher for more than \$300 (the exact sum he could not recall) and this he signed. The warrant that came in payment, he alleges, called for just \$157.50. The 50-50 arrangement had taken effect.

MRS. ASQUITH WINS GLOBE LIBEL ACTION

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Asquith, wife of the premier, today won a suit against The Globe to prevent that paper from continuing an alleged libel against her.

YACHT SINKS; MAN DROWNS

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—The gasoline schooner President, chartered by the Union Oil company, capsized and sank in a heavy, running sea at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon within 100 feet of the dock at Camano, Camano island, one of the San Juan group, a few miles north of Everett.

REVOLUTION HITS CHINA

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Ton King Chong, head of one of the largest gangs in America, received word yesterday that five Chinese provinces had revolted against the rule of Yuan hi Kai.

What's Doing

Today Donations of old books for Mountain View sanitarium received at Colonial theater; afternoon and evening.

Celebration of Forefathers' day by New England society of Tacoma; basket lunch and program; First Congregational church; 6 p. m.

Pierce county grange day at the Home-Trade exposition; Arcade store building; 13th and Broadway.

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Reception for Rev. M. Kanamori, Japanese evangelist; Y. M. C. A. rooms; evening.

Christmas program; Stadium high school auditorium; 8 p. m.; Gov. Lister and Rev. Frank Dyer will speak.

Baby show in afternoon and fraternal and manufacturers' special show in evening; at Home-Trade exposition; Arcade store building; 13th and Broadway.

STORM PLAYS HAVOC

Heavy snowslides have been playing havoc with all the railroad lines leading to Tacoma.

Mail trains from the east have been held up for hours, in many cases arriving six and seven hours late.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line suffered severely by the heavy snows in the mountains, but has managed to keep the line clear.

The Northern Pacific trains to the south have been taken off the Point Defiance line because of slides. All trains are running over the old prairie line.

The Harbor and Vancouver lines have been kept clear, but are troubled by the excessive snow.

Government wires from Tootosh and other points along the coast are down.

A 60-mile gale is blowing and fears are felt for shipping.

Heavy Rain. The rain today and last night didn't break a single record.

In the face of all sidewalk ponds nearly deep enough to drown in; in the face of the small cataract which has been rushing down Ninth street for several hours, Weather Man Cover says so.

And it is impossible to doubt the word of a weatherman.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock this morning amounted to 1.12 inches. From 5 until noon today it was 1.12 inches, making total of 2.28 inches since yesterday morning.

The record rainfall for the month of December occurred in 1897 with 2.90 inches.

However, the weather man gives us the satisfaction of knowing that we're having an unusually wet Christmas, anyway.

WOMAN WHITE SLAVE SUSPECT TRIES SUICIDE

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Melissa Eddy, clairvoyant, is held in \$2,000 bonds today to appear in Tacoma Jan. 5.

It is believed she can reveal a widespread Northwest white slave plot. Seeking her, detectives found gas jets in her room turned on.

It is believed she attempted suicide.

CALL ANOTHER MILLION

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Asquith will make a call other million men. Last plans have proved successful. Subscription will ask for \$1,000,000.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Clearings, Balance, and Transactions.