

FORD, CRUSHED AND DILL, TURNS HOMEWARD

"The president is care-free," says a headline. Married and care-free in the Christmas present season? O Paradise!

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Rain.
Washington: Rain west, unsettled, probably rain or snow east portion tonight and Saturday.

SCENTS BATH-HOUSE SCANDAL

BECAUSE HE IS FOR MEN

A copy of Marse Henry Watterson's Louisville Courier-Journal came to The Times office today. Marse Henry is out with a lurid editorial in which, with the scathing invective in the use of which he is past master, he consigns Henry Ford to the bottomless pit of perdition, so to speak, as a "traitor to his country, a self-exploiting advertiser, a poor wretch made insane by the onrush of gold."

The people of this country, generally speaking, think Henry Ford's peace junket a mistaken, ill-timed, ill-directed, and possibly harmful, waste of time and energy and money.

But it is doubtful if many question the sincerity of his motives.

Surely very few thinking men will endorse Henry Watterson's virulent utterances.

Be it remembered that Mr. Ford made his great wealth honestly; that he did not apply the screws to his workmen nor exact his money from the people by the special privilege method. It does not represent so much flesh and blood of honest labor as do so many American fortunes. He is the man who, when he found himself rich, decreed that no person in his employ should be paid less than \$5 a day. For that act alone he is entitled to every consideration by his fellow countrymen.

Henry Ford may be a visionary, his peace plan may be a fit subject for ridicule—even for humiliation and regret. But he is no traitor to his country, nor a money-mad wretch.

After peace comes again to this world, no matter how or by what agency it may be brought about, and America continues on its march to a higher goal, we are going to be glad, many a time, for Henry Ford and his "insane" philanthropy.

Because he is for men.

BROKEN BY HIS CRITICS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Crushed and ill because of ridicule and criticism of his peace expedition, Henry Ford sailed for America today aboard the steamer Bergenfjord.

His departure, however, does not mean the abandonment of the expedition. Other members of the party aboard the Oscar II will continue on their mission. They do not even know as yet that Ford is returning to America.

The burden of preparing the expedition, the taunts of belligerents and neutrals alike and the coolness of the Norwegian reception of him combined to break down his constitution, it is believed.

It is assumed that Ford will continue to pay the expenses of the expedition.

The Oscar II is scheduled to arrive in Stockholm this afternoon. Dean Marquis of Detroit accompanies Ford. Secretary Lecher remains with the party as Ford's personal representative.

It is reported that Ford left a check for \$270,000 at Bergen to defray future expenses.

His departure, it is believed, will have a serious, perhaps destructive, effect on his peace program.

OTHERS AT CAPITAL
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—The peace delegates who arrived here today were informed that Ford's illness is serious, but not dangerous. His lieutenants would not confirm the story that Ford is sailing for America.

Swedish peace advocates have arranged for a reception tomorrow.

BABY BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

CENTRALIA, Dec. 24.—While Mrs. Ernest Rylett, wife of a brakeman employed by the Eastern Railway & Lumber Co., was visiting neighbors, fire gutted her home and burned her 18-month-old baby to death.

Neighbors heard the screams of her second child and rushed in the house in time to save him from suffocation.

Good morning, have you solved The Times puzzle yet?

Another year of emergency war tax. And not one patriot in ten knows that he's paying the tax.

D'Loss Sutherland, gossip Times reporter, is threatening to start a recall movement against Dec. Wall. Wall's the man who says there ain't no such thing as a free lunch in Tacoma. The remark cut deep into Sat's feelings.

FLASHES

BAKER, ORE.—Cattle owners of eastern Oregon are taking every precaution against the terrific storms.

PARIS.—Kaiser Wilhelm is reported to be ill with a cancer of the throat.

GALENA, Kas.—One person is known to be killed and several others injured as a result of Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf passenger wreck during a severe storm near here.

ROME.—Serbs and Bulgars have been fighting tenaciously in the Albanian mountains for three days without results.

PARIS.—German and Bulgarian aeroplanes attacked allied munition stations near Salonika last night.

PORT TOWNSEND.—Barkentine S. N. Castle was rescued off the rocks today.

OLYMPIA.—Mayor Mottman was fined \$1 today for libeling the Olympia water works.

THEY DID IT EARLY

The people, after years of coaxing, have at last heeded the appeal of the postal authorities and have done their Christmas shopping early, is the opinion expressed today by Postmaster Stewart.

The heaviest mail in the history of Tacoma was handled this year without the customary jam and slow delivery. Despite the snow slides in the mountains which delayed the eastern mail, the local post office has managed to distribute the thousands of packages without any unnecessary rush.

An extra crew of 60 men has been working for more than a week. Many of the carriers having as many as 12 bags of mail. The heavy eastern rush began a week ago from the New England and extreme eastern states.

Later in the week the middle western mails began arriving, while the great bulk of the mail during the last two days has been local.

Woodrow is reported to have engaged 100 rooms in his honeymoon hotel. Bet ten cents he's got some Christmas presents he's trying to hide from her!

Now, honest, did you do your Christmas shopping early?

Villa's quitting in order to restore harmony among his aides must tickle Gen. Zapata. Little old Zap harmonizes his aides by burying them just as Villa does his plotting paramours.

VIOLENT BATTLE RAGING

ZURICH, Dec. 24.—The most violent artillery struggle since the beginning of the war is accompanying the attacks of infantry which is battling for the possession of Hartmannswellerkopf in Alsace.

The tide of battle turns from one side to the other frequently. From 40 to 80 shells are falling every minute.

WILL FIGHT TO END
PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—Russia intends to fight to the very end, Premier Sazanoff told the duma today, scoffing at peace rumors.

"The latest peace rumors are senseless," he said. "The allies are presenting a firm front and everywhere victory draws nearer. The Russians have captured Henden Kum, ending the German attempts to incite Persia. The Greco relations with the allies were well defined following the fortification of Salonika."

The duma budget committee voted a resolution that peace is impossible until Germany's power is broken.

Investigate Flag Incident.

SALONIKA, Dec. 24.—Bulgarian officials will not permit Mrs. Walter Farwell and Dr. Harry Forbes to return to Greece, but will take them to Bulgarian army headquarters in Serbia.

The Bulgarian consul has assured the American consul that an official investigation will be made of the tearing down of an American flag. If proven the raiders will be punished.

Dr. Edward Stuart, chief of the Red Cross has entered the Bulgarian lines on the way to Sofia to protest against the Monastir incident. He plans to see Forbes, who defended the Red Cross stores when the Bulgarians demanded a surrender of them.

SENTRY 'BAWLS OUT' HIS KING

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(By mail.)—A touch of wartime humor at the expense of King George leaked through from Sandringham today.

Unattended, one evening at dusk, the king went for a short stroll through the grounds. He was interrupted by a preparatory "Ha!"

"Who goes there?" demanded a sentry.

There was no reply. The sentry repeated his challenge, sternly. "Who goes there?" he thundered.

"The king," meekly answered the monarch.

"Well, why in the h— didn't you say so," burst the soldier. And then he tried to apologize. But the king was too prompt. Ignoring the offered apology, he quickly and smilingly commended the Tommy for his vigilance.

HER CHRISTMAS PRAYER



Photo by JACKSON

CHIEF WILL PROBE

On the very eve of his departure from office, Chief of Police Ardella P. Loomis today made a sensational discovery.

He received information today to the effect that women attendants are being employed in certain Tacoma Turkish bath houses. To use the chief's own term, the news almost stunned him.

It is not that the women attendants are retained in the women's departments of the Turkish baths, but that they are allowed to serve the men bathers, which has aroused the police chief.

Loomis Aroused.
Most of the Turkish baths of the city have departments for men and for women alike, and it has been customary for women attendants to work in the women's sections. In fact, it has been compulsory.

But when Loomis was informed that the women attendants, attired in bathing suits, were allowed to act as masseuses and in other capacities in the portion of the bath houses reserved for men, he "went straight up in the air."

Loomis hasn't had time yet to determine the truth of the report. But he has given hasty orders to his entire department to investigate, and make arrests wherever such unusual condition of Turkish bathing exists.

Says It's Terrible.
"I'm going to make a change in this condition, if it's the last thing I do before going out of office," said Loomis today.

"There aren't many Turkish baths in Tacoma, and I don't imagine it will take very long to run down and report and determine the truth of it."

"Why, that's a terrible thing to have happening here in Tacoma! And right near the end of my term, too!"

FLAMES MENACE FAMILY

Crawling across the frosty roof of her front porch at 3:30 o'clock this morning, clad only in her night-dress, while the dwelling behind her burned furiously, Mrs. Christina Tveten, 6143 South Yakima avenue, slipped and fell 15 feet to a concrete pavement, suffering injuries that caused paralysis today in the entire lower part of her body.

Mrs. Tveten is in a serious condition. Drs. Robertson and Quesli are attending her.

Family Barely Saved.
The entire Tveten family had a narrow escape from incineration. Martin Tveten, a laborer formerly employed by the city, was awakened shortly after 3 o'clock by smoke fumes. He awakened his wife and daughter, Agnes, age 12.

Hasty examination showed that the entire lower part of the two-story home was in flames. Escape by the stairway was impossible, and fire was already eating its way into the upper rooms. The heat became stifling.

Neighbors attempted to rescue the family, but a ladder placed by them against the front porch was too short to be of service. Mrs. Tveten, however, crawled down the porch roof, intending to clamber over the cornice and attempt to reach the top rungs.

She fell, and lay unconscious on the sidewalk until rescuers hurried to her and carried her to the home of E. K. Thompson, 6119 Yakima, next door.

Father Saves Girl.
With his daughter on his back, her arms encircling his neck, Tveten managed to creep down the porch roof, crawl over the edge, and get his feet on the ladder. Neighbors aided him in reaching the ground.

The dwelling, valued at \$2,500, was burned to the ground. The Tvetens saved nothing except the night clothing that they wore when they escaped. There was \$1,000 insurance on the house and contents.

NEWLY WEDS CELEBRATE
HOT SPRINGS, Dec. 24.—A honeymoon couple asked President Wilson and his bride to participate in a joint Christmas celebration. It is believed the presidential couple will accept.

The Wilson party remained in town all day and the Christmas plans have thus far been broken by the weather.

NOBLES OF CHINA ARE APPOINTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Following a policy of creating offices as speedily as possible, Emperor Yuan Shi Kai of China today named Luk Ching Tszang premier and minister of foreign affairs. Cheung Fun was appointed governor of Kiangsu.

The emperor also named dukes, earls and viscounts, the cable advised.

Meanwhile a revolution is smoldering among San Francisco's 13,000 Chinese, many of whom are strongly opposed to the change from a republic to a monarchy.

The leaders, however, are stopping the agitation temporarily, according to prominent Chinese. They hesitate at plunging into a revolution, though they will aid in any developments.

What's Doing

Today
Kris Kringle night at Home Trade show; Christmas tree and gifts; Arcade building; 13th and Broadway.

Annual "Keep-the-Change" day for street car conductors.

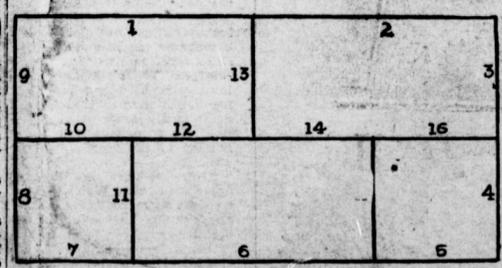
Distribution of 100 baskets of food to needy families by Salvation Army.

Tomorrow
Special Christmas services in most Tacoma churches; morning and evening.

Opening of Empress theater by Wilkes stock company in "Under Cover"; matinee and night.

Christmas opera, "Patience," by Tacoma Light Opera company; Tacoma theater; 8:30 p. m.

NOT SO SIMPLE AS IT SEEMED



"This is the puzzle—it's called the '16 to 1 Puzzle': Draw a continuous line through each of the 16 lines in the diagram shown above. But it must be done without passing through any line more than once.

"By 'line' is meant each side of each quadrilateral. Your continuous pencil line must cross them all. Cutting through corners is not permitted. Your own line may cross itself if that will help any.

Looked simple, that puzzle we printed yesterday.

That's what the editor said—as first. We won't mention what he said as time went on.

"A pipe," declared the slangy sporting editor, when the subject first came up.

"It's very easy matter, I am sure," remarked our precise Cynthia Grey—before she tried it.

"Anybody can do that," vowed Tim, the bootblack; Woods, the city councilman; Rev. Dyer, the live-wire preacher; Art Cook, the movie producer; Jack Donnelly, the hotel magnate, and empty-headed other folks—in the beginning of their study of it.

Did YOU say the same thing? Well, what do you think of it today? Here it is again; try another whack at it.

SUES CITY ON PATENT

Declaring that the city of Tacoma is infringing on patents held by him, in its new electric heaters placed in city fire stations for maintaining the temperature of water in fire engine boilers, Andrew J. Holmes, superintendent of the Niagara power plant, has filed a suit in the federal court.

The suit is a test of Holmes' patent rights. He purchased the patents from Henrik Hallberg of New York in 1908 and improved them, taking out supplemental patents later, he says.

KIDS GET TOYS FROM PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—An automobile loaded with packages, candy, toys and fruit, each inscribed "Merry Christmas" in President Wilson's handwriting, stood in front of the Washington Country club, Va., today while 50 children from homes nearby crowded around and were handed gifts by Head Usher Hoover of the White House.

The president has played Santa Claus vicariously. There is a big Christmas tree on the second floor of the White House for Ellen McAdoo and Francis Sayre. But "Granddaddy" will not be present, he's on his honeymoon.

Every White House employe was given a turkey by Wilson.

FAWCETT IS UNIMPROVED

Mayor Fawcett was reported unimproved today.

He is still in bed, watched over by a trained nurse and members of his family. The mayor slept little last night, and although he was feeling no better today, it was reported that his condition was no worse than yesterday.

Although as yet the mayor's symptoms denote nothing more than a severe case of the grip, his physician, Dr. C. Quesli, is fighting against a possible development of bronchial pneumonia. Most of the mayor's recent illness originated in his bronchial tubes.