

Let us begin TODAY with all the earnestness that APPARENTLY marked the Eastland investigation to find out why today's marine catastrophe occurred and who was to blame. Let us have NONE of the official criss-crossing and eagerness to apply the whitewash that marked the Chicago hearing. TACOMA WANTS THE TRUTH.

EUROPE!
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Cannot put Humpty Dumpty together again!

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Generally fair tonight and Sunday, continued cold.
Washington: Same.

MILK CLEANUP SAVES LIVES OF 50 TACOMA BABIES IN ONE YEAR

By E. A. Peters

At least 50 babies are alive and vigorously crawling today because The Times waged unrelenting war a year ago for a pure milk supply.

Statistics gathered from records of the city health department today showed that with the rapid improvement of milk in Tacoma during 1915 there was an amazing decrease in the number of deaths among infants.

There were 31 per cent less deaths among babies of six months or younger, in 1915 than during the 12 months of the preceding year.

During the first six months of 1914 health records show that 81 babies under six months of age died, many of them because of improper nourishment. There were 83 deaths in the latter half of the year.

Great Improvement Made.
The deaths of these 164 infants occurred before Tacoma's campaign against tubercular milk was begun. Up to that time the public and the dairymen had not been educated to the perils of bovine tuberculosis.

Probably not one mother out of 20 in Tacoma realized the tremendous risk she was taking when she fed her baby the ordinary class of milk supplied by dairymen at that time.

R. A. Button, city milk inspector, had done his best to obtain a more pure milk supply but his efforts had been given no sympathy or support.

In 1915 because of a stirring educational campaign conducted by The Times and heartily supported by Inspector Button, the city's milk supply was transformed. From one of the most dangerous in the country, it became in a few weeks the purest.

113 Instead of 164.
From Jan. 1 to June 30 last year there were only 62 deaths of babies. Between July 1 and Dec. 31, the death records show, 51 infants died.

There were 113 infantile deaths as compared to 164 of the previous year. In September, 1914, the hottest month and therefore the most dangerous to babies being fed impure milk, there were 17 deaths. Last year five babies died in the same month.

Government statistics show that bovine tuberculosis is fatal in 50 per cent of its cases.

More than half the mothers of the present day are feeding their babies on cow's milk.

When The Times began its fight for a purer milk supply, it showed that hundreds of cows in the Tacoma district, many of them in the herds of large and prominent dairies, were in the death grip of the dread disease. Yet their milk was coming to the city daily in bottles and cans. Hundreds of mothers, unaware of the danger, were giving it to their

babies. The facts shocked Tacoma into action. With one great cry, parents made a demand that the dairies clean up. Arrests were made.

Dairymen felt the wave of public emotion. Those who had persistently refused to obey orders of the milk inspection department before found it was to the interest of their pocketbooks to clean up. Wholesale slaughter of diseased cows began. Inspector Button instituted a monthly report system by which he publicly announced the comparative purity of milk in the various dairies.

Dairymen Co-Operate.
Tuberculin, a newly discovered serum for determining whether

cows are suffering from tuberculosis, was used on every herd sending milk to Tacoma. During the past year 3,067 cows have been given the test. Dr. Button has personally administered the tuberculin in more than half the cases.

Instead of resisting official inspection dairymen began co-operating with Dr. Button and developed a keen desire to bring their milk up to the highest mark of purity.

Best in the U. S.
A federal milk inspector tested samples of Tacoma's milk last fall and was so surprised at the high scores of bacterial count that he would not believe his own figures. He slipped quietly back into Tacoma six weeks later and

purchased bottles of milk from delivery men of every dairy in the city. He made another bacterial test and the result was the same as before.

The inspector pronounced Tacoma's milk the purest in the country.

Today's figures from the health department showing a decrease of 51 deaths among babies in one year, proves his statement.

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OUT OF HIS HOLE



Not One Sparrow

makes a summer, any more than one depositor makes a bank.

But the fact that this Bank made a net gain of 1200 depositors in 1915 is significant.

Surely it is wise for you, if considering a banking connection, to ask us about the reasons for this success.

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FLASHES

NEW YORK—Russian government gives approval to largest list of armament contracts placed here by any warring nation since the war began.

BERLIN—Germany rejects Sir Edward Grey's proposal that the Baralong case be investigated by a court of American naval officers.

ROME—Diplomatic corps has fled from Montenegrin capital, Cetinje, and has reached Scutari, Albania.

LONDON—Reports from Holland today are that the collapse of the Zuyder Zee dike caused far greater damage than had been supposed.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON—Affirmative variety debating team wins here from Reed

college on preparedness question, and negative team loses on same question at Portland.

NEW YORK—U. S. submarine B-6 today blown up and sunk at Brooklyn navy yard.

LONDON—A futile attempt to assassinate Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria was made recently, according to dispatch today from Amsterdam.

VIENNA—Capture of 5,100 Russians in a recent offensive on the Galician and Bessarabian fronts claimed in official dispatch issued from war office.

VIENNA—Baron Burian, Austrian foreign minister, today requested American Ambassador Penfield to transmit to the British government a protest against the arrest of Teutonic consuls at Salonika.

LONDON—Owing to serious fall in her exchange, says the Morning Post's Bernese correspond-

ence, Austria contemplates the creation of an office for the control of imports and to exclude luxuries.

VIENNA—After abandoning Montenegrin capital, Cetinje, Montenegrins returned along the whole south and west fronts toward Albania.

Be Careful of Chimney

Acting Fire Chief Schlegel issued a warning today to Tacoma against the dangers of chimney fires. There is more danger of fires caused by burning soot in the chimneys at present than at any time in the year, because warmer fires are kept in stoves and the high wind forms a strong draft.

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PASSENGER BOAT CAPSIZES NEAR POINT DEFIANCE

One small boy and two girls are known to have drowned, several others are believed to have perished and a half a dozen persons were badly injured at 11 o'clock today when the double deck gasoline launch Victor II capsized off Point Defiance pavilion.

The launch, which left the municipal dock at 10:30, was making her way toward North Bay in the terrific wind and high seas with a load of passengers and lumber piled on her upper deck when she was suddenly bowled over by a wave, throwing the passengers into the water.

As the launch lay bottom side up in the icy water the passengers clung to her sides until the steamer Atalanta, which half a mile away was plowing her way from Gig Harbor toward Tacoma, came to the rescue.

The known dead:

Walter Bower, age 7, son of Mrs. O. S. Bower, Fox island.

Florence Bower, age 14, her daughter.

An unknown girl about 12 years old.

Seriously injured:

William Clark, Seattle, cut about the body and suffering from exposure.

Will McInnis, lumber worker, Vashon island; may die.

P. O'Donnell, Vashon; cut and bruised, suffering from exposure.

Peter Sandberg, 406 North Tacoma avenue, Tacoma, in a raving condition, suffering from exposure.

Mrs. O. S. Bower, Fox island; hysterical.

Helen, her 17-year-old daughter.

Joel Bower, 18, another son of Mrs. Bower, was

rescued, but did not suffer serious injury. It was impossible to tell the exact number of passengers aboard as the fares had not yet been taken up, nor was it possible to determine the exact number of persons drowned.

The wave which bowled the Victor II over hit the launch so suddenly and with such force that there was no opportunity for a warning to be given or for the lowering of lifeboats, according to the survivors who were brought in on the Atalanta.

"A terrific sea was running, and we don't exactly know how it happened," said Dick Wayson, captain of the launch. The boat was unable to ride the waves and buck the gale."

In her effort to save the passengers the Atalanta was washed from stem to stern by the waves and buffeted about in the high wind.

The accident occurred just as the launch was rounding the Point on her way down the sound. As soon as he saw the vessel's plight, Capt. A. R. Hunt of the Atalanta put on full steam and hurried to the rescue.

Opposite the smelter heavy waves began rolling across the bay, driven by a terrific northeast gale that swept down the east passage.

As the small craft proceeded, the waves increased in size until they were as high as 10 feet. The boat bobbed about like a cork. Her captain steered a course diagonally across towards Vashon island, thus taking the waves partially head-on, and hoping to gain the lee of the island.

The little boat floundered about helplessly in the trough of the waves. Finally her engines were disabled by water shipped aboard, and she drifted crazily about in the huge waves. Passengers confined to the cabins, which had been tightly closed because of the stinging cold winds, were panic-stricken. The boat rolled until its upper-decks often lay almost flat on the water.

The boat drifted, helpless, a mile from shore and almost directly opposite the park pavilion, until one wave larger and more powerful than its fellows, gave the final blow that turned the little craft upside down.

The Victor II is a gasoline passenger steamer with double decks, and about 50 feet in length. Practically the entire deck space is enclosed in cabins, making it necessary to often carry freight on top of the second deck.

The vessel makes regular trips on alternate days between the Municipal dock and North Bay points, stopping at 20 or more small docks and landings in the Bay Island district.

She left Tacoma this morning on her regular southbound trip. Until the Victor II reached mid-harbor she encountered no heavy weather.

PETER SANDBERG AMONG INJURED

Physicians attending Peter Sandberg report his condition very serious. He swallowed considerable water and was badly cut up. Sandberg began breaking windows in the cabin when the vessel capsized to let the people out. He broke seven windows with his fist.

Sandberg said that at least two persons were drowned that he

knows of. Great fear was shown by all the passengers when the boat tipped over. The women and children shrieked and made a wild dash for the door, but were thrown in heaps, while the water poured in torrents through the broken windows. Sandberg did not lose consciousness. It is thought he will recover.

TOW LAUNCH TO NARROWS Arrest Women

The tug Elf landed the Victor II at the Narrows boat house shortly after 1 o'clock, where it will be beached as soon as the tide goes out. Members of the crew were unable to say whether there were any bodies aboard or not.

The Elf fastened a line aboard the Victor shortly after it sank and towed it around the point to still water.

Under orders to "clean out" all disorderly women in Tacoma, a squad of detectives assigned to enforce the prohibition law last night rounded up four women and sent them to jail.

Three of them, Celia Smith, Annie Goldstein and Vergis St. Clair, were taken from a house in Court A, after one of the women, it is claimed, had solicited a detective.

The fourth, Helen White, was arrested in a house on Market street.

Detectives today gave orders to all cafes where dancing is permitted, that the dancing must cease tonight and every other Saturday night promptly at midnight.

Colder-Whew!

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Colder weather than any yet experienced is destined to strike the middle west tomorrow, the local fore-caster announced today. Light snows are predicted throughout the area.

- Talk o' the Times -

Good morning, is your coal bin empty?

HABIT
"Gimme a bier," said the sad faced person as he entered Mel-linger's.

It takes a "boll it" campaign to prove to some folks that water isn't merely to put in harbors.

If you find it too much trouble to carry a hot water bottle with you on your street car journeys we suggest a heated brick. Caution: Do not leave the brick too

recklessly as you embark from the pneumonia boxes.

Optimism note: Possibly next winter will be so mild we won't care if the cars aren't heated.

This is the year of promise, if you don't believe it, hark to what the candidates are saying.

There is nothing personal about this, but we think the editor of The Times (see page 4) must be the fellow who wrote the piece on "How Many Mopings Are You?"