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A tax on babies' names is one of the curious provisions of the Dutch budget. If taxing names will stop the use of certain varieties which flourish it, we're for it.

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Home Edition

WEATHER No Tacoma forecast made, because of cessation of wire service.

SCIENTISTS SAY U. S. IS FACING 20 PERILS

TRAFFIC HALTED

Only Desultory Car Service Is In Evidence-- Telegraph Off

Even the weather man was all disconcerted today. "I buried my forecast with the groundhog," he said. "I give up."

It's More Snow! But the weather man was game. He was willing to risk a guess. "I think it looks like more snow," he said.

Cars at Standstill. Although street car service was absolutely at a standstill this morning, it is expected the tracks will be clear and all cars running by afternoon if the weather stays bright.

Joining

A connection with a bank is for mutual advantage, the same as when you join any organization. You carefully choose an organization that is congenial, that is most fitted to your needs.

Puget Sound State Bank 1115 Pacific Avenue

GIVE THESE MEN THAT BIG SNOW JOB, MR. MAN

Pshaw, folks, this isn't half bad! We aren't really suffering, you know; it's simply a case of inconvenience. A few of us have had to walk to work, and we've had to forego a few concerts and entertainments and a little curtailed business.

Besides, the bother caused by the snow can be mostly done away with if we each one does his part. What we need today is a little co-operative community effort. Which brings us to our point--

Let's dig in tonight and tomorrow and clear every sidewalk in town, scrape the crossings clean and put our town to rights. Don't say, Mr. Householder, that you can't clean your walk because you have the grip, or are afraid you are going to have, or don't own a shovel, or aren't strong enough, or haven't time enough, because--

There are hundreds of men temporarily out of work who can do it for you. The mills, many of them, have been obliged to close down and many lines of employment are blocked. So put one of these men at shoveling snow. He won't charge much. You won't miss the change. It will help him tide over a hard spell. And it will make our town ten times as convenient a place to get about in.

Don't know just where to lay your hand on a man? Well, we just fancied that a good many of you would make that remark. But we do. Or, at least, we will as soon as this edition has been on the streets a few minutes. For, The Times hereby volunteers to serve as a clearing house. We are going to help mobilize the snow-shovel army and put it at your disposal, Mr. and Mrs. Tacoman.

It's this way: You just call Main 12 (The Times' number) and give your name and address. Say that you want one man or two men or however many men you can use. We'll put you on our list of folks who want shovelers. Or, if you need a job and can shovel, call Main 12 and say so. You'll go down on the other list. And the man who wants a shoveler will get him just as soon as we can tell Mr. Shoveler so, and vice versa. We anticipate that Main 12 will be about the busiest phone in town for some hours, and we hope it will. We hope it will be busy with about an equal number of the two kinds of calls. Then watch the snow fly. With the city mobilizing another army to clear crossings and streets, a day or so ought to see everything in apple pie order once more.

And one more thing, Mr. Householder. If the man does a good job on your walk and there is a vacant lot next to you, have him tackle that, too. It will cost only the price of a cigar or two, and it will give you a comfortable feeling to see all that walk bare.

NOW TELEPHONE MAIN 12!

Portland. At noon today the Northern Pacific office here received word that the terrific gale which has been drifting the snow to a depth of 35 feet in some places in the mountains, subsided at 5 o'clock this morning.

Blizzard Subsides. Four rotary plows are hard at work trying to get the track clear in the vicinity of the Cascade tunnel, and officials expect the road will be open for trains by this evening if clear weather continues.

Trudge to Work. Telegraph communication with the outside world is still at a standstill. Wires are down in all parts of the state.

Telephone communication with Seattle has been established. No cars are running on the interurban.

All streets leading to the heart of Tacoma at an early hour this morning resembled a retreat from Moscow. Business men and women bent on being on the job at any cost, trudging along the car tracks in one thin single file, plowing through snowdrifts, slipping on the ice and hoping to get there some way.

The first tie-up of street cars in Tacoma occurred at 3:50 yesterday afternoon, when South Tacoma car No. 134 suddenly "went dead" on the Delin street hill opposite 28th street. A north wind had chilled the snow and formed a coating of ice on the rails.

Cable Not Affected. While street car men worked frantically to make the wheels grip the rails, other southbound cars came up and stopped behind the stranded car. Passengers alighted and began "hiking."

From Recent T. R. & P. Ads

These outlying districts have grown up, depending upon our cars for a reliable, continuous service, irrespective of seasons or weather.

And we ask the public to remember, next summer, how the "Old Reliable" stuck by the guns and how the little bounce buggy drivers forgot their dear patrons and stayed home and toasted their shanks in front of their respective fireplaces.

The public demands that this company run its cars regularly and continuously; they hold it accountable for a satisfactory, continuous and adequate transportation service at all times, no matter what the weather.

We have bent every effort during the last few weeks to maintain our schedules and "The Old Reliable" street car has not broken faith with the people.

We're Proud of Times Carriers

We take our hats off today to the red-blooded youngsters who trudged along their routes in the cold through the heavy snow last night so that none of their customers should miss his copy of The Times.

Only Six Complaints. The houses were far apart, it grew dark and the parents became frantic. They telephoned The Times and a taxi went to the rescue. The tiny news-carriers arrived back home safely.

This is but one instance of the way the boys who carry The Times stuck to their job. The result was that complaints came in from only six subscribers who had not received their papers.

Youngsters Substitute. Out in the near-wilderness at 6th and Proctor, one of the carriers was ill in bed. But he happened to have a little brother and a little sister. The little brother was eight years old; the little sister was younger. Do you think The Times read-

TODAY'S CLEARINGS Clearings \$217,640.18 Balances 26,918.83 Transactions 919,394.09

TUMBLES THROUGH SKYLIGHT

John Welch, 3520 North 30th st., prominent horse dealer of Tacoma, today is paralyzed and seriously injured as a consequence of falling through the skylight of his stables yesterday afternoon and striking the floor two stories below.

Mr. Welch had been notified by city authorities that the snow of yesterday was imposing a dangerous weight on the roof of his stable, 1532 Commerce street. He was inspecting the snow when a misstep sent him through the glass.

He suffered a very severe fall, and was taken to his home, where he is reported today to be in a serious condition. His back and shoulders are badly injured. Welch is a pioneer Tacoman, and is widely known among horsemen.

What's Doing

Today Trade and Commerce and Retail Merchants' bureaus to nominate directors, 8 p. m.; Commercial club. Religious and social exposition, Glide rink, evening; announced program will be given.

Tomorrow Concert by Young Men's Christian association orchestra of 25 pieces; 8 p. m.; association auditorium. Rural Development and Legislation and Taxation bureaus to nominate, 7:30 p. m.; Commercial club; Traffic and Publicity bureaus, 8:30 p. m.

Is America Degenerating? Leading Experts Issue a Warning That Vitality of Nation Is Waning

(Copyright, 1916.) NEW YORK, Feb. 3.--America faces 20 perils which may block its road to permanent supremacy!

Such is the warning of the most eminent scientists in the country, 11 of whom today present to the people of the United States their written opinions on this subject.

The warning of these men of learning makes direct reply to the declarations of James A. Farrell, Willard Straight, James J. Hill, George W. Perkins and other chief American business men who recently told the readers of The Times that America stood on the very threshold of supremacy among all the nations of the earth, if the people would only grasp the opportunity that the European upheaval has tossed upon our doorstep.

To this enthusiasm of business

science now replies: "Beware!" WHAT ARE THESE 20 PERILS?

The full list--just read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the greatest scientific body in the United States--here appears. It includes not only diseases, but all the other danger signals of race deterioration which science declares can be seen in every part of the country.

President Elmer E. Rittenhouse of the Life Extension Institute has brought this matter before the American Association, presenting a startling array of facts and figures.

In the language of every day, President Rittenhouse thus challenges us:

"Are we husky enough as a people mentally and physically ever to hold world su-

premacy or must we degenerate into a second rate nationality because we allow these 20 perils to overtake and rob us of our strength? Read This List.

- Here is the list of national perils: 1.--Seventeen million unmarried men and women. 2.--Increase in divorces. 3.--Declining birth rate due to birth restriction by parents. 4.--Excessive infant life waste. 5.--Large number of defective children in schools. 6.--Increasing idleness and insanity. 7.--Enormous number of drug and alcohol victims. 8.--America leads all nations in murders. 9.--Economic waste from needless sickness and premature death, \$2,000,000,000 a year. 10.--High and increasing nervous tension. 11.--Extraordinary increase in sedentary work. 12.--Hearty eating without exercise. 13.--Increasing obesity, weak limbs, soft muscles. 14.--Noticeably low resistance to disease. 15.--Increase in early breaking down or organs. 16.--Increase in deaths from organic diseases. 17.--Excessive life waste from germ diseases. 18.--Remarkable cancer mortality increase. 19.--Marked increase in diseased teeth and poor vision. 20.--Increase in suicides--total of 15,000 a year.

TYPICAL SCENE OF FEB. 3 IN TACOMA



FLASHES

CHICAGO--The supreme court sustained the convictions of Mayor D. M. Roberts and 10 others for connection with Indiana election frauds.

LONDON--The British steamer Bell of France was sunk today with a loss of 19 lives.

LONDON--Fourteen towns report damage and a casualty list from recent Zeppelin raid over England.

WASHINGTON--A senate committee began the investigation today of Louis Brandeis' fitness to sit on the supreme bench.

EL PASO--Carranza officials issued warnings today advising American citizens against returning to Mexico.

HOQUIAM--Nearly 200 cattle have been frozen to death in this vicinity.

SALONIKA--A monstrous Zeppelin flew over this city Tuesday dropping several bombs which killed 1 persons and destroyed considerable property.

SAN FRANCISCO--Lieut. H. A. Jones, commander of the coast reserve torpedo flotilla, must stand court martial trial as a result of the mysterious disappearance of the naval secret code.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, were you in the retreat from Moscow this morning?

THE SILVER LINING Nobody is pestering us with tales about the first or last rose of the season, anyhow.

Is there no end to the horrors of this war? Now Germany is in the throes of a sauerkraut famine.

Scientists say we had an eclipse of the sun early this morning. We may also have had a street car service, but personally we didn't notice either.

Our sporting editor hereby challenges all comers for Alaska hiking contests. He has qualified by walking last night to South Tacoma and this morning in from that suburb.

Ralph Pinkerton, manager of The Tacoma out at Lincoln Park high school, is indignant because

we intimated that the R. V. D. the-year-round boys had been worsted by Old Man Winter. Ralph says he still wears 'em, and has all the time. He adds that he owns two pairs of good leavies at that.

Mr. T. H. Martin disappointed us again. Suppose he'll make the disappointment permanent?

Suitable sign for many lots "Free snow; see the owner."

PHONES ARE OUT OF ORDER

Several bad breaks in the city telephone lines have partially disrupted local communication. Several extra crews and all of the trouble men are busy repairing breaks in the long distance lines. It is believed it will be several hours before normal communication is restored again.