

Gladstone gave two hours a day to the care of his body and buried all his contemporaries.

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### WEATHER

Tacoma: Rain or snow tonight and Saturday; not so cold. Washington: Same, except no rain.

# GERMANY WON'T BACK DOWN

## His Way Home

One of the best editorials we have seen in the last month appears in the current *Colliers* under the meaningful title, "The Way Home." Will you, Mr. Average Tacoman, give as good an account of yourself on YOUR way home? Read it and answer for yourself:

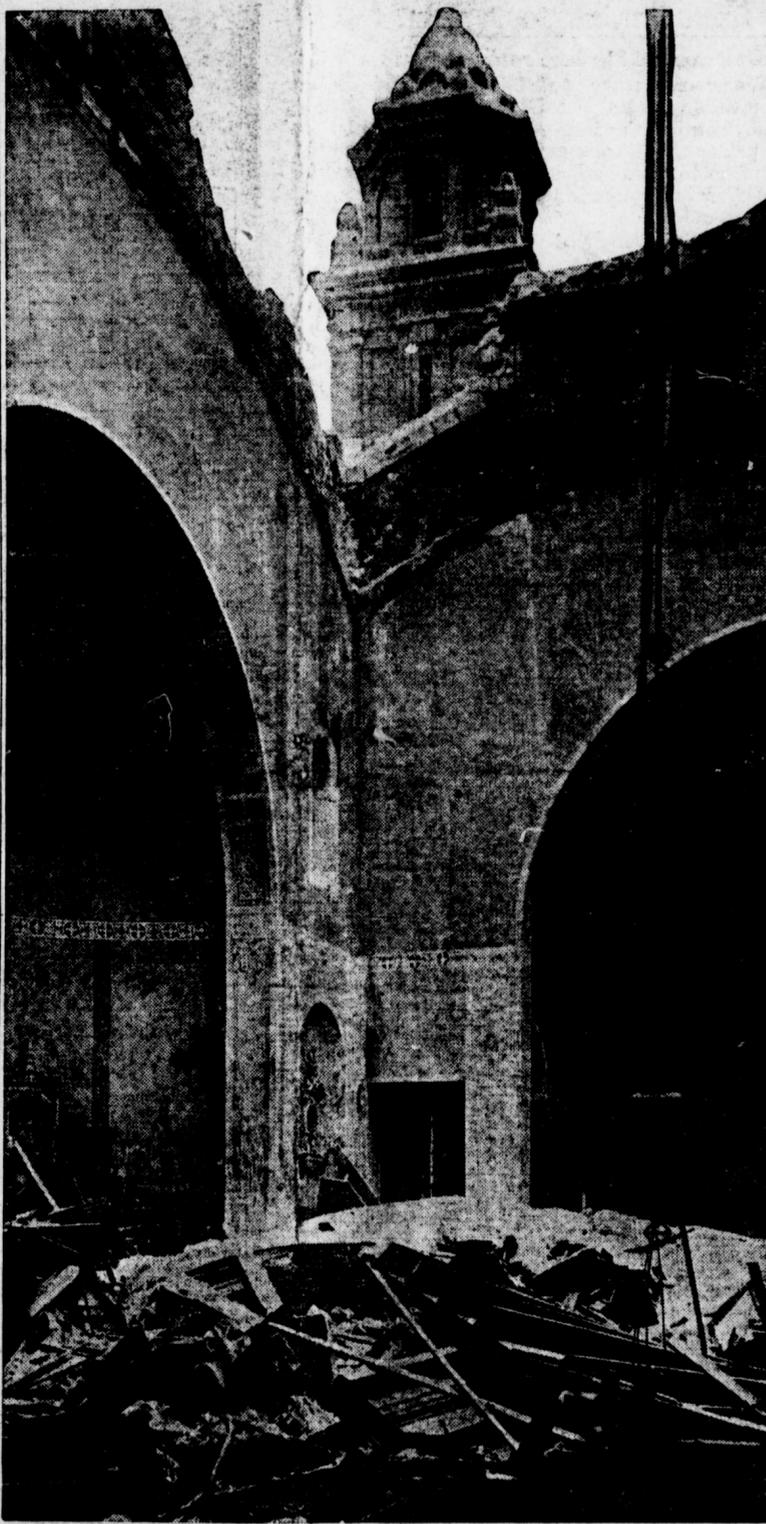
Two little boys of under ten were skating on a thinly frozen canal in Jersey City. The ice broke and they disappeared in the water. That would have been the end of the story had it not been for a young man named Ira Stringham. He had left his office in Manhattan as usual and was on his everyday walk home after his day's work when he saw the accident.

Without an instant's pause he raced out and dived into the black hole where the boys had vanished. And he got them. Then he tried to raise the boys to safety on to the ice, though time after time the brittle ice at the edge of the hole broke and let them into the water. But at last, with the aid of ropes thrown from the bank, both youngsters were hauled to shore—and life.

Ira Stringham did not follow them. He clutched feebly at the rim of the ice, but his strength had been exhausted and his hand could not keep its grip. They got his body an hour later. "There was nothing to distinguish this from countless other cases," you say; "hundreds of soldiers are doing as much every day." So they are, fired by the call which summons them to a glorious end and sustained by the example of their comrades. But Ira Stringham heard no such call. No one would have termed him a coward had he paused, weighed chances, reasoned, "If I go after them, we shall ALL be drowned," and let the moment pass.

He chose differently. He was something more than a mere slave to duty. His twenty-one years of life may not have been great. But he suddenly came to real greatness that night as he went home.

## CATHEDRAL WRECKED BY STORM



A view of the interior of the wrecked St. James' cathedral (Catholic) at Seattle, showing, at the top, the yawning hole in the roof where the dome fell in late Wednesday, and the debris piled high in the auditorium. The great pipe organ shows in the background. The collapse is blamed to the snow which had piled deep on the roof and to a fault in a steel girder. The damage may amount to as much as \$75,000, and will require three months to repair. The fact that the sudden air pressure developed inside the building when the dome fell blew out the windows is thought to have saved the walls from weakening. The cathedral is the large, light-colored edifice with twin towers which forms so conspicuous a feature of the Seattle sky-line as seen from the harbor.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Unless America waives its demand for a disavowal for the Lusitania sinking or agrees to submit the case to The Hague for arbitration, an amicable adjustment is impossible, is the unanimous view of officials and newspapers. Lokai Anzeiger, one of the most influential papers here, today declares Germany has done her utmost to prove her friendship for the U. S., and cannot admit that the sinking of the liner was a violation of international law. Though semi-official instructions had been forwarded to Ambassador Von Bernstorff which gave a reasonable assurance for a positive understanding, the general feeling here has veered from that viewpoint since. The consensus of opinion is that Germany has gone as far as she can.

## GILLIES N. P.'S FOUND DINERS GUILTY EMPTY

OLYMPIA, Feb. 4.—John F. Gillies, deposed claim agent of the industrial insurance commission, this forenoon was pronounced guilty by the jury which heard his forgery case in Judge Mitchell's court. Gillies was charged with being at the head of a crime ring which looted the state industrial insurance funds of \$20,000. Gillies did not bat an eye when the verdict was read. He showed absolutely no sign of emotion. Attorney Vance immediately made a motion for a new trial and announced that the verdict probably will be appealed to the supreme court. The verdict was reached after the jury had taken three ballots. The first showed a vote of 7 to 5 for conviction, the second 8 to 5, while the third vote was unanimous. There were 7 men and 5 women on the jury. The forgery charge was only one of three for which Gillies will have to stand trial. The other two are for grand larceny. His trial on one of the grand larceny charges will begin next Monday. Arguments in the trial of Gillies were concluded and the court's instructions were given at 8:15 o'clock last night.

All-Day Argument. The specific charge against Gillies in this instance was forgery in the first degree for the alleged uttering of fraudulent claims in connection with the looting of funds of the state industrial insurance department. Final arguments in the case lasted all day yesterday and the court room was crowded with spectators. Throughout the afternoon session Mrs. Gillies sat by the side of her husband. Her face was pale and she appeared to be under a great nervous strain. Gillies was convicted largely through the testimony of Frank W. Stone, sometimes known as the "Portland Kid," who turned state's evidence and told how the two men had formed a partnership and had worked together in making the forgeries. Gov. Lister has personally directed the investigation of the state looting since the disclosure was made. Assistant Attorney General Wilson handled the case for the state. Following the trial of Gillies which starts next Monday, Frank W. Stone, Gillies' alleged partner, will face a charge of grand larceny. Gillies and E. W. Kearns, Olympia saloonman, then will be tried for grand larceny. Arthur Young, another of the alleged loot conspirators, will be tried in Tacoma. The law provides for a sentence of not more than 20 years in the penitentiary for forgery.

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Hundreds Walk. More snow or rain is the prediction of the weather man. He is unable to say when it will stop. The thermometer had risen to 30 degrees and warmer weather was predicted for this evening. The Tacoma avenue, K street and Old Stellacoom lines were the only ones on which traffic was completely tied up today, but cars on all other lines were running in spasms. Snow began falling again at 10 o'clock this morning and few cars were able to operate. Hundreds of persons were compelled to walk to work. If the weather should clear the first eastern mail since the storm began may arrive tonight or tomorrow morning. There will be no through cars on the interurban to Seattle today. The cars are managing to get only as far as Renton junction.

## GIRL IN FLAMES' EMBRACE

While attempting to light a fire at her home in the Fair View hotel, 5402 Union avenue, early this morning, Leta Sartoris, age 7, was probably fatally burned when her thin nightgown caught fire, enveloping her in flames. The little girl arose at 6 o'clock this morning, intending to start the fire and creep back into bed while the rooms were warming up. Dressed only in a nightie of thin material, she applied a match to the end of a newspaper which was to serve her as a torch.

Not Expected to Live. In a flash the small flame caught at her nightgown which went up like so much powder, scorching her tender skin. She was badly burned about the back and shoulders and face, the skin having been burned away in many places. She was hurried to St. Joseph's hospital, where she is being attended by Dr. Nace. She is not expected to live.

Leta is the daughter of James S. Sartoris, employed as teamster by Kenworthy & Sons, South Tacoma grain dealers.

Falls Into Snow. When her gown caught fire, the little girl, hysterical with pain and fright, ran out of the hotel and into Union avenue. John C. Falconer, stable boss for the South Tacoma Feed & Sales stables, was passing by. Rushing to the child's assistance, Falconer jerked off the remaining fragment of blazing garment.

The child fell into a snow bank and Falconer covered her nude body with snow to alleviate the pain. Falconer lives at 5427 Puget Sound avenue. At last reports the child was unconscious and barely breathing.

## Not too Late to Have That Walk Cleaned

Dozens of householders wanting men to clean their walks and dozens of men anxious to obtain snow-shoveling jobs last night and today were brought together through the instrumentality of The Times.

We still volunteer as a clearing house. If you have walks to clean, phone Main 12, and we'll notify a willing man who needs the work and the small amount of money to be charged.

## GRONEN IN RACE

Hamilton F. Gronen, civil engineer, today added his name to the growing list of candidates for city commissioner. Gronen in 1909 was assistant to Frank Kelsey, Nisqually power plant engineer, and the next year was appointed chief engineer on that project. In the construction of the light plant, he claims in a statement issued today, he saved \$200,000 over the original estimate by economies which did not adversely affect the permanency, efficiency or reliability of the plant. Later he was appointed commissioner of light and water, succeeding Benjamin J. Weeks, resigned. He expresses a firm belief in municipal ownership, and promises to work toward a reduction of light and water rates if elected.

## SPRINGS NEW DOT PUZZLE

Speaking of tough puzzles, M. W. Morris, of the Broadway Tire Store, 762 Broadway, thinks he has a stickler. What's more, Morris says he knows how this puzzle can be worked. Dots are placed as indicated above. The object is to draw a continuous line around each dot without retracing or paralleling a line and so that at the end each dot will be enclosed in a circle. A section of the completed puzzle is given to show how it will appear when finished. The main difficulty is to find the proper starting point. The answer will be printed later.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS  
Clearings ..... \$156,652.85  
Balances ..... 24,705.59  
Transactions ..... 496,248.89

## 12 DIE IN 2 FIRES IN EAST

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 4.—Six persons met death here today in a fire, which starting in the Overbrook hotel, was controlled only after it had destroyed the hostelry, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and 20 frame buildings. Among the dead are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mott, Miss A. Johnson and Nicholas DeRay. The victims were all guests of the Overbrook hotel. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Paul Hendricks, aged 22 years, a guest, saved several persons.

SIX DEAD AT N. Y. NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Six persons are dead and one missing as the result of a fire today which wrecked the \$50,000 home of Mrs. Casimer Tag, widow of the president of the German-American bank of Brooklyn. The dead: Hannah Snaebly, 68, a cousin of Mrs. Tag. Caroline Tag, 24. Helen Tag, 35, daughters of Mrs. Tag. Jeanie Stedman, 24, nurse. Lizzie Cain, servant. A woman cook is missing, and Mrs. Tag and a fireman were slightly burned. Flames were pouring from the windows when firemen arriving found Mrs. Tag, scantily clad and hysterical, on the sidewalk. Miss Caroline Tag, who was to have been married on the 16th, perished in trying to save others in the house.

## Expel Drivers For Charging 10 Cent Fares

Two drivers operating jitneys under the Tacoma Auto association will be expelled from the association for charging 10 and 15 cent fares during the recent bad weather, it was announced today. Secretary Wilson said although it cost the drivers more than 5 cents a passenger to operate, the association did not propose to stand for a violation of the city registration laws, and will see that the offenders are prosecuted. He said it was impossible for the association to deal with the drivers who were operating without a tag and who were not members of the association. Considerable pressure has been brought against the police. It is said, by outside interests to arrest all drivers who are charging the excess rate.

## Record Flour Cargo Dispatched

Laden with 107,750 barrels of flour, valued at \$508,750, the greatest cargo of its kind ever dispatched from the North Pacific, the American steamer Eurana left Tacoma yesterday bound for Europe. Shipping men all over the coast are interested in the voyage of the Eurana as her departure sets a new record for exports of flour from the Sound. The steamer's cargo consists of 8,500 tons and was furnished by the Sperry Flour Co. Harry Strachan, of San Francisco, one of the managing owners of the Eurana, has been on the Sound superintending the loading of the vessel. The steamer's shipments will probably be delivered in France.

## FLASHES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Wilson's preparedness program will be accepted by congress before March, it was predicted today by leaders. VIENNA—Austrian aeroplanes bombarded Avolon and Durazzo Wednesday with little damage. ATHENS—British batteries drove off a Zeppelin which attempted a second raid on Salonika Wednesday. SHANGHAI—One hundred and sixty lives were lost Wednesday when the Japanese liner Daijin Maru collided with the steamer Linan. NEW YORK—J. P. Morgan left for Europe yesterday to arrange a French war loan for \$200,000,000. EL PASO—Gen. Villa has been located near Tule, Mex. Carranzistas have set out to capture him.

## ÷Talk o' the Times÷

Greetings, have you heard what resulted from the "sweeping investigation" into the Victor II accident that caused the death of two children and injury to six or seven others? Neither have we. Who said "old reliable"? And the new Commercial club goes right on organizing just as if it didn't know that Mr. T. H. Martin hadn't arrived home yet. Along about 1926 we'll all be remarking, "Oh, pshaw, this doesn't compare with what we had 20 years ago. Why, that February we—etc., etc." After observing the Tacoma Refrigerating & Packing Co.'s efforts to operate street cars, we are more heartily in favor of preparedness than ever. "The poet," said the cynic, "is born, not made; but the minor poet is made to be borne with." Why do they send eggs and stick-ups to the penitentiary when there are so many book agents? Mrs. W. W. Livingston, noted huntress, is in Southern California looking for mountain lions. More likely to find alligators, we'd judge from press reports.