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A QUESTION ANSWERED

Gertrude—The proper time to submit spring poems for publication is December—when the artists are drawing the pictures. We have to work ahead, dear. Perhaps you might start work on one for next Christmas.

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Night Edition

WEATHER

Tacoma: Rain tonight, Sunday occasional rain.

Washington: Fair tonight east, rain west portion; Sunday, occasional rain.

GERMANY BLUNDERS

CALLS STORY MYTH

There may be a plan on foot to erect a big dry dock in front of Point Defiance park, and here may not.

There may be a group of influential citizens back of the scheme, and maybe not.

But the park board in no uncertain terms today refuted a glowing article published in this morning's paper about the proposed dock—a dry dock which was said would cost $1,500,000 and would handle the largest ship afloat.

Besides innumerable legal obstacles against placing an industrial concern on property dedicated by the state and government solely for park purposes, the park board has no intention of spoiling the scenic beauty of the great natural park by permitting the dry dock to be erected there.

Following is a statement concerning the morning paper's "scoop," issued by Secretary Gover of the park board today:

It is undeniable that the story has broad and strong foundations. There is a great body of water there, with land under it.

There is a park; there is a smelter; the smelter makes slag; which makes fine foundations for dry docks; there is a congress of the U. S.; there is a state government; there is a U. S. engineer; there is a Seattle; there is a park board; there is room, and need, for a dry dock in Tacoma; there are several other true statements of a similar character; and there is an active brain which built up the story.

There is no disputing facts like these, and from a certain standpoint, the "story" is "good reading."

But the standpoint is that of the novelist who turns out "best sellers."

Newspapers are supposed to concern themselves with matters of a different character—except on Sundays.

But the labor devoted to constructing the story need not be considered wholly lost.

With the aid of his trusty pencil, the author can, in a few minutes, by a little substitution in names, etc., make an excellent flour mill story out of it.

If he had gone a step further, and clearly indicated, by street and number, where stock in the dry dock company could be purchased, he could be convicted, under any "blue sky" statute.

GEO. LEWIS GOWER.

OLD PUYALLUP VETERAN DIES

PUYALLUP, Feb. 19.—Maj. W. L. Martholomew, 85, onetime county commissioner and a resident of Puyallup, died yesterday at his home here. He served in the Civil war and was interested in fruit raising.

THE MODERN BUSINESS MAN

Is entitled to the best consideration from the best banking facilities.

A feeling of assurance that emphasises the right relationship prevails at the—

PUGET SOUND STATE BANK

H. N. Tinker, pres.; W. W. Newschwander, cashier; Peter Richardson, asst. cashier; Carl E. Lindquist, asst. cash.

1115 Pacific Ave.

ON TO PARIS COIN BEING MELTED UP

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A traveler from Holland brings a coin recently from circulation in Germany. One side bears a portrait of Von Kluck, commander who advanced on Paris; the other a symbolic figure on horseback, and the inscription: "Nach Paris—1914."

NOISELESS CHIPS AREN'T IN DEMAND

The tightness of the lid on gambling hasn't increased the demand for noiseless rubber poker chips.

"Gamblers never did buy many of the noiseless chips," said a dealer. "They like to hear the click of the hard chips."

LITTLE TO TELL OF LOOT CHARGE

OLYMPIA, Feb. 19.—Albert Little will go on the stand today in the second trial of J. F. Gillies and testify that he overheard higher-ups offer J. D. Fleury $500 to leave the state and avoid tsetifying in the industrial insurance frauds.

NOTCH YOUR CIGAR IS SALESMAN'S TIP

"I cut a notche like the one in a toy whistle, near the end of cigars, instead of biting off the end," said J. R. Fraser, cigar salesman. "It makes the cigar draw well, forms a place to set the teeth, and makes a dry smoke."

LOAD SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIANS

The steamer George W. Fenwick, en route to this port from San Francisco, will load general freight for Vladivostok, under charter of the Robert Dollar company.

GERALDINE WILL USE HUB'S NAME

Geraldine Farrar refused to obey" when she recently became obey" when seh recently became Mrs. Lou Tellegen. But, except on grand opera bills, will be known as Mrs. Lou Tellegen.

ROOSTER WALKS HOME 88 MILES

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Edward Monroe is calling his $250 prize rooster a darned old tramp. The fowl escaped at a show in New York and walked home, 88 miles.

DOC. OPERATES ON CAT WORTH $1000

MARION, O., Feb. 19.—Duchess, a Persian cat, valued at $1,000 by its owner, C. G. Wyant, is recovering today following an operation when a surgeon removed an eight-inch hatpin from pussy's neck.

BRITISH COLONELS GIVE SONS STRIPES

LONDON, Feb. 19.—London's latest war scandal is the revelation that several colonels have two or three sons in their regiments, bearing commissions as officers.

LODGE COMES OUT FOR "MT. TAHOMA"

Dauntless lodge, I. O. G. T., adopted resolutions at the last meeting, favoring the change of the mountain's name to Mt. Tahoma.

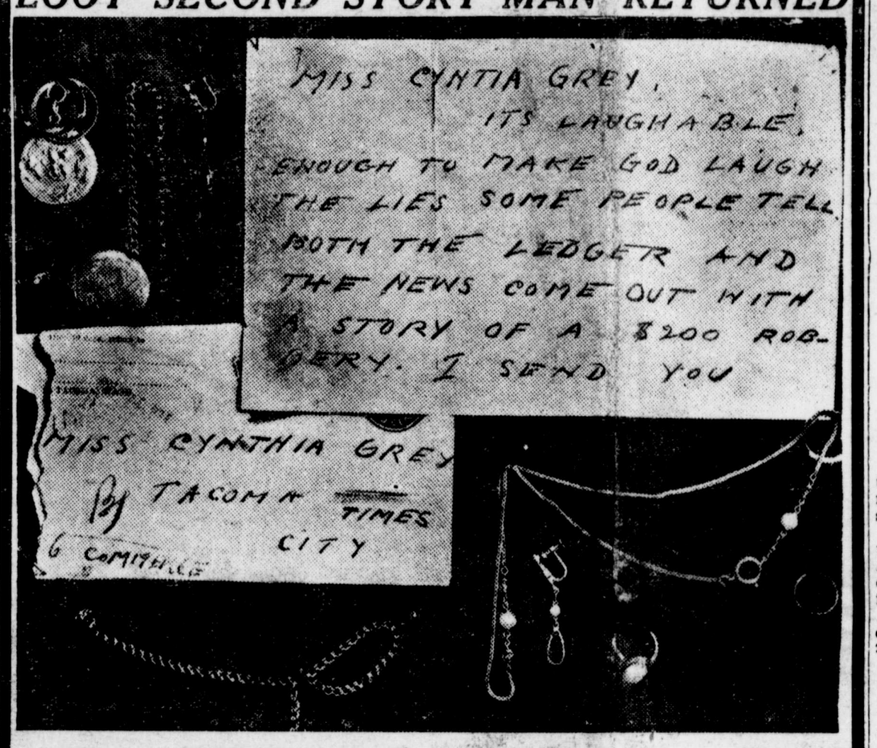
FORTS ARE FILLED WITH DEAD TURKS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.—Fortresses at Erzerum are filled with dead Turks and the remnants of living ones are being chased to death through a blinding snowstorm by the victorious Russians, according to a report made yesterday at the war office.

ASTORIA WINS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The interstate commerce commission today decided the famous Astoria rate case in favor of Astoria, placing her on an equal rate basis with Tacoma, Portland and Seattle.

LOOT SECOND STORY MAN RETURNED



The remarkable letter received yesterday by Miss Cynthia Grey, of The Times staff, from a burglar, and the jewelry that was enclosed. As was stated in this paper yesterday, the jewelry was stolen from the home of William Hiltbrunn, 2101 North Fife street, proprietor of the Crescent Realty Co. The letter, spelled out in capital letters, read as follows: "DEAR CYNTHIA GREY: "IT'S LAUGHABLE ENOUGH TO MAKE GOD LAUGH. THE LIES SOME PEOPLE TELL. BOTH THE LEDGER AND THE NEWS COME OUT WITH A STORY OF A $200 ROBBERY. I SEND YOU THE JUNK ENCLOSED FOR RETURN TO OWNER. IT'S WORTH ABOUT SIX BITS TO ME. HOPE YOU WILL FEAST ON THE BRILLIANCY OF THE BRILLIANTS AND THE RICH COLOR OF THE GEMS. "B. S. T."

What Cynthia Grey Advises the Burglar

BY CYNTHIA GREY

Mr. B. S. T., Burglar:—When you deposited that "junk" in the envelope and mailed it to me, did not the feeling come over you for an instant that perhaps all property stolen from your brother citizens is "junk" so far as bringing the thief happiness is concerned.

"It's worth about six bits to me," you say. Didn't it occur to you that it might include keepsakes that are priceless to some human heart, though perhaps nearly worthless in the eyes of the men to whom you market your harvest?

I feel highly complimented that you selected me as the medium to return the stolen gems to their owner. I have done my part, and now I want to make a request of you.

The next time you enter someone's house, if ever you do it again, and steal gems that are of real value in gold, will you return them to me, just as you returned this "junk"?

Your letter shows you to be a clever, well educated burglar, with a sense of humor that would preserve the manliness of a worse offender against society than you appear to be. You spell correctly and write pungently.

Are you "up against it"? Are you, or some member of your family going hungry?

Do you get any happiness or contentment from the possession of stolen gems?

If not, write to me again. I'll be proud to have your confidence. There ought to be some way by which you can hit the road to true contentment and keep your body alive at that.

Believe me when I say that it is not what a person takes from society that makes him happy, but what he gives.

I hope to hear from you.

RATE HEARING DATE SET!

Tacoma and other Northwest cities won the first point in their fight against the $17.50 preferential tourist rate yesterday when Chairman Reynolds of the public service commission was notified that the complaint against the southern railroad lines will be heard in Seattle March 3.

Special Examiner Watkins will represent the commission and will take testimony from persons representing every line of business in the Northwest.

Meanwhile, Chairman Reynolds and the citizens' committee will endeavor to have the interstate commerce act amended so as to place the commission in unquestioned power to adjust discriminatory tourist rates by fixing a minimum rate.

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Trying to Find a Way Out of Difficulties; May Be Obliged to Ignore Neutrals

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Germany blundered when she issued her decree of warfare against merchantmen and is now trying to find a way out of the difficulties, according to the interpretation placed by some officials today on Berlin dispatches saying Germany doesn't want to be questioned closely regarding her methods of submarine warfare.

It is thought the story constituted a hint that the Teutons realize they have placed themselves in an awkward position.

It is believed Berlin may be willing to yield her position to America, but is puzzled how to do this without raisin gan outcry in Germany.

Lansing declined to comment on the dispatch. But another department official said: "Germany and Austria have blundered. They have made the mistake of issuing a decree which, in effect, is an ultimatum."

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Germany must disregard all neutral rights in fighting for her own salvation, unless the allies soon agree to peace.

This was the statement today of Maximilian Harden in the Zukunft when it was resumed under a government permit.

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NOW THE EASTERN CATTLE HAVE GRIP

SHARON, Pa., Feb. 19.—Hundreds of cattle in this region are suffering from grip, veterinarians say. It affects their breathing.

Find 'Lazy Husband' In Reality Is Woman

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—The conviction of "Robert A." Gaffney in justice court for wife abondonment brought to light a strange tangle of domestic affairs.

Sentenced to hard labor at the county stockade as a "lazy husband," the prisoner sent for Justice Brinker and Deputy Prosecutor Palmer and revealed the fact that "he" is a woman.

"Man" 20 Years.

"Robert" Gaffney says that she married Mrs. Margaret A. Gaffney in Spokane about five years ago and contributed to the support of Mrs. Gaffney and Mrs Gaffney's three children, the youngest of whom was 11 months old, because she was sorry for her.

"Robert" Gaffney says that she has been masquerading as a man and doing a man's work for almost 20 years.

Didn't Suspect Sex.

She says hat when the marriage was performed in Spokane, "Mrs. Gaffney" knew of her sex. She says they agreed to live together until "Mrs. Gaffney" regained her health and could support herself and her babies.

"Mrs. Margaret Gaffney" says that she married "Robert Gaffney believing him a man. She says she did not suspect that her "husband" was not a man until about a year after their marriage.

÷Talk o' the Times÷

Greetings, ever see thicker fog?

One reason we like Frank L. Stocking is that he always has a smile.

By the way, did you ever try saluting strangers you pass on the street? We tried it today on four of them, and they all returned it with smiles.

OLD FASHIONED RHYMES
From Tacoma Directory.
Adrian Merry
Robert Haddow
Thomas Little
Charles O. Lamb,
etc.

And now even the burglars are down on the Noozenledger.

And by the way, if the police catch B. S. T., who sent his loot to Cynthia Grey, William Hiltbrunn, the burglarized, might sue him for libel for belittling the worth of the family gems.

By the way, what has become of the old fashioned man who used to say, "Henry Ford has put peace on the front page"?

SPRING FASHION NOTE

The editor came to work with his other suit on this a. m. He left the other one at home so he had to wear the other one. We like the other one best.

We never like to remark, "We told you so," but, say, did you read today what they did to the Eastland's owners?

The Noozenledger haven't accused Louis Brandeis of being the chef who poisoned that Chicago soup—yet.

FLOSSIE FLIM FLAM'S ANSWERS

E. B. SNYDER—No I can't explain why a movie actor always taps a cigaret on his wrist.

The editor talked so much about this "Rose Garden Husband" novel he's going to print next week that it got our goat. So we got hold of the first two installments and read 'em. And now he won't let us see the rest of it until you folks do, in the paper, drat him!

TYPEWRITER CARTOONS

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JOAB JOABS AGAIN

"Damnable blackguard!"
"Infamous anarchist!"
"Red socialist!"

Such was the outbursts issuing from the patriotic heart of Col. Albert E. Joab this morning when he appeared at the prosecutor's office and swore out an information charging Paul R. Haffer with criminal libel.

The cause of the colonel's ire was a clipping of a letter which appeared in a Tacoma paper last night, in which Haffer accused George Washington of being a "slaveholder, a profane and blasphemous man and an inveterate drinker." Haffer said he can prove it.

Calls Him Blackguard.

The colonel, puffing and fuming, claimed justice for the Father of our Country. No guy was going to kick our George when he was down and out and in no position to protect himself, he proclaimed.

"I've been raised all my life to respect such men as Washington," the colonel said, "and I don't propose to stand for a red anarchist to desecrate his memory. Thank God I've got some red blood in my system to stick up for Washington, if nobody else will.

"I don't know who the man is who wrote the article, but he unodoubtedly is a socialist. You can tell the rabbit by his track. He is a ——— blackguard.

Was a Mason, Too.

"Let this man prove in open court what he says of Washington, if he can. I can produce articles by Thomas Jefferson, whom we all have learned to love through Woodrow Wilson, Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton and others, showing Washington was an upright man, noted for his sobriety.

"Why, he was even a communicant of the Episcopal church and a Master aMson. Look in any standard dictionary and you will see Washington's picture in his Masonic apron."

First Case of Kind.

As a parting and conclusive proof that Washington was all to the good, the colonel quoted the hoary tribute of Henry Lee's, something about "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Deputy Prosecutor Seldon, who filed the papers in Justice Graham's court, said this is the first proceeding of the kind he ever has run across.

Col. Joab was loath to give the newspapers the news until Haffer, whose address is unknown, was arrested.

The colonel feared he would escape justice.

HYMNS OF HATE GIVE WAY TO ART

BERLIN, Feb. 19. — Shakespearen plays are being presented in four theaters here.

What's Doing

Today

New Elks' temple opened for dedication; reception to Elks and families; 3 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Patriotic session of Custer post, G. A. R.; Armory; evening.

"The Wood Carver of Oberammergauer;" Tacoma theater; 8:15 p. m.

Tomorrow

Address on "The Y. M. C. A. As Seen on the Cruise of the Atlantic Fleet Around the World," by Chaplain E. T. Stevenson; Y. M. C. A. auditorium; 3:30 p. m.

"Mr. Jackson in the Mountains;" Tacoma theater; 8:15 p. m.

Address on the "Trust Problem" by Prof. Abraham Berlund, U. of W., auspices of Central Labor Council; 949 1-2 Mar-