

'THE DESCENDING DEPTHS OF DECOLLETE'

Are the fascinating depths of decollete, so fashionable in feminine apparel, driving America into decadence?

Ministers, doctors, suffragists, congressmen and vice eradicators in Tacoma and elsewhere are contending around the alluring figure of Dame Current Fashion and there is a likelihood her few remaining veillings may be stripped from her.

Even the dress of the school girl and working girl is being taken up by the women's organiza-

tions of the city. Two school teachers have come to us, declaring that something should be done to see that school children are guarded from the low cut pranks of fashion.

We have a report of a girl who lost her job in a restaurant because the skirt she wore was considered by her employer too short. Another girl, employed in an ice cream parlor, lost her job because she refused to wear waists higher in the neck.

Capt. W. W. Myers, Virginia congressman, has introduced an anti-modesty bill in the legis-

lature and declares milady's dress "less modest than actual nudity."

The General Federation of Women's clubs, to hold a convention in New York in May, which will be attended by 20,000 women from all parts of the country, will launch a campaign for the uplift of the low neck.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, wife of the inventor, and associates in the Women's club of East Orange, N. J., has published a request that all who attend the club's parties should aid in the establishment of proper standard of evening

gown. The attack has plunged the country into a discussion of the relation between nude shoulders and male morals.

How about it, Tacoma club women, mothers, teachers, debutantes? Do you vote for or against this low neck uplift?

Men folks, do you admit low morals are first cousin to low shoulders, or do you stand pat against drawing the shades on the curving beauty of the decollete?

Let's have your vote.

The chrysanthemum is the oldest cultivated flower in the world, and, though Japan's national emblem, was first developed in China. Confucius, who lived approximately 500 years B. C., mentioned it in his writings.

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WEATHER

Tacoma: Fair tonight and Tuesday.
Washington: Same.

GERMANS PLAN MASTER SMASH AT OLD ENGLAND

REJECT PRINCE

Countess Tells Girls of U. S. to Beware of His Offers

BY COUNTESS RUSSELL

an interview with Mary Boyle O'Reilly

LONDON, Feb. 21.—I can see how the prince of Wales could marry an American girl, for American women are charming, beautiful, witty; but, frankly, I cannot see why an American girl should marry the prince of Wales!

Name the Anglo-American marriages which have proved worth while for the bride. How many American peeresses are living with their husbands?

How many silently thank their stars—and their shrewd marriage settlements—that they are NOT? The plan to unite an all-important scion of degenerating physique with sounder stock is not new.

How Milan's Plan Failed. King Milan of Serbia—himself a stupid, drunken figurehead of royalty—realized that his dwarfed, ill-developed son and heir, Alexander, bore all the principal stigmata of degeneracy.

The king therefore decided that the crown prince should marry an American! Her clean vitality would strengthen the rotten constitution hereditary in all royal families!

Milan demanded only that the bride bring a dowry of \$20,000,000, of which he should appropriate one half, the bridegroom one quarter, and the remaining \$5,000,000 be spent on agents, commissions, palace furnishings and wedding expenses.

Three trans-atlantic candidates for queenhood were discovered, but their hard-headed fathers insisted the stipulated dowry should be settled on the American queen and her male heirs.

Milan's practical plan fell through, Alexander died childless, and his dynasty ended.

If you look at the photographs of all the reigning houses you will see how closely the members resemble each other. All royalties are too nearly related.

Dog fanciers know that Japanese sleeve dogs, through being inbred, have no brain-power at all. A progressive loss of mental power marks almost every ruling house in Europe.

Contrast the crown princes of Europe, all cousins and the children of cousins; the czarovich stricken with a mysterious disease, the heir of Prussia a blood maniac, the prince of Spain deaf, his brother deaf and dumb, the heir apparent of Austria descended from the mad Hapsburgs.

In all Europe there is only one royal family of healthy and beautiful children—the Italian king's.

Start It Today!

INSTALLMENT NO. 1

of the big feature we have been telling you about, Margaret Widemer's novel, "The Rose Garden Husband," appears today on page 2. Don't fail to read it.

It will be finished in just six installments, and next Monday another high class novel will appear.

Watch for The Times NOVEL-A-WEEK!

FLASHES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Frederick Pezet, Peruvian minister to the U. S., has just been notified by his government that it cannot afford to pay him his salary because of hard times due to the war.

LONDON—Premier Asquith is going to ask for a new war credit of \$1,500,000,000, bringing the total up to \$8,600,000,000. The war is costing England \$750,000,000 per month.

SEATTLE—Spontaneous combustion of coal dust caused a severe fire today in the hold of the steamer Victoria, which threatened the ship for a while. One fireman was removed to a hospital with bad burns.

BERLIN—Every German aeroplane which took part in Sunday's raid of the English east coast returned safely today to their base of supplies.

AMSTERDAM—The River Meuse has overflowed its banks and flooded the country around Liege.

AUSTIN, Tex.—Several cases of typhus fever has broken out here. It is thought the cases came across the border.

LONDON—Class one under the military service act has been called to the colors for March 31.

NEW YORK—With a drop of 17 degrees, New York faces the second cold spell of the winter.

NEW ORLEANS—Two steamers are busy hauling refugees from the flooded district of Buck Ridge where the Mississippi levees broke recently.

TRENTON—"Billy" Sunday cleaned up \$31,000 in offerings in this city.

GRAHAM NOW IS JOABING

Justice Graham said today he will insist on a change of venue in the case of Paul R. Haffer, the 21-year-old socialist, who was arrested late Saturday night on a warrant sworn out by Col. Albert E. Joab, charging criminal libel in an article written in a Tacoma newspaper, calling George Washington a drinking man.

Haffer is at liberty on a \$500 bond. He is to appear before Justice Graham at 1 o'clock Wednesday for arraignment.

"I think Haffer should be tried in the superior court if the charges against him are true," said Justice Graham today.

"My court cannot instruct a jury as to the law and cannot mete out a sufficient amount of punishment for such a crime."

Not the Only One. Graham says the letter should never have been printed in the first place. He thinks the editors who allowed it to be printed are themselves to blame in no small way.

The breach in printing such an article is doubly worse in that it appeared on the eve of Washington's birthday," he said.

Haffer, who was mentioned as a candidate on the socialist ticket for city controller, but withdrew because of his age, claims he had no malice in writing the communication, but wished to show that the growth of the country depended upon the co-operation of whole communities rather than through the deeds of "a demi-god such as Washington."

TURKS SPLIT

Russians Break Enemy's Line In Two Spots; Wind Retreat

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—The Turkish front is cut in two pieces. The Russian drive westward following the Erzerum victory has separated three Turkish corps.

One, forming the left wing, is retiring on Trebizond.

Another, trying to reach Erzingan, much harassed, is floundering in the snow west of Erzerum.

The third, forming the right wing, is isolated in the north and perhaps completely cut off.

Lacking food and munitions, the Turks are retreating in disorder.

The Russian left wing has captured Pasur Akhesin, southwest of Mush.

The vanguard of Russians is 60 miles east of Trebizond and another force is approaching from the southeast.

EVACUATE BITLIS. ROME, Feb. 21.—The Turks are evacuating Bitlis, Armenia, southwest of Lake Van, Petrograd reported today.

The Russians have followed up the conquest of Mush and Achlet and occupied all the territory around the lake.

What's Doing Today

Annual pow-wow of Northwest Federation of American Indians; Odd Fellows' hall; afternoon and evening.

Annual dog trials of Washington State Trials club; all day; woods west of city.

Elks' Temple thrown open for public inspection; 3 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Agriculturist Shaw of Northern Pacific addresses Commercial club; noon.

Knights of Pythias commemorate 52nd anniversary of lodge; K. of P. temple; evening.

Tomorrow Washington's birthday; all city and county offices, banks and stores closed.

St. Leo's grammar school boys celebrate holiday with operetta; school auditorium; evening.

Formal dedication Elks' temple, 2 p. m.; and formal grand ball, 9 p. m.

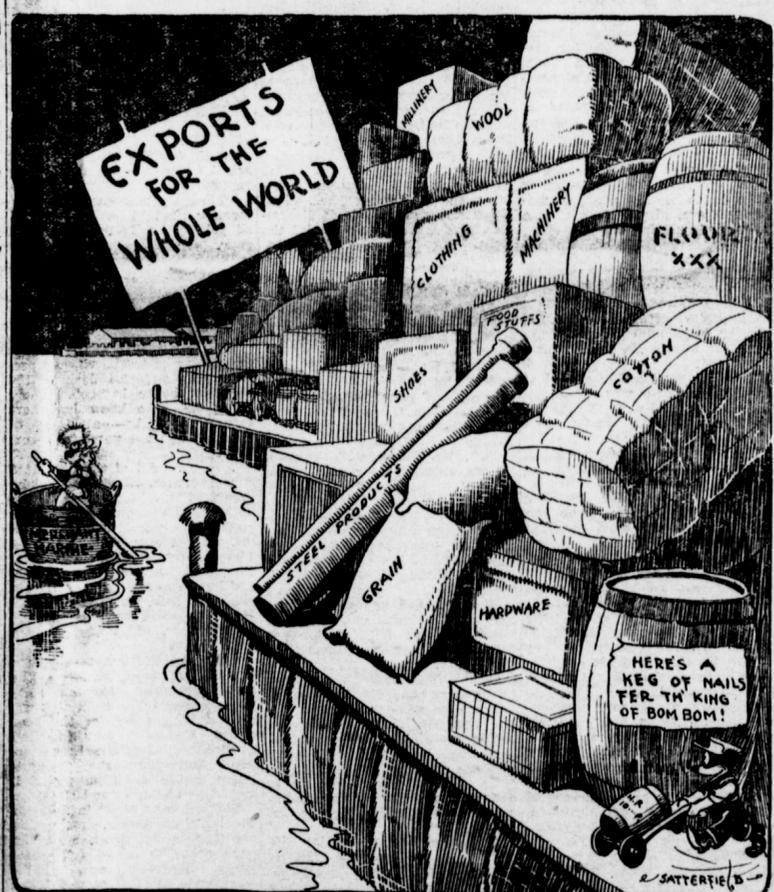
ington was simply a human being and remove the old-fashioned custom of hero-worship, he said.

Haffer believes Col. Joab is one of the hero-worshippers. He has been busy since his arrest hunting up material to substantiate his claims, as the burden of the proof will rest on him.

Unless Justice Graham is successful in having the case tried in the superior court, Haffer is liable to \$500 fine and a year in the county jail, if convicted.

NEW YORK—The police received a letter today from Jean Crozes, written in Washington, D. C.

Our Great Merchant Marine



MAKE RAIDS

Coasts Again Is Attacked; Big Air and Sea Forays Due

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—Private dispatches received here today from Germany confirm United Press advice that the kaiser is planning a monster sea and air attack on England to signalize a new era of frightfulness.

This is expected to bring into use new types of aircraft, aerial bombs, submarines and torpedoes.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The newspapers today demanded prompt steps to combat Germany's new campaign of frightfulness beginning in only nine days.

Simultaneously they issued a warning that another air raid may follow yesterday's against the east and southeast coasts when three were killed and one wounded.

Reports that a raider had attempted to attack the French liner Chicago in the Bay of Biscay has increased the belief that the Germans are planning a spectacular demonstration in sea and air.

This is expected to be an effort to terrorize enemies and neutrals alike.

The official statement said: "Naval aeroplanes at noon Sunday attacked the British coast. Several bombs were successfully hurled at factories near the rail-road docks. One fell on the gas works at Lowestoft. The main station and several of the docks were hit."

Former Tacoman On Way to U. of W. Elopes With Elma High School Girl

ELMA, Feb. 21.—The mysterious disappearance of pretty Miss Ruth Murray, junior in the Elma high school, and member of the champion girls' basketball team of Southwest Washington, and Gerald Cloud, Montesano high school student, who was supposed to be on his way to the University of Washington to enter the department of journalism, was explained today by the announcement that they had eloped and had been married in Olympia.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Cameron S. Morrison, rector of St. John's Episcopal church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, well-to-do residents of Greenwood, and the groom is the son of Dan Cloud, well known newspaper man of Montesano, formerly of Tacoma.

Mrs. Murray's only news of the couple and their intentions is contained in a brief message saying, "We're married and will be home soon."

perate woman who is repenting her sin but knows not how to atone for it, fit the name.

Alice Brady, as the wife and heroine of "The Rack," is one of the cleverest emotional actresses seen at the Apollo this season. She undergoes a transformation from a happy, contented wife to a crazed, fearful creature who has fallen into a fiendish trap all too willingly, and portrays every emotion in a remarkably appealing manner.

To counteract the tenseness of the great drama, Manager Anderson has placed on the same bill one of Keystone's latest successes, Mabel Norman and Fatty Arbuckle in "He Did and He Didn't."

÷Talk o' the Times÷

Greetings, has some one been cursing out your grandfather or great-grandfather? Then page coljob.

When we got home late Saturday night our wife shook hands with us and said she recognized us at once.

We were so busy Saturday enjoying the air and observing the Elks that we forgot to wonder why that blizzard which one of the papers advertised for that day did not materialize.

THE W. K. DEATH SENTENCE (As found in the Tacoma Directory.)

A. V. Love, Jacob H. Honore and S. Oba.

UNDERWOOD ART 1/****

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coljob waving American flag.

OOO (Three eggs. This is a remarkably clear picture. The eggs were sketched as they reposed in McLean & McMillan's window. They are very rare, though formerly they sold as cheap as 5 and 10 cents apiece.)

(The same eggs after falling off the shelf. One can well imagine McLean is prostrated over his loss.)

Of course, we have no way of knowing who this B. S. T., Cynthia Grey's burglar, may really be, but we'd like to know where Fred Shaw was on the night of Feb. 15.

The lady next door says her daughter doesn't care if her fiancé does get only \$10 a week, because, she reasons, the weeks pass quickly as they are so fond of each other.

FLOSSIE FILM FLAM'S ANSWERS

J. H. WEER—No, Stella Spengler of the Outafocus Film Corp hasn't found her pet Hungarian herring yet. Yes, the scenes in "Afloat on The Amazon" were taken in Alaska.