

MYSTERY IN THE LIFE OF A TACOMA WOMAN NOVELIST

E. M. Bower, author of "The Ranch at the Wolverine," which is to be published next week in The Times, is a woman.

has been possible to learn, is able to tell a great deal about her. Some 19 years ago, it is said, she lived on a ranch near Puyallup with her father and two baby sisters.

cow country, east somewhere in the mountains. Her father wanted her to be a home girl. But something had ruled that Miss Bower was to be otherwise.

appearance. Newspapers sought her, and she was finally discovered in Idaho, so the story goes, in her wild range lands, gathering local color for stories which were later to stamp her as one of the best portrayers of western life.

life is known to Tacomans, save her books. Her father, so far as it is known, lives somewhere near Tacoma yet. Acquaintances say they have seen him on the street only recently.

say that his eyes still show that disappointment. "The Ranch at the Wolverine" is a story of homesteading in Idaho. The heroine, Billy Louise, who received her name as the result of a compromise between her mother and her father, shows traits characteristic of both names. The father dies in the

story and Billy runs the ranch. She takes care of her mother, besides the arduous duties of branding calves and herding cattle. She meets and becomes a "pal" to Ward Warren, a neighbor rancher. Cattle rustling and gun play add excitement to the story, which is refreshingly full of true western life.

There is a great pull for the reader to stick to the end and find what becomes of Billy Louise and the lonely "nester." Does she marry him, or just remain a good friend until the end? Wait until Monday and begin to find out. The novel will be completed in six large installments.

Impregnable forts seem to be a good deal like fire-proof buildings—all hunkidori until the right sort of fire starts.

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WEATHER

Tacoma: Rain tonight and Friday. Washington: Rain west, generally fair east portion.

Minister's Daughter Victim of White Slavers

GERMAN RAIDER CAUGHT

BUENOS AYRES, March 2.—The German raider and auxiliary cruiser Moewe, terror to English commerce, has been captured by British cruisers, according to a wireless message reported to have been intercepted by a steamer near the coast of Brazil.

The report said the raider is being taken to the island of Trinidad. There remains some doubt as to the identity of the German vessel said to have been captured.

A French cruiser from the west coast of Africa recently encountered a German raider and opened fire on her, but the German ship got away under cover of darkness.

That the captured raider is the German cruiser Roon is one version of the account.

The arrival of the British steamer Appam in charge of a German prize crew at Hampton Roads several weeks ago, first brought the Moewe into prominence.

Daughters of Millionaires Do Washing

Rub-a-dub-dub, rub-a-dub-dub; Rah for the West Hi washing club! Tub and washboard, soap and suds, We'll show 'em how to wash our duds!

AKRON, O., March 2.—Daughters of prominent Akron business men, millionaire rubber manufacturers and professional men today are learning by actual experience at West high school how Washerwoman Bridget O'Rourke earns \$1.50 and two car tickets daily. After a yell somewhat like the above, the fluffy ruffles of the school turn on the hot water spigots, slosh linen and lingerie into the tub, grab bars of soap and sail in.

Catch 23 Rats

Federal inspectors Pryor and Tinker today collected 23 rats from traps placed along the waterfront this week.

The animals are being given a laboratory test, for purposes of determining whether bubonic plague germs have been brought here by rats traveling on trans-Pacific liners.

SNOW or RAIN

WORK or PLAY

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PEANUTS

The peanuts are ready for the roasting! We refer to the peanuts in congress—the little men who are plotting against the president and America's sea policy in the hour of national danger and suspense—the exceedingly cheap little peanut men who make up the bulk of our national legislature.

Peanut men for example like our own Wesley Lorimer Jones. A special dispatch from Washington to The Times today quotes him as saying that he will prevent the immediate consideration by the senate of a resolution supporting the president by invoking the ancient "unanimous consent" technicality.

By so doing Jones hopes to embarrass Wilson, much, of course, to the glory of the G. O. P.

The times are too dangerous for the people of this country to put any further confidence, any trust whatsoever in the blundering, politicking, plotting "statesmen" such as he who have entered into a gigantic conspiracy in Washington to sell their country's honor for the mean advantage of ward politics.

Head and front of this conspiracy are many democratic members from the south, best known as cotton statesmen.

The south today is full of speculators and money sharks who have bought up large quantities of the last cotton crop at low price and hope to sell their holdings to Germany at 300 to 400 per cent profit.

They want Wilson to end the quarrel with Germany and begin a quarrel with the allies, which shall be serious enough to compel the lifting of the blockade just a little—just enough to let in cotton at triple the price they paid for it.

For the sake of the fortunes of such as these, the cotton congressmen have dragged the democratic party in Washington into conspiracy to fling the fortunes and the honor of their country into the garbage can.

THERE'S MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN IT!

Into this conspiracy have been joined the piffling, blundering, provincial fellows like Jones and Humphrey who play to little groups at home, and grafting congressmen, congressmen who have political and personal grudges against the president—all the base elements which always work for self interest—and to the wivids with the country's advantage.



But the soul of the American people has been aroused. Woodrow Wilson has touched it and it has throbbed out to him in response. If the democratic party shall be saved the infamy its congress at Washington would thrust upon it, the party has Woodrow Wilson to thank.

The American people are for peace. They know that the president is for peace and that having gone the limit for it, he is ready and glad to go farther. But, with him, they are ONLY FOR PEACE THAT CARRIES WITH IT NATIONAL HONOR.

CONGRESS DUE FOR SHOWDOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—After debating an hour and 40 minutes, the senate failed to report on the armed merchantmen issue today.

The conflict between President Wilson and congress broke when Senator Stone interrupted the discussion of the Shields water power bill and made a statement about the Gore resolution warning Americans from taking passage on armed vessels.

Senator Lodge, republican, agreed that the question should come to a vote immediately. He declared President Wilson sorely needed the aid of all the senators regardless of party.

Stone admitted that he and the president did not agree on the question.

"The president is disposed to support the contention that merchantmen have a right to arm for defensive purposes," said Stone. "He doesn't say what his defense is, and I don't know. If merchantmen are submarined and Americans suffer, I will hold the government to a strict accountability. If Germany should persist, I

would call the matter to the attention of congress and the war-making body. My viewpoint is that if merchantmen are armed and are transporting munitions, contraband or troops, it is a warship."

It is declared that it is essential for the president to know that congress is behind him in order for him to reach a satisfactory solution of the problem with Germany and England.

Senator Stone favored a vote on the Gore resolution late today, but requested that congress adjourn tonight and meet early tomorrow.

The administration is trying to force a record vote, holding that such a "showdown" is essential, that Germany may know the president's hands are upheld in his stand for American rights.

DR. IN TOOLS OF NEW LIQUOR LAW SEATTLE, March 2.—Dr. J. W. Whetson is accused here today with wrongfully issuing a liquor prescription—the first such prosecution under the new dry law.

Airman Asks Divorce from Girl With Whom He Eloped In Biplane

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—A romance literally builded in the clouds threatened to founder on the rocks of the divorce court today. An attorney announced that Art Smith, daredevil aviator, had instructed him to file a suit for divorce against his wife, Aimee. Meanwhile Smith is aboard the

What's Doing

Today Registration books open to night and every night until March 14; city clerk's office, 3rd floor, city hall.

All-star boxing card, given by Tacoma School of Boxing; Glide rink, 8 p. m. Wrestling tournament; Cushman Indians vs. Lincoln Park high; Lincoln gym; 8 p. m. Concert by Y. M. C. A. orchestra of 26 pieces; "Y" auditorium; 8 p. m.

liner Chiyu Maru, on his way to give exhibition flights before the emperor of Japan.

The elopement of Smith and his bride three years ago was first by the aeroplane route. When the parents objected to the marriage, Smith took Aimee on an aeroplane tour at Fort Wayne, Ind. They flew to Hillsdale, Mich. There the aeroplane fell. The young couple awoke in the same hospital. Before the parents arrived they were married there.

Smith claims Aimee recently became indifferent and returned to Indiana.

17 DELEGATES FOR FAIRBANKS

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 2.—The G. O. P. state convention here found a lot of fault with the Wilson administration and chose 26 delegates to the national convention, 17 of whom are for Fairbanks.

RUSSIAN VESSEL IS SUNK

LONDON, March 2.—With the sinking of the 2800-ton Russian steamer Wentzel yesterday, the Germans perhaps claimed their first victim in the new submarine campaign against armed merchantmen.

Eighteen of the crew were lost, and 11 were rescued. The French mine sweeper Aurevoir was submarined Tuesday. The crew was saved.

Four fishing smacks were sunk. Their crews were landed.

FORD CALLS IT PRACTICAL JOKE

DETROIT, March 2.—Henry Ford today said that the filing of his name as a candidate for president was the work of some practical joker.

Investigators Learn Startling Vice Ring Conditions Existing In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 2.—A co-operative committee representing seven of the largest women's organizations in Minneapolis in a statement today announced that after months of investigation they can say that recent startling revelations of vice conditions in this city "only skim the surface of actual conditions."

That young girls are unsafe alone on the streets at night; that many hotels are being operated wholly on the profits gained from vice, and that taxicab drivers are co-operating with keepers of resorts in luring young girls from their homes, were among the findings of the committee.

Minister's Girl a Victim. Another vice investigation was begun by county authorities this week after the 15-year-old daughter of a minister who had been missing from her home for several days told of being forced into a life of shame.

The report of the committee says in part: "Owners of apartment houses are renting apartments indiscriminately to young men and young women who are inducing others to visit them for purposes of immorality."

Hotels Blamable. Chop suey houses are open until early morning hours and serve as places of refuge for intoxicated young men and women. "Cafes are not observing the closing hours and young girls are permitted to frequent these places."

"Many hotels are permitting young girls and escorts to register as married couples. "In nearly every case of juvenile delinquency reported we find the girl has been coached by the older girl, thoroughly trained in vice and backed by the man in the case. They ply their trade unmolessted."

Concluding, the report recommends that "some permanent organization be formed to combat the evil forces which are preying

on the young lives of our city." Four girls under 15 will testify before the grand jury next week regarding vice conditions.

FLASHES

LONDON—A German seaplane bombarded a small town on the southeast coast of England, demolishing several houses and killing a baby.

NEW ORLEANS—Gen. Felix Diaz won his first skirmish against Carranzistas, according to reports received here today.

EL PASO—Zapata raiders are threatening the lives of 20 American citizens, seven being women, in El Ora state. Carranzista troops have been ordered to the scene.

OLYMPIA—Political invaders said today that E. A. Bryan, former president of Washington State college, would be a candidate for the senate against Poindexter and Jones.

SIoux CITY, Ia.—About 2,500 meat workers will go back to work today at increased wages as a result of the settlement of a strike in the Sioux City packing house.

NEW YORK—Roosevelt's secretary announced today that the big chief had absolutely refused to have his name placed on the primaries as a presidential candidate.

MADRID—The whole of Spain is gradually being overrun by food strikes as the result of the increase in prices.

NORTH YAKIMA—Mrs. Lillian Simon was killed today as she sat rocking in her home. The assailant fired through a window. Police suspect David Simon, a brother-in-law.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you heard of the great Tacoma scandal?

We certainly have the laugh on Seattle at last. It's been bragging about its naughty clubmen and millionaires. But Tacoma's got it faded now.

Did you know that W. B. Coffee, Kelly Derrickson, Frank Leslie, Col. Papst, Woodburn McDonald and "Pop" Sawyer were carrying around keys to the Y. W. C. A. quarters? Well, they are.

And so are a whole lot of other prominent Tacomans we could mention.

As a matter of fact every solitary one of 1,100 Elks is lugging one of those keys, admitting them night or day at will into EITHER THE FRONT DOOR OR THE BACK DOOR OF THE Y. W.

And that's only the beginning of the sensation. For we have it on good authority that Miss Blanch Elliott, Miss Ruth May Wheeler, Mrs. S. C. Armstrong and Mrs. Wilt ALL HAVE KEYS TO THE NEW ELKS' TEMPLE.

Gush, soon we'll expect to hear that those good ladies carry matches or chew gum!

Anyhow, after this expose we'll bet that some locksmith gets a job pretty soon from one or the other or both of these religious, fraternal, patriotic organizations.

We notice that C. B. Biechen, editor of the state's wettest paper in the recent prohi campaign, has come out as an ardent dry.

Now we look to see Perkins fighting for Brandeis and Joab making campaign speeches for Debs.

Why not Spring-Rice on the war brides?

It seems to us that several persons are worrying considerably about what one W. H. Paulhamus is going to decide.

The lady next door says all houses shown in the movies are palaces or stums, that there's never one in which she'd feel at home.

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