

A Louis J. Vance novel, complete in six issues of The Times, is to start Monday. The "Outsider" is its title. It tears the veneer from the kind of life many young women crave—the struggle for recognition in New York. No long waits. Starts Monday, ends Saturday.

TIP FOR DOC LLOYD

British government has just closed a contract for 800 ferrets, to be sent to Flanders, to kill the enormous number of rats infecting the British trenches. The price has risen from 25c to \$1.25.

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Rain tonight and Friday.
Washington: Same.

Registration office open every night this week.

POLITICS

CHAPTER 1

Wherein the Editor Does a Little Keynoting

BY THE EDITOR

About the next big thing Tacoma must do is to elect two city commissioners.

In a series of page-one chats I want to discuss with you voters of Tacoma what sort of men ought to be chosen, and why.

I am sure it is needless to say in the beginning that The Times is no slate-maker. It is not our business nor our desire to plot the personal advancement or the personal downfall of this politician or that. We don't believe in using newspapers for that purpose.

But The Times does believe in good government, and it is ready to fight at all times for good government.

When the candidates all are in the field and the issues begin to take form, then The Times doubtless will be found definitely out for certain candidates and against certain others. It is not our nature to be a neuter.

Now a general word about your attitude, Mr. and Mrs. Voter, as you begin your duty of weighing the men who come seeking your suffrage.

Bear in mind from the start that a commissioner under our charter must perform two very distinct types of service.

First, he administers whatever department his fellows assign him.

Second, he is a legislator.

Speaking generally, our present city council is a satisfactory city council if you are to judge it only from the standpoint of the way the five individuals composing it run their respective departments.

Of course criticisms could be made. There are too many employes in some departments; there are inefficient employes in some; the baneful effect of politics is noticeable in some—but on the whole the administrative work of the commissioners is up to about as high an average as could be expected.

It is in their law-giving that the members of the present council fall pitifully short.

Their votes on vital questions are bad, in some cases rotten bad.

The mayor generally votes right about 75 per cent of the time. Lately he has not done that well. His votes on the T. R. & P. power franchise a few months ago and on the civil service resolutions just yesterday were lamentable.

Each of the four other commissioners votes right about half the time on small issues and wrong practically all the time on large, vital questions.

The moral, Mr. Voter, Mrs. Voter and Miss Voter, is: Don't spend too much time worrying about the candidates' ability to direct the work of the departments; that is important, too, but it is only part of your task.

You must choose men who will VOTE RIGHT the maximum number of times on big issues and little issues.

That means you must select men of intelligence, fearlessness, high principles and judgment.

If they possess these qualities they probably will succeed in both capacities.

Next article: Something about Franchises.

Fire Wipes Out Tacoma Factory

VILLA RAIDS IN U.S.

EL PASO, Tex., March 9.—Descending suddenly upon Columbus, New Mexico, at 4 o'clock this morning, bandits led by Villa killed four U. S. soldiers and seven citizens, wounded many and burned several buildings. Many of the bandits were slain. Brig. Gen. Pershing reported that the 13th cavalry, stationed near Columbus, drove the Mexicans across the border after a sharp skirmish. Col. Slocum, commander of the cavalry, is declared to have been killed.

The bodies of Mexicans litter the streets of Columbus this morning, in places where they had been posted to pick off Americans as they emerged from their homes and hotels. Four hundred Villistas delivered their attack under the cover of darkness on both sides of Columbus. The wild mob of Mexicans tore up the streets of the town, shooting into the windows of the homes.

This aroused the Americans, who fired several shots from their doors at the running Mexicans.

Several Americans were shot standing in the doors of their homes. Others were killed in the street fighting which occurred before the invaders were driven across the border three miles away.

Use Machine Guns. Rumors that several guests perished in the Commercial hotel, which was fired, are discredited. James Gean and wife were both killed while defending their home. T. C. Miller was slain in his drug store.

W. T. Hickey, proprietor of the hotel, attempted to defend his property and was shot. Three other citizens gave their lives while aiding the troops.

Cavalrymen stationed nearby arrived quickly. The fighting lasted two hours. The Americans dragged machine guns to the streets and sprayed the bandits with lead.

Villa Led Bandits. Some declared that Villa himself led the raiders. He had been camped for two days at Paloma, across the border. Nearly 40 dead were left by the Mexicans, when they mounted their horses and straggled across the line.

J. L. Greenwood, president of the Columbus bank, who was an eye witness, described the fight.

"The whole town was aroused by the first volleys," he said. "Armed citizens tried to help the troops; but the Mexicans' first rush carried them through our patrol lines into the heart of the town."

Three dead Mexicans were found in front of the bank. They probably intended to loot it.

"It certainly was a hot fight. I understand that Col. Slocum hasn't asked for reinforcements, but we certainly needed more troops here to protect our people."

By noon all was quiet in the town. Retreating Villistas carried off several American cavalry horses.

BAKER'S FIRST JOB WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Newtown Baker, of Cleveland, was sworn in today as secretary of war.

On entering his new office, he found the worst difficulty facing the war department, the Mexican situation, demanding his immediate attention.

When shown dispatches telling of the Villa raid on Columbus, N. M., he said: "It looks as if I'd have something to do immediately. However, getting busy is the best way to prevent homesickness."

DIAZ IN U. S. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—State department officials were informed today that Felix Diaz was in hiding in New Orleans. They feel satisfied that this information is correct and that the revolutionary leader has not landed in Mexico with an armed expedition.

Loses License; Pinched Again Nine hours after his license as a jitney driver had been cancelled by the city council, Peter Marino, former operator of a Pt. Defiance bus, was arrested last evening by the police for speeding. It was his 19th arrest since starting business here.

Marino transformed his automobile into a "rent car" yesterday, after losing his jitney license.

IN THE EAGLE'S GRIP!



Germany Declares War On Portugal

BERLIN, March 9.—Germany declared war on Portugal today, following the Portuguese refusal to restore the interned Teuton vessels seized on the Tagus river.

The refusal was handed to Germany Saturday and its contents disclosed today.

This makes the 14th power involved in the war.

The Portuguese navy consists of one second class and four third class cruisers, 15 gunboats, five destroyers, four torpedo boats, one submarine and 6,000 navymen.

The standing army consists of 30,000, while the colonial guard contains 8,000 more. Land forces of 260,000 men can be recruited.

At the outbreak of the war, Portugal announced a benevolent neutrality toward the allies, and Portuguese troops are said to have aided the entente soldiers in the African expeditions.

Germany issued a statement today pointing out that the seizure of the ships violated the German-Portuguese treaties, which provided that, in event of such a seizure, an adequate compensation must first be made.

The German minister at Lisbon who handed the war declaration to the foreign minister said: "The German government therefore now considers herself from this date at war with Portugal."

And he could organize your kitchen, your carpenter shop or small business project to the same degree of efficiency.

"System," he asserts, "can be learned almost anywhere, and it can be applied profitably to any venture, but the average man never thinks of organizing his work, leaving that only to the larger commercial and industrial enterprises."

"Lack of system—haphazard methods—spells failure or the next thing to it for many a so-called practical farmer, as well as to the city man who attempts to go back to the land."

"How simple it would be for any rancher to determine, by keeping books, whether a certain cow in his herd is paying a proper margin above her keep. Or a certain chicken, even."

"If the animal doesn't pay as a milch cow, make mincemeat of her and get a better grade animal."

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It Was System Built That \$500,000 Farm

By Jack Jungmeyer

You need not pity A. L. Brown, master farmer, because he's a millionaire.

He has just as much fun working and earns his bread by just as much sweat as you do.

I watched him butchering hogs for his packing plant, and that is real work.

I saw him supervising the manufacture of sausage. He has with his own hands finished practically all the plumbing on his big ranch at Nisqually.

His jeans reek of cattle and horses.

He helps plow and thresh and garner his crops.

He toils as hard as any of his 60 ranch helpers.

It doesn't pay to be a dilettante farmer, and Brown is in the business to make it pay.

He keeps as close touch on the pulse of his ranch as does the manager of any big industrial

CREOSOTING PLANT LOSS IS \$10,000

Fire caused by an explosion shortly after noon today practically wiped out the plant of J. H. Berkheimer Co., manufacturers of creosote and tar paper, a St. Paul avenue, tideflats.

The explosion occurred in one of the big vats containing the creosote and immediately the flames shot up 100 feet in the air.

The boiler house of the concern was demolished, and more than one-half of the tar paper plant was ruined by the flames.

Firemen soon had the blaze under control and prevented them from spreading to other manufacturing plants nearby.

The fire was followed by an explosion of one of the boilers. No one was injured.

The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Identify Yeggmen

Photographs of every one of the five gunmen who attacked Policeman Nix Monday night, and who are believed to have been implicated in the murder of Vernon Lindsay, a cripple, the same night, have been identified in the Bertillon records, or "rogue's gallery" of the Tacoma police department.

Police Chief Smith admitted today that each of the five was a hardened criminal, according to the records, and had "served time" in various prisons. He withheld the names and records of the gunmen.

Identification of the pictures will assist the police materially in the search.

Chief Smith said today that his officers were working on clues which might bring the gunmen, or at least part of the gang, to jail in the next few days.

"I am becoming more and more convinced that the five men whom we have in jail also know something about the murder," said Chief Smith today.

"But they will not talk. I feel certain that they could tell who committed the murder."

The five men, who were all companions of Lindsay, and said to be members of the same gang of "yeggmen" were taken to police court yesterday afternoon and arraigned on charges of vagrancy. Each pleaded guilty. Sentences of 30 days were imposed.

Boxing Under Ban

Because of a recent scandal arising from quarrels between members of a regularly organized athletic club and between members in good standing, bouts are limited to four rounds.

Although the four-round limit has been religiously observed in Tacoma since the state boxing code was established, little attention has been paid to the membership provision.

Mills' order came as a surprise to the police department. Immediately after signing the memorandum to his chief, the commissioner started for La Grande. Mills explained that his action was caused by the recent scandal.

Heretofore the police have left boxing in the hands of Prosecutor Remann, and only a few months ago former Chief Loomis gave out a statement in which he said that the police would not interfere with boxing matches so long as the prosecutor contented them.

In order to be legal, a boxing match must be conducted before members of a regularly organized athletic club, and between members in good standing. Bouts are limited to four rounds.

Registration of voters crossed the 20,000 mark this morning. At noon the list had reached 20,053. More than 500 persons registered at the city clerk's office yesterday and in the evening. The books close at midnight next Tuesday, March 14.

MODERN CONVENIENCES Somebody is actually advertising quackless ducks. Now for crowless roosters and barkless dogs.

WAR CARTOON
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(Flock of bombs being fired by crown prince.)
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(Same bombs arriving at Vera dun.)

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Greetings, have you a little fairy in your home? Where is the old-fashioned film hero who had no valet? Gunpowder is a mixture of 95 per cent saltpeter, 10 per cent sulphur and 15 per cent charcoal. What makes it so powerful is the large amount of per cent.

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