

# AMERICANS ON TORPEDOED LINER; NO WARNING IS GIVEN

## HAD \$1,000,000 IDEA

There is inspiration for the city man as well as the country man in the story of Farmer Brown's success. Don't miss the concluding article. You'll find it on page 3 today.

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## POLITICS

### CHAPTER III.

#### Elect No Secret Foe of City-Owned Utility Plants

BY THE EDITOR

In giving your vote to candidates for city commissioner it is important that you know how they stand in regard to municipal ownership. The City of Tacoma owns and operates a water system worth many millions of dollars. It owns and operates a lighting plant worth other millions. It owns and operates a dock valued at several hundreds of thousands. It owns one car line. In the next few years the city might wish to extend the scope of these operations. In any event we will want to retain all the municipally-owned utilities we now possess. Consequently it is imperative that no more commissioners be elected who are not heart and soul in sympathy with the principle of public ownership.

One underhand way in which the present council showed its enmity to municipal ownership was in trying to rob the light and water fund of its rightfully earned money. When the 1916 budget was in process of formation last summer the commissioners got together and decided that it would be much easier for them to transfer a large sum of money from the light and water fund into the general fund than it would be to make a legitimate reduction of the expenses in their various departments. So they voted to rob these funds of about \$50,000. That showed both mental laziness and a decided lack of genuine economy. Worse than that, it was a deceitful attempt to discredit municipal ownership, also a fraud on the merchants, manufacturers and householders of Tacoma. For in using the money these RESIDENTS had contributed and applying it where it would reduce the taxes of NON-RESIDENTS, most of them speculators who hope to profit from the unearned increment.

It was so flagrant a robbery that The Times had no great difficulty in heading it off. After six days of hard hammering we made the commissioners turn a complete somersault. However, in other and more subtle ways the same practice is still going on. AND, TACOMA VOTERS, IF YOU DON'T ASSERT YOURSELF IN THIS CAMPAIGN THE SAME OLD THING WILL HAPPEN AGAIN NEXT YEAR AND THE NEXT. Why? Because it's the easy course. It's the course that the public service corporations and other special interests like—BECAUSE IT IS A COURSE THAT DISCREDITS MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The public heretofore hasn't been awake to the significance of these tactics. It has been blinded more or less by the word "profit". The subtle boys who secretly hate the idea of municipal ownership yet profess to be its friends continually urge that the city-owned plants be made to earn a "profit". When this profit accumulates, they favor transferring it into the fund that will help Mr. NON-RESIDENT. Instead, the profit ought to be made a REAL PROFIT for the patrons of the plants. RATES OUGHT TO BE CUT, and the receipts and disbursements made to balance exactly from year to year. See, in this campaign that you put every candidate on record in this matter. Make him tell you how he will treat our existing city-owned plants, and what his attitude will be toward extending their scope.

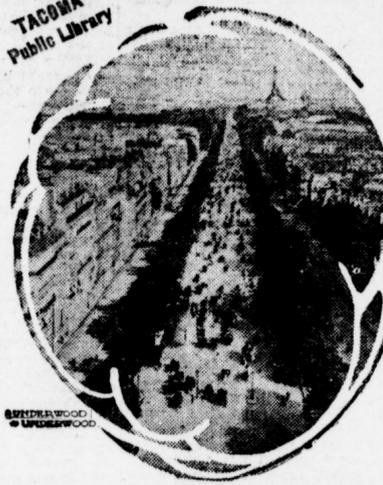
Monday: Some More Pertinent Questions to Ask the Candidates.

# CARRANZA FOILS VILLA

## CROWN PRINCE HAS HIS EYE ON PARIS!



Ten miles from Verdun! Eight miles from Verdun! Six miles from Verdun! But more than Verdun is in the crown prince's mind as he leads his army rod by rod nearer the great French fortress—while his imperial father preceptor, the kaiser, looks on from the hilltops behind. "Nach Paris!" is the cry again echoing in the German ranks—again spurring the Teutonic legions on. For should Verdun fall, the greatest obstacle, as they believe, between the invaders and their goal is swept away. The crown prince's mighty army, released from its 14-months' siege of the republic's stronghold, would mass behind the German lines for another march on the French capital. Verdun is merely a pawn in the crown prince's game of war. Paris is the stake he expects to win—if Verdun falls!



## Actual Entry of U. S. Troops Into Mexico Is Set for Monday; Funston Supreme.

EL PASO, March 11.—Gen. Villa's plan to massacre 500 American Mormons who are fleeing from Mexico has been foiled, according to word received here today from Consul Garcia. Carranzistas halted the trains on the Mexican Northwestern line. They had positive information that Villa intended to intercept the Mormons at Guzman and kill them all. He left Ascension at daybreak for Guzman with 33 followers. A strict censorship is being maintained here, making it impossible to send out details. It has been reliably learned that the troops stationed in the Wyoming garrisons have been ordered to the border. No movement of American troops has been apparent here. Gen. Funston is remaining in San Antonio. Gen. Pershing will probably have actual charge of the invasion. It is thought unlikely that troops will enter Mexico before Monday. Carranza is preparing to add the Americans. The death of another American trooper today at Fort Bliss made the total 18 lost in the Columbus attack. Troops were rushed to Malpais, N. Mex., where Mexicans raided a ranch last night. "Learns With Regret." Carranza's lengthy note said in part: "In reply to your courteous note received yesterday, I have the honor to inform you that the first chief of the constitutionalist army learned with regret of the lamentable incident at Columbus, in which so many U. S. citizens suffered from the bandits led by Villa. Although there have been a competent number of forces in Chihuahua to re-establish order and afford protection to the natives and Americans, more than 2,500 troops have been in pursuit of Villa and drove him into the northern part of the state, where he crossed the line into the states. SENATE APPROVES WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—The senate foreign committee today unanimously approved

## ONE U.S. CITIZEN INJURED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 11.—The Norwegian steamer Silius, carrying seven Americans, has been torpedoed and sunk without warning near Havre, dispatches said today. Three of the crew were drowned. The Americans were saved. Immediately on receipt of the dispatches, the state department announced that the U. S. would hold to strict account the nation whose submarine made the attack, provided the original report is confirmed. This case may be the most serious which has confronted the U. S. during the submarine disputes, in view of the recent decided stand taken by President Wilson and upheld by congress. Was Unarmed. It is believed the submarine is German. Secretary Lansing will not act until he is certain. He must get affidavits from the passengers. He must be sure beyond a "reasonable doubt" that the vessel was torpedoed, and it is expected 10 days will be required to get this information. It is accepted as a fact that the Silius was unarmed. This will complicate matters, as the opinion exists that the administration will demand satisfaction in this case despite the diplomatic negotiations pending.

## THESE ELOPERS PREFER TO WED

"What'll you take, six months in jail, or get married?" Such was the proposition put up to J. D. Fordit, a Tacoma street car conductor, by Police Judge DeWitt M. Evans, this morning. "Why, I guess I'll get married, judge," stammered the conductor. And the marriage was then and there solemnized in Judge Evans' private office. Irene Tuel of Sumner, who was arrested some time ago for participation in a "joyride" on the Payallup road, was the bride. Fordit's father was the "best man," and a young girl accompanied Miss Tuel as bridesmaid. After the girl was released from her recent sentence of 90 days, she eloped with Fordit. They went to Seattle, but arrived just after the marriage license bureau had closed for the day, according to their story. They returned to Tacoma and rented housekeeping rooms, Fordit continuing his work as a conductor. The question of a formal marriage ceremony was discussed from time to time and postponed for various reasons. This week Fordit began returning home late from his run. Finally he did not return at all. SO IF VILLA ONLY WILL KEEP QUIET WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—President and Mrs. Wilson left last night on the yacht Mayflower for a week end trip down the Potomac, where they will cruise until Monday, providing Villa doesn't get too excited. MUST BE READY SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Every soldier in the western department of the army is under orders to be ready for field service to Mexico. The instructions came from Washington.

## GERMAN THRUST GOES ON

LONDON, March 11.—A sudden German thrust in the Corbeaux woods has imperilled the French five-mile front west of the Meuse, dispatches said today. The Germans are reported to be wasting lives recklessly in an attempt to advance to the Forges-Cunneeres road. Their success would force Gen. Joffre to evacuate the trenches on Goosehill and Bethincourt. Paris admitted the German gain, but declared the positions were recaptured in counter attacks. Reports are contradictory concerning results of the intense fighting at Vaux last night. The French admitted the Germans occupied a few houses in the village of Vaux. Desperate Street Battle. Zouaves, Turcos and Senegalese fought desperately on the streets of Vaux, rushing the Germans from the town at the point of the bayonet. Paris reported that "these troops drove their bayonets home with an over-arm plunging stroke, entirely unlike the method of the British and French infantrymen. The Germans suffered heavily from artillery and machine guns. Yet, when whole companies of Teutons were being swept into eternity, the kaiser's press bureau announced they had "captured the fortress and village of Vaux." Make Desperate Attack. The Paris statement said: "After a bombardment the Germans charged between Troyon and Berrayebec and were repulsed. Successfully counter-attacking, we drove the Germans from communication with the trenches southeast of Bethincourt." East of the Meuse the Germans made desperate efforts to capture Fort Devaux and the village of Vaux. They seized a few houses and each of the churches, but were elsewhere repulsed.

## VILLAGERS WILL WEAR GLAD RAGS

Beginning Wednesday and lasting for a week, Tacomans are expected to dress up in their best bib and tucker in celebration of "Dress Up Week." The retail merchants' bureau of the Commercial club is behind the move.

## HOW THE BANK MAKES MONEY

Banks have a creative force, stronger perhaps than that of any line of business. Through their general policy they concentrate the funds of the community and re-lend them for the benefit of the community. It is essential that every person play an active part in thus building the community. There can be no better advertisement than the total amount of deposits in the Bank. It has a tendency to make times better and is therefore beneficial to everyone. The Puget Sound State Bank has the idea that it can furnish a satisfactory service to the small as well as the larger customer, and respectfully invites the business of any individual and will accept \$1.00 on deposit.



If it hadn't rained Sally Manvers never would have been a burglar. Nor would she have met young Blue Serge as he jimmied open a little red leather jewel case. She had merely slipped into somebody's else house to get out of the rain. Sally is the young New York woman in the Louis Joseph Vance novel, "An Outsider," that The Times is going to print next week. The first installment will appear in Monday's paper, and the story will run complete in the five issues that follow. Vance has a way of spinning stories with galloping action. That is one reason The Times decided on "An Outsider" for next week. Start Monday on six days of modern adventure.



## Boy Burglars Enter Grocery

Boy burglars entered two grocery stores in the residence section last night, stealing cigars, candy and money. A window in the door of C. E. Blitney's store, 1732 Eighth st., was broken and the boys crawled through the hole. They stole a box of cigars and two pounds of candy. In the Tod grocery, 1608 K st., entrance was gained through a side window. The cash register was forced open and \$2 in small change stolen.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Clearings	\$336,258.96
Balances	106,194.75
Transactions	911,049.30

## WOMAN DISAPPEARS FOUL PLAY FEARED

J. E. Hopkins, 4629 South J street, asked the police department today to assist in locating his daughter, Mrs. Sadie Houllis, who, he says disappeared this week. Mrs. Houllis caused the arrest Sunday of her husband, Nick Houllis, proprietor of a Greek coffee house, and told a story of having been forced by her husband into a life of shame. She is also suing for divorce. Hopkins fears that some harm has come to his daughter as a result of articles published this week about her charges against Houllis. The husband is still in jail, awaiting trial.

## Talk o' the Times

Have you seen the season's first sport shirt? Some folks consider these undesirable: Hi Gill, Hi Costaliving, Hi School Gym. Having read the Nozzenledge's explanation of what it meant by an editorial exult over Paulhamus' decision not to run for governor, we will return to a consideration of Germany's attitude toward armed merchants. The American navy with next-to-nothing aeroplane service is a good deal like a 25-room house with one bathroom. FROM HENS TO LITERATURE? For Exchange—Buff Oregonian hens for second-hand Remington typewriter. (Want ad in a daily newspaper.) Wouldn't it stir you to your depths to know that Dr. Sole is a Cleveland chiroprapist? ANITA—Thanks for the fudge but why put tacks in it? An elephant weighs half as much as an elephant twice his size. W. W. Cooley, the adding machine man, poetically reminds us for saying that gunpowder consists of 95 pct. of one thing, 10 pct. of another and 15 pct. of a third. Well, we said all the time that what made gunpowder so powerful was the large amount of percent, didn't we, W. W.? And we ALREADY own one or two of your machines. What has become of Kitchen's old-fashioned spring drive? For the love of Mike, man, aren't you registered yet? Bet a cookie your wife is.