

Take this copy of The Times to Horgan-Parker's store at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Say to a representative of The Times, who will be inside the building: "Here is a copy of tonight's Times. Why doesn't it contain a Horgan-Parker ad? It has ads of all other stores." If you are the first person to say these words after 3:30 you will be handed \$10

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**NIGHT EDITION**  
**WEATHER**  
 Tacoma: Fair, light frost tonight, Wednesday fair and warmer.  
 Washington: Same west, heavy frost east portion.

# GERMANY MUST EXPLAIN

## Hobnobbed With Peter Miller and Newcomb

### MIGHTY CLOSE ESCAPE THAT PETE HAD FROM LOSING ALL HIS HAIR!

After intimate association with murderers, burglars, safe cracksmen and every other known criminal type for three days, Edward A. Peters, Tacoma Times reporter, returned from the Walla Walla penitentiary today.

Peters is the first person in the history of the Washington state prison ever to have obtained admission to the institution for the purposes of investigation, without the knowledge of prisoners or authorities.

Neither the warden, the 50 guards, or the 733 prisoners had the slightest suspicion that Peters was anything but "Peter Wilson, Convict No. 5547."

The reporter was registered under another Bertillon number in the prison records, but out of deference to prison authorities, he has consented to keep his real prison number a secret. "I was treated as an equal by all the inmates. I was referred to as 'Mister Wilson,' and I noticed that all prisoners spoke of one another as 'mister'."

"Among themselves the convicts act and talk just the same as any representatives group of men that would be found outside."

"There is no such thing as duplicity or deceit among them, because every man knows his brother's very thoughts, so to speak. Men who are termed by the public as 'desperate criminals' are some of the finest and most gentle characters in the prison."

"I had the experience of a lifetime. The inconveniences which I suffered were easily repaid by the lesson of friendship, equality and decency taught among the outcasts of society."

### FIREBUG CAUSES DEATHS

CLEVELAND, O., March 28.—J. B. Lewis, a solicitor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Simpkins a saleswoman, were burned to death and a score of persons were injured early today when flames swept through the third floor of the Foster apartments at 1117 Prospect avenue.

Police are searching for a masked man who, according to the story told by Miss Bessie Reimer, a waitress, entered her room on the third floor, bound and gagged her and set fire to the building.

One hundred persons were rescued by ladders and fire nets.

Three men and one woman are held at police headquarters and a police guard was placed at the bedside of Miss Reimer at a hospital where she is suffering from a broken shoulder.

Some of those held by the police were involved in a white slave investigation a few days ago, following which one woman was sent to prison.

In this case the Reimer girl was the alleged victim.

### Supply AND Demand

When a man or woman makes wages he is able to supply his family with the necessities of life—

Provided the demands are not too great, he should put away some of his earnings for a rainy day.

This Bank encourages every individual to deposit even \$1 to start.

**PUGET SOUND STATE BANK**  
 Own Building, 1116 Pac. av.

### "PAJAMA GIRL" TO LAND A CORONET

Peters declared today that, although some of the guards at the prison looked upon him with hostility after he had revealed his identity, and suspected him of being a "stool-pigeon," he was treated with utmost consideration by Warden Henry Drum.

"I did not know Warden Drum," said the reporter. "I had met him, of course, when I entered the prison. For I had to tell him my highly fabricated story of arrest for forgery, conviction, and sentence to the penitentiary, before I gained admission."

"When I told him Sunday night who I was, I expected that he would fly into a rage. Instead,

the warden was kindly and courteous.

"I do not know, of course, what you have discovered in this prison," he told me. "But I most certainly believe that there is nothing in the institution which I would not want the public to know."

"I feel frank in saying that the warden has every reason to feel confident."

"I talked with nearly 50 inmates, men charged with every conceivable crime, and did not hear one legitimate complaint concerning the treatment accorded prisoners, or the conduct of the prison."

**Saved His Hair.**

"Many persons will wonder why my hair was not clipped," said Peters today.

"I wonder at it myself, for they had me in a barber's chair and a trusty barber was ready with the clippers to trim off my head, when I was saved, apparently by Providence."

"In my talk with Warden Drum I had told him that I was suffering from a severe cold, and had trouble with my ear. I said that I was afraid I would catch a cold if my hair were clipped. I was also anxious, I said, to keep my hair, because relatives might visit me soon, and I wanted to look as natural as possible. The warden made no promises."

**Was a Close Squeeze.**

"But just as I was in the barber's chair, the Bertillon officer came into the room, ready to take me out for my photograph and finger prints."

"There's a special order on that fellow; don't cut his hair yet," he said.

"I was saved."

Peters has obtained a first hand story of the "inside" which has never been duplicated by any newspaper reporter.

Meets Peter Miller. While inside he met and talked with Peter Miller, Washington's most notorious criminal; Newcomb, Pierce county murderer, and many other "bad men."

His first article, in which he tells of his reception at the Walla Walla penitentiary, will be published in The Times tomorrow.



LADY FITZGERALD

May Ethridge, the "near little, sweet little Pajama girl" of the London Gaiety, may soon wear a ducal coronet. She is now Lady Edward FitzGerald, and her husband is heir to the title and estates of his brother, Duke of Leinster, recently killed in battle.

### ANOTHER BRITISH LINER GOES DOWN

LONDON, March 28.—British steel steamer was sunk, presumably by a submarine, it was announced today.

All hands were saved.

### Like Hunting a Needle in a Haystack



### MANHUNT COSTS MILLIONS

COLUMBUS, March 28.—A tightening of the censorship on dispatches from Casas Grandes and the activity of troops here preparing for an unknown movement are believed to forecast important developments.

Pack trains south of Casas Grandes are said to be ascending precipitous heights carrying provisions to troops.

Ninety Villista horses abandoned during the Columbus raid were auctioned today.

**SENDS MORE TROOPS.**

DOUGLAS, March 28.—Governor Callis today sent Gen. Gomez with 1,400 Carranzista troops from Colonia Merellos to Mectezuma to guard against a possibility of Villa entering Sonora.

Should he cross the mountains, American officers believe the American troops will be sent there.

**UNLOAD MUNITIONS.**

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 28.—Several carloads of rifles and ammunition were unloaded here last night.

**Free Ticket for Liberty**

You are cordially invited to see the big film show at the Liberty this afternoon or tonight as a guest of The Times.

All you need do is to clip the coupon to be found on page 6 of The Times tonight, and present it at the door.

The bill is "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

The show is at the Liberty.

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 APPROPRIATE \$8,500,000 TO PAY VILLA CHASE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—With only one member opposing it, the house today passed the army deficiency bill appropriating \$8,500,000 to cover the cost of the expedition into Mexico and enable the war department to recruit the army to full fighting strength.

New equipment, aeroplanes and motor trucks will be bought. Congressional approval of the move against Villa was made. Rep. London, socialist, was the only opponent.

Secretary Baker was assured that \$500,000 for aviation would be appropriated next year. Each aeroplane will cost about \$12,000.

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**QUET AT TAMPIO**

GALVESTON, March 28.—Wireless dispatches from Tampico today said there had not been any anti-American outbreaks. Fear of them persists, however.

A yacht is bringing away the wives and children of the Tampico oil men.

**CAVALRY IN URSUIT**

EL PASO, March 28.—It was made known today by Mexican authorities that Villa is at El Paso and that Carranzistas and American troops are embarrassing him constantly.

It was reported unauthoritatively that 10 cavalrymen are in pursuit of some bandits who crossed the border last night and attacked the ranch of C. E. Kelly, former mayor of El Paso. Kelly, however, denied this. He said that they were simply cattle rustlers.

Gen. Funston derided the idea that the rustlers were Villistas. The latest report to get past the tightening southern censorship announced that Villa was fleeing with great haste southwest toward the Sierra Madra foothills. The Americans are close behind.

**Movies In a New Combine**

NEW YORK, March 28.—Positive confirmation of a \$40,000,000 movie merger was obtained here today.

Most of the producing corporations are combining to reduce expenses. The formal announcement of the merger is expected soon.

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**FLASHES**

PARIS—Prince Graham, of the reigning family of Persia, who was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer Sussex, is still unaccounted for.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va.—Four men were killed by an explosion today in the King coal mine near here. Others, who were severely burned, may die.

SAN FRANCISCO—Harry Davis and five others were indicted last night on a charge of being members of a counterfeiting ring.

LOS ANGELES—Capt. Loop, whaler, today told of a whale coming to the rescue of her wounded mate and attacking a gas vessel, nearly upsetting it.

### U. S. TO ASK WHOSE DIVER SANK SUSSEX

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 28.—The state department will ask the German government if a Teutonic submarine sank the Sussex, it was announced at the close of today's cabinet meeting.

In the meanwhile every effort will be made to gather new evidence.

The cabinet discussed the possibility of severing diplomatic relations providing it was established that a German submarine sank the Sussex.

It is apparent that the state de-

partment and the White House are disposed to demand more than a mere disavowal, if it is shown that the Germans are responsible.

It is believed that severance of diplomatic relations would not be too drastic.

The cabinet decided to interrogate Germany after Secretary Lansing presents his official reports of the disaster. It is believed these reports are insufficient to determine whether the submarine torpedoed the Sussex without warning.

The inquiry will be forwarded soon.

### RUSSIAN ATTACK ON EAST FRONT 100 MILES LONG

BERLIN, March 28.—The Russians today renewed their attacks along a 100-mile front with losses reported to be the heaviest since the retreat from Dunajec.

A spring thaw which is expected soon, flooding the lowlands, will compel the withdrawal of a portion of the Russian line, it is believed.

The Germans also suffer from floods, but will not be compelled

to withdraw in many places. It is believed this is the reason the Russians are attempting to seize the highlands before the spring freshets come.

German officers assert that the Russian marksmanship is poor, and claim the losses have been light.

Formerly one Russian officer was found among every 300 prisoners captured. Now the ratio is one officer to every 60 rankers.

¶ The opening installment of "One Million Francs" is repeated today for the benefit of those Times readers who for any reason failed to start it yesterday.

¶ Turn to page 2.

### City Invests

The sinking fund committee of the city council today authorized Controller Meads to invest \$80,000 of the 1916 sinking fund in old bonds of former years. The city will save several thousand dollars' interest by the investment.

### —Talk o' the Times—

Greetings, are you one of those persons who knew all the time where Peters was?

We'd like Al Wheeler to read the wording of an ad which we read this morning. It was in a picture magazine just received from India. The Mohammedan barber advertised:

"Haircut and clean shaver. Gents' throats cut with very sharp razors; no irritating feeling afterward."

We presume the Stone-Webster layout thinks the Shields bill is well named, but take it from Senator Poindexter, it shields none of the remaining available water power sites in this state.

"You're a wise guy!" said the Smart Aleck, and he put down the price, a cent, took the goods, a fig, and departed from H. K. Todd's K street grocery.

A spectator of the transaction, being a lunkhead, said he might as well be a goat, too.

"What's the answer?" said he. "The Smart Aleck shoves me

the paper with the 'A's' on it," replied the clerk. "Easy mark. A figure eight; 'A fig. Your rate?' Wanted a fig, and how much would it be? I shoves the paper back to him with 'Musk' written on it. Musk; a scent. That's how much would it be."

T. R.'s description of his newly discovered bird—that it flies by night, eats nuts and looks like an owl—makes us think that it resembles certain Tacoma politicians we could mention.

If anyone has—  
 Died,  
 Elopéd,  
 Married,  
 Divorced,  
 Left town,  
 Embroiled,  
 Had a fire,  
 Sold a farm,  
 Had a baby,  
 Been arrested,  
 Come to town,  
 Bought a home,  
 Committed murder,  
 Fallen from an aeroplane,  
 That's news—telephone us.

Beginning today, The Times will print a series of stories on the home life of umpires, the first of the series will be "Ump." About the only time a reader runs anything in "Ump" is when he figures in a squabble with ballplayers or when fans heave pop bottles at him.

The stories, which will appear from time to time, show there really is someone who loves the umpire and that he is a human being who eats and sleeps just like other people do. Now's the chance, at the opening of the baseball season, to get really acquainted with the big "umps."