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WEATHER

Tacoma: Fair tonight with light frost, Friday fair and warmer.
Washington: Same west, heavy frost east portion.

Did you ever scratch your party ticket to vote for somebody better on some other ticket? Sure, you did. Almost every American who thinks has done it. Why not non-partisanship, then?

Another Liner Sunk; 48 Perish; Crisis Near

TWO BRANDS OF POLITICS PEOPLE SHOULD OUTLAW

Now as the city campaign enters on its second phase. The Times wants to speak its mind about two forms of political activity that ought to be suppressed.

The first is the dragging in of the religious issue. There is no excuse for making a man's church affiliations a factor.

The religious beliefs a man holds are HIS business, and have no bearing on his efficiency as a public servant.

No matter what men go into office they will have working in their departments both Catholics and protestants, if justice is done in the apportioning of jobs. All excellence does not reside with the members of any one organization, be it religious or otherwise.

The Times is opposing Woods, not because he is a Catholic, but because he has managed his department badly and has voted viciously.

The Times is opposing Stoeber, not because he is a protestant, but because he has had no business training to fit him for giving the public good service as an official and because he will not say where he stands on any public question.

Every citizen of fairness and good sense ought to do the Everett True to the ward heeler who persists in dragging in the religious bugaboo.

In the second place, the city hall ought to keep hands off. Before the primary there was too much political activity in the water and light department on Jamieson's behalf, too much concerted effort in Woods' department for Woods, too much plotting and planning in the mayor's office for some ticket or against some other ticket.

The public will appreciate it if the present commissioners, except the one who is running for re-election, will kindly go about their municipal business, and let the public attend to its business of electing the three men who are to be elected. Also if the men in Woods' department be left free to vote as they please when the time comes, and to attend to their regular duties in the meantime.

LET THE CITY HALL MIND ITS OWN BUSINESS; IT HAS PLENTY TO MIND.

In Almost Any Tacoma Backyard



ZENT SUBBED; NO WARNING!

LONDON, April 6.—Forty-eight persons perished when the Elder line steamer Zent, 3,890 tons, was torpedoed off Fastnet and sunk without warning, it was learned today.

The survivors reaching Queenstown were the captain and ten sailors. They agreed that their vessel had been attacked without warning.

It listed and began sinking immediately after the torpedo crashed into its hull.

Sailors attempted to launch a boat. They were excited and after repeated attempts failed. Every lifeboat was upset.

The submarine did not attempt to save any of the victims. A passing steamer saved those who were swimming in the water.

GERMANS DID IT WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—American embassy attaches who examined bronze fragments found in the wreckage of the Sussex, reported today that the splinters were pieces of a German torpedo.

The report tended to confirm the fears that a severance of diplomatic relations with Germany would be unavoidable.

The possibility of an international rupture was increased.

Sec. Lansing refused to divulge

the text of the report. Some officials forecast the coming events in the following order:

What Might Happen.

Germany's admission that a submarine torpedoed the Sussex and the American refusal to accept German promises regarding submarine activities.

A comprehensive statement by President Wilson to congress reviewing negotiations from the Lusitania to the Sussex case and giving America's position.

The handling of passports to Ambassador Bernstorff and the recalling of U. S. Ambassador Gerard from Berlin.

Then Up to Germany.

Events beyond that point will depend on Germany. The administration never has received official intimation that a severance of relations would result in war with Germany.

There have been only indirect intimations from high German officials.

The report of the French admiralty stating that a torpedo damaged the Sussex is not accepted as conclusive.

NORWEGIAN SUNK

LONDON, April 6.—Four sailors perished when an unidentified Norwegian merchantman was sunk in the English channel by a mine or torpedo, it was learned today. Fourteen were saved.

PENITENTIARY DOES NOT REFORM MEN, IS PETERS' CONCLUSION

By E. A. Peters

Do penitentiaries reform the men who are locked there in punishment for crime?

I spent three days in Walla Walla penitentiary to learn the answer.

FRANKLY I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS REFORMING ANYONE.

It is an institution that has operated for decades under the medieval form. Only during the last few years has any attempt been made to improve conditions and give the men "inside" a square deal.

Up to the present time I do not believe that one-tenth of one per cent of the men who have been committed there have been reformed by anything that they learned within the four walls of the institution.

Drum Effects reforms Conditions there today are far, far better, than they ever were before. The prison reform movement began under the previous administration, when Warden Reid abolished the striped suits.

In the three years that he has been in charge, Warden Henry Drum has effected many marked changes.

His first move was to take the numbers off the clothing of the prisoners, and to cause the men to be spoken to by name instead of numerals.

Then he ordered the doors removed from the "dark holes" of the prison.

He established the honor system, and has been building it up month by month with remarkable results.

There have been fewer escapes from prison and fewer outbreaks among the men, since the honor system was installed, than at any previous period.

Permits Conversation. And this in spite of the fact that many of the prisoners are now under no lock or key.

In the chicken farm, the dairy, the hog ranch and other parts of

the prison outside the main wall, convicts work and sleep without any restraint.

Drum abandoned the lock-step, put an end to the "silent system," by which prisoners were prohibited from speaking to anyone except in their cells at night, and removed the order preventing conversation in the dining-room.

He has even raised tobacco on the prison farm, for the benefit of those convicts who have no money for the purchase of the weed.

He has introduced motion pictures one night each week, has helped the prisoners establish a magazine, and has inaugurated a night school where those convicts who wish may learn the rudiments of reading, writing, arithmetic and grammar.

I am not eulogizing Warden Drum. I learned all these things from the convicts with whom I talked in prison.

"Solitary" Survives. Every man with whom I talked had a word of praise for the warden and a word of contempt for many of his predecessors.

The only punishment in vogue at Walla Walla now is "solitary," when an unruly prisoner is confined in his cell without the privileges of conversation, smoking, recreation or association with other men. Even there he is

given plenty of light and all the good reading matter he desires.

But these reforms of prison conduct do not reform the men. (Continued on Page Three.)

What's Doing

Thursday

Dedication of University school at Lemon's beach; Gov. Lister and others speak; evening.

Friday

Lecture on "Reincarnation," by Prof. L. W. Rogers of the National Theosophical society; Masonic hall; evening.

Tacoma Eagles banquet; Eagles' hall; 8 p. m.

Non-partisan league mass meeting, Temple of Music, 8 p. m.

Keeps Artillery

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—Upon request of Gen. Funston, Secretary Baker today countermanded his orders to send a squadron of fourth field artillery to Panama from Brownsville.

White Girl, Raised by Indian Chief, Disclaims Her Race

"My face is white," she said, "but my blood is red."

Alagwa is "The Ward of Tecumseh," which is also the title of the new novel-a-week, beginning next Monday in The Times. But Alagwa did not reckon with a greater power than either heredity or environment—the dominant, conquering force of LOVE.

During the war of 1812, she offered to aid her guardian, Tecumseh, the great Indian general, who played such an important part in American history.

She planned the role of a spy on the Americans, for Tecumseh had allied himself with the British.

Circumstances threw her into the company of Jack Telfair, her cousin. She loved the white man, but feels it her duty to remain loyal to the Indian.

Chittenden Marriott, who wrote the book, spins a mighty interesting romance. It will appear in The Times complete in six installments. The first will be published Monday, the last Saturday.

RICH MUST PAY BIG SHARE FOR PREPAREDNESS

By Gilson Gardner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—"Let the rich pay for it!"

This was the answer of Representative Claude Kitchin, majority leader of the house of representatives, when I asked him how congress proposes to raise the money to pay for the preparedness program.

"The rich are the folks who are clamoring for preparedness. Suppose they foot the bills," Mr. Kitchin went on. "About \$100,000,000 a year easily can be added to the income-tax receipts without lowering the exemption limit. Perhaps we can work out an inheritance tax too."

"Then we have a bill to tax war munitions profits. I think that these three will pretty nearly furnish all the money that may be needed. In fact, I think we can then take off some of these puttering stamp taxes that we are now fussing around with."

"Why," I asked, "has congress been so slow in preparing its revenue bills?"

"Waiting for these army and navy bills," replied Kitchin. "No need to hurry about the budget until we find out how much money we are going to need. When the committees get through figuring out how much the big navy and big army is going to cost, then we can intelligently begin to find out where the money is to come from."

"What," I asked, "will your legislation include as munitions to be taxed?"

"Just the well-known, obvious things that are known as munitions—explosives, guns, rifles, powder, bullets, shrapnel."

"You would not include Missouri mules?"

"By no means," answered Mr. Kitchin.

"No cartridge clips made by a can company?"

"I don't know," he answered. "Perhaps things like that would come in. That would have to be worked out by our experts in studying this kind of legislation."

"Will you have the support of the majority of the house on these propositions?"

"I don't see how they can be fought," replied Mr. Kitchin. "I expect to see them pass."

Urges U. S. Troops to Withdraw

EL PASO, April 6.—Consul Garcia, Carranza's representative, favors the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. He declared today that the army had accomplished the purpose of breaking up Villa's strength.

"The forces are scattered now and it is unnecessary to pursue the campaign any farther," he said. "The withdrawal of the troops wouldn't add to Villa's prestige."

"His power has been broken. The Mexicans realize he has been defeated. Further progress of the Americans into the interior of Mexico might precipitate trouble."

"The expenditure has gone far enough now to accomplish the punishment of the Columbus raiders. Had Villa met and defeated a small force of Americans he might have become a hero, but it is impossible for him now to raise another army."

Villa apparently has disappeared. Carranzista and American officials declared he has not been seen since he was reported wounded near Guerrero.

The American pursuit is believed to have halted temporarily south of Guerrero owing to the danger of extending the lines of communication without adequate railroad facilities.

It is probable, however, that 500 cavalrymen have dashed towards Satevo where Villa was last reported. The latest estimates place his followers at 250 men.

Carranzistas insist he is seriously wounded. They predict an early end to his flight.

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VISITS HOME; IS GONE AGAIN

Declaring that she is happy and contented, but refusing to tell where she has been, Ethel Oliver, the young girl who mysteriously disappeared from Tacoma last September, returned to her home in Everett Sunday and spent two hours with her mother.

This information was received from reliable sources today.

The young girl, for whom the police have been searching for months, refused to tell her mother where she is living or the circumstances connected with her disappearance.

Goes; Doesn't Say Where. She would not say where she was going, but declared she never would return home again.

At the time of her sudden disappearance last September, Ethel was employed at the home of Mrs. W. J. Shedwick, 3424 North 31st street.

In her short talk with her mother Sunday she stated that the Shedwicks had absolutely nothing to do with her disappearance and were entirely innocent.

That Ethel's parents may have induced her to come home again and are trying to hold her, was intimated last night when Leroy Stimated last night when Roy Oliver, who works at the Peoples Store, received a telegram urging him to hurry home at once.

He left immediately and is in Everett today.

Coming to Tacoma. Over the long distance telephone this afternoon from Everett it was learned that Mrs. Oliver, the mother, had made a hasty trip to Seattle, and was on her way to Tacoma this afternoon. (Continued on Page Eight.)

÷Talk o' the Times÷

Greetings, has your wife a favorite question? Our wife's pet is, "What shall we do this evening, dear?"

What has become of the old-fashioned fisherman who used to bring the editor in a string of trout about this time of the year?

Swat the fly. Also, the fellow who buzzes up to you with a lot of buncombe about the religion of the politics or the politics of the religion of the candidates.

"We are never too old to learn," says a sixty-year-old Kansan, who has started to college. No, indeed. Most of us are too young.

MEXICAN BULLETIN No trace of Villa. United States troops only 30 miles behind him.

The New York suffragists have been unable to find a slogan, so we suggest they borrow one from the jewelers' holiday advertisements: "Something for Her."

Now they are talking about the high cost of boat tickets.

PAGE COL. JOAB If Father George had been given the advantages of Tacoma home gardening perhaps he wouldn't have penned that cherry tree so close to the roots. Labeled, b'Goshi