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**THIS ISN'T AN AD**  
For the Saturday Evening Post. Just the same, this week's issue of the weekly has something you ought to read. We reprint it on the editorial page today.

**WEATHER**  
Tacoma: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably showers.  
Washington: Same.

## BERNSTORFF TELLS LANSING IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN

### Tacomans Some With Wilson and Others Opposed

**Attorney Says He's With the President**  
Maurice Langhorne, attorney: "I'm with the president to the finish. This is rather an elusive matter in some ways, but I'm with the president all the way. I believe it is the duty of every citizen of the nation to stand back of the president in whatever course he takes."

"I remember in 1898, when the nation was facing war with Spain, every democrat in congress stood by President McKinley with votes and voices."  
"If that same thing had been done by all party members throughout the present difficulty the country now would be a lot better off than it is."

### FLASHES

**PARIS**—The war office announced today that a Russian contingent had landed at Marseilles and will join the French on the western front.

**LONDON**—The war office learned today that Turks and Bulgarians massacred 400 Greeks at Adrianople April 11.

**WASHINGTON**—It is believed that Gen. Scott's trip to San Antonio is being made for the purpose of laying a groundwork for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico.

**SAN ANTONIO**—An exhaustive report is being made on the Mexican situation and operations for Gen. Scott.

**WASHINGTON**—Sen. Kerns said today that there was a general indisposition among senators to discuss President Wilson's note.

**LONDON**—British authorities claim they have found an immense plot to incite a revolution in India through their investigation of the seizure of German and Austrian citizens from the steamer China last February.

**ALBANY, N. Y.**—New York officials conferred last night with Gov. Whitman. It is supposed they discussed precautionary measures in case a break with Germany occurs.

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.**—Military men bayoneted three men who participated in a mob rush on the troops stationed about the National Conduit & Cable plant, where a strike is on.

**NEW YORK**—Photographic copies of the documents taken from Wolfe von Igel were sent to Count von Bernstorff today, so he may determine which are official record of the embassy.

### Times Men Will Speak

**SEATTLE, April 20.**—Roy D. Pinkerton, editor of the Tacoma Times, and E.A. Peters, Times reporter who "broke into" Walla Walla penitentiary, are to speak tonight at a big joint meeting of alumni and undergraduate members of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.  
The meeting will be held on the state university campus.  
Jabez Nelson, Associated Press district manager of Seattle, will be the third speaker.

### The Woman's Account

This Bank looks upon the deposits of woman with especial favor

**BECAUSE** a woman regards her bank with the utmost confidence and friendship.

**SHE** speaks well of the Bank to her friends and neighbors; also

**ADMIRE** accuracy, efficiency and attention. We aid in any way possible.

**Puget Sound State Bank**  
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### Why Do People Hate Me and Attack Me Unmercifully, Asks Theda Bara In First Article



THEDA BARA.

By Theda Bara

Would you like to be called a "Love Pirate," "the Ishmaelite of Femininity," "a Vampire"—in short, "the woman with the most beautifully wicked face in the world?"

That is what people call me because of parts I play in the Fox Film corporation's productions of "Garmen," "A Fool There Was," "The Clemenceau Case," "Sin," and "The Devil's Daughter."

Pretty nearly every person in the country has told what he or she thinks of me, and NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I AM GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL WHAT I THINK OF MYSELF!

Vampirism, such as I do, is the HARDEST KIND OF HARD WORK.  
I am imbued with the character and lose myself in it.

Complete exhaustion follows my day of work.  
A year ago when my name was displayed on the billboards for the first time, the American people did not know whether it was a new tooth paste, soap or a malady. Now when they see it, they invariably say "THE HUMAN VAMPIRE."

It is not pleasant to be so described.  
When I first heard myself referred to as "the vampire woman," I was heartbroken. All my ideals were shattered.

I felt I was that against which every woman's hand is raised.  
I was held up as one who DELIGHTED IN THE LURE OF DESTRUCTION AND EVIL DOING.

People asked what manner of woman I could be. One woman wrote this description of me:  
"Her hair is like the serpent locks of Medusa, her eyes have the cruel cunning of Lucrezia Borgia, TILL NOW held up as the wickedest woman of the world; her mouth is the mouth of the sinister, scheming Delilah, and her hands are those of the blood-bathing Elizabeth Bathory, who slaughtered young girls that she might bathe in their warm life blood and so retain her beauty. Can it

Editorial Note: Movie fans who keep scrapbooks of their film favorites will do well to clip the Theda Bara pictures in this series. Each article, for the present, at least, will be accompanied by a striking photo of the Vampire Woman. Many of these are being printed for the first time.

Germany will simply answer with another evasive note and what can we do?"

Prosecutor Fred Remann: "It is up to the Dutch Kaiser to stand pat. The note might have done some good six months ago, but not now. If Germany were to remove the submarine blockade, it would simply be aiding England in getting more supplies."

When asked where he was born the prosecutor said, "In Germany."

be that Fate has reincarnated in Theda Bara the souls of these monsters of mediaeval times?"

Hardly a day passes that the postman does not bring me letters written along similar lines.

MANY OF THEM ATTACK ME MOST UNMERCIFULLY.  
Some intimate that no woman could portray such characters without having had the actual experience.

Here is a type of letters I received during the past few months:  
"You are a menace to the human race. Man is a mere toy in your hands or those women like you. Your type inevitably leads to ruin and destruction. Those glittering eyes of yours are like those of the serpent, except that they are more dangerous."

Such letters hurt. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCUSTOM MYSELF TO THEM.  
Why do people hate me so?

I try to show the world how attractive sin may be, how very beautiful, so that one must be always on the lookout and know evil even in disguise.  
I am a MORAL TEACHER THEN, if many people go to see me and receive my message as I mean to give it to them.

But what is my reward?  
I am detested.  
People seem to forget that I am only an actress; that an actress should never show her real self to an audience, else she ceases to be an actress.

A woman in New York saw my photograph in a frame in front of a theater and deliberately jabbed a hole through my face with her umbrella.  
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While some of my best parts show me as a soulless creature, I think they are susceptible to defense, and I believe the "vampire woman" can be justified as a type.  
I think there is a great moral lesson taught in most of the plays in which I have appeared.

Anyway, in my next article, to be published tomorrow, I am going to file a brief in an attempt to show this.

Deputy Prosecutor Myron Cramer: "I am absolutely against the whole proposition. American citizens have no right to sail on vessels bound for belligerent ports."

W. R. Scott, secretary of board of county commissioners: "The note is rather late, but I believe Germany will make some concession to avoid trouble. The Germans cannot afford to engage in war with the United States. I believe it would mean her ultimate ruin."

County Commissioner Slayden: "The note, coming at this time, may precipitate trouble. I believe if it had been sent several months ago there would have been some chance of it doing some good, but now it looks as if Wilson has delayed too long."

**TODAY'S CLEARINGS**  
Clearings ..... \$ 374,490.05  
Balances ..... 58,791.95  
Transactions ..... 1,067,110.84

### British and French Papers Believe That Kaiser Won't Yield

(For text of Wilson's ultimatum to Germany see page three.)

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.**—Count von Bernstorff today discussed with Secretary Lansing the possibility of averting a diplomatic break between Germany and America.

Lansing's views were obtained, and were to the effect that Germany MUST take steps to make her submarine warfare conform to the American views of humanity.

Von Bernstorff declined to comment on the meeting.

It is understood that he does not take a hopeless view of the situation. It is known that he gave Lansing reason to believe that another attack like the Sussex affair will not occur.

He pointed out that since America asked a distinct change in the submarine policy that numerous conferences between German officials must take place.

Marines have been sent to guard the wireless station at Sayville, L. I. Sec. Daniels said that the station would not be seized.

The inclusion of the word "altogether" in the president's threat of severance of relations with Germany was merely for emphasis, Lansing said. He would not indicate to what extent the severance might go.

The recalling of Ambassador Gerard would accomplish the break with Germany. Probably Bernstorff would be handed his passports, but this is not essential. Circumstances will govern the situation, Lansing said.

The administration's earnestness obviously has impressed Bernstorff. He fully reported the situation to Von Jagow.

The state department reiterated the contention that Germany must withdraw her submarines and confine attacks to warships, pending the result of the American note.

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**Note There**  
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**Won't Yield**  
LONDON, April 20.—Officials here do not believe Germany will yield to the American ultimatum to cease its submarine warfare.

The opinion here today in diplomatic circles is that a break between the United States and Germany is certain and that war is a strong possibility.  
This view is based on the fact that Germany has emphasized the submarine as the most effective weapon of warfare against England.  
It is believed the Kaiser cannot afford to concede anything essential, though he may offer concession, hoping to delay events.  
The British attitude ranges from quiet satisfaction to jubilation. It is believed the note is likely to influence other neutral nations.

The Chronicle said editorially: "Diplomatic relations will be broken. The resulting situation will not be a state of war, but may easily develop into war."

The Pall Mall Gazette said: "The note's significance lies in the fact that Wilson is unable longer to withhold cognizance of the true character of the German policy. America is to be congratulated on the fact that she has reached the point where she is not compelled to wear the full livery of official neutrality."

The Manchester Guardian: "We don't exult over the prospect of America's entrance into the war, but we do exult in the victory of the ideals of law and humanity. Whether Germany yields or not, victory is sensibly nearer."

The London Globe declared the United States is more useful now than if she entered the war.

The Westminster Gazette said President Wilson has mapped out a line of action admitting of no retreat.

**Bryan Busy**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—William J. Bryan is expected in Washington this afternoon to try to prevent war with Germany.

When he heard of the president's ultimatum to Germany, he hot-footed it to the national capital.

In advance of his coming he wired his lieutenants that "war would be a crime against civilization."

**No Bluff**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—That the United States meant just what it said in the submarine note, and is not bluffing, is believed to be the advice given to the German government by Ambassador von Bernstorff in a long dispatch sent to Berlin last night.

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The sporting editor asks us to announce that the Southern and who struck out and lost the Tigers their game yesterday was not The Times reporter Sutherland.

Although Bernstorff would not discuss the message, it is understood that the told his government that something would have to be done quickly if friendly relations were to continue, and that some such declaration as the one regarding the conduct of submarine warfare in the Mediterranean should be issued immediately to cover all undersea operations.

He refused to discuss the president's message to congress.

**Paris Likes It**  
PARIS, April 20.—President Wilson's strong stand on the submarine issue won unanimous approval here, overshadowing the Verdun battle.

The portion of the note referring to the principles of humanity was applauded as a fine utterance.

The newspapers held that German agents were responsible for part of the Mexican trouble.

The masses are beginning to understand the difficulties confronting Wilson. They were at first disappointed at his apparent indifference to the submarine outrages. But his determination not to yield an inch has wiped out earlier impressions.

**MAD DOG SHOT BY POLICEMAN**

Frthing at the mouth, and biting the ground, a mad dog that was discovered in the yard of Mrs. J. P. Downs, 647 North State street, this morning, was put out of its misery by Policeman Albertson, whose home is in the same block.

The dog had every symptom of hydrophobia," said Officer Albertson. "It was a nice-looking, well kept collie."

"So far as I have been able to learn it did not bite anyone in the neighborhood."

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**BEFORE AND AFTER**  
A certain Tacoma paper before election said that the reason it took no stand on the merits of the candidates was because the people of this state are too intelligent to need any suggestion.

An Old Town reader this morning called our attention to the fact that there must have been a awful slump in Tacoma's literacy since Tuesday, because this same paper has found it necessary to explain in considerable de-

tail why Gronen, Pettit and Shoemaker were elected.

Lincoln Park studies report that W. C. Orr, the mathematics shark, is growing absent-minded. He asked a junior in his algebra course the other day if he hadn't had a brother in the class the year before.

"Oh, no," explained the youngster. "I am taking it over again." "Extraordinary resemblance, though! Extraordinary!" was Orr's comment.

There is no shortage in the price of gasoline anyhow.  
When a street car conductor becomes engaged, one of his first duties is to ring the fair.  
April showers make August double-headers.