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to an Ill-Natured rival.  
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**WEATHER**  
Tacoma: Partly cloudy tonight  
and Sunday.  
Washington: Same, except show-  
ers extreme northwest portion to-  
night.

# GERMANS START NEW DRIVE

## WHAT ARE THE PARTIES PUTTING IN PLATFORMS? "Funny Planks," Answers Expert



Charles Edward Russell, noted editor and political authority, will tell Times readers just how the platforms stand at present. Today he tells what the republicans are doing. Monday he'll write of the democratic situation. You'll be on the road to a thorough knowledge of the nation's 1916 politics after reading this remarkable series by a man who knows. Here's the first one:

By Charles Edward Russell

CHICAGO, May 20.—Those crisp and pithy humorists, the gentlemen who every four years frame up for us our national political platforms, are now hard at work upon a seasonable output of their handiwork for the campaign close at hand.

It has been my privilege in the last few days to be much in company with some of these gifted artists and I can assure the public that this year's offerings will be of unusual excellence, and if anybody but their makers ever read political platforms, would once more prove our country's supremacy in comic literature.

This is true and without discrimination as to all of the parties. Begin with the republican platform, for instance.

I am told by those best fitted to know that it will contain much fine new dope and win praise from all connoisseurs. How reasonable this will be seen from the following outline of the points now practically agreed upon.

**DEMOCRATIC INCOMPETENCE!** This will be the big thing and painted in convincing colors. Democratic mismanagement has brought ruin to the country and the blush of shame to the cheek of every true American. Never have the affairs of the nation and the interests of the people been so grossly mishandled. In every department of the government and every branch of its activities it is to be seen nothing but chaos, confusion, calamity and convulsions.

This is the good strong play and is dependent upon to snatch them bedridden.

**THE TARIFF!** This old friend, whose billowy whippers the wind has lifted so many years, will have a new application as illustrating the blighting effects of democratic incompetency.

Thus, the depraved and stupid democratic tariff, abandoning the ancient principle of protection that made this country great, has brought upon our country huge disaster. It has ruined enterprise, stopped the wheels of industry and filled our streets with honest labor deprived of its livelihood and cruelly thrust into poverty. From this black abyss, industry was but temporarily and partly lifted by the accident of the European war, but when that is over the worst catastrophe in our history will fall upon us, to be dispelled only by a restoration of the republican party to power and a return to its principle of protection to American industry.

**THE FARMERS!** These will be shown that the low prices of their crops are the result of the democratic tariff, which has so impoverished the nation that no one can buy anything, and at the same time has put farm products on the free list with asafetida and alum. This assures the agricultural vote, or would if agriculturists ever read it.

**DEMOCRATIC EXTRAVAGANCE!** This will be roasted to a black and sickening cinder. Also, **WAR TAXES!** We may as well have the druggists on our side.

**COST OF LIVING!** This will be used as an opportunity to throw in a good hot taunt because the democrats have not reduced it as they said they would—taunts being always a strong play.

**FOREIGN POLICY!** The democratic administration in this respect will be covered with blisters. It has been weak, timid and flabby about asserting American rights and protecting American citizens. Republicans from strong German districts are lying awake nights about this, but the most they can get is a promise that Mexico will be featured, and that may take the curse off—a little.

**PREPAREDNESS!** To the limit, the democrats being seared for neglecting the nation's defense.

Child labor will be denounced, but not in a way to cause unnecessary pain. There will be a ringing declaration in favor of an American merchant marine. Conservation, being a double-edged petard, will be handled with discretion. About one thing the authorities disagree. A strong effort will be made to get in a plank denouncing the LaFollette seaman's act and demanding its immediate repeal. Some of the leaders object; saying what is the use of kicking labor in the face when we are none too strong anyway? But others say that can be fixed up with planks about workingmen's compensation and immigration.

Some gentlemen want to roast the democrats for failing to keep their platform pledges, but this is denounced as unprofessional.

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## BOOST FARES TODAY

It costs 60 cents today for a boat ticket to Seattle and back, and 40 cents one way. It will cost that much at least six days more, and after that maybe it will and maybe it won't.

The public service commission's hearing on the Puget Sound Navigation Co.'s proposed increased tariff will be concluded May 26.

Until the decision is given on whether the rate is justified the company's boats will be allowed to run on the new tariff.

O. O. Calderhead, rate expert of the public service commission, declared today that the commission had decided not to prevent the increase from going into effect on the date specified by the company when the tariff was filed, in order to save inconvenience all around.

If the increase is knocked out by the commission, he said, the company will have had only six days of grace.

If, on the other hand, the increase is upheld, a new tariff would have to be filed, naming a new date in case the increase had not gone into effect today.

One of the big points at issue before the commission appears to be the claim of the company that it needs to equip and keep up four boats for the Tacoma-Seattle run—the Tacoma, Indianapolis, Flyer and Chippewa.

It is up to the commission to decide whether the Puget Sound Navigation Co. should get a fair return on two boats of four boats.

The increase today affects children between 5 and 12 years of age, as well as the grownups. Half fares jumped from 20 to 25 cents a single trip and from 30 to 35 cents a round trip.

Some editorial comment on this subject on page 4.

## WILSON REPLIES TO T. R.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 20.—"Untainted Americanism," was President Wilson's reply today to Roosevelt's demand for Americanism.

This phrase was launched at the celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence, before a tremendous crowd.

Stopping at Salisbury and Spencer, Wilson talked a "full dinner pail" to immense crowds of railway shopmen. He urged the confirmation of Trade Commissioner Rublee, whose nomination is facing defeat in the senate.

"We're working full time, and the dinnerpail is full," called the crowd as Wilson spoke.

"Yes, and those pails will be filled to overflowing," the president responded.

At Greensboro, the president spoke again, saying:

"We are at the beginning of a new age. We must be sure not to give countenance to men who try to hold us back. Some who now contrive the republican party have their heads over their shoulders, looking backward, not forward. They do not know the problems of the new day."

## METZGER TO START SUIT FOR OLD JOB

Retaining former City Attorney J. L. Stiles to represent him, A. F. Metzger, former chief clerk in the public works department, announced today that he would make a stiff legal fight for reinstatement.

Metzger made formal demand for reinstatement today.

J. L. Bradley, who was appointed chief clerk by Commissioner Gronen, said today that the city charter specially named his office as being an appointive one. City Attorney Harmon will defend Bradley in the trial.

**TODAY'S CLEARINGS**  
Clearings ..... \$28,850.50  
Balances ..... \$3,918.22  
Transactions ..... \$21,508.88

## Famous Dancing Pair Will Be Seen In Film



Mrs. Vernon Castle

Although Vernon Castle is "somewhere in France," flitting among the clouds in a scout aeroplane of the British army, Tacoma may see him next week in the intricate steps and society dances which made of Mrs. Castle and himself the two most popular stars in New York.

They became famous in a month, and although the couple may never return to each other, their wonderful dancing has been reproduced for posterity by the art of the photoplay film.

The Regent theater has signed up "The Whirl of Life," Mr. and Mrs. Castle's great dancing picture, in addition to the regular bill starting Sunday. There will be 13 reels on the new program.

"The Whirl of Life" is a dramatic story, into which the Castles have woven all the dances that they used to captivate New York two years ago.

Within a month after the film was completed, Mr. and Mrs. Castle separated, and Vernon departed for Europe to do service to his country. He had already become proficient in the operation of an aeroplane and was admitted speedily to the air corps of the British army.

Because of strict censorship, little has been heard from the famous dancer, except that he has been given active service on the battlefield.

Mrs. Castle is still appearing on the Eastern stage.

## Banker On Stand In Alienation Suit

EVERETT, May 20.—Cross-examination of J. L. Lye, the banker father-in-law of Mrs. Esther Aldeen Lye, 18, who is suing him for \$50,000 as damages for alienating her husband, is enlivening in Judge Bell's court.

On direct examination, Lye contradicted in minutest detail the statements of witnesses of the plaintiff.

"Is it true that you proposed an operation on Aldeen?"

"It is not," the banker replied, emphasizing his statement by striking the arm of the witness chair with his fist.

He said that Aldeen's parents had suggested it.

"I offered to go to Seattle and make inquiry for them," he testified.

"How many physicians did you interview?" was asked.

"One in the Cobb building and two in the People's building and I went to a hospital out on Broadway."

He also inquired in two places, he said, where Aldeen might go and give birth to her baby and have it adopted out. He reported all this to the Wilsons at Pinehurst, he said.

Advised by to marry

"Did you ever say that you thought the child was Lewis?"

"Never."

"Did you advise Lewis to marry the girl?"

"I did."

"State what Lewis said, if anything, about living with her."

"He said that he would not live with her and that he would side the rods out of town if I did not give him money to go."

Lye related how the family broke about town for a while after the marriage and finally

## AIR ATTACKS MARK A NEW WAR SPURT

LONDON, May 20.—German troops are preparing for a tremendous smash on the Belgian front, Holland dispatches indicated today. For three days there has been a heavy movement of men and ammunition toward the firing line. Big guns have been concentrated in massed batteries from the sea coast to Ypres. Teuton aviators are active over the scene of the expected battle. It is considered possible that the Germans contemplate renewing their efforts to smash Calais.

## Raid England Austria Gains

LONDON, May 20.—German aeroplanes raided the coast of Kent early this morning, killing one person and injuring two. One raider was brought down on the Belgian coast.

British airmen pursued the Germans in the darkness across the English channel.

## Airmen Active

PARIS, May 20.—Unusual aerial activity was reported on both sides today.

In Belgium and the Champagne district, German attacks were hurled back in confusion. There was no infantry fighting at Verdun, it was officially stated.

German aeroplanes shelled Dunkirk and Berques, killing six and wounding 38 persons. As reprisal, the French attacked the camps at Wyffwegen, Zarren and Handzaem. Belgian aeroplanes bombarded the Chiffellen aerodrome.

Lieut. Navarre, the famous young French aviator, downed his 11th German aeroplane. It fell in the rear of the allies' trenches and both of its occupants were captured. Four other German aeroplanes were destroyed.

Attacking the Belgian front at Steenstraete, the Germans attempted to cross the Yser, but were repulsed. At Champagne the Germans sent a cloud of poisonous gas billowing toward the French. The defenders donned their masks, held their positions, and the attack melted.

## Fear Break

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Rumania is near a break with the allies as the result of the negotiating of commercial treaties today with Austria and Germany it is rumored.

## TACOMANS NAMED BY U. W. REGENTS

SEATTLE, May 20.—A Gehri & Co. of Tacoma, dealers in sheet metal and roofing, were the low bidders today for erecting the new political science and commerce building of the University of Washington. The bids were opened at a meeting of the university regents.

The cost of completing the building will be about \$200,000. W. F. Geiger, superintendent of schools in Tacoma, was appointed to serve with Mrs. Josephine Preston, state superintendent of public instruction, on the college of education advisory board.

W. R. Rust of the Tacoma Smelting & Refining Co. was chosen to serve on the college of mines advisory board, while George S. Long, Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Tacoma, was named on the board of the college of forestry.

G. G. Norton, manager of the French Drug Co., Tacoma, was appointed member of the college of pharmacy advisory board.

## Get Your Ticket

An announcement was made today by members of the committee handling the motion picture tickets of all the theaters in the city for the benefit of the club-house improvements, that deliveries of tickets would be made by simply telephoning the club-house. Tickets to all the theaters in the city are had for sale. Half the proceeds goes to the club-house fund and the rest to the theaters.

## Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you brought your cow in off the street?

One copper goes to jail; another decides not to ask for that hearing after all. And Doc Trimble's going to preach a sermon about "Clean Patrolmen."

Hope they don't start one of those women's camps here. We didn't raise our wife to be a soldier.

Say, Halmar, that's no nice way to leave us—flat on the lot and not knowing. Did the poor gink forget his latch-key or what?

NOCTURNE  
The lopsided moon hung over the town; a man walked crookedly through an Avenue guarded by tall ewe trees. Their silhouettes sharp and straight. Like soldiers. The man stopped before the bolted door of a white cottage. He rapped softly on the panel; then waited. Thrice he repeated the signal; and there came no response. The man turned and hurried on; the black eyes watched him into their shadows.

Two glittering black eyes peered through the white curtains. They followed the man till he was gone. —HALMAR.

Anyhow, Trib readers will know that last night's editorial roasting us wasn't clipped from the Boston Transcript; it was a perfectly original effort.



Doc Fritz Wilbur's idea of a SOFT SNAP.

## Money Earns Money

All our relations with our customers are confidential. There is nothing mysterious about banking.

Just a desire to be of real service to people.

The thing is done best when entrusted to those whose business is doing that very thing.

Now therefore—It is meet and proper for you to have some acquaintance with a Bank able and anxious to meet your wishes—WHICH BANK—yes, really—

**PUGET SOUND STATE BANK**  
Own Building, 1115 Pac. Av.

## FLASHES

LONDON—The American embassy announced that sentence of Jeremiah Lynch, American convicted of complicity in the Dublin riots, would be announced today.

NEW YORK—Rumors were circulated here today that Mayor Mitchell had been assassinated while on an auto trip.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The German submarine U-8 sank the steamer Sussex, allied authorities informed the state department today.

NEW YORK—The vanguard of 20,000 women who will assemble here to attend the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs began arriving today.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—It is expected that congress will authorize the construction of four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers.

PORTERVILLE, Cal.—Mrs. Etta Duff was killed as she lay in bed today by her enraged husband because she refused to make

up with him after a quarrel. Duff then shot himself.

HOQUIAM—Robert P. Lytle, widely known lumberman, died here today.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Charles E. Hughes refused to get excited today when informed that the Oregon voters had favored him as republican presidential candidate.

**JUDGE EVANS  
DRAWS PAY;  
NO PROTEST**

Along with other city employees Police Judge Evans appeared at the pay-window of the controller's office today and received his salary as police judge for the first half of May.

He was paid up to May 15, the day when Mayor Fawcett issued an order rescinding the judge's commission.