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WEATHER Tacoma: Fair tonight and Sunday. Washington: Same.

REVOLUTION IN POLICE DEPARTMENT! That's What Chief Plans to Start!

WOULD ABOLISH OFFICE!

A resolution recommending the adoption of a new highway code which will include the abolishment of the office of county engineer, was among those reported by the resolutions committee of the State Association of County Commissioners Saturday morning.

Members of the engineers' association, meeting in the same building, say the resolution comes as a surprise to them.

Other resolutions recommended an amendment to the state constitution providing for a commission form of government for counties; that all suits to test the validity of tax assessments be begun before Oct. 1 of each year; that commissioners consider the question whether tuberculosis hospitals should be under county or state control, and recommending that if the present law is kept in force the state pay a larger proportion of their support; legislation to bring about better business systems for administering the affairs of the common schools; that the present arrangement which compels county commissioners to sell certificates of delinquency to speculators be changed so that the county may keep the certificates in the county treasury.

Who's on Slate. With election of officers, reports of committees, and final addresses, the commissioners and engineers will bring their meeting to a close Saturday afternoon, and turn their attention to pleasure.

Both bodies will banquet at Elks Temple Saturday evening, and leave the Tacoma hotel at 8 o'clock Sunday morning for an all-day trip to the mountains.

Spokane has extended an invitation to the joint convention for next year; and it was regarded Saturday morning as certain that the invitation would be accepted.

A REAL PROGRESSIVE

What with a democrat such as Woodrow Wilson in the White House and a few more republicans like Hiram Johnson and Miles Poindexter in the capitol building, the United States should have a real progressive administration during the next few years.

This paradox is strikingly suggested by the current issue of Collier's Weekly, in which appears an article containing an authoritative statement of President Wilson's plans, in the event of his re-election, with regard to the big, vital problems of the day.

Commenting editorially on Wilson's attitude toward such questions as the tariff and the modification of the Sherman Anti-Trust law, Collier's has this to say:

"The truth is that in this, as in most parts of this statement of President Wilson's views, he is closer to the progressive than to any other party. Indeed, this is true of President Wilson's whole position.

"His program and policies, both during the recent past and as now announced for the future, are such as to commend him much more to the progressive party than to either of the other two.

"His forcing of the child labor bill, against the substantial opposition of his own party, was representative of the humanitarian side of the progressive program; his proposed permission to business to organize in large units is representative of the other part of the progressive ideals.

"It is fair to say that the minds of some democrats are sympathetic to the same program. But the bulk of the democrats in congress and the senate, and of the democratic leaders throughout the country, are following Wilson, not because they believe in his program, but because he is a winner."

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NEW CHIEF'S FEET SMALL HOWEVER, IDEAS ARE BIG

By E. A. Peters "What the Tacoma police department—and some of the vice elements which the police are supposed to watch most these days—is a good, old-fashioned house cleaning.

"The department has been operating for years on the most undignified hick-town basis. It's time that something was done to make it look metropolitan, and to give it some dignity.

"I'm going to try to do the job."

Police Chief Harry M. Smith, who began active service today as head of the city's peace officers, is the youngest chief of police that Tacoma has ever employed.

He is only 46 years of age—a term of years that is young in the average run of police executives.

And with Chief Smith's comparatively young comes enthusiasm and a great desire to modernize the force.

Although at least half of the men under him are older, this new chief has already outlined a plan of reorganization that is revolutionary, from the standpoint of the "standpat" element of the old guard on the department.

They saw and surprise that such ideas should be injected into the Tacoma department do not reach a point of rebellion, because these same cops realize that similar ideas have been highly successful in other cities.

They simply had never imagined that Tacoma would ever develop a modern police administration.

Chief Smith's feet are small.

Maybe you never thought about it before, but you will find few police officers who do not wear oversized shoes.

He has been a member of the department for eight years, but he is almost a "civilian chief," at that.

For during his service he has never "walked a beat" or worked as a detective.

It is this active leg-work by policemen that swells their pedal extremities.

Smith's first employment was that of clerk for the police department.

While employed as clerk he took interest in the new identification system invented by M. Bertillon of Paris, and studied the plan.

When Tacoma began to consider the installation of a Bertillon outfit at police headquarters, Officer Smith was on hand with a complete knowledge of the work.

He went to Portland to study under the identification man there, and surprised that individual by demonstrating that he knew even more than Bertillon about M. Bertillon's finger print research.

Smith developed one of the most complete catalogue systems of criminals' finger prints to be found in the west.

Harry Smith may not have had experience in the rougher elements of police work, but he has spent eight hard years studying the inside workings of the Tacoma department and the scientific end of thief-catching.



HARRY M. SMITH.

eyed plain clothes cops who will have to go back to their beats or quit the force.

Young blood will be injected into the department. Experienced sleuths will be given the task of breaking in young detectives.

"I believe in the merit system of promotion," says Chief Smith, "and not in the spoils system. I want the very best men on the department to rise to the top."

"A police department should be conducted on the same lines as a private business. Idlers and loafers cannot draw salaries from a corporation. Neither can they draw pay now from the police treasury. Our department is naturally small, so we shall have to concentrate all our energies to making it absolutely efficient."

Here's a new line of talk from a police chief. No wonder the veterans of the department are gasping.

Chief Harry M. Smith may not have big feet. He doesn't need them. His brains are in his head!

VICTIMS OF WRECK IN

A special train from Marshfield in charge of Capt. Blain of the Seattle office of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., arrived in Tacoma at 9:15 Saturday morning, bringing nearly a dozen local people from the burned steamship Congress.

TYSON ABOARD (United Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 16.—Among those aboard the Congress special was F. Tyson of Seattle, an assistant steward, who was saved from death by J. E. Johnson, chief steward of the dredge Michie. Tyson was carried aboard the Michie unconscious.

"He cannot be saved unless we have a pulmoner," said a surgeon. "His lungs are choked with poisonous fumes."

"Let me try," said Johnson. He bent over Tyson, placed his mouth over that of the senseless man and drew the poison into his own lungs.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS Clearings \$ 309,366.10 Balances 79,331.55 Transactions 1,113,957.69

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, do you know your children's teacher's name?

Ssh! That prohibition candidate for president, when he arrived in Portland after visiting Tacoma, asserted flatly that Washington isn't dry at all. How DID HE KNOW?

What has become of the old fashioned Mr. Burnmaster?

Gott mit Uns! The ruling house of Smith has ascended the throne at the Central police station. The new chief wants it known that H. M. now stands for His Majesty.

ALLIES SMASH AHEAD

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Sept. 16.—The British center has been thrust forward to a point 500 yards north of Fourreaux wood in the violent battle raging north of the Somme. Gen. Haig reported to the war office today.

The whole of the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Pliers are firmly in British hands. Five hundred more prisoners have been captured.

Four German field guns were taken south of the Ancre last night. Two local counter attacks by the Germans failed.

Deluge of Shells First. The British carried out many successful night raids, entering many enemy trenches at several places.

How large a part of the new armored cars are playing in the present British advance is not yet known, but military critics believe this new war terror has wrought havoc among the Germans.

Dubbed the "Willies" by the British Tommies, the new cars present a terrifying appearance when going into action.

The British advanced yesterday morning followed a terrific deluge of shells poured in upon the German works.

Courcellette village was literally blown off the map before the human flood began rolling down upon the benumbed Tommies.

Throw in New Men. The hardest fighting occurred on the wings. The Germans clung tenaciously to Courcellette, because of its position on the flank of Thiépval.

Fighting desperately to save themselves from retreat on a mile-wide front, the Germans have been throwing battalion after battalion into action against the storming British columns north of the Somme in an effort to check Haig's advance.

Links Up Advances. The British gains of yesterday linked up with the great French advance earlier in the week completed the task of smashing completely the entire first three lines of German positions on practically the whole Somme front under attack.

Only at Thiépval, where marvellously constructed German works have delayed the British advance do the Germans still cling to their third lines.

ADMIT REVERSES BERLIN, Sept. 15.—In hot fighting north of the Somme yesterday the British forced the Germans from the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Pliers, it was officially admitted this afternoon.

Also a further retreat by the Bulgarian right wing in northern Greece.

German, Bulgarian and Turkish forces are pursuing the Russians and Rumanians in the Dobruja, after scoring a decisive victory, it is added.

If Fashion Says "Slim," Slim It Will Be In Tacoma



HERE'S HOW WOMAN HAS MANIPULATED HER FIGURE IN THE PAST.

By a Woman Reporter

I wandered down Broadway chasing the slim silhouette because Paris says we must be thin, straight up and down to be in style.

No phantom could be more fleeting, no ghost more elusive. I sought a policeman.

"They can get the slim figures all right," he said. "What the American woman makes up her mind to do, she does.

"I've stood on this corner

steven years and I've seen 'steven different styles in shapes go by."

"I seen 'em wide in the shoulder and narrow in the beam, I seen 'em narrow in the girth and broad in the back, I seen 'em throwin' out their chests like athletes, and pullin' 'em in like lungers.

"Yep, they can do the new style. Of course, in my own business, I prefer 'em solid. They're harder to move, but easier to see. The little, thin ones think they can slip between the

smoke and the license number, and it makes it hard."

I sought a resort of fashion. The first person I encountered were three lovely ladies eating French cake and drinking chocolate.

Their ignorance appalled me. I slipped on the table the headline, "Paris decrees the slim silhouette."

"They stiffened. "Cancel that second order," said one to the waiter.

I followed them out. A limousine stood ready. They hesitated, then consulted each other's eyes.

"We'd better do it," said one. "All right," sighed the other. "James, meet us at Wright park. And jingling and swishing, they started.

I looked after them. "It's a long walk to a slim silhouette," I murmured.

Cheer up, girls. The outlook is dark, but I'm told there's a place back east where you can get stretched. It's painful, but it can be done!

MAY CALL OUT 700,000

(United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—A sympathetic strike which union leaders declare will result in 75,000 workers leaving their jobs in support of the striking employes of the traction companies became effective in New York before noon today.

Several of the unions affected delayed balloting until later today or tomorrow but union leaders declared they were certain to join those already on sympathetic strike.

Twenty thousand longshoremen and boatmen are expected to be the first workers to respond to the strike call.

Labor leaders declare that these men will be followed by 25,000 machinists, who will strike before night.

By the end of next week, unless there is a change in the traction situation, union men predict thousands of others will be out. They will include men employed in all industries contributing to the production of power for

the transportation lines and may spread to include painters, carpenters and similar workmen, it is declared.

May Involve 700,000. Preliminary plans, on which the unions affected are voting today, provide for strikes involving about 80,000 men.

These strikes are intended to tie up the traction lines by cutting off their power through shortage of fuel, walkouts of engineers and bringing about strikes among all workmen engaged in labor contributing to operation of the lines.

If this does not have the desired effect, a strike affecting 700,000 workers—both men and women—in Greater New York, is contemplated.

To meet this, employers are said to be contemplating bringing charges of criminal conspiracy against leaders who call or encourage sympathetic strikes.

Find Two Dead. Patrols have been established along the roofs of buildings on Ninth avenue, but despite this, trains were bombarded with

GERMANY WANTS A VETO ON LOANS

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—Germany will consider null and void any loans from United States bankers made to Belgium with Belgian railroads as security unless previous consent has been obtained from her, German Ambassador Bernstorff today notified the state department.

WALL ST. BETTING 2 TO 1 ON HUGHES

(United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—More activity in presidential betting is reported in Wall street today. The largest bet was a wager of \$10,000 by a stock exchange firm against \$5,000 that Hughes will be elected.

Consultation

The officers of this company are always glad to be consulted by those who contemplate placing business in their hands.

PUGET SOUND BANK

CIRCUS WILL USE N. P. FREIGHT YARD

James McElroy, advance man for the Sells-Floto shows, announced Saturday that the circus would pitch its tents in the N. P. freight yards, where Barnum & Bailey showed, instead of in the O.-W. yards, as advertised.

The show will pull in early Sunday morning.

ITALIANS BREAK AUSTRIAN LINES

ROME, Sept. 16.—Italian troops are now on the offensive on the whole Isonzo front from Gorizia to the sea and the Austrian line has been broken at several places.