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Tacoma: Fair tonight and Friday.
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ARREST TACOMA WOMAN UNDER "LAZY HUSBAND" LAW

PHONE COMPANY HAS GREAT BIG KICK, TOO, MANAGER TELLS TIMES

BY E. A. PETERS

"The publice may think that it has a kick coming. But there's one thing that the public doesn't seem to know.

"The telephone company has a bigger kick coming. Do you know that this company is operating in Tacoma at a loss every day? Does the public realize that this immense corporation with an investment of nearly two and one-half millions of dollars, is not making money here?

"Your own board of investigation, the public service commission, hired to look out for the public's interests, has found this out. It ought to know."

John Schlarb, manager for the telephone company, is a little man. Behind his big mahogany desk at the Market street office of the Bell syndicate, he looks almost diminutive.

But when Schlarb begins fighting for him company, and shoots out a few arguments like those quoted with the aid of a ringing blow on the glossy desk, he looks as big as Jess Willard.

And Schlarb has the facts at his finger's tips, and the punch to accompany them, when he get excited.

Ever since Sept. 1, when the public service commission's new rules regarding the management of telephone exchanges in Washington took effect, Schlarb has been the busiest man in town.

Every few minutes he has to answer the heated complaint of some irate subscriber.

And to add to the 'phone manager's burden, Manager Fawcett has appointed a committee to wait upon the public service commission and demand that the public get better treatment at the hands of the phone people.

While Schlarb was attempting to explain some of the causes for new rates, one of the irate subscribers buzzed the desk phone.

Evidently the subscriber was complaining about the new rule demanding payment of a $3.50 "service connection" charge for installation of phone.

Merchants Order 'Em Out

"I know—I know," soothed Schlarb, "it seems like an exorbitant charge, but that's only because its a new one."

The subscribers sputtered for several minutes.

"You've just moved to a new address?" asked the manager. "Well, you had to pay the moving man for hauling your furniture, didn't you? And if it were a brand new house without water or gas, you would have to pay fees to the city and the gas company to have connections made, wouldn't you?"

"I'm sorry, old man, but if you were the president of the United States I couldn't change the rule. I know, you feel sore about it. And I'd be only too glad to do anything I could for you. But it can't be done."

Schlarb hung up the receiver with relief.

Tacoma is up in arms against the telephone company, because the public telephones in downtown stores are being replaced by nickel-in-the-slot machines, and because of the new rate charges for installation and moving of phones.

Numbers of merchants have ordered their telephones out because the company demands that they install the 5-cent instruments.

Mayor Fawcett believes that when a man pays for a telephone in his home, he shouldn't have to put a nickel in a slot before he can call up his home and converse through an instrument that he is already paying for.

But the new charges, authorized and sanctioned by the public service commission, are causing most of the complaints.

Charges For Everything

If you want a new telephone in your home, or move to another address, you have to pay $3.50 for installation. The only way to beat the fee is to move into a house where the telephone of the previous occupant has not yet been disconnected.

If you have your telephone moved to another part of the room, it costs $1.

If it is moved to another room—$2.

Change from a wall to a desk phone or vice versa costs $1.

If you fail to pay your bill by the 15th of the month, the telephone will be disconnected, and it will cost a $1 fine before you can use it again.

And besides this, rural subscribers who were formerly getting phone service on a flat rate, are now being charged $1 extra for every mile distance between their home and the exchange. It is costing many subscribers as high as $7 and $8 a month for telephones.

The public is apparently helpless, for the public service commission, supposed to represent the people in all matters of difference between the public and these corporations, has sanctioned all these things.

Although the commission lopped off ten million dollars' valuation from the padded figures of the telephone company in Washington, the figures of this same commission show that, for 1914, the Tacoma exchange lost $16,431, or .68 per cent on the investment, and that the entire system in the state only made 2.38 per cent profit on an investment of $19,382,209.

And it will take the public a long time, and lots of energy apparently, before it can convince either of them that the new charges are a mistake.

ROB HOTEL ROOM

F. G. Swener, a traveling man, reported to the police that his room at the Donnelly hotel was burglarized Wednesday afternoon and $60 and a gold safety razor stolen.

Success-

The business career of this Bank has been one of marked success.

We are always ready to serve you.

PUGET SOUND BANK

He'd Have Done It, Says Bill Taft In Book

(United Press Leased Wire.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21. — Ex-President Taft would have recognized Huerta had he continued in office, he declares in a copyrighted article in the October issue of Yale Review.

He only abstained, he says, because President Wilson's inauguration followed Huerta's accession to the presidency of Mexico by but 11 days and he did not want to embarrass his successor.

COLLEGERS FORM HUGHES LEAGUE

W. G. Heinly, L. M. Perkins, W. L. McCormick, R. P. Mason and Rex Roudebush have been selected by New York headquarters of the Hughes National College league to form a Tacoma branch of the organization.

ABERDEEN POLICE CAPTAIN IS FIRED

ABERDEEN, Sept. 21.—Capt. of Police Hook was dismissed yesterday by Chief Schmidt for alleged negligence in enforcing the dry law.

JUDGES ALL MUST RUN AGAIN

COUNT UPSETS 'DOPE'

All four Pierce county superior court judges are on edge Thursday.

Official count of the ballots cast in the judicial primaries, while it will not be completed before night, indicates that the names of Judges Card, Chapman, Easterday and Clifford probably will not go on the November ballot unopposed, as had been estimated.

If the final count shows this to be correct, J. D. Fletcher, Harry H. Johnson, F. D. Nash and DeWitt M. Evans will be put back into the running.

The prediction that all of the present judges would be unopposed was based on the estimate that not more than 20,000 ballots were cast in the judicial primaries. Each of the incumbents received more than 50 per cent of this number.

The official check, however, indicates that at least 28,000 votes were cast.

PUBLIC PHONES JOLTED

The state public service commission will give no relief to the Tacoma merchants, who filed a complaint charging discrimination by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. in refusing to install free public phones in downtown stores.

Attorney A. O. Burmeister, who has received a copy of the commission's decision Thursday, said there appeared no hope of changing the situation.

He said the reporter could read the decision if he wanted to. But he warned that it fills 150 typewritten pages and deals with deposits, rates and everything except what the merchants are complaining about.

The complaint was filed by the Tourist hotel, Al Wheeler, the barber, and other Pacific avenue merchants, who claimed that the company refused to let them install phones for the accommodation of their patrons, although other merchants in the city were allowed to have such phones.

FRENCH ADVANCE NEARLY 3 MILES

(United Press Leased Wire)

PARIS, Sept. 21. — French forces operating on the allied left wing in the Balkans have advanced nearly three miles toward Hill 1550, taking 50 prisoners, it was officially announced today.

DROP SMUGGLING CASE

(United Press Leased Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—The smuggling conspiracy cases growing out of the discovery of Chinese coolies aboard the liner Mongolia were definitely settled today before Federal Judge Dooling, when the government asked for a dismissal.

"HOOLA BOOLA" CRY RINGS OVER TRENCHES

(By United Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Investigation today of the German charge that "black savages" were aiding the English in fighting on the western front disclosed that one very large, black, fierce looking "savage," a British citizen hailing from London, was instructed to put his woolly head over teh parapet 20 times a day in 20 different places for 20 days yelling on each occasion "Hoola Boola," or something like that.

Naturally the Germans thought they were opposing a horde of savages.

And all the time the horde was scared stiff that he was going to get his head shot off.

Woman Who May Try Husband-Slayers

MURDER CHICAGO PASTIME

(Newspaper Enterprise Association)

CHICAGO, Sept. 21. — That uniquely Chicagoan pastime—the killing of husbands without the paying of penalty—is going to stop! And it is the women themselves who are going to stop it!

In not less than 20 such cases recently has the wife been acquitted.

The "affinity murder" is almost as familiar as burglary or bank robbing.

In almost every case the woman at the bar was young and attractive and she came into court with her bowed head crowned with a halo of romance.

Woman lawyers now are demanding that a woman prosecute the latest case—that of Mrs. Iva Barnes, accused of shooting her husband, James R. Barnes, wealthy business man twice her age.

They have petitioned the state's attorney to appoint Miss Agnes McHugh special prosecutor.

"A man jury will not convict a woman murderer in this country," says Miss McHugh, "if the prosecutor is a man.

"I think this leniency may be traced to the chivalry latent in every man. The jurors see two or three big, strong men sitting at the prosecutor's table, and subconsciously feel that these fierce prosecutors are attacking the frail, pretty woman in the prisoner's chair. Their instinct is to defend her.

"Perhaps their pity would not be stirred so profusely if a woman was in the prosecutor's chair.

"I believe the leniency of juries with feminine slayers is responsible for the wave of 'affinity crimes' sweeping over Chicago.

"The woman criminal will receive justice only when there's a woman in court to prosecute her!

"We demand JUSTICE for women—not maudlin sympathy or leniency."

Informative Entertainment

That's what you will get if you read "Beyond the Frontier" in The Times, starting Monday.

It's a novel by Randall Parrish, dealing with early days along the upper Mississippi, written from historical sources.

DON'T MISS THIS NOVEL

It will cost you $1.50 in a book store but only six cents if you read it in The Times.

RATS! How to Get 'Em

BY MABEL ABBOTT

"In catching a rat by the tail, if you let him keep his feet on the ground, he won't bite you. If you swing him clear of the floor, he will climb up his own tail and bite; but as long as his feet are touching something he will just scrabble along, trying to hold on.

"I've caught hundreds of rats with my bare hands.

"When I began rat-catching, in San Francisco in 1907, there was a bounty of 10 cents apiece, in addition to my wages; and if I saw a tail hanging out of a hole I couldn't resist the temptation to grab it. But I always let the rat keep his feet on the ground as I dragged him out, and I have never been bitten."

W. J. Rogers, inspector for the U. S. public health service, was sent to Tacoma a few days ago to catch and inspect rats and conduct an anti-rat campaign to lessen the estimated annual loss of $100,000 caused the city by these vermin.

He gave the foregoing expert advice as he inspected a day's catch, in his rattery in the tower of the city jail.

The rattery is a sort of lumber-room directly under the clock-chamber. A rough table in front of a window serves as operating table, and from a box and some wire-screened jars in a corner come the squeaks of a colony of guinea-pigs.

When the rats are caught, the inspector makes note of the localities from which they come.

The spleens, which contain the germs of bubonic plague if any are present at all, are removed, and the guinea-pigs inoculated with them, and the inspector awaits results.

There have been no results in Tacoma thus far, and none are expected. There is no plague scare here.

The U. S. health service simply keeps up the inspection as a measure of precaution.

Nine gray, furry little carcasses were stretched on nine shingles with a clothspin to each leg, and the inspector, in white gown and rubber autopsy gloves, was opening each rat to examine the viscera.

"You have to know how, in order to make a success of rat-catching," he said, pulling and snipping gruesomely with his tiny, shining pincers and scissors.

"You must know where the rats are in the habit of going. Little paths, worn smoother than the rest of the floor, polished places on the ends of scantlings, where the rats have rubbed against them as they passed—there are a dozen little signs that show where to set your traps.

"For bait I use something the rats like but don't get every day—bacon in a trap set in a granary; or grain or cheese in a butcher shop. Sunflower seed is good.

"I set the traps in the morning, then go around next morning and take out the dead rats and set them again. I carry the rats up here in a suitcase, drop them into chloroform to kill the fleas—the rat flea is the plague-carrier—and then open and examine them all.

"Yes, I like the business. It's a real service to mankind. I left the government service for a little while and went into police work; but I came back again. I'd rather catch rats than human beings.

"The only thing I'm afraid of is that my suitcase will burst open on the street some day."

"Flying Whales" Are Latest War Wonder

(United Press Leased Wire)

WITH GEN. VON LINSINGEN'S ARMIES ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT, Aug. 20.—(By mail.)—Germany has added flying whales to her other war wonders of the air.

A hundred yards away these new aeroplanes look like giant fish with double fins which had flopped out of water and lie strangled on their bellies on the sand.

They have four big eyes on each side.

High in the air, they are the most startling creatures seen on any front.

These flying whales have greater speed, more bomb carrying capacity and quicker action than any other biplanes in Europe, officers at the German aviation camp say.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Claerings	$ 424,465.05
Balances	78,624.53
Transactions	1,176,158.36

RUNAWAY WIFE BROUGHT HOME TO HER FAMILY

By Edgar C. Wheeler

Mrs. Lydia Munce, Tacoma mother, the first mother in the state to be arrested as a "lazy husband!"

Young, pretty and innocent looking, she sat in Justice Linck's court Thursday morning, charged with deserting her three little children three days ago.

Her husband, Alex Munce, and Constable Mitchell brought her back home to Tacoma at midnight Wednesday night after a long search of the streets and hotels of Seattle, where she had fled.

"Why did you do it?" her husband asked her in the court room. "Every morning when they would wake up the babies would cry for their mother; and when I came home from work at night they would ask:

Neighbor Blamed.

" 'Daddy, have you found mamma yet?' "

"I don't know why I did it," the woman replied. "I don't know."

A jack-of-all-trades by the name of Charlie Traft brought all the trouble to the little family, according to the statements made to the judge. He lived next door. While the husband was away he would pay visits to the home, bringing candy for the children with him.

Then suddenly Monday the young mother vanished. The husband made a vain search for her in Tacoma. His children were crying for her. There were no one to care for them.

Find Her in Hotel.

Finally he sought the aid of Constable Mitchell and together they went to Seattle. They located Traft, who at first "stalled" and denied he knew anything of the woman's whereabouts. He was taken to the police station and told that if he didn't "come through" in 15 minutes he would land behind the bars. He "came through." They found the mother in a Seattle hotel.

And what was her punishment Thursday?

Nothing, except a severe reprimand from the judge; for the husband wanted a mother for his children. He agreed to take her back home with him.

"Don't you know that you can't run away and desert your children?" Judge Linck said. "No matter where you should go the law would always get you and bring you back."

Traft Not Arrested.

Deputy Prosecutor George Thompson, who issued the warrant in the case, declared today that it needed no stretch of the imagination to apply the "lazy husband" law to a mother as well as a father.

"The care of the children devolves upon her just as much as to her husband. She is duty bound to care for them," said Thompson.

Charlie Traft, who is said to have enticed the woman from home, could not be arrested in Seattle, as no offense had been committed there.

FLASHES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

LONDON—German propagandists are attempting to stir up bad feeling between the United States and Great Britain by the circulation of false charges regarding the British censorship, the British foreign office declared in a statement to the United Press today.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Several thousand persons packed the streets in front of the Lincoln club here today to hear Republican Nominee Hughes expound the doctrine of protection in tariff and labor.

Hughes was in fine fettle, patting babies on the cheek and otherwise making himself "solid."

MISSOULA, Mont.—William J. Bryan is to speak in Missoula next Sunday, it was announced today, but he is not campaigning for President Wilson, at least during his stay here.

50 Armed Men Lynch White Man In Kansas

(United Press Leased Wire.)

OLATHE, Kan., Sept. 21. — Storming the jail, 50 armed men early today lynched Bert Dubley, avenging the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Muller, for which he was convicted Tuesday.

Seizing Dudley, the mob hurried him to waiting motor cars, threw a rope around his neck, sped a quarter of a mile to the Frisco depot and hanged him to a telephone pole.

Dudley, an ex-convict and white, was convicted of first degree murder, which carries with it a sentence of life imprisonment.

NEW RUMANIAN ATTACK

(United Press Leased Wire)

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Austro-German forces are now advancing to a new invasion of Rumania on the northwestern frontier, this afternoon's official statement indicated.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you read the various budgets?

With Poet Tagore and Jim Ham Lewis both headed this way, Tacoma is in for some thrills.

The most fragile thing on earth is a promise.

As touching a case of hero worship as we have observed since Col. Joab defended Washington's memory is that displayed by a sports writer for a Tacoma afternoon paper this week.

He visited the circus, it seems, and was permitted to look upon—yes, and even to speak with—the object of his devotions.

His impressions he recorded thus:

"Jess Willard is a real man. Any man who knows the champion will say so. The sporting editor had a talk with him last night just before the main performance at the Sells-Floto circus began last night.

"Jess was in his tent with his wife just after the show started. He sat on an old box and was talking quietly with his wife. His dress was very simple and when the editor was introduced by Tom Jones, his manager, the big fellow got up and put out his mighty hand and gave a warm welcome. Mrs. Willard, too, seemed very democratic and was pleased to meet a newspaper man."

So democratic they even evinced pleasure on meeting a sporting editor. Could more than that be said!

FEW WOMEN SHOW DISCRETION IN THE SELECTION OF THINGS TO E LEFT UNSAID.

Resourcefulness is a great asset when your back's against the wall.

NO GIRL CAN SUCCESSFULLY MASTICATE FUDGE AND NURSE A CASE OF DISAPPOINTED LOVE AT THE SAME TIME.

HERE'S A FACT TO POSTCARD TO YOUR FRIENDS BACK EAST

That Tacoma is one of the healthiest cities in the healthiest state in the United States, according to the latest government figures available.