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Washington: Same.

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HUGE JOKE ON CITY COUNCIL!

Girl-Wife Charges Banker Defrauded Her of \$15,000

SAYS HE JUGGLED ASSETS

(Special to The Times.)
EVERETT, Sept. 30.—J. L. Lye, bank cashier, is accused today in a suit filed by his daughter-in-law, Esther Aldeen Lye, of hiding \$100,000 assets in order to defraud her of a \$15,000 judgment, which she obtained last May as compensation for alleged alienation of her husband's affections.

As co-defendants of Lye, several banks, some of his relatives and a whole list of land and trolley companies are named. They are charged with conspiring with him in transferring his bank holdings and real estate in order to consummate the alleged disappearance of his wealth. The Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Everett, is named as the principal offender. Other banks accused of "helping" him to hide his property are the Scandinavian American of Seattle, the Irving National bank of New York, the National Bank of Commerce of Tulsa, Okla.

Esther Aldeen Lye, 18, on May 22 last, obtained a jury verdict against the banker and his wife for \$15,000. The trial had lasted several days, and aroused city-wide interest. The young woman accused her parents-in-law of objecting to her marriage to young Cecil Lewis Lye, 21, because they considered her social status below theirs. The young couple had met at a dance and became attracted to each other at once, the evidence showed. Cecil Lye visited her frequently and took her out to various parties.

Banker Opposed Wedding
When she learned she was to become a mother, immediate marriage was proposed. At the trial Esther Lye and some of her relatives testified to conversations with the banker. It was charged by them that he advised an operation and that he had gone to Seattle to arrange it. When she refused, a marriage was finally consented to. The young bride insisted that her husband at all times was willing to marry her except for his parents' dominating influence. Immediately after the marriage young Lye was sent to Denver and he has not returned to the state. He was not present at the trial.

Portland Has Busy Band of Movie Censors
(United Press Lensed Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30.—Smoldering embers of open warfare between the Portland board of moving picture censors and the theater managers were fanned into brisk flames today when new prohibitions were imposed upon the movies.

Under the latest rules, news views showing the removal of dead from wreckage and war pictures of battles are under the ban. Photoplay managers asserted that the censors had forced several northwestern film exchanges to leave town because of strict regulations regarding storage of celluloid films and some claimed that plans for a \$250,000 theater here had been abandoned because of the restrictions. The exhibitors are planning to present an initiative.

By Mabel Abbott
Going behind the scenes in a great department store is like finding an undiscovered country in the middle of a city block. Through the courtesy of the Stone-Fisher Co., I had an opportunity yesterday to explore this unknown territory which lies so close to the beaten path of the shopper, yet which she seldom thinks of and still more seldom sees.

A \$100,000 EDUCATION didn't equip Jack De Peyster for an honorable, independent career, and he knew it.

BUT his mother didn't. She misjudged her boy—and unconsciously tried to make an ass of him.

The story is well told by LeRoy Scott in "NO. 13, WASHINGTON SQUARE"

It's a novel which will be printed complete in six consecutive issues of The Times beginning Monday.

ANOTHER LOAN OF BILLION!

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—J. P. Morgan was booked to sail for England on the American liner New York at noon today to float a billion-dollar British war loan, according to reports in financial circles here.

Henry P. Davidson, Morgan's partner, has been in England for several weeks, presumably arranging details of the loan, which is to be secured by collateral consisting mainly of American securities.

The new loan, if floated, will come as a climax to three weeks of bull activities on the New York stock exchange, started, according to the accepted belief of Wall street, in order to develop a sentiment of optimism and prosperity among investors such as would facilitate placing the new British bonds.

Budding

Perhaps you are just budding into manhood or womanhood. The affairs of business are beginning to confront you. Possibly you are at this time asking yourself "Where shall I make my first bank deposit?"

Our answer, of course, is in the

PUGET SOUND BANK

STATE'S MINERS TO QUIT

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
SEATTLE, Sept. 30.—Several thousand United Mine Workers of America in district number 10 will stop work tonight while a general ballot is being taken on their attitude toward accepting the latest offer of the operators in their controversy over wage increases.

The decision to stop work pending a referendum vote was reached here yesterday afternoon when representatives convened at the Labor temple, District No. 10 includes all mine workers in the state of Washington. A five per cent wage increase has been asked, but operators have agreed only to raise the pay of certain classes of workers.

Woman Kills Mother and Then Herself

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30.—Fearing insanity, Mrs. Ella Graven, 27, killed her mother and committed suicide today. Before her death she bathed and donned fresh clothes. The mother, Mrs. Minnie E. Graven, was shot as she lay in bed. Mrs. Graven then snuggled down beside the corpse and sent a bullet through her own brain. Mrs. Graven left a note scribbled on an old envelope. "Rather this than the asylum," it said. "Use insurance for expenses and give what is left to Eva."

GO AHEAD ON DEPOT

Test-pits are being dug and measurements made on the site of the proposed new passenger and freight depot of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. at 25th street and Pacific avenue, to aid in completing the plans for the building. Construction work will begin this fall.

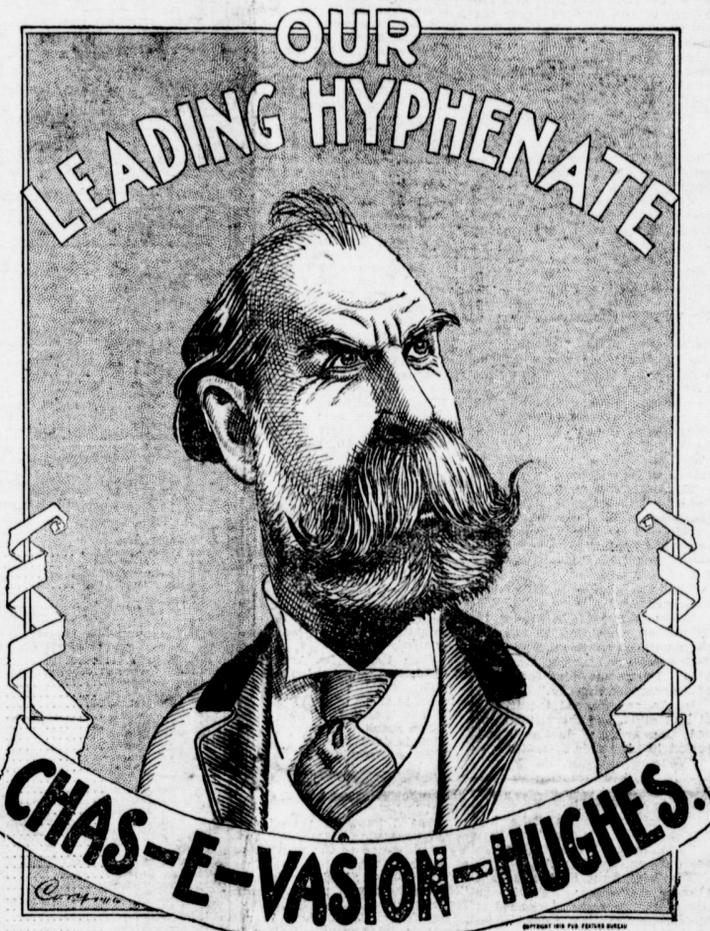
This statement was authorized by A. M. Ingersoll, assistant to the vice president, Saturday. The depot will be a huge, modern affair, with all the latest ideas in railway station construction. Mr. Ingersoll said.

JORDAN TO SPEAK IN TACOMA CHURCH

David Starr Jordan, former president of Stanford university, author and lecturer, will speak in Tacoma Sunday evening at the First Congregational church, on "The Human Cost of the European War."

HUGHES RESERVES OPENING GAME BOX

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Charles Evans Hughes' baseball fan, climbed aboard the band wagon today to avoid the rush. That is, he wrote President Tener of the National league for a box at the opening game of the world's series.



"Turtle Lady" Rather Nice, Concludes Our Art Editor

By the Art Editor

It is my province, from time to time, to pass judgment on art. I see by the papers that a Chicago policeman, while passing an art store, saw in the window a new daub called "The Turtle Lady," or something like that, and promptly swooned.

Recovering, he pinched the art dealer. Chicago, the dispatches say, is profoundly shocked. A committee of pork packers has viewed the picture and pronounced it immoral.

At first blush it occurs to me that a picture, or anything else, that can shock Chicago must be dreadfully wicked. But the dispatches assure us that the lady is regarding the turtle in a thoughtful manner.

Forgot to Dress.

This puts an entirely new light on the matter, and, while I have not seen "The Turtle Lady," I am inclined to approve of her. Evidently the lady is interested in natural history. She is so interested that she is unconscious of the fact that she has forgotten to dress.

True art holds up the mirror to life. I know a college professor who is so absent-minded and engrossed in the problems of his particular branch of science that, if you hand him an umbrella, he will carry it over his head, no matter if it isn't raining; or, if you give him his overcoat he will wear it under a blistering sun.

So why, then, should not a lady become so absorbed in the study of a turtle as to be oblivious to her nakedness?

It is a nice question. I was called upon, long ago, to pass upon "September Morn," which also originated in Chicago, and I condemned it sternly.

There is this difference between "The Turtle Lady" and "September Morn": "September Morn" had no moral excuse.

She, the busy, is standing more than ankle deep in a misty lake. The water is cold.

She doesn't like a cold bath any more than I do. When I take a cold bath, I do it in the bathroom with the door locked. "September Morn," on the other hand, takes her in a lake, in full view of chance passersby.

The artist comes along and transfers her image to his canvas. "I can guess what is in the mind of "September Morn." She is not entirely shameless.

Dreams a Dream. I frequently have a detestable nightmare. I dream that I am in a public place. Nobody seems to be paying any attention to me, but I am horribly self-conscious. And no wonder! I am wearing, if anything, an inadequate nether garment.

I generally jump off a high precipice—and wake up find I have fallen out of bed.

It is apparent that "September Morn" feels somewhat as I do when I dream that dream. How much nicer is "The Turtle Lady." I gather from the news that the turtle is returning her gaze. Either he is a bold, brazen thing, or else his mind is a pure as the lady's.

T. R. to Inject 'Some Ginger' Into Campaign

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Sept. 30.—Col. Roosevelt came to Battle Creek today to inject some ginger into the presidential campaign. He said so himself.

He is to speak late this afternoon at an old-fashioned barbecue and rally on the circus grounds.

When the train pulled into Battle Creek an hour late, because of a stop at Marshall, Mich., where the colonel gave some school children a "straight United States" lecture, it looked like a good part of all the five counties invited were on hand to give the ex-president an old time welcome.

There were fully 30,000 at the depot and 30,000 more along the route of a parade.

Budget Trouble All Due to Mere \$50,000 Mistake

Duplication of an item of \$50,000 in the city budget of estimated expense for 1917, which had caused the council to brain storm for a week, was revealed Saturday morning by Controller Fred Shoemaker.

The controller had not been called into conference with the council, it was learned, and had not even received a copy of the budget.

He was consulted Friday afternoon by Mayor Fawcett, and immediately prepared a statement in which he indicated the error.

A Bull of Atkins'. By Shoemaker's figures, which were accepted as correct Saturday, the council only had to cut 1917 expenses \$34,000 below the cost of operating the city government in 1916.

For an entire week the council has been working furiously to make great cuts which Commissioner Atkins, who prepared the budget, had told them would have to be made.

The item of \$50,000 was part of the interest on water department bonds. Last year the council provided that half the water bond interest would be paid from the general fund.

But Commissioner Drake had decided to pay all the interest from the revenues of his department. He has been doing this all year, although Atkins told the council today that he knew nothing about it. Atkins is commissioner of finance.

Same Item in Twice. Drake had provided in the 1917 budget to pay the full sum of \$110,000 for water bond interest, while Atkins had also provided that the general fund should pay \$50,000 of it.

After Shoemaker had shown up the discrepancy Saturday, Atkins attempted to cover up his mistake by asserting that he did not believe Drake should pay all the interest. He blocked budget proceedings all morning by raising a question of legality.

Because the water department had been "bled" for large sums 20 years ago, and had not received moneys for which bonds were issued, Atkins asserted that it was not fair to allow that department to pay all the interest.

At noon recess the council was still debating. All other members were willing to allow Drake to pay the bill, and cut the \$50,000 expense from the general budget.

Although the item of \$50,000 will make budget-pruning a much easier task, Commissioners Gronen and Pettit declared that they would not pad their departmental expense. Each said that he could maintain his department efficiency on the money already allotted him, and that he would not take advantage of the additional \$50,000 discovered by Shoemaker.

Gronen will insist that an item of \$3,000 for construction of a downtown comfort station be left in his budget, as the only contemplated public improvement in 1917. Pettit will cut down his police and fire departments next spring, just as though the \$50,000 extra money had not been unearthed.

It was announced at noon that a 16-mill levy would be adopted by the city. Saturday was the last day on which to decide the levy. Because of the discovery of the additional money, it will take several days to reconstruct the budget.

REPORT NICKEL PHONE A GRAFT

Reporting that the telephone company in Tacoma was not authorized by the public service commission to force downtown merchants to replace public telephones with nickel-in-the-slot instruments, and that agents of the company had misrepresented facts to these merchants, a committee appointed recently by Mayor Fawcett to investigate the new demands of the 'phone company recommended Saturday that the case be taken immediately before the commission.

The committee is composed of W. H. Pringle, banker, Elwell H. Hoyt, school board member, and J. T. S. Lyle, secretary of the Taxpayers' league.

Although the committee asserts that the telephone company has some cause for complaint about abuse of public telephones, it reports that agents of the company have visited stores and advised the owners that the public service commission had issued a ruling demanding five-cent instruments in place of the old style telephones.

This statement was incorrect, the committee reported, because the public service commission, at its recent hearings in Tacoma and elsewhere, did not take up the question of public telephones at all.

The five-cent charge is arbitrary by the phone company, and not based on any findings of the commission.

A recent decision by the commission on complaints made by Tacoma merchants, is not comprehensive and indicates that the matter was only investigated superficially.

Mayor Fawcett announced that he would make an effort to induce the public service commission to immediately take up the case of nickel-in-the-slot telephones.

Cover Ought to Have One

The rain tree of Colombia measures about 50 feet high when at maturity, and about three feet in diameter at the base.

It absorbs an immense quantity of moisture from the atmosphere, which it concentrates, and subsequently sends forth from its leaves and branches in a shower, in some instances so abundantly that the ground in its vicinity is converted into a quagmire.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you laid in steen cords of wood?

A Portland man has discovered that by heating the water first a cold shower is made much more enjoyable.

It was a perfectly fine raid the police were making on the Marconi—until Judge Clifford stepped on it.

BUT YOU CAN'T GET RID OF YOUR STENOGRAPHER BY MARRYING HER.

NAMING NO NAMES
The green and white striped awning was stolen off the front of Smith's ice cream emporium on Main street one night last week.

It had green and white stripes—Reedville (Pa.) Banner.

Beware the strens even if you aren't rich enough to blackmail.

Plant some soya beans and join the prosperity club.

Has your hunter friend divided his ducks with you?

HERE'S A FACT TO POSTCARD TO YOUR FRIENDS
That certain brand of breakfast food, "without being touched by human hand."

SHOPPING SIMPLE? YES, AND THERE'S A REASON

An army of inspectors, packers and wrappers handle the sales the moment they leave the counters. In the receiving room on the alley, boys are trundling great wheeled baskets full of parcels and dumping their contents into great bins. One parcel may contain a yard of silk and another a collapsible dressmaker's model, another a roller-coaster and another a cake pan; but in the democracy of the bins they all look much alike. Outside, men are calling off the addresses of the parcels, and the "swappers" or delivery boys are piling them in semi-circles on the sidewalk around the drivers, according to their various routes. Across the street, a big garage is necessary to stable the delivery cars, and engineers and mechanics to groom them. Everything is organized and geared and justified for efficiency. The person entitled to a parcel can open a

drawer in a filing cabinet, glance at a card, and know instantly just what per cent of the sales of any salesperson in the establishment that salesperson's salary represents. Or he can open another drawer and say at once whether your credit is good and if so, how good. He can glance at a sheet of figures and see that it is costing at the present time an average of 10 cents to deliver each package sent out of the store—while information is here set down for the attention of the shopper who buys a spool of thread and orders it sent. Clauses for salespeople help them to make their work easier and more effective, and the figures on the cards in the filing cabinet more and more encouraging. The tables and desks of the workers are arranged with reference to the best light, and a great pump in the basement keeps them supplied with fresh air. Labor-saving machines are everywhere. Stone-Fisher's here what is said to be the

only book-keeping machine in use in any department store in the city, a complicated little marvel that makes out your statement and a ledger entry at the same operation. Bills are folded and envelopes stamped by machinery—in fact, your statements are made out almost like a certain brand of breakfast food, "without being touched by human hand." Every purchase is kept track of at every step of its progress from salesgirl to customer's door, and a missing package can be traced through every pair of hands that has touched it, in just the same way that the postoffice department traces a registered letter. There is even a baling machine in the basement, which reduces the waste paper and cardboard of the store to neat, tightly compressed bundles, to be sold instead of being thrown away. Shopping has been made simple by the department store. That is, simple on the face of it—like a watch—unless you pry the back open and see the whole thing around.

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