

# 5 SHIPS LOST IN SEA FIGHT!

## French Liner With 300 Aboard Reported Afire at Sea

ONE CENT

BY FRANK P. WALSH.  
(Chairman of United States Industrial Relations Committee.)  
I am going to vote for President Wilson because he has such a splendid conception of democracy.  
He has freed more slaves than Lincoln.

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WEATHER  
Tacoma: Probably fair tonight and Saturday, cooler tonight except near coast.  
Washington: Same.

## MUM! THAT IS HUGHES ON ALASKA

Republican State Chairman Fred C. Harper says that National Republican Chairman W. R. Wilcox says that Candidate Charles E. Hughes authorizes him to say he has no intention of abandoning the Alaska railway or battleship construction program at Bremerton.

### IS GOV. HUGHES TONGUE-TIED? WHY DOESN'T HE SPEAK FOR HIMSELF?

He had an opportunity—a most splendid opportunity when he visited Puget sound, the gateway to Alaska—to declare himself definitely on the Alaska railroad question and on the navy yard question.

People here wanted to hear him say he was free of the Guggenheim influence in Alaskan politics.

John E. Ballaine, who made his race for congress in the Seattle district on the Alaskan issue, met Hughes in Spokane, rode with him to Seattle, talked Alaska with him, tried to impress upon him its importance to the Northwest.

### What did Hughes say?

Nothing.  
Tacoma wanted to hear from Hughes on the Bremerton navy yard program. It wanted to hear that he was a believer in government construction. Tacoma knew very well that the standpat gang behind Hughes was the element which fought the Bremerton project, knew that Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, who led the fight against it in the senate, was mentioned for secretary of the navy under Hughes, knew that the shipbuilding trust was against government construction.

And the Northwest wanted to hear from Hughes' lips that he was free of that baneful influence, free to fight for the government projects.

### What did Hughes say?

Nothing.  
And he still says nothing.  
Government ownership and operation in Alaska and in our navy yards are fundamental propositions. Hughes is either for the great principles of government ownership or he is opposed to them. We have a right to hear his own words from his own lips.

But it's Charles Evasion Hughes again.  
The state chairman says the national chairman says Hughes authorized him to say—  
Oh, fiddlesticks!

## THE EVOLUTION OF A CANDIDATE



# British and German Squadrons In Battle

## 500-FOOT STEAMER IS SUNK

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
LONDON, Oct. 27.—The Johnson liner Rowanmore, flying the British flag, has been sunk.  
The Rowanmore is one of the largest British liners sunk since the beginning of the war.  
She was a steel four-masted, displacing 10,220 tons, 521 feet long and with a 59.2 foot beam.  
She was built in 1900 and was owned by the Johnson Line, Limited, being registered from Liverpool.  
The Rowanmore's captain was taken prisoner.  
(The cable thus indicates that the liner was sunk by a submarine.)  
The crew was landed.

## FIRE ON STEAMER CHICAGO

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The Maritime Exchange this afternoon received a message reporting the French liner Chicago afire at sea.  
"Steamship Chicago, French, bound from Bordeaux to New York, fire in number 3 hold," read the message. "Expects arrive at Fayal, Azores islands, today."  
The Chicago left Bordeaux Sunday for New York and should have been several hundred miles west and north of the Azores today. Under ordinary conditions she carries 2500 passengers on her western trip.  
She is a 14,000 ton steamer, commanded by Capt. Mace.

## First Clash In the Channel Occurs When German Raiders Show Up

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
LONDON, Oct. 27.—British and German destroyers engaged in a sharp naval engagement in the English channel last night, the admiralty announced this afternoon.  
The German warships attempted a raid under cover of darkness. Two enemy destroyers were sunk.  
It is feared that one of the British destroyers was lost, the admiralty added, and another was disabled.  
"Last night ten enemy destroyers participated in an attempt to raid the Cross-channel Transport service," said the admiralty statement.  
"The empty transport Queen was sunk. The crew of the transport was saved. Two of the enemy destroyers were sunk and the rest driven off."  
"The British destroyer Flirt is missing and it is feared is lost. The destroyer Nubian was disabled and forced aground."  
"The destroyer Flirt was one of

the older British destroyers. She was built in 1897, had a displacement of 330 tons and a complement of 62 men.  
The Nubian was built in 1909, displaced 985 tons and carried normally 71 officers and men.  
There are several British destroyers named Queen. It is probable that either the 4,956-ton London Queen, or the much smaller Southampton steamer of the same name, is meant.  
The naval fight last night is the first engagement of the war in the English channel, excepting submarine activities, and the first serious clash between British and German warships since the great battle off Jutland on May 31, 1916.  
German destroyers and fast cruisers have made several daring raids in British waters, approaching near enough to bombard East coast towns and darting back to port at the approach of British warships.  
Teuton destroyers also have raided English shipping off the Flanders' coast taking ships into Zeebrugge.

## CABOTIA, TOO

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Two boats, containing the captain and 31 of the crew of the Donatien liner Cabotia, are missing and unaccounted for.  
This is the first indication of the sinking of the Cabotia.

## RAID ON STEAMER FAILURE

Acting on advance information from San Francisco, a dozen police and sheriff's officers boarded the steamer Grace Dollar as she moored at the Puget Sound Lumber company's docks at 11 o'clock Friday, and searched the ship from stem to stern for liquor.  
Instead of finding 50 cases of 600 quarts, as they had expected, the officers unearthed just three quarts of whisky in the entire ship.  
None of the officers or crew of the Grace Dollar would claim ownership, so the liquor was taken to police headquarters.  
The Grace Dollar came empty from San Francisco, to return with a cargo of lumber.

## POLITICAL MEETINGS

DEMOCRATIC Friday.  
2:30—With Mrs. A. W. Ollar, 1724 North Oakes.  
With Mrs. E. E. 1639 East 31st.  
With Mrs. E. L. Hiberly, 3901 North Grove.  
With Mrs. W. W. Vossburgh, 508 South J.  
8:00—Midland, with Mrs. Angelina Norwood. Speaker, Wesley Norwood, South Tacoma. Speakers, George P. Fishburne and A. R. Titlow. Imperial Glee club. Lake City, school house. Speakers, M. A. Langhorne, Geo P. Fishburne and A. R. Titlow. Imperial Glee club.  
Summer—Henry Albert McLean.

## FLASHES

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
WOODLAND, Cal., Oct. 27.—Leroy Hillhouse put this ad in a newspaper here: "It gives me satisfaction to announce that I am still alive." He's a deputy sheriff and had been reported dead.  
TULARE, Cal.—A recent earthquake started a geyser near here which has intermittently spouted live, blind fish.  
NEW YORK — Prof. G. B. Hotchkiss of New York university told advertising men a baby's cry is its "ad" that something is wanted. The trouble is that most babies do most of their advertising in the early morning editions.  
CINCINNATI, O.—Gases from automobiles and not germs are the cause of infantile paralysis germs, Dr. Thomas F. Harrington of Boston told the American Health association.

## WOMAN JAILED SEVENTH TIME

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
SEATTLE, Oct. 27.—For the seventh time since January 1, Mrs. Ella Wells, rooming house proprietor, is under arrest for alleged violation of the dry law.  
She was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and pay a \$100 fine after pleading guilty.

## RUMOR OF GERMAN SUB IS UNVERIFIED

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 27.—The report on the waterfront here that a German submarine passed in the capes and not verified by the weather observer at Cape Henry or by naval observers at Fort Monroe.

## REPUBLICAN Friday.

2:30—With Mrs. E. L. Doane, 517 55th.  
With Mrs. Joseph Mitchell, South 9th and A. Speakers, Prosecuting Attorney Remann, Hon. Jesse Jones. With Mrs. Sarah Satterly, 4718 South J. Speakers, F. A. Magill, E. B. Brockway.  
With Mrs. Calvin Barlow, 222 St. Helens ave. Speakers, C. M. Knox, Col. Albert E. Joab.  
8:00—Tacoma theater. Hon. Wesley L. Jones. City Attorney U. E. Harmon, chairman.  
Buckley, Cosmo theater. Speakers, C. E. Dunkerberg, Fred Remann, Chairman, Dr. J. H. Sheets, Milton Kenney's hall. Speakers, Emil Stenberg and candidates. Chairman, W. I. Keller.  
Arietta, Arietta hall. Speakers, J. W. Seiden and candidates. Chairman, F. W. Samuelsen.

## PITTSBURG, Pa.—

So that Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, 36, and mother of eight children, may share her estate without facing possible legal complications, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, wealthy Mount Washington woman, adopted her.  
CLEVELAND, O.—Belt's can't stand prosperity. "Galluses" are coming into style again, a local manufacturer said. Prosperity rounds a man out and makes a belt uncomfortable, he claimed.

## FOR NEW POLITICAL FREEDOM

The nonpartisanship bill initiated at Olympia by Councilman Oliver T. Erickson, of Seattle, calls for a new political freedom.

It calls for a complete freedom for the people of Washington from party slavery.

It is designated to give every voter unlimited opportunity to choose office holders regardless of the national political beliefs they hold and to prevent little men from slipping into office merely on the strength of party labels.

Ward heelers, political manipulators and hand-pickers of every sort will fight this bill. They are unanimously opposed to putting county and state offices on the same progressive plane as Tacoma and practically all the other cities of the state moved up to several years ago.

And yet there is no reason in the world why a coroner, a county auditor or a governor should be elected on the platform of some national party.

Each of these offices should be filled with the one idea of selecting the most efficient man available.  
Now it is up to the secretary of state and attorney general to prepare a ballot title for this bill.

If they act with reasonable promptness they can finish the task in plenty of time for the election day. If they pursue their usual policy of dilly-dally and procrastinate the obtaining of signatures will be somewhat delayed and made more difficult. Voters, watch how these two officials act.

In the meantime let every progressive-minded and independent citizen "talk up" this bill among his friends. Prepare for a whirlwind campaign to obtain 100,000 names on the petition.

Such a list would be a virtual command to the legislature, and would insure that the bill pass this coming winter instead of being submitted to vote two years hence.

IT WOULD MEAN THAT OUR NEW POLITICAL FREEDOM WOULD BEGIN WITH THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

## WILL HONOR GOVERNOR

Saturday evening the people of Tacoma will be called on to welcome Gov. Lister, who is to speak at the Tacoma theater. Gov. Lister has lived nearly all of his life in Tacoma.  
"It is not necessary to be a democrat, republican, socialist, progressive or socialist laborite in order to attend tonight's meeting," says Harry Collier of the democratic headquarters.  
"Gov. Lister will tell why he believes that you should again honor him with a re-election as your chief magistrate of the great state of Washington."  
"Fill Tacoma theater as it was never filled before so that Gov. Lister can say wherever he goes throughout the state that the welcome accorded him in his home city beat every gathering that he has attended in the state."  
"If you have an automobile offer your services to the Lister committee and join in a parade to welcome your governor."

## OFFER SPECIAL COURSES

Special courses are announced by the Stadium evening school as follows:  
Salesmanship, conducted by C. W. O'Flynn, formerly of the Sheldon School of Business Building; Monday and Friday evening at 7:30.  
Practical advertising, conducted by E. F. Meade, of the Tacoma Times.  
Commercial law, by Mr. Lan-

caster of the Stadium faculty. Contemporary literature, carrying university credits, by Prof. Chittick of the University of Washington; Friday nights at 7:30.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS  
Clearings ..... \$ 312,511.73  
Balances ..... 54,859.53  
Transactions ..... 1,238,838.61

## Absolute Fake, That "Special" Dispatch About Chicago Union

Oh, brazen fake! Oh, base fib.  
We have caught a Tacoma G. O. P. paper in a naughty story.  
It was a "special" dispatch under a Chicago date line, which, we now suspect, was written in the paper's office.  
The "special" dispatch told with great particularity—as to time and place of a meeting of the Chicago Building Trades council the night before, when a "resolution was passed condemning the Wilson administration for lack of sympathy with the American workmen."  
The resolution, said this fibbing "special" dispatch, appealed to the 1,500,000 men throughout the country who constitute the membership of the building trades department of the A. F. of L. to "work and vote against the

re-election of Woodrow Wilson." The resolution, added this "special" dispatch, written in Tacoma, was "based on the claim that the Wilson administration discriminated against American workmen in the employment of labor" in Panama.  
It didn't happen! Nothing resembling it happened! They "made it up out of their heads."  
E. J. Stack, secretary of the Portland Central Labor council, wired John Fitzgerald, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and received this reply: "Your telegram received. We have been officially notified by the president and secretary of the Chicago Building Trades council that no kind of a resolution was passed condemning President Wilson and that the alleged resolution published is an ab-

solute fake and falsehood.  
"The position of the Chicago labor movement is best explained in a telegram sent President Wilson, which was as follows:  
"The Chicago Federation of Labor, representing 300,000 organized men and women, by a unanimous vote heartily endorses your attitude in the enactment of the eight-hour-day-law. We congratulate you upon your splendid record of achievements in the cause of humanity. Your administration has really proved to be democracy against autocracy. You are the first president of the United States who truly understands the cause of the common people and had the fortitude and courage to place human beings above property."

## BIG PAPERS FOR WILSON

(Special to The Times.)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—The Chicago Herald this morning editorially recommended the re-election of President Wilson.  
The Herald, which is among the great independent dailies of the country, is edited by James Keeley.  
Since the opening of the presidential campaign the Herald has been devoting two columns on its editorial page to letters from its subscribers touching the qualifications of President Wilson and Mr. Hughes.

## Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you been raided yet?  
Plant a soya bean.  
After considering the subject deeply we have arrived at the conclusion that what's wrong with marriage is:  
1. Husbands.  
2. Wives.  
Honolulu ukulele factories are working nights to fill the country's orders. Prosperity has its dark side.  
Don't worry about the price of paper. If it goes a trifle higher the shoe manufacturers won't be able to make soles out of it.  
TOMORROW IS THE LAZY MAN'S BUSY DAY.  
The following ad in a San Diego newspaper is reproduced, free of charge, for the benefit of candidates who fall to make connection Nov. 7:  
"Wanted—Experienced limousine pickers near city; 12 cents per hour. Board 50 cents a day."  
Which would you rather do—help a friend or shoot a stranger?  
So would we.  
Eating onions is said to be the secret of health. But how can it be kept secret?  
About the time that father and mother disagree, son gets mother to let him do the things father says he mustn't and then works the same gag on father.  
Now when a 400-ess wants to "put on dog" she pins a silhouette of her poodle to the front of her lace blouse.  
HERE'S A FACE TO POSTCARD TO YOUR FRIENDS IN THE BAR.  
Takima Valley has produced between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 worth of crops and stock this year.