

If you have an auto that you can spare—and why can't you?—it can be used to excellent advantage Saturday in carrying voters to the polling places. Telephone the Rotary club, Main 230, and volunteer the use of your machine.

# The Tacoma Times

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WEATHER  
Tacoma: Rain tonight and Wednesday.  
Washington: Same west portion, rain or snow east.

## YOU Can Perform a Miracle!

BY THE EDITOR

It isn't very often a man has a chance to perform a miracle. But it does happen once in a while.

If he possess the marvelous brain of an Edison he may create the talking machine or the electric light where none ever existed before.

If he have the patience and botanical genius of a Burbank he may cause new flowers to bloom and new fruits to ripen.

If he have great organizing ability he may split continents apart with a Panama canal, may organize under one house flag all the shipping of a coastline many thousands of miles in extent, bring to berry growers of a rich valley by co-operative methods the benefits that they long have failed to reach by individual effort, or be able to make a third of all the world's automobiles at a price per machine within reach of almost any pocketbook.

The great gravel prairie that stretches from South Tacoma to Tenino long has fascinated me and perplexed me.

There it lay, park-like, beautiful, enticing, like a Callot Secours hat from Paris—and just about as impractical.

Henry Landes, state geologist, has explained the plain's origin to me as follows.

Some hundreds of thousands of years ago when the great glacier came down from the north and covered the Puget Sound region to a depth of several thousand feet, the southern extremity reached only to about where South Tacoma now lies.

From the great ice face, when the melting began, there poured forth tumultuous rivers carrying the boulders and other glacial debris transported from the north. This material was laid down in an immensely deep bed of a sort that geologists know as an "outwash plain." The loam was carried on to the sea, and only the rocks and residue dumped. The virtue of the soil was drained from it.

As a result, today farming on it is a thankless job. The soil demands as much in fertilizer as it is willing to produce in fruit or vegetables.

Now comes Uncle Sam with the offer to place a man on every third acre of a great 70,000-acre section of this beautiful, but non-agricultural land.

This man's wages, together with the money spent for housing, clothing and feeding him, as W. H. Paulhamus has aptly pointed out, will make this land revenue-producing, so far as the whole community is concerned, to a degree, per acre, equalling the famous Puyallup valley.

It will do it by furnishing Pierce county ranchers with a market for their produce, and Pierce county workingmen with labor to sell, a market for their skill.

You, Pierce County Voter, on next Saturday have it in your power to perform a gigantic miracle. For you, by the simple process of marking your ballot with a cross in the "yes" square, can convert that gravel outwash plain from the unproductive state in which the great ice cap left it to a community-building district equal to the Puyallup valley that another set of geological forces created.

In a few hours you can undo hundreds of years' of herculean mischief the great glacier played us. You can put back into the Nisqually plain the virtue that gushing rivers robbed it of.

Arise to your opportunity. Work the miracle. Vote "Yes."

## ASK REMOVAL OF ELLSWORTH FROM POLICE COURT

Members of the city council and civil service board met at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in City Attorney Harmon's office to discuss the council's demands that Examiner Ellsworth be removed from the civil service office.

Commissioner Gronen promised before the meeting to introduce charges of incompetence and inefficiency against Ellsworth, and to have proof ready.

Members of the council have announced their intention to oust Ellsworth by impeachment if the civil service commission does not act.

## EVANS QUILTS POLICE COURT

Police Judge DeWitt M. Evans handed his formal resignation to Mayor Fawcett Tuesday. It takes effect next Monday.

On that day, Judge Evans will open a justice court on the second floor of the Prohibit building. Justice Graham will be appointed by Mayor Fawcett to act as police magistrate.

Evans quit because he wanted to conduct a private law practice in addition to his duties as justice of the peace. The city pays \$50 a month extra to the police judge.

## UGHT TO BE SENT BACK AFTER SOME

"My husband spent several years in Peru before we were married, and never even thought of bringing back any curios or needlework, or antique silver pieces, or Spanish shawls, or anything like that. It makes me so tired every time I think about it," laments Mrs. Roger E. Chase, 3005 North Proctor st.

## CHARGE FORGERY

Charged with having forged the name of Dr. Smeals on a prescription for alcohol, and to have attempted to get it filled at a downtown drug store, Harold Ault, age 19, was arrested by the police Monday night.

# MAY PROBE WALL ST!

## LORD NORTHCLIFFE TOLSTOY'S MAN OF DESTINY TO END WAR?

LONDON, England, Jan. 2.—Is there a MAN OF DESTINY, predicted by the great Count Tolstoy, who is to end the war in 1917?

And is the man of destiny LORD NORTHCLIFFE?

All Britain is wondering, and many in Britain are beginning to look on the mighty owner of the London Times and scores of other newspapers with awe.

And Northcliffe? He says nothing, but goes on overturning cabinets and forcing the British government to be ready to FIGHT.

Here is what Tolstoy said MORE THAN SIX YEARS AGO—Note that he did not name exactly the years: "The great conflagration will start about 1912; it will develop into a destruction and calamity in 1913; but about 1915 the strange figure from the north—a new Napoleon—enters the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little military training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain until 1925."

Consider these facts: Britain went into the war confident and unprepared. What few soldiers there were to send to France, lacked shells. Lives and millions were sacrificed in wild-eyed schemes to take Constantinople and Bagdad.

"It's a short job," said Britain.

"It's a three-year job," said Northcliffe.

And Northcliffe then (for years his paper had been predicting war with Germany) set about wrecking British overconfidence and exposing British inefficiency.

He sent reporters to France to write the TRUTH, which the censors concealed, about British lack of shells. He printed the truth without consulting the censor, risking suspension or suppression of his papers; and he attacked Kitchener, the English idol, who wasn't sending the troops munitions.

British wrath rose high. Northcliffe was damned in private and public; his papers were stamped on in the street.

Burning The Times and the Mail, and malling the ashes



LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

to Northcliffe, became a popular British sport.

Northcliffe kept on printing the truth.

"Circulation's going up," he said. "I suppose they're buying them to burn!"

Kitchener was shelved, and Lloyd George became minister of munitions. The troops got their shells.

But still Britain wasn't en-

tirely over her self-centered attitude of "business as usual."

"Asquith must go!" Northcliffe decided. Lloyd George gets the glory—but ASQUITH WENT.

That's the kind of a man Northcliffe is. An American interviewer summed it up: "Britain doesn't like the Northcliffe papers, but North-

cliffe crams them down her throat!"

And now, through Lloyd George as an instrument, Northcliffe is voicing the demands of British democracy—and GETTING ACTION ON THESE DEMANDS.

Look at this remarkable Journalist:

When he came to London at 20, just out of Oxford, he got a job as reporter, at \$15 a week. He was plain Alfred Harmsworth then, and they called him "Alf." This was 1885.

Ten years later he owned more separate magazines and newspapers than any other man in the world—though, to be sure, his papers weren't read in St. James palace nor were his editorials quoted in trans-Atlantic cables.

English newspapers then were dry-as-dust affairs, with great, long unbroken columns of court happenings, board of trade items, cricket scores and parliamentary debate.

Northcliffe filled his columns with news that people like to read.

He started paper after paper—weeklies for women, for bicyclists, for balloonists, for sporting men; penny dailies, two-penny dailies, three-penny dailies—"about 45, I forget exactly how many," he told an interviewer in 1908.

And then he amazed the world by purchasing a controlling interest in the London Times, the "British daily Bible," the most conservative paper on earth!

He changed the Times from a six-cent to a two-cent daily, and used it to talk to the upper classes, the peers and nobility, just as he talked to the common people of England through his other sheets.

Now he uses the aristocratic Times and the popular Daily Mail, which prints a million copies a day, and all his other newspapers, to talk to all Great Britain at once, and hammer at British inefficiency until he gets things done.

This, then, is the man of whom all Europe is asking: "IS HE TOLSTOY'S MAN OF DESTINY, WHO WILL END THE WAR IN 1917?"

## U.S. SENATOR CALLS BROKER LAWSON "ASS"

(United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Republican members of the house rules committee, led by Rep. Campbell of Kansas, today demanded of Chairman Henry an "open and above board" investigation of the charges by Thomas W. Lawson that \$60,000,000 was made in Wall street through a "leak" on the president's peace note.

Chairman Henry introduced his bill for regulation of the stock exchange immediately after he had a two-hour conference with Thomas W. Lawson today.

Admitting that "secrets have found their way out of the state department," Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, blamed the "present system of civil service" for such leaks.

Storm Breaks.  
A storm of charges and counter-charges regarding the reported "leak" from the state department to Wall street of ad-

vice information of the president's "peace notes" broke in both houses this afternoon.

In the senate Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee formally denied charges in a newspaper that he had benefited by the leak.

Calls Him an "Ass."  
He branded Thomas W. Lawson as "a disgusting ass." He blamed "the present system of civil service" for leaks he said he knew existed.

Coincidentally with Henry's action, republican members of the committee led by Rep. Campbell, Kansas, openly denounced the "one-man conference" between Henry and Lawson.

Campbell issued a formal statement declaring a "leak" should be given a chance to tell his facts to the whole committee or be shown up.

"If necessary, we could subpoena every brokerage house in New York City and get at the root of this thing," he said.

## REVOLTING FARMERS BRING WORLD A NEW KIND OF GOVERNMENT

OUSTED OFFICE-HOLDER COMMITS SUICIDE

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 2.—State's Attorney Berndt, swept from his office in the political uprising of farmers, committed suicide by shooting himself, in the Burleigh county courthouse yard today.

(One of the most important experiments in governing ever to be tried is about to be inaugurated in North Dakota, where the farmers are going to run the state. This newspaper, believing southwest Washington is vitally interested in such undertakings, sent Charles Edward Russell, its noted staff writer, there to study the movement and to write of it. Herewith is Russell's first article.—Editor.)

BY CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 2.—North Dakota is now to hold for some time the center of the United States stage. A kind of government new on this continent or anywhere else today took hold of the machine here! It is a farmers' government from top to bottom and all the way across!

That is one thing novel about it. Then it is strictly nonpartisan, being chosen by the farmers for reasons of their own and without the least regard to party lines.

It is also a government that owes nothing to any politician on earth and no corporation, bank, railroad or interest has a single string on it.

Few of the men about to take office ever held office before and none of the men that put them there had any previous experience in politics.

At the last election the farmers, in revolt, captured the legislature, all the state offices except one, and what is still more important, grabbed off the supreme court.

They will now run the whole shooting match from A to Izzard. They can pass any law they please and nothing this side of the supreme court of the United States can interfere.

It is the biggest revolution that ever occurred in any state in this Union.

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## LABOR COUNCIL TO HEAR ARGUMENTS

Desiring to hear a general discussion of the merits and demerits of the army post bond issue, the Central Labor council has arranged a public meeting in Masonic temple for Thursday evening.

## CAR HITS WAGON

A. J. Jensen, driver of a delivery wagon of the Wingard dairy, narrowly escaped injury early Tuesday morning when a South Tacoma car struck his wagon on Broadway near 17th. A horse was knocked over and the wagon overturned. Jensen was brown out, but not hurt.

## Search for Missing Couple Is Widened

With searching parties numbering 50 men beating the woods in all directions from the town of Alder, no report had been received Tuesday noon of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Powell, missing from their cabin in a logging camp since Dec. 18.

Relations of the missing Tacoma couple still cling to the belief that they are alive and safe somewhere.

But the belief is growing less positive as each day goes by with no trace of them.

Search parties are extending their hunt.

Two woodmen, P. Parmenter

## Cannot Afford to Lose

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## Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you converted a doubter on the army post project yet?

The old-fashioned girl who was brought up on the Elsie books now has a daughter who just can't wait until the Cosmopolitan comes.

As the editor of The Times so eloquently remarks, Don't Be a Chinaman!

We haven't heard anything lately about the proposal to coin a two-and-a-half-cent piece. The churches probably are lobbying against it.

What has become of that vigorous campaign against the army post labor council was going to wage?

WOW!

On some automobiles a pedometer would be more practical than a speedometer.

The fight is still going on to make the District of Columbia dry. We don't see how any place could fail to be dry where the Congressional Record has such a large circulation.

Superfluous Advice to the Inhabitants of Milwaukee.

Milwaukee's general health is gratifying, announces Health Commissioner Rubland. Contagious diseases are fewer. He advises holiday season caution, particularly with water drinking.

FABLE

Once upon a time a druggist didn't have a certain article a customer wanted and ye druggist

didn't recommend something else "just as good" to ye customer.

THE PIGHEADED ENGLISH (A German pastor, on the Battle of the Somme.)

Many wounded men are coming back to our church from the dreadful Western front. They have been fighting the English, and they find that so ignorant are the English soldiers on the Somme refuse to surrender, not knowing that they are really beaten, with the result that terrible losses are inflicted upon our brave troops.

CHEWING GUM CUD SAVES AUTO DRIVER A LOT OF BOTHER

George Dunn, secretary of the Speedway association, was speeding out to his home on Stellacomb lake by auto the other day when he noticed his motor becoming unusually warm.

Investigation showed that one blade of the engine's air-fan had come off, and had torn a hole in the "honey-comb" of the radiator.

George didn't have any repair outfit for such an emergency, and he couldn't go further without fixing that radiator. But he had a happy thought.

Removing a wad of chewing gum from his mouth, the speedway man rolled it into a ball and plugged the hole with it. Then he scooped up enough water from a ditch to fill the tank.

The chewing gum patch held the radiator tight until Dunn reached a repair shop next day.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Clearings ..... \$ 500,082.49

Balances ..... 132,820.78

Transactions ..... 1,347,658.66

## Dealer Held For Perjury

A warrant charging perjury was issued Tuesday by Deputy Prosecutor Thompson against N. V. Simonian, Oriental rug dealer, of 744 St. Helens ave., as the result of a transaction by which he disposed of his stock to a Tacoma department store.

It is alleged that in an affidavit giving a sworn list of his creditors, Simonian did not include them all as provided by law.

Pet canaries in this country consumed 2,350 tons of birdseed last year.

Perjury

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Warrant

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Prosecutor

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