

THE TIMES WILL PUBLISH A SPECIAL ARMY POST EDITION THURSDAY

Because of the overwhelming importance to this community of the army post project, The Times Thursday will put out a special edition setting forth all phases of the enterprise. That issue, three times the usual size of the paper, will also review the other great de-

velopments Tacoma is about to enter upon, and will contain articles on subjects of world interest which no well informed Tacoman should miss. These will include a copyrighted New Year's message to America by G. Bernard Shaw, a summing up of the war situation by J. W.

T. Mason, famous war expert, and a review of national business conditions by Arthur Selwyn Brown. The edition will be bristling with facts and bubbling with optimism and good cheer. Be sure to read it, and speak to your neighbor about it.

ONE CENT
The Rotary club wants more automobiles for carrying voters to the polling places Saturday. Telephone Main 230, and tell them yours is at their service.

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

SUSPECT RICH BREWER OF KILLING GIRL

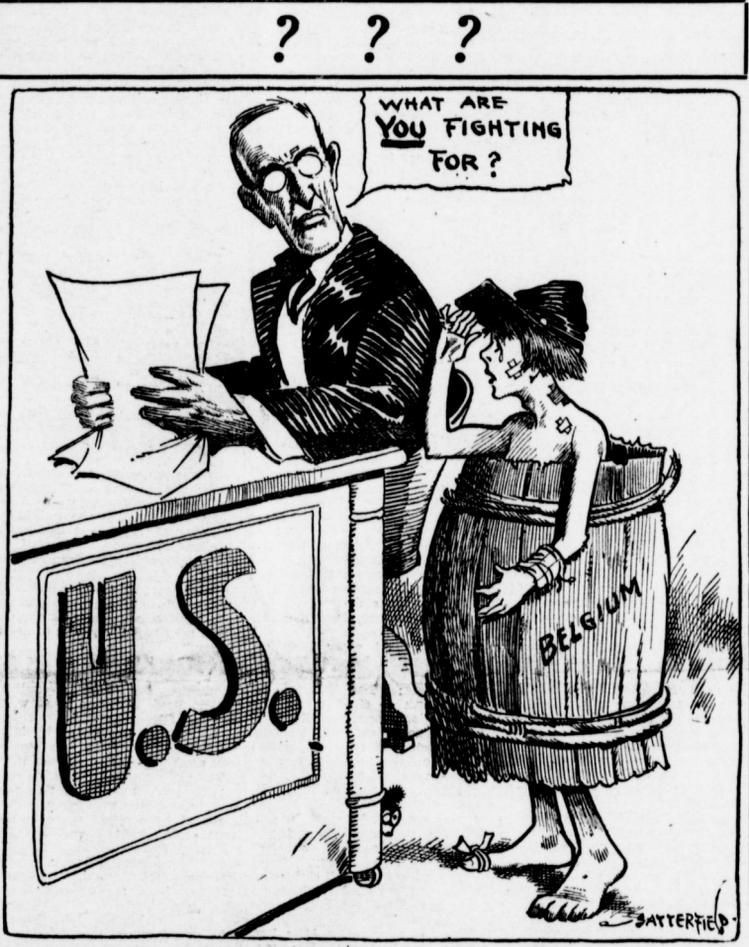
OFFICIAL DROPS FAITHFUL EMPLOYEE TO GIVE OWN SON A JOB

Army Post Will Cut Taxes, Not Increase Them!

BY THE EDITOR
Now let us take a look at the assertion of the calamity-howler who is going about the county with the wail that the coming of a great army post to American lake will raise taxes.
Like most pessimists, he is dead wrong. Taxes will not be raised.
The committees handling the project have erred in their desire to be conservative by understating the facts.
They shouldn't have let the idea gain root for a minute that taxes will be increased. As a matter of fact, the coming of the army post will decrease taxes for every one of us, whether we chance to pay them directly to the county treasurer, or indirectly through our landlords.
The addition of 20,000 residents to our county is going to make necessary a great deal of growth in Tacoma. We are going to need a great new hotel, more theaters, hundreds of residences, more stores.
Our factories will have to increase their equipment. Our merchants will have to double their stocks.
All of which means more taxable property. This direct growth is certain to lead to the investment at once outside of the post and inside of the county of five to ten million dollars in buildings, machinery and merchandise.
Suppose it is only five millions. Half of that value (the assessor's figure) would put \$2,500,000 more on the tax rolls, and that, at our present rate, would bring in \$100,000 in taxes yearly, more than enough to take care of the bond interest and the tax loss on the 70,000 acres. Above that, all the increase would be "velvet," and would make possible a reduction of the tax rate.
This worry about "It-will-raise-my-taxes" is the plaint of the timid, unthinking man, the civic standpatter. Don't heed it.

COLLEGE ATHLETE IN CASE!

(United Press Lensed Wire.)
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—The man suspected of having eluded and then strangled to death pretty Mazie Colbert, model and manufacturer, is today under guard in a fashionable downtown hotel, according to the police, while detectives complete the net of evidence they have been weaving around him.
This man, it is said, is extremely wealthy, controls large brewery interests and comes from an inland city. He holds membership in Philadelphia's most prominent clubs, it was declared.
Bon vivants and habitués of cafes know the man now under guard as "Champagne Charlie." He is a ready spender and has a following of friends who will stop at no expense to free him, if the police make good their threat of arrest in a few hours.
May Show Blackmail.
For many years he is said to have assisted the girl financially. Out of this grew details, according to detectives, that may disclose blackmail—an amazing tale that may involve not only the girl but others.
The guarded man was taken to Detective headquarters several days ago and severely grilled.
Miss Colbert's liberality to her family and friends brought her into dire financial straits.
Mystery Case.
It is said she wrote this man, who was madly in love with her, according to the police, and asked him to see her lawyer. Instead of going to the lawyer's office, he is said to have come to Philadelphia and gone direct to her apartment.
From the moment he went to the apartment in which the pretty little model's battered body was found late Saturday night, details of the case and the detectives are making every effort to cover loopholes, fearing a leak that might hamper their work.
The man met Miss Colbert only recently and she is said to have remarked he might do her harm. Coincident with this, it was learned that Miss Colbert had arranged for a reconciliation New Year's day with the man she reportedly loved. He is a former University of Pennsylvania athlete.
Finds Man's Hair.
The model had merely led the others to believe she gave them her affections.
A new element was brought into the case by the discovery of several strands of a man's hair, found clutched in the dead girl's hand. She had ripped them out in her fight for life.
Several letters attacking Miss Colbert for her "unfaithfulness" were found.



Armed Truce Prevailing Between Mrs. Frazier and the T. R. & P.

An armed truce prevails Wednesday between the forces of Mrs. Frazier, member of the Monday Civic club and newly appointed sanitary inspector of street cars, and her assistant, Mrs. W. S. Kennedy, on the one hand, and the T. R. & P. on the other.
Supt. George W. Rounds said Wednesday morning no special steps are being taken to comply with Mrs. Frazier's demands, which to date have included cleaning the straps, scrubbing car floors with a brush "and a man down on his knees," rubbing the walls with an oiled rag and putting in electric heaters.
Other suggestions made by her were that the company should issue six tickets for a quarter and have its car barns in a quarter where the rolling stock will not be dirtied by coal smoke from the factories.
No Extra Steps.
"We are always trying to keep our cars in good condition," said Rounds.
"We scrub and sweep them out at stated intervals, and think they are pretty clean. We have not, however, taken any extra steps today."
Manager Bean corroborated the statements as to scrubbing and sweeping of cars.
"Mr. Rounds is conscientiously trying to satisfy Mrs. Frazier," he said, "but some of her requests are really a little too much. I think she may be acting without entire authority."
Oversets Authority.
"I am afraid Mrs. Frazier has misunderstood the scope of her duties and authority," said Health Commissioner Rich Wednesday morning. "Her function is simply that of inspector. Any alterations or improvements in the car system would have to be taken up by the department. Her work is to inspect the cars and report to the health department."
"I appointed Mrs. Frazier because the Monday Civic club seem-

M'KENZIE'S PRACTICING NEPOTISM

Has a man outlived his usefulness just because he happens to have white hair, grown grandchildren, a golden wedding, and many years of service behind him?
Is it up to him, when he finds he's lived 70 or 80 years to give up the ship, consign himself to the scrap heap, and watch his remaining hours pass from the depths of a grandfather's chair?
County Clerk McKenzie seems to have that idea today, although there are a heap of people in Tacoma who are disagreeing with him.
For he's giving "Daddy" Walker, veteran clerk of Judge Card's court, the bounce.
"Daddy" Walker, grand young man at 76, will lose his job Jan. 8.
AND IN HIS PLACE COUNTY CLERK MCKENZIE IS APPOINTING HIS OWN SON.
Young McKenzie now holds down a steady job at \$75 a month in a local department store. The job his father will give him will pay \$80 a month.
Therefore, Sam Walker, conceded to be one of the spryest, most efficient and experienced clerks in the Pierce county courthouse, will have to go.
"It's not worrying me," was what "Daddy" had to say about it today, chipping out his words in a broad Scotch burr. There was a twinkle in his eyes.
"The only thing is that I'd rather die in the harness than rust out."
"They may say I'm getting old to do the work. But mind you—here he brought down his sturdy Scotch fist on the table—"when I get too old to do my work right, I'm going to quit! Nobody will have to make me quit." But everybody else around the courthouse isn't taking it
with such good humor.
"A brave man," what Judge Easterday calls him.
They recall at the courthouse Walker's 20 years' service as clerk.
They recall the piles on piles of records which "Daddy" has written in his own hand with beautiful penmanship—papers which, if they were pasted together and strung out in line, would reach from Tacoma to Montana.
And they recall that the gray-haired man is far from being dead yet.
"Daddy" Walker is a young man. He stands straight as a ramrod. His eyes are keen. His work is painstaking and correct to the letter.
Because of his rare Scotch wit he has won the affection of lawyers and judges.
He has won fame for the manner in which he administers oaths—as if an oath meant something more than a drizzle of words.
His mind is acute. His physical condition is perfect.
Only last fall he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding at their home, 1120 South I street.
The boast of seven grandchildren, four in Tacoma and three in Pittsburg.
Clerk McKenzie says he's not "firing" Walker. He's just "falling to reappoint him" when his term expires.
McKenzie says there is no reason for not reappointing him, and that there has been no fault to find with his work.
IT ALL SIMMERS DOWN TO THE FACT THAT MCKENZIE'S SON WANTS THE JOB AND HIS DAD WILL GIVE IT TO HIM.
Judge Card and the other judges have tried every means of persuasion to have Walker kept on the job.
But McKenzie has the power to appoint whomever he pleases.
And "Daddy" is "too old."

DEWEYS SETTLE TROUBLE

Charges against O. B. Dewey, president of the Dewey Candy Co., that he had threatened to murder Mrs. Dewey, were dismissed in police court Wednesday morning, on request of William B. Dewey, the son who had caused his arrest two weeks ago.
Deputy Prosecutor Roubush made the formal motion.
Neither of the Deweys were present.
It was reported that the elder Dewey had left the city last week.
"I was informed that a reconciliation had been effected and that the domestic troubles had ended," said Deputy Roubush.
"The Dewey family had asked for a continuance of the case so that the reconciliation could be reached."
Mrs. Ella B. Dewey filed suit for divorce in the superior court Saturday against O. B. Dewey, charging incompatibility, cruel treatment and desertion.
She asked \$100 attorney's fees and \$50 a month alimony.
Friends of the Dewey family assert that Dewey's present whereabouts are not known even to his most intimate acquaintances.

BELL TO ADDRESS MEETING

The government's long search for an ideal army post site, and its final determination that the American lake prairies formed the best location anywhere in America, will be explained to Tacoman Wednesday evening at the mass meeting in the Armory.
Major General J. Franklin Bell, commandant of the western department of the U. S. army, will be the man who will tell the story. Maj. Gen. Bell is one of the biggest figures in the army today.
The mass meeting is open to all, and will be entirely informal. Mayor Fawcett will preside. There will be brief addresses preceding that of Maj. Gen. Bell.
Among those from outside towns invited to serve on the informal reception committee are: Joseph Lee, Wilkinson; William Thompson, Orting; Frank Blisson, South Prairie; Forest W. France, Buckley; Frank Betchard, Roy; C. A. Nettleton, Eatonville, and Harry Henke, Sumner.
ALL FOR IT
Unanimous endorsement was given the American lake army post plan by a big crowd that attended a meeting in the Oakland school Tuesday evening.
C. F. Mason and W. D. Askren addressed the meeting.

LAWYER GETS AN 'EARFUL'

Frederick Stearns, attorney, of San Diego, left Tacoma Wednesday for his home town after a few days spent quietly in the city surveying the army post project. San Diego also after the army post, and Stearns was here for pointers.
He attended the women's meeting at the city hall Tuesday, visited the army post headquarters and otherwise gathered all the information he could lay hands on.
In Italy the refuse gathered in the streets is sold at auction. Russia has 10,000 lepers, taken care of by 21 institutions.

Steamer May Be Withdrawn

Because the municipal dock department had sent a bill to the Merchants' Transportation Co. for wharfage of the Olympia steamer Magnolia during the past few months, although a former administration promised that no charge would be made, Fred H. Marvin Wednesday notified the council that he would immediately withdraw his steamer.
The Magnolia is a freight boat, handling a few passengers. She is not making any money at present, and the \$30 a month dockage charge demanded by Commission Marvin is considered exorbitant, Marvin said.
No other dock on Puget Sound charges a wharfage fee for small

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steamers," said the steamship man. "None of the other boats operating from the Municipal dock are charged any fee, except the Tacoma-Seattle passenger boats."
The Magnolia will operate temporarily from the Commercial dock, and may be taken off the run entirely, Marvin said. She is the only steamer operating direct between Tacoma harbor and Olympia at present.

SUB-SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foley, whose son, Robert Foley, was drowned last October in the Lincoln Park high school swimming tank, filed suit Tuesday against the school district.
Susan Weber, age 7, brought suit through her guardian, Charles H. Weber, against the Midland school district for \$5,000 because of a fall from a ladder on the playground last May.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you converted the doubters in your block?
According to a headline in the a. m. paper a "Hospital Patient Dies in Bed."
Personally, we're boycotting those five-cents-apiece apples on the fruit stands.
THE PIG
The pig is an affair propped on four legs with a head on one end, to give it a general direction. The pig's main idea is to try and see how big a hog it can make of itself.
But this species of pig is a has-been since the two-footed pigs have romped into the pasture. The two-footed pigs have pushed the four-footed ones clean out of the limelight.
They have rooted the prices of eggs, butter, meat, clothes, coal, rent and everything so high that the old-fashioned trough wallower seems as dainty, modest and unselfish as a humming bird.
Suggestion to the writers of popular songs: Why not write a song about Honolulu or the rest of Hawaii?
The lady next door says: "A friend is something that stands a lot more from us than a stranger would."
It's hard to figure it out. Most of the talk in the world comes from long-haired men and short-haired women.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Clearings	\$ 441,537.93
Balances	47,064.20
Transactions	1,762,746.26