

ONE CENT

The discovery of America cost a little more than \$7,000; at least so say some documents that have just been found in the archives of Genoa. These documents give the value of Columbus' fleet as \$3,000. The great admiral was paid a salary of \$300 a year.

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WEATHER  
Tacoma: Fair tonight, Wednesday rain.  
Washington: Same west, fair east portion.

## POINDEXTER WARNS US AGAINST JAPAN WORSE MENACE THAN GERMANY, SAYS SENATOR

### \$12,500 FOR GIRL

#### VERDICT IS REPLY OF AMERICAN MEN TO SLUR ON VIRTUE

Breach of promise verdicts are generally a joke. If the plaintiff gets a tenth or a twentieth of what she asks, she is lucky. The money is commonly referred to as "heart-balm," "salve for wounded affections," and like jocular terms. Inference often is that the plaintiff, knowing the ways of juries in breach of promise suits, has asked for 10 or 20 times as much as she expected or had any right to expect; and the jury, wise in the ways of breach of promise plaintiffs, with cheerful cynicism makes due allowance for her exaggerated valuation of her wounds. But it took a jury composed entirely of men just 15 minutes late Monday to give Bessie Kamarad, whose suit against Owen O'Farrell has set the little town of Orting buzzing, and kept a crowded Tacoma courtroom gasping for several days, \$12,500, or considerably more than half what she asked. The question before the jury, of course, was simply whether Owen O'Farrell did actually, promise to marry Bessie Kamarad, and if so, to what extent his failure to keep his promise injured her. There is no reason to suppose that they did not base their verdict on a sober consideration of that point. But jurors are human, thank goodness; and most people who read O'Farrell's cold-blooded estimate of the virtue of working-women, given in open court Monday until the judge ordered him to be silent, will feel that the promptness of the verdict was in part the indignant assertion by 12 American men, that men like O'Farrell are exceptional; that a woman may work even for small wages and still be safe from slurs such as he cast upon them; and that when a man sows the wind, he is very likely, when brought before such a jury to reap the whirlwind.

#### JURY OUT FIFTEEN MINUTES

With only 15 minutes' deliberation, a unanimous verdict of \$12,500 was returned by the jury in Superior Judge Clifford's court Monday afternoon in the case of Bessie Kamarad against Owen O'Farrell for breach of promise. Miss Kamarad sat without apparent emotion when the verdict was read, but O'Farrell, sitting near his young wife, smiled. It has been said he has not enough property to make a judgment worth anything to the girl who is suing him, but members of her family say they are less anxious for money than to clear her name so far as possible. Immediately after the trial, a warrant was sworn out charging O'Farrell with beating Ray Kamarad, brother of Bessie Kamarad, at Orting, last Saturday. He was released on \$100 bonds. He is already under bond for an alleged attack on Miss Kamarad's aged mother last week. O'Farrell's attorneys asked to have judgment in the breach of promise suit withheld until the question of a new trial had been passed upon, and this was done.

### IN THE BREAKERS AGAIN!



### TEUTONS WILL BACK DOWN, IS HIS FORECAST

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—"I think there are other international relations that are more ominous and more immediate than those of Germany," Senator Poindexter declared in the senate this afternoon, referring, by inference, to Japan. In the course of a speech opposing promotion of Dr. Grayson to be a rear admiral, Poindexter said: "The country is more or less aroused by strained relations with Germany. I, myself, think we have been subject to more or less unfounded hysteria in the matter. I am very much in hope that there will not be a material conflict between the great German empire and the United States of America. There are various reasons for that; there are many indications, I think, in the last few days of a disposition on the part of Germany to avoid such a conflict and I am sure there is in the breast of the American people the desire that no incident of sufficient cause shall arise for plunging this country into war with Germany."

### GERMANS RELEASE U.S. SHIP APPROVE DEFENSE MILLIONS

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Feb. 6.—The German submarine U-45 stopped the American steamer Westwego and only permitted her to proceed without sinking when the vessel acceded to the German commander's demand for three barrels of lubricating oil. The American consul at Liverpool reported these circumstances to the American embassy here today. The Westwego left Philadelphia on Jan. 31 and was carrying a cargo of oil. An admiralty statement concerning the same incident declared that the U-45 fired five shells at the Westwego, but failed to score a hit. The Westwego is a steel steamer of 5,275 tons, registered at Philadelphia and owned by the Union Petroleum Steamship Co. She was built in 1914. Included in the appropriations are \$1,250,000 for machine guns, \$1,000,000 for anti-aircraft guns and ammunition at arsenals; \$5,581,774 for batteries for merchant auxiliaries, with \$7,281,941 for ammunition for the latter. All appropriations mentioned were "additional" to the regular appropriations, which total \$351,000,000 and were granted in the form of amendments.

### BILL TO CURB CLIFFORD INTRODUCED IN SENATE

(Special to The Times.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 6.—The state legislature may call a halt to judicial dictatorship of the kind that Judge Clifford adopted recently when he fired almost an entire jury, just because it brought in a verdict that he didn't like. The bill drawn up at the instance of Senator Dan Landon of King county, to prevent a repetition of this form of intimidating jurors at the will of a peevish judge, was introduced in the senate today.

### Old Car Ferry Tacoma to be Used In Harbor

The famous old car ferry Tacoma arrived in port Tuesday morning in tow of the tug Kingfisher from the Columbia river. The Tacoma was for years the car ferry that carried the N. P. trains across the Columbia river. The Tacoma has been bought by the Chicago-Milwaukee to be used as a car ferry in Tacoma's harbor.

### GERMAN ANSWER AWAITED

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's notice of a diplomatic break is expected within 24 hours. It may be a declaration of war.

### Unbreakable Doll Used As Husband-Tamer

"She smashed me over the head with the pancake turner one time; and another time she bounced an 'unbreakable' doll off the side of my head so hard the doll busted into a thousand pieces." These, among other causes of dissatisfaction, were mentioned by Elmer Roderick in Superior Judge Chapman's court Tuesday, where Mrs. Evalyn Roderick is asking for a divorce. Mrs. Roderick charged in her complaint that Roderick quarreled with her constantly; that in January, 1916, he blacked both her eyes, and she went home to her mother at Buckley; that he persuaded her to return to him, and that the quarreling then began again. The young couple were married in 1913, and have one child. A decree of divorce was granted Bertha Jacobson by Superior Judge Easterday on Tuesday, from Oscar Jacobson, on the ground of abandonment. Mrs. Jacobson was given her maiden name of Bertha Peterson. Lydia Jones also was given a divorce from Thomas Jones, and her maiden name of Lydia Justice.

### MIDLAND SAFE IS CRACKED

The safe of the Midland Mercantile Co. was blown some time Monday night, in the company's store at Midland. The cracksmen got only 20 cents, though the strong-box inside contained \$700 or \$800 in cash and checks. The theory is that the explosion, which was so violent as to throw the door of the safe clear across the room, frightened the robbers so that they fled without waiting to see what they had got. Some of the "soup" which had not been used in the work was left behind, and found by Deputy Sheriff Peter Steno, who investigated the robbery.

### Lay Plans for Troop Banquet

That the Troop B association will give \$50 towards the banquet for the Troop B boys, was the announcement given Tuesday morning at the meeting of the Women of Troop B. Several clubs, chapters and organizations promised their support in donating groceries for the banquet, announced Mrs. E. D. Roberts, Gen. Ashton said the boys had been sent some money to take some moving pictures of their camp life, which will be shown in the Tacoma theaters in about a week. The Women of Troop B ask the general public to help provide the following supplies for the banquet: Oyster cocktails, roast pork, apple sauce, cold veal, deviled eggs for salad, relishes, jellies, jams and pickles, lemon custard, coffee and cakes.

### 40 TEUTONS WANT TO BE CITIZENS

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—Forty subjects of Germany and Austria have signified their intention of becoming citizens of the United States by taking out first naturalization papers here since the news of the break with Germany became known Saturday. Of the 40 applicants, 28 signed their first papers Monday.

### SELL CRESCENT PLANT FOR JUNK

The final rites over the Crescent oil well near Tenino are being held this week. The rigging, casing and other equipment is being dismantled and will be sold as junk.

### SENATOR METCALF REACHES OLYMPIA

(Special to The Times.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 6.—Senator Ralph Metcalf, who has been back east with his mother, who has been ill, appeared at his desk Tuesday morning for the first time this session.

### YACHT CLUB WILL PLAN GIVING HELP

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—Members of the Seattle Yacht club will meet Thursday night to consider proposals to offer services of fast motor craft to the government in event of hostilities.

### DUTCH WILL TAKE OVER RELIEF WORK

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—The Dutch government, after negotiations with England and France, has agreed to take over the Belgian relief work, the state department was informed today by the Dutch embassy.

### SEATTLE CONSUL GIVES UP OFFICE

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—Orders have been received today by Dr. Emil Ohrt, German consul-general for the Northwest, to turn over the affairs of his office to S. J. Wettlich, Swiss consul.

### UNCLE SAM HELPS BOOST OF PRICES

The Tacoma postal authorities announce that government envelopes have increased in price, and are now \$2.16 per hundred. The raise becomes effective at once, says Postmaster Stewart.

### STEAMER SUNK

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Feb. 6.—The British steamer Wartenfels was sunk today.

### APPROVE ADAMSON MILITARY DRAFT

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—The house interstate commerce committee today formally reported favorably the Adamson railway bill providing drafting of railway employees into military service in time of war and enlarging the board of mediation and conciliation to settle railway labor disputes.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD RALLY

Maj. C. O. Bates will tell the meaning of patriotism at the monthly rally meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday night. Robert Montgomery and Allen C. Mason will tell of the past, present and future of Tacoma.

### COUNTY RECEIVES FIRST 1916 TAXES

The first day for paying taxes at the county treasurer's office totaled \$38,187.90. Most of the money was paid in small amounts, some by person and some by mail.

### WHITE SLAVE BILL IS O. K.'D

(Special to The Times.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 6.—A state white slave measure, to supplement the federal Mann act, was reported out favorably today by the senate public morals committee. The bill would make it a felony to transport a woman from one part of the state to another for purposes of prostitution, to induce a woman to enter a house of ill fame, or to live from the earnings of a fallen woman. It would make it a misdemeanor to transport a woman from one part of the state to another for immoral purposes.

### GERMANY GRIPPED BY INTENSE COLD

(United Press Leased Wire.) BERLIN, via wireless, Feb. 6.—Germany has been in the grip of a severe cold wave, the official press bureau reports today. The Vistula has been frozen, the Rhine carries floating ice and these temperatures are reached: Koeln, 24 below zero; Instern, 52 below; Berlin, 17 below.

### SEATTLE GERMANS PROTEST ACTION

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—An appeal to United States Senators Poindexter and Jones and Representative William E. Humphrey has been made by the German-American alliance here today to oppose any war measures. The message read: "The slogan, 'He kept us out of war,' re-elected President Wilson. We pray to God he will, with your help, have earned his re-election by keeping us out of war."

### FRIENDS OF IRISH FREEDOM ACTIVE

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—Members of the Friends of Irish Freedom organization here have wired Chairman Stone, of the senate foreign relations committee, that "no conditions exist justifying the intervention of this nation in the prevailing European war."

### DEFENSE RESTS IN MOONEY CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The defense rested shortly before noon today in the trial of Thomas Mooney on charge of murder in connection with the preparedness parade dynamiting here. The state at once announced that it would introduce several witnesses in rebuttal.

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is entirely removed from every speculative venture. It is under state supervision, and will prudently manage your estate.

### WILL NOT SEND ALIENS HOME NOW

All alien deportations by sea will be stopped for the present, announces Immigration Inspector Fulton. Postmaster Stewart says mail for Germany would still be accepted as usual.

### JOHN D. WINS TAX SUIT OVER TAXES

(United Press Leased Wire.) CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—The United States circuit court of appeals decided today the treasurer of Cuyahoga county cannot collect taxes on \$111,000,000 worth of bonds and other property of John D. Rockefeller.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS  
Clearings ..... \$ 528,428.13  
Balance s. .... 76,053.18  
Transactions ..... 1,305,717.81

### Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you written a letter to the editor yet about anything.

We are waiting for the first report of a crocus.

We hereby sustain the findings of the jury in the latest breach of promise case, and would double the judgment if it would do any good.

EVIDENTLY MEANT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, TOO

Russia has always been in full sympathy with the broad, humanitarian principles expressed by the president of the United States. From the statement issued by the Russian foreign office.

What has become of the old-fashioned A-B-C powers?

We know now why Germany is fighting; we have it on no less an authority than Woodburn McDonald's Teutonic barber.

It is to bring about the independence of India and Ireland; that and nothing more, affirms this well-informed personage.

Marshal Kirkland and Gladys Groom were carried in Birmingham, Ala. Two bridegrooms in one wedding.

One of the best known champions of the freedom-of-the-seas idea was Capt. William Kidd.

Who is the longest-winded congressman is a debatable question, but there is no doubt that Senator Owen of Oklahoma is the longest-legged. The Associated Press dispatch concerning his recent accident mentions that "the front wheels of the machine passed over his right leg."