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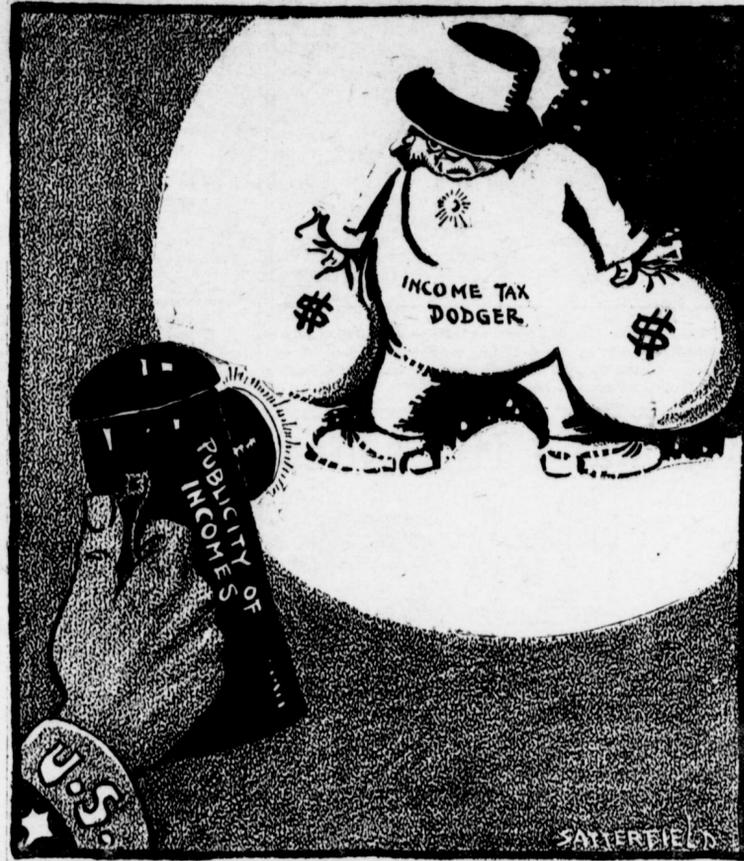
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NIGHT EDITION

WEATHER
Tacoma: Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight, with light frost.
Washington: Same, except near the coast.

Von Reventlow, red-hot German editor, declares Germany must have victory or the monarchy will cease to exist. In Von's place, we wouldn't rub this idea into our readers too strong.

LET THERE BE LIGHT



More than a year and a half ago The Times and its sister papers demonstrated that Uncle Sam is being robbed of \$300,000,000 a year through income tax dodging. Basil Manly, noted economic investigator, dug up the facts which showed this conclusively. The one remedy is PUBLICITY OF INCOME TAX RETURNS. With the certainty that income

tax rates are to be greatly increased, and with the growing need for federal revenue, the urge becomes much more acute. Publicity, and perhaps something far more stringent, too, ought to be meted out to the income tax dodger. In that connection read an article by Manly on page 2 today.

CONGRESS PLANS U.S. ARMY OF 2,000,000 MEN!

GERMAN NAVY SETS FORTH!

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PETROGRAD, April 23.—A German battleship and cruiser squadron has left Libau presumably to attempt an attack behind the Russian lines from the Baltic, according to official word from Riga today. It was reported also that another German warship squadron was en route to the Russian Baltic positions from Kiel.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, April 23.—A slow, steady smashing by British forces all the way from around Lens to around St. Quentin, brought prisoners running into four figures today.

Unofficial headquarters reports declared the towns of Guesnappe and Gavrelle had fallen into British hands. A vast quantity of booty is being captured all along the front.

RESUME SMASH.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, April 23.—Over a wide front on both sides of the river Scarpe, Field Marshal Haig early today resumed the British drive with a tremendously forceful attack. "We attacked at dawn this morning on both banks of the Scarpe and made satisfactory progress," he reported. South of the village of Trescault and at night gained the greater part of the Davincourt wood. London hailed Haig's report as indicative of resumption of the general British offensive. While there has been no abatement in the pressure around Lens and on the Cambrai-St. Quentin line during the past week, nevertheless it was felt here that the Franco-British strategic plans contemplated alternative smashes in force between the Haig and Nivelle armies. While the French army was making its terrific assault on the

Solsens-Auberive front, the British seized the time to consolidate the positions they won in the first smashing drive, and during the week have more or less confined their offensives to smashing drives suddenly executed at shattered points.

Now, however, according to military experts' belief, the British army has started its concerted, all-along-the-front offensive, forcing Hindenburg to concentrate his reserves in opposition and permitting the French in turn to consolidate their positions, bring up more guns and get a breathing spell. The thrust along the Scarpe was regarded as a new development in the allied offensive. Haig is now reaching out with powerful force toward Douai.

A drive in this direction is not only a menace at Douai, but it is part of the general enveloping scheme around Lens. GERMANS REPULSED
(United Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, April 23.—French troops fought back two violent German attacks in the vicinity of Moronvillers and Pont Haut in fierce fighting, the French official statement today asserted. Three German surprise attacks in the Woivre and the Vosges—evidently designed to create a diversion and relieve pressure of the great French offensive to the north—were likewise beaten back. Active artillery combat from south of St. Quentin to Rheims was reported.

MOVE UP CLOCK

Steal Another Hour of Daylight

BY THE EDITOR

Tacoma thus far has taken no step to save one of its greatest summertime assets. And this season of all seasons when we have the greatest need for it.

Our daylight! Why not resort to the simple expedient, beginning May 1, of setting our clocks one hour ahead?

Then we all would get up one hour earlier, go to work one hour earlier, get through work one hour earlier, and be home one hour earlier.

Dinner eaten, we then would have the same number of hours of leisure before bedtime as we have now—AND OUR WHOLE EVENING WOULD BE DAYLIGHT.

That means we would save light bills, save eyesight and, most important of all, we would have one hour extra to work in our gardens.

Multiply one hour by the number of people the change would effect in Tacoma, and that result by the number of days in the summer and you obtain an aggregate of time which is quite stupendous. That amount of labor expended in our backyards would spell POTATOES, PROSPERITY and PEP. Move the clocks up May 1, City Commissioners.

DRAFT ACTION SURE!

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—After finally disposing of the great war loan, house and senate shortly after noon today went into the final stages of the problem of raising an army of two million men for defense of the nation. It was the first day of debate in the house and the second day for the senate.

It was still believed today that both houses will take final action Thursday or Friday at the latest. The conscription feature, in some form at least, will pass both houses.

While house and senate debated, the Roosevelt angle—the colonel's plan to head a volunteer division to the French trenches—was vigorously injected into the situation.

Republicans Harding and Lodge are behind a well-laid campaign that has for its object granting permission for Ex-President Roosevelt to plant the American flag on the European battle line.

Senator Harding of Ohio started the Roosevelt fight by introducing an amendment to the administration bill, authorizing the president to raise by voluntary enlistment four infantry divisions—about 100,000 men. The amendment does not name Roosevelt, but means him.



Greetings, have you seen anybody building the tide-flats railway yet?

Another nice thing for the city council to buy Commissioner Atkins would be a Turkish rug for his front porch.

We are beginning to suspect that the Von Hin line is the line of least resistance we used to read about in our school days.

It is true that the Tribune editorially referred to George Eliot as "he" one day, but it took the Hearst-Pathe News to call "The Scarlet Letter." "Miss Hawthorne's pathetic novel."

Sister Susie's sowing spuds for soldiers!

Von Hin's line appears to be of the bee variety.

There were harrowing sights on every hand yesterday.

Is this ad of the Hupp Motor Co. designed as a knock or a boost? "Even if we would, we could not give our buyers less!"

Probably the rumor about the Kaiser being in Holland started from the fact that he is in Dutch.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to ask, "Are you a buffalo?"

TURKS BREAK WITH UNCLE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Turkey has broken relations with the United States, the state department was officially advised today by Minister Stovall at Bern.

Sensation!

Mooney Case Judge Practically Demands New Trial

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Superior Judge Franklin Griffin exploded a veritable bomb in court today when he declared his belief that Thomas J. Mooney should have a new trial on charge of complicity in the preparedness parade dynamiting. He stated for the bench that District Attorney Fickert should confess error and that if Fickert did not do so, the court himself would personally ask Attorney General Webb to do so. Judge Griffin, who presided at Mooney's trial, declared further that, after reading letters F. C. Oxman, star state witness against

Mooney, wrote to F. E. Rigall of Grayville, Ill., he was of the opinion that the jury which convicted Mooney should be reimpaneled and called into court and that Oxman should be forced to make some explanation of these letters to the 12 men.

Deputy District Attorney Cunha began an argument against granting the motion of Mooney's attorneys for a confession of error, but Judge Griffin interrupted him. "I don't want any technicalities," he said. "This is no time for technicalities. A man's liberty is at stake. I have stated that my position and it is the one way to serve justice."

Threatens Rossi With Breach of Promise Suit

(Special to The Times.)
SPOKANE, April 23.—A breach of promise suit against Herman J. Rossi, former mayor of Wallace, Idaho, is threatened by Mrs. Jean Fulton of Spokane, whose announcement of their engagement yesterday was quickly followed by Mr. Rossi's denial. Rossi was acquitted Oct. 14, last, on a murder charge for shooting, on June 30, Clarence Dahlquist, of Wallace, with whom his second wife, Mabel Price Rossi, was friendly. She obtained a divorce Dec. 1, 1916. Mrs. Fulton has been a resident of Spokane four years, obtained a divorce early in 1916. She met Rossi here last January and

according to her statement this afternoon, he has been paying her attention since then. "He always said he wanted our engagement kept secret because he had been involved in so much notoriety. But the talk about me and him got so bad that I decided that I was justified in denouncing our engagement," said she.

Denial of the report that he is engaged to marry Mrs. Jean Fulton, of Spokane, was made last night by Mr. Rossi. "There is not a vestige of truth to the report and I cannot imagine how it originated," said Mr. Rossi. "I am barely acquainted with Mrs. Fulton."

Election Called for Park Board

Arrangements were made at Monday's meeting of the Tacoma park board for the annual park election, to be held June 5. The term of Commissioner Frederick Heath expires in July. No nominations have yet been received.

Action!

GET action. That is Tacoma's demand in regard to the tideflats railway.

Surely among the city officials, county officials, T. R. & P. Co. steam railway, and Todd ship building forces—all directly concerned—there are brains enough to work out the details of extending a mile or so of car line.

THIS IS WAR-TIME. Get action.

BANK CLEARINGS

Clearings	527,685.90
Balances	47,442.54
Transactions	1,331,541.57

Vaterland's Roman Bath to Stable U. S. Army Mules

(Special to The Times.)
NEW YORK, April 23.—There is a possibility today that the Vaterland, the largest ship in the world, seized from Germany by the United States, will sail with the first detachment of American expeditionary troops for the battle line in France and with a consignment of mules stabled in the famous Roman Bath of the ship, which cost thousands of dollars to install.

There is also a possibility that the Amerika, the Kaiser Wilhelm II., the Grosser Kurfaest, the Frederick der Grosse and the rest of the 90 interned German vessels seized by the United States will soon sail for Europe with shells, food and supplies of all kinds for the allies.

It is now believed most of them can be placed in good shape within a few weeks and expert workmen are being recruited to fix them. If the German U-boats sink these vessels while they are being used by the United States government the liability of the government for payment to the owners would of course cease. The

PLANT PARKS

Now comes forward the Tacoma park board with a practical plan for helping fight the High Cost of Living! President W. N. Allen of the park commission announced Monday that arrangements had been made to plant 13 acres of city parks in potatoes, to be sold next fall to the people of Tacoma at actual cost. Approximately 10 acres at Point Defiance park, adjacent to the Nereides baths, where the park playfield will eventually be located, are to be seeded in potatoes as soon as the soil is dry enough.

There are 14 acres in this tract that have been plowed recently. The park board had planned to sow oats, to be used as feed for the park horses, but following President Wilson's food proclamation, it was agreed that potatoes would be a more suitable crop. Three acres in Alling park, at 58th street near South Tacoma, will also be planted in spuds. The park board will buy the seed this week. "If we can find any other spare ground in the parks, we will use it. The board does not believe that the emergency is great enough yet to warrant digging up lawns and flower gardens for replacing with vegetables, but we will even do that if the national food problem becomes sufficiently acute," said President Allen.

WAR BOND BILL REPORT ADOPTED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—The conference report on the \$7,000,000,000 war budget bond bill was adopted by the house shortly after noon today, the action—disposing of minor differences in the house and senate bills—being purely perfunctory.

Extension of Line Endorsed

Endorsing the petition of 500 South Tacomaans that the Jefferson ave. and Center street car line be extended to South Tacoma by way of the Edison boulevard, members of the city council Monday ordered the petition submitted to the T. R. & P. company. "That new line would accommodate thousands of persons in South Tacoma," said Commissioner Atkins.

SPUDS TO \$80

Potatoes took another jump Monday. Tacoma commission merchants announced that the continued scarcity had forced a raise of \$5 a ton. Spuds were selling at \$75 Saturday, but when the market opened Monday morning they were \$80. Further advances are anticipated this week.

LIGHTS OFF

A sudden rain and wind storm early Sunday evening caused a city light wire to break at 19th and J streets, short circuiting a second wire. Lights in the middle and western section of the city were out several minutes.

MAYOR FOR IT

Farmers can back their wagons against the curb of any street in Tacoma and sell produce without paying a cent for rent of the space. They can establish a war market wherever they select a suitable street, and the city will assist them.

This was Mayor Fawcett's announcement Monday, following The Times' suggestion that a war market be established, where producer and consumer could come in direct contact. The mayor expressed himself as eager to follow out President Wilson's suggestions regarding the cutting of food prices. "If farmers want to select some certain street and use it as a war market, the city will be only too glad to aid them. Of course, local vegetables and fruit are not on the market now, but the farmers can dispose of their eggs and butter this way."

"The public market on Market street was originally intended to be a meeting place for producer and consumer. But it has become really a private market, although the city holds possession of part of it. Now the owners are going to kick the city's booths out of the public market, and the city is only too anxious to return to the original plan. "Tell the farmers to bring their wagon loads of produce into the city. We'll help them establish a war market. And we'll cut the cost of living by it, too."

FALLS 35 FEET.

Arthur Sanders, 2413 Puget Sound ave., fell 35 feet from a scaffold at the Puget Sound Lumber company's mill Monday morning and escaped with no more than a broken leg.

This Boy Would Bribe His Creator

EDITOR THE TIMES—Sir: Austria wants peace. I read that Emperor Charles and Empress Zita recently took part in a solemn peace service in St. Stephen's church, Egid, where, in the midst of a sobbing congregation, the emperor lifted up his voice and prayed for the war to end. He began: "Almighty God— It is a concession when a Hohenzollern or a Hapsburg admits there is a sovereignty higher than his own. He prayed, I say, for peace, confessing the impotence of even his exalted clay to end the war—and mars his plea at the very end by holding out to God the promise of a bribe! "The ruler and people of Austria * * * promise to build a church dedicated to Our Lady * * * " Sir, are there whispers of graft in heaven? Does corruption extend to the very diadem? Can God be bribed? What children these royalties must be! Strange that people so intelligent, modern and progressive as the Germans and Austrians should in this day believe in that silly superstition which they call "the divine right of kings!"

This dull-witted, inbred, ignorant, superstitious and frightened boy, whom a great nation calls "emperor," prays in effect as follows: "Almighty God, I have started something which I cannot finish. I thought I could, but I can't. Help me out of the fix I'm in and I will make it worth Your while!" A bribe to the Great Neutral! A bribe to the Supreme Power who feels for his puny, erring, warring child on earth an infinite love and sorrow, to persuade Him to take sides in the conflict! Mr. Editor, it passes the finite mind to understand why the Infinite Patience is not exhausted. But I would be as silly as the Austrian emperor if I expected God to become a belligerent—and join us! There probably is no significance whatever in the fact that the cardinal who officiated at the peace service is named "Piffi." D. K. B. A gist of other good letters to the editor on page 8