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The Reason Why

Perhaps you've fumed and fussed because you've been barred from a doctor's office or a hospital operating room during an operation on some members of your family. You've resented this exclusion, maybe, as an unwarranted aspersion on your bravery or your ability to remain calm in a crisis.
The doctors probably are right, though. We read in the Houston Press of a wealthy man who dropped dead in the operating room while watching surgeons remove adenoids from his little son.
"There was nothing in the operation that could have caused the father undue excitement," doctors said. But he died.

The direct money loss of sickness to the workmen of the country figures out more than \$800,000,000 annually on the basis of 30,000,000 wage earners averaging \$2 a day wage.

Onions occur in Numbers XI, 5, as one of the good things of Egypt of which the Israelites regretted the loss. The onions of Egypt are much milder than those of this country.

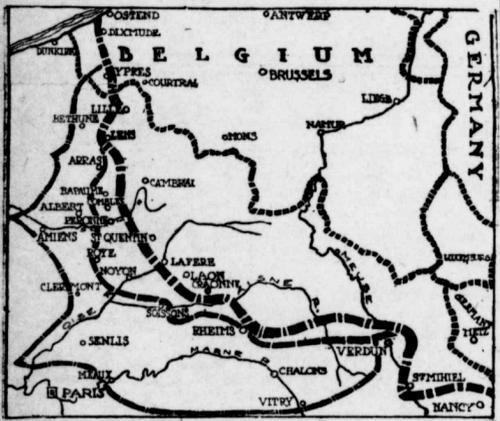
Hep! Hep! Hep!

These are good days to walk. When you're finished working in the garden, don't stagger into an easy chair. Throw back your shoulders, stick out your chest, and walk! Hike around the block, if you feel like hiking only that far; or take a longer walk into the country or through the park. Walk to work, if you have time; or walk from work. It's good for you. It'll put you in trim. And physical fitness is patriotic, these days.

As long as the armies of Europe trench the American people will have to retrench.—Boston Transcript.

There are many religions, but only one mortality.—Ruskin.

NEW VICTORY NEARLY AS GREAT AS MARNE



The first line in this map, near Paris, shows the furthest advance of German troops prior to the great French victory of the Marne. The second line shows the front to which the Germans retired, where fighting raged for two years. The third line shows the present defensive positions of the Germans, and shows that our allies' victories now begin to approach in extent the first great stroke of France.

Unlike many business concerns a bank has no bargains to offer—the services which we have to extend remain the same. We realize that our best advertisement must be our customers and friends, and are devoting this space to the encouragement and assistance of all movements which have for their object the promotion of the best interests of Tacoma.

This Is to Be "National Better Baby Week"

A Free Lecture has been arranged for this evening at 7:30. The lecture will be given by a prominent doctor of the city in the auditorium of the Shaw Supply Co., 1015 Pacific av.

The National Bank of Tacoma
"Tacoma's Oldest and Largest Bank."

The Outbursts of Everett True. BY CONDO.



THE MIND RAVES WHEN NOT IN CONTROL
"I branched off on to Flossie Smith, Margie," said Paula, "for whenever I think of my time in Washington, hers is the figure that stands out more than all the rest, perhaps because her personality was unique to me."
"But the person who interested both Alma and me most at this time was Tom Perry. Tom was one of the dearest men I ever met, and, drunk or sober, he was always kindly, always thoughtful, always a gentleman."
"He had one of the most brilliant minds I have ever encountered when it was not befuddled with whisky. At that time he was only 28, with all the world before him. He could write better and more pungent English than any newspaper man I have ever known. He loved his friends and enjoyed their society, and all his instincts were of the highest. But, when these spells came upon him periodically he would go away from everybody and just drink until he knew nothing—hardly that he was alive."
"One day Jeff got hold of him before he had begun his tramp to the lower levels. He was still at the Willard, although he was preparing to go out. Jeff told me afterward he had a lot of trouble getting him to stay in the hotel. He found Tom had a pile of letters and telegrams from his paper which he evidently had not read."
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"Jeff said that poor Tom went on in this pathetically ridiculous way until he got him full of bromide—and then he took him for a motor ride. After that he was very repentant."
"What will the girls think of me, Jeff?" he asked.
"They are like all other good women—they are ready to forget give almost anything in the man they love, provided they do not suspect that he loves anyone else."
"I'm not fit to love anyone, Jeff," said Tom, "let alone allowing anyone to love me. Why, Jeff, if I thought any woman cared for me I'd go and jump in the river."
"He looked at me so pathetically," said Jeff when he was telling me about it, "I thought perhaps a Jolt would do him some good."
"Well, Tom," Jeff said, "you had better do it right away, for you must know Alma loves you so well she is heartbroken at your drinking so much."
"Tom looked up quickly and then hung his head. 'Do you really think, Jeff, she could care for a poor stick like me?' he asked, and then he added more than half to himself, 'She would be a very foolish girl to do so. Why, Jeff, Alma Huntington is the only woman I know that has a man's brain and a woman's heart, which is too splendid a combination to waste upon me.'
"Don't you believe it, Jeff. She can't possibly care for me. Why, man, she has seen me drunk."
"Women have loved drunkards before," answered Jeff. "But they were not the kind of women that Alma Huntington is," was his answer.
"Why don't you brace up, stop drinking and ask her to marry you?"
"I can brace up—I can stop drinking any time I want to," he affirmed.
"Let's see you do it, then," said Jeff.
"Don't you think I can?" Well, I'll show you all I can and in the meantime you can all go to the devil."
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CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE

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TOMORROW Regent Theater

Home of the Big Shows
Hippodrome Vaudeville
7-Stellar Attractions-7
5-ARMENTES-5
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Bernice Sisters Concert Artists
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Howe & Howe Comedy "Mind Readers"
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Ray, Bruce & Fay in "THE WOP'S BUSY DAY"
Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "THE GREAT SECRET"
7th Chapter.
Sundays and Holidays Continuous, 1:30 to 11 p. m., 20c.

GRAVEL MAN RIDICULES UNIONS' CHARGE OF A TRUST IN TACOMA

George Scofield, head of the alleged Tacoma gravel trust, today came out in a vigorous statement ridiculing charges made by the building trades council and other union organizations.
He denied that the sand and gravel men are in a combine, denied that prices are high or profits extortionate, and wound up by offering his plant to the city at a lower cost than the city could build a new one, in the event that a municipal bunkers should be decided on, as urged by the labor men.
Hearing on Monday.
The matter is due to be threshed out Monday at a hearing called by the city council. I see by the papers that one Roy Harrison and a certain Mr. Parsons claim that there exists in the city of Tacoma a sand and gravel trust, and that the members thereof are making enormous profits out of the unholly business of selling sand and gravel in large and small quantities, as the case may be," said Scofield.
"Also notice that an ultimatum has been given that unless the city commissioners take the taxpayers' money, building free bunkers and smashing the sand and gravel trust, they, the city commissioners, themselves shall be smashed by the calling of a referendum election."
Why the Anxiety?
"Now let us look into this matter a little bit; let us inquire why all this sudden anxiety and concern about the price of a commodity that, as far as my knowledge goes, neither of the two fellows making the charges have ever handled, used, produced or purchased a dollar's worth."
"Let me enlighten you on the subject. The Pantages building, now being constructed, when bids for the sand and gravel and cement to be used were called for, Savage, Scofield Co. were the lowest bidders and secured the contract to furnish the same."
Pressure Brought.
"As soon as that fact became known there was considerable pressure brought to bear to have them unauthorize their men and sign up with the unions. That Savage, Scofield Co. could not see their way clear to do."
One day in the early stages of the game, Mr. Parsons of the trades council and Mr. William Dow of the teamers' union called on the writer and discussed with him the question of the Savage Scofield Co. having their men join the union and of them, themselves, signing up with the unions.
We told them we could not do that and gave our reasons; first, because we believed absolutely in the open shop policy, that during a period of 25 years our company had never hired a man because he was union nor had we discharged a man because he was union; neither had we hired a man because he was non-union nor discharged him because he was non-union.
What Parsons Said.
Second, that 95 per cent of the contractors in Tacoma were open shop men, and they were the men to whom we sold our materials and should the unions have trouble with any open shop men, our men being union, we would be barred from delivering materials and therefore out of business.
That business being poor, and prices low, we could not afford from a business standpoint to take those chances. Mr. Parsons made

reply as follows: 'Yes, we know prices are low; you should have better prices, and if you will come into the union we will help you get better prices.'
The Figures.
"Let us look into some of the statements they make. They say that sand and gravel can be delivered at the bunkers for 40 cents a cubic yard with 10 cents added for handling at the bunkers, making 50 cents a cubic yard at the bunkers, and that it is sold at a flat price of 75 cents, leaving the enormous profit of 25 cents a cubic yard, out of which there is to be paid taxes, interest on the investment, rents, insurance, office expenses, upkeep on bunkers and barges, power cost and miscellaneous expenses."
Amount Used.
"They also make the statement that there is 75,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel used during the year in Tacoma. If all their statements are as far from correct as the last one, I would suggest to the city commissioners or anyone else considering an investment in the sand and gravel business in Tacoma that they seek more reliable information. Savage, Scofield Co. sold more than 50 per cent of all the sand and gravel used in the city of Tacoma during the year 1916 and their total sales amounted to 17,627 cubic yards, and for the privilege of doing business in Tacoma we pay the Northern Pacific Railway Co. \$3,500 a year ground rent, build our own buildings and pay the city and county taxes on the grounds, buildings and bunkers, which for the year 1916 amounted to \$2,230.
"Another charge is that the so-called trust charges 25 cents a cubic yard for delivery. A cubic yard of gravel weighs 3,000 pounds, or one and one-half tons; a cartage charge of 25 cents per cubic yard means 16 2-3 cents per ton for delivery. Go to any truck company and ask to have a ton of material delivered anywhere you like and see what the charge will be.
Plant for Sale.
"Some four years ago the county, by the talk of high prices, was induced to open up a gravel pit and put in bunkers to furnish gravel for their own use, and to be able to make the contractors a cheap price, resulting according to the best information I have been able to obtain in a loss of \$14,000 of the taxpayers' money.
"In conclusion allow me to say, if, after investigation, the commissioners desire to go into the sand and gravel business, the plant and equipment of the Savage-Scofield Co. is for sale and will be offered them at a very much less price than it will cost to put in a new plant."

ANSWERS By CYNTHIA GREY

Address this department: Cynthia Grey, care The Times, Tacoma.
If a private reply is desired, enclose stamped envelope.
If you do not want letter published, say so and your wishes will be respected.
Miss Grey may be reached by telephone, Main 12, or may be seen personally at The Times office on Wednesdays only, 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Q.—We are two girls, 15 and 16. We are good looking and have nice clothes, and are attractive and our families are well known in town and we have good reputations.
We also have common sense and know enough to take care of ourselves and do not do anything foolish like you read about silly girls doing. We are not going to go jorjidding with some fellows, or anything like that; but here is an incident, not the only one of its kind, that we would like your advice about.
We were returning from the show one night about 9:30, and we passed two nice looking boys. They smiled and said "Hello," and we said "Hello." They started to walk with us. We just talked about common-sense subjects, and told them about the town, and when we reached home we said, "This is where we live; good bye." They said, "We are very glad to have met you, and we enjoyed your company. Good bye."
Now, Miss Grey, will you please tell me if there is anything wrong in this, and if so, what is it? E. AND A.
A.—"All's well that ends well," runs the old adage. But, girls, supposing your chance acquaintances hadn't turned out to be perfect gentlemen? Do you think you would then have written as you did? None of us are such perfect judges of human nature that we may "size up" a person in a fleeting glance. I repeat, as I have many times before, that girls, especially young ones, who permit strange young men to escort them after dark not only cheapen their womanhood, but place it in actual danger of being destroyed. Don't do it, girls. The risk is too great.
Q.—Will you kindly publish in your paper what color is correct to use for Mother's Day? Is it white? M. E.
A.—A white carnation is the symbol of Mother's Day.
Q.—Is it possible for one person to have such a power over another that he can make him do whatever he wishes? REAH.
A.—Every person is influenced more or less by every other person with whom he comes in contact. When a person follows exclusively the advice of one associate he is apt to find it difficult to extricate himself. From habit he yields more and more, until at last he seems to have almost no will of his own. It is not wise to get into this position. One should act for himself, even though he make occasional mistakes. The will and the judgment grow by use and exercise.
Q.—Our little boy is a year and a half old. We wish to study some books which will guide us in training his mind. Something in regard to the selection of toys and their effect on the child. Can you suggest such a book? PARENTS.
A.—The books of Mme. Montessori are along just that line. You will find them suggestive of many helpful ideas in the training of your child. The works of Froebel, founder of the kindergarten system, also will interest you.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING

No complimentary concert in the history of Tacoma has attracted as much interest as the one planned for Tuesday night in honor of Prof. Olof Bull, well known Tacoma musician.
A group of artists known throughout the west as the very best talent to be obtained, has offered its services for the recital. Prof. Bull has recovered sufficiently from his recent accident to attend the Tacoma theater, and he will occupy a prominent box on the evening of the concert.
Tacoma music lovers and business houses have contributed enthusiastically to the financial side of the concert.
Among those included on the program are the Orpheus club, William R. Hedley, George Kirkner, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. MacDonald Fahy, Mrs. T. V. Tyler, Ladies' Musical club, Miss Agnes Lyon, Miss Stella Riehl, Frederick Wallis, Fritz Kloepper, Miss Leona McQueen, St. Cecilia club, Claude Madden and Per Olsson.
The annual election of officers for the Association of Collegiate Alumnae will be held next Saturday afternoon at the Woman's club house. A luncheon will precede the election. Those desiring to attend the luncheon please notify Mrs. Eugene White, 4318 North Cheyenne st., by card.
The Ladies' auxiliary to the Railroad Conductors will give a card party in the Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday afternoon.
Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe will be the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Logan P. T. A. next Thursday afternoon. Rachel Van Valen will sing "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground."
A shirt waist dance will be given Friday evening at Sloan's academy. Prof. Sloan expects to open up his pavilion on the north side of American lake the first of June.
An important meeting of the Knights of Pythias is to be held Monday night. The lodge recently voted to have a float in the parade the Fourth of July. A special session of the grand lodge of Washington has been called for May 14 in Spokane.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnston received a telegram this week from their son, W. L. Johnston, announcing his marriage last Wednesday evening to Miss Lydia Finnell of Juliettown, N. J. The wedding took place in Mount Holy, N. J. Mr. Johnston was formerly a prominent electrical contractor of Tacoma.
The marriage of Miss Nell Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall, and Robert E. Weaver, son

OHIO CITY CLAIMS THE RECORD AS MOTHER OF NOTED ENTERTAINERS



MARILYN MILLER.
(Special to The Times.)
FINDLAY, O., May 1.—This city claims the record for producing entertainers in theatricals and athletics.
Marie Dressler, Elizabeth Eric, comedienne, and Marilyn Miller, dancer, are its daughters; Tell Taylor, song writer; Johnny and Lester Reiff, jockeys, and other athletes its sons.
Others born in Findlay: Ray H. Arrowood, who won the first Indianapolis speedway event; Grant Johnson, Cuban Giant ballplayer; Tiantia, famous toe dancer of the '90's; the late Jack Carner; Cora Nielson, actress; the late Will A. Willett, baritone, who gave Geraldine Farrar her first music lessons; Clarence L. Preston, playwright, and many others.
Marilyn Miller, who stars as an Oriental dancer in the New York "Show of Wonders," is the daughter of Guy Miller, a Findlay letter carrier.
Marie Dressler is known to Findlayites as Leola Kerber, daughter of the late Prof. Kerber, a music teacher. Bessie Shaler is the name by which Elizabeth Brice is known.

FIND STOLEN SUGAR, FLOUR

After a search that lasted day and night for four days, Detective Huckaba and Special Officer Braund late Friday night found in a barn at 2525 G street the 40 sacks of flour and 17 sacks of sugar stolen by automobiles burglars this week. The flour had been stolen from Peterson Bros. warehouse and sugar from Ducommun's grocery, 27th and Yakima.
Police are still holding Floyd Dukette, charged with participation in the crime. Search is also being made for two other Center street youths, said to be implicated.
The barn was empty, and owned by a man in Puyallup, who had no knowledge that it was being used as a hiding place for stolen goods.

CHUMS LEAVE U. FOR WAR SERVICE

After having chummed together for years, John Bibb, Fred Gilbert and Marshall Hunt all have left the University of Washington to go into some branch of the U. S. military service. Hunt is on his way east to join the signal corps, and Bibb and Gilbert are both on their way to Omaha to join the aviation school.

To Consume Less and to Save More

is a duty we owe ourselves and our country in war time.

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