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CARMEN DEMAND 8-HOUR DAY

WHY?

Miss Abbott Interviews Man Who Lost Two Hands, and Can See No Answer

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"WHY?"

The question strikes me in the face like a blow, when I try to write this story.

Not, however, because Samuel B. Hunter, the man who lost both hands last Fourth of July by the explosion of a bomb, asked it, when I dropped in to his room in the Tacoma General hospital to see how he was getting along.

He didn't ask it, nor imply it.

He said simply, "I'm getting along all right. It might have been worse. The bomb might have killed the boys, or blinded me. If I were blind, or totally deaf, I couldn't work; but with the kind of artificial hands they know how to make now, I'll be able to manage."

If there was, as there must have been, a "Why?" in his heart, it did not get to his lips; but his face was grim.

"I'm not going to stop," he said. "I'm going on working."

Just a week ago today, Hunter was enjoying his Fourth of July holiday with his family at 3802 Cheyenne street. He was a foreman machinist at the Tacoma smelter—a job that requires both head and hands.

How Accident Happened

In the evening, they went to the Stadium. "I never did believe much in fireworks," said Hunter yesterday, "but we had some friends visiting us and we wanted to show them a good time." They stayed thru the celebration; and then Hunter picked up the baby, and with the twin boys skimming ahead of them, they made their way out. As they crossed the Stadium, the sharp eyes of the twins spied a bomb, evidently not exploded.

A boy could no more leave an unexploded bomb than you or I could leave a diamond.

They picked up the innocent-looking menace and carried it home. It would have killed one or both of them, probably, if it had gone off in their hands.

Arrived at home, they deafened Hunter with their entreaties to fire the bomb. And he, remembering his own boyhood, when a bomb in his own front yard would have been a soul-satisfying climax to a great day, shooed them to a safe distance, and touched a match to the fuse. The fuse, he says, was about eight inches long and, to all appearances, in good working order.

Takes Optimistic View

Nothing wrong about all that, was there? Nothing even foolish? Nothing for which punishment should follow? Hunter had earned the right to his holiday. He had shared his enjoyment with his family and friends. He was giving his boys a last bit of fun, with due caution.

But the next moment he was a cripple for life; handicapped so long as he shall live; and with not only his own future, but that of his family, made inevitably harder.

He lay in his cot at the hospital yesterday, with both hands gone at the wrist, and spoke bravely of what he will do.

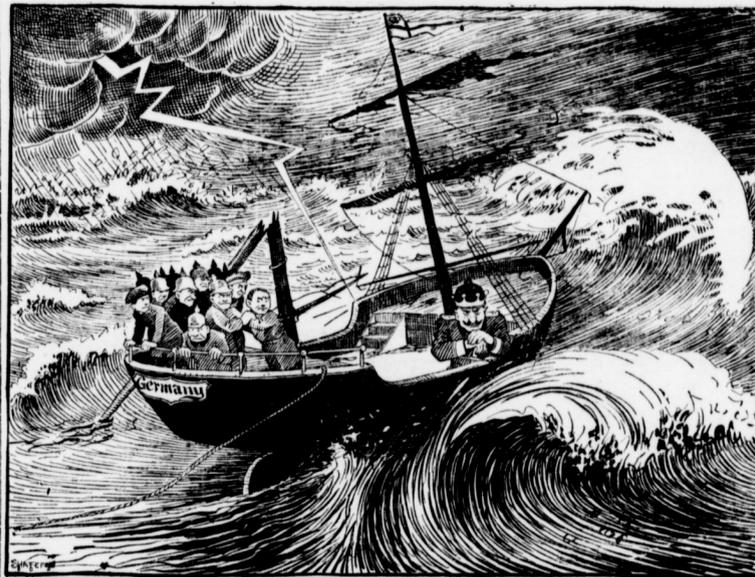
"My work was that of foreman," he said, "bossing the job, you know; so I can go with it all right. Since the war, they tell me, they've learned to make hands for crippled soldiers that are pretty near as good as the real thing. I've seen a man myself, operating a typewriter with an artificial hand; and they say they make 'em so you can pick up a pin off the floor, and pretty near feel the difference between a nickel and a dime in your pants pocket.

"Oh, I'll get along all right."

I think he will, with a grit like his.

But why—why—WHY should he have to?

A Jonah On Board



STEAMER AGROUND AT POINT

Workmen Wednesday are attempting to patch up the small steamer Wakana which ran ashore high and dry at Browns point shortly after midnight on her way to Tacoma from Powell river.

The cargo, including 400 tons of print paper and 600 sacks of peanuts, is being taken off. Scows will be used to float her.

The Wakana is a Portland steamer, but has been in the Puget Sound trade. She is operated by the Border Line Transportation Co.

Asks News Of Brother

The 29-year-old brother of Miss E. Albrecht, pretty Milwaukee girl, is lost. Will someone please help her find him?

The girl arriving in Tacoma yesterday, searching for William Albrecht, her brother, whom she hasn't seen for 11 years.

"When I find him I want to take him back to Milwaukee to surprise my father and mother," she says.

"I have come all the way to Tacoma to find him, and I won't give up the search until I can give the folks back home a surprise.

"When arrived in the state I found I had missed him by only a few days. I learned that he had been working in the Page Lumber camp at Lake George. Then I found he had left there July 4. Now I don't know where he has gone."

She described her brother as a man of heavy build, about six feet tall and dark.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS Clearings \$ 461,376.00 Balances 47,855.68 Transactions 1,364,753.78

You'll enjoy reading Pickwick Papers again.

Kaiser Will Form Coalition Cabinet

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Official warning was given here today that the American public must not regard the German situation as offering any great hope at the present time.

Plan Many Changes

(United Press Leased Wire.) AMSTERDAM, July 11.—The German government was reported today to have agreed to retire five of the Prussian state ministers in addition to Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, Vice Chancellor Hefferich and Colonial Secretary Solf, in a compromise with the centrist-socialist reformers.

EDWARDS HOME BUT MRS. BATES REFUSES

Denial that they went to St. Louis together was made by Glen W. Edwards, Tacoma importer, and Mrs. Mabel Bates, divorced wife of E. T. Bates, when arrested in St. Louis, according to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Selden, who arrived in Tacoma with Edwards late Tuesday night.

Edwards is at liberty under \$500 bonds to answer a grand larceny charge brought at the instigation of the Puget Sound Bank & Trust Co. He is alleged to have diverted funds from the sale of mortgaged drugs to his own use.

Mrs. Bates, who was arrested with Edwards as a fugitive in St. Louis was dismissed after the arrival there of her husband and Prosecutor Selden. The charges against her have been dismissed.

No charges against the couple were brought by Bates, who when he left Tacoma threatened pro-

GOEBEN HIT BY BOMBS

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, July 11.—Direct hits on the Turkish-German cruiser Goeben were made in an aerial attack against the Turco-German fleet in the Golden Horn, according to an admiralty announcement today.

The attacking squadron of aeroplanes suffered no losses. Direct hits were observed against other ships, and big explosions resulted, the admiralty continued.

"The enemy was completely surprised," the statement said. "Our attack was from a height of 800 feet."

The Golden Horn is a narrow inlet of the Bosphorus separating the main part of Constantinople from Galata and Pera. The air raid thus must have brought the British naval flyers over the city of Constantinople itself.

The admiralty statement does not mention from what point the British flyers started their raid, but was probably from some British war vessel anchored in the Aegean sea.

The seaplanes must, therefore, have traveled at least 300 miles in the air over the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmosa to have accomplished their feat—150 miles in each direction.

The cruiser Goeben figured largely in the news early in the war. She was in the Mediterranean when war was declared and after escaping from an Italian port, was reported to have been sold to Turkey by Germany.

On Sept. 7, 1914, however, the Goeben was in an engagement in the Mediterranean flying the German colors.

A month later when it was reported she had been very heavily damaged, in this fight, she was sold to Turkey and her name changed to the Sultan Jawal Selim. She has been in port ever since.

BIG NEWS FOR YOU SHRIMPS

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—By five radical changes in the height requirements for the draft army, the war department has made thousands of additional men liable to military service.

Following recommendations made by the surgeon general's office, the war department clipped off three inches from the old minimum height requirement—five feet, four inches—and added six inches to the maximum—formerly six feet.

This action will bring thousands of "bantams" into the army, otherwise subject to exemption on account of height—also some giants. At noon today 20 states had wired Provost Marshal General Crowder that every local board was organized and ready for the draft.

OFFICERS GET SALARY RAISE

In order to perfect a proper wage scale in the police department, the city council Wednesday granted Detective Capt. Strickland an increase from \$115 to \$125 a month, and Police Captains Cornish and Kincaid increases from \$110 to \$120 a month.

T.R. & P. Employees to Insist That Union Be Recognized and Pay Be Increased.

Unless the Tacoma Railway & Electric Co. reinstates 10 motormen and conductors who have been discharged during the past fortnight for activity in organizing a union, and unless a new schedule of wages, granting higher pay in all departments, is adopted, a general strike of all street car employees will be called.

This was the vote of 207 employees Tuesday night. Of the total of 224 employees, excepting office workers, only 17 failed to attend two organization meetings held in labor headquarters, K. & P. hall, according to employees.

To See Bean. A committee headed by Ralph Stroud, conductor on the cable line, and one of the men discharged for helping organize a union, was appointed to confer with Manager Bean Tuesday and make formal demands.

The committee had not seen Bean Tuesday forenoon, and the traction manager refused to discuss the strike threats until he had official knowledge of the demands.

All of the 207 employees were unionized Tuesday. Motormen and conductors took the oath of affiliation with the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America.

Organizer Present. Organizer McMorrow of Detroit, who assisted in organizing Seattle street car men recently, addressed the meetings, as did Conductor Wallace of the Seattle street cars.

70,000 IS TACOMA FIGURE!

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—With a population of 6,504,185, New York city leads its nearest competitor, Chicago, by nearly 3,000,000 people, according to a census estimate just completed by the government.

It is virtually the first federal estimate for seven years, and was made necessary by the draft law. New York, by the figures, is shown to have grown 1,737,302 since 1910.

Tacoma is credited with 70,000, Seattle with 275,290, Spokane 88,251, and Portland 204,592.

The total population of the United States is estimated at 103,849,684.

PASS EXAMS IN FINE WAY

Five out of seven of the applicants who were examined Wednesday morning for enlistment in the new naval militia division under Ensign Ray Roubush passed the physical test with flying colors and were enlisted.

The examination was conducted by Assistant Surgeon E. P. Cook of the Puget Sound navy yard, who arrived in Tacoma at 10:30 Wednesday morning.

He said the boys who passed made an excellent showing. They were: Thomas B. Shoemaker, George R. Mason, Harold S. Hammerlin, Max M. DuBois and Daniel Ostland.

Ten or 15 more young men were expected to be examined Wednesday afternoon.



TALK O' THE TIMES

Greetings, have you a tricolor in your home? Remember, Saturday is the French Fourth of July.

Squad right — MARCH. Hee, hee, hee! Squad — FACE. Halt. Right — FACE. Hand Left — SALUTE. (All of this just to show you that we're military, too.)

Ex-Czar Nick's cooks not even have struck, but have sued him. Poor Nick. He'll be washing the dishes yet.

A certain Tacoman had emptied his pockets for the Tacoma General hospital. He started home with what he thought was a lone car ticket.

Other hospital solicitors stopped him, demanding a donation. "I haven't a cent," he replied. "Search me."

So they did, and found a forgotten \$2.

Even Old King Coal's throne is tottering.

A Red Cross woman in Chicago demands that the police spend their spare time knitting. Everybody picks up a policeman.

Barbers are talking of conserving the egg supply by not giving any more egg shampoos. Is it possible that the eggs used by barbers could be eaten?

Budapest suffragets have been marching and smashing windows. What is there about a window that so infuriates the European suff?