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# Shipyard Burns; \$2,000,000 Damage BOYS OF 18 IN DRIVE

## LARGEST B.C. YARD BIG LOSS

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
VANCOUVER, B. C., May 15.—Coughlan's ship yard, the largest shipbuilding industry in British Columbia, was swept by fire starting at 2 o'clock this morning. The loss will run from a million and a half to two million dollars. One fireman, Duncan Cameron, was crushed by a falling wall and instantly killed. Two 8,000-ton steel steamers were on the ways. The War Charger, nearly completed, was not seriously damaged. The War Chariot, on which work amounting to nearly a million had been done, will be almost a complete loss. The ways burned away the foundations and she fell into the mud where blazing cranes and gantries and other heavy timbers fell on top of her and completed the ruin. Boiler shops which contained machinery for the steamer Alaska and all the fittings of the moulding department of the place were destroyed. The fire was under control at 5 o'clock. The blaze started in the boiler room and was almost out when an acetylene tank exploded and the flames then spread rapidly.

## SEATTLE MAY BUY CARLINES

(Special to The Times.)  
SEATTLE, May 15.—The possibility that the city may purchase the lines of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co. and operate them as a part of the municipal street car system, was suggested by Councilman E. H. Thompson during the discussion of the company's franchise obligations before the joint committees on franchise and judiciary yesterday afternoon. Councilman Thompson asked President A. W. Leonard, of the company, for an expression of his views on this question, and the head of the traction company requested the councilman to put his request in writing in order that he might know just what was wanted. Mr. Thompson agreed to do so.

## TO PUT HOTEL MEN ON GRID

(Special to The Times.)  
SEATTLE, May 15.—Hotel and lodging house keepers of Seattle—approximately 700 of them—will be assembled in the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club rooms in the Arctic building, May 24, for the purpose of being told by city and federal authorities just what steps they must take to rid the city of vice and bootlegging or face the proposition of a licensing system which will place the hotel business under the strict supervision of the police department.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Balmy Ben-ny's idea of a real champ: One who can dodge the snails and angle worms on the sidewalk while sprinting to connect with rear-end standing room on one of Louis' Bean boxes. Tonight and Thursday showers.

## New Form Unwritten Law Set Up

(Special to The Times)  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—A new unwritten law has taken its place beside the ancient one of preserving the home inviolate. It sets up the right of a married woman to bear children as a sacred privilege. Asserted by Mrs. Irene Fuselli of San Francisco in the murder of her husband, it has been upheld by a mixed jury in one of the speediest acquittals on record. "Maternity, with the sanction of the laws of God and man, is every woman's inviolable birthright," was the plea which set 21-year-old Mrs. Fuselli free. She chose the right to motherhood, tho it meant slaying her husband.

Already the mother of a four-year-old boy, Mrs. Fuselli had been warned by her husband that she should bear him no more children. He had emphasized his unnatural prohibition with threats of bodily injury and even of death. But her love of children overwhelmed her fear of mate. The call of birthright was so strong to be denied, and the day came when the girl-wife with mingled joy and trepidation announced to her husband the fateful secret. "It threw him into a rage," she explained, in placing her fate with the men and women on the jury, "and he made preparations to carry out his death threats if I did not obey a criminal command."

Tearfully, frantically, but resolutely she weighed the dread alternatives—and made her choice.

And the jury upheld her unwritten law. "We argued all night," she said on the witness stand. "He would not yield. He told me that he wanted no more children and would see to it that he didn't have any more."

"As a matter of fact, he didn't want my first child. "When I broke the news to him that I was again to become a mother, he acted like a wild man. He flourished a revolver, declaring that he would shoot me unless I did as he wished. I managed to steal the weapon from under his pillow and hid it. He raved again and went out into the yard and brought an axe into the house, laying it on a chair. "Then he repeated his threats, giving me the alternative of obeying him or being murdered. In my terror, I went to the laundry bag, where I had hidden the revolver, took it out and shot him. "There was always the disagreement between us. I loved children and believed that, as a wife, I had the right to be a mother, too. "Up on Telegraph Hill, where we lived, in the heart of the Italian colony, other women around me were raising families—large ones. My heart was hungry for little ones of my own. I needed them to give me the affection which my husband denied me. To be refused the right to bear children was too great an injustice. When threatened with death if I insisted on that right, I shot him."

## PAT TEBEAU IS A SUICIDE

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
ST. LOUIS, May 15.—Oliver ("Pat") Tebeau, one-time manager of the Cleveland Spiders and later the St. Louis Cardinals, was found dead in his saloon here today, with a bullet wound in his temple. Tebeau's body was sitting upright, his head leaning against a safe. A revolver was found tied to his right wrist with a string.

## COMMENCE AERO MAIL CARRYING

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15. (United Press Lensed Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—Nineteen letters and packages sent to President Wilson via the first aeropost delivery from New York arrived at the White House this afternoon.

Among them was a letter from the Aero club of America, newspapers, a box of flowers and a book.

A broken propeller blade, forcing Lieut. Geo. L. Boyle to land on the state road near Waldorf, Md., 25 miles from here, interrupted the initial aeropost delivery of mail from Washington to Philadelphia and New York today.

When word of Lieut. Boyle's mishap reached here, Lieut. Paul Culver loaded the bags of mail into his machine and set out for New York.

He left at 2:20 and said just before he left that he would reach Belmont park in less than one hour—or ahead of schedule time. Cheered by a great throng, including President and Mrs. Wilson, Postmaster General Bursleson and K. Kambara, postmaster general of Japan, Boyle's flight was started at 11:47 o'clock.

## NEW YORKERS SEE SERVICE STARTED

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
NEW YORK, May 15.—An army biplane, carrying mail for Philadelphia and Washington, got away from Belmont park shortly after 11:30 a. m. today on the first flight of the New York-Philadelphia-Washington airplane service.

The plane, carrying 182 pieces of mail for Philadelphia and 460 pieces for Washington, weighing in all 44 pounds, was driven by Lieut. Torry H. Webb, age 25, of Gazette, Cal. The big biplane was out of sight 10 minutes after leaving the ground. The flight started at the place where the first international aviation meet opened eight years ago. The proceedings were in charge of the signal corps.

## PILOTS CHANGED AT PHILADELPHIA

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—Lieut. Webb landed at Bustleton, near here, with the first aerial mail delivery from New York at 1 o'clock. He was received by a committee representing the city, state and nation, and was presented a wrist watch. Second Lieut. J. C. Edgerton relieved Lieut. Webb at the wheel to pilot the machine on the 140-mile trip to Washington.

## Killed Husband in Defense of Her Right to Maternity



Mrs. Irene Fuselli and her 4 year old son.

## WATERFRONT BADLY GUARDED, SAYS RYAN

Gross carelessness in the protection of Tacoma's waterfront properties, and especially with regard to stored food products, is charged by George E. Ryan of Seattle, state director of food production and protection, in a statement made Wednesday to The Times.

"I am anxious to bring to the attention of the citizens of Tacoma, the fact that the waterfront is inadequately protected.

"We have had our conservation inspectors here for several days to examine and report on conditions pertaining to fire prevention, with special reference to vital food products.

"The report of the inspectors is anything but complimentary to those charged with the protection of food products.

"The inspectors found that most anyone can gain access to the warehouses without being questioned. The inspectors asked one of the guards why this was permitted and he replied, 'Oh, we do not permit suspicious looking people to pass.' "Smoking Common. "The person who is most likely to cause trouble is not of that type.

## LIKED CAPTAIN'S LOOKS, HENCE THE COMPLIMENT

Capt. George R. Hellener, of Camp Lewis, is one of your big, handsome, immaculately attired officers. The inspectors asked one of the guards why this was permitted and he replied, 'Oh, we do not permit suspicious looking people to pass.' "Smoking Common. "The person who is most likely to cause trouble is not of that type.

"Pretty fine," replied the officer. "Are you," asked the tad, surveying the captain's six-foot-plus of altitude, his well polished leather leggings and the music roll with interested approval; "are you the delivery boy from Sherman-Clay's?"

## FIGHTS IT OUT WITH CONGRESS

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—President Wilson today notified congress; he would regard passage of the Chamberlain resolution empowering the senate military affairs committee to investigate every phase of the war department "as a direct vote of lack of confidence" in him and an attempt to take the conduct of the war out of his hands.

President Wilson expressed his views in a letter to Senator Martin, Virginia, democratic leader. Martin read the letter to a hastily summoned conference of democratic leaders and it was later presented by Senator Thompson to the senate committee on audit and control, which met today to act on the Chamberlain resolution.

The executive functions are defined by the constitution, the president wrote, and the country knows where the responsibility lies and the responsible ones can be held to their duty.

"The supporters of the administration should vote against the resolution," he added. "These are serious times and it is absolutely necessary that the lines should be closely drawn between friends and enemies."

The president's demand for a showdown clearly indicates that he plans to fight out with congress now the question of further attempts by the legislative branch of the government to have more of a hand in the direction of the war.

## Chaplin Denies Having Women Front for Him

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 15.—Vehement denial of the report that Charlie Chaplin has circulated petitions among the women's clubs of the nation to win exemption from war service was made by the comedian today, with a statement that suit for damages might be filed against the film magazine printing the story.

Chaplin was placed in class five, owing to his British citizenship.

## TURN YOUR COUPON TO WAR STAMP

Turn your second Liberty bond interest coupons in for War Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates. Don't cash the coupons and spend the change.

This was the advice of Ralph Stacy, Liberty loan chairman for this district, Wednesday, the day fixed by the government for paying the semi-annual interest on the 4 per cent second loan bonds.

The coupons were being cut and cashed not only in Tacoma but throughout the nation Wednesday.

Tacoma subscribed \$4,600,000 in the second Liberty loan, which means that Uncle Sam today stands ready to pay out \$92,000 in interest to Tacoma bondholder alone.

At the same time Tacoma is \$624,000 behind its quota for Thrift Stamps.

"Today there is a chance to cut that shortage down by \$92,000 if every bondholder will convert his interest coupon into war stamps," said Stacy.

And it can be done without taking a cent out of your pocket.

## Kaiser to Make Big Final Try

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS  
United Press Staff Correspondent.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, May 15.—There is little doubt that Germany has embarked on her last great adventure, in which every man, boy, horse and machine will be used in a desperate endeavor to gain a favorable decision during the present fighting.

The German drafts are re-fitting divisions which are about half composed of returned wounded and recruits. The latter include some boys of 18. Few if any of youths of this age were in the line at the beginning of the offensive, when Hindenburg depended largely on the class of 1918 which fought with great impetuosity but lacked the stamina to win a victory.

A captured non-commissioned officer of the 62nd infantry declares that regiment lost 50 per cent of its personnel around Meteren (on the Flanders front). Its casualties included nine company commanders.

Another prisoner says his battalion lost between 60 and 70 per cent of its effectives.

A prisoner belonging to the 112th regiment says certain battalions lost 40 to 60 per cent.

## TACOMA RED CROSS DOLLARS AT WORK

By Edgar C. Wheeler  
The money you subscribe to the Red Cross does not go to pay these women for their labor. They are giving their services day after day, gladly, freely.

All we are asked to do is to provide them material to work with. Our job is simple, easy, compared with theirs.

Our dollars are working at the front right in Tacoma, and we can see them work in the hands of heroic Tacoma women.

## TALK O' THE TIMES

The Red Cross is not remote! It is a living, practical, close-at-hand working thing, doing enormous war service right in our midst.

The privates and officers of its army are on our streets every day, just as the khaki-clad soldiers of Uncle Sam.

Doing Heroic Service. You cannot see the firing line. You cannot see the guns in action nor the battle equipment obtained thru the money you have loaned the government.

But you can see the Red Cross in action, doing battle work, right in Tacoma. If you visit the headquarters in the federal building, there you may see brave Tacoma women, working busily all day long. Time means lives save. They work swiftly.

There you may see women lifting heavy packing boxes. You may see them pushing heavy baggage trucks. You may see them at machines and at tables, cutting and sewing thousands of surgical dressings and garments that may save the lives of American men in France.

Accomplish Great Task. The big room that once was used for a court is full of women, working. They work silently, steadily.

The shelves are piled high with rolls of cloth. At a far table a Tacoma woman is at an electric machine, cutting patterns from the cloth—a hundred pieces at a time.

These women are turning out 14,560 garments a month for the American fighters. They are handling 22,135 yards of goods for these garments.

In addition they are making hundreds of knitted garments, and thousands of surgical dressings. It is hard, tiresome work.

More states have passed bills to force loafers to go to work. We know two states that will never have such a law; California and Florida. MAYBE The income tax payable this June will yield three times as much money as the government expected; so probably there will be no income tax next year and the year after.