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NATION'S WEAKNESS IN POSSIBLE WAR EXPOSED COMET STRUCK—SPACE—AND WENT DASHING BY

COMEDY AND TRAGEDY RESULTED "HERE BELOW"

Children, and Many Grown-Ups, Too, Were Frightened--Incidents of the Day.

"Say, mama, do you want to know how to get to heaven?"
This from a 5 year old girl in Manito yesterday afternoon.
"Why, yes, dear. Tell me."
"Climb up on the comet's tail, and keep right on climbing until you are out of sight."
Pretty good for a youngster.

While millions of people slept, and while some few thousand trembled in abject fear, this old revolving ball of ours plunged headlong into the tail of Halley's comet last night. For five hours the wonderful trip lasted. Then the earth plunged out into free space again, and the comet's tail went frisking away into the limitless void itself.

Forty-five miles of atmosphere was too much for the tail. It couldn't penetrate, and so a summer zephyr was a hurricane in comparison to the sweep of the comet gales.

The day was full of humor for Spokanites who feared not the comet. They watched the antics of those who did fear, read about others who feared, and enjoyed themselves hugely.

On a Liberty park car last evening two men were observed industriously reading a bible. They evidently were utilizing every precious minute to prepare themselves for heaven before the night was over. Press reporters called up a number of city schools over the telephone this morning. All of them reported that, while there were a number of students absent yesterday,

was on account of the comet. Said one principal: "No, nobody fainted or went into hysterics. The children talked and laughed and joked about the comet a good deal, but none of them seemed to be the least bit afraid."

One little girl out in Lidgerwood was discovered who did not dare go to school, because she thought she would rather be with her mother when the comet struck. Two girls in Rockford were afraid to go to the theater last night, because they rather preferred they did not know if it

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"THEN IT HAPPENED"

(Our Daily Disconnected Story.)



Lem Limberleg, aspirant for the Marathon honors, had left all his competitors behind and the goal was in sight.
"Another spurt," he said, "and the laurels is mine."
Lem was some runner, but he was no grammarian.
Exultingly he leaped a hedge, not seeing the bear trap carelessly left there, and—

THE END.

IT CAUSED NO WEATHER CHANGE

PORTLAND, May 19.—"As far as we could ascertain, the passage of Halley's comet last night did not affect meteorological conditions in the least," said Edgar A. Beals of the United States weather bureau today.

"During the time when the comet's tail enveloped the earth we had men on duty watching for changes in the weather, as might have occurred. But nothing happened out of the ordinary.
"It is cloudy today over Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and cooler, but this change in the weather can be ascribed only to the usual changes in atmospheric conditions and not to the comet."

HAVE YOU MET THIS OLD REPROBATE YET?



"AN WHATS THE USE WORKIN' A PERTY DAY LIKE THIS! GIT ON SOME OLD RAGS BRING YER FISHIN' TACKLE AN' COME OUT IN THE COUNTRY! WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT YER OLD JOB! YOU NEED A REST! COME ON OUT WHERE YEH DONT HEAR THE GRIND OF BUSINESS! OUT UNDER THE TREES WHERE YEH KIN LAY AROUND AN' REST!"

HE ALWAYS THERE WITH THE GRAD HAND, AND HE STAYS WITH YOU LIKE A BAD DREAM.

WHOLE POLICE MATTER APPEARS QERY QUEER

Records Were Removed, and Then Returned Again--Receipt Added.

Now it is hinted that the records of the police department in relation to the missing \$175 of Chinese bond money were "doctored" after it became known that information had gone out as to the manner of "slicing down" the bonds.

This is the case wherein bonds in the aggregate of \$375 were put up in eight cases growing out of a raid on a Chinese gambling den last December and in which afterward the bonds were reduced \$175 and the other \$200 forfeited. The \$175 was demanded of the desk officer, M. V. Pitts, by Martin Burns, chief of detectives, who said that he wanted the money for Chief Sullivan.

Pitts refused to turn it over, on the ground that the proceeding was irregular, and demanded that if Sullivan wanted the money that he come and receipt for it in person. This Sullivan did, and drew the \$175, which he afterward, he claims, refunded to the Chinese who put up the bond.

And here is where the case begins to get doubly interesting. After the facts connected with the demand for the money became public the police records of the case were removed, altered and brought back again, after several days. It is charged, showing up in a different way than before. Part of the "exhibits" that accompanied the records on their return was a receipt for \$175, given Chief Sullivan by the clerk, which was pinned on the page of the book that contained an entry of the case. This receipt was not there when the books disappeared.

The receipt for the \$175 is signed by Sam Fong Chong, who has been more or less active around Chinese gambling dens on Front avenue. However, the police court records show that the money was put up by Pong Que, another celestial. Sam Fong Chong, when seen by two witnesses before the case was brought out in The Press, said that he had no connection with the case and had no knowledge of the facts beyond that he knew no money had been given back to the Chinese. Later, after Chief Sullivan had come out in an interview and said that Fong Chong got the money, then

"DIVORCE OFTEN A NECESSITY"

(By United Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, May 19.—"Divorce is not a luxury, but often a necessity. I know nothing that would cause more trouble than to compel people to live together who cannot agree and have a cat and dog time all the time they are together."
Presiding Judge Morrow gave this outline of his views in the circuit court today, in passing on a motion for suit money and attorney's fees in the suit of John C. Campbell against Clara Campbell.

The court particularly disagreed with the view that a woman who is sued for divorce should be supplied with suit money and attorney's fees by her husband as a matter of course pending the trial of the case. Judge Morrow said the husband should pay something, if he has property and the wife has not, but if she has property a grave injustice may be done.

ROOSEVELT IS SIGHT-SEEING

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press) LONDON, May 19.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, United States Marshal Seth Bullock and R. J. Cunningham, Roosevelt's companion in Africa, went sight-seeing here today.

The party visited Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London in the morning. They planned to spend several hours at the British museum during the afternoon.

NEW YORK—Wedding of Miss Mary Harriman and Charles C. Runsey, of Buffalo, will occur Thursday, May 26, at Arden.

Stake Your Claim

Acquire a personal holding in Spokane real estate. That Spokane realty is an income producer is evidenced by the advances made in prices of both residence and business property during the last few years. There are scores of opportunities today to buy properties which will show rapid increase during the next year or two. Many of the best quotations will be found exclusively in the real estate columns of The Press.
Some good ones offered today.

JAPAN COULD CUT OFF COAST STATES

Congressman M'Lachlan Delivers a Speech of Vital Importance to the United States.

DEFENSES MUST BE STRENGTHENED

TOTAL STRENGTH OF ARMIES.	
United States.....	78,000
Japan.....	600,000
RESERVE FORCES.	
U. S. state militia.....	110,000
Japan reserves.....	900,000
UNITED STATES.	
Field artillery on hand to equip army of 100,000 men. Other equipment, with exception of field wagon trains, for army of 200,000 men. Estimated time necessary to place trained army of 200,000 men in field, six months.	
Total regular mobile forces at present stationed on the Pacific coast.....	3,200
Total militia.....	5,000
Total force available.....	8,200
Within three weeks, according to the general staffs of England, Germany and the United States, Japan could land 250,000 trained, veteran troops at any point of the Pacific coast.	
JAPAN.	
All equipment on hand to place army of 1,500,000 in field. Estimated time to place equipped army of 500,000 highly trained troops in field, 48 hours.	

WHY THE RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED.

At frequent intervals during the past winter, especially during the humiliating period when Secretary Knox was bullying Nicaragua and complacently receiving diplomatic jabs from Tokio, informed public men throughout the country were openly sounding a note of warning regarding our military unpreparedness to uphold our assumed position as a world power. The fact that several of these men, notably Jacob Schiff, the banker, who is better informed than probably any financier in the world today, and Leslie Shaw, ex-secretary of the treasury, are recognized anti-militarists, added weight to their words of warning regarding our apathy concerning the national defense.

Together with Representative Hull, chairman of the military affairs committee of the house, these gentlemen prophesied that, if a not improbable war with Japan was to come, the Pacific Coast states would fall before an army of Asiatic invaders and that it was problematical if this government would ever be able to dislodge such a force except through a dishonorable peace.

Leaks through official channels at Washington concerning the weakness of the coast defenses, together with the admitted fact that in case of war the armored cruiser squadron stationed on this coast would be withdrawn to complete the battle fleet stationed on the Atlantic, prompted this paper to start an official investigation. The fact that Representative McLachlan of California has made an exhaustive study of the defense problem was the reason for his selection by The Press to introduce a resolution calling on the military authorities to make known the truth concerning the preparedness of the government to repel an attempted invasion. The speech of Mr. McLachlan, which gives evidence of the most careful preparation, contains charges of amazing criminal negligence in providing security to this section. The reply of the government will be awaited with interest, but every resident of this coast should voice protest against any attempted evasion of the serious charges.

(Special to The Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Challenging denial of his charges that the military defense of the Pacific coast states has been so neglected by the government that in case of war with Japan not only could every city on the coast be occupied without difficulty by Asiatic soldiery, but that the dislodgment of the invaders could only be effected through a dishonorable peace compact, Representative James McLachlan of California, in the house today, delivered the most comprehensive arraignment of the military weakness of the nation ever delivered in congress.

In a carefully prepared speech, delivered in support of a resolution introduced by the speaker, calling on the secretary of war to report to the house on the state of the military forces to repel invasion, which resolution was introduced at the request of the Seattle Star,

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JAMES McLACHLAN.

ABOUT THOSE SUN SPOTS

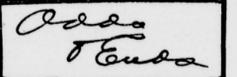
(By United Press Leased Wire) UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, May 9.—Considering the fact that this is a year of sunspot minimum, said Professor James E. Gould of the University of Washington this morning, "there have been a great many spots visible, especially during the last week. Halley's comet could not possibly have had anything to do with this. These spots will undoubtedly result in an electrical disturbance. The spots are in all probability due to internal eruptions of the sun. All our evidence and data goes to show that whenever spots appear on the sun the electrical instruments are affected. The delicate ones may be put out of commission, but it is not probable that such instruments as the phone and telegraph will be very much affected."

M'KELVEY CASE TO THE JURY

The jury in the case of Hugh L. McKelvey was this morning instructed by Judge Carey in Judge Kennan's court. After the reading of the instructions, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Hurn addressed the jury. As he dwelt on the name of the dead man, and exhibited the gun with which Johnson had been shot, the accused man would clasp his hands nervously and look from judge to jury, then back at the prosecutor. The case will be given to the jury this afternoon, when they will retire to the jury room to pass on the guilt or innocence of Hugh McKelvey.

The largest college library in the United States is the Harvard collection, which consists of 850,278 volumes. Yale is second with 575,000 volumes.

- ◆ FIVE CENTS DAMAGES.
- ◆ CHEHALIS, Wash., May 19.—George Risher, of Big Bottom, collected 5 cents damages from Frank Tierney, a neighbor, today, because Tierney refused to complete a horse trade.
- ◆ A jury in the Lewis county superior court awarded the verdict, the smallest in the history of the county, last night. Tierney might be feeling rather jubilant today, but it happens that the costs amount to \$250, which he, as defendant, must pay.



See the comet every clear evening in the western sky after sunset.

Four marriage licenses were taken out yesterday. Agen ranged from 29 to 19.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—It is believed the senate will act favorably on the Honnell bill, which was passed by the house following the favorable report made by Senator Dixon of Montana, who is on the committee of public lands.

Judge—You're privileged to challenge any member of the jury now impaneled.

"Well, then, yer honor, O'll fight the small man wid wan eye, in the corner, there ferninst yez."

CHICAGO.—Speaking here last night, William J. Bryan said: "I would not favor legislation forbidding the use of liquor at any time or under any circumstances. I would consider this an unnecessary limitation upon the liberty of the individual, but I am in favor of such restriction as may seem best for the protection of society."

Do not pull up your stockings in a melon patch or straighten your hat in a peach orchard; anyone seeing you may think you are stealing.—Life.

ROSALIA, Wash.—A special train was run on the Northern Pacific yesterday to carry to Marshalltown, Wash., 240 crows rendered homeless by a fire.

KINGS MEET, WEEP AND KISS EACH OTHER

(By United Press Leased Wire) LONDON, May 19.—King George met Emperor William of Germany at the Victoria station at noon today. Both monarchs were weeping when they embraced and kissed each other.

The Kaiser apparently was affected most deeply. After the greetings were over the Kaiser was driven to Buckingham palace.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO GO TO SCHOOL

By Para Dalton. Is it ever too late to go to school? When a man or woman has passed the age of youth feeling that they have been deprived of the knowledge, which they desire, is it too late for them to learn?
Mr. Field, a wealthy business man of Brooklyn, Mass., recently asked M. M. Higley, president of the Northwestern Business college, of Spokane. "If he isn't over 100 years of age, then he isn't too old to go to school."
"Many of the most successful students turned out from our college have been men over 50 years old. Many great men and women have been those who took a course in study when they were past 40 years of age. While they don't grasp ideas as readily, age has given them experience and they have learned the lesson of concentration. Along the lines of mathematics and literature they are more successful than younger students."
"Never too old to learn is the policy of F. E. Wheeler, of the International Correspondence school. "The majority of our students are over 45 years of age," said Mr. Wheeler, "and we find in our experience that the matured students are more successful than the youth. They"

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