

SEAMEN AT BREMERTON IN DEADLY LOVERS' BATTLE FOR SEATTLE GIRL!



Weather
Rain tonight and Friday;
strong to whole south-
easterly gales.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 41. Minimum, 40.
Today noon, 43.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

Far North:

Called to a Child.
Quest for Adventure.
The "Black-Birds."
Scent of Sea-Ice.

(This is the first of a number of stories written especially for The Star by Capt. John J. Bertone, a famous Arctic explorer and shipper, detailing his experiences and observations in the zone which King said "was beyond all laws of God or man." Capt. Bertone, master of the Hubbard, a Swedish trading schooner, has been trading, whaling and "blackbirding" in the Arctic seas. His stories read with romance on the frosty top of the world.)

BY CAPT. JOHN J. BERTONE

THE NORTH called to me when I was a child, my nose in a book, picking out the stories of the Norsemen. I was 12 years old when I first shipped out of Stockholm as deck boy in the brigantine Henry, looking for adventure. I expect to go on looking so long as I live.

Because I have spent all my life among men of my own ways, it does not seem to me that my experiences have been remarkable. To live in one place year after year and never to feel the lift of a deck, never to nose my ship out of the ice-floe never to buck an Arctic gale—that would seem strange to me.

"I WAS A SAILOR, AND THAT TELLS IT ALL."
When I was a lad I knocked about in all corners of the world. I was a sailor, and that tells it all. When I was qualified as an able seaman, the South Seas attracted me and I drifted down into the dreamy, treacherous waters of Polynesia. It was 24 years ago that I first went to sea, and yet in that time civilization has laid its heavy hand on every tribe, the last of the old sailing days are ended, and there are few places where the white man's ways and the white man's law are not in force.

Did you ever hear of a "black-birding"? Did you know that long after chattel slavery had been abolished by every civilized nation, there existed in the South Seas the worst form of slave traffic, carried on by white men? In the old slave days, the captives purchased on the coast of Africa were prisoners of war, many of them. The white men bought them from Arab traders and riders. When "blackbirding" thrived, white men tricked the natives into captivity by gifts and promises and transported them in droves, as "contract labor," from the Fiji and Solomons, to South American plantations.

SERVED AS A SEAMAN ON A "BLACKBIRDER."
I served my time as a seaman on a "blackbirder." We would touch at a savage port and our crafty "contractors" would go ashore to ply the chief with liquor and to spin fine tales of travel and wages in distant lands.

Inspectors of the British government sailed in the blackbirding schooners, and the natives, jammed between decks most of the time, were plentifully fed and treated as valuable property. Only the stubborn ones were shackled.

The most cruel part of the transaction was the fact that the dark-skinned natives were on their way to a land of hard work.

That may not sound tragic, but when you remember that they never had worked, that they had inherited a vast business, and that singing, feasting, dancing, love-making and warmaking were their racial pursuits, you will understand that the drudgery of a plantation killed them in body and in spirit.

BUT HE YEARNED FOR THE FAR NORTH

"The sights and smells of 'black-birding' were not according to my tastes, I suppose. I wanted to get into the real North; I wanted to breathe a wind charged with the scent of sea-ice. Whaling—there was adventure, I said to myself, and so I headed for San Francisco, of all ports in the world the port of adventures.

That shipwreck, starvation and the most amazing bad luck imaginable awaited me in that pursuit, I did not guess. I'm glad I didn't."

SUES MAN WHO GAVE HER RIDE

Invited to take a ride in Floyd J. Riggs' automobile, Ethel Vera Eaton was hurt in an accident and now she wants \$2,810 from Riggs, according to her complaint in the case which is now being tried before Judge Boyd J. Tallman.

She accuses Riggs of having an inexperienced driver and having inefficient brakes on his car. The car backed down a grade on Beacon ave., April 18, 1920, instead of responding to Riggs' efforts to send it forward.

She says she was thrown out. Riggs says she jumped when there was no need of it. Riggs also claims the plaintiff asked for a ride and induced him to drive, knowing he was inexperienced. He considers himself blameless.

HUNT FOR MORE GIRL VICTIMS OF SEATTLE'S "BLACK PRINCE"

Prayer Saves Girl Victim of Thugs LURED TO HIS LOVE COLLEGE? Murdered Officers and Accused Men



Sheriff J. A. Pelroy, Miles Jackson, and Lester H. Dornan.

The pictures show some of the principals in the San Francisco "House of Terrors" attack on girls and the murder of three officers investigating one phase of the case in Santa Rosa. The five men at the top are accused of a shockingly brutal assault on Jean Stanley and Jessie Montgomery, San Francisco telephone girls. The four girls shown accuse the quintet of the most revolting crime in San Francisco in years. Top, left to right, Edna Fulmer and Pearl Hanley, who have testified, since the arrest of the men, that they were attacked some time past and threatened with death if they complained. The other girl in the top row is Jessie Montgomery, who was found hysterical after being maltreated by nine men, she told police. Below, shown in a hospital bed, Jean Stanley, who, after a three-hour battle against the thugs, jumped thru a window and fled for police. The three men shown together are the officers slain in Santa Rosa while investigating the girl attacks. George Boyd and his two companions are charged with the murders. The picture inset at right is that of Boyd, former Seattleite, who is held in San Francisco, awaiting recovery from wounds to be arraigned for murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Jean Stanley, one of the two girls who were the most recent victims in "The House of Terrors," on Howard st., explained today that she believed prayer saved her from the still more shocking fate suffered by her chum, Jessie Montgomery.

"I felt that something must save me from those four human brutes, and that that something must be God," she said.

"I forgot my danger and my helplessness, my exhaustion from a three-hour struggle, the horrible pain from the blows they had struck me. And I prayed.

"With all the strength of my body, heart and mind, I prayed, right out loud. I asked God to

make those four men as weak as babies. 'O God,' I said, 'You are more powerful than they are. You can take the strength out of their arms and let me escape. Help me!' And I knew He would.

"I said this prayer twice. When I finished the second time, three of the men let me go and without a word walked out of the room.

"The fourth, McDonnell, said: 'Girlie, that fool prayer of yours has scared them away. But I'm not that easy. Give in to me, or I'll call them back.'

"Go ahead and call them," I said.

"When he went out, I staggered to the window, pushed my arm thru the pane, and crawled thru. I ran for two blocks, found a policeman, and brought him back to save my friend."

LURED TO HIS LOVE COLLEGE? Prosecutor Learns Details of negro's "Treatments" as He Seeks "Patients"

"Prince" R. C. Pondexter, negro neomancer who conducts an alleged love college and manitum for "divine healing" at 215 24th ave., convinced Mr. and Mrs. William Fanson, farmers near Auburn, of his power to cure the sick and wicked, it was learned today, by performing in their home some weeks ago some uncanny tricks of Hindu magic.

Many young girls besides the two pretty daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fanson were lured unsuspectingly into the negro's clutches, authorities said today. An effort is being made to find some of his other "patients" while Assistant Prosecutor C. E. Claypool is preparing the prosecution of Pondexter on charges of grand larceny.

MADE UNCONVENTIONAL PROPOSALS TO YOUNG WOMEN
Claypool said today that the charges on which the self-styled prince of India was the first time arrested by the police more than a fortnight ago were those of making unconventional proposals to young women who came to him for spiritual and hygienic advice.

This was prior to his arrest by state officials on the charge that he obtained \$500 from the Fansons illegally for "treatment" of their daughters.

On his first visit to the Fanson home, where he is said to have been directed by other "patients" in Auburn, he told Mrs. Fanson he had been "sent by the Lord." He displayed some of his magic in a most astounding manner, it is alleged by the state.

When Mr. and Mrs. Fanson seemingly were in some doubt of his ability to "see thru the bodies" of their daughters, Pondexter is said to have offered to prove his powers of second sight by reading the numerals on several bank notes while blindfolded.

DEAF FATHER ALMOST SPOOLS BANK NOTE TRICK
Mr. and Mrs. Fanson had no currency, but a school teacher who was present, Miss Myra Ranshaw, produced several bills, according to Claypool.

Standing in the center of the Fanson's sitting room, red-turbaned and clad in his flowing robes, the "prince" produced a black bandage which was tied tightly about his eyes. He then reached out his hand and the currency was placed upon his palm.

Mr. Fanson, who is hard of hearing, leaned forward with his good ear close to the "divine one" that he might not miss anything that was said.

The big negro's features betrayed confusion. Try as he might, he could not read the numbers of the various bank notes.

"Someone in this room is looking these bills," he is said to have declared indignantly at last. "That person's mind is working against my mind."

Mrs. Fanson led her husband back a few paces and instantly the "prince" was able to read the numbers. "Accurately, one at a time, he read them, tied tightly about his eyes, and returned the money to Miss Ranshaw.

"TREATMENT" ADMINISTERED TO SOLES OF GIRLS' FEET
This demonstration so moved the Fansons, it is said, that they conceded his "second sight" without further delay. Mrs. Fanson is said to have called upon their bank, arranged for a \$500 loan that the money necessary for their daughters' treatments might be advanced to the "prince," and closed the deal at once.

Part of the "treatments," according to Claypool, was administered to the soles of the patient's feet. The girl, draped in gauze, was required to stand before the "prince" on a square piece of paper which had been previously sprinkled with oil.

Standing thus, it is said, she was given to understand that she must have all confidence and faith in the "healer" and must not question his methods, which were "for the best," that her ills and sins might be swept away.

Write to Your Congressman!

SECRETARY HOUSTON'S PROPOSAL to raise the tax on incomes of less than \$5,000 should be nipped in the bud. Let your senators and representatives know your opposition to it. Send them your protest. Fill out the form letter below and mail it NOW!

The senators of this state are Wesley L. Jones and Miles Poindexter.

The representatives are: John F. Miller, First district (including the city of Seattle and Kitsap county); Lynn Hadley, Second district (including King county outside of Seattle and the Northwest tier of counties); Albert Johnson, Third district; Dr. W. W. Summers, Fourth district; and J. Stanley Webster, Fifth district.

Houston's proposal will be acted on first in the house. If it is killed there, it has no chance in the senate. Write to your representative in congress by all means—but to make doubly sure, write also to your senators.

Clip this, fill it out, and mail:

Insert name of congressman
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Believing that Secretary Houston's proposal to raise the tax on incomes of less than \$5,000 is wrong in principle, and particularly unjust if surtaxes on higher incomes are not raised in proportion, I earnestly ask you to record your vote emphatically against it. It is not the small and moderate incomes that should be further burdened, for every cent taken from that source is the taking of money needed for actual living costs. The present exemptions of \$1,500 for single men and \$2,000 for married men are scarcely representative of the minimum costs of living, and therefore to further handicap those of small incomes is unjust and oppressive. I believe I am voicing the sentiment of a majority of your constituency when I ask that you vote against this unfair proposal.

Respectfully yours,

Name _____
Address _____
City _____

FIGHT TO AVERT TIE-UP OF CARS Crews May Quit Unless They Get Cash Pay

With the city railway fund going on a warrant basis Friday and street car employees threatening to protect themselves from loss of wages by drastic action, a conference was called for Thursday afternoon to determine means to make the warrants negotiable.

That street car employees may quit work if they are unable to cash warrants is believed possible by city officials. More than 2,000 persons are in the employ of the traction system.

Mayor Caldwell, members of the council, railway chiefs and other city officials will confer with Seattle bankers on the financial situation confronting the city.

That the council would pass the Thomson ordinance increasing fares to 14 cents was indicated at the meeting of the utilities committee Thursday morning. Certain minor changes were made in the bill by the committee.

Mayor Caldwell, appearing before the utilities committee, urged that immediate action be taken to protect the trainmen from possibility of loss thru inability to cash warrants that will be issued them in lieu of cash wages. Conditions under which the banks will accept these warrants will be threshed out at the afternoon conference.

Councilman John E. Carroll advocated that a loan be made from the general fund to tide the railway over the emergency. Other members of the council pointed out that the general fund is already over \$100,000 in the red.

HARD FINANCIAL SLEDDING FACES SEATTLE

That Seattle is facing hard financial sledding was indicated Thursday by a special report prepared by City Comptroller Harry W. Carroll for the city utilities committee.

With the committee fighting desperately to straighten out the tangled finances of the light and railway departments, and with the Skagit river project in a perilous condition thru failure to sell bonds, Carroll's report indicates that drastic steps must be taken to pull the city's utilities out of the slough.

Including obligations to be met this month, the street car system is "in only \$16,793."

MAN STRUCK BY RUNAWAY AUTO Car Dashes Thru Crowded Business District

Running away down the steep James st. hill, swerving and dodging auto, street cars and pedestrians, the auto of Dr. C. L. Templeton, 2523 1st ave. S., ended its wild career on the rough planks of the waterfront driveway a few feet from the bay, Thursday forenoon.

W. J. Campbell, 65, civil engineer, of 302 W. 81st st., was struck at Third ave. and James st. by the runaway auto and perhaps fatally injured. Both his legs were broken and he received numerous cuts and bruises.

Dr. Templeton was the sole passenger in the auto.

THOUGHT RECKLESS DRIVER AT WHEEL
Witnesses who saw Campbell struck by the auto, thought the car was driven by a reckless, wild driver when the auto did not stop, and they notified police. Campbell was brought to city hospital. Search was started for the auto.

As soon as the auto stopped on Railroad ave., Dr. Templeton hastened back to Third ave. and James st., and then came direct to police station, where he made a report of the accident.

He was booked.

"Something gave way under the car as I was coming down James st. near Sixth ave.," Dr. Templeton told traffic division officers. "The brakes and everything else went wrong. COULD DO NOTHING TO HALT IT"

"The machine rapidly gained speed. I could do nothing to halt it. At the base of the steep hill at Fourth ave., I swung just in time to avoid a man. At Third ave. I tried my best to avoid Campbell, but the right front fender struck him."

"It's a miracle, I think, that more people were not injured in the accident, as I had no control over the auto. I saved myself by agile steering only."

The red" more than \$31,332. The book deficit in the light department is placed at \$514,000. Approximately \$500,000 is required to cover outstanding obligations to complete work on the Cedar Falls construction work. Some \$200,000 must be paid back to the steam plant fund before summer.

The balance in the general fund is only \$16,793.

GOB SHOT 3 TIMES BY RIVAL IN LOVE!

Attacked in Dark, Assailant Flees; Victim Won't Tell Who He Was

BREMERTON, Dec. 9.—Naval authorities were reticent today concerning the case of Edward Humerick, a young seaman from the supply ship Orion, who lies in the navy yard hospital here suffering from a nasty bullet wound in the leg as the result, it is said, of a "lover's" feud over the affections of a Seattle girl.

If the authorities have learned from Humerick the identity of his rival, they refused to disclose it. The girl's name, it was stated, will be kept secret, except from the court martial if such a court is involved.

DAUGHTER OF GOOP FAMILY IN SEATTLE
She is said to be the daughter of a good family of some prominence in Seattle, and is considerably perturbed over the affair of last night. The shooting, she learned today, was the third attempt of the rival upon young Humerick's life.

Twice before, in Seattle, it is said, Humerick was the target of the other man's pistol, but both times escaped without a scratch.

REFUSES TO REVEAL IDENTITY OF ASSAILANT
Humerick was standing on the wharf at 9 o'clock last night waiting for a Seattle boat, when the shot was fired from the dark, wounding him.

The would-be assassin fled and, so far as can be learned, has not yet been captured. Humerick last night would not reveal the other man's identity, and said the affair would be hushed up as far as he was concerned.

MARRIED WHILE DOPED, SAYS HE

Wants Divorce Decree From Drug-Fiend Wife

Under the influence of drugs, administered by the woman who subsequently became his wife, Gilbert Hawkins was forced thru the marriage ceremony in July, 1919, he complains in his petition for divorce from Helen Hawkins, filed in superior court Thursday.

"I told the magistrate who performed the ceremony," his petition declares, "that I did not want to marry the girl but couldn't help it."

Hawkins says the girl kept him under the influence of narcotics for several days and that on the 10th day, while they were walking down First ave., she lost her mental balance and screamed so loudly that both were arrested.

In police court, he avers, he was allowed to go after it had been explained to him that his wife was a notorious drug user and was well known by the police.

He claims he has not lived with the girl since that occasion.

INDIAN EDITOR TALKS AT "U"

For the past 160 years England has all but throttled education in India, was the statement of Dr. N. S. Hardiker, editor of Young India, who addressed an assembly of journalism students at the university Thursday.

WORLD LEAGUE CHIEF QUILTS

BY HENRY WOOD
GENEVA, Dec. 9.—Disagreement in the league of nations was emphasized today when the resignation of Honorio Pueyrredon as vice president of the assembly was laid before the session.

HARDING WON'T RESIGN SENATE

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 9.—President-elect Warren G. Harding will retain his senate seat for the present, and no immediate action will be taken on the offer of Governor Cox to appoint Senator-elect Frank B. Willis should Harding decide to resign his senatorial office, it was indicated in a statement from headquarters here today.