

JOSH WISE SAYS:

"Boy Bean, our village cut-up, suggests a new coat of arms for Mexico. It's the same as the old one, except in place of an eagle it has a buzzard."



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WEATHER FORECAST—Fair tonight and Wednesday; gentle northwest winds.

Austria Declares War on Japan!

ENGLAND DAZED BY DEFEAT

MURDER LURKS IN OUR CITY PRISON!

IN SPITE of Chief of Police Griffiths' ideas of a humanitarian jail and police system, Seattle has the same antiquated, barbaric city jail policy.

In enlightened Seattle we have a jail system whereby a man can be thrown into a receiving tank for a petty offense, and there be brutally beaten, or even kicked to death, by vicious, drink-sodden maniacs, at large in the same room, while jailers dangle their keys in ignorance a few yards away.

Day before yesterday a man was terribly beaten up in this manner.

A few weeks ago a man was **KICKED TO DEATH.**

There was a momentary stir about it, then affairs at the jail lapsed into their old rut.

The condition is an outrage. Some one is responsible. Why not find out who he is?

In 1912 inhuman brutalities at the city jail caused The Star to start an agitation which resulted in the discharge of Jailer John Corbett. If incompetents in positions of authority have grown so hardened to brutality that they cannot, or will not, stop murder in the city jail, **THE STAR IS GOING TO SEE TO IT THAT THEY ARE MADE TO.**

GERMANS CAPTURE AN ARMY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—A wireless message received today by the German embassy here from the foreign office at Berlin said the Germans had captured 10,000 French soldiers, including several generals. It is also said the Germans now control Longwy and most of the Belgian-Franco frontier.

One dispatch received by the German embassy said: "The Germans chased the French, defeated in the battle between August 17 and August 21. Numerous ensigns, more than 150 guns and 10,000 prisoners were taken in the capture of Luneville."

FRENCH ARMY CRUSHED

"The German crown prince's army chased the French west of Longwy. The army commanded by the Duke of Württemberg, marched through Belgium and crossed the river Semoy. It crushed the advancing French army."

"German troops then advanced west of the river Meuse toward Maubeuge."

"The greatest part of the Franco-Belgian border is now in German hands."

DEFEND TITLES

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 25.—Maurice E. McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy successfully defended their title as tennis doubles champions here today by defeating Church and Mathey, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

PRICE OF BUTTER SOARING; MILK TO GO UP TWO CENTS

The butter situation this week has been like a pop valve just ready to pop. Although the average price has held steady at 34 cents, it has threatened to rise to heights heretofore unknown. The war is to blame.

Canada is bidding feverishly on Seattle butter.

Canada is in a bad way for butter. Canada has depended much on New Zealand for her supply the past few years. And now that supply has stopped.

Seattle hasn't as much butter as she needs for herself. Yet Vancouver and Victoria jobbers are bidding on the local markets at prices higher than Western avenue jobbers are willing to offer.

Drawing on Reserve Supply.

One commission man told The Star today that Seattle is drawing on her supply usually kept in storage as a guarantee against emergencies.

Those controlling the stored stock, however, are holding onto it.

A slight hope that this city may draw on the East to fill the breach is blighted by the fact that England is playing the same tactics on the Atlantic markets that our Canadian neighbors are playing here.

The East soon will be in the same straits as the Pacific Coast.

Dealers here agree that there is no limit to which butter may soar.

Eggs are in much the same condition as to price. They are holding off at 37c and 38c now, but give promise of leaping their bounds and increasing considerably.

With eggs, though, the molting

GRANT OF S. R. S. CO. IS VALID!

Because the city didn't dismiss the cases to compel the Seattle, Renton & Southern line to charge only a nickel in the city limits and to issue transfers, and because it collected taxes on the railway property, Judges Cushman and Neterer, of the federal court, hold that it had no right to revoke the company's franchise.

The decision was filed today.

The Renton franchise is therefore held valid. The decision says nothing about the city's right to run the municipal cars on Fourth av. under the "common user" clause of that very franchise.

The judges hold that the city should have done one of two things—either compel the company to issue transfers and accept the nickel fare, or else revoke the franchise and let the company charge more than a nickel fare in the city limits and refuse transfers until such time as the last court decided the revocation case in favor of the city.

The decision says the city "cannot blow hot and cold" and "it cannot eat the cake and keep it, too," meaning that the city could not ask the company to live up to the franchise agreements with regard to fares, transfers, service, taxes, etc., and at the same time cancel the franchise.

The company, however, is allowed "to blow hot and cold."

It claimed a valid franchise, but refused to live up to the franchise terms to let the city cars run on Fourth av.

The decision says nothing about this phase of the case.

Grape and Canister From Scene of War

ARMY GRAVEDIGGERS

BRUSSELS, Aug. 25.—Accompanying the regular German army in the field is the special corps of gravediggers.

Germany is the only country having such a corps.

It was formed for the Franco-German war of 1870.

TURNIP DIET FOR BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Royal Horticultural society calls on Englishmen to sow turnip seed in their front and back yards immediately. Turnips sown now will ripen before winter.

WEALTHY GRAB FLOUR

VIENNA, Aug. 25.—Only one kilo (2 1/2 pounds) of flour is sold to any one person at a time.

The result has been that the wealthy people hire others to travel in circles buying up the flour.

LIKE SOCIALISTS' NOW

ROME, Aug. 25.—Socialists here have reports of a meeting between the emperor and empress of Germany and Herr Wittl, the socialist leader of Munich.

The royal pair lavished handshakes and smiles upon the socialist.

AIREDALE WAR DAWGS

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The war office is considering the purchase of 3,000 Airedale terriers for war purposes.

The Airedale requires little sleep; can go for a long time without food or water, and isn't afraid of anything.

LABELING SOLDIERS

ANTWERP, Aug. 25.—All German soldiers are required to wear round their necks labels bearing their name, regiment and rank. That assists in identifying the dead.

TRY TO PACK POLL BOARDS

In a desperate effort to pack the election boards on September 8 and November 3, the Hamilton-Knudsen gang today disfranchised the progressives from representation in 37 precincts.

Commissioners Hamilton and Knudsen arbitrarily ruled off everybody who signed the recall petitions against them.

Court action may be started to compel the commissioners to give the political parties equal representation on the election boards.

Candidates on the republican ticket are also worried because the Hamilton-Knudsen outfit is behind the candidacies of Judge Gay for county clerk and Connor for county auditor.

WILSON PROCLAIMS NEUTRALITY OF U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—America's neutrality in the war between Japan and Germany was proclaimed by President Wilson this afternoon.

ROBERT ROUNDER HAS GAY OLD TIME AT FORTUNA PARK; LOTS OF BEER AND PLENTY OF 'JANES'



JAPANESE TELLS HOW HE CHOKED WOMAN TO DEATH

By Robert Rounder

A puritanical father laid down the law of Sunday observance. A pious mother helped him in its enforcement.

Church morning and evening. Sunday school. A heavy dinner, eaten mostly in silence, with grace before and after. Such talk as was permitted had to do with the tedious sermon we had heard that morning.

But in this I could not join. Father did all the talking. Mother agreed with father. Games were sternly forbidden. Laughter was frowned on. I might read, but I could not read story books. My young eyes traveled wearily over the printed pages of essays written by dead-and-gone theologians who assured me that hell was hot and that the torment of sinners was everlasting.

A day of deadly monotony through which I lived, waiting for Monday. The fly in the ointment of my Saturday, which, being a holiday, was frowned on.

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By Robert Rounder

SALINAS, Cal., Aug. 25.—Details of the murder of Miss Helena Wood Smith, the artist, were cleared up here today by George Kodani, the Japanese photographer.

He admitted he killed Miss Smith during a moonlight walk from her bungalow at Carmel to the beach.

Kodani's complete confession followed a visit to his cell of a delegation of Japanese, including Rev. H. Kobayashi, K. Nina, J. Takagawa, and K. Aoki.

"I had Appointment With Her," Kodani said.

"I killed Miss Smith," said Kodani, "on Wednesday night at midnight. I was at her home in the afternoon. I had an appointment to meet Miss Smith and we walked from her home to the point where I killed her."

"Miss Smith carried with her some lunch, including some figs and pears, and she had her steamer robe tied up with a fish cord."

"I told her I was going to Nevada with another woman to marry her, and then she got mad and started to tussle with me."

"Ties Cord Around Her Neck"

"I saw an abalone shell near by and picked it up, striking her on the head. I did this to protect myself."

"After this I took the fish cord and tied it around her neck. I strangled her. I was mad—wild. Then I tied her feet. I sat with the body until nearly daylight, and then I dug a hole and buried her."

"Later I was arrested in Monterey. After I was freed I went to Point Lobos."

"Then I took to the hills back of the fishing camp, and for days I sat on the mountain and watched the people hunting for Miss Smith and for me."

JAP CRUISER IS IN STRAITS

TACOMA, Aug. 25.—After a record run from San Francisco, the Japanese cruiser Izduma, which left San Francisco bay two days ago on a mysterious mission, passed into the Straits of Fuca early today, according to advices received here.

The Izduma was expected to put into either Victoria or Vancouver to take on coal and await further orders.

VIENNA, Aug. 25.—(Bulletin.)—Austria today declared war on Japan.

When the Japanese proclaimed hostilities against Germany it was said Austria, as Germany's ally, would be involved.

Instead, however, it was announced an Austrian cruiser in Kiaochau bay would proceed to a neutral port and disarm. This was taken as meaning the Vienna government did not consider itself concerned in the Oriental situation.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement of the Austrian declaration came a report from Shanghai that the cruiser would not, after all, disarm, but would help the Kiaochau Germans to resist the Japanese.

By Ed L. Keen
(Correspondent of the United Press.)

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Namur's fall is admitted by the war office today. This success by the Germans is regarded as ending all hope of a speedy termination of the war.

The British, it is believed, will be compelled to send every available soldier in the country to help the allied forces already in the field.

The newspapers are all demanding explanations on the loss of Namur, but beyond owning that the Germans have taken it, the war office is silent.

Experts suggest that the French, over-confident, announced too fast and were overwhelmed by the Germans.

British losses are understood to have been enormous.

"WHEN IT BECOMES KNOWN WHAT BOTH SIDES HAVE SUFFERED," ONE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID, "THE WORLD WILL BE STARTLED."

Reports continue to circulate that the Germans are overrunning the French department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, and that its capital, Nancy, has been captured, but they are unconfirmed.

England is Dazed

Namur's fall fairly dazed England. That such a fortress could be taken, at any rate without a prolonged siege, had never occurred to any one.

The newspapers delivered an actual German advance toward Paris was at last on the program.

"England and France," said the Chronicle, "must stubbornly resolve that, come what may, they will never surrender to Germany. We must stick to her as she stuck to Napoleon until we pull her down."

"So long as we hold the sea we cannot ourselves be vitally stricken."

Won't Give Details

"The enemy," said Premier Asquith, reporting to the House of Commons, "pressed the British hard, but was shaken off. It is undesirable to say anything more at present beyond what the French war office published Monday."

"I can add, however, that the French government states that the British troops, despite hard marching and desperate fighting, are in the best of spirits."

"The government has no list of casualties to make public yet."

ALLIES FIGHT ON DEFENSIVE

PARIS, Aug. 25.—Following the fall of Namur and the reverse the Franco-British allies suffered at the Germans' hands in Monday's fighting in Belgium, the former were on the defensive today.

The Germans, pressing their advantages, are enveloping the Franco-Belgian and Franco-German frontiers.

A war council was held at the Elysee palace. Later the war minister announced:

"There is no doubt of the final outcome in the minds of any of the French officials."

Germans Fighting from Fort Namur's fall was unexpected.

It was reported that the Germans succeeded in capturing one of the forts, which enabled them to fight in greater security and more effectively than in the open, that they mounted siege guns in the defense they had taken, and that the other fortifications had been reduced thus one at a time.

What I think about it
BEING JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION
By The Spectator

"Sympathy is cheap," is the cynic's cry. But let me tell you what sympathy has done for one woman who wanted to die. She was suffering from an incurable disease. She made one last request of science. In view of its helplessness to heal her, she asked that it use its skill to give her a painless death. She was the recipient of sympathy—a flood of sympathy. Even when it is created by such an object as the demand for death, sympathy makes life sweet. She forgot her desire for death. She wanted to live.

This story is a wonderful one to me. I do not feel I can express its full meaning.

This woman was ill in body, but she was still more ill in soul. Once blessed with sympathy, her body-illness became of less moment. Prior to that time, she had not been living. She wanted complete death instead of incomplete death. Sympathy is a tonic in a real medical sense.