

# GERMANS TAKE RIGA GULF; DEFEAT NAVAL FORCES OF RUSSIANS

### Kaiser's Men Enter and Bombard the City, According to Stockholm Dispatches.

## NO DETAILS OF BATTLE

Cia's Commanders Had Believed Upon Mines, Fleet and Land Batteries in Repelling Enemy; Disappointed.

Copenhagen, Aug. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The Russian naval forces at Riga have been defeated, the Germans have entered the Gulf of Riga and the city is undergoing bombardment, according to Stockholm dispatches received here today.

Petrograd Admits Danger. Petrograd, Aug. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Admission that Riga is in grave danger of capture was forthcoming today from the Russian war office.

The Russians had placed dependence upon the mine fields, fleet and land batteries in repelling the attack of the Germans and are greatly disquieted at the partial failure of these defenses.

Petrograd anxiety also was manifested here today regarding the rapidity of the Teuton's advance from the Vistula.

## GERMANS SENT GREAT FLEET AGAINST RIGA, FIGHTING CONTINUES

London, Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—One of the greatest naval battles of the war may have been fought yesterday in the Gulf of Riga.

At the admiralty offices here details were being anxiously awaited today, as it is evident from an official statement from Petrograd that the German Baltic squadron has made a determined effort to overwhelm the Russians guarding the Gulf of Riga and go to the support of the German land forces attacking the port of that name.

Petrograd merely reported: "Strong forces of the German fleet penetrated the Gulf of Riga, and fighting with our ships continues."

German Fleet Is Powerful. For two weeks the Germans have been endeavoring to force an entrance to the gulf. During the past few days they have been reconnoitering and have drawn the Russians into minor engagements.

Other reports from Petrograd indicate that the German fleet is composed of about 10 dreadnaughts and battle cruisers, a number of armored cruisers and numerous torpedo boat destroyers. The early efforts of the Germans were directed toward clearing the mine fields guarding the Gulf of Riga. Petrograd reported one or two of the enemy ships damaged by mines, and one unconfirmed report from Stockholm declared a cruiser had been sunk a week ago.

Indicates Mine Fields Penetrated. The Petrograd statement of today would appear to indicate that the fleet had penetrated the mine fields.

Whether the full strength of the Russian fleet is against the Germans is not known. The whereabouts of the Russian dreadnaughts, Imperator Pavel, Slav and Tsesarvitch has not been disclosed since the opening of the war. All of these vessels carry batteries of 15-inch guns.

Dispatches from Copenhagen declare the Germans have been ordered to destroy the entire Russian Baltic fleet, thus making possible the landing of troops at Riga or on the coast of Finland.

## Marries to Get Coin; Then Deserts Bride

Fortune of \$18,000 Awaited A. L. Vissers If He Would Wed Christian Girl and Settle Down.

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Authorities today sought Arthur L. Vissers following the request of Mrs. Vissers, formerly Mrs. Irene Rogers, for a warrant charging failure to provide for the maintenance of his wife.

Several days ago Mrs. Vissers stated that he had left with his 5-year-old daughter. In the meantime Mrs. Vissers said, she heard reports that her husband had previously married a woman in Texas and that investigation had led her to believe the woman now resides in Spokane.

## Youth Kills Uncle To Help Parents

Arthur Lumley, 18, Stones T. J. Smalley, 76, to Death, Then Robs Apartments; Says His Mother Starving.

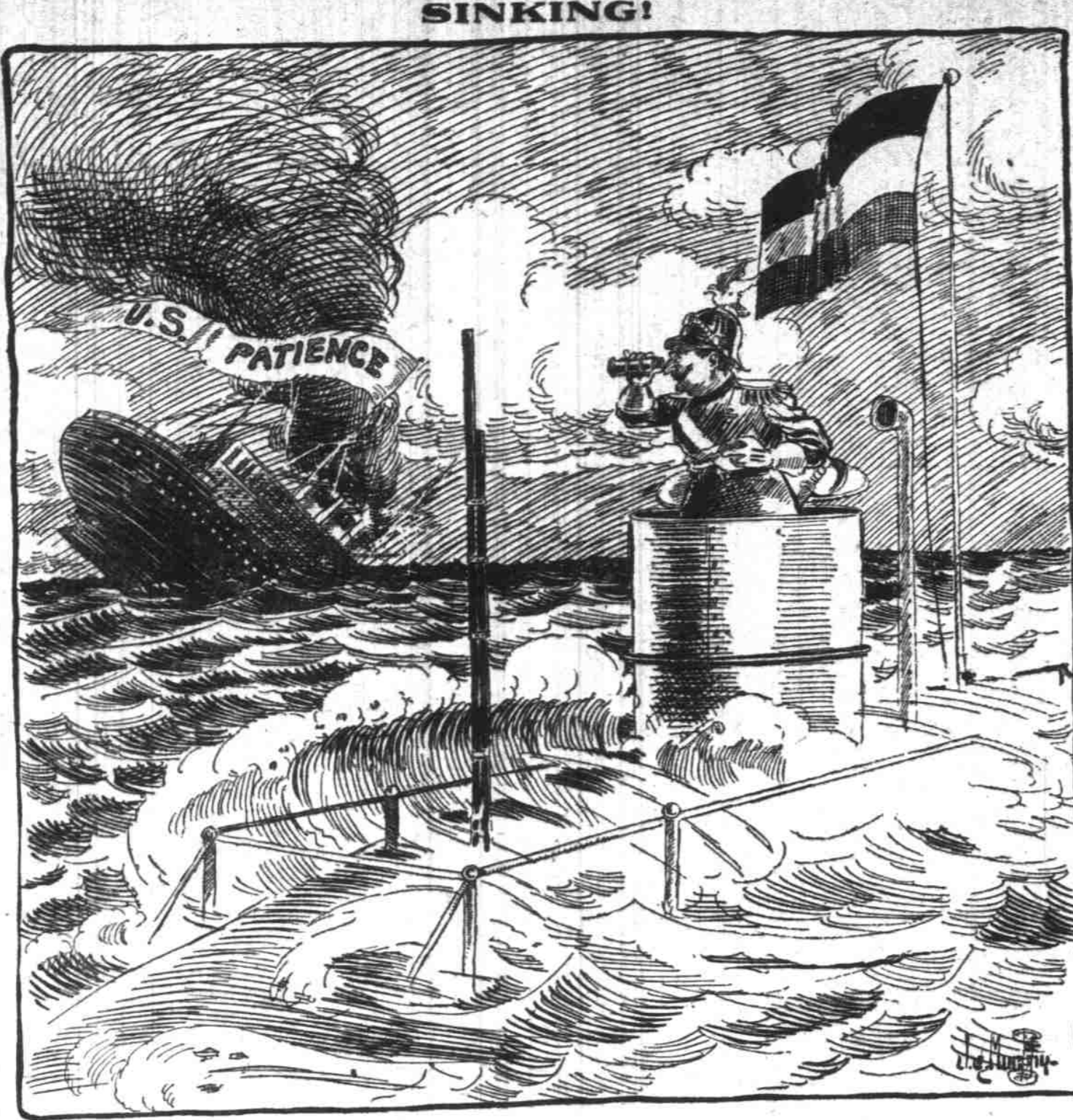
Boone, Iowa, Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—Arthur Lumley, 18, today confessed to the police that he murdered his wealthy uncle, Thomas J. Smalley, aged 76.

Lumley said the wife's condition of his parents incited him to the deed. His mother was starving and his father sick. The youth crept upon his uncle while the aged man was asleep and stoned him to death. He then robbed the place and set the house afire.

## Lumber California's Principal Industry

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—Lumbering and logging with an annual output of \$48,000,000, leads California's industries, according to a report by George Robertson of the state board of agriculture.

Mexican paper money must still be worth something. At least, it seems to be worth counterfeiting.



## Year Ago in War

August 21, 1914. The first great battle of the war began along 350 miles of western front between 2,500,000 men.

Russia announces that 20 army corps, 300,000 men, are marching to invade Germany.

King Albert, at the head of the Belgian army, retreats to Antwerp with his government.

Japan gives orders to fleet to strike at Kiao Chau unless the Kaiser strikes its ultimatum in 24 hours.

Great German army of invasion of France is massed on the plains about Brussels and across the Meuse river near Huy.

## TWO FREIGHTS CRASH KILLING CONDUCTOR AND BRAKEMAN

(Continued From Page One) brakeman, who were sitting in the caboose. J. V. Hatcher, another brakeman, who was acting as lookout in the cupola of the caboose, saw the danger and jumped.

Right of Way Is Question. The other train was composed of six flat cars which had been loaded with logs from Timber. The logs had been unloaded at Cemetery station and the train, with the engine ahead but backing because of lack of turning facilities at Cemetery, was proceeding toward Oswego.

The transfer train was made up in this order: A caboose was ahead, then the engine and back of this the flat car loaded with wood. It had left Brooklyn, crossed the Willamette on the Oswego bridge and was headed for Jefferson street station.

Unofficial information has it that this train had the right of way, and this point is one of the subjects of an investigation begun as soon as the track was cleared at 8 o'clock this morning.

One Train Out of Limits. Superintendent L. L. Burckhalter of the Southern Pacific, is conducting the official investigation today to determine the cause of the wreck. It was apparent that one of the trains was running beyond the limit of its orders.

That the personal factor was responsible was the opinion at Southern Pacific headquarters, for which reason before any responsibility was placed, the superintendent decided on a most thorough study of the situation.

The log train was in charge of Conductor Fred H. Ortschild. Others of the train crew were R. F. Scroggs, R. Stanton and G. T. Benfrow. Engineer F. J. Kottorf was at the throttle and E. C. Erickson was his fireman.

J. H. Corbett was engineer of the transfer engine and J. Betr was his fireman.

Bank Saves Engine Crew. This the two trains, one running without order, met in the Santa which is 200 feet north of Riverdale station and about a mile south of Cemetery station.

The caboose of the transfer train, caught between the engine of the log train and its own engine, was telescoped and broken to splinters. The tender of the log train, holding to the rails for a moment, shot off the track and landed on the river, its engine climbing it until the rear was tilted six or eight feet. The momentary holding of the tender on the track is believed to have saved the engine crew from disaster, because otherwise the engine cab would have been crushed. Both men in the cab held to their posts.

Hearing Is Started. The members of the board of inquiry, composed of George D. Schalk, City Safety Commissioner; Harry P. Coffin, Superintendent; F. L. Burckhalter, Assistant Superintendent; C. W. Martyn and Master Mechanic George Wild left for the scene of the wreck at 10 o'clock this morning and returned to Mr. Burckhalter's office, where testimony was taken.

The Public Service commission scheduled a hearing of its own at 1:30 this afternoon. Commissioner Miller and Examiner F. E. Rasch accompanied the board to Riverdale.

Sues Concessions Company. Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Charles Schlake, of Santa Rosa, today brought suit against Eugene M. Connell, head of the Consolidated Concessions company of the Panama-Pacific exposition, to recover \$34,000 alleged to have been paid for stock in the company, sold under false representations. Schlake asserts that the company's reports claimed it owned the inside inn and other valuable concessions, whereas, in reality, only a sixth interest was owned.

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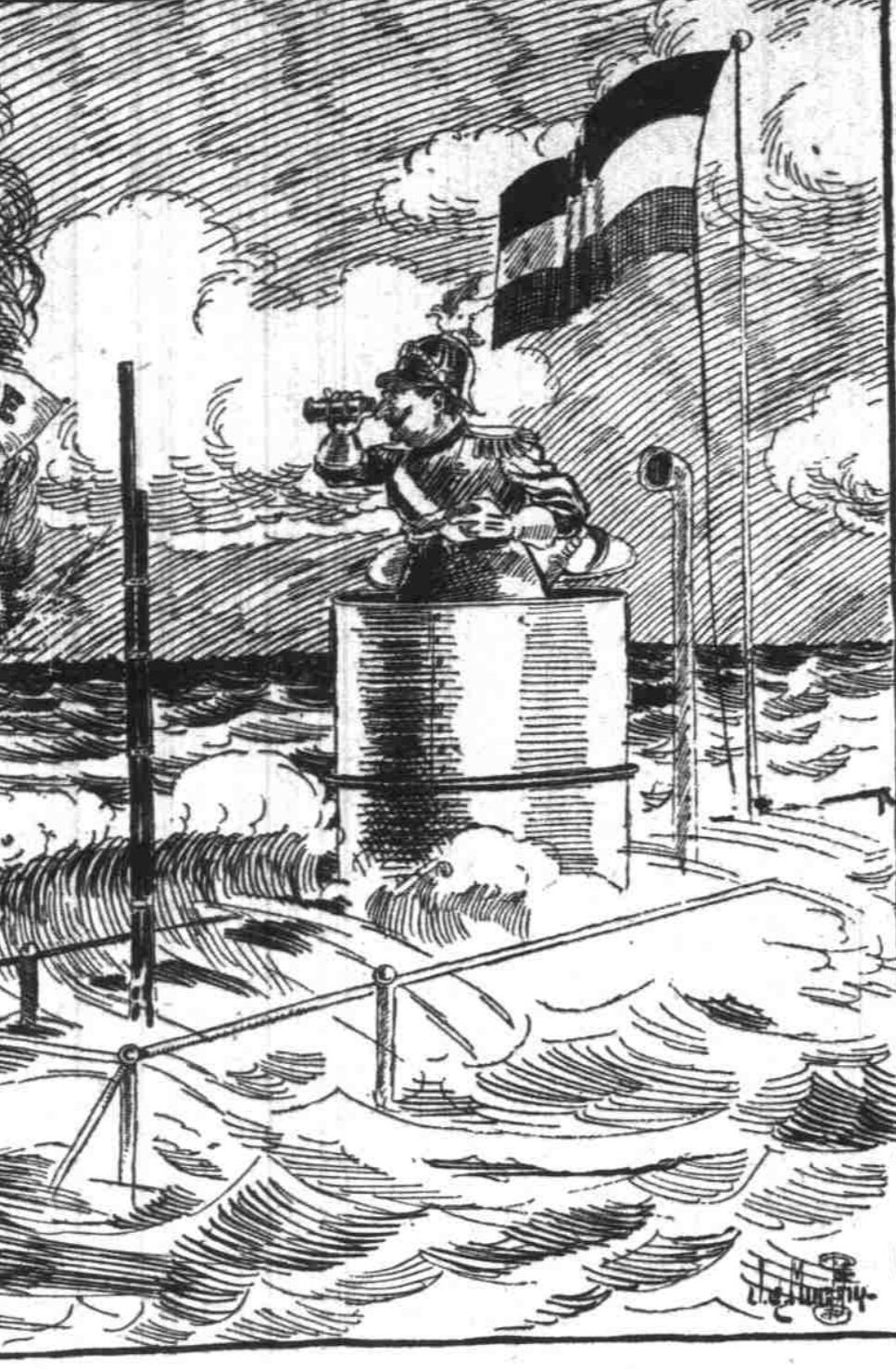
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## SINKING!



## WAR SUMMARY BY J. W. T. MASON

Former European Manager of the United Press.

New York, Aug. 21.—Criticism of General Joffre, hushed when it first appeared in France, has broken out again and this time includes War Minister Millerand.

A disillusionment is evident as to the conclusion of the war which was expected last year. The probability that no power will be crushed when peace is restored—except possibly Turkey—is felt in France, for querulous temper rises in its train. Attacks upon the war minister and the French generalissimo are no more than efforts to find scapegoats. No one in France could do more than Joffre has done, and, if Millerand has offended, so have the Germans, for neither has made progress against the other.

The amazing fact is that criticism did not develop in France sooner. The lateness of the effort to send the leaders to justice, is evidence that the generation which the war has given France. Hitherto the critical faculty of the nation has greatly interfered with government officials. But the war has changed this nervous impatience. All partisanship was lost when the nation opposed Joffre. Only once during the first year of the war was any effort made to find fault with General Joffre. That failed to accomplish any sympathetic response.

Now popular disappointment because of the deadlock in the west finds its expression in parliamentary debate. That it will go further and lead to ministerial reconstruction is improbable.

## Galveston People In Need of Bread

Sufferers in Storm-Swept Territory Have Been Supplied With Water—183 Dead—Damage \$50,000,000.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—Bread is the greatest need of Galveston. Relief work is progressing rapidly and an emergency supply of drinking water has been turned on, but there is little bread in the town.

Reports today from throughout the storm section accounted for 183 dead. There are now less than 100 persons missing and it is believed a majority of these will be found. Estimates still place the property damage at \$50,000,000 today.

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Italy's Ultimatum Interest. The greatest interest was manifest in reports that Italy had sent an ultimatum to Turkey and in the expected nomination today by Premier Venizelos of Greece's new war cabinet. On the whole, though the situation in the near east was still somewhat cloudy, the expectation was general that not more than a few days could pass before a definite alignment will be known.

Reports that the German armies investing Brest-Litovsk have practically enveloped 200,000 Russian troops in the neighborhood of that fortress were doubted here. At any rate, they were regarded as premature. It was pointed out that the Russian commander-in-chief has, to date, been able to avoid the sacrifice of any considerable number of troops and confidence was expressed that, even if a further withdrawal of Russian forces proves necessary, their line will still remain unbroken.

Riga Developments Important. Greater danger to the Russian cause than through the operations at Brest-Litovsk was seen here in reports that the German fleet had forced the Gulf of Riga. If true, which Petrograd has not yet admitted, this sea victory would mean easy reinforcement of the German armies in Courland and might easily make a serious attempt on Petrograd itself possible.

Fleet street awaited confirmation of the news with anxiety. Calm on the British front with only sporadic activity by the French and Germans in Champagne and the Vosges led to the belief that, from the allies' point of view, the general military situation was not unfavorable.

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## TILLAMOOK BAY TIDE LANDS ARE TO BE SOLD BY THE STATE

Lands Are Desired by Whitney Lumber Co. Limited—Channel to Be Ample.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—The state land board yesterday decided to advertise for sale 241 acres of tide land located in Tillamook bay in the vicinity of the Wilson and Kitcher rivers.

The tide lands extend from the south shore of the eastern section of the bay to a point about a quarter of a mile from the north shore. The line of the north end would be on the channel, as proposed.

The tide lands are desired by the Whitney company, limited, which owns large tracts of timber lands in the vicinity for log booms. Representatives of the Whitney company assured the land board that the channel would leave plenty of room for water transportation of parties owning lands adjacent to the company's holdings.

The tract will be advertised for 60 days by the state land board.

## License in Stocking; She Couldn't Get It

South Orange, N. J., Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—Because her driver's license was tucked away in the top of her stocking, Mrs. Max Gerties, of Summit, N. J., was detained for an hour by the police after her car had figured in a collision.

"I just can't show you, officer; I just can't," protested Mrs. Gerties, blushing furiously, when Patrolman Pat Sheffington demanded a look at the license and threatened to send her to jail. A companion saved the situation by telephoning for Gerties. He satisfied the police that his wife had a license.

## Hop Picking Begins.

Quincy, Or., Aug. 21.—Beginning this morning, the hop picking machine on the Livesley ranch was put in operation on the early crop. The machine does the work of 100 persons, although about 40 are engaged in handling it. A large force of hand pickers will be employed about September 1, but the machine is considered adequate for the early crop. More than the usual difficulty has been experienced with vermin in the yards this season, but continuous spraying, together with the hot wave of the past week has eradicated great numbers, but has also dried the vines to some extent.

Four Divorces Granted. Albany, Or., Aug. 21.—Circuit Judge Galloway, during a brief term of court Thursday afternoon and yesterday, granted four divorces, besides acting upon numerous civil cases.

The divorces, all of which were on desertion charges, are as follows: Rose Sherwood from Thomas Sherwood; Alford from Clarence Alford; Caroline Olson from N. S. Olson; and Lillian Begley from James Begley.

## Obeys Mother and Sleeps With Chicks

Cleveland, O., Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—Little Annie Kescak solved a mystery today. While all of Cleveland's police were searching for Helen Peterlin, aged 8 years, Annie discovered that Helen had taken her mother at her word.

"Mamma, can baby play tonight?" asked Helen. "No, dearie," Mrs. Peterlin replied, "Little girls must go to bed with the chickens."

That's just what Helen did. Annie found her asleep in the chicken coop.

Buxton Is School Clerk. Forest Grove, Or., Aug. 21.—Earl O. Buxton, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, has been elected school clerk to succeed Hal Parker, who resigned to accept a business position in the east. The election was very spirited and Mr. Buxton received 53 votes, while his competitor, H. K. Bernard, polled 48.

S. G. Hughes acted as chairman and R. P. Wirtz and C. M. Good, tellers.

## Forest Fire Smoke Dense in Woodland

Woodland, Wash., Aug. 21.—No serious fires have been reported, but the smoke pall that hangs over the valley is something terrific. Objects only a short distance away cannot be distinguished, and the sun shines a sickly yellow through the haze. A strong northwest wind has prevailed all week, and this has lessened the stifling effects of the smoke. The thermometer has not recorded higher than 88 degrees, but it seems to be the hottest spell of the year, presumably on account of the dense smoke. Rain is badly needed, as the hot wind is causing much damage to late potatoes and other late crops.

Power Line Is Planned. Morton, Aug. 21.—The Lewis County Light & Telephone company, with head offices at Morton, is fixing up all its main lines and removing its telephone lines from the streets to the alleys inside the city limits. Preparation is now being made to construct a power line separate from the lighting wire, which will be done next spring.

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