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TIME'S TERRIBLE TALE

Shall fallen women be interned by the various cities of the country, where they are found, is agitating the public mind to quite a considerable extent just now. To intern or Portlandize fallen women means the corralling of them on acre tracts, where comfortable quarters are prepared and then all of them put at gainful occupations. Whether the constitutions of the various states are sufficiently elastic to intern women, who are guilty of no crime save that of immorality, is a question for the courts to determine, unless habeas corpus, owing to the exigency of the occasion, is denied by the chief executive. Have fallen women no rights that the law is bound to respect, and, if a law is passed making it a penal offense for women and men to practice immorality, and if the executors of the law are among those who carry on the illicit relations then who, pray, will enforce the law? We have little or no faith in this interning proposition and we likewise have little or no faith in this clean-up proposition that is being talked about. General Green says there are 2300 fallen women in Seattle and they are directed by a vice syndicate, in which some of the officials of Seattle are financially interested, while one of the papers of the city says Green's number is low, and perhaps twice that number of women of the under-world are in the city. If either or both of them are right it would be next to impossible to get sufficient evidence to find many, if any, of the women guilty. The reason there are so many fallen women is because there are so many fallen men, who are always systematically trying to knock every woman down morally with whom they come in contact. It's the men of the "Four Hundred" instead of the women that should be interned.

"Where Our Black Folks Come From" was the subject of a lecture given by Prof. Kincaid of the University of Washington to the Sunday school of the Plymouth church of this city, and it in substance was the same lecture that he gave before Mt. Zion Baptist Brotherhood, only it was illustrated by stereopticon views. Curiosity took us to hear it a second time and we were delighted to be there. He did not have so large an audience as he did at the Mt. Zion Baptist church and we seriously doubt if his latter audience was as intensely interested as his first. From the maps and charts showing the origin and scatterment of the Negro it was plain to be seen that the black man in some form had covered at least three-fourths of the present earth, and, it is believed, that his

original birth place, where he lived in multiplied millions, is now a lost continent, having been submerged and the Indian Ocean marks the place. According to his theory there are about 200,000,000 Negroes in Africa at present to say nothing of the other millions scattered all over the face of the earth. The colored folk in the United States, he traces from Soudan and showed some splendid types of Soudanes Negroes. It was among this class of Africans that the Belgians operated and he said that the United States might have accomplished more had she sent missionaries to Belgium instead of Soudan, and that, owing to the brutality practiced by the Belgians on the Soudan Negroes, they were getting what they richly deserved from the Germans. His words were not exactly in this language, but it meant one and the same thing. This paper fully agrees with the idea and has no sympathy for the Belgians.

Poor old Russia—she is rent by riot and rebellion from center to circumference and the end is not yet in sight. In such a bad state is she that the German government does not even feel it necessary to take possession of the country. Russia in her palmy days mistreated the Jews like the Belgians did the Africans and like the South did and is, the American Negroes and now Russia, having sowed to the wind, is reaping an awful whirlwind, and if history repeats herself, the day will yet come when the white people of our own South land, through misfortunes, will be similarly punished for their brutal atrocities against human beings. We believe there is always a just retribution that follows such brutality and while it may be a long time coming, yet it is as sure to come as day follows night. Russia may continue an independent empire, but the probabilities are that, if it does not become a part of some of the European governments, it will break up into petty governments and never again enjoy the world power it once did. The factions are exhausting themselves on each other at present and the Kaiser is enjoying the Kil Kenny Kat fight most hugely.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

If Turkey is not already out of the running she will be after our coming Thanksgiving celebration.

"Seattle is trying to be straight," says the Forum of Tacoma. Another instance of going from home to hear the news.

Nine times nine lives must the Texas liar possess, who testified that he was wounded fifty-seven times by the Twenty-fourth rioters.

It's a case of now you see it and now you do not, in Russia, and sooner or later Germany will fix it so you will never see it.

With sixty-six billion bushels of corn in the country, every day in the year could be wheatless and still the citizens would suffer no great stomachache misfortunes.

If the late state elections were not rebukes of the present milk and cider national Democratic administration then it is incapable of being rebuked.

Japan now has another bellus causae against the United States, as two of her squint eyed subjects were recently arrested in San Francisco for having shipped liquors to Portland and Seattle.

A change of generalship in the Italian army brings Gen. Diaz to the front as Italy's generalissimo. We seem to have heard that name before and a "greaser" was pronouncing it.

"General Green is certainly some man," shouts the Forum of Tacoma, all of which may or may not be true, but the only reason that the Forum gives him credit of being some man is because he has roasted Seattle.

Everything seems to point to the overwhelming defeat of the striking telephone girls. They either struck before they were ready or they did not know what they were striking for.

A new drug store flood is about to engulf Seattle and yet Mayor Gill declares he has cleaned up the town. These drug stores are simply legalized bootlegging joints, too notorious to be in existence.

Preaching morality among the white men of the South will have about the same effect as pouring water on a duck's back, and nobody knows that better than the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

President Wilson is thankful that the United States is able to fight. We are not sure that the United States is thankful that he is commander in chief of those who are bound to fight.

Eighteen thousand visitors watched the athletic sports at Camp Lewis last Sunday and but one minor accident occurred throughout the day? Evidently the public has been studying well the lesson of Safety First.

We note a general salary grab among the city employes, the increase ranging from fifteen to twenty per cent. It's easy enough for the council to vote the tax payers' money away because they make such a small part of it.

Once again President Oozoola of the State University is to the front and the old ship of state is safe again from innocuous desuetude. How fortunate for the Northwest he was discovered in time to save it from the dimnation bow wows.

There is a move on foot to ask the public not to "card greet" its friends this Christmas, but to take that amount of money that has gone usually for that in years past and purchase necessities for the suffering in Europe. We rather approve of the idea and therefore give our unqualified consent for you and each of you to do so.

In the cities of New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston, Seattle, Minneapolis, Omaha and Denver the first half of the year 1917 there were 7,234 automobiles stolen and of that number all were recovered except 1,784. If you have no scruples about stealing a car this, after all, seems to be the least expensive way of getting one and apparently a great many persons have adopted this method.