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CLEAVER, WITH MANY BODIES, POLITICAL PLAYER, DECIDES INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Conduct of Public Officials Received Attention of State Prohibition Agent—Sheriff Starmer, on Stand Again, Defends His Record in Clean-Up of Reedsport.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 29.—Just before the close of a seven-hour session of the legislative prohibition investigating committee, near midnight last night, George L. Cleaver, state prohibition officer, who was on the stand, was addressed by Senator A. J. Johnson of Corvallis.

"Mr. Cleaver, it has been shown that you have been active in the investigation of public officials," "Considerably so, yes," said Cleaver.

"Was this of your own volition or upon instructions from the governor?" continued Johnson.

"In most instances either the governor or Herwig," Cleaver answered.

"The governor instructed me to follow the advice of the anti-Saloon League very closely, because they had 20 years' experience. Sometimes I was advised by Mr. Herwig, some times by Baker," Cleaver had reference to Elisha A. Baker, president and attorney of the anti-Saloon League.

Yesterday's seven-hour session brought forth a medley of testimony.

Cleaver Political Player
One conclusion was reached, agreed to by all members of the committee. In the words of Chairman Garland this was:

"We are all satisfied from the evidence that Mr. Cleaver has been too active politically, and is subject to our censure. So in this investigation, we will not again consider the question of politics."

Important phases of yesterday's inquiry were:

Introduction in evidence of a letter written by Cleaver to District Attorney Tongue of Washington county showing Cleaver's attitude toward local officials.

Testimony by Dr. J. A. Linsville, federation prohibition director for Oregon, refuting the testimony given Wednesday by Virginia B. Washburne. He denied that he had asked her to spread propaganda against the state prohibition department, or that he had ever in any way received protection money from law violators.

Starmer Again on Stand
Rev. Joe R. Benton, who was an agent for Cleaver in Douglas county, defended his record, contradicting testimony that had previously been put in by Sheriff Starmer of Roseburg.

Sheriff Starmer of Roseburg was again called, presenting affidavits to refute testimony given several days ago by Senator Staples relative to the clean-up at Reedsport, and defending his record there prior to the creation of the state department.

Laronda M. Pierce testified that he had been sent to Deschutes county by Cleaver, with the sanction of Governor Pierce, to work against local officers politically.

This brought a denial from Cleaver, who said he sent Pierce to Bend to do one thing and he did another.

This led to a grilling of Cleaver by Hays and Longman as to whether he had not attempted to defeat Denton Burdick for the legislature and had his agents trail Burdick for three weeks in an effort to get something on him.

Cleaver admitted that Burdick had been trailed.

"Don't you think it was a mistake, Mr. Cleaver, to play so close to politics?" asked Garland.

"Yes, I believe it was a mistake," Cleaver answered.

Laronda Pierce was questioned about the blackmail plot against Cleaver of which he was accused by Mrs. Washburne. This he denied, declaring that Mrs. Washburne herself had suggested such a plot.

FRANCE MUST PAY "MATERIAL" DEBT SAYS COOLIDGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Responding today to a statement by the new French ambassador, Emile Duesch, that the "material debts" of nations as well as their debts of gratitude must be paid, President Coolidge declared that the United States already had discharged "the debt of gratitude" owed France as a result of French aid in the American revolution.

Referring to American participation in the world war, the president added that thus had the debt of gratitude been paid "and both governments should experience deep satisfaction in their solicitude that material debts should also be discharged."

GIVES OUTLINE BEND-KLAMATH RAIL LINK PLAN

Exceptions Northern Lines to Compulsory Order Show Intentions.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The postal pay and rate increase bill was passed today by the senate. It carries the same provisions for salary increases, effective as of July 1, 1924, as the measure passed last session and vetoed by President Coolidge.

The rate increases would apply to practically every form of mail service but those were considerably modified from the original recommendations of the postoffice department, particularly on second class mail.

The measure is expected to be challenged in the house, as a ways and means sub-committee has already decided to urge its return to the senate as constituting a usurpation of the house prerogative of initiating revenue legislation.

The rate increases would become effective April 15 of this year and expire February 15, 1926, with a provision for an investigation by a joint congressional committee with a view to enactment next session of permanent legislation.

The vote on passage was seventy-eight and with Borah, Brookhart, Norbeck and Norris, republicans and Glass, Harrison, Swan and Underwood, democrats, opposing it.

The only change today was the adoption of an amendment to cut from two to one cent the service charge on parcel post packages.

FARM LOAN BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY, BUT LEGISLATURE OBJECTS TO BEING HURRIED

Senate Passes Eddy's Measure Giving Pupils of Public Schools Two Hours a Week Absence for Religious Instruction—Raffety Behind Bill to Cut Down Automobile Headlights.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A special test program, transmitted by radio by station WGN in an effort to reach Australia and New Zealand, was heard distinctly for two hours in New Zealand by E. H. Scott and A. Tasman, the Chicago Tribune announced today.

AIRPLANE SENT WITH SERUM TO STRICKEN CITY

Washington Acts Promptly to Combat Epidemic of Diphtheria at Nome.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—An authorization for Roy S. Burling, special agent of the department of justice, to make an airplane flight with diphtheria antitoxin from Fairbanks to Nome, has been forwarded to Alaska.

Darling is a member of the naval reserve and has served as a naval flyer. Delegate Sutherland of Alaska obtained permission from both the department of justice and the navy department for him to undertake the journey in order to speed up relief for those suffering from diphtheria at Nome and who have been waiting for dog teams to bring the serum.

If Darling takes off from Fairbanks today, Mr. Sutherland said, he probably will overtake a dog team hurrying toward Nome at the confluence of the Tanana and Yukon rivers. The plane, he said, could land on the ice.

Darling volunteered his services for the journey, along with a mechanic. They said a plane was available at Fairbanks.

Nome Sends Out Appeal For Hastie As Serum Supply Diminishes
NOME, Alaska, Jan. 29.—The diphtheria epidemic took a serious turn yesterday and the citizens, through the local correspondent of The Associated Press, have sent the following appeal, that officials Washington hasten anti-toxin serum by airplane from Fairbanks, rather than force them to wait for dog team delivery:

"Help immediately. Help by air!" (Continued on page eight)

ELECTRIC CHAIR AVENGES BRUTAL MURDER OF CHILD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Jan. 30.—Peter Vergolini, of Gray, Ind., was electrocuted at the state penitentiary here today for the murder of Annie Tomcik, four-year-old Serbian girl, whom he assaulted and then strangled to death at Gary last September. Vergolini met death with stoical indifference.

MEANS AND HIS LAWYER GUILTY IN BRIBE CASE

Ex-Agent of Department of Justice Sentenced to Prison 2 Years.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, found guilty by a federal court jury today on charges of conspiring to bribe government officials, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000 and to serve a two-year penitentiary term.

Thomas H. Felder, Means' attorney, who was convicted of a similar charge, was fined \$10,000. The court denied motions to set aside the verdict on the ground that it was contrary to the weight of evidence.

The verdict returned by the first jury picked jury to function in a federal court trial here marks one of many high lights in the sensational career of Means.

At intervals in the last 8 years he figured in a series of episodes ranging from trial for murder to accusations of graft, in which the names of men prominent in public life were handled about.

The present case got into the courts when a federal grand jury last March indicted Means, Felder and Elmer W. Jarnecke, who had been known as secretary to Means, on the justice obstruction conspiracy charge. Officials of the Crager System, a glass casket company of Altoona, Pa., charged the trio with having obtained \$65,000 from them on their representation that it would be spent in bribing high government officials on charges of having used the mails in a stock fraud conspiracy.

Seventeen of the more than 50 men involved subsequently were convicted and sentenced to penitentiary terms in Atlanta. It was after their conviction that the Crager Glass Casket defendants complained and the indictments of the trio followed.

Felder said he would immediately file an appeal. He expressed confidence that his conviction would be reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals and declared his innocence of the charge notwithstanding the verdict of the jury.

Means' counsel said an appeal would also be filed in his case. Means is already under sentence of two years and a fine of \$10,000 for violation of the Volstead Act, but today's sentence on the motion of Hiram G. Todd, special United States Attorney, is not to be concurrent with the previous one.

If Felder's sentence is confirmed by the higher court, he will be barred from practice of law.

SAFER HOSPITALS FOR MAIMED VETS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Recommendations for a hospitalization program to provide 6,166 additional beds for soldier veteran patients, based upon a survey of the various local needs throughout the country, have been presented to President Coolidge by the disabled American veterans.

Frank J. Irwin, national commander of the disabled veterans, in outlining the program today, said it also contemplated removal of fire hazards at many institutions where veterans are patients.

AMENDING CONSTITUTION AS EASY AS DRAWING CORK; REPEAL ALL LAWS, RE-ENACT GOLDEN RULE—MARSHALL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 29.—"I am not for the prohibition amendment and I never was; no decent democrat ever was," former vice-president Thomas E. Marshall told the National Retail Furniture School at a banquet last night.

"But now it's here, let's maintain it or else get rid of it by due processes of law."

"I'm getting tired of all these additions to the constitution. It's got so it is as easy to amend the constitution of the United States as it is to draw a cork. Anyone can go down to Washington and make enough noise and get any amendment tacked onto the constitution."

"I like the English way best."

CHEMISTRY'S NEW AGE JUST AHEAD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A new civilization with a new chemistry making possible the transmutation of elements including the changing of substances into gold, is likely the result of an attempt to apply practically the Einstein theory of relativity, Dr. E. E. Free, editor of "The Scientific American," said at a luncheon meeting at the Lions club today.

We are on the verge of entering a new kind of chemistry," Dr. Free explained, and with that, perhaps, a new kind of civilization. If, as we expect, we can give practical application to the Einstein theory we will be able to augment the world's supply of certain things of which there is a definite shortage. The world needs more platinum, more iodine, more helium. As far as we know, there is a shortage of supply."

NO TRACE OF PIANIST MISSING SINCE MONDAY; SUICIDE THEORY BASED ON HER PREVIOUS ACTIONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Falling to find any clue in their search for Ethel Leginska, English pianist, who disappeared on Monday night, the police have resorted to the radio.

A description has been broadcast at the request of her friends, who are growing more apprehensive for her safety.

According to the secretary, Miss Leginska had no money when she disappeared. The police have visited several pawnshops in the vicinity of the pianist's home in an effort to discover whether she pawned either her fur coat or her jewelry. They had no success.

The secretary, Mrs. Lucille Oliver, added to the apprehension of the pianist's friends when she disclosed that Miss Leginska attempted suicide while a student in Germany.

When Miss Leginska was 17 or 18 years old and was studying music in Germany said Mrs. Oliver, "she jumped into a river. Some one rescued her. The next thing she knew she was in London. All she remembered of the occurrence after her immersion was her going from farm house to farm house begging her meals and sleeping in barns."

F. C. Frear, county roadmaster, left this morning for Scottsburg, where he will spend the day transacting business matters.

MARRIED 5 TIMES, NEVER DIVORCED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
ALEXANDRIA, La., Jan. 29.—Five wives, from none of whom he is divorced, is alleged to have visited the altar with Jesse McDaniel, 45, held here under charges of desertion preferred by Mrs. Cordell McDaniel, of Hinesville, La., said to be his second wife.

The women, each of whom he is alleged to have deserted, are said to have been Mrs. E. J. Howard and Mrs. Cordell McDaniel, of Hinesville; a Miss Johnson of Lufkin, Tex., one at Pearl River, La., and a fifth at McNary, Ariz.

RESUME INQUIRY IN OIL SCANDAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The special grand jury which will take testimony in the new proceedings here in the case of Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana unexpected today was called upon today to reopen consideration of the naval oil leases.

Atlee Pomeroy and Owen J. Roberts, government oil counsel, appeared before the jury when it convened and Judson C. Smith and A. S. Booth, officials of the First National Bank of Pueblo Colorado, were examined. No indication of the testimony expected from them was given.

A similar inquiry was held before a grand jury here last summer, but no report was returned.

NEW YORK PONZI CONFESSES GUILT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Moe Turman, who recently confessed to \$1,200,000 of forgeries after the \$1,000,000 of a get-rich-quick scheme founded upon a \$100 loan, pleaded guilty to second degree forgery today. He will be sentenced February 6.

The prescribed penalty for the crime is five to ten years imprisonment. Turman's wife, who accompanied him to the district attorney's office when he confessed and who has remained with him since, was in court, when her husband pleaded.

MARY MILES MINTER'S MILLIONS, MOVIE MELODRAMA MADE, MOTIVATES MONEY MALADMINISTRATION MOVE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 29.—Mary Miles Minter's millions, money she says she earned during a stage and screen career that began when she was a child six years old, today formed a golden gulf across which the motion picture actress and her mother faced each other as opponents in a lawsuit.

In an action filed in superior court yesterday for an accounting of funds which she alleges her mother received for her as her guardian, Miss Minter, giving her name as Juliette Shelby, "also known as Juliette Shelby," states that her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, "also known as Pearl Miles Minter," has repeatedly refused to

make any accounting of money earned by her daughter.

The sums received by Mrs. Shelby from time to time include, according to the complaint, a total of \$700,000 earned by Miss Minter under a contract with the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation during the years 1923-1924. Her total earnings since she began work as a girl of six she is unable to estimate accurately, she said, but she is confident the sum ran into seven figures.

The court is asked to order Mrs. Shelby to make an accounting at once of all money received on behalf of her daughter and all property she has purchased with that money.