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COURT MARTIAL SOON READY TO TRY MITCHELL

Air Service Agitator Now Preparing Defense to Support Charges.

COUNSEL DECIDED ON

Answers Summons of Chief of Bureau and Asserts Later That Fight Has Just Begun.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Colonel William Mitchell of the army—air service, reported today to the inspector-general's office of the war department, where disciplinary proceedings against him are under consideration.

The case at this stage is in the hands of Colonel George A. Nugent of the inspector-general's office and the purpose was to furnish the Colonel with copies of proposed charges growing out of his San Antonio statements which precipitated the present aviation inquiry.

Before any charges are made against Colonel Mitchell he will be given an opportunity to make any reply he desires. Colonel Nugent's recommendations as to further proceedings will be made after he had considered the reply.

Any court martial would sit in Washington and indications are Major-General Summerall, commanding the second corps area, New York, would be president of the court. At least one air service officer senior to Colonel Mitchell is expected to be a member of the court and Colonel C. G. Hall, army observer on the navy aircraft shipboard at the time of the disaster to that craft, appears to be a likely selection. The only other officers of the air service senior to Colonel Mitchell are Major-General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service, and Brigadier-General James F. Gebel, Colonel Mitchell's successor as assistant chief.

Colonel Mitchell spent about 20 minutes in Colonel Nugent's office and waved aside questioners when he came out.

"I haven't a thing to say," he said. "Ask them."

He went to the office of the judge advocate general before he left the building. A formal action to convene a court martial will not be taken before next week as Secretary Davis will be away this week on an Ohio river inspection trip.

Colonel Mitchell later went to the capitol, where he announced that a court martial proceedings were being initiated. Representative Frank Reid, of Illinois, would head his civilian defense counsel. Mr. Reid was a member of the house aircraft committee of the last congress.

Colonel H. A. White, of the army judge advocate general staff, Colonel Mitchell said, probably would head the military counsel. The Colonel took occasion to reiterate that the fight for a department of national defense had "just begun."

Mitchell Again Refutes Charge of "Amateur Bungling" by non-flying naval officers was responsible for the failure of the navy's Hawaiian flight drew a contradiction today before the president's air board by Lieutenant Byron J. Connell, pilot of the PN-3, No. 1.

Under questioning by Senator Bingham of Connecticut, Lieutenant Connell backed up the testimony given last week by Commander John Rodgers, leader of the flight, declaring that all aircraft were in good condition.

STORM SENDS 53 MEN TO DEATH ON A TORPEDO BOAT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) HELSINGFORS, Finland, Oct. 5.—Three officers and fifty men were drowned when the Finnish torpedo boat HD-2 went down yesterday in a violent storm during the naval maneuvers. A dispatch through Copenhagen and London last night said a Finnish gunboat, name not given, had foundered in the gulf of Bothnia.

Three other vessels have taken refuge off the Swedish and Finnish coasts.

Bellview Club to Meet—The Bellview Club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. A. Murphy on Thursday afternoon.

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MURDER TRIAL OF CONVICTS IS BEGUN AT SALEM

Murray's Fate Will Likely Decide Cases of Other Two to Follow.

GETTING JURY HARD

Ten Women File Claims of Exemption—State to Ask Death for All 3 Defendants.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., Oct. 5.—The trial of Tom Murray, leader of the convict trio, who shot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary on the evening of August 12, opened in the circuit court here before Judge Percy R. Kelly this morning with District Attorney John Carson asking the death penalty for the murder of John Sweeney, one of the two guards killed in the break.

Up to the noon recess of the court seven jurors had been tentatively passed by both the defense and prosecution, and one had been excused upon challenge of the defense. There were indications, however, that not more than two, possibly three, of the seven would pass final muster and be accepted.

After the excuses from jury duty had been granted three remained at noon only 15 names on the venire, and the court had ordered the drawing of an additional venire of 50 names. The attorneys anticipated that it would be late tomorrow before a jury could be secured.

Murray came into court shortly before 10 o'clock accompanied by Deputy Warden Lilley. He was not handcuffed and wore civilian clothes. He immediately took the seat assigned to him beside the chair of his attorney and scarcely moved throughout the morning session, showing no emotion and little interest in what was going on. Except for an occasional flicker of a smile his expression never changed. Just before the noon recess a newspaper photographer took a flashlight picture of the court room, and Murray sat erect and looked squarely at the camera.

The only touch of the dramatic in connection with the morning session came with adjournment when Murray's mother, who had been seated in the front row outside the rail, broke into tears. She and Murray's father came in during the middle of the morning, and took seats in full view of the jury box.

Off on the far end of the first row of seats outside the railing sat Mrs. Sweeney, widow of the murdered guard. She showed no emotion and few in the court room were aware of her presence.

Every seat in the court room (Continued on page 8.)

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION OPENS IN JOYOUS STYLE

Delegates in Happy Mood as Preliminary to Serious Business to Come Before Them.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 5.—Colorful scenes and an enthusiasm unabated by seven years of following peace time pursuits, marked the opening here today of the seventh annual convention of the American Legion.

An all-night celebration marked the welcoming new arrivals on special trains from midnight to dawn. There was cheering, following bands, and fire and drum corps and playing of old army games.

Before the ravel of National Commander James A. Drain fell the vast city auditorium resounded with music and all the songs and mirth the great army of democracy built for themselves in American cantonments or found in France.

An air glow of goodfellows glad to be together again prevailed as the ravel fell on a giant rone which called the convention to order and there was apparent none of the seriousness of business later to come before the convention.

"Men, God property, should be the nation's first concern after the war," Governor Adam McMillen of Nebraska told the convention.

"Every citizen should consider it a duty and a privilege to work towards the rehabilitation of the American ex-service men before he becomes too engrossed in the increasing problems of modern society."

Mention of the name of the A. F. P. commander, General J. J. Corah, was received with wild applause. Governor McMillan welcomed the legion "to the home state of your commander-in-chief."

President Coolidge is to address the convention tomorrow. He arrived here this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge.

The question, what will the American Legion do about Colonel Mitchell and his charges of inefficiency in the navy? is the liveliest topic of political conversation.

Many friends of Colonel Mitchell today were predicting that he would be able to win the national commandship of the legion if he would come to the convention in person. Realizing this possibility, Frank Warner of Norfolk, Neb., who also has been mentioned for the commandship may introduce a resolution asking that Colonel Mitchell be allowed to attend the convention, despite the fact that the army department has asked his presence in Washington for the start of court martial proceedings.

One Omaha newspaper stated Mitchell appears to be satisfactory to everyone of the various committees except that his election would "offend the national legion administration."

Drain For Preparedness. OMAHA, Oct. 5.—Laws under which war might be conducted "with no profiteers and slackers" was urged by James A. Drain, national commander of the American Legion, in an address before the national convention here today.

The surest way to preserve peace in America, the commander said, is adequate preparedness.

"The word of the American Legion has always and always shall be pledged for peace," he declared, "but we know the world cannot have peace simply by wishing for it and denying the possibility of war. We know peace must rest upon international justice and preparedness."

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Bespectacled Meadows To Oppose Johnson in World Series Opener, Forecast

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PITTSBURGH, Oct. 5.—With the ringing down of the curtain on the major league baseball season, the stage was being set today for the opening game of the World series at Forbes field, the home lot of the National league champions, the Pittsburgh Pirates, who on Wednesday will enter the initial battle of the annual fall baseball classic as the opponents of the Washington Senators, 1925 champions of the American league and defenders of the world championship title.

Manager McKechnie and his speedy young Pirate team are home from Cincinnati, where the last game on the regular schedule was played over the week-end. Final practice sessions preparatory for the first clash with the veteran Senators, are on the schedule for this afternoon and tomorrow morning.

"Bucky" Harris was down to lead his club into Pittsburgh tonight and Forbes field will be turned over to the American leaguers tomorrow afternoon for a workout.

The double header with the Reds on Sunday afforded Manager McKechnie an opportunity to put several of his second string men into action. Pitcher Calton, Catcher Spencer, Infielder Thompson and outfield Haas working in a portion of the second game. Since eluding the senior circuit pennant, about 10 days ago, all of Skipper

Bill's strategy has been pointed toward priming the entire team, both regulars and reserves, for the tithe fray and no stone in that direction has been left unturned.

No definite announcement on the pitching assignment for Pittsburgh in the first game has been made by Manager McKechnie. In the opinion of sport writers, however, Lee Meadows, spectacular mound artist, who came to the Buccaneers from the Phillies in 1923, will be the selection to oppose Walter Johnson, veteran standy of the youthful Bucky Harris, and the pitching hero of last year's series.

It is considered likely that Vic Aldridge, who was obtained from the Chicago Cubs last winter by trade and a holdout during the spring training season, will be the pitcher chief's choice for the second game, with Ray Kremer slated for duty on the third day of the big tussle.

Fans from the four corners of the country are assembling in the smoky city and eagerly await the call "play ball." All reserved seats were sold long ago, but carpenters are pushing to completion temporary stands in left field that will accommodate an additional 5,000 enthusiasts, bringing the capacity of Forbes field to more than 45,000.

Already all hotels and boarding houses are booked to the limit and are making arrangements to care for additional guests with emergency accommodations.

WORLD SERIES SNAPSHOTS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Baseball's second million dollar share came into being in 1924 when the Washington Senators defeated the New York Giants in four of seven games for the world's title.

Despite the fact that the attendance was almost 20,000 smaller than in 1923 when the entire six-game series was played in New York's gigantic parks, the total revenue reached the record of \$1,093,104 as against \$1,063,815 received the previous year.

At that, the attendance was the second largest in the history of the game for a series, eclipsing that of the eight-game all-Polo Ground classic of 1921 when 59,977 were entertained. The Giants and Senators performed before 233,695 in seven contests.

Forbes Field at Pittsburgh, where the National league half of the series will be played this year, will carry for about 45,000 when temporary seats are constructed, about 5,000 less than the Polo Grounds capacity.

New York's 1923 series still holds the record for single day attendance with 62,817 at the Yankee Stadium for the fifth game, while fully 50,000 others clamored for admittance. The receipts for this contest were \$201,459, more money than reached the coffers from the full six-game series of 1918, the war year, in which the Red Sox defeated the Cubs.

Following is the detailed disposition of last year's receipts: Players' share \$321,025.51 Washington Americans' share 148,991.63

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GOAL FIXED FOR MORE MEMBERS BY METHODISTS

10 Per Cent Present Total Increases Resolved on at Conference.

APPOINTMENTS MADE

Rev. S. J. Chaney Succeeds Danford, District Head —Rev. Knotts Head in Roseburg.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 5.—With a plea of Bishop W. O. Shepherd and all district superintendents to increase the membership of the Methodist church in this state ten per cent during the coming year, the seventy-third annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the state came to a close here last night.

Ministers and appointees for the Southern, Eastern, Salem and Portland districts were announced last night. S. A. Danford, who has been superintendent of the Southern district, which includes Eugene, was transferred to the position of area evangelist and supervisor of new work. All other superintendents remained in office.

Rev. S. J. Chaney, of Ashland, will be the superintendent of the Southern district.

The boundaries of the Southern and Eastern districts were changed so that several charges were put into the Eastern district from the Southern district to the Eastern. These are Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Pine Creek, Coquille, Klamath Indian Mission and Chiloquin.

The meeting held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of ordaining six deacons and five elders, turned into an evangelistic rally, and the entire conference pledged by standing vote to increase the membership in the church by 2700, ten per cent of the present total.

Rev. D. H. Leach, formerly pastor here and now superintendent of the Salem district, brought the audience to its feet by a stirring evangelistic plea, during which he personally pledged to convert one person in every one of his charges.

The note of evangelism struck in the conference led to a motion to send a telegram of encouragement to Billy Sunday, who is now conducting a series of evangelic meetings in Portland. The resolution was adopted on motion of W. W. Younson, pastor of the Rose City church, Portland.

The appointments made by the Methodist conference involving Douglas county points are as follows: Camas Valley and Tom Mile, Rev. N. M. Shroder; Canyonville, Rev. C. C. Dix; Willard and Looking Glass, Rev. N. M. Shroder; Drain, Rev. H. W. Rummel; Elkton, Rev. Grace Driver, formerly of

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SCHOOL JANITOR KILLED BY AUTO NORTH OF EUGENE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 5.—Struck by an automobile on the Pacific highway in front of the Santa Clara school, a few miles north of here, D. W. Wing, 65, janitor of the school, was almost instantly killed this morning.

E. L. Comstock of Monmouth was driving the car.

According to the story told to officers, Wing was talking to another man, and when he turned to leave he walked across the highway. He apparently became confused at the approach of the car, and the accident resulted.

Wing is survived by one daughter, Mrs. O. E. Arnold, of Sepperson, Ore., and one son, Fred Wing of Kent, Wash.

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EX-CONVICT HELD FOR MURDER KELSEO

EDITOR LAST JUNE

Arrested While Working in Oregon Railroad Camp —Sheriff Declares Guilty Man Found.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) KELSEO, Wash., Oct. 5.—One man under arrest and a statement by Luke S. May, criminologist, that the slayer of Thomas Dovere is known to officers, developments in the mystery that has shrouded the death of the Kelseo editor who was shot down on the street here June 19.

May and Sheriff Clark Studebaker of Cowlitz County went to Oregon and arrested a man known as W. L. Thompson, alias William Reese, who was working in a railroad camp about 70 miles from Eugene.

In regard to Thompson, May said, "what he will be charged with, or whether he will be charged at all will be determined in the next two or three days." May declared that he would be able to place complete information in the prosecutor's hands within three days. He stated he knew positively who killed Thomas Dovere, adding that the individual is not anyone who has been mentioned in connection with the case to date. He said the parties involved are not residents of Kelseo, and never were actual residents.

May said that the gun used by the slayer had been positively identified by its own stakeholder.

May and Sheriff Studebaker were busy today completing details in the investigation. They were non-committal today, but intimated that further statements might soon be forthcoming.

R. G. Sharpe, special prosecutor appointed by Attorney-General Garbar at the instance of Governor Hartley, arrived in Kelseo from his home in Olympia last night. Sharpe made this statement today:

"I have given A. Ruric Todd, who filed charges against George Norris, until Tuesday noon to file any further information that would warrant holding Mr. Norris on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the death of Dovere. A statement on this phase of the case will be forthcoming Tuesday afternoon."

Thompson is held in the jail here incommunicado. His exact connection with the case has not been made known by the officers.

Sharpe this afternoon gave out a statement, in which he said: "We know who the individuals are who killed Thomas Dovere on the night of June 19. They were suspected from the outset and I am satisfied that we have evidence sufficient to convict. I am now preparing information and necessary warrants for their arrest. Their names will not be revealed until the information is filed and the warrants issued, which will be within the next two or three days.

The murderers are not residents of Cowlitz county.

"Since coming to Kelseo as special prosecutor on September 28, I have had, during my investigations, the fullest cooperation of the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff."

Suspect Has Bad Record. PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 5.—Portland police said they had found records to show the following concerning W. L. Thompson, who is held in Kelseo by officers investigating the murder of Thomas Dovere:

"Arrested in Bakersfield, Cal., in 1920, for illegal wearing of navy uniform; sentenced to 60 days and pay a fine of \$100.

"Arrested for burglary in Seattle in 1922 and given one to fifteen year sentence in state prison, under name of Fred Carlson; apparently shortly thereafter paroled.

"Sentenced to a year for burglary of 25 sacks of sugar from a grocery store in Portland, September 15, 1924."

His age was given as 20 at (Continued on page 4.)

RAILWAYS OPEN FIGHT TO ENTER KLAMATH ZONE

Question at Issue Whether Enough Business for Both Systems.

S. P. WANTS NO RIVAL

Oregon Trunk Would Extend South From Bend Then Ultimately On to San Francisco.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 5.—Two great railroad systems, the Great Northern-Northern Pacific group, and the Southern Pacific are represented by their highest officials and a small army of experts for the hearing which opens here today on the petitions of these lines for permission to build extensions in Central and Southeastern Oregon and Northern California. Charles D. Mahaffie, director of the interstate commerce commission, opened the hearing, which is expected to bring a clash of opinion on the relative importance of the petitions of the two systems.

The Northern road, through their subsidiary, the Oregon Trunk, want to extend a line from Bend to Klamath Falls, and have indicated intention to continue the extension on ultimately to San Francisco. The Southern Pacific and related companies, operating in the Klamath region, propose a direct eastern route from Klamath Falls.

The hearing is expected to develop testimony as to whether there is enough traffic in sight in the Klamath region to warrant approval by the interstate commerce commission on both of these projects.

Conspicuous in the court room were chief executives, attorneys, traffic managers, operating officials and locating engineers of the opposing railway systems, members of the Oregon public service commission and representative shippers of commodities and of community organizations in the region affected by the proposed rival railway extension program.

Only as interested observers are representatives of the Union Pacific system, present as the issue which concerns them, was heard by the interstate commerce commission months ago. That issue as it concerned the Union Pacific was as an extension of the Central Oregon line from Burns to Bend and from Bend to a connection with the Southern Pacific's Eugene-Klamath Falls cut-off. Ordinarily there would have been a decision in that case before now, but the new issues involved in the present hearing have appeared in the nature of a supplemental proceeding, and no decision is expected in the Union Pacific case until the present issue is ready to be decided.

Timberman Pledge Business. Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railroad, was a witness today. He was formerly chief engineer of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle and the Oregon Trunk lines, and made the surveys for the latter in 1909 and '10.

"The Oregon Trunk as it stands is an uncompleted project," Budd stated. "The original plan was to extend the line to the Klamath basin. The most expensive part of this entire line has been built."

He declared the Klamath region will become the greatest pine lumber manufacturing center within a few years, if the Southern pine districts are being rapidly depleted and the lumber men there are over-

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BRAKEMAN LOSES BOTH ARMS; WALKS HALF MILE FOR AID

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 5.—Nephie Robert Wood, 37, La Grande, brakeman for the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, walked a half mile to obtain help Sunday night, after both arms had been severed above the elbows in a fall under the train wheels from a freight car. In spite of great loss of blood, physicians today held hope for his recovery.

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Can Connie, With This Full House Call Harris With This Pat Hand?



Connie Mack found himself "staying" in the pennant jackpot with three of a kind in Eddie Rommel, Slim Harris and Sam Gray and an off ace in Rube Walberg. Stanley Harris was sitting pretty with a pat hand in Stan Coveleski, Dutch Ruether, Walter Johnson, Zeb Zachary and Fred Marberry. Then, on the draw, Connie drew Jack Quinn who turned out to be an ace, giving him a full house. When the show down comes which hand'll get the world's series pot?