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JOHNSON LOST FIRST ROUND IN M'CAMANT CASE

Senate Turns Down Motion
to Act in Open Session
on the Nomination.

OVER TILL NEXT WEEK

Coolidge's Recommendation
for \$50,000 to Join in
Arms Congress Gets
Favorable Action.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The senate last night put over until next week further consideration of the nomination of Judge Wallace McCamant, of Oregon.

This action followed the failure of efforts by Senator Johnson, Republican, California, to have the appointment considered in open executive session instead of behind closed doors. Johnson lost out on two close votes. He indicated he would continue his opposition next week.

The fight which Mr. Johnson is conducting is an outgrowth of the 1920 Chicago convention at which Judge McCamant nominated President Coolidge for the vice presidency. The judge was a delegate from his home state and Senator Johnson claims that, although instructed to vote for him for the presidential nomination, the judge violated that pledge.

"Judge McCamant violated the laws of his state and broke faith with his people," Senator Johnson said after the senate action tonight.

"A man who will not obey the laws of his own state is unfit to administer the laws of the United States."

When the McCamant nomination was called up in executive session, Senator Johnson moved that it be considered in the opinion. Vice President Dawes ruled that since this in effect constituted a suspension of the rules, a two-thirds majority was necessary.

The senate sustained him, 37 to 24, after nearly two hours debate. Senator Johnson then moved that there be an open executive session, but the motion was lost, 39 for and 25 against the proposition failing to marshal their required two-thirds majority.

Brookhart's Counsel Protests.

Objection to the senate recount in the Brookhart-Hick Iowa senatorial contest was filed today with the senate elections subcommittee by Senator Brookhart's counsel on the ground that there were indications of irregularities in the handling of the ballots.

J. G. Mitchell, counsel for Senator Brookhart, declared there were 47 contested ballots unaccounted for and that ballots from 67 precincts had been received in unsealed mail sacks and opportunity had been given for tampering with them.

\$50,000 For Peace Mission.

The house foreign affairs committee today unanimously reported a resolution to authorize expenditure of \$50,000 for American participation in the preparatory disarmament conference at Geneva.

The committee rejected an amendment to instruct the American delegates to present a resolution calling for consideration of the advisability of outlawing nations that start wars of aggression.

As reported the resolution says the appropriation is made in compliance with the request of President Coolidge.

The committee debated the language of the resolution at length. The proposal to outlaw war was made by Representative Fish, Republican, of New York. It read: "That the President be requested to instruct the American representatives to endeavor to place upon the agenda of the conference a resolution requesting consideration of effective means of outlawing a nation waging a war of aggression."

The New York member said the resolution was in line with one adopted by the American Legion at its Omaha convention. Chairman Porter and Representative Temple of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican, both opposed it. "If we go into the question of what is to be considered," said Mr. Porter, "we would have to prepare for the conference for months."

The committee adopted a proposal by Representative Moore, Democrat of Virginia, to make the resolution provide for "participation" in the preliminary conference and not for "collaboration."

A resolution by Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, proposing investigation of "propaganda" for acceptance of the world court and the war debt settlements, was disapproved today by the senate foreign relations committee.

Sensor Reed said he would at (Continued on page 6.)

CRAZED BY REVIVAL, WOMAN SACRIFICES SELF IN A FURNACE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 6.—Her religious nature spurred her to fanatical heights by a recent revival, Mrs. Margaret House, wife of a mail carrier, yesterday wedged her body into the furnace of her home and sustained burns which caused her death 12 hours later. Believing herself "a living sacrifice to the Lord," and singing and praying as she exposed herself to the flames, she was fatally burned before her husband could rescue her.

EIGHT BANKS ON VICTIM LIST OF MISSING CROOK

Operations of J. K. Fronk,
Los Angeles Swindler,
Yield \$387,000.

CHECKS WERE "KITED"

Manager of Hellman Branch
Bank, Whose O. K. Mad:
Swindle Possible,
Held by Police.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—While an international search continued for J. K. Fronk, alleged master "check kiter," a detailed check of his operations as head of three concerns here was being made by banks today in an effort to uncover further losses.

Using a comparatively common method of issuing worthless checks against other worthless checks, Fronk is alleged by police to have swindled eight local and nearby banks out of a known sum of \$387,000. The loss mounted to that figure late last night when police found an additional overdraft of \$50,000.

The swindle, the largest of its nature ever unearthed in southern California, became public yesterday with an announcement by police that four persons, a woman and three men, were under arrest. Two of the suspects, Miss N. G. Brockett, Fronk's private secretary, and C. A. Gifford, bookkeeper for the alleged swindler's concerns, were released last night when investigators were convinced that, while employed by Fronk, they had no knowledge of his operations.

Banker Alleged Abettor.

The two others, however, were held and are declared by detectives to have played an important part in the conspiracy. They are L. A. Landon, manager of the Santa Barbara and Western Avenue Branch of the Hellman Bank, and Orison R. Ruddy, Fronk's auditor. Fronk was head of the J. K. Fronk Finance company, the Western Auto Company, a fictitious concern, and the Bureau of Business Statistics, Inc.

Landon's part in the alleged "check kiting" scheme is declared by bank investigators to have been that of assuring other banks that Fronk's checks were good and of supplying expert information as to the operations of the clearing house.

Working on information supplied by Landon, Ruddy is described by detectives as having maintained a chart which enabled him to know every morning where the checks were to be deposited to cover checks scheduled for payment by the bank on which they were drawn. Eight bank accounts and two sets of books are said to have been maintained by Fronk's concerns.

Ex-Inamorata Turns Pursuer.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—A deserted brunette inamorata today headed the chase after J. K. Fronk, alleged \$387,000 bank swindler.

Harry Wright, chief criminal deputy of the sheriff's office, said that the woman, one of several who were intimate with Fronk during the past two months, had agreed to direct the search to the place where she believes Fronk has fled in company with a blonde girl who goes by the name of "Virginia."

Fronk now is thought to have left the city.

The collapse of the Fronk financial structure came yesterday when four arrests revealed his operations and his flight New Year's Eve, with an estimated plunder of \$200,000 in cash.

A divorce was granted yesterday to Kathleen Emery from Loyal V. Emery. The divorce was granted on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and improper association with other women. Attorney B. L. Eddy represented the plaintiff.

SCHOOL BOARD WILL CONDEMN RIGHT OF WAY

Owner's Demand for Sewer
Line Right Held to Be
Exorbitant.

BELLOWS ASKS \$900

Owner of Land Wants
Large Sum for Allowing
District to Construct
140 Feet of Sewer.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Steps to condemn a right of way for a sewer line from the new high school building in West Roseburg to the public sewer lying in the Bellows tract just west of the building will be taken by the school district immediately, according to an announcement made this morning by A. N. Orcutt, the school district's attorney.

The school board this morning applied to the district boundary board for permission to bring suit against the property, so that court action can be taken as soon as the necessary procedure is disposed of.

The sewer line to which it is desired to connect the high school building, lies about 140 feet west of the structure. It is the sewer which serves the West Roseburg territory, but passes through the Bellows tract, owned by A. J. Bellows. The school board has been endeavoring to procure a right of way from the building to the sewer line across the private property, but Mr. Bellows has refused to meet the request except upon terms which the school board deems exorbitant. According to Attorney Orcutt, Mr. Bellows is asking approximately \$900 for right of way across his property for 140 feet.

The proposed sewer would be used only for carrying off the water from the eaves and basement, and would not be used for sewage which goes by way of the Laurelwood sewer, which, however, is too high to properly drain the basement and carry off the water from around the high school building.

Suit Is Ordered

At a meeting of the school board held last night the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, by the board of directors of School District No. 4 of Douglas County, Oregon, that it is necessary for said school district to acquire the following described real property, to-wit:

The right-of-way for a sewer pipe line over, through and across the premises the center line of which is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west boundary of the land deeded to School District No. 4 by A. J. Bellows, et ux., as recorded in Volume 55, page 22, of the Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon, said point being north 0 deg. 15 min. west 647.8 feet distant from an iron bolt on the south boundary of Harvard avenue which marks the southwest corner of said tract, thence north 87 deg. 57 min. west 141.0 feet to an intersection with the West Roseburg sewer; said right-of-way to be of the width of 6 feet or such width as may be necessary for the construction and maintenance of said sewer, together with the right to enter upon said right-of-way for the purpose of constructing, repairing and maintaining said sewer.

That said right of way is necessary in order to connect the new high school building being erected by said district with what is known as the West Roseburg sewer, and there is no other feasible sewer connection therewith.

That the owner of said real property and the board of directors of said school district cannot agree upon the price to be paid therefor or the damage for the taking thereof, if any.

Resolved, Further, that the board of directors of School District No. 4 hereby requests the district boundary board of Douglas County, Oregon, to commence and prosecute in the appropriate court in the name of such school district any necessary or appropriate suit, action or proceeding for the condemnation of said real property as required for said purposes and for the assessment of the value and the damage for the taking thereof.

(Sgd.)

Attest: (Sgd.) V. J. McMillan, Clerk.

A copy of this resolution together with a petition to the boundary board was filed with that

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French Priest Is Scourged By Fanatics Who Look Upon Kindly Act as Casting of Evil Spell

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BOM BON, France, Jan. 6.—Abbe des Noyers, the parish priest, today still was suffering intensely from the scourging he received at the hands of members of the fanatical "Order of Our Lady of Tears," while he lay stripped and gagged in the Sacristy of his church. The priest himself is declared to be a member of the sect, and the scourging of him is said to have been carried out in order to expel from his body "the spirit of evil which possessed it."

A dozen persons from Bordeaux, some of them aged women, are asserted to have comprised the party, which in a manner savoring the dark ages, rendered the priest helpless and flayed him with cords.

Marie Mesmin, a panfress of Bordeaux, founder of the "Order of Our Lady of Tears," has been cited to appear before the authorities and explain the attack. She claimed, after the priest had been lacerated, that he was casting a spell over her. She and Albert Froger are being held by the authorities. The others connected with the affair were permitted to go their way. Froger's father is described as a wealthy farmer. He said he had taken a job as a street sweeper "to mortify my pride."

The prosecutor was surprised to find that all the members of the attacking party belonged to the

5 INSTITUTIONS IN 1925 GET ALONG ON LESS THAN HALF

Soldiers Home Exceeds Half
of Allowance Slightly
But May Close 1926
Without Deficit.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—Of the eleven state institutions five showed surplus funds on January 1, a report prepared by the state board of control yesterday showed. This means that of the legislative appropriations made by the 1925 legislature for the biennium of 1925-26 these institutions had not used half their funds. The five are the penitentiary, eastern Oregon hospital for the insane, feeble minded institution, training school for boys and deaf school.

The state penitentiary shows that it has remaining \$182,507 of its \$350,000 appropriation, the feeble minded institution \$214,021 out of \$255,000, the training school \$125,448 out of \$216,025, the deaf school \$60,117 out of \$112,994 and the eastern Oregon hospital \$327,365 out of \$617,800.

Institutions that do not show surplus and their balances remaining from appropriations are: State Hospital for Insane at Salem, \$432,644 out of \$887,425; tuberculosis hospital \$97,500 out of \$215,000; blind school, \$23,523 out of \$50,000; girls industrial school, \$28,611 out of \$63,840; soldiers' home at Roseburg, \$36,474 out of \$75,000; employment institutions for blind in Portland, \$37,822 out of \$112,000; receipt of \$42,355.

The fact that six institutions do not show a surplus of funds does not necessarily indicate that they will show deficits before the end of the biennium.

MEDICAL STUDENT SENDS MESSAGE OF BEING KIDNAPED

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—With a postcard as their only clue, police today were searching for Joseph Schwalt, 22, Temple University medical student, who is believed to have been kidnaped.

The youth left his home yesterday morning to attend his classes. He never reached school, but last evening his mother received a postcard, mailed at the general post office three hours after his disappearance, which said:

"Kidnaped by white and colored men in machine. Hit on head. Don't worry; will try to get home. Tell the police. I feel dizzy. Joe."

Schwalt's father is so ill with heart trouble that he has not been told of his son's disappearance.

COUNTY W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD JAN. 14

A county W. C. T. U. Institute will be held in Roseburg on Thursday, January 14, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Ida M. Marsters, county president. The institute will be held at the Presbyterian church, according to present plans, and will be attended by representatives and delegates from all of the unions of the county. Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, office executive secretary of the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis, and Mrs. Lottie Hansen, of Newberg, a national organizer, will be among the chief speakers. A program and gold medal contest will be given in the evening.

PROTECTION IN CITY SCHOOLS INVESTIGATED

Methods of Holding Fire
Drills Advised by Kiwanis
Committee.

CHANGES ARE URGED

New Style of Doors at Rose
School Recommended
by Committee Investi-
gating Conditions.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

A number of recommendations to provide greater protection from fire to the students of the city schools have been made by the committee of the Kiwanis club. This committee appointed by W. C. Harding, president of the club, made a thorough investigation and proposes several changes at the various buildings and also submits recommendations concerning the fire drills and the methods of holding them. The full report of the committee is as follows:

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 16, 1925. Mr. W. C. Harding, President Kiwanis Club, Roseburg, Oregon. Dear Mr. Harding: Your committee appointed November 16 to investigate the conditions affecting fire protection and sanitation in the local schools reports as follows: On November 25 the committee, together with Mr. Hamm, City Superintendent, and Mr. Fletcher, City Fire Marshal, visited the Rose and Benson schools. Mr. Jackson, members of the school board and Kiwanis board of directors, were invited, but could not go with us. On December 2, the committee, again with Messrs. Hamm and Fletcher, visited the High School and Fullerton school. On December 8 the committee met with Messrs. Jackson, Hamm and Fletcher to formulate the report. We want at this time to express the appreciation of the committee for the very hearty cooperation furnished us by Messrs. Hamm, Jackson and Fletcher. Each one contributed freely of his time and because of his position and separating point of view was able to make many suggestions which would otherwise have entirely escaped our attention.

Our report as to conditions found is as follows:

Fire Protection

A. Fire Drills: Superintendent Hamm had instructed the Principals of the four schools to hold a fire drill once each week and to keep a record of the dates on which the fire drills were held. This record to be submitted to him at the end of the school year. We found that Mr. Campbell was the only principal who had kept such a record and his covered only the previous six weeks period. During the ten week's period the High School had held six drills, Fullerton three or four drills, Benson and Rose possibly six or eight drills, but the principals were very uncertain as to the exact number.

Commenting on the above, Mr. Hamm has now made a requirement that the Principals not only hold their fire drills once a week, but that they also turn in to him a report at the end of each month indicating the day and the hour on which each fire drill is held.

There seemed to be an inclination on the part of each of the Principals to hold their fire drills at a time when they would interfere the least with the school work, with the result that there was more or less irregularity as to the time of day on which the drills were held. If this is continued it will have a tendency to tin the children off as to whether the alarm is a fire drill or a fire.

A fire drill was held at each of the schools visited for our benefit. The Principals not only cleared the building in every case, but the result of the fire drill was more or less regularity as to the time of day on which the drills were held. If this is continued it will have a tendency to tin the children off as to whether the alarm is a fire drill or a fire.

No provision had been made by the Principals for clearing the basements during the fire drills. Likewise no fire drills had been held at recess, when the organization in the building is somewhat confused and the bulk of the students who remain in the buildings are segregated in the basements.

The janitors and teachers of the various schools have been instructed to always turn in the school alarm before making any effort to suppress the fire.

The committee recommends that the possibility of occasionally throwing a smoke screen into the building at the time of the fire drill, so as to make the fire alarm more realistic be further investigated by the school authorities. It seems that this could be secured by throwing the smoke

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GRAPE JUICE KING, DRY NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT, DEAD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 6.—Charles E. Welch, of Westfield, N. Y., nationally known as a manufacturer of a grape beverage, died at his winter home here today after a short illness. He was a candidate for president of the United States on the prohibition party ticket in 1916 and a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist church conference held in London in 1921.

Mr. Welch was born in Westport, N. Y., and was for many years a dentist. He became interested in making grape juice and gradually built up a nation-wide business.

He was a strong prohibitionist and was at one time prohibition candidate for governor of New York. He served as mayor of Westfield for six terms and at all times was a strong contender against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

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CONVICT TELLS MURDER STORY, IMPLICATING 2

Released From Jail, Given
Explosive and Blew Up
Family of Indians.

WAS PROMISED \$5000

Alleged Instigator of Deed
Claims Alibi—Gunmen
Guard Witnesses
on Streets.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 6.—Confession by Bert Lawson that W. K. Hale hired him to blow up the home of E. W. Smith, resulting in the death of Smith, his Indian wife and a servant girl, marked the latest development in the mystery surrounding the deaths of 17 persons in the Osage county.

Lawson, a convict at the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, Hale and Ernest Buckhart, Hale's nephew are charged with the murder. M. A. Bloyed, former deputy sheriff and acting jailer of Osage county, is being sought.

Lawson, who was brought to Oklahoma yesterday, told Roy Lewis, United States district attorney, that Hale promised him \$5,000 to plant nitroglycerine under the Smith home, but later refused to pay him the money.

Story of Crime.

Lawson's story was that when he was in the Osage county jail, Bloyed came to his cell the night of March 9, 1923, told him that he was wanted outside and escorted him to an automobile parked near the jail in which Hale was waiting. Lawson and Hale, according to the confession, drove to the home of Brookhart, where plans for the crime were revealed and Lawson given a jar of nitroglycerine and other apparatus for the explosion.

During the absence of the Smith family, Lawson said he planted the explosive in the basement of the home and laid a long fuse to a dark spot in an alley. When the Smiths returned Lawson touched off the fuse and ran all the way to the Brookhart home, where he and Hale listened for the explosion. Hale then drove him hurriedly to the jail, where he was returned to his cell by Bloyed, the confession states.

Hale Has Alibi.

A dispatch from Guthrie published in the Tulsa Tribune yesterday said that Hale would offer "a perfect alibi." The story stated that Hale would claim that he was in Camp, Texas, the night of the explosion and that he signed for a telegram.

Both bills at Guthrie are filled by the influx of prisoners from the Leavenworth prison and the Oklahoma and Kansas State penitentiaries who may have stories to tell in connection with the Osage deaths and other crimes. Hotels are also filled to capacity by witnesses and other attendants at the hearings. Investigators and leading witnesses are accompanied by guards whenever they appear on the streets.

SCHAEFER LOOPLY TO TAKE
TITLE FROM HOREMAN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The final block of 500 points in the world's championship billiard match between Champion Edouard Horemans and Young Jake Schaefer started this afternoon with Mr. Schaefer counting only two in completing his unfinished run of last night. Horemans ran only 94 and then Schaefer got away for 140, giving him 1,142 to Horemans's 596.

POISON FAILS TO BRING DEATH TO EVELYN THAW

Alcohol in Liquors Drank
During Holiday Spree
Prove Antidote.

GLAD SHE WILL LIVE

Suicide Attempt Prompted
by "Blues"—Ex-Husband
Keeps Her Supplied
With Money.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Evelyn Thaw, unsuccessful in her attempt to kill her self by drinking poison after a prolonged New Year's party, is glad she will not die.

"Life looked hopeless. Now it looks promising and colorful," she told Dr. E. Thomas Brand, her physician, who thinks she will recover. The alcohol in the liquors she had been drinking for several days was a natural antidote for the poison she used.

"I took the stuff," she said, after recovering consciousness, "because I was 'blue.' I thought life had given me more of its rough edges than I deserved. It was only on an impulse that I took poison."

Glad, too, that she will not die is Thaw, her 15-year-old son, who poured olive oil and milk down her throat as antidotes after she drained the poison bottle.

Beyond her statement to Dr. Brand, no motive was assigned for the suicide attempt, which was her second. Russell and Gusie Accoon, her maid, both denied that there had been a party in the apartment before she took poison. The maid admitted that the divorced wife of Harry K. Thaw had been drinking heavily since New Year's and had returned home Monday with a broken nose.

Friends, recalling that she no longer appeared as a singer in a south side cabaret, thought of financial troubles. But from Pittsburgh came dispatches to Chicago papers quoting Harry K. Thaw as saying he was sending her \$10 a day and had sent \$310 December 31.

Doctor Sends Dun.

No information was gleaned from two letters found in her room. Two signed "Mamma" referred to financial affairs and appeared to be from Mrs. C. J. Holman, of Pittsburgh. Evelyn's mother. Another signed "Doc" and addressing her as "Dear Evelyn" made references to a "narcotic" pushing her for \$150 and will be much disappointed if within a few days I do not hear from you."

At Brownsville, Pa., Dr. Calvin Roller said the \$150 meant the payment of a fine and added that he had met Evelyn in a sanitarium, where she was taking treatment.

TEACHERS UNITE WITH FARMERS TO BOOST INCOME TAX

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—Representatives of the state grange, the Farmers' Union and the Oregon State Teachers' association in conference here yesterday decided to attempt to have Oregon voters adopt a state income tax at the general election next November. They planned to initiate such a measure.

If this plan succeeds the ballot will carry a proposal to revive a state income tax, and will also carry the so-called Dennis resolution, embracing a constitutional amendment proposing that neither a state income tax nor an inheritance tax shall be levied in Oregon until 1940.

Voters at the election in November 1924 rejected a state income tax.

BOBBY CLARK GETS DRAW WITH CARNEY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 6.—Spike Carney, of Yakima, and K. C. Bobby Clark, of San Francisco, milled through ten rounds to a draw in the headline event of the Winter Garden boxing card here last night. Jimmie de Mink, Corvallis, won over Harold Reese of Portland in the third round of a scheduled six-round bout when the Portlander hit low.

Speed Landers of Eugene and Billy Robbins of Portland went six rounds to a draw, while Slow York of Eugene and Lefty Wharton of Portland drew in a four-round event.

At Karasick, "Russian Lion," who recently won the light-heavyweight championship from Ted Tye of Portland in a Portland wrestling bout, is to meet Ralph Hand, local grappler, here on January 9.