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SHERIFF GIVE AN ANSWER TO COURT LETTER

Claims Facts Misrepresented in Statement Concerning His Office.

BILLS ALL LAWFUL

Allegations Made in County Court's Letter Not Based on Records Sheriff Stammer Says.

A further chapter to the controversy between the sheriff and the county court was added today when Sheriff Stammer submitted an answer to the allegations made by the court concerning the operation of his office.

The sheriff in his budget applied for \$2,000 for the employment of an extra deputy. He was already receiving \$700, so that an additional appropriation of \$1,300 was all that was needed. The sum of \$300 was granted, and the taxpayers league recommended that the sheriff be given the extra \$1,000, which he refused to grant the amount.

It was the sheriff's contention that by the employment of an extra deputy, who would be on a flat salary, that he could do away with much extra deputy hire, and could do more efficient work, as the deputy would be fully familiar with the work being done, whereas a deputy called in for some special detail would not be as fully informed.

It was also contended by the sheriff that the work in his office has materially increased during the past few years, while the working force has not been enlarged for the past fifteen years. The sheriff charged the court with apathy concerning law enforcement, and stated that he would ask an investigation by the grand jury.

The county court answered his statement with a letter denying his charges, and claiming that he had been granted more money than he ever given a sheriff previously.

Sheriff Stammer in an answer submitted today denies the claim and says that the court is misrepresenting facts. Mr. Stammer's letter, directed to the Editor of the News-Review, is as follows:

I wish to correct a few of the statements made by the county court in a recent article concerning the conduct and operation of this office. The county court in its article says:

"In answer to Sheriff Stammer's article of December 28, 1925, claiming that the County Court deliberately tried to hinder the work of the Sheriff's office and slow up law enforcement."

"We wish to state that these statements are very misleading, as we believe the laws should be enforced, and as a matter of fact no bills ever presented to the County Court by the Sheriff's office have been turned down up to the present time."

Now, I will leave it to the people of Douglas County to judge just how much law enforcement the court believes in. As to not turning down any bills presented by the Sheriff, I will agree with them, for they never had an opportunity to turn down such bills, for all that I have presented have been lawful ones, necessarily contracted in the proper performance of my duty. They did, however, turn down my budget for the year 1926, refusing me sufficient funds to properly (Continued on page 2.)

BIG ALCOHOL STEAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Working leisurely through the night with electric drills and crowbars, eight robbers cut through the fortress-like walls of the Burlington Industrial Alcohol Corporation's warehouse in Greenwich street and escaped with alcohol valued at \$50,000 early today.

The alcohol, stored in drums, was taken away on automobile trucks.

The robbers did not attempt to force the heavy outer doors of the warehouse, but made their attack from an adjoining building where a watchman was overpowered and cased. The walls of the warehouse, of brick and steel, were 36 inches thick.

The robbers stole \$5,000 in cash and a number of violins and pieces of crockery from an adjoining warehouse.

GIRL WHO WEDS ON WILD PARTY 'ASKS ANNULMENT'

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—Pawnee dancer, filed suit here for annulment of marriage to Theodore McFarland, a Philadelphia newspaper man.

The annulment papers give the dancer's name as Gladys Marie Brown, daughter of a New York cartoonist, her age as 20 and that of McFarland as 27. The marriage, it is stated, took place two months ago after a party beginning in Philadelphia and ending in New York. The papers allege that all members of the party were under the influence of liquor when the marriage ceremony was performed.

Miss Gray states that she had no recollections of the ceremony and asks annulment on the ground of fraud, misrepresentation and deceit.

Fawn Gray loomed largely in the limelight several months ago when she won the favor of Harry K. Thaw during one of the latter's visits to New York and recently when she took a bouquet of roses to Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, recovering from self-administered poison, to be turned away from the door of her Chicago hospital room.

WOMAN JUMPS TO DEATH FROM TRAIN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 18.—The woman who jumped to her death from the St. Louis-New York express on the Pennsylvania railroad at Latrobe, Saturday night, was identified today by railroad officials as Mrs. Harry Slater, of 4142 West 17th place, Los Angeles, was advised of the death when his name was found in the victim's effects. He answered that it was his wife, and that a Mrs. Finkelstein, of Chicago, would go to Latrobe, to claim the body.

Mrs. Slater, according to railroad reports, was traveling from Pueblo, Colorado, to New York. Nearing Latrobe, she went into a washroom and jumped from a window. Train No. 4, Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, passed over the body before it was found by a track walker.

FORD'S AIRPLANE FACTORY IS BURNED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 18.—Plans for a new and larger airplane experimental laboratory were being worked out today by Henry Ford to replace the one destroyed by fire Sunday. While the plans were not complete, it was understood that several times the loss from \$250,000 to \$500,000 would be invested in the new structure.

Two Stout all-metal planes, one a three-motored monoplane in its final experimental stage, were destroyed in the blaze. Fourteen new motors and thousands of dollars in machinery and tools were irreparably damaged. All plans, specifications and paper work had been deposited in the Ford engineering library and were undamaged. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

TWO ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Two passengers were killed and fifty injured today in a rear end collision of two Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corporation subway trains on Williamsburg bridge.

CARDINAL MERCER IS REPORTED WORSE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BRUSSELS, Jan. 18.—Cardinal Mercier's condition was so serious today that his physicians requested that even his secretary cease visiting him. He has been unable to retain food for 48 hours.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 18.—L. R. Bolen, Clark county farmer, today went on trial on charge of murder in connection with the death of Walter W. Fleming, former employe of Bolen, whose headless body was found floating in the Columbia river early last August. Attorneys granted two days would be needed to obtain a jury.

PUBLIC MARKET IS FAVORED BY C. OF C. GROUP

Growers Must Learn Proper Grading and Display of Produce.

WANT MORE BERRIES

Committee Favors Growing of More Strawberries to Take Advantage of Early Prices.

The creation of a well organized and directed public market is favored by the agricultural and marketing committee of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, the committee having held its first meeting of the year on Saturday. The committee is composed of R. A. Busenbark, R. H. C. Wood, J. F. Busebrake, A. J. Geddes, C. A. Brand, B. W. Cooney and Foster Butler.

The committee discussed agricultural and marketing matters very thoroughly, the problem of finding some plan to give the growers a wider local market being the principal subject.

There are two outstanding features to this problem, it was shown. One is that the growers must realize the necessity of careful grading and packing of their produce and the maintenance of high standards if they are to keep their produce upon the local market. The other is the matter of bringing to the realization of the merchant the full value of the advantage that will accrue to him and his business through larger returns and greater prosperity to the farmers of the district about him.

As a means of educating the farmer to the value of properly graded and packed produce, a well managed public market is proposed. With such competition among growers as a market affords the farmer quickly learns that his goods must be well graded, packed and displayed, and he becomes educated to the merchant's viewpoint in that regard.

Experience shows, it is stated, that such markets do not react to the disadvantage of the retail trade, but that instead the retail merchant benefits by reason of the increased prosperity of the growers.

The committee in its further discussion decided to recommend the increased growing of strawberries in this county. The Umpqua valley has a great and wide-spread reputation for the quality of its berries and the market price will be the best conditions with justify. The Umpqua valley berry is also in advance of other communities so that it gets the early high prices. Then too, it comes at a time when the farmer is obtaining no income from other sources and can be handled without neglect to other crops and efforts an additional source of income.

The committee also decided to cooperate in every way that it is possible for the Chamber of Commerce to do in the effort to secure the publication of the report of the recent economic conference.

He appeared last night at the Manhattan opera house in a recital of standard adult members and won the warm commendation of critics and his audience.

One critic wrote: "The natural wonder that a youth of so tender years should play in public was swallowed up, after a few phrases, in wonder that he was able to do it so well."

Another wrote: "The child is truly astonishing. His technical equipment is more than equal to the demands of the music he played."

Born in New York of Jewish parents, young Menehi has been living and studying in San Francisco, where he has played twice in the past three years. His sponsors say that he is not being exploited as a prodigy but has given the concerts merely to get experience in playing in public.

Mrs. J. M. Hartle, of Glendale, spent Saturday afternoon in this city visiting with friends and shopping.

Volstead Act Must Be Modified If Lawlessness Is To Be Halted

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The unofficial house committee for modification of the Volstead Act, headed by Representative Hill, Republican, Maryland, today issued an appeal signed by 56 house members, urging other representatives to join in an attempt to liberalize the law at this congress.

The commission proposes to hold public hearings to consider suggestions for "proper liberalization" before agreeing on a bill for modification.

"Modification of the Volstead Act is inevitable," the committee letter said.

"The only question is what form modification shall take and when such modification will be made."

"The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, after its recent research as to the effect on prohibition on the community as regards industrial, social and moral conditions, stated that 'drinking by young people as compared with pre-prohibition times is more' and 'the attitude toward law enforcement is worse.'"

"The federal council also stated that the anti-saloon league of Iowa, after a survey of conditions in Dubuque, Clinton, Davenport, Muscatine and Burlington, said 'rampant lawlessness, increasing by leaps and bounds, is forcing Iowa to face the problem of either demanding strict enforcement of the present prohibition laws or else modifying these laws to permit the sale of light wines and beer.'"

"The Anti-Saloon League having, since the passage of the Volstead Act, insistently and necessarily demanded 'strict enforcement,' the only alternative in view of the above conditions, is modification."

The letter quoted Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews, in charge of prohibition, as announcing that home made wines could be made legally of any alcoholic strength as long as they were not actually "intoxicating in fact."

Beer, however, is illegal if it contains as much as one-half of one per cent of alcohol, the letter added.

IRVING BERLIN SINGS OWN MELODY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Sophie Tucker, the American vaudeville singer, has been able to bring Mr. and Mrs. Irving Berlin out of the seclusion of their hotel room, where "natural shyness" had kept them since they came across seas on their honeymoon.

In the Kit Cat club, one of London's famous private dance institutions, she made Irving sing one of his songs before actors and society personages in the wee small hours of Sunday morning. And the song was the one he wrote when he is said to have been fearful of losing Ellen Mackay—"Remember."

As Berlin sang all eyes were focused upon him and his bride, who stood on a table nearby and listened as intently as her husband's other auditors.

MRS. VANDERBILT ILL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Grace Wilson Vanderbilt, wife of General Cornelius Vanderbilt, is reported seriously ill at her Fifth Avenue home. A statement of her condition was withheld pending a consultation of physicians.

Relatives of the family have been summoned. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., arrived today from Chicago.

HAROLD NOT SORE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Paul D. Cravath, attorney for Harold P. McCormick, millionaire harvester manufacturer of Chicago, issued a statement today in which he said Mr. McCormick's sudden decision not to sail for Europe with his wife, Ganna Walska, implied in no way a change in the couple's relations. Mr. McCormick left the steamship Paris on Saturday shortly before it sailed and after he had taken his baggage aboard.

The car was dragged from the river today and was hauled to a sidetrack where the sand box, brakes and other safety devices were to be examined.

Rescuers continued to drag the river for additional bodies. Their work was hampered by dense fog and ice.

Harry Curschman, the motorman, who escaped with bruises and lacerations, said the car got beyond control on a grade leading to the bridge and the slippery rails made the brakes useless.

Company officials expressed the belief that "something on the track" caused the car to jump and crash through the guard rail as a curve and plunge into the water.

Field Forces of State Forestry Department Suppress Total of 1158 Fires During the Year 1925

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—A total of 1158 forest fires were suppressed by the field force of the state forestry department during 1925, says the annual report, completed today. These burned over 16,884 acres of merchantable timber, 25,475 acres of second growth and 41,747 acres of old burns, brush and logged lands, a total of 61,576 acres. The loss, it is claimed, was far less than expected since only the year 1854 and 1924 exceeded 1925 in dryness as far as records show.

Merchandise timber damaged aggregated 42,000,000 feet, but most is salvable, and the total loss is estimated at \$3,885,000. The greatest loss was to logs and logging equipment, about \$139,318. An additional loss in improvements of \$82,791 made the total monetary loss \$229,950. The loss in 1924 was about \$1,000,000.

Lightning was the main cause of fires, over half of those east

CATHOLIC SAYS PROHIBITION IS MENACE TO U. S.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—The fact that the prohibition law is on the statute books does not make it sacred, Rev. Charles J. McIntyre, S. J., said today in discussing an anti-prohibition sermon which he delivered yesterday at St. Mary's Catholic church here. He denied, however, that he advocated non-observance of the law as published reports of the sermon indicated.

"The remedy is repeal of the law," he said. "The people should get together and do away with it. I said that the law was immoral in itself and interferes with the liberty of the citizens and attacked the position taken by those who hold that a law should be observed merely because it is a law and on the statute books. There are many silly laws which the authorities dare not enforce."

"I said that the president and members of the United States senate should not permit a certain well known lobbyist to enter the senate committee rooms, as reported, and attempt to influence legislation."

"I believe the prohibition law is a greater evil in itself than was the old fashioned saloon. The prohibition law has bred a new group of drinkers. Young people are now imbibing, especially young girls. I tell you it is terrible."

"The Catholic church never has taught prohibition. It has always advocated total abstinence, however, for the man who does not know how to drink properly. For such a man total abstinence is the right and proper thing. However, for the thousands who are able to take a drink there is no reason why prohibition should be forced on them."

DEMOCRATS START ASSAULT ON TARIFF

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Democratic assault on the tariff, begun by members of the house, went forward today at the other end of the capital. Senator Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, declared in a senate speech that high tariff rates place a heavy burden on the farmer.

Whenever he buys farm implements, paint, a bed, a sealing machine, a pill, a thimble or a safety pin, as well as hundreds of other necessities of life, the senator said, the farmer pays a tariff levy.

Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, replied that the request of the farm bloc duties were incorporated in the last tariff act on virtually all farm products but Senator Harrison insisted the benefit was negligible since little farm produce is imported.

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, inquired "whether the farmers' tariff worries will be ameliorated by reductions in the surtaxes and repeal of the inheritance tax."

WORLD COURT ISSUE UP FOR VOTE FEB. 10

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—February 10 was suggested today by Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee as date for a vote on the world court issue. This is too far distant to suit most of those favoring the court.

APPROVE REPRESENTATION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—American participation in the preliminary Geneva disarmament conference was approved today by the house which authorized an appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the United States delegation. The vote was 359 to 1. The resolution of approval now goes to the senate.

TEN ROADHOUSES PROBED BY JURY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—Ten roadhouses in Multnomah county, near Portland, have been investigated and the evidence obtained, including names of many prominent patrons will be submitted to the grand jury, Sheriff T. M. Hurlburt announced today.

Officers have been watching the roadhouses for some time, it was disclosed. Sheriff Hurlburt said that one of his objects was to obtain a reversal of a decision by Circuit Judge Skipworth of Eugene, who held, about a year ago, that roadhouses are not subject to dance hall regulations because they are eating places. Sheriff Hurlburt said the road houses remain open all night and that under the Skipworth decision the county authorities have been unable to regulate the dancing.

Officers said that in a raid on one of the roadhouses early Sunday they found a big crowd dancing, and many automobiles parked outside. When the officers entered the crowd scattered, and there was a crash of bottles.

MEN ARE KILLED BY FALLING WALL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—Two men were killed and at least five others were injured when an eighty foot wall of a brick building under wrecking operations collapsed here today. One of the others walls, weakened by the collapse of the first, is threatening to give way and police and firemen are holding crowds back.

One of those killed was Joe Nurnane, foreman of the wrecking crew, employed by the Polan Wrecking company.

The unidentified man went to work for the wrecking company Saturday. None of the survivors knew his name. It will require a check of the survivors against the names of the company's payroll to fix his identity.

The entire half block area bounded by Broadway, Pine and Sixth streets is being prepared for a \$500,000 garage.

The site was occupied by buildings on Sixth and by others on Broadway. The accident occurred on the Sixth street side of the block in the corner formerly occupied by Kirk's army store.

WOMAN IS HELD FOR KILLING SIX OF HER HUSBIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Another touch of mystery was added today to the 30-year matrimonial affairs of Mrs. Laura Christy, 48, held in the county jail at Lisbon, charged with the first degree murder of Rev. William Christy, her husband of nine days.

Charles Whipple, brother of Mrs. Christy, told officers she had married a Steubenville, Ohio, man who died two years ago, making a total of seven spouses, six of whom, police say, are dead.

Hugh McDermott, chief of police, says Mrs. Christy admitted to him she administered poison to her most recent husband who died last Wednesday when he "asked for it" while suffering from indigestion.

Whipple who was unable to give police any clue as to the cause of the death of his six brother-in-laws, said neither he nor his father, Jacob Whipple, of Hammond, Ind., will retain an attorney for Mrs. Christy.

RUBBER PROBLEM IS BEING SOLVED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The American people responding to a national necessity, are "well on the way" toward solving the rubber problem, without government aid, Secretary Hoover told the house commerce committee today.

The committee is investigating the effects of the British rubber monopoly and Mr. Hoover declared action such as that taken by the newly formed American Motor Rubber company which contemplates definite projects in Ceylon, Dutch East Indies and the Philippines, would bring the necessary relief.

The American Motor Rubber company, Mr. Hoover said, would be a \$10,000,000 organization, which also would stimulate production by the utilization of wild rubber trees. He also told of a \$50,000,000 organization proposed by tire manufacturers. The secretary testified the administration had advised against direct loans by American banking houses to those interested in the British rubber monopoly and the Brazilian coffee industry.

Financial strengthening by American capital would increase power of monopolies to operate against American consumers, he said, adding that he believed American bankers would be glad to avoid any possible criticism it could.

Meanwhile, he said, loans to any other British and Brazilian have been made. To oppose loans of all interests in these countries because of the monopolies would be in the nature of a reprisal, he added, is not considered advisable, he added.

Two other tracts were sold, one of 40 acres in northern Douglas county being purchased by Ole T. Olson of Brownsville for \$840, the other in Coos county, near Coquille, a tract containing 160 acres, being sold to James A. Hobson, of Coquille for \$118,362.

With the exception of the tract near Coquille, which was from the Coos Bay Wagon road grant lands, all of the timber sold was from the O. and C. railroad grant. The total amount of the sale was \$47,385.52.

COOLIDGE DECLINES OUTSIDE INVITATIONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President Coolidge has apparently intended to confine his speech making to Washington for the next few months.

He will address the semi-annual budget meeting here January 20, but has declined a score of out-of-town invitations, including one to speak Friday before Republican editors of Indiana in Indianapolis, and several to visit various cities in the south during the winter.

COPELAND PLAN IS PLACED ON SHELF

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Chairman Watson of the senate interstate commerce committee has given no thought to taking up the Copeland resolution to authorize the president to take over and operate the anthracite mines.

"I am against any such legislation," Senator Watson said today. A number of other committee men held the same view and there appears little prospect of action in this committee.

FOUR BANDITS ESCAPE WITH \$10,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Four robbers held up the State Bank of Franklin Park, a suburb, early today and escaped with between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

COMPETITION DEVELOPS IN TIMBER SALE

Bidding for Port Orford Cedar Greatest Ever Known.

PRICE RAISED \$9,000

Portland Man Buys One Section From Large Tract Offered by Land Office.

Greater competition than has ever been known before in the matter of timber buying in the government sales, conducted by the Roseburg land office, developed this morning over the sale of Section 17, Twp. 29, Range 9 west, when that tract was offered at the auction held in the local office. It was the only one of the six sections, making up the huge 4,000 acre tract offered for sale, that found a buyer, the remainder of the timber being left unsold.

The timber, appraised at \$25,200, was sold to Frank Boutin of Portland, for \$34,500.

The firm of Conrad and Adolphson, Marshfield, was the opposing bidder and each side submitted eighteen offers before the tract was sold.

The section bears 1,800,000 feet of fir timber and 3,100,000 feet of Port Orford cedar, the latter timber being the stimulus for the high bidding.

The government offered six sections, all lying on the headwaters of Rock Creek and on the border-line of Douglas and Coos counties. The entire tract was appraised at \$430,000, but the one section was all that was purchased, so that the sale is far from being the largest the land office has held, as it was expected that it would be.

Port Orford cedar is in great demand at this time, Japan offering a ready, high-priced market for all the Port Orford cedar lumber that can be secured. The government has appraised Port Orford cedar at \$7. per 1,000 feet. The sale today, however, brought approximately \$10 per 1,000 feet as the fir timber is appraised at \$2 per 1,000. Lumbermen state that the fir timber has practically no value at the present time, and that the sale was entirely for the Port Orford cedar, in which event the price paid was more than \$11 per 1,000.

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M'CAMANT TO APPEAR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A hearing on charges brought by Senator Johnson, Republican, California, against Federal Circuit Judge Wallace McCamant of Oregon, was decided upon today by the senate judiciary committee.

Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, telegraphed to the judge asking when it would be convenient for him to come to Washington.

R. R. OFFICIAL SHOT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 18.—W. E. Maxson, assistant general manager of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway, was shot and killed here today by Constable Walter F. Briscoe, who then killed himself.

Maxson was rushed to a hospital.

Preliminary reports were that a bullet had passed through his chest but apparently had not touched a vital spot.

Santa Fe officials said that Briscoe who had been a passenger conductor for a number of years, had been dismissed several months ago.

Maxson and Briscoe had been closeted in the former's private office for some time when shots rang out.

Maxson said he had told Briscoe to wait a moment and had stepped to the door of an adjoining office when the first shot was fired.

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