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FRONK FORMER ROSEBURG MAN, CAUGHT

NOTORIOUS SWINDLER CAPTURED IN CHICAGO MAKES CONFESSION; WAS READY TO GIVE HIMSELF UP

Was Growing Mustache, However, to Disguise His
Appearance—Says He Is Sorry for Entire Mess
and Wants to Return to His Wife
and Family to Make Good.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A country-wide search for J. K. Fronk, Hollywood, Calif., automobile dealer, ended early today when he was arrested here on a charge of defrauding Los Angeles banks of \$300,000.

He admitted, detectives said, that he fled December 30 after being indicted for conspiracy to defraud and said that he was on his way back to give himself up after spending the last month in Seattle, Portland, New York and Chicago. Illness here prevented his return.

A physician attended him after he was seized by Chicago and private operatives. Los Angeles authorities said they believed he was lost here, penniless, friendless and critically ill.

The route of his flight became known there after Charles Campbell, his chauffeur, had been located and aided in the search. He said he would waive extradition and accompany his guards to California at once.

They awaited word from Los Angeles. The Herald and Examiner in a copyrighted story says he admitted his connection with the swindle scheme, whereby worthless checks were deposited in banks to cover worthless checks passed through others, but said the amount would not exceed \$100,000. Anxiety for his wife and child whom he left in Los Angeles when he fled was prompting his return when illness hit him, the newspaper quoted him.

Though Los Angeles dispatches said he had only \$800 with him when he left and he had to borrow money from Seattle relatives, those who arrested him thought he might have valuables stowed in safety deposit boxes here and elsewhere. He had a small roll of currency on him when arrested and said his only baggage consisted of pictures of his family. He had registered at a hotel as Carl K. Young.

In the newspaper account he said he carried a large insurance policy and had considered benefitting his family by taking poison. Precautions were taken against any suicide attempts.

Detailing the course of his flight, he told of going with Campbell from Los Angeles to Yuba City, California, where he remained for a week and went to New York where he contemplated going to Europe but changed his mind and started west. He stopped a day in Pittsburgh and came to Chicago this week.

The reason for his operations leading to his indictment and flight he refused to detail, saying he would reserve his story of them for the California authorities.

The Herald and Examiner says Fronk's operations were conducted through a large organization. He had various offices, employed 50 persons and had accounts in eight banks, controlling one small bank. Raised checks circulated through the banks with such rapidity that they were not suspected.

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TEACHER GETS \$1000.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 29.—A verdict for \$1,000 was granted last night to Mrs. Rosamund L. Samuelson in her \$25,000 suit for libel against the Canby, Oregon, school board. The jury was out five and one-half hours. The suit grew out of her dismissal as teacher after she had married a 17-year-old pupil.

VETERANS WILL MEET FEB. 5TH IN CONVENTION

District Meeting of American Legion to Be Held in Roseburg.

SMOKER IS PLANNED

Conference Will Occur in Afternoon With Banquet at 6 and Entertainment at 7:30.

Over 50 delegates from all parts of Lane, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, will attend the district convention of the American Legion to be held in this city on Friday, February 5. The state department is arranging a series of these district conventions to be held at convenient points about the state and Roseburg will be the center for the meeting for the 4th district, which includes all American Legion posts in the counties mentioned.

The conference starts at 2:30 in the afternoon. State Commander E. B. Stewart, State Adjutant, Carl Moser, George Love, district committeeman and Jerry Owen, editor of the Pacific Legion, the official magazine of the state department, will be among the officers present.

The afternoon conference will be open only to the delegates of the respective posts. At this meeting matters pertaining to the welfare of the department will be considered. The plans for membership drives and the aims of the department will be thoroughly considered and discussed. Reports will be given showing the work that has been done and the action to be taken in the district in the carrying out of state and national aims will be decided upon.

At 7:30 p. m. there will be a free smoker for all veterans of the World War. This is not alone for the American Legion members, but will be open to all World War veterans whether or not they have affiliated themselves with the organization.

The evening will be given over to a vaudeville entertainment, which is being arranged by a committee. This vaudeville will provide plenty of amusement and good fun. Interspersed with the comedy acts will be short talks by visiting officers regarding the work which the American Legion is undertaking. This smoker is free to all veterans.

The visiting delegates will be the guests of Umpqua Post at a banquet to be given at the Rose hotel at 6 p. m., just preceding the smoker.

Umpqua Post has now attained the position of second post in the state from the standpoint of new members. Only the Portland post has more members signed up for the year 1926. Roseburg now has a Legion post consisting of 325 members and applications are still coming in at a rapid rate.

GOVERNOR GRANTS TWO MEN PARDONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—Conditional pardons were granted by Governor Pierce yesterday to Frank Friend of Multnomah county and John Sukurski of Coos county, both serving county jail sentences for violation of the prohibition law. On the advice of doctors Friend was relieved from prison a month ago. In addition to his jail sentence he paid a fine of \$500. Sukurski was conditionally pardoned upon request of Coos county authorities. He served 60 days and has a fine of \$250 to pay in installments.

WALLACE M'CAMANT CALLED BEFORE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO ANSWER HIRAM JOHNSON'S CHARGES

(Continued from page 1.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Theodore Roosevelt was not a good American, Judge Wallace M'Camant declared today before the senate judiciary committee which is investigating his fitness for the federal bench.

The judge based his statement on the demand of Roosevelt for the recall of judicial decisions in 1912. "If any man who says Theodore Roosevelt was not a good American can be confirmed by the senate as a judge of the United States, I want to know it," said Senator Johnson, Republican, California, who is fighting M'Camant's nomination.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Judge Wallace M'Camant of Oregon, was subjected to a grueling cross-examination today before the senate judiciary committee by Senator Hiram Johnson, California, who is opposing confirmation of his nomination to the ninth federal circuit court of appeals, on which he now sits by virtue of a recess appointment.

For nearly two hours M'Camant explained his connection as a counsel with the drafting of a contract between the Pacific Spruce Corporation and the United States Spruce Corporation, a government concern, under the terms of which Lincoln county, Oregon, has lost and will continue to lose until 1932 large sums in taxes on the corporation property.

M'Camant offered an affidavit from Colonel Charles Van Way, former head of the United States Corporation, stating that the government had insisted on a provision that title to the property should remain with the federal corporation until all principal and interest payments had been made.

Under this provision the supreme court of the United States held that the property, now worked by the private corporation, should not be taxed. This suggestion was not made at any time by M'Camant, the affidavit said. M'Camant insisted that at the time this matter was discussed, when the contract was being drawn up, the question of whether the property should be tax free until 1932 was debatable. He added that he wanted the committee to know that his firm had had no part in the litigation which finally was settled by the supreme court.

M'Camant expressed the belief that the government should reimburse the county for lost taxes. M'Camant emphasized that the tax of the property was fixed before he was retained. "Who negotiated the extension of payments to 1932?" asked Senator Goff, Republican, of West Virginia.

"C. B. Johnson, president of the Pacific Spruce Corporation, and Colonel Van Way," M'Camant said. "Who wrote the contract of sale?" demanded Senator Johnson. "The tentative draft was presented by a Captain Parker of the United States Spruce Corporation," M'Camant said. Then it was written and changed frequently, sometimes in my office and sometimes in the office of the United States Spruce Corporation.

FAMILY QUARREL ENDS IN WOUNDS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—With their throats cut, Mrs. Pearl Weighall, 26, and her husband, William R. Weighall, are in different hospitals today as the result of a quarrel last night at their home. Weighall, whose condition is not serious, is charged with having slashed his wife's throat with a razor when she prepared to leave home after a quarrel in which he had accused her of fondness for another man. Mrs. Weighall's condition is serious.

Three children of Weighall by a former marriage and a baby son of the present marriage were asleep in the house at the time of the quarrel.

RAINING IN MEDFORD.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 29.—One-half inch of rain, the heaviest in six months, fell over the Rogue River Valley last night. Reports from the summit of the Siskiyou report six inches of snow fell between 9 p. m. and six a. m. The Pacific highway is open to traffic. The rain and snow were accompanied by a brisk wind.

TOM NESS ELECTED.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce in annual session here elected the following directors late yesterday: W. S. Nelson of The Dalles, J. D. Fairman of Harper, Roy T. Bishop of Portland, R. C. Grossbeck of Klamath Falls, H. E. Walter of Corvallis, John F. Daly of Portland, L. D. Drank of Astoria and T. H. Ness of Roseburg.

The directors re-elected Irving Vining of Ashland, president, and elected for secretary W. G. Ide of Portland, and for treasurer, Charles H. Stewart of Portland.

RESIGNATION OF MITCHELL IS ACCEPTED

Air Officer to Quit Army on February 1st According to Wish.

COLONEL IS SILENT

Will Take Lecture Platform Following His Release and Make Fight to Support Views.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The resignation of Colonel William Mitchell from the army has been accepted.

In accordance with his expressed wishes the air service officer will be permitted to step out on February 1st, thus automatically bringing to an end the five year suspension to which he was sentenced by a court martial after conviction of breaking discipline by his criticisms of the government aviation policies.

The decision was announced in this statement by Secretary Davis of the War Department: "The secretary of war has decided that the resignation of Colonel William Mitchell, air service, will be accepted to take effect February 1st, 1926. The adjutant general of the army has been notified to this effect."

Nothing beyond this brief announcement was made public. It was learned, however, that the acceptance was unconditional and did nothing on any formal notation that it was for the good of the service.

Secretary Davis feels that the fact that the resignation was offered by an officer under approved sentence for violation of the articles of war sufficiently indicates for the record the circumstances under which Colonel Mitchell is to be separated from the military service.

Informed by the Associated Press of the decision to accept his resignation, Colonel Mitchell would make no comment. He feels he will not be fully at liberty to speak for publication until he actually has ceased on next Monday to be a member of the military establishment.

There is no doubt, however, that the airman is planning to begin an active public campaign in support of his views as to the aviation necessities of the national defense. He probably will carry his fight to the country through the chattering circuits.

MAMMOTH TUSK IS FOUND NEAR SALEM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—A seven foot mammoth tusk unearthed here by sewer diggers Wednesday is declared by Professor M. E. Peck of Willamette University to be 50,000 years old. He says the mammoth existed in Oregon prior to the glacial period.

WINTRY STORMS SWEEP ACROSS ENTIRE COUNTRY WITH RESPIRE PROMISED FOR MIDDLE WEST

Suffering in Chicago Increased by Numerous Fires—
Lake Michigan Still Holds Five Men Captive in
Storm—New York Has Coldest
Weather of All.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Across continental United States from coast to coast the forces of winter ran riot today with respite promised only for the middle section.

In the face of heavy gales on the Pacific, shipping battled mountainous seas and raced for shelter. Sweeping eastward, the path of the cold wave was marked with deep snows, blocked highways, impeded trains and sub-zero temperatures that caused numerous fires and intense suffering in large cities. In the east sections reported the coldest weather of the season.

Lake Michigan saw the most determined effort of the day to defeat the elements. Army airplanes were enlisted in the efforts to rescue five of eight men stranded for three days on two ice bound floating tugs off Muskegon, Mich. After three of the crew escaped over the ice floes to shore with the direful story of their comrades' plight.

Coast guards who helplessly watched from shore said last night the steamer Alabama, which went to the rescue of the imprisoned tugs had approached near enough to give the men food and fuel. Two army pilots from Selfridge Field were ready to drop cans of food and forty pound cartons of coal on the craft today.

Suffering in Chicago was increased by numerous fires, which drove forty families to the streets. A water main burst and flooded a street with thousands of gallons of water, freezing automobiles to the pavement, turning basements into skating rinks and putting out furnace fires for blocks.

Firemen in New York City had their helmets frozen to their shoulders. The metropolis had the coldest weather of the season with the mercury at five above zero and an 84 mile gale blowing but no snow. Elsewhere in the empire state wind driven snow blocked highways and impeded traffic, putting trains off schedule. The gale blew down an eighty foot smokestack in Solvay, N. Y., and the Adirondacks were in the grip of the season's worst storm, last 24 hours.

Seven were injured in Boston where a westerly gale and some snow crippled telephone and power service. High winds and snow blocked roads in western Pennsylvania where temperatures hovered between zero at Pittsburgh and 10 below at Bradford. Eastern Pennsylvania had no snow but the mercury was low.

Weather forecasters promised rising temperatures today to the central regions, which fell zero and sub-zero yesterday. A fresh southerly wind from sections where the cold did not touch was expected to bring relief.

Snow and a rising mercury were the outlook for the northwest, which yesterday was the coldest part of the country. Duluth, Minn., reported 30 below and St. Paul's minimum was 18. Points in Wisconsin reported as low as 25 below. Chicago's official lowest was seven below but unofficial thermometers read as low as 11.

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Storm warnings were posted along an 850 mile stretch from Point Reyes to Cape Flattery. Rain or snow fell over Nevada, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The boisterous storm that struck Pacific Columbia line to San Francisco was breaking up today after having left thick deposits of snow in the high places and soaked the lowlands with torrential rains. The storm gave coastwise shipping a few thrills, as it brought high southeast gales along a thousand mile stretch of coastline. Several big vessels, including the battleship Colorado, the navy's mightiest, attempted to put to sea from San Francisco but turned back when the officers saw that the bay was breaking from end to end and the sea beyond was tumbling up enormous waves.

While the wind did some damage and the flood-like rains burst a few storm sewers in various localities, the benefit of the storm is incalculable. Throughout the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys the threat of parched crops was dispelled by a rainfall ranging all the way from one to three inches.

The storm was central over Nevada today, with large fragments of it moving on the Los Angeles and San Diego regions. It is continuing to pile up great blankets of snow in the mountains.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—A gentle four-mile breeze from the south was recorded today at North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia river. The storm, which was sweeping in from the Pacific this week sent its force ashore, said E. L. Wells, local weather man.

CRIPPLED ROSEBURG TEAM FACING EUGENE IN GAME TONIGHT

The Roseburg high school basketball team is reported to be in poor shape for tonight's game with University high school of Eugene. Two of the players are suffering from strained muscles, while two others are just recovering from severe colds. It may be necessary to use two or more substitutes, although Coach Doubt hopes to be able to start his regular squad. It is doubtful, however, if Ray Bell, who is suffering from a badly sprained leg, will be able to get into the game, and Jackson will probably start at guard.

Roseburg holds a victory over University high, but will have a hard battle tonight to chalk up another win.

MAGICIAN'S MAGIC FAILS.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—Lole All Overton, painter and paper hanger and amateur magician of Albany, was today convicted in justice court here on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor. He was sentenced to serve six months in jail and pay a fine of \$300. Notice of appeal was given.

GENTLE BREEZE BLOWING.

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CHANGE WANTED FOR LAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—A proposal that Oregon's six per cent tax limitation amendment be so modified as to allow cities and other tax levying units to absorb deficiencies arising through the failure of the annual six per cent increase to care for the needs occasioned by natural growth will be laid before the annual convention of the league of Oregon cities, which convenes in Portland tomorrow.

Major G. B. Glessey, of Salem, president of the league, announced today that the Salem delegation would lay the proposal before the league for consideration.

The idea of amending the six per cent limitation was first advanced here by members of the Salem school board, who in recent years have been compelled to curtail development demanded by the natural growth of the community because of the six per cent tax increase limit.