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## CONTRACTOR KOHL KILLED BY FALL FROM MOTORCYCLE

### Well Known Builder Thrown From Machine and Neck Broken and Skull Fractured

J. M. Kohl, prominent builder and contractor of 1508 First street, and president of the Wing, Fin & Fleet-foot club, was killed just before the noon hour today when his motorcycle upon which he was making a country trip, hit a soft piece of road on the Island City highway near the old fair grounds. He was traveling over the smooth roads of that vicinity, and when the front wheel struck a gravelled section, he evidently lost control and was catapulted headforemost to the road. He struck in such a way that his neck was broken and his skull fractured.

Dr. G. L. Biggers of La Grande was hurriedly called to the scene by bystanders. He drove his machine at break-neck speed both going and coming, but the injuries were so severe that five minutes after he had reached the hospital, death claimed the victim.

Mr. Kohl was on the regular jury panel for the June term which convened today, and less than an hour before his death, he had been excused for the day by Circuit Court Judge J. W. Knowles. Mr. Kohl had important business in the country and it was on that mission that he met his death. He was always an ardent motorcycle fan, and rode with care and precaution, but the loose spot in the roadway is no doubt responsible.

City Honors Memory of Lawrence.

New York, June 1.—Floral wreaths today were placed on the grave of Captain James Lawrence, who carved into American history the motto of the United States navy, "Don't Give Up The Ship!" Simple ceremonies which began with the ringing of the chimes in famous old Trinity church were held in the old burial ground about the church at the head of Wall Street. It was 101 years ago that Captain Lawrence died.

Four Labor Conventions On.

New York, June 1.—Four labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are holding their annual conventions today. The International Union of Cutting Die and Cutter Makers of America convened at Boston. The International Association of Marble Workers met here. The International Ladies' Garment Workers are in session at Newark, and the International Seamen's Union of America is meeting at Boston.

Loose Wheel Causes Delay.

No. 6, east bound passenger, was late this morning owing to the discovery of a loose wheel on the diner at Huron, which necessitated going back to that station with part of the train and setting out the car. When this had been done, the train proceeded as usual. This is the first time in about two months that this train or any other train on the O.-W. has been late, a remarkable record for a mountain road.

The car did not leave the track and no fatalities occurred.

Miss Buchanan Going East.

Miss Lenore Buchanan teacher of music in the public schools of this city, the past year, leaves tonight for Chicago, Illinois, where she will spend the summer before going to Boise to teach music the coming year at a very handsome advance in salary.

largely, for his death. A load of gravel had been dumped into a depression and it was this that his machine struck.

Mrs. Kohl was hurried to the hospital in the Frank Bay car and was there at the time of her husband's death, but, of course, the victim was unconscious from the time he fell and spoke no words after the fall.

Navy Will Be Dry in Thirty Days.

Washington, June 1.—Navy officers today entered upon their last "wet" month. Just thirty days more and the "wine mess" on battleships and at navy yards will be a thing of the past, unless President Wilson annuls an order of Secretary of the Navy, Daniels, abolishing use of liquor in the navy July 1. It is not believed the President will hold up the "dry" order.

For Davis Cup Matches Today.

New York, June 1.—The committee in charge of arrangements for the international tennis tournament for the Davis cup was expected today or some time later this week anyway, to announce their selection of the courts on which this classic of the courts will be played. Clubs in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Newport, Baltimore and other cities have made strong bids for the matches.

## CITY OFFICIALS ORDER ALL DOGS TO BE MUZZLED AT ONCE

Precautionary methods have been adopted to offset any effects that an alleged hydrophobic dog may have left on his trail last week. The dog was shot and the carcass buried at once but City Manager Lafky and Chief of Police Orsi have offered to disinter it if it is deemed advisable to send the brains to Portland for analysis. The brute was shot through the head, a fact that will handicap chemical analysis somewhat.

However, City Physician A. L. Richardson has recommended that all dogs known to have been bitten be muzzled at once, and kept so for several weeks. After June 15 all dogs



Aristido Briand, ex-prime minister, whose party in France has been displaced from power by combination of socialists.

## Cummins Fighting For Re-nomination

IOWA HAS WARM FIGHT AT PRIMARY.

CLARK BEST PROSPECT

Democrats Especially Seem to Have Close Fight on Hands.

Des Moines, June 1.—Voters of all parties in Iowa are at the polls today casting their ballots at the primaries for candidate for the nomination of every office from United States Senator to township trustee. Altogether there are 5,000 men running for office and it is estimated that their combined campaign expenses will amount to \$250,000. The big fight is over United States Senator. Senator A. B. Cummins, up for renomination, apparently has the edge on State Senator Savage, but in the Democratic race for Senator a count of the ballot tonight will be necessary to decide whether E. T. Meredith, publisher, or Congressman Murice Connolly of Dubuque has won. S. H. Basher and Casper Schenk, of Des Moines are the Progressive candidates for senator.

For Governor Geo. W. Clarke will apparently be nominated over District Judge Lee of Nevada and J. W. Rawley of Keosauqua, both of whom are running on a platform opposing the capitol extension measure which Clarke defends. Candidates for judges of the supreme and district courts on non-partisan tickets are being nominated, all parties are putting candidates for congress in the field and there will be state, county and township offices nominated by the time the polls close at 7 o'clock tonight. All the nominees will go on the ballot for the November election.

## FEW CASES IN READINESS FOR TRIAL AT ONCE

GRAND JURY PICKED AND IS NOW DELIBERATING IN SECRECY.

STATE VS. BERNHARD IS ONLY ONE SET TODAY

June Term Takes up With Considerable Uncertainty as to Cases That Are to Come to Trial at Once—John Speckhart is Foreman of the Grand Jury—Several Jurors Excused.

The June term of circuit court opened this morning with a great deal of uncertainty concerning cases filed that have not come to issue. So far the only case that is set is that of State vs. Bernhard, which came up this afternoon at 1:30.

A number of jurymen were excused, including J. M. Kohl who met with an untimely accident this morning resulting in his death. The remainder of the jurymen who were excused are J. W. Conklin, Jno. F. Dobbin, Jos. Quinland, J. D. Reynolds, Lloyd Carter, J. M. Choate, and Walter McGrath.

From the list of jurymen the grand jurymen were chosen by lot and these are: L. E. Titus, Jno Speckhart, L. E. Stanley, J. A. McNeill, S. T. Godsey, Lott Elmer and Jacob Hug. Jno Speckhart is foreman.

After reading the instructions to the grand jurors required by law, Judge Knowles then read several statutes to the grand jurors on his own accord, chief among which was Section 2094 relating to the making, circulating, sale, having in possession of indecent literature, pictures, cards with immoral reading etc.

A demurrer to a complaint filed by the Home Construction company against the city for improvement work, was overruled, as was also a demurrer in the case of Dahlstrom vs. Huddleson. Other than this no business, outside of the grand jury, was transacted. The findings of this body of men are necessarily secret and will not be known for several days.

Just as soon as the case of State vs. Bernhard is tried, court will adjourn till a later day. All jurors living out of town will be excused for the present after the above mentioned case is tried, and only members of the present list, living in town, will be held in readiness for service.

State vs. Bernhard Postponed.

The case of State vs. Bernhard was postponed this afternoon owing to the inability of some of the witnesses to arrive in time for the set hour. The case will come up tomorrow, providing witnesses can be brought to the city.

Autos for Club Members.

The hour for the Neighborhood clubs breakfast tomorrow is 11 a. m., and the place is Riverside Park. Those who contemplate going will confer a favor upon the club officers by notifying Mrs. M. M. Donahue, general chairman. Those who have no means of getting to the park can meet at the club rooms at the library building at 10:30 where they will be supplied with automobile transportation.

## Gambling Lid Is On at Vera Cruz

FUNSTON SETS ASIDE ORDERS OF HIS OWN MEN.

SCRIBES BRING REFORM

American General Gives Permission to Open Gambling Holes.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 15.—(By Mail to New York.)—It was a husky little tussel that Gen. Funston had with the gamblers of Vera Cruz. In the first place, the gamblers are crafty Spaniards, who found it an easy matter to mislead the minor military authorities. Before Funston was aware of it, two of his subordinates, Colonel Plumer, the provost general, and Captain Bamford, the chief of police, had given permission to the gamblers to resume their business.

It was the newspaper correspondents from Mexico City, who were familiar with Mexican customs that first made General Funston aware of the mistake which Plumer and Bamford had made.

Plummer and Bamford had been instructed not to interfere more than necessary with the mixed customs of Mexico, in their government of Vera Cruz and so, when they were assured by the Spanish gamblers that open gambling was a fixed custom in Mexico they immediately gave the holders of the gambling concession permission to open their places.

The correspondents from the Mexican capital, however, know otherwise. They were aware that Huerta, even in his desperate need for money, had held off until last January before he would agree to sell gambling conces-

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## MERCURY GOES TO 89 SUNDAY

WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS, IT IS RECORD HERE.

Weather Today in Close relation to Former June Firsts.

With two exceptions yesterday set a mark for maximum temperature upon May day since the time climatic records have been maintained by government representatives in this city. Mercury rose to 89 yesterday. Data supplied by Observer Benham, shows the following maximum records of the month of May since 1901: 1901, 84; 1902, 86; 1903, 92; 1904, 83; 1905, 80; 1906, 87; 1907, 87; 1908, 84; 1909, 83; 1910, 96; 1911, 83; 1912, 80; 1913, 84; 1914, 89.

Records show it to be a fact that of the records for May, nearly all were on the last or near the last of the month, and that June opened with clouds and a sudden drop in temperature, just as was the case today.

Navy Plucking Board Meets.

Washington, June 1.—Many navy officers "shivering in their boots" today when the "plucking board" of the navy met to arbitrarily retire fifteen officers. Five captains, four commanders, four lieutenant commanders and two lieutenants of the present list will be retired to make way for promotions in the service. Admirals, Southland Knight, Reynolds, Capor-down and Capt. McLean comprised the "plucking board" which met today.

## DOUMERGUE AND FRENCH CABINET RESIGN OFFICES

SOCIALISTS PUT OPPOSITION "IN THE HOLE," CAUSING RESIGNATIONS.

HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE MILLION DEFICIT

Army and Navy Expenses, and Shortage in the Treasury, Gives Controlling Party, the Socialists, Opportunity to Demand Their Pet Legislation—Ministry Quits.

Paris, June 1.—Premier Doumergue, and the other members of the French cabinet, resigned today. The ministry faced a deficit of \$175,000,000. The annual budget to be drafted now must raise \$100,000,000 to meet this deficit in the government's empty treasury, as well as borrowing \$260,000,000 for military and naval expenses. The Socialists who hold the whip hand, demand that if they vote for these budgets and loans, the opposition must grant legislation which Deputy Jurres, the Socialist leader, demands. The minister and his cabinet preferred to resign rather than grant the Socialists what they wanted. Just what will be done now is uncertain, but it appears that the Socialists will get anything they want if they will only heal the public treasury.

Paris, June 1.—The new Chamber of Deputies, elected for the next four years, met today for the first time, the mandates of the old Deputies expiring last night at midnight. The Socialists, with their 102 seats, a gain of 27 over the expiring period, held the whip hand which fact, together with the presence of nearly 200, or 30 per cent new members, caused Senator Georges ("Tiger") Clemenceau to remark that today "France" stands fact to face with the Sphinx". No one, even the professional political forecasters, can tell what will happen.

The new French governing body has, as a whole, been picked up and shoved over to the left. The reactionaries, conservatives and nationalists of the right have lost ground whereas the "revolutionary socialists" as Joan Jaures' party is called in France, has made 30 per cent gain. With them all the candidates with leanings towards the left were swept on to a victory so startling that the Socialists themselves admit surprise.

The Radicals and Radical Socialists, the governing block, number 245 in the new Chamber. But they are badly torn by factions and internal dissensions. The Socialists and their friends with socialist leanings, muster 140, the next strongest party in France by long odds. And by reasons of bargains struck at the May elections, these two parties are expected to vote together on most issues. The party of Aristido Briand ex-prime minister, President Poincare and ex-Premier Louis Barthou, numbers some 85 in the Chamber, the Progressives 62 and the entire Right—Conservatives, Liberals, Nationalists, Bonapartists, Royalists and Clericals, 73 all told. The Socialists, as a voting body is as compact as the proverbial Solid South, the other parties splitting on almost every question.