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SUCCESSOR TO JUSTICE JOHNS NAMED

Judge John McCourt of Portland is Elevated to Supreme Bench

GOT START IN LAW IN EASTERN OREGON

Served as District Attorney in Portland and is Now Serving in Circuit Court, Appointed by Governor.

SALEM, Aug. 20.—Circuit Judge John McCourt, of Portland, has been selected by Governor Olcott to succeed Justice Charles A. Johns on the supreme bench. Judge Robert Tucker was offered the place but declined the appointment.

Judge John McCourt's career in Oregon is that of the poor boy climbing the ladder of success by his own efforts. After graduating in law he located in Pendleton where he followed the life of the hard-up country lawyer for a number of years. Later he was appointed United States attorney for Oregon and his rise has been reasonably rapid since that time. After serving his time as district attorney he practiced law in Portland, was later appointed to a vacancy on the circuit court which he is now holding and from this position he takes the place offered by the Governor on the supreme bench.

Funding Bill Gets By Senate Finance Committee Today

La Follette Puts in Protest in Minority Report; Five Years is Time Limit Tacked on Bill.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The administration allied debt funding bill was favorably reported by the senate finance committee today. Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, submitted a minority report. An amendment requiring completion of the funding within five years was added to the bill by the committee.

SUNDAY WILL BE FAIR. PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—Sunday will be fair with moderate westerly winds, says the weather observer here.

FREIGHT RATES ON GRAIN HIGH

Growers Making Protest Before Interstate Commerce Commission; Farmers Taking Loss.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Grain men of the west completed Friday before the interstate commerce commission their description of agricultural distress throughout the grain and hay producing states and announced readiness to begin today their effort to show that high freight rates were responsible for these conditions.

Heavy rail movement of grain will continue this fall in spite of high freight rates and low market prices. H. W. Pickett, of the Salt Lake traffic bureau, told the commission. Farmers will be compelled to sell and take a loss, he said, to meet long deferred debts.

Unless carriers reduce the rates on grain, however, the movement will be curtailed greatly after this year because many farmers are abandoning their farms, Mr. Pickett said.

In calculating future freight rates the commission should figure on an increased grain movement during the next few years, provided freight rates are reduced, the witness contended. He presented figures on rail earnings intended to show that the movement of wheat is more profitable to the carriers than many other commodities.

W. S. Hanson, a Utah farmer and banker, said farmers in his state have exhausted their credit at the banks which, as a result, are not lending. He said that they know it would bring about even more serious conditions.

Last Picture of Caruso and His Family



This picture of Caruso, his wife and Baby Gloria was taken at Sorrento, Italy, just a day or two before the release which necessitated the operation ending in his death. At that time the famous tenor was in high spirit and seemed well along on the road to recovery.

Wood Must Quit to Get Army Job

House Tables Bill Allowing Him to Take Philippine Governorship

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Secretary of War Weeks declared today that the tabling of the house military committee of a bill authorizing Major General Leonard Wood to act as governor general of the Philippines without resigning him from active service left no alternative for General Wood but to go on the retired list.

LUMBER TOO LOW IN PRICE

Four L Statement Shows Some Favorable Change in Industry

Under date of August 15 the Four L has issued a statement of business conditions in which conditions are shown to be more encouraging and which shows some renewals of lumber activity.

Lumber prices are much too low, the statement says and adds that "lumber is looking up, it is the only way it can look for it is flat on its back." In many places lumber is being sold below production costs, delayed rail buying is expected soon and some relief is looked for from that direction. The O. W. has recently been on the market and some rail orders have been placed at very low prices. Export trade in lumber is reported good.

In the northwest in general the census and mills are increasing the number of men but there is no indication that it will continue throughout the winter.

It is predicted that until the demand increases materially for lumber the mills in the northwest will run about 60 per cent of normal production. Many coast mills are shut down now and many are running part time now.

The labor situation is such that one logging company on the Olympic peninsula is employing all the married men on construction work but has no jobs for others. One Idaho lumber company that is partially shut down has agreed to allow its men to purchase merchandise from the company store at wholesale, plus local handling charge.

TRESTLE BURNS NEAR SUMKIN

PENDLETON, Aug. 19.—The burning of a 55-foot trestle on the D. & N. tracks near Sumkin station about four miles above Mission Thursday noon, delayed the arrival of No. 17, due in Pendleton at 12:20, until 4:55. The culvert, made of wood which flowed over a dry creek bed, had to have a temporary cribbing built up beneath it and new rails laid before the train, which was held at Gibbon, was allowed to continue into Pendleton.

The fire, which is believed to have started from sparks from a previous train, was put out by a section crew called from Gibbon by a man who was walking along the tracks and discovered the blaze. It was necessary for the crew to haul water from a nearby spring to fight the blaze.

Immediate replacement of the burned structure will be made in a short time, probably by a concrete culvert although no definite announcement has been made.

GERMANY FEELS WAY ON TREATY

Chancellor Seeks Support of All Nations to Rush U. S. Peace

BERLIN, Aug. 20.—Unless unexpected complications develop in the next few days, a formal peace treaty with the United States will be signed by the German government next week.

Chancellor Wirth is endeavoring to secure the support of all political factions represented in the Reichstag for his plans looking to the negotiation of a treaty of peace with the United States. Conferences of an important nature have been held during the past few days, the one of Tuesday being especially important.

At this session, Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador at Washington, was present as spokesman for the Democratic party.

It is declared that the chancellor's efforts are being directed against the opening of general debate on the treaty in the Reichstag, for fears are expressed that the German-American war diplomacy, and the submarine policy which brought about American intervention in the war, would be dragged forth by those who seek to exploit them for partisan purposes.

New names are being mentioned as possible appointees to the ambassadorship to the United States. Among those most recently brought forward is that of Prof. Gerhart von Schulze-Galvinski, who occupies the chair of political economy at Freiburg university.

Want Harding to Give Bryan Place in Sun

OCEANOGRAPHY, N. J., Aug. 20.—A conference of church workers and members of the international reform bureau, being held here today, adopted a resolution asking President Harding to appoint William Jennings Bryan as a delegate to the disarmament conference.

Oil Runs Out of Barren Mountain

Discovery Made Along Arctic Coast in Alaska; Big Lake is Formed

NOME, Aug. 20.—Californians prospecting in the vicinity of Wainwright Inlet and Point Barrow along the Arctic coast report the discovery of new oil fields. A large amount of seepage is occurring in the neighborhood of Cape Simpson, springing from barren mountains within a mile of the ocean shore. The oil is flowing several hundred yards into a lake of oil.

NEW SMUT CURE WILL BE TRIED

Copper Carbonate Successful in Australia—Labor Cost Low

Experiments will be made in Union county (the fall in treating wheat with copper carbonate to prevent smut). The work will be done under the direction of Professor H. P. Harris of the extension division of O. A. C. in cooperation with the Union county farm bureau.

In making this announcement Harry G. Avery, county agent, said that this method of treating wheat to control smut has been successful in use in Australia for a number of years and has been used in California for some time with admirable success. It is, however, impossible to predict how much value it will be to wheat growers in Union county.

The copper carbonate is applied in the form of a powder. One of the big advantages this method has is that it lessens the labor costs so greatly.

PESSIMISM REIGNS IN DUBLIN NOW

Hope Not Given up But Situation is Undoubtedly Serious Says London

LLOYD GEORGE IS STILL UNCHANGED

Rejection Challenge to Authority of Crown Prime Minister Tells Law Makers—Direct Action is Intimated in Speech

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Dublin dispatches to London papers reflect pessimism in view of the recent developments, and while hope still exists same say, the situation is undoubtedly very serious.

The outline of the British proposals cannot be altered, nor the basis of them changed, said David Lloyd George, British prime minister, in an address Friday in the house of commons, on the Irish situation.

Mr. Lloyd George said rejection would be an unmistakable challenge to the authority of the crown and the unity of the empire. "and no party in the state could possibly pass that over without notice." He declared that he was not using the language of menace, but that if final rejection came, steps undoubtedly will have to be taken which the executive might not and will not wish to take without first consulting parliament and giving it full opportunity of expressing approval or disapproval of any steps we might propose to it."

Dublin Marks Time.

DUBLIN, Aug. 20.—No visible change in the Irish situation has taken place in consequence of the speech delivered in the house of commons Friday by the British premier, David Lloyd George.

In general effect the comment heard on all sides after the premier's speech appeared in the evening newspaper was that Mr. Lloyd George understood his constituents and that Mr. De Valera understood his.

The subcommittee of the Irish Eiream Friday continued their work and today will go on with it. They are not having the assistance of De Valera, who has gone to the country; home of Speaker McNeill at Black Rock, where it is expected he will be joined by other leaders in the republican movement.

MRS. MALLORY IS NEW TENNIS CHAMPION

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory won U. S. tennis singles in the national championship from Mary Browne of Santa Monica, California.

To France.



Monsignor Ceretti upon his arrival at Paris as Papal Nuncio. He is the first ambassador from the Vatican to France since the break between that government and the Church of Rome 15 years ago. He is regarded as one of the ablest diplomats of the Vatican.

TEARS SHED IN CELL BY BRUMFIELD

Still Refuses to Discuss Crime He is Charged With

ADMITS EVIDENCE IS VERY CONVINCING

He Claims He Has Been Working Too Hard and Hangs on to Defense Plea of a Blank Mind Regarding the Heinous Murder.

ROSEBURG, Aug. 20.—"It is certainly wonderful the way my friends stood by my wife and family, in spite of the terrible crime charged against me and the evidence, which I must admit is most convincing," said Dr. R. M. Brumfield as he choked with emotion and his eyes brimmed with tears in the only interview granted today.

After a long talk with his wife, Dr. Brumfield asked permission to see a representative of the local paper, and then voiced his appreciation of the treatment which had been accorded his wife and three boys during the time he was a fugitive.

"I cannot bear to think of what my family has gone through," he said brokenly, the tears welling into his eyes, while he was frequently forced to stop and control himself before he could go on with his statement.

Gratitude is expressed. "It certainly has been hell for my wife, and I want to thank the friends who took her in and care for her and showed her so much kindness when things were so black against me. My wife has told me that many of my friends believed in me even when the evidence was the strongest, and I am so grateful that I cannot express it in words.

"I want to see this thing settled up. I know I could not have committed such a deed or I would certainly feel some remorse, and I feel none. Oh, if I could only remember—but it is all a blank; I cannot account for a thing I did."

Crime Declared Mystery. "I have been informed of the occurrence at Roseburg and the death of Dennis Russell," he said, "but I can truthfully say it is like a fairy tale to me. I cannot realize that I should be connected with such a terrible crime."

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OREGONIAN TO GO TO MOSCOW

Relief Agreement Between United States and Russia Signed Today—Phillip Carroll in Charge of Party

RIGA, Aug. 20.—Agreement between the United States and Russia for relief was signed today. Phillip Carroll of Portland, Oregon, will have temporary charge, leading a party of ten to Moscow next Thursday.

This is the first agreement which Secretary Hoover has been endeavoring to bring about between Russia and this country in order that steps could be taken toward feeding the hungry people of Russia without getting into strained political relations with that country or the other allied nations.

Portland Wheat. PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—Wheat closed on the local market at \$1.03 to \$1.07 today.

Masked Bandit Tries to Rob Market Early Today

At about 7:30 this morning a masked armed robber attempted to hold up the People's market on Fir street. Robert Ludwig, the owner of the market, was alone in the place at the time, the boy opening the store having gone to his breakfast several minutes previously.

The robber, a tall, slim man dressed in black and having his face completely masked with a black mask, entered the store quietly but Mr. Ludwig, who was sitting just beyond the entrance to the rear room, did not hear him enter.

He was taken by surprise when the robber asked him to get up and asked for his money. The robber was punctuated with a large caliber revolver, and Mr. Ludwig deemed it wise to get up and obey instructions. As he reached for his crutches, which he is still using as the result of having one of his legs broken several months ago, the robber asked him whether he was crippled. Upon being answered by Mr. Ludwig that he was a cripple, the robber said, "I wouldn't rob a cripple," and walked out of the market.

Police on Job Early.

The police were immediately notified and the entire force as well as several extra men began a search of the city for the robber.

Coming as it does shortly after the Hilgard robbery, there is much inclination among several officers as well as others to believe that the man attempting to rob the meat market this morning was one of the men connected with Thursday night's robbery.

According to the description given by one of the men robbed at Hilgard Thursday night, a tall, slim man was connected with that robbery and the description fits this morning's bandit.

Trains Searched.

All westbound trains, beginning with No. 19, were stopped by the Umatilla county authorities Thursday night before arriving in Pendleton and cleared of hobos. Six were taken off of No. 19 but a thorough search failed to reveal any money or jewelry. The engineer and fireman on No. 19 knew nothing of the robbery or would have been on the lookout for hobos getting on the train.

The thorough search made by the Umatilla authorities indicates that the robbers did not stay on No. 19. There are many places at which they could have jumped off No. 19 and it is very likely that the robbers, if the robbery was well planned and committed by men knowing the country, had a machine waiting for them at the road crossing about half a mile above the station. They could have gotten off there easily and proceeded without arousing any suspicion as the most logical theory for officials to work on was that they went farther than this on the trail.

THE ORDER OF THE DAY

