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Tampering With Witnesses Before Grand Jury is Charged Against Defense by Attorney

RAPPE GIRL'S FRIEND HAS A LATER STORY

Changes Her Story Before the Grand Jury at Hearing Today

LAW LOOKS WITH SUSPICION ON WORK

Many Witnesses Told of the Boozie Party in Arbuckle's Room at the Hotel

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—"Fat" Arbuckle went before the coroner's jury today. The district attorney questioned Zey Provost, the motion picture bathing girl, regarding her testimony before the grand jury last night.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—A formal complaint charging murder was sworn to before Police Judge O'Brien against Roscoe Arbuckle, who is alleged to be connected with the death of Miss Rappe.

The complaint was signed by Mrs. Bambina Maude Belmont, a friend of the dead actress. Arbuckle's appearance in police court was delayed until the Bertillon measurements were taken and he was photographed for the rogues' gallery.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Henry Lehrman, a film director, who was engaged to marry Virginia Rappe, said he would devote every moment he could spare to pressing Arbuckle's prosecution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—A charge of perjury was made today by Dist. Attorney Brady as a result of investigation before a grand jury last night into the death of Virginia Rappe, for whose alleged murder Roscoe Arbuckle is under arrest.

Miss Zey Provost, also known as Zoy Pyron, changed her testimony before the grand jury from that she had given to the police and District Attorney previously that Miss Rappe had told her Arbuckle had caused her injuries.

Whether or not we shall arrest her and charge her with perjury will depend on developments. I am convinced that undue influence and pressure of sinister character has been brought to bear on her and other witnesses, one of whom, Alice Blake, has mysteriously disappeared from her home in Berkeley," said the prosecuting attorney.

The grand jury recessed early this morning after deciding to await further information before returning indictment. Arbuckle was the first witness, being in the jury room three minutes.

Other witnesses told of the party held in Arbuckle's rooms in the hotel.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—Cattle are steady, hogs twenty-five cents higher—prime light selling for \$12 to \$12.50; sheep steady; eggs steady and butter firm.

MARKET IS STEADY.

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—Livestock, eggs, and butter were steady on the local market today.

Live Stock Freight Rate to Be Reduced by Roads Will Benefit the West

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Reductions made by Western railroads in rates of cattle, hogs, and sheep will be effective beginning Sept. 29. The rate amounts to 26 per cent in cases where present rates are higher than 50 cents a hundred pounds, as authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The com-

Cellmate of Alleged Murderer Attempts to Get Out of His Cell

Alleged Forger Confesses That He and Not Brunfield Tried to Escape Last Night.

ROSEBURG, Sept. 13.—An attempt to Jimmy the door of the cell occupied by Dr. Brunfield and J. R. Bailett, alleged forger, was discovered this morning by Deputy Sheriff Hopkins, who found two iron bars, an oak bar and wire in the cell.

Brunfield denied any connection with the attempted escape. Officers reported that Bailett confessed that he and not Brunfield made an attempt to gain his liberty.

TWO RANCHES TRADED OFF

Henry Neury Trades Off His Property for Camus Prairie Section and a Quarter.

A real estate trade involving land worth around \$70,000 has just been consummated here. Henry Neury traded the 450-acre ranch known as the Grout and Glass place and the 320-acre Jim Childers ranch for 800 acres in the Camus Prairie section of Idaho. The equipment on the ranches traded by Mr. Neury is traded for the equipment on the Idaho ranch, according to the terms of the transaction.

The 450-acre ranch is located on a side hill and the Childers ranch is located on the river east of Alice, E. A. Kirkendahl and Mr. Boyd, the latter of Baker, are the new owners of the former Neury properties. Mr. Kirkendahl has announced that the ranch on the river has already been leased to Mike Nelson of Elgin. Mr. Neury expects to give the Camus Prairie place his personal attention.

The transaction was made through the C. J. Black agency.

BAKER SCHOOLS MAKE BAD START

Decrease in Attendance on Opening Day Over Opening Day Last Year.

BAKER, Sept. 13.—Baker schools opened yesterday with a slight decrease in attendance over the record established last September. The total enrolled was 1902 which last year reached on the opening day 1956 in the grades.

Registration in the high school totaled 275. This is some less than the first day last year when 216 registered. There are many students that did not attend yesterday morning and the opening day attendance will be increased considerably. Principal F. S. Knight thinks there is no doubt but the enrollment this year will greatly exceed that of last year, notwithstanding the first day's attendance is short of last year. The largest enrollment last year was 536.

SENATE COMMITTEE AGREES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Provisions for the house tax bill making repeal of the excess profits tax effective next January instead of last January have been approved by the senate finance committee, which also approved of the repeal of the capital stock tax as of 1922 and voted to increase the corporation income tax from 19 per cent to 15 per cent.

NEW DRY LAW OFFICER USES AXE ON THREE

Dr. Linville as Oregon Prohibition Director Believers Some of His Assistants on First Day.

Having been installed as federal prohibition director for Oregon yesterday the first thing Dr. Joseph A. Linville did was to request the resignation of three of the staff. Those who were asked to resign were E. B. Wolfe, F. B. Curry and Delazoid C. Smith. In their places Dr. Linville has recommended the appointment of three men, whose identity he is keeping secret for the present.

The removal of Mr. Wolfe comes somewhat as a surprise, for it has been supposed that he was well entrenched and had strong political backing. In fact, when word first came that Dr. Linville was to have the job of director, it was stated at the time that Mr. Wolfe was to be retained. However, Dr. Linville explained yesterday that he has a free hand in making removals and recommending men to fill the vacancies, insofar as the Oregon senators are concerned and that the senators have not undertaken to indicate what changes should be made in the office.

From time to time Dr. Linville contemplates making changes, instead of making a clean sweep at once. He wants new men to be familiar with the workings of the office before other shifts are made. Johnson Smith, first prohibition director in Oregon, who has been succeeded by Dr. Linville, extended every courtesy to the new incumbent and surrendered the job without one sigh of regret. Pioneering in prohibition enforcement has not been a bed of roses.

The staff under Director Linville consists of nine men, all of whom are agents except Jesse E. Flanders, who is chief of the field operators. This force, Dr. Linville considers inadequate for the amount of work to be performed and a request for a larger force has been made. The three agents who have been asked to resign, will be given a vacation after which they need not return to the job.

Today Senator McNary and Senator Stanfield are expected to arrive in Portland for a little conference. The programme is for the senators to meet with their selections for federal jobs and have a heart-to-heart talk with the men. The senators will urge efficiency and, it is said, they will not hamper their selections with recommendations as to subordinate positions.—Oregonian.

FAIR WEATHER.

Tonight and Wednesday will be fair with heavy frosts in the Eastern portion of state in the morning.

Bankers to Aid Wheat Growers

Announcement Is Made by General Manager That Over Million Raised

SPOKANE, Sept. 13.—The bankers of Spokane, Seattle and Portland have raised \$1,300,000 to finance the immediate needs of the Northwest Wheat Growers, incorporated according to announcement of General Manager Jewett of the association today.

This amount, with ten million dollars promised by the war finance corporation, conferred with Jewett today, Jewett said, would provide ample funds to finance the marketing of this year's wheat pool of from thirty to thirty-five million bushels.

Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, conferred with Jewett today concerning the funds to be advanced.

ROOT DECLINES TO BE JUDGE

Cable To Geneva Tells of His Inability To Serve Because of His Advancing Age.

GENEVA, Sept. 13.—Elihu Root has definitely declined to be considered for election as judge of the international court of justice. In a cablegram to Dr. Manley O. Hudson, who is here in the capacity of American observer, Mr. Root declares he will be unable to serve on the court because of his age. The refusal of Mr. Root is said to increase the chance of either John Bassett Moore or Prof. Roscoe Pound, two other Americans nominated for the court, to be elected.

Cuts Down Choice. It was stated later by officials of the league that Mr. Root's message definitely disposed of his candidacy. They expressed belief that it was certain the names of both Mr. Moore and Professor Pound would be placed in nomination and that the one developed the greatest strength after the first or second ballot would be elected. The league has been informed that either would accept election, it was added.

PORTLAND WHEAT. PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—Wheat closed here today at \$1.10 to \$1.13.

CANNOT GOVERN THEMSELVES NOW

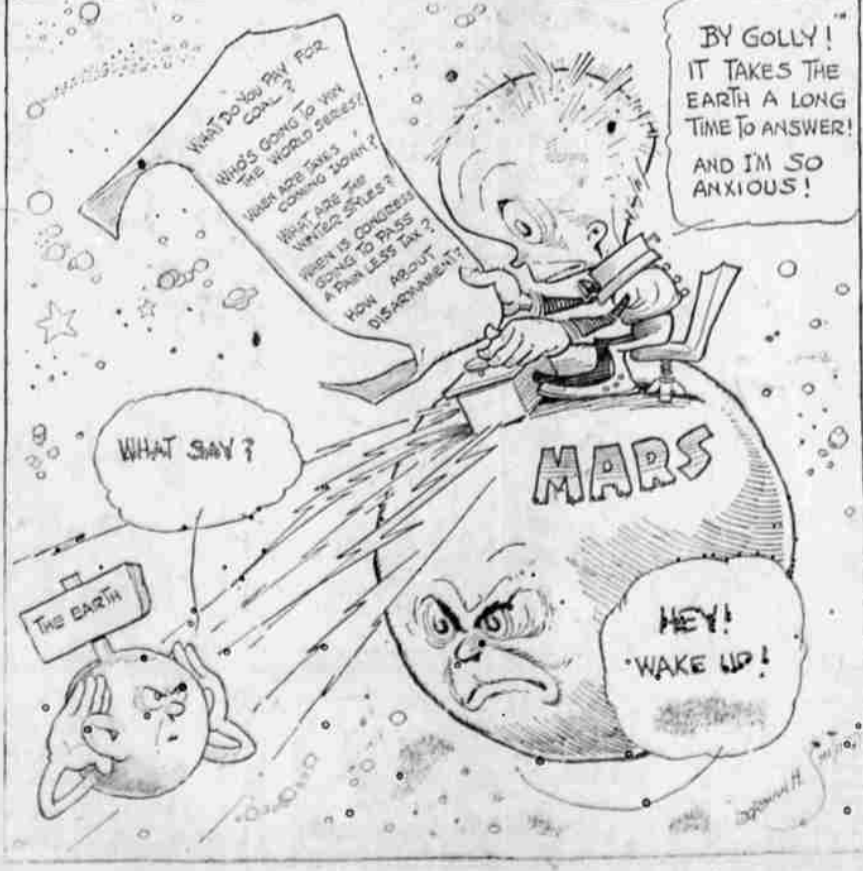
MANILA, P. I., Sept. 13.—W. Cameron Forbes of President Harding Philippine mission, in an address Sunday at the University of the Philippines declared the island are still without sufficient resources for the maintenance of a separate, unprotected government, but that he believed it contrary to the traditional policy of the American people to hold an alien people in subjection against their own will.

"I will make clear the position I have always held regarding Philippine independence," Mr. Forbes said, "I believe in the desire for independence and have never tried to discourage it, but I always said my duty as governor general included changing the political relationship between the Philippines and the United States and have devoted myself to the development of natural resources, as the Filipino people were then and still are without sufficient resources for the maintenance of a separate government without protection.

"I said then and say now, 'devote yourselves to developing your natural resources so as to make yourselves strong enough to maintain your nationality.' Until that time comes, until you have developed sufficient resources to maintain your nationality, our paths are parallel.

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MARCONI GETS MORE SIGNALS FROM MARS



Guards Believe Gardner Spotted

Guards Believe Man on the Beach Was Fugitive; Dashed for Brush

McNEIL ISLAND, Sept. 13.—A long distance view of a man on the beach at Winter Point was obtained this morning by two special guards in a patrol boat. The guards reported that they believed the man to be Roy Gardner. On spotting the boat the fugitive dashed back into the brush.

TERMINAL IS TO BE TAKEN OVER

Cooperative Wheat Growers Will Eventually Take Over Tri-State Terminals

BAKER, Sept. 13.—The relation of the Oregon Co-operative Wheat Growers' association to the Tri-State Terminal company was explained at the farmers' meeting Saturday afternoon by D. W. Emerson, warehouse manager for the association at Portland. He stated that the wheat growers did not obligate themselves to take over the properties of the Tri-State Terminal company, but that there is a sort of mutual understanding that such will be the case. In the meantime the Tri-State company has decided to close and liquidate its business. However, this will take several months.

In Oregon the organization of the wheat growers was not taken up as early as in the other states and the result is that the business has not advanced as far as in Washington and Idaho, and the association is not prepared to take the step toward taking over the elevators of the Tri-State company in Baker county.

For this reason it was decided at the meeting to ask the Tri-State company to continue the operation of the elevators in this county during the present season.

J. E. Reynolds of Union county, representing the wheat growers' association, explained to the meeting the workings of the association, and the manner of marketing wheat. Dr. Virgil Ison, president of the Baker farmers' union, presided at the meeting. A. R. Shumway of Milton, state president of the union, was not present, being unable to come to Baker as had been announced.

Eastern Women Try To Catch Up With Western

HAVERHILL, Mass., Sept. 13.—A woman resides over one of the voting precincts in this city at today's special primary election. This is regarded by officials as the first instance of a woman serving as warden at an election in Massachusetts.

The pioneer woman warden, Mrs. Ida A. T. Stevens, has previously officiated several times at the polls as an inspector. She will receive the usual compensation of \$15 for what is nominally a ten hour day but which may be much longer as the warden must remain until all votes are counted and tabulated.

New County Road Is Asked Near Palmer

A petition has been received by the county court for a new road in the vicinity of Palmer Junction. The road will be approximately two miles in length if it is built. It will be a regular county road.

The county court has appointed J. M. Barr and C. E. Moore as jurors to meet with County Roadmaster John P. Birney on Wednesday, September 14, at the Cabin Creek school house for the purpose of making recommendations in regard to the road asked.

Board of Equalization Begins Its Annual Task Making Adjustments

The Union county board of equalization met and organized at the court house yesterday and received three complaints, following the filing of oath assessments of property they find a wrong or of office by the three members, County Judge U. G. Cook, County Assessor D. Proctor and County Clerk C. Kenneth McCaskey.

The board will meet for a period of 30 days and will file its report on the 15th day of the month. It is also required of members of the board that when on examining the assessment rolls they find a wrong or of office by the three members, County Judge U. G. Cook, County Assessor D. Proctor and County Clerk C. Kenneth McCaskey, they shall file a complaint or waiting for one to be filed. Complaints received will be considered during the last 15 days of the month in which the board does its work and where found justified, that is, where it is found by the board that the assessment complained of is not just or equitable, the board will adjust the value of the property similarly located and of similar value. Where this is not found to be true the

TEXAS FLOOD DEATH LIST IS GROWING

Reports Say That 200 Bodies Have Been Recovered Up to Present

MORTALITY GREATEST IN LOWLAND SECTIONS

Loss of Life in Williamson and Milam Counties Is Heaviest; Property Loss Over Million Dollars

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—Baker, Oregon, was the coldest spot on the weather map today with mercury at 22 degrees at 8 o'clock. A killing frost is reported. Umatilla county had 32 degrees. The Willamette valley felt the nippy weather and Salem reported that her thermometers registered 32.

WALLA WALLA, Sept. 13.—The lowest temperature this morning was 36. Tender plants and vegetables were killed. Three inches of snow fell yesterday in the Blue Mountains. Snow capped hills are visible from the city.

YAKIMA, Sept. 13.—Temperatures here showed 31 last night. It is the coldest September weather since 1909.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 13.—Reports from the flood swept Central Texas section brought the death list to 240. The most serious loss of life was in the San Gabriel river lowlands in Williamson and Milam counties where over 100 bodies were recovered. The property damage is large.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 13.—A dispatch to the Express from Rockdale, Milam county, says: "More than 20 families in the Brazos bottom are reported lost. Five persons are known to have drowned on the Edgren farm in the San Gabriel bottoms."

Death lists from the different towns and communities reported here follow: Thorndale, 65 bodies recovered, all Mexicans. Lanepoit, 23 bodies recovered, all Mexicans. San Gabriel, eight Mexicans. Roy Bland farm, near Taylor, four Mexicans. Elk Grove, 29 Mexicans on Jake Flowers' place seven miles south-east of Taylor.

Water 20 Feet High. Two unidentified American children drowned in Buday creek, near Taylor: Mrs. H. L. Brown and son Lee, at Redville Gin, on Alligator creek. More than 20 feet of water rose over the roads in the Brazos bottoms and nothing has been heard from the 20 families living there. Virtually every bridge in Milam county has been destroyed. Property losses will exceed \$1,000,000, the report said. Ed. Green, on whose land several persons were drowned, was rescued after being in a tree 24 hours.

Portland Will Hold A Special Election

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—The city council decided to hold a special election in November for voting on Portland's tax levy of two million dollars, the city's share in the six million dollar 1925 expropriation.