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MODIFICATION OF TREATY IS TURNED DOWN

SACKED BODY IS FOUND IN RIVER TODAY

Bowker's Body Had Floated Mile Down River From Bridge

WAS SHOT THROUGH THE BACK OF HEAD

Alleged Confession of Russell Hecker Proven Correct by Find This Morning.

(By Associated Press)

ALBANY, Apr. 21.—A body in a sack was found today in the Calapooia river a mile below the bridge which Russell Hecker told the police he threw the body of Francis Bowker Sunday night. A bullet went through the head from the back of the neck and out through the eye, said the officers who examined the body. Hecker, in his reported confession, said he threw the body from the bridge in a hop sack.

The body was found on the river bottom within two feet of the east bank. It was taken to Albany, and held in the sack until the arrival of the Portland officers.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 21.—The police today are analyzing the supposed blood stains on the gravel where the pool of blood was seen Monday on the road thirteen and a half miles from Portland toward Oregon City. They believe this to be the spot where Bowker was killed.

Chicago Families Find Solution for Enormous Rent Cost

Thousands Will Live in Tents During Summer to Get Best of Profitiering Landlords of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Apr. 21.—Twenty-five thousand Chicago families will live in tents in the forest preserves near the city during the summer to avoid paying high rents. E. A. Potter, manager of the Chicago Tenants' Protective league, announced today. All plans for the tent cities have been completed, he said, and asserted that a family could be equipped to live in a tent all summer for \$20, or only one month's rental for many flats.

The campers, he said, will be divided into groups of 25 families each and a chieftain will be appointed for each group. No dogs will be allowed in camp but there will be no limit on children, it was asserted.

"This move will be the greatest ever made toward beating the greedy landlord. Mr. Potter said in announcing the completion of plans. "Twenty-five thousand vacant flats in Chicago all summer will beat him to a frazzle."

Highway Commission Is Unable to Be in La Grande Tuesday

That the Oregon Highway Commission will not be in La Grande next Tuesday as contemplated became known late today when County Judge Couch was advised by wire that Chairman Booth is unable to come at this time. Reasons for the postponement are not given in the telegram but the advice is offered that Mr. Booth and one said possibly both of the other commissioners will be here the middle of May.

Disappointment over the postponement is keen. Delegations were coming from practically every part of the valley to hear Mr. Booth on this occasion.

Last evening a joint committee of the Realty Board, the Good Roads committee of the Ad club and the county judge, Mr. Couch, met to outline a program for the entire day.

The Ad club is today notifying the other committees of the valley to the effect that the meeting has been postponed suddenly.

Reasons for the postponement are being set forth in a letter to Mr. Couch now on the way.

WARNING GIVEN MANUFACTURER BY M'CUMBER

Lower Costs Necessary But Labor Should Not be Cut First; Urges Smaller Profits.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21.—Chairman McCumber of the finance committee late yesterday in the senate warned manufacturer, factory laborer and retailer alike that a protective tariff alone would not bring a revival of business; that there must be a reduction of costs to within the reach of the consumers' pocketbook before there could be a return to "old-time prosperity."

Senator McCumber said the way to reduce costs was for the manufacturer and the retailer to be satisfied with "most meagre" profits for a while and for the factory employes to increase their efficiency to the highest possible degree. In view of the present high cost of living, he added, "it would be most unjust for the manufacturer to begin his economy by cutting wages."

"This proposed legislation will open the way to prosperity in the United States," declared Senator McCumber. "The American people must do the rest, and right here I want to say a word to the American manufacturer and the American laborer in our factories. This bill is intended to, and I believe it will, sufficiently protect your market against any excessive foreign invasion, but just remember that more than 90 per cent of all your products must be consumed right here at home."

"I think I am clearly within the actual facts when I say that two-thirds of the American people, the bread winners in the United States, are not receiving an income any greater than their pre-war income. The net earnings of the agricultural class are, on the whole, below the pre-war income. When we deduct the rents, or in lieu of rents the added taxes and cost of upkeep of the homes of another one-third of our population who are also bread winners—it will be found that their net income is also below the pre-war income."

"When I say that these people cannot spend any more than they earn, I think I have sufficiently foreshadowed the necessity on the part of the manufacturers of bringing down the production cost of their commodities to within the purchasing reach of this vast army of American farmers and American wage earners."

"Let the manufacturer be satisfied with a most meagre return upon his investment for a while, then let the employes increase their efficiency to the highest possible degree. Then if the retailer will just follow the manufacturer, the great American public, now hungry for more and better things, will give employment to all to supply its demand and old-time prosperity will again reign throughout the land."

ENGINEER MEETS DEATH IN RIVER

EMMETT, Ida., Apr. 21.—Ralph E. Thompson, engineer in charge of the construction of the Black Canyon dam for the United States reclamation service, was drowned in the Payette river Thursday afternoon about 2 o'clock when, with a workman, he attempted to cross the river in a skiff, which was overturned in an eddy of the rushing current.

MANY SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY

The majority of the eight-month schools in Union county are closing today, as this week completes the full term. A few of these schools will not close until the following Friday, but this is due to starting the term a week later.

Twenty-six schools in Union county have an eight-month or thirty-two-week term. These are all small country schools in outlying districts. The remaining schools, those in towns of any size, of which there are 12, will close four weeks later.

MOTHER OF WIFE SHOT; KILLS SELF

Ex-Service Man, Separated from Wife, Sought Vengeance

VISITOR AT HOME WAS ALSO WOUNDED

Injured Woman May not Recover, According to Reports; Guest Shot Through Hand.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 21.—Mrs. J. L. Cave is in a serious condition in a hospital as the result of a bullet wound in the head inflicted late last night at her home by J. R. Chamness, an ex-service man, who shot himself to death after wounding Mrs. Cave and Harry Post, a guest at Mrs. Cave's home.

SAWYER WILL BUILD HOME

W. G. Sawyer has announced his intentions of erecting a new five-room, modern bungalow on his property at 808 Main street. The house will, in addition to the usual fixtures, be equipped with a sleeping porch.

The house that is at present on the site will be moved back to Spring street and work on the new building will begin in the very near future. The plans were completed today.

FEW CASES ON CALENDAR OF SUPREME COURT

Eastern Oregon Session Early in May at Pendleton Has Only 11 Cases on Docket.

PENDLETON, Apr. 21.—Deputy Clerk of the Oregon Supreme Court Lee Moorhouse has set the official docket for the term of that court in this city which is the eastern Oregon headquarters. "The docket is the lightest in years and has only 11 cases," he said. The supreme court opens session here on May 1.

Among the cases up to the high court are the T. Taylor reward cases, and two law disputes in which Moses Taylor is involved. One of these latter is the famous Taylor-Winn case and the other is an appeal from a decision in a dispute over a small bill, between Rathke and Taylor. One appeal is in a divorce case.

The following is the list of cases set: Monday, May 1 and 2—Ira J. Mahon, administrator, appellant, versus the Harney County National bank, respondent, Harney county; State of Oregon, respondent, versus R. R. Turner, appellant, Wallowa county; Mary C. Harvey and S. S. Wheeler, appellants, versus Floyd J. Campbell and the Sparta Irrigation company, respondents, Baker county; Bank of Jordan Valley, appellant, versus P. O. Duncan, respondent, Malheur county; Duhay and Caul, respondents, versus Errett Hicks, appellant, Harney county; H. E. Currey and L. P. Currey, respondents, versus W. I. Smith, appellant, Baker county; Edythe Beem, appellant, versus Jonathan Beem, respondent, Union county; A. M. Rummel, respondent, versus W. E. Loffel and C. M. Mays, appellants, Union county; E. B. Rathke, appellant, versus Moses Taylor, respondent, Umatilla county; Moses Taylor, appellant, versus Hey Winn, respondent, Umatilla county; Umatilla county et al, respondent, versus J. B. McLaughlin et al, appellant, Umatilla county.

NICKELL DROPS DEAD

MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 21.—Charles Nickell, one of the best-known pioneers of southern Oregon, formerly editor of the Medford Tribune and until seven or eight years ago a resident of this city, dropped dead at his home in Oakland, Cal., today.

HEADS RUSSIANS



George Tchitcherin, head of the Russian delegation to the Genoa conference, is helping to keep things lively.

DE-NATIONALIZATION OF PROPERTY AGREED TO BY RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE

CASE OF ALIEN FISHING NOW IN HIGH COURT

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 21.—The supreme court today heard arguments in the case of Charles Olin against Oregon state officials in which Olin contends that aliens had a right to fish in the Columbia river in Oregon, acquired under the compact between Washington and Oregon. Olin's attorneys contended that this right was exempted from the law passed by Oregon in 1919 requiring aliens to obtain a license.

Six Coal Mines Are Isolated

Bridge Blown Up in Colorado and Burned Last Night

(By Associated Press) DENVER, Apr. 21.—Half a dozen coal mines near Waldenburg, Colo., were cut off from railroad communication when a bridge on the railroad near here burned last night. Adjutant General Hamrook said he had a report that the bridge was first blown up and the wreckage burned.

READY FOR BIG RAIL TRAFFIC

The O.-W. is getting ready for increased rail traffic next month when the old time low rates, such as prevailed before the war, go into effect.

Home-seekers coming west will have to pay only one fare plus two dollars for the round trip, which backs back to the days when Jack O'Neil used to scour the country for the O.-W., inducing people coming out west to ride his line.

Then there is a new rate east which is not quite so low but also has a material reduction. A round-trip ticket to Chicago good for ninety days will cost about one fare plus \$10, and this is expected to attract the people who want to go back to Missouri and see the folks, as well as fit in with many who have business to attend to in the east.

It is evident that the railroad company is going after the business. Echoes of a rumor can be occasionally heard about cutting seven hours off the time to Chicago, which is said to be easily done by the Union Pacific railroad. If that occurs other transcontinental railroads will have to perk up for the U. P. now is the short time east and if it should further cut its schedule it should claim the eastern business from the coast.

MYSTERY FAUCET IS DISCOVERED

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 21.—And now black magic confronts prohibition enforcement officers. They reported Thursday that they had found a refreshment parlor here with a "miraculous faucet. If you turned the faucet on you got champagne, clear, innocent water for you; if you turned it another way, there issued a wicked distillation of the devil."

Willing to Turn Foreigners' Property Back to Owners but Declare They Cannot be Forced to That Action.

(By Associated Press)

GENOA, Apr. 21.—Germany today formally replied to the allied proposal that the Germans take no further part in negotiations between the allies and the Russians, but the reply does not modify the effectiveness of the Russo-German treaty. The effect of the Russian and German replies is to bridge over the crisis which threatened to disrupt the conference.

GENOA, Apr. 21.—If the Russians are granted recognition and adequate financial help, they state in a reply submitted to the entente today, they are willing to admit Russia's war and pre-war debts and waive counter claims and restore nationalized property of foreigners to the former owners or satisfy the claims of foreigners in cases where the property cannot be restored.

As justifying their contention that the allies could not as a matter of right demand compensation for property the Russians cite the abolition of slavery in the United States where neither the Americans nor foreigners were compensated. They also cite the adoption of prohibition in America as a case where no compensation was given users of alcoholic drinks.

Pendleton Newspaper Is Boosting Eberhard

The Pendleton East Oregonian in its support of Colon R. Eberhard for joint senator has the following to say editorially:

"R. J. Kitchen, candidate for the republican nomination for joint senator, is reported by the La Grande Observer as claiming Senator Eberhard did not stand by the Faithful Fourteen at the special session and instead voted for the fair election. That is a silly claim at this late day. Mr. Eberhard was a dependable member of the anti-fair tax bloc and but for his vote the Faithful Fourteen would have become the Frazzled Thirteen and the \$5,000,000 fair tax measure would have passed. Because our joint senator stood loyally by Eastern Oregon he is entitled to support and he has it in Umatilla county without reference to party or faction. How will we fare in the next legislature if we repudiate the men who stood true and replace them with demagogues?"

THICK LEDGE CUT THROUGH

BAKER, Apr. 21.—The cutting of a ledge three to four feet in width at the St. John property, adjoining the White Swan mine is reported to have been made. The ore carries free gold panings of which show a value of \$5 to \$10 per ton.

The property belongs to the Rea brothers, Frank, George and E. C. Rea. The two former have just completed doing the annual work on the property. It was while doing this work that the ledge was cut.

Very rich ore was taken from the St. John property in the early 70's when the old Virtue was also producing heavily. At that time the vein was lost. The property belonged to the Rea brothers for 20 years and the recent discovery is very encouraging and they believe they have finally discovered the ore which they have been looking for and which was lost by the early operators of the mine.



JUST NOW THE BACK YARD IS NO PLACE FOR A FRONT PORCH GUY

