

JURY HEARS AUTO WRECK TESTIMONY

Inquest, Started Last Night, Adjourned Until 7 P. M. Today

GETCHELL'S WIFE CUT ABOUT FACE

Presence of Mrs. Getchell in Husband's Car Not Generally Known Before Hearing.

The facts that Mrs. Claude H. Getchell was with her husband in his car when James Romig of Baker was killed on the highway at Hot Lake Monday at 11:30 p. m., that her presence there had at first been denied, and that some inquest witnesses asserted to exist in the testimony of one of the witnesses, combined to throw an air of mystery over the inquest held by Coroner E. L. Hatston and his jury last night at the Bohlenkamp chapel, officials declare.

The inquest was adjourned to 7 p. m. today when it is expected to add testimonies of Mrs. Getchell, Dr. W. P. McAdams, who cared for her injuries, and three of the employees at the Hot Lake sanitarium who were said to have followed in a car directly behind the Getchell party and to have conveyed Mrs. Getchell back to La Grande for treatment.

Testifying last night were C. H. Getchell, Sheriff Jesse Breshears, Dr. E. G. Kirby, who examined the body of the victim, and Sax Bruce, the brakeman who was one of the first outsiders to arrive at the accident scene.

Tried to Avoid Car Getchell told the jury that he saw the lights of Romig's car when he was within a distance of a

Bates Freed; Verdict Is Not Guilty

Circuit Court Jury Impaneled to Try I. R. Keefer, Charged with Possessing Liquor.

Howard Bates was acquitted of the charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor by the verdict returned yesterday afternoon by the jury that tried the state's case against him in circuit court. A similar charge is being pursued in the state's case against I. R. Keefer for which a jury was impaneled before Judge J. W. Knowles this morning.

The state's case against Keefer will probably be the last up for trial in circuit court this week. Civil cases that were listed on the calendar have been settled out of court.

PAROLE IS REVOKED. Mart Beckwith's parole has been revoked. Waiting jail now for a hearing before the grand jury Thursday on charges lodged against him and two companions following their boisterous peevish celebration at Imbler recently. Beckwith checks off the days against fulfillment of another six months of imprisonment.

Beckwith served the first half of a year's sentence imposed after his conviction of simple larceny. He was paroled in recognition of his good behavior and evident desire to make amends.

His escape about 10 days ago was accounted a breach of parole. Governor W. M. Pierce revoked the parole, and Beckwith must serve the full six months completing his term.

TRACY BOUND OVER. Francis Tracy, 35, charged with forgery by Police Chief Clint Haynes, was bound over to the grand jury under \$750 bonds in the justice of peace court. Tracy is charged with having forged Haynes' name on "protection" receipts.

Missionary Worker Tells of Convention. The Christian church was filled last night when Mrs. W. A. Held, general secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, gave an address telling of the national convention of the organization, recently held in Oklahoma City, which she attended. Mrs. Held was introduced by Mrs. A. L. Keithly, sixth district secretary, of Pendleton, who also gave a short talk.

A trio, consisting of Mrs. Stanton C. Lapham, Mrs. Dallas Green and Mrs. John Harvey Jr., sang "Missing," by C. Austin Miles.

Mrs. Held left this morning en route to her home at Corvallis. Mrs. Keithly became ill during the night and was not able to accompany her this morning.

Cove Men Arrested on Statutory Accusation. Frank Richardson and Allen DeLaney, both of Cove, were arraigned today before Justice Hugh E. Brady charged with a statutory offense. The pair was arrested at Cove Monday by Sheriff Jesse Breshears.

Three Children Die in Fire. ASHLAND, Ky. (AP)—Three children, ranging in age from 4 months to 5 years, lost their lives, and the mother, Mrs. B. F. Salver, was probably fatally burned in an attempt to rescue them, when the Salvers' home at Cannonsburg, near here, was destroyed by fire.

MacTavish Will Pay Up Every Cent, He Declares. Lester MacTavish went to work this morning as a laborer in the employ of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, of which A. J. Stange is the president.

"I'm going to stick right here and pay off every cent I owe," MacTavish told the Observer on his way back to his job after his noonday luncheon. "I want to prove to everybody's satisfaction that I haven't meant to do anything wrong—that I never had any intention of beating anyone out of his money."

"You see, nobody ever considers my side of the story. "A coach's life is a tough proposition. One minute everybody is for you, the next—up went the broad shoulders. "I stood it for two years. Then it began to wear on me. Suddenly the other day I decided that I wouldn't stand for it any longer, so I took my car and started for California."

CARL DONEY SPEAKER AT INSTITUTE

Willamette University President to Attend Teacher Meet

200 PEDAGOGS TO BE GUESTS HERE

Reception and Dance to Be Given Friday Evening at Elks Hall in Honor of Educators.

An opportunity to hear Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University and one of Oregon's most popular speakers, is given this evening by the opening of the annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Teachers at the Elks hall in La Grande.

"The Magic of Words," one of Dr. Doney's favorite addresses, has been chosen for this occasion. His only other appearance on the institute program will be at 9:15 a. m. Friday, when he will discourse on "The Good Teacher."

The more than 200 teachers, 200 of whom will be from outside of La Grande, are to be the special guests of the Union County Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, following the dismissal of formal sessions, when a reception and dance in their honor will be given at the Elks temple. The Elks are donating the use of the hall as their part in the courtesy.

A receiving line, in which will stand the officers and members of the entertainment committee and their wives, will welcome the visitors. The line is to be composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watkins, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Phyl, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tedford, Mr. and Mrs. Holger Larsen, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. McAdams, Auditor Playle, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Muroby, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Reynolds.

Schools to Close. La Grande schools and others throughout the two counties will close this evening, with no further classes in view until school calls at the usual hour Monday morning.

The assembly meetings of the institute are scheduled to take place in the auditorium. Primary departmental meetings will be in room 7; those of the advanced grade teachers in the study hall downstairs, and the high school meetings in room 15.

Following is the program for the opening day: 9:00—Opening exercises; announcements. 9:15—Address, "Oregon Teachers' Two-Foot Shelf," Alfred Powers. 10:30—Departments: Primary.

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Ladies' Aid Members Meet at Union Today

UNION. (Special)—Efforts put forth by local Ladies Aid members during the past week in preparation for the county meeting here today are bearing fruits, with many in attendance from out-of-town points at the all-day session.

Delegates are here from North Powder, Island City, La Grande, Summerville, Allied, Cove and Elgin.

Chiropractor Opens Office in La Grande. Dr. P. L. Tribes, chiropractor, opened offices in Suite 2, New Policy building, this morning. Tribes comes here with excellent recommendations. It is said, he is a three-year graduate of Princes and also took a postgraduate course in Portland.

FRENCH TO SUBMIT NEW DEBT PLAN

Counter Proposal on War Obligations to Be Sent to Washington

CAILLAUX'S MOVE IS NOT APPROVED

Official Circles Feel That Negotiations with the United States Should Be Renewed.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The French government is preparing a counter proposal on the debt question, which probably will be sent to Washington next week.

Provisional accord brought back from Washington by Finance Minister Caillaux was so unfavorably received in parliamentary circles that it is felt preferable to renew negotiations for a final agreement with the United States rather than submit a provisional plan to the senate and chamber.

WASHINGTON HEARS NEWS. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The French cabinet's apparent rejection of the American

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"Ma" Ferguson's Regime May Be Investigated

AUSTIN, Texas (By the Associated Press)—A special session of the Texas legislature may be called to investigate charges of reckless expenditures in the state highway department under the reign of Governor "Ma" Ferguson.

In a statement from Washington last night Lee Satterwhite, speaker of the Texas house of representatives, declared if the governor did not call a special session for investigation of the state administration, he would.

Governor Ferguson has challenged malcontents to take their "whisperings" before a grand jury thus saving taxpayers the expenses of a special legislative session.

Jardine Sounds Note of Warning to Farmers

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Pointing to increased foreign competition in the wheat market, Secretary Jardine, in a statement today told American farmers that they "may wisely look beyond this year while needing or preparing seed for next year's wheat harvest."

He said it appeared that wheat prices at the beginning of the season were causing farmers to increase their seeded area.

A partial crop failure, however, together with the tariff, caused farmers to receive prices somewhat better than at the beginning of the season last year, he added.

"Putting Up Pastors" At the White House

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The old practice of "putting the pastor up for the night" has been enlarged upon this week at the White House, where seven Congregationalist ministers, two of them with their wives, are house guests.

The ministers are attending a Congregationalist convention here.

"Lone Wolf" Trapped at Last



Left—John Worthington, better known as the "Lone Wolf," arriving at prison. Lower center—Robert L. Colan, his lawyer. Right—Alice Worthington, daughter of the "financial wizard."

GIRL IS LOYAL TO LONE WOLF

(By Roy J. Gibbons) CHICAGO (NEA Special)—"The world," said Alice Worthington, "may call him 'Wolf'—and love him!" And written on her face were all the inarticulate sorrows that follow for womanhood, in the wake of human misdeeds, human selfishness.

In her face was mirrored poignantly the lesson that with a single pound of flesh the law seldom is satisfied.

No wrong has been committed by the 22-year-old girl. She is the victim, unable to strike back, upon whom blind justice inflicts its indirect, unmerited vengeance.

The World is Hostile. Daughter of La Salle street's "Lone Wolf" is Alice. As such, she is hunking a hostile world—for "Dad's" sake.

"Long John" and "Lean John" are the "Lone Wolf's" other nicknames. His true name is John Worthington, and no slyer, craftier buccannier ever plied his trade in the hectic field of frenzied finance, so Chicago police will tell you.

For years "The Wolf" was hunted for and near by the authorities. At intervals the chase would stop, then it would be resumed again, following a new depredation. "The Wolf's" tongue was oily and his manner glib.

They say he talked "suckers" out of millions in fake stock deals. One day he turned his hand at a game which involved misuse of the mails. That finished him. He was captured, convicted, and sentenced to federal prison.

But the wolf strain in Worthington, which so long had urged him to freedom, still would not abide a prison term.

He appealed, keeping outside a cell to the very last. When his appeal was lost in the highest court, then it would be resumed again, following a new depredation. "The Wolf's" tongue was oily and his manner glib.

Stays of execution kept him on his supposed deathbed out in Los Angeles. Officers waited for his recovery to start him to a federal penitentiary. But "The Wolf" had other plans.

Five months ago he disappeared across the Mexican border. "The Wolf" must have laughed heartily at his getaway. The federal authorities could do nothing to bring him back, because of treaty reservations.

Spud Yield in County Is Favorable

Ten Per Cent Increase in Acreage Since 1923 Is Noted by Potato Growers of Valley.

The potato crop for Union county this year is reported to be better than it appeared earlier in the season, having increased in weight at least 20 per cent since September 1. Some of the potatoes are unusually large, although there are many small ones due to second growth.

There is about a 10 per cent increase in the potato acreage this year. In 1923 Union county had 51 acres of potatoes and this year the acreage has increased to more than 60. Certified seed, according to growers, is giving a much better yield than seed slightly diseased.

UNION PREPARING FOR OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE MEET

UNION. (Special)—With the Rev. Charles A. Quinn in charge of the general arrangements, preparations are going forward for the coming meeting of the Older Boys' conference to be held here October 26 and 27 and November 1.

Committees have been appointed and are working on the registration, entertainment and other features of the convention.

The conference will open Friday evening with a banquet for the visitors of whom about 80 are expected, and will close with a special meeting for boys on Sunday morning.

One feature of the entertainment for the visitors will be the Union-Imbler football game at which all out-of-town boys will be invited guests.

The commercial club and boy scouts will take an active part in entertaining the delegates to Union.

President Denlores Wave of Lawlessness

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SAYS RADIO'S FUTURE ROSY

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Radio has a future in which entire newspapers will be flashed as complete pictures, international broadcasting will be commonplace, entertainment and instruction will penetrate to the remotest corners of the world, and Asia will be changed completely.

This is the vision of Major General James G. Harbord, president of the Radio Corporation of America, in an address prepared for delivery today before the conference on education and industry of the American Institute of Meat Packers.

XTRA VESSEL'S CREW IS SAFE TODAY

SHIPS ORDERED EAST. WASHINGTON (AP)—Two American destroyers have been ordered from Gibraltar to Alexandria, Egypt, to remain in readiness there for use in Syrian points should their presence become necessary for the protection of American lives and property as a result of the revolt of tribesmen in that country.

The instructions were called by Vice Admiral Roger Wells, commanding the European squadron, after a request for ships had been received here from Paul Knabenbusch, American consul at Beirut, Syria.

KELSONIAN ROBBED. KELLISO, Wash. (AP)—Ray Phelps, Kelso business man, was ported to police today that he was robbed by a man having automobile trouble and to whom he offered assistance at 1 o'clock this morning. The robber, Phelps said, then took the latter's car and drove away. The holdup occurred just north of Kelso.

The freighter's lifeboats were all crushed and the rudder was torn away. The crew was taken off this morning. When the sea subsided, the rescue was effected in 27 minutes.

A wind of hurricane force, lashed the freighter during the night and there was danger of capsizing while the liner's crew and passengers looked on helplessly.

Congress May Attempt To Solve Ship Muddle

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Why can't the United States make a success of merchant sailing?

Congress undoubtedly will try to find an answer to this question next winter, as a result of President Coolidge's quarrel with the shipping board. A half-hearted attempt to answer it was made, through a house of representatives investigating committee, about a year ago. Practically nothing was accomplished and finally the inquiry died a natural death.

America's merchant fleet was a great institution up to 60 or 70 years ago.

ULTIMATUM IS SENT TO BULGARIA

Greek Government Demands Apology, Punishment, Indemnity

MIXED COMMITTEE MAY INVESTIGATE

Sofia Government Has 48 Hours in Which to Make Reparation for Demirhissar Attack.

ATHENS (By the Associated Press)—The Greek government has sent an ultimatum with a 48-hour limit to Bulgaria in connection with frontier fighting near Demirhissar, demanding an indemnity of 2,000,000 French francs and an official expression of regret and punishment of responsible Bulgarian officers.

The Sofia government, it is understood, has proposed the formation of a mixed commission of Greek and Bulgarian officers to investigate the incident on the spot.

Greek troops have been ordered to take up strategic points along the Greco-Bulgarian frontier in the Demirhissar region, Macedonia, northeast of Salonika, to ascertain the intentions of Bulgarian forces which opened an attack Monday.

STERN STEPS PLANNED. LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Exchange telegraph report that after a ministerial conference in Athens, the Greek government has decided to order troops to advance by way of the Rupel valley into Bulgarian territory and occupy Petrich, the headquarters of the Macedonia Bulgarian committee.

THE BULGARIAN VERSION. SOFIA (By the Associated Press)—The Bulgarian version of the incident on the Greek frontier was given today by the Bulgarian telegraph agency. According to it

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If there are any general failures in the enforcement of the law, it is because the first have been general failures in the disposition to observe the law. I can conceive of no adequate remedy for the evils which beset society except through the influence of religion."

Co'onel Mitchell to Face Court Martial

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—What is believed to be the highest ranking court martial case assembled for trial of an army officer in the great court of Tuesday was ordered by direction of President Coolidge to convene in Washington October 25.

On that date or as soon as possible Col. William Mitchell, storm center of the air service controversy, will be brought before the court on charges specifying violation of the ninety-sixth article of war.

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