

OPIUM DEN RAIDED; SIX ARRESTED

Five Chinese and One Jap Charged with "Dope" Smoking

PIPES AND DRUGS ARE CONFISCATED

Preliminary Hearing for Yellow Men Is to Be Held Late This Afternoon.

Led by Police Chief Clint Haynes, six officers swooped down on a Chinese opium smoking den at 2004 Fourth street, about a block off Adams avenue near the business district, and as a result six yellow men were taken into custody and two opium pipes and a small quantity of opium and synthee were confiscated.

The six, five Chinese and one Japanese, were released under \$150 bonds each and are to appear for a preliminary hearing before Judge H. E. Brady this afternoon. A complaint was filed today by the chief of police.

The raiding party, consisting of W. C. Crews, Officers Howard and Cooper, Deputy Sheriff Kline, Hammer, W. C. Howard, and State Traffic Officer Innan, and as leader, visited the place between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday night. Suspicion had been pointing to the "den" for some time and last night's raid was timed to a perfection.

GRAND JURORS TO TAKE CASE

Jack Hilary, accused by Lewis Wicket of poisoning all on Metzella's dog, using a can of rocks to the neck, and then setting it afire, was waived a preliminary hearing on a charge of wanton destruction of personal property and has been bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

It is reported that Hilary will be represented by Roscoe Keator, Pendleton attorney.

Hilary's bonds, given on a charge lodged in the justice of peace court of cruelty to animals, have not been increased. The cruelty charge will not be dismissed as reported last week, but will merely be postponed until the grand jury reports on the case.

Local Girls Delight Pendleton Audiences

After participating in the H. P. dance, the girls winter carnival at Pendleton both Friday and Saturday nights, six La Grande girls, dancing with the La Grande girls, dancing at the home of Mrs. Fred Wells and their accompaniment, Miss Lola Nelson, returned to their homes here yesterday. On Friday night's program the girls appeared in a Spanish scene, Miss Jane Wells, featured as the beggar maid, gave a pretty solo number. Miss Willy Siegert was the fortune teller and gave a rummy solo dance. Miss Taftilla House was the flower girl. Miss Jane Shance and Miss Gilda Ashley

9 MORE SHOPPING DAYS Christmas

Good Health Is Marked In All Schools

Conditions Exceptional in Union County, A. E. Sayre, Superintendent, Reports.

Exceptionally good health and, consequently, a high percentage of school attendance are noted in the report of A. E. Sayre, county superintendent, for Union county during the past three months of the school year.

The discovery of a single case of diphtheria in one of the districts furnished the only threat of an epidemic. The danger was eliminated by prompt closing of the school and disinfecting of the building under the direction of the county nurse, Miss Alice H. Marquardt.

HILGARD SCHOOL DAMAGED SOME BY FIRE TODAY

Fire this morning damaged the Hilgard school house to the extent of about \$200. According to C. O. Murchison, local fire chief, who visited the scene of the blaze about nine o'clock. The fire was caused by an overhauled stove.

Rome's Effect Upon Christianity Is Told

About 25 were present yesterday morning when the Men's Forum met in regular session at the Methodist Episcopal church. E. D. Fowler was leader for the day and his subject was "The Spread of Christianity."

MICE DAMAGE ORCHARDS

PENDLETON, Ore.—Orchardists in the east end of Umatilla county, in the irrigated district around Milton and Freewater, have reported to County Agent Benson that considerable damage has been done to trees by orchard mice. The ground is covered with a cover of crop of alfalfa. The last crop of which was not harvested and the mild weather has caused the mice to use the growth as a nesting place. The alfalfa growth has been cut up with disks, and poisoned crushed oats have been distributed to poison the rodents.

State Taking Drastic Action to Get Taxes

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—For collection of approximately \$50,000 in delinquent state income taxes, the state tax commission is sending to sheriffs of the state about 850 warrants authorizing the seizure of property if the taxes are not forthcoming.

County Health Week Will Be in February

Union county's health week, formerly announced for the first week in January will be postponed until the week beginning February 7. This announcement was made Sunday by Dr. W. T. Floyd, chairman of the health committee of the Union county chamber of commerce.

Society Woman Walks 41 Miles in 11 Hours

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—Miss Eleanor Sears, Boston society leader, tennis player, and all-around athlete, today completed a walk from Providence to her Boston home to win a wager.

Elopers



Arthur Smith, 18, son of Governor Al Smith of New York, eloped with Ann Hess, 18, a known when a child was born. This is the second elopement in the Smith family. Al Smith Jr., eloping about two years ago.

J. H. STEVENS LAID TO REST

Friends and fraternity brothers of J. H. Stevens, Grand (Hondolake) pioneer who died at the Hotel Vancouver Friday evening at the age of 75, filled the auditorium of St. Peter's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon when they gathered to pay him a last tribute.

The funeral service, which began at 2 o'clock, was in charge of Stoddard & Zimmerman, with the Rev. McWilliams, rector of the Episcopal church at Baker, presiding. The casket, interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, in the family lot where the decedent's wife was laid to rest a few months ago.

Mrs. H. Frazer of Pendleton, a sister-in-law of Mr. Stevens, was the only relative present for the funeral. His only surviving sister, Mrs. Kelley living in New York, was unable to be here. Logan and Maceo judges, no others were present in large numbers.

K. OF C. OFFICIAL COMING

PENDLETON, Ore.—William J. McGilver, supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus, will be in Pendleton Tuesday night, December 15, to meet with representatives of the various eastern Oregon councils. The councils from Ontario, Baker, La Grande and Pendleton will be represented at the meeting that will be held in Mr. McGilver's honor. His home is in New Haven, Conn.

West Point Examination To Be Held Here Jan. 9

WASHINGTON (Special)—Congressman N. J. Sniapp has announced that he will fill an emergency vacancy for the second Oregon district in the U. S. Military academy at West Point by means of a district-wide competitive examination.

One Out Of Fifty

The percentage of business firms in La Grande who do not value the opportunity to have their contact with their customers, through advertising messages in The Observer, is very, very small.

TWO BILLS REJECTED

PARIS (AP)—The finance committee of the chamber of deputies today rejected two bills providing for a sinking fund and new taxes. The measures formed the keystone of Finance Minister Loucheur's financial program.

SHIP BOARD FAVORED IN COMMITTEE

Democratic - Insurgent Majority Tender Report to the House

REPUBLICAN GROUP IS IN OPPOSITION

Any Effort to Turn Merchant Marine over to Cabinet Member Opposed in Report.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Democratic-Insurgent majority of the special house committee named to investigate the shipping board today reported for the continuance of the board practically under existing conditions.

A minority report dissenting from that view will be filed by the Republican minority.

Signified by three Democrats and one Wisconsin Republican, the majority report opposed any effort to turn the merchant marine over to a cabinet member, and concurred in the board's own interpretation of its powers and responsibilities.

BOARD KEEPS SHIPS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The shipping board today refused to turn over to the war department two of its president type boats for transports.

The board held it had none of this type boat in excess to transfer to the war department and that it had no funds which could be applied to building such vessels for the war department.

SHOW OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED ON WEDNESDAY

UNION, (Special)—George Benson, president of the Union Stock Show association, has called a meeting for next Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at the city hall.

At that time final reports of the 1925 show will be heard, officers will be elected for the coming year, and other business will be transacted in order to get the wheels moving for 1926 show.

Fiddler En Route to Home in Maine Today

DETROIT (By the Associated Press)—No longer needed as a unit of service in Henry Ford's scheme to bring back old-fashioned dances, "Grandpa Mellic" Dunham, picturesque translator of American tunes and fiddler extraordinaire, is returning to his home in Maine. He left Dearborn last night for the east.

The competitor gives the highest rating by the civil service commission on his papers submitted in this examination will be appointed principal cadet by Congressman Sniapp, the next highest alternate, etc. The successful candidates may then take official examination on March 2, 1926.

Appointees must be actual bona-fide residents of the second congressional district of Oregon, not over 22 years of age on date of admission to the academy (July 1, 1925), and not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height.

Time allowed for the examination is 6 1/2 hours on the following subjects: algebra, plane geometry, English composition and literature, United States history, general history and English grammar.

Prospective competitors may get further information regarding scope of the examination by writing or telegraphing Congressman Sniapp at Washington. Those intending to take the examination should write him at once and should report to the secretary of the local civil service board in that city above named most convenient for them, at 9 a. m., January 9, 1926.

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Completion Of Mitchell Case Nears

Prosecution to Oppose Acceptance of Evidence as Defense for the Accused.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Delivery of outstanding arguments by opposing counsel and the raising of a legal battle to determine whether evidence heard will be accepted by the court as defense or in mitigation of sentence will be sensational features of this, the last week of the court martial trial of Col. William Mitchell.

The prosecution plans to dispose of its remaining witnesses, including several of the highest ranking officers in the army, Wednesday, and unless the program is altered by unforeseen developments, the fight on evidence will begin at that time.

Certain that Representative Frank R. Reid will demand that the evidence be accepted as a complete defense and that the government counsel will insist that it be considered only in mitigation.

The foundation of the defense's argument in this connection will be its contention that the truth of Colonel Mitchell's charges against the war and navy departments' administration of the nation's air defense, which led to his trial, has been proved, and that truth is of itself a defense.

It is pointed out also that Mr. Reid in all probability will lay particular stress on truth in his summing up argument, and will deny the right of any judicial tribunal, military or civil, to convict a defendant who has proved the truth of what he has said, when it forms the basis of the charges.

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"Cal's Colts" For Kids

"Cal's Colts" is what F. J. Caterlin, Los Angeles inventor, calls his miniature mechanical horses. He has sent truckload of 36 to President Calvin Coolidge with the request that he distribute them among Washington's poor children. The horses are fashioned after the one the president uses to keep fit. Little Allice Menard, inset, helped Caterlin ship his Christmas present.



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CONDITIONS IN FRANCE ARE WORSE

Spectacular Changes in Political Rule May Be Expected

PEOPLE PANICKY AS FRANC DROPS

Newspapers Demand a Change in Governmental Regime—Situation Grows Doubtful.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The present week is likely to prove a momentous one in French political history as extraordinary changes in the manner in which France has been governed for the last 55 years are regarded as imminent by the press.

France's financial plight daily grows worse and the public is beginning to show signs of panic, which is being heightened by the continued drop of the franc and extremely daring articles in the newspapers.

Some of the newspapers demand, and others plead for changes in governmental regime, ranking from the establishment of a dictatorship or "committee of public safety" to

SPAIN SEEKS PEACE TREATY

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—The existence of a new European peace effort was revealed today when it was learned that Spain has begun negotiations for arbitration treaties with France, England, Switzerland, and Portugal, duplicating those adopted at Locarno between Germany, France and Belgium.

REPORT ADOPTED

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—Greece violated the Bulgarian frontier in the recent conflict between the two nations and must pay reparations of 20,000,000 leva (about \$25,000), the league of nations council decided today. The council adopted a report by Sir Austin Chamberlain, of Great Britain; M. Hymans, of Belgium, and Viscount Ishii, of Japan. This report found Greece's invasion of Bulgaria unjustifiable.

ROCH TO FORM CABINET

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—Dr. M. Koch, German Democratic party leader, today was accepted for the task of forming a coalition cabinet desired by President von Hindenburg to carry out the policies and obligations of the Locarno security agreement.

Navy Progressed During Past Year, Wilbur Says

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Despite all of the difficulties met by the navy in one of its most eventful peacetime years, Secretary Wilbur has reported to President Coolidge that his branch of the national defense had progressed steadily and that the morale never was higher.

Transmitting his annual accounting to the white house, Wilbur devoted a great portion to air activities—including the disastrous voyage of the Shenandoah; the flight toward Honolulu of the PN 9 No. 1 and the Arctic thrust of the MacMillan expedition. He had only high praise for those engaged in these ventures.

As for the fleet itself, the success of the trip to Australia was declared to be a "practical demonstration of the fitness of the navy and also served to foster friendly relations with our neighbors of the South Pacific."

Says Economy Helps. Forced economy, the secretary said, has benefited the navy by eliminating extravagance and waste, by devoting thrift and thoroughness, and in particular by devoting the skill, zeal and character of the naval personnel, but he added that when ships become obsolete they should be replaced.

Referring to the Shenandoah disaster and the controversy which followed, Wilbur again declared that complete liberty of action was given Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne, the ship's commander. As for aviation policies in general, he reiterated his stand that aeronautics should continue as an arm of the fleet.