

MRS. FOWLER ON STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

Admits Her Books Show
Shortage; Denies She
Used Any of City Funds

STATE COMPLETES CASE WEDNESDAY

Parrot Enters Into Testi-
mony and Court Room
Audience Titters as
Arguments Follow.

BAKER, Ore., March 19 (AP)—Ad-
mitting that her books show a short-
age of more than \$12,000, but de-
nying that any city funds ever were
converted to her own use, Mrs. Emma
Fowler, 50, former city treasurer of
La Grande, took the witness stand
today in an attempt to clear herself
of charges of larceny of public funds.
Her admission that on Feb. 3, last,
when she left office, her own records
indicated a shortage of \$12,000,
was made on cross-examination.

Mrs. Fowler, in answer to the
prosecutor's question, said she was
aware that this sum must be ac-
counted for before her books will
balance.

State Produces Memorandum
The admission was made when the
state produced a memorandum slip
left by the treasurer when she de-
parted, listing her cash balance and
another item, "credits to come in
on bonds, coupons and credits from
city funds," which an audit
showed to be the exact amount of
the shortage, except for an error of
\$50 discovered by the accountant.

Mrs. Fowler repeatedly denied ever con-
verting city funds to her own ac-
count. She declared she never, know-
ingly, made an incorrect entry on
her books.

Defendant Testifies Judge Knows
The defendant testified today she
had no money nor bonds belonging
to the city, and having told Judge
Knowles of La Grande, she testi-
fied yesterday that she had city
bonds in Portland, Oregon, than the
\$1500 since accounted for.

She said she never told anyone
she had the whole amount of that
shortage in Portland or elsewhere.
The defendant admitted that if
it were true she might be able to
clear everything up.

She was to be questioned later
today.

The prisoner took the stand again
when court resumed at 1:30 o'clock
and A. Smith, for the prosecution,
resumed cross-examination.

FARMERS OVER VALLEY GREET SPRING RAINS

Farmers in general throughout the
Grande Ronde valley and in Willapa
county have welcomed the rains of
the night, which in La Grande in
the last two days have reached 47
of an inch—the heaviest in a like
period in several months.

The soil over the valley was much
drier than usual at this time of the
year and the additional moisture
meant hundreds of dollars to many
farmers, for grain crops are being
planted.

The rain, combined with moderate
temperatures, hastened the growth
of grasses, spring flowers, etc.

City Dads Hold Short Meeting

An unusually short session of the
city commission was held in the city
hall last night, only routine matters
receiving attention. Few spectators
were in attendance and there were no
gratulations voiced during the meet-
ing.

Manager A. B. Cherry, a witness
yesterday in the Fowler trial at Ba-
ker, was not in attendance at the
meeting here last night.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Rain in the west and
showers in the east portion to-
night and Friday. Moderate tem-
perature. Southerly gales offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—38 above.
Minimum: 36 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 60, minimum 32 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain 35 of
inch.

WEATHER MAR. 19, 1930
Maximum 62, minimum 34 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, rain. 14
of inch.

Lumber Inquiry Launched Today By Tariff Board

Investigation Into Pro-
duction Costs of Soft
Wood Lumber Ordered
by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—An
inquiry into the production cost of
soft wood lumber in the United States
and Canada, ordered by the senate,
was opened today by the tariff com-
mission.

McCormack, representing the
Canadian Western Lumber company in
British Columbia, testified there
was little or no difference in produc-
tion costs in Western Canada and the
Pacific Northwest. He made a general
statement covering the industry in
British Columbia, including transpor-
tation and market conditions.

Colonel W. B. Greeley, secretary-
manager of the West Coast Lumber
men's association, urged a maximum
increase in the present duty of \$1
per thousand feet under the flexible
provision on finished fir, spruce, pine,
hemlock and larch lumber.

He contended production costs were
lower in British Columbia and that
producers there held an additional
advantage over United States pro-
ducers in being able to ship in foreign
markets.

American lumbermen shipping to
American markets, he pointed out,
were prohibited from shipping in
foreign markets.

Wages were higher in United States
mills than in British Columbia, he
added.

The study has been urged by the
West Coast Lumbermen's association,
the Southern Pine association, and
the Shovel, Carpenter and Clark
lumber interests in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Stewart Is Dead; Services Will Be Sunday

Mrs. Lavena Stewart, of Eighth
street, passed away yesterday after-
noon about 1:30 o'clock. Funeral ser-
vices will be held Sunday morning at
10 o'clock at the Shogren and
Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will
take place in the Island City cem-
tery.

Dr. Phy Buried At Union After Services Here

The funeral services for Dr. Wil-
liam T. Phy, who died Saturday at
Hull, Mo., were held here today at
10 o'clock at the Union Methodist
church, which was crowded to
capacity. The service began at two
o'clock with the singing of hymns
and, and confirmed to the usual
Episcopal type of ceremony. Follow-
ing the chanting by the choir Mr.
Tennyson delivered the brief eulogy.

The procession then formed at the
church and proceeded to Union. The
procession is said to have been nearly
four miles long, perhaps the longest
ever witnessed in this vicinity. The
casket was borne by the Masons held
a brief service. Mr. Tennyson took
charge of the interment ceremony,
and called upon Rev. Robert C. Lee,
the Methodist minister at Union, and
a friend of Dr. Phy, to pronounce
the benediction.

To Re-Open With Entire New Stock

P. B. Conner, of Conner's, Inc., is
planning to ship all of the remain-
ing style merchandise to his store at
Enterprise where the balance of the
Hill stock will be closed out.

Mr. Conner contemplates re-open-
ing at the present location with an
entire new stock about May 28.

HOOPER APPOINTS THOMPSON TO FEDERAL FARM BOARD

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—
President Hoover has appointed
Sam H. Thompson, of Chicago,
to the farm board.

ENGINEER DIES OF SHOCK
GUERNSEY, Ind., March 19 (AP)—
George Marlowe, of Indianapolis, en-
gineer on a southbound Monon rail-
road freight train, was found dead
in the engine cab this morning fol-
lowing a head on collision with a
northbound passenger train here.
Marlowe is believed to have been
killed by the shock.

TO VISIT HER SON
WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Mrs.
Herbert Hoover is planning to leave
tonight for Asheville, N. C., where
she will visit her son, Herbert Jr.,
who is recovering from prolonged ill-
ness.

She expects to remain with her
son until shortly before President
Hoover returns from his Caribbean
cruise.

WORLD TRADE TO IMPROVE, LEADER SAYS

James A. Farrell, Presi-
dent of U. S. Steel, Sees
Beginning of Upturn.

ISSUES CALL FOR TRADE CONVENTION

In Detroit, Tire Plant Is
Operating at Capacity
with 4000 Workmen on
Three Shifts.

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—Signs
are apparent of a steady though
gradual improvement in world trade,
James A. Farrell, president of the
United States Steel corporation and
chairman of the national foreign
trade council, said today in issuing
a call for the eighteenth national for-
eign trade convention.

The meetings will be held in New
York May 27, 28 and 29. "There are
indications," Mr. Farrell said, "that
the world wide depression in busi-
ness, with which we have been deal-
ing for several months, is subsiding
and that the upturn is beginning."

1000 EMPLOYED IN 3 SHIFTS

DETROIT, March 19 (AP)—The tire
plant of the United States Rubber
company here is operating at capacity
with 4000 workmen employed in
three shifts, J. F. O'Shaughnessy,
general manager, announced today.

O'Shaughnessy said that he employed
thousands of men in the plants of
the company in Los Angeles, Indi-
anapolis and Eau Claire, Wis., also
and to maintain a capacity sched-
ule," he added.

BANK WILL GIVE VETERANS LOANS

Arrangements Completed
Today to Take Care
of Immediate Needs

According to advice given the
Observer today, arrangements have
been made with the United States
bank of this city to take care of any
immediate requirements in the mat-
ter of obtaining loans to World War
veterans on their adjusted compen-
sation certificates.

This will give the veteran prompt
and efficient service without uncer-
tain delay, and it is expected that many
will take advantage of this service.
The only requirement of the veteran
is to establish proper identification
and to produce his certificate.

Officers of the bank have called at
the office of the veterans loan com-
mittee head, Otis Palmer, to file
the necessary form to secure the
loan to which a veteran is en-
titled under the recent legislation,
authorizing loans up to fifty per
cent of the full face value on ad-
justed service certificates.

Commander Norman Deslett, of post
No. 43 states: "The local legion post
is always anxious to be of service
to the veterans of this community.
We believe that here is an oppor-
tunity for real service for the local
post. The splendid manner in which
the officers of the post have met the
needs of the veterans loan commit-
tee has responded to this call makes
me realize more than ever before
what a real organization this local
legion post is."

The local post was one of the first
in the whole country to pass a resolu-
tion for the immediate payment in
full of the adjusted value of the full
face value of all adjusted service cer-
tificates.

The department commander, J. M.
Bishop, urged that those veterans
who are in need of loans ap-
ply for same. "Practically all of
the veterans in this community are
entitled to this money," he said.
"It is now available because of the great
fight which this post and the Ameri-
can Legion made for justice at the
recent session of congress."

R. C. A. Factor In Phonograph World

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—Terms
for a merger of Gramophone Com-
pany, Ltd., and Columbia Grapho-
phone Co., Ltd., subject to the ap-
proval of stockholders, were an-
nounced by both companies today.

This combination will make the
Radio Corporation of America an im-
portant factor in the talking
machine business in Europe and
South America, and apparently, will
give it an important indirect interest
in Columbia Phonograph Co., in the
United States.

Russell Price Returns From Trip Through Europe—Walked Much of Way

Armed with a singular philosophy
of life, a ukulele and an ardent de-
sire to see the unusual, Russell Price
set out last June, after his gradua-
tion from the University of Washing-
ton, to discover parts of Europe for
himself. A native son, he "saw
America first," hitch-hiking from
Seattle to New York.

The average American expects,
when he goes to Europe, to see Paris,
talking to the people on the bypaths
and exploring their minds and ideas.
He believes that it is not the things
to be seen in a country that make it
interesting but the people to be
talked with.

Crosses Channel
From London he walked to the
coast and crossed the English chan-
nel, landing at Dieppe, from where he
went to Tours. Of course, to travel
in France into the remote parts one
must know the language, so he stayed
in Tours for a month and learned to
speak the French language with
sufficient fluency before going on.

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Prominent Union Official Slain As Trial Nears

William J. Rooney, 42,
Delegate to London
From A. F. O. L. in 1929,
Killed in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 19 (AP)—William
J. Rooney, 42, for ten years busi-
ness agent of the sheet metal work-
ers union, was shot to death a few
doors from his home today.

Rooney had just emerged from his
apartment and walked a few steps
down the street when a man stepped
from a parked automobile and fired
at him. He fired three shots,
all three striking Rooney, who fell
dead.

The slayer ran back to the car in
which two companions waited, and
drove away.

No Trouble Known
Officers of the union said they
knew of no trouble in which their
leader might have been involved.

Rooney was a brother-in-law of
Jury Horn, president of the Gar-
ment Workers union, and his former
a Cook county wage earners league.

Rooney and six others were under
indictment on conspiracy charges
founded on investigations of racketeering
by the state's attorney. He and his
associates were alleged to have
forced sheet metal workers to join
the union.

Accused of Racketeering
The alleged racketeers were ac-
cused of forcing sheet metal work-
ers to join the union, and of forcing
employers to join the trade
association.

A widow and three children sur-
vive Rooney.

In 1929 he was a delegate to the
London trade union congress, rep-
resenting the American Federation
of Labor.

Pendleton High Downs Tillamook In Morning Game

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP)—Pen-
dleton high school basketball team
defeated Tillamook today in a
morning game. The final score was
43 to 14 and might have been more
had not Pendleton pulled three of its
first string players out of the game
early in the second half. It was the
second victory for Eastern Ore-
gon, Baker, downing Monmouth
late yesterday 30 to 26.

The first of the consolation series
of the tournament proved the most
exciting yet held, when by a single
point Astoria high eliminated Mon-
mouth in the first round. Mon-
mouth led almost the entire game,
with Astoria looking tired from its
hard game against Jefferson yester-
day, but with three minutes remain-
ing, Astoria came up to one point
of the leaders and finally forged
ahead, to win 24 to 20.

Harmony Restored To Musician's Home

KANSAS CITY, March 19 (AP)—Har-
mony was the keynote today in the
home of a radio musician shaken
by the revelation a baby girl,
2 years old, was born to him. The
New Year's eve was not her own.

F. A. Bartlett, 33, who dedicated
a radio song to the child, said he
was content to live with his wife
and child. He said he was a 5-year-old
son, junior, was the son of his
blood. Mrs. Bartlett said another
child, a daughter, 7, was born to
her in a hospital. "We're going to
keep the baby and be happy," Bartlett
said. "Everything's all right."

NO HOME, SHE SUICIDES

CHICAGO, March 19 (AP)—A slender,
rather pale young woman came to
Chicago Tuesday with a \$6 bill. Re-
gistering at a local hotel as Sylvia
Logg, she was found dead in her room
assigned to the 27th floor. She paid
the \$6 for room rent. Last night
she was found in her room dead with
a self-inflicted bullet wound in her
forehead.

On the dresser was this note:
"No relatives. No home."

FALL IS FATAL
SAN FRANCISCO, March 19 (AP)—
Blaine W. Sheldon, 36, secretary-
treasurer of the Pacific Can Co., died
today of injuries suffered when he
plunged from the 14th floor of a
San Francisco hotel yesterday.

Police expressed the belief he leaped
from the window because he feared
a nervous breakdown he suffered six
weeks ago would result in a mental
illness.

FINGERPRINT ON KNIFE IS IDENTIFIED

Portland Expert Declares
It Was Made by Nelson
C. Bowles.

IMPORTANCE OF PRINT DOUBTFUL

Defense Busily at Work
on Motion For Directed
Verdict Which It Will
Present.

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 19 (AP)—
A fingerprint on the knife blade that
pierced the heart of Mrs. Leone
Bowles, Portland social matron, was
today identified as the mark of the
little finger of the right hand of Nel-
son C. Bowles, her husband.

Bowles, Portland capitalist, and
Miss Irma Loucks, his secretary, are
charged with first degree murder.
The state had placed little impor-
tance on this identification, since
Bowles declared several times that he
knew his wife's knife from the handle
after she had, as the defendants con-
tended, killed herself after learning of
her husband's unfaithfulness.

Not by Mrs. Bowles
The identification of the print was
made by a state witness, Glenn
Harms, Portland fingerprint expert,
but was drawn from him on cross-
examination. The prosecution had
continued his questioning to a ques-
tion asking if the print had been made
by Mrs. Bowles. Harms said she had
not made it.

Sidney Payne, Bertillon expert for
the Portland police, followed Harms
and stood and corroborated every
detail.

Although George Mowry, prosecu-
tor, said at the opening of court he
expected to conclude his circumstan-
tial case with two hours, it became
apparent the state would not rest
until mid-afternoon.

To Ask Directed Verdict
As the list of state witnesses to be
called diminished, the defense
was busily at work on a motion for
a directed verdict which is expected
to present as soon as the state rest-
sits on grounds of insufficient evi-
dence. When this motion is made the jury
will be excused while the point is
argued before presiding Judge George
R. B. Shedd. Should the expenditure
of charges will be dismissed, while
if the motion is overruled the trial
will proceed.

Court room attaches considered it
possible a night session would be
needed.

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TOTAL INCOME TAXES IN GAIN FOR TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—
Despite a stream of income taxes
pumped into the treasury today, the
section of out-going expenditures
remained the gauge far below the red
line.

A sharp increase was shown in in-
come tax receipts for Tuesday over
Monday. The collection for the day
last year. For this year they totaled
\$48,129,417; for last year \$42,158,048.

The month's total still lagged be-
hind that of the same period of
last year, however, and the total col-
lections for this fiscal year was run-
ning far below those of last. Since
last July 1, \$1,277,685,746 had been
paid. For the same period last year
the total was \$1,300,152.

The thinning income lowered the
treasury deeper into its deficit. A
transfer of \$326,960,000 to the war
debt retirement sinking fund moved
the deficit figure to \$755,532 from the
\$437,515,713 of the previous day.

Police Baffled By New Death Mystery

ERIE, Pa., March 19 (AP)—A blonde
woman about 35 years old, who police
said had been beaten to death with a
piece of iron, her body chained
and weighted and dropped into Lake
Erie, furnished a baffling case for
investigators today.

Children playing about the docks
sighted the floating body yesterday.
After an autopsy the coroner's of-
fice reported the body may have
been in the lake for several months.
Chains had been wrapped carefully
around the upper portions.

Wife of Professor At O.S.C. Is Killed

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Mrs.
Clyde Walker, 28, wife of a profes-
sor of engineering at Oregon State
college, was killed today when the
car in which she was riding ac-
cidentally ran into a machine driven
by S. H. Hereberg, of Los Angeles. The accident
occurred near Tigard.

Mrs. Walker was riding with Prof.
B. T. Simms of Oregon State col-
lege, and Mrs. Simms.

Mrs. Simms suffered a fractured
arm and Hereberg received a leg frac-
ture and other injuries. Both were
taken to a hospital.

Prof. Simms was uninjured.

Several Hurt In Clash With Police

TOKYO, March 19 (AP)—Eleven
participants in an anti-government
demonstration were injured in a clash
with police and several officers also
were hurt when they attacked the
demonstrators near the parliament
buildings today.

The demonstration was arranged
by the Seiyukai or minority party as
a protest to introduction in the diet
today of a motion of non-confidence
in the Minseito (majority) cabinet
of Premier Hamaguchi.

PRESIDENT AT 30



William P. Tolley, 30, of Mad-
ison, N. J., who was elected
President of Allegheny college,
Meadville, Pa.

FAMOUS ITALIAN AVIATOR KILLED

Colonel Umberto Maddal-
ena and Two Others Die
When Seaplane Dives.

PISA, Italy, March 19 (AP)—Colonel
Umberto Maddalena, famous Italian
flier and finder of the D'Almeida
Italy survivors, Lieutenant Paolo
Cecconi and Second Lieutenant De-
sandro were killed today when their
seaplane fell into the sea.

Their seaplane was flying at a
height of 1500 feet and about 200
feet off shore today when observers
saw it dive suddenly and break to-
ward the surface of the water.

Two hundred feet above the sea
one of the three fliers was seen to
detach himself from the plane and
plunge out with a parachute but he
struck the water with such speed
that he met death with the others.

A score of boats rushed to the scene
of the disaster.

Discovered Nephew
Maddalena discovered Gen. Umberto
Nobile and a group of other sur-
vivors of the Italia in 1928 near
Spitzbergen and dropped medicine
and supplies to them on the ice af-
ter the Italian ship had been
wrecked on its north pole flight.

He and Lieutenant Cecconi for-
mally held world air records for dis-
tance and duration flights and both
had recently returned from the Latin-
American flight of Air Minister Italo
Balbo, on which Maddalena was
navigator.

Colonel Maddalena was 35 and
Lieutenant Cecconi was 28. The two
months old flier was in the same plane
with General Balbo on the squadron
flight to Brazil.

RELIEF FUND OF RED CROSS REACHES GOAL

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The
Red Cross campaign for a \$10,000,000
drought relief fund today reached its
goal, with a total of \$10,000,000.

President Hoover's proclamation
opened the fund-collecting Jan. 13.
The fund was expended in drought
relief as they were collected.

At the peak of the demand, February
28, approximately 2,000,000 persons
in 850 counties of 22 states were be-
ing aided.

Philippines Hit By Quakes Today

MANILA, March 19 (AP)—Earth-
quakes shook the northern and
southern regions of the Philippine
Islands today, injuring several per-
sons and causing considerable dam-
age.

A shock at 1:15 p. m. hit Ilocos
Norte province, on the northern end
of Luzon Island. Church towers and
old stone buildings collapsed and
there was some damage to govern-
ment structures. The towns of
Laags, Bacara and Batoc were chiefly
affected.

The postmaster at Laags reported
several government employees had
been bruised when they rushed, panic
stricken, for exits. Two women
school teachers and some of their
pupils were injured by falling bricks
at Bacara.

Another Cave-In At Keddie Tunnel

QUINCY, Cal., March 19 (AP)—
The bodies of all five of the workers
killed by the collapse of a railroad
tunnel here yesterday were re-
covered today.

The two women were slain with hatch-
ets. Mrs. White's two children, a girl
in the mission, were not molested.

KILLS NEIGHBORS' COW

GIANTS PASS, Ore., March 19 (AP)—
Pleading that his wife and family
were starving, John W. Burgess,
Josephine county farmer, was in the
county jail here today accused of
the illegal slaughter of a registered cow
belonging to a neighbor.

The county is providing the fam-
ily with food while the husband
awaits a hearing.

ACCIDENTAL WOUND FATAL

PENDLETON, Ore., March 19 (AP)—
Kenneth Dupuis, 15, died here today
from an accidental gunshot wound
suffered yesterday when a revolver
in the hands of Lee Horn, his com-
panion, jammed and discharged as
the boys tried to clear the chamber.
The bullet passed through Horn's
hand and struck Dupuis in the
groin. An operation last night was
routin.

Hoover Begins Sea Journey To The Caribbean

President on Recently Re-
modeled Dreadnaught,
Arizona — Leaves Vir-
ginia Today.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., March
19 (AP)—As batteries boomed from
ship and shore, the battleship Ariz-
ona stood out today toward the Vir-
ginia capes and the sea this morning
carrying President Hoover to Ameri-
ca's island possessions in the Carib-
bean.

The recently remodeled dread-
naught, the navy's most modern
fighting craft, will carry the presi-
dent and his party through 3000
miles of the Caribbean, to Porto Rico
and the Virgin Islands.

Arriving by train this morning
from Washington, members of the
party breakfasted on the ship and
were motored to the dock in
army automobiles.

As they reached the embarking
point, the warships were rapidly
visible through the early morning
mists, although less than a mile off
shore. The president boarded an ad-
miral's barge and as the craft moved
off, the president flag was run up
the main truck of the Arizona.

Aircraft Far Above
High overhead, an army biplane and
two fast pursuit planes circled the
boarding party and as the president
strode up the gangway, 21 huge
bombers from Langley field droned
out. Gov. J. M. McKim, Jr., joined in
the navy's welcome to the chief ex-
ecutive.

The planes continued flying in
formation until about 8 o'clock,
—when the signal for the departure
was given.

The presidential salute, 21 guns,
boomed forth and was answered by
the belching batteries of Fortress
Monroe.

With the president were Secretaries
Rosen and Wilson, who will super-
vise the supervision of the island to
be visited; Lawrence Richey, one
of his secretaries; Captain Joel
Boone, White House physician; Cap-
tain Russell L. Train, navy aide; Col-
onel Campbell Hodges, military aide;
and Mark Sullivan, political writer.

Plenty of News Writers
There were about 18 newspaper
writers and six photographers.

The voyage will be in the nature
of a vacation for the president, al-
though he will visit the island for
the purpose of gaining first hand
knowledge of the conditions there.

In keeping with the informal na-
ture of the journey, the navy was
instructed to dispense with as much
ceremony aboard the battleship as
possible without violating the rules
and regulations of the service.

While the president is away in the
warm southern waters, Mrs. Hoover
will go to Asheville, N. C., for a visit
with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. McKim,
who is convalescing from illness there.

HOOPER GOING SOUTH
U. S. ARIZONA, March 19 (AP)—
President Hoover sailed toward Porto
Rico today under skies which were
cloudy.

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Control Board Asks Bartram To Resign His Post

SALEM, March 19 (AP)—The state
board of control late yesterday re-
quested the resignation of Colonel
W. B. Bartram, manager of the peni-
tentiary, who has served in that
post for four years. The resignation
was effective May 1. The board an-
nounced no reason for the dismissal.
Bartram, long the center of con-
troverly over the flax industry, was
supported by Superintendent Henry
Meyers, of the penitentiary, who ap-
peared before the board in his be-
half. He declared there was no
other man available with Bartram's
qualifications who could be secured
to take charge of the industry.

Governor Julius Meade made
the motion for his dismissal, effective
April 1, but State Treasurer Tom
Kay amended the motion as effective
May 1, indicating that he was re-
serving the right to remove Bartram
at any time. The board was in-
formed by the other two members.
The governor refused to comment
on the motion, but said that Bar-
tram other than to say there was only
one way to clear up the muddled
flax situation, and that was to change
the personnel. Industry was receiving
a salary of \$5000 a year. A recent
audit filed with the governor indi-
cated that the flax industry had lost
approximately \$300,000 since its in-
ception.

Capture Slayers Of 2 Missionaries

NANKING, March 19 (AP)—The
slayers of Mrs. Vera White and Mrs.
Victoria Miller, American mission-
aries, were captured by provincial
authorities, the foreign office was in-
formed.

The two women were killed in their
sleep while their husbands were ab-
sent from the Seventh Day Adventist
mission at Yunnanfu. Mrs. White's
home was in Battleground, Washing-
ton, and Mrs. Miller's home was in
Spokane.

The women were slain with hatch-
ets. Mrs. White's two children, a girl
in the mission, were not molested.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, March 19 (AP)—An-
nouncement that predictions of wide-
spread beneficial moisture were be-
ginning to be fulfilled by rain in
Kansas and snow in Nebraska eased
grain prices down late today. Rain
and snow were also received in the
Canadian Northwest. Houses with
export connections sold Chicago de-
livery of wheat and bought Sep-
tember.

Wheat closed wavering, unchanged
to 1/8 lower, corn 1/8 off, oats un-
changed to a shade decline, and pro-
visions 7 to 15 cents down.

NEW UPRISING IS FEARED IN TWO PRISONS

Officials Rule Illinois'
Penitentiaries With
Hand of Iron Today.

BREAD AND WATER RATIONS ISSUED

Guardsmen, Police Re-
main Ready For Dis-
turbances; Convict Kill-
ed in Yesterday's Riot.

JOLIET, Ill., March 19 (AP)—Officials
ruled Illinois' two state prisons with
a hand of iron today to prevent re-
petition of yesterday's riot in which
five buildings at Stateville peniten-
tiary were burned by