

Free Albert Fall From Prison

TEAPOT DOME FIGURE GIVEN HIS RELEASE

Serves Nine Months and
19 Days of His "Year
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LEAVES SANTA FE FOR EL PASO HOME

Was Imprisoned For Ac-
cepting a Bribe While in
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SANTA FE, N. M., May 9 (AP)—Albert B. Fall, who was secretary of the interior under President Harding, was released from the New Mexico state penitentiary today, nine months, 19 days after he began serving a sentence of a year and a day for accepting a bribe while in office. He left almost immediately with members of his family for his home in El Paso.

Members of the Fall family, Mrs. Fall and their two daughters, Mrs. C. C. Chase and Mrs. J. Elliott, followed in a car behind the ambulance which carried Fall from the prison where he had spent almost ten months. In that time, with time off for good behavior, he had served his year and a day sentence.

The figure of the aging man was seen by a small crowd gathered outside the gates of the penitentiary. The shades were up and Fall was lying on a mass of pillows. As the car passed, however, Fall kept his gaze straight ahead.

The question of whether Fall would give an interview, after nearly ten months of censorship, or permit his pictures to be taken was not answered. The car—moving slowly as it passed through the gates to avoid jarring its passengers—kept on straight ahead, picking up speed as it went.

The party, it was understood, will go to the ranch at Three Rivers, arriving there tonight.

Dr. Robert O. Brown, acting for the family, made a thorough examination of Fall's physical condition and pronounced him strong enough to make the trip.

Dr. H. T. Stafford, of El Paso, has been notified to meet Fall at Three Rivers tonight.

THREE AUTO MISHAPS; ONE PERSON HURT

Three automobile accidents occurred over the weekend with one injury resulting.

Yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock Mrs. J. C. Dockmeyer was hit by a car driven by Florence Hunt. The accident occurred at Fir and Monroe. The driver, in making out her report, stated that she applied the brakes but was unable to miss the woman, whose ankle was fractured.

Saturday at 7:30 cars driven by Leo Burnell and J. A. Hall figured in a minor accident at Greenwood and Adams.

Byron DeWilde, of Pendleton, fell asleep on the Elgin-La Grande highway Saturday and his car went off the road and tipped over. The damaged machine was towed to La Grande for repairs.

Warm Days Cause Streams to Rise

Three days in a row with maximum temperatures of 70, 75 and 78, have caused much of the snow in the mountains to melt and run off, bringing high waters in some of the rivers and streams in this district.

The Grande Ronde river is up some, but not dangerously so. At Union, Catherine creek is very high.

So far, about the only damage reported is by fishermen, who complain that the high water is ruining their chances of limit catches.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday; probably with rains in the northwest portion; cooler in the interior of the north portion Tuesday; moderate changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—51 above.
Minimum: 40 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 73, minimum 41 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—32 degrees.

WEATHER MAY 9, 1931
Maximum 68, minimum 43 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—23 degrees.

School Building Of Earlier Day Is Being Razed

Structure Erected in 1886
to Be Replaced By New
Parsonage of South M.
E. Church.

"The Little Brick," where many men and women of today learned the principles of reading, writing and arithmetic, when primary and first grades were taught there from about 1886 to 1908, is being torn down and a new parsonage for the Methodist Church South will be built in its place.

As the building is torn down, many who started their education between its walls remember that Mrs. Dora Schilke was the first teacher, when she was Miss Dora B. Scott, from 1886 to 1890. In those "pre-phonetic" days there were other schools in La Grande, the White school had stood back of where Central school now stands and served its purpose for many years, before it was torn down and Central school built in its place. There was a school in Old Town, and shortly after Central school was built, the "Little Brick" was erected to furnish primary and first grade facilities to the children of its vicinity.

When Mrs. Schilke gave up the school in 1896, Mrs. Nellie G. Neill taught there until 1908. About two years after she left "The Little Brick," it was sold to the Methodist Church South for a parsonage, and has been used in that capacity since that time, about 1908.

Mrs. Lynd Dies Of Pneumonia; Burial Tuesday

Mrs. Eliza Jane Lynd, of 1501 Y avenue, died Saturday at the home of Mrs. Will Keltner, a daughter. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with Rev. J. George Hildbrand officiating. Burial will be in the Elgin cemetery.

Mrs. Lynd was born in Ohio on Jan. 25, 1859. She was 82 years, three months and 12 days of age. She made her home in La Grande for the last 13 years. Previous to coming to La Grande, she made her home at Elgin for many years.

She is survived by four daughters and one son, Mrs. Anna Spencer, Lucas, Iowa; Mrs. Edith Plasse, of Wallawa; Mrs. Keltner, of La Grande; Mrs. Mary Ford, of Seattle; and Fred Hall, of Elgin; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Rush, of Iowa, and Mrs. MacNaughton, of La Grande, besides other relatives and friends.

Bowman-Hicks Planing Mill in Operation Today

The Bowman-Hicks Lumber company planing mill resumed operations this morning on a one-shift per day, six-day a week basis. It put approximately 40 men back at work.

According to H. N. Ashby, western manager of the Bowman-Hicks company, the planing mill will continue to operate on a six-day a week basis probably for the remainder of this month at least.

Search River For Postal Employee

EUGENE, May 9 (AP)—Search of the Willamette river for the body of William Longwood, 45, post office employee, was undertaken last night after J. M. Bradley, postal clerk, reported that Longwood was lost when his boat overturned on a fishing trip.

The accident occurred late Sunday. Bradley said the boat struck a log and overturned. He swam ashore and Longwood held on to the boat. The skiff later was found but Longwood was missing.

Bellmer Is Fined In Gasoline Case

Henry Bellmer, arrested Saturday on a charge of having more than five gallons of gasoline in his woodshed contrary to city ordinances, was fined \$50 in municipal court Saturday night.

When more than five gallons of gasoline are kept on private property (unless in the tank of an automobile), it must be at least four feet underground and properly vented in order to conform with the city ordinances.

Wall Street Eyes Nation's Capital

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP)—The stock market was barely able to hold up its head in a listless session today. Closing prices were largely unchanged to a point lower, with a few wider losses. Transfers were only about 700,000 shares.

Wall street's attention still converged upon Washington, and with important developments failing to materialize in that quarter markets were hesitant.

GERMANY NOT ABLE TO PAY REPARATIONS

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MUCH HINGES ON LAUSANNE PARLEY

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BERLIN, May 9 (AP)—Chancellor Heinrich Bruening, once more today had served notice on the world that Germany can no longer pay reparations. He added a prediction that the European financial conference at Lausanne next month would lead the way either to world recovery or collapse.

"The Lausanne results," he said in an address to German provincial correspondents on the government's foreign policy, "will determine what fate is in store for Germany and the whole world—whether the world will continue to sink into misery, or finally land on solid ground on which alone reconstruction may be started."

MOTHERS' DAY IS CELEBRATED HERE

Mothers Honored at
Churches, at Home and
at Special Services.

Mothers' day was observed in La Grande with inspirational services, dedicated to their honor, in many of the churches in the morning, followed by evening services at the Eagles hall, at 8 o'clock, under the direction of C. E. Hildebrand and Mrs. Iva Shultz, co-chairmen of the event.

Mothers' day was made a national holiday through the activities of the Eagle lodge, and to them is due much of the credit for having a day set aside on which to revere the mothers of the nation, they feel. Over 175 attended the Mothers' day program last night at the Eagles hall.

H. L. Hess was the principal speaker, delivering an appropriate address for the occasion, following the open-

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PLANNING FOR FLOWER SHOW HERE MAY 13

May 13, the day set for the annual spring flower show, sponsored by the Neighborhood club, will come at the height of the tulip season, and many beautiful specimens are anticipated for the exhibit which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stange, the committee in charge states.

Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. W. H. Reuter and Mrs. A. J. Stange are members of the committee in charge of registering the entrants, and anyone wishing to enter flowers is asked to call a member of the group to make arrangements.

The show is a community event, and the exhibit, following the judging, will be open to the public. Other flowers are welcomed in the show and also will be judged.

For the entertainment of the visitors, a program has been planned and will include musical numbers by the La Grande High school band under the direction of W. W. Nussbaum; and by the Symphony Singers, led by Mrs. Jessie A. Hoskins, of Baker.

Hoover Vetoes Vets' Bill

Pendleton Golfers Turn Back La Granders In Intercity Match

SCORE 87½ TO 26½.
PENDLETON, Ore., May 9 (AP)—Pendleton golfers defeated La Grande in an 18-hole tournament here Sunday 87½ to 26½.

Albert, of Pendleton, and Duncan, of La Grande, professionals, carded 75 and 76, respectively.

Dan Bowman, Bill Laing and Wes Mims, all of Pendleton, each shot a 77.

La Grande mashie swingers, some 35 in number, went to Pendleton yesterday to open the 1932 season of intercity tournaments.

The Pendleton club was very hospitable, serving a delightful lunch at the noon hour, and showing the visitors every courtesy possible.

Socially, a "good time was had by all."

But—speaking in golf lingo—the actual tournament was just one grand slice (not alarm) to the La Granders!

Oh, yes, the course was in splendid shape—no alibi of that nature.

But those clubs the La Granders used simply wouldn't perform in the most acceptable fashion.

In other words, the La Granders were given a first class licking by the Pendleton devotees.

To be more explicit, no one of the La Granders won three points for his team, and most of them lost a great many.

The scores? The local golfers were not so sure. They knew it was something terrible, but the exact figures

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400 REBELS SLAIN TODAY BY JAPANESE

Seven of Dead Revolters
Said to be "White"
Russians.

NAKAMURA'S ARMY TAKES FENGCHENG

Japanese Advancing All
Along the Front in Man-
churia — Commission
Leaves Changchun.

TOKYO, Mar. 9 (AP)—Four hundred Manchurian rebels were reported killed in two battles with Japanese troops in Northern Manchuria today, dispatches to the Rengo news agency from Harbin said.

Seven of the rebels were said to be Russians, probably "white" Russians.

The Japanese lost 19 dead.

General Nakamura's Japanese brigade occupied Fengcheng after a two-day battle against a force of 8000 rebels who retreated westward in disorder leaving 800 dead on the field.

General Toda's brigade defeated another large rebel force at Mount-kang. The rebels retreated eastward. One hundred rebels were killed in this battle, including the seven Russians.

The Japanese lost one dead and 10 wounded in the first battle and 18 dead in the second.

COMMISSION NEARS HARBIN CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, May 9

(AP)—The League of Nations inquiry commission was on its way from here to Harbin today, with an extra guard aboard the train to protect the investigators from band attacks.

Reports that attacks might be made on the train persisted here. The guard consisted of 50 Japanese soldiers and 50 Chinese railway police.

YOUNG NEGRO IS HUNTED FOR KILLING WIDOW

CHENADA, Miss., May 9 (AP)—A young negro laborer was hunted today for criminally assaulting and murdering Mrs. Minnie Barbee, elderly widowed landowner.

Sheriff Carpenter said a neighbor reported seeing the negro enter Mrs. Barbee's home about 5 p. m. Saturday, four hours before the 65-year-old woman's body was found by a servant. The laborer, officers said, used several names, one of which was Clarence Williams.

Sheriff Carpenter learned Mrs. Barbee had been afraid of Williams but had given him work, evidently in the hope of preventing trouble.

The coroner's jury held that Mrs. Barbee was criminally assaulted and then choked to death.

209 Doukhobors Taken by Police

NELSON, B. C., May 9 (AP)—Provincial police arrested 209 Doukhobors, members of a Russian religious sect, when they staged a nude parade at Thrusa, near here, today. The group, composed of 90 men, 52 women and 67 children, were brought to the jail in automobile trucks.

Unlike the demonstration a week ago when 116 nudists were arrested after a sharp battle with police, the Doukhobors submitted peacefully today.

Those arrested last week were sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. Those captured today face similar fates.

Nude Woman Found Beaten To Death

MILLERSBURG, Ohio, May 9 (AP)—The body of a nude woman about 30 years old, was found in a small creek near here today not far from a road where she had been beaten to death.

She was tentatively identified as Mrs. Gertrude Meeker, wife of A. J. Creston, Ohio, farmer who reported her and his automobile missing today.

AGED WOMAN VERY ILL GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 9

Mrs. Martha Wiggs, 85, widow of a Civil war veteran, continued in a semi-conscious condition in a hospital here today, the result of a fall she received six days ago. Her hip was broken and she suffered other injuries. Due to her age the shock was unusually great. Her condition is critical.

State to End Its Case Late Today

DALLAS, May 9 (AP)—O. P. Conhow, former chief justice of Oregon, on trial here on charges of devising a scheme to defraud while president of the Empire Holding corporation, was expected to take the stand in his own defense this week. The trial started its second week here today.

Testimony of Robert Mount, manager of the better business bureau of Portland, was expected to be among the last taken by the state in winding up its evidence against Conhow today. The audit made of the Empire Holding company last fall will also be introduced. The defense is expected to begin its case tomorrow.

Girl, 7, Drowned In Umatilla River

PENDLETON, Ore., May 9 (AP)—No trace had been found at noon today of the body of Maxine Price, 7, who drowned late Saturday in the Umatilla river here. Volunteers patrolled the river for 30 miles. The child fell into the stream while playing along the banks.

Crater Lake Park Measure Is Passed

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—The senate today passed and sent to the White House a bill to transfer 973 acres of land from the Crater Lake national forest to the Crater Lake national park in Oregon.

Declaring "our first obligation" is to veterans who served under enlistments in the army or navy, the president said:

"I cannot concur in a proposal to single out one class of civilian employees who served during certain periods of hostilities and confer upon them a right to the benefits of hospitalization and domiciliary care pro-

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'Big Boy' Tax Bill In Senate

Wickersham Is For Referendum On Prohibition

Expresses Opinion in In-
terview Sunday, 16
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mission Made Report.

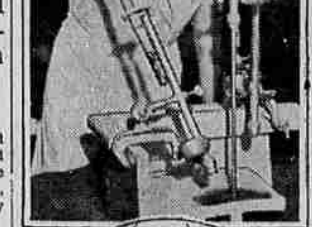
WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—George W. Wickersham believes more strongly than ever that a referendum on prohibition is needed.

Sixteen months after winding up the work of the notable crime study commission which bore his name, Wickersham expressed the conviction in an interview yesterday that a vote on altering the 18th amendment through state conventions would do much good by crystallizing what he termed the "informed, intelligent and deliberate opinion of the people."

Abandons Silence

He knew, he said, that several members of his commission held the same opinion. In this interview Wickersham abandoned the complete silence he had clung to steadfastly in regard to the commission's work. He was asked about the apparent discrepancy between the conclusions appended to the report and the views expressed by a majority of the members in their individual expressions. While the summary set forth that "the commission is opposed to repeal of the 18th amendment," the greater number of the commissioners argued the dry law should be changed in some way.

"Six of the members," replied Wickersham, "felt in varying degrees that prohibition was not a success in its form at that time. Four of us felt that it was not being enforced properly but that sufficient opportunity had not been given to judge it a failure. One member (Newton D. Baker) felt that the whole question



Here's a handy affair that works while you sleep. It's a neat holder for a fishing pole. It's a neat holder for a fishing pole. It's a neat holder for a fishing pole.

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LA FOLLETTE IN OPPOSITION TO MEASURE

All Other Members of
Finance Committee Give
Bill Their Approval.

ECONOMY MEASURE DUE FOR CHANGES

Appropriations Commit-
tee Goes to Work—De-
termined to Save a Few
More Millions.

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—The "big boy" tax bill was put on the mark for a spring toward enactment today, while party chieftains determined anew to supplement its dwarfed running mate—the economy bill.

After refusing 12 to 6 to re-open the rate section of the \$1,010,000,000 revenue measure, the senate finance committee reported it and bi-partisan determination to press it through is evident.

The bill raises the income tax and corporation rates above the increases voted by the house. It repeals many of the special excise levies provided by the house and offsets this loss in revenue with a rubber import duty, higher automobile levies and greater admission taxes.

Four other tariff items, oil, coal, copper and lumber, remain in the bill.

LaFollette in Opposition

It was first announced the measure was reported unanimously but later Senator LaFollette (R., Wis.) announced he was in opposition.

Chairman Smoot took a copy of the revised revenue bill to the senate floor. He said he hoped to take it up for consideration in the senate not later than Thursday.

The new income tax rates are 3 percent on the first \$4,000 income; 6 percent on the next \$4,000 and 9 percent above \$8,000. The present rates are 2½, 5 and 8 respectively, while the higher wages rates of 3, 4 and 7 percent respectively. A maximum surtax of 45 percent on incomes over \$1,000,000 is provided.

The senate appropriations commit-

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Tax League In Important Meet At Salem Today

SALEM, May 9 (AP)—A combination of the Indiana plan of state control of local expenditures and the Oregon plan as practiced in a limited way by the tax-superioring and conservation commission of Multnomah county in supervising expenditures, was recommended to the Oregon Taxpayers' League today by Governor Julius L. Meier. The governor presented his recommendation, including other important factors looking toward the reduction and equalization of taxes in a 3000-word message at the opening of the conference.

"I earnestly recommend that this body, through the studies of an appropriate committee, give serious consideration to the subject of advisable consolidations of local units of government, to the end that taxing and borrowing powers may be centralized and co-ordinated and that responsibility for expenditure of public funds may be more definitely allocated," the governor said.

"As an important function of such a committee, I suggest that a careful study be made of the county unit system for the reorganization of school districts. Our present county unit plan, in optional effect since 1921, has thus far been adopted in only three counties. The law apparently requires improvements to make

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Wealthy Widow Is Found Murdered

CHICAGO, May 9 (AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, 68, who police said was a wealthy widow, was found dead in bed today, her feet tied and her body covered with bed clothing.

Her apartment listed under the name of David Stanley, had been ransacked, leading police to suspect burglars.

Investigation showed the top of Mrs. Stanley's head had been crushed with a heavy instrument.

Police began a search for Mr. and Mrs. B. Q. Wray, who moved out of the rooming house owned by Mrs. Stanley last night.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 9 (AP)—Responsive to a decided shrinkage of the United States wheat visible supply total, grain markets averaged higher today.

A decrease of 2,779,000 bushels was shown in domestic visible stocks of wheat, reducing them to 174,902,000 bushels against 193,831,000 at this time last year. Tending, though, to restrain business was the fact a government crop report to be issued tomorrow furnished an element of uncertainty.

Wheat closed irregular ¼¢ off to ½¢—½¢ up compared with Saturday's finish, corn at ¼¢ decline to ¼¢ advance, oats unchanged to ¼¢ ¼¢ down and provisions unchanged to a setback of 2 cents.

PORTLAND, May 9 (AP)—With an almost general lack of demand on account of the favorable grading weather, the market for alfalfa hay is weaker and about 50¢ was cut off buying prices here for the day.

May wheat was slumped again but the loss for Monday was but ¼¢ on the Portland futures market. Others were unchanged.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat was unchanged. There were no sales of futures.

U. S. Consulate At Nagasaki Damaged

TOKYO, May 9 (AP)—Fire, believed by police to have been incendiary, slightly damaged the United States consulate at Nagasaki today, a dispatch to the Rengo news agency from there said.

The dispatch said a small can containing burning gasoline was thrown through the window of the consulate setting the curtains afire. The incendiary escaped.

Gold Beach Auto Accident Is Fatal

GOLD BEACH, May 9 (AP)—Clarence Ingell, 22, was fatally injured Saturday night when his automobile overturned and crushed him beneath it. The accident occurred near here.

Ingell, another man and two women were on their way to a dance at Pistol river. The car skidded on a sharp curve, plunged from the highway and over a steep embankment. The other occupants were not hurt.

Akron En Route To Pacific Coast

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 9 (AP)—The U. S. navy dirigible Akron passed over New Orleans at 7:50 A. M. C. S. T. en route to the Pacific coast.

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