

ATTORNEY BACK HOME WITH MIND NEAR GONE

With his nerves strained to the breaking point, John W. Loder, missing since last Wednesday morning, came home Saturday night. He dropped off of train No. 14 from the south, and was walking down Sixth street towards his office when he walked straight into the arms of Deputy Sheriff Joyner, who was lurking in the rear of the Willamette hotel expecting bootleggers to leave the station on the Sixth street entrance.

"My God, John Loder, where have you been? We have been looking everywhere for you," exclaimed the astonished officer.

Loder muttered some incoherent words, and was finally induced by Joyner to accompany him to the courthouse, where they were joined by Sheriff Wilson. A few minutes later William Andersen, E. L. Pope, Rev. W. T. Milliken, Jack Loder, a son of the man whose sudden disappearance has been the talk of the town for the last three days, Mr. Cavendar, a relative of Mrs. Loder, and a party of newspaper men and officers surrounded Loder, who mumbled broken sentences, plainly indicating that his nerves have suffered a very severe shock. When pressed for information as to where he had been, he said:

"I have been riding all the time—all the time. Went to Sacramento. I have done nothing wrong, but I'm done for. I can't come back."

After a brief consultation, Mr. Loder's friends escorted him to Mr. Pope's automobile and he was taken home, where he was given a hot bath, and put to bed. It is expected that as soon as he has had a few days' rest and has recovered his memory that he will be able to tell why he startled his family and hosts of friends by dropping from sight last Wednesday.

He said something last night about having been as far as Sacramento and several times he mentioned California. He had no baggage, and evidently had not shaved since his departure from Oregon City and under his arm he carried a bundle containing a pair of blue overalls and a red handkerchief. His attitude is that of a man dazed, but he appears to think that he has done something foolish that will destroy his future in Oregon City.

Mr. Loder's son and wife were overjoyed at the return of the husband and father, and the meeting of the returned wanderer with his young son was a touching one. Loder broke down and sobbed, but soon recovered sufficiently to be taken home. It is thought that a complete rest will be necessary to restore him to a normal condition.

Dr. Strickland said late last night that Mr. Loder was suffering a nervous breakdown and this would be only temporary and with rest and quietness he would soon recover.

Order out of chaos is the task confronting William Andersen and E. L. Pope, who have been appointed to straighten out the business affairs of John W. Loder, local attorney. That his business is in a sorry tangle is not denied and it is admitted a herculean task to audit an almost endless detail of transactions covering a term of years, in an effort to ascertain the real condition.

Mr. Loder has handled thousands of dollars of his own money and that of others, but has failed to keep systematic accounts, with the result that he does not know himself the actual status of his affairs. He thinks he has been losing money for some time, and this belief so preyed upon his mind, that finally he went all to pieces, and in despair he fled the city, with a vague idea that he might go to Arizona, and there obtain employment and send for his family. He reached Sacramento, where he took the first train home, Oregon City being the natural place for him to turn to in his dazed condition.

Mr. Pope will take charge of Mr. Loder's office at once and will gradually and systematically untangle affairs as he finds them. There is no hint of dishonesty on the part of anyone who has made an investigation of the case. Mr. Loder's personal habits were simple, and when he left Oregon City there was in his safe a large amount of money and valuable securities. He proposes to turn over all of his property, even his home if necessary, in order that those who have entrusted him with their money may receive 100 cents on the dollar, according to a statement made Monday by his friends.

The following statement was issued Monday by Messrs. Pope and Andersen:

During the temporary absence of John W. Loder from his office Wm. Andersen, of Burmeister and Andersen, and E. L. Pope have been appointed by Mr. Loder as managers to look after the affairs of the office.

These two men will look after the management of Mr. Loder's affairs and will take charge of the office until such time as Mr. Loder's health will permit him to return.

Any one wishing any information concerning Mr. Loder's condition or affairs can secure same on request from either of these gentlemen.

The office will be open daily as usual and those people owing Mr. Loder can make their usual payments at the office, and E. L. Pope, in charge, will receipt for same.

Mr. Loder is under the doctors' care and it is possible that it will be a couple of weeks or more before he will be able to resume his duties.

SHORT DAY WANTED VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 23. Canadian labor delegates who will meet with the dominion cabinet in Ottawa November 23 will demand a national six-hour day and five days a week.

Overalls to Be K. of C. Uniform During Reconstruction of France and Belgium



Workers connected with the seven organizations which "pulled together in the United Campaign for \$170,500,000 realize that one of their hardest jobs is ahead of them. While aiding in the reconstruction work in France and Belgium K. of C. representatives will wear the overseas uniform shown here. It has just been adopted because of the changed conditions resulting from the signing of the armistice.

JUNIOR BRANCH OF RED CROSS DO ACTIVE WORK

The Junior Red Cross of Clackamas county is now prepared to take up active work in the various school districts, with County School Superintendent J. E. Calavan in charge, and with the assistance of the secretary, Miss Dolly Pratt. In each district there will be appointed a secretary, and these will work in unity with the local manager and secretary.

Among the school districts that have already established Junior Red Cross Auxiliaries and again resumed the work, to which material is to be sent within a few days are: Alberta, Ardenwald, Barclay (Oregon City); Bull Run, Bolton, Barlow, Brightwood, Battle, Brown, Barton, Cottrell, Canemah, Clackamas, Corral Creek, Clairmont, Crescent, Canby, Cherryville, Douglas Ridge, Damascus, District No. 21, Dickey Prairie, Dodge, District 83 (Dover), Deep Creek Eagle Creek, Eastham (Oregon City); Estacada, Evergreen, Eby, Echodell, Tracy, Teasel Creek, Twilight, Union Mills, Union Mills, Union, Hall, Union Hill, Viola, Wilsonville, Wichita, Advance and Carus. There are several other districts who will within a few days be organized, and it is the intention of Mr. Calavan to have every district of Clackamas county to organize a Junior Red Cross, and will probably be about 136 organizations.

Material is now being sent out to some of the districts, and this is for making of bed socks, bedside bags and property bags. After these are completed they will be sent to headquarters and used by the Red Cross. In carrying out the work Mr. Calavan will divide the districts into four zones, these to be Estacada, with about 30 districts; Oregon City, with about 37 districts; Canby with about 20 districts; Molalla, 21 districts.

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COMMISSION TO FIGHT RAISE IN TELEPHONE RATE

SALLEM, Or., Nov. 23.—With the assertion that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is attempting to violate the laws of Oregon, the Public Service Commission today answered Postmaster-General Burleson's recent telegram in which he asked the commission to co-operate with him in putting into effect phone rate increases in Oregon.

The commission points out that it acts only under authority of the statutes and says that "we are only asking that our laws be respected."

It urges that the telephone company be required to take the orderly and statutory procedure, and says the commission will do whatever it is justified in doing in the premises.

ADMINISTRATRIX APPOINTED

Anna Hornberger was appointed administratrix of the estate of Louis Hornberger, Thursday, Mr. Hornberger died November 10, 1918, and the estate is valued at \$1000.

DEMOCRACY ABOVE AUTOCRACY

Democracy above autocracy. That's what our brave soldiers say, Down with Hohenzollern, Down with Kaiser Bill, Down with the German nation, So the world shall have peace still. We shall remember Belgium, Alsace and Lorraine, Poor bleeding France we shall revenge, And end the Kaiser's reign.

—MASTER LEE YOUNG, Oregon City.

NIGHT OFFICERS NAB PORTLAND MAN FOR BEING INTOXICATED

Wednesday night about 10 o'clock a man from Portland, giving the name of W. C. Benbow was arrested by Officers Burk and Surfus for being intoxicated.

The officers were making their rounds when they got near the First National bank and noticed a crowd of boys and decided to investigate. Benbow was in the crowd talking to the boys and when the officers appeared recognized them and started to resist arrest. He grabbed Surfus by the neck with an umbrella and the officer put the man down and when he got off Benbow got up and started to swing on Burk, the latter grabbing him and threw him to the ground with considerable force.

He was uninjured and was assisted to his feet by the officers and the fight was all out of him. He was taken to the jail and searched and an empty pint whiskey bottle was found.

He had several legal papers with him and one of these was a blank for bonds to operate a jitney in Portland. Several of these papers were addressed to Benbow and were signed by Franklin T. Griffith. He also had a book of tickets on the P. R. L. & P. Company.

The man was evidently in bad shape from the liquor and after being put in jail he began to talk to himself and acted much like a crazy man.

He was well dressed and had the appearance of a man of refinement, but the search showed no money on him.

AURORA YOUTH LOSES LIFE IN U. S. SERVICE

AURORA, Or., Nov. 25.—Fred Ehlen, Company C, 127th U. S. infantry, died of wounds received in action on the French front on October 8, according to advices from the war department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Ehlen, of this city. The soldier has been wounded twice before. On September 16 he wrote that he had just returned to his company. He saw some of the more severe fighting of the summer, was gassed and wounded by shrapnel and was twice in the hospital. He was only 19 years of age, but a veteran in experience. He enlisted in the 3d Oregon, but was later transferred to the 127th infantry, made up of Wisconsin men. He was the first graduate of the Aurora high school.

DECREE GRANTED

In the divorce case of Alta Faulker vs. Charlie Faulker the plaintiff was granted a decree of divorce and the custody of the minor child of the couple and costs of the case and \$25 per month alimony.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

SHIP MEN PROTEST CANCELLING OF ORDERS

PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—The Northwest's protest against the emergency fleet corporation's cancellation of wood ship contracts grew more intense today.

Disaster can only be averted by prompt measures for relief, declared shipbuilders, business men and representatives of labor interests.

The president, the shipping board and emergency fleet corporation, the secretary of labor and the national council of defense were besieged with telegrams.

F. C. Knapp, president of the Oregon Wood Shipbuilders' association, said this morning that there are but two avenues of relief and the opening of either of these is exclusively within the power of the Emergency Fleet corporation and shipping board.

He said: "First, to permit us to complete contracts already awarded, notify us—if such to be the policy—that no more wood contracts will be awarded and permit us to seek other contracts in the markets of the world; second, to authorize us immediately to seek contracts on foreign account."

MELDRUM HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE TUESDAY

The large residence owned by C. Britton, at Meldrum, and occupied by Miss Kathryn Lane and her brother, Andrew Lane, was totally destroyed Tuesday night about 12 o'clock, by fire from an unknown origin.

Upon retiring Miss Lane and her brother had left no fire in the stove, and about 11 o'clock the former was awakened from her slumber by smoke and crackling of the flames. She at once rushed to awaken her brother in an adjoining room, and with much difficulty they managed to escape from the burning building which was then a mass of flames. The brother made his escape from the building by jumping from an upstairs veranda to the ground below, and securing a ladder assisted his sister from the building.

The personal belongings to the Lane family were a total loss, there being no insurance.

Neighbors worked diligently to save the furniture, but were unable to enter the building, as the flames had made such headway soon after once getting its start. From indications it started near the basement.

Miss Lane and her brother are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner, of Meldrum. There is a sister in Portland, also a sister in California, the latter visiting in that state.

This is the second time the Lane family have lost a home by fire. It was during the Portland Exposition that their home in Portland burned, at that time being rented by another family.

The residence occupied by the Lane family was built by the late George Steel, and owned by Mr. Steel for some time before he took up his residence in Portland. It was a building of about 12 rooms.

It was just about a year ago when the Lane family took possession of the Britton home. While moving their household goods to that place, their father, Mr. Lane, accidentally fell beneath the large van in which the furniture was being conveyed, and was instantly killed.

WEDDING BELLS TO RING HERE SEVERAL TIMES THANKSGIVING

There will evidently be several Thanksgiving weddings as three licenses were issued here Wednesday.

Marie Scheeles, 17, of this county, and Russel Hickey, 23, of Missoula, Mont., were given a license to wed with the consent of the young lady's mother; Edna Brande, 37, of Clackamas, and Harvey Chapman, 41, of 1078 Hawthorne avenue, Portland and Della A. Schlegel, 22, of Clackamas, and Willard Ingermanson, 24, of Dundee, Oregon, were the ones receiving the other licenses.

DECREES GRANTED

Decrees of divorce were granted in the following cases Friday:

Albert Cole vs. Edith Fay Cole and Gertrude Duke from James Duke, and Grace Robinson from Louis Robinson and the right to resume her maiden name of Grace Klock.

Statesmen and Jurist Said to Have Been Chosen by President to Sit at Peace Table



ROBERT LANSING, SECY OF STATE



COL. E. M. HOUSE



JUDGE LOUIS BRANDEIS



ELIHU ROOT

Although no official announcement has been made it is understood that President Wilson has selected American delegates to the great peace conference. No word from the White House is expected until the place and date of the meeting have been decided upon formally by the Inter-Allied Council. The men the President has chosen are understood to be Robert Lansing, secretary of state, to head the mission; Colonel E. M. House, now in France attending the Inter-Allied Council as the personal representative of the President; Elihu Root, formerly secretary of state, and Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the Supreme Court.

An Amended Doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him for War's victorious end, Let hymns of praise for Peace ascend! Praise God for Principles of Right For which our heroes dared to fight; Praise Him for armies strong and free, That overthrew autocracy. Praise God for setting Nations free, For promise of World Liberty! Praise God our dear flag is unfurled To right men's wrongs and feed the World! Praise God for every blessing given Here in this life, with hope of Heaven! "Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" M. N. B.

COUNTY TEACHERS TO HAVE SECOND MEET HERE DECEMBER 7 The Clackamas County Teachers' Association will hold its second regular meeting of the year at the Oregon City High school building, Saturday, December 7. Luncheon will be served at noon at the high school cafeteria. The following program will be presented: 10:30 A. M.—Music. 10:45 A. M.—Address, E. D. Resser, Professor of Industrial Education O. A. C. Discussion led by Brenton Vedder, County Supervisor of Schools. 11:30 A. M.—Business Session. Luncheon. 1:30 P. M.—Music. 1:45 P. M.—Morals and Discipline in the High School," H. H. Herdman Jr., principal Washington High school, Portland. Discussion led by Mrs. H. D. Cartledge, Superintendent Canby schools. 2:30 P. M.—Departmental Sessions: Primary Dept.—Mrs. Clara Melvin, West Linn Schools; Upper Dept.—Miss Katherine Cahalin, Special Teacher of Literature, Ladd school, Portland; High school Dept.—E. S. Barker, Supt. Milwaukie schools, "Supervised Study."

Lille Hugs and Kisses First Poilu to Enter City After Germans Are Forced to Retreat



Lille went wild with joy when French troops entered that city after the Germans had been forced to evacuate it in the face of the British drive. This photograph shows part of a crowd of several thousands which surrounded the first poilu to reach the heart of the city. He was the most kissed soldier in Lille that day.

Y. W. C. A. IS TO START CAMPAIGN FOR HOME

Organization of a Young Women's Christian Association is assured in Oregon City through the loan from W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co., of the two-story concrete building on the northeast corner of Fourth and Main street, purchased last year by the paper company with the expectation that the site would be useful for expansion.

The upper floor will be used for sleeping apartments and will accommodate 60 beds, and there is room on the ground floor for a cafeteria, reading, writing, lounging and recreation rooms, and a commodious assembly hall.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye announced Tuesday that in the near future a campaign would be made for funds to finance the remodeling of the interior of the structure, which was formerly used as a garage and later was given by Mr. Hawley for a dormitory for the soldiers stationed here to guard the mill properties.

Mrs. Dye made the following statement:

"When the Northwest Y. W. C. A. conference at Spokane appointed me chairman for Clackamas county, plans for a local organization began to be discussed. Miss Grace Maxwell, Y. W. C. A. national field organizer with headquarters at Seattle, made several visits to Oregon City investigating the needs of this industrial center. It was found that hundreds of girls work in the various mills and others are employed as clerks, stenographers, or come in to attend the public schools. Several hundred are in the high school. At least one hundred girls are working for their board in the various homes while studying here.

"Suitable boarding places are almost impossible to find. Even teachers in the schools walk about for days trying to find a place for room and board, and skilled weavers have begged in vain for light housekeeping rooms.

"In response to Miss Maxwell's appeal W. P. Hawley has offered the use of a very suitable building for a period of several years without rental and he will pay the taxes and insurance. W. A. White, architect, has been cooperating with Miss Maxwell in drawing plans adapting this building to use for a Young Women's Christian Association. The women and girls of the town are ready to cooperate in every way and it is believed the fathers and brothers see the pressing need and will help finance the undertaking. Just what it will cost is yet to be determined.

"As a war measure the government asked the Young Women's Christian Association to look after the girls as the army is looking after the boys, and all over the country wherever girls are engaged in industrial work away from home, suitable housing and recreation are being installed. 'Save the girls to save the boys,' is the keynote. Take care of them. Pretty rooms for girls can be furnished at very light expense and will bring an income as well to help finance this undertaking. Y. W. C. A. experts are supervising the plans to be announced later.

"Y. W. C. A. trained secretaries will be in charge of each apartment and make sure that the girls have the uplift and freedom of a happy, healthful home, as safe as under the roof of their own parents."

MUCH LIQUOR IS DESTROYED HERE TUESDAY

Great excitement prevailed about the court house Tuesday when Sheriff Wilson, with the aid of his deputies Dr. W. T. Milliken, and other employees of the county destroyed about 3000 bottles of liquor, valued at \$15,000. This all has been confiscated from bootleggers captured here.

This liquor has accumulated at the county jail for some time and recently the sheriff offered it to the government who refused to take it on account of the time and expense of re-distilling it for the alcohol in it, and according to law this must be destroyed and the containers as well.

The liquor consisted of whiskey, wines, champagne and many other kinds. There were several suit cases and trunks which it had been packed in and these will be turned over to the Red Cross by the sheriff and will be sold and the money used for some useful purpose.

There were kegs, bottles, glass jugs and demijohns of all descriptions which were broken and during the time the officers were busy many people gathered to see the liquor destroyed.

PRESIDENT EXPECTS TO BE GONE ONE MONTH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—About one month is the time President Wilson expects to be in Europe for the opening of the peace conference and preliminary discussions. No definite limit has been fixed, but it was said authoritatively today that the president plans to be back in America within six weeks after his ship sails for the other side.

Preparations for the president's trip still are surrounded with secrecy and no one professes to know either when the start will be made or just who will make up the party. An announcement by the president himself of the personnel of the peace delegation is expected in a day or two.

VANCOUVER MARRIAGE LICENSE VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 23.—License to wed was granted today to Jans C. Olson, 24, of Grants Pass, Ore., and Miss Evie V. Jaques, 19, of Gladstone Ore.