

METHODIST TALK COSTS PAPAL VISIT

Fairbanks Cannot Mix Religions in Rome.

POPE DISPLEASED WITH SECT

Recalls Invitation for Audience to ex-Vice-President.

TROUBLE THREE-CORNERED

Call on King Arranged for Saturday, on Pope for Monday, With Talk to Methodists Sandwiched on Sunday—Proselyting Galls.

ROME, Feb. 6.—The visit to Rome of Charles W. Fairbanks, ex-Vice-President of the United States, brought about a delicate situation because of the fact that he wished to pay his respects to the King, to the Pope, and to the American Methodist Church.

By a tactful arrangement Mr. Fairbanks' audience with King Victor Emanuel was fixed for Saturday and that with the Pope for Monday. But when everything seemed satisfactorily planned the Vatican announced that it would be impossible for his holiness to receive the ex-Vice-President if he carried out his intention of speaking in the American Methodist Church here, because the Methodists had been active in proselyting among the Catholics.

Attempt Made to Avoid Hitch.

Negotiations were immediately begun to avoid any unpleasantness and in these negotiations prominent Vatican officials exerted every influence to remove the difficulties that had unexpectedly presented themselves to Mr. Fairbanks' audience with the Pope.

But Mr. Fairbanks finally declared that, although he was animated by a strong desire to pay his respects to the head of the Catholic Church, he could not withdraw from his promise to deliver an address before the American Methodist Church.

Dinner by Catholic College.

Mr. Kennedy, rector of the American College (Catholic), gave a dinner at noon in honor of Mr. Fairbanks. The hall was decorated with American flags. Among those present were the rector, the head of the Catholic Church, and other distinguished guests.

Speech to Methodists Important.

At the American Methodist Church Mr. Fairbanks' address acquired exceptional importance, because of the incident with the Pope, and it is looked upon as his final answer to the conditions imposed upon him relative to his audience with the Pope.

Mr. Fairbanks said:

"It is impossible to emphasize too strongly the good work the Christian church is doing in all lands, and amongst all nationalities. It is gratifying that the American churches established in all countries are asserting a wider influence today than ever in their history.

Christianity is Democratic.

"The agitation going on in the political and social world is due to the Christian church breaking down the caste and prejudices and lifting mankind to a higher plane. The democratic idea taking root in political institutions is due to the expanding influence of Christianity.

"All Christian churches are worthy of support. Let the Catholics, the Protestants of all denominations vie in carrying forward the work of the Master which is worthy of the best in them all."

LA GRANDE NEEDS SCHOOL

Commercial Club Committee Recommends \$75,000 Bond Issue.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A special committee appointed by the Commercial Club to investigate the feasibility of building a new high school here submitted its report to the club last night.

According to the committee, the present accommodations are inadequate, conditions are unsanitary, some of the buildings now in use are virtually little more than shacks and the heating equipment of the buildings is unsatisfactory. The committee recommends that certain alterations and repairs be made, that certain buildings now in use be disposed of as being entirely unsuited for the housing of school children, and that a special election be called for the purpose of authorizing the school board to issue \$75,000 bonds to make the necessary alterations.

Schooner Carrie Norton Ashore.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 6.—A dispatch from the Marine Observer at Cape Henry reports the schooner Carrie A. Norton, Captain Brown, from Jacksonville for New York, ashore near False Cape. Some of the crew are being taken off by lifesavers, and the cargo of lumber is being jettisoned, and the tug Dauntless is endeavoring to pull the schooner into deep water.

MAYOR DAHLMAN IS IN HOT WATER

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE GIVES NOTICE OF ACTION.

Alleged Sales of Liquor in Omaha After Hours to Be Brought Before Governor.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Anti-Saloon League has filed a complaint with Mayor Dahlman and members of the excise board at Omaha charging violations of the state law in that city and promising to make formal complaint to Governor Shallenberger if alleged sales after hours continue.

Two months ago Mayor Dahlman and others were summoned to appear before the Governor and explain why they had permitted hotels and saloons to remain open after 5 o'clock. Denial was then made that law violations were committed by municipal authorities.

Nebraska statutes permit the Governor to begin summary proceedings against a municipal officer who is negligent in his enforcement of the law.

Proof of the more recent alleged transgressions have not yet been filed with Governor Shallenberger and there is speculation as to the course he will pursue. Complaint places the Governor in an embarrassing position from the fact that Mayor Dahlman is his most prominent rival for Democratic nomination for Governor, and while members of the Anti-Saloon League have been applauding the Governor's activity in prosecuting law violations, they have lost no opportunity in opposing Mayor Dahlman's political aspirations.

BOY BLAMED WITH FIRES

Farmer's Son Now Accused of Burning Father's Barn.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Albert Stoecker, 14 years old, son of J. B. Stoecker, a Viola farmer, was brought in yesterday by Sheriff William S. Robbins on a warrant from the Probate Court charging him with having attempted to burn his father's machine barn. Young Stoecker was arrested last Fall, charged with having burned the Macabees Hall, the Viola schoolhouse, a church and a barn containing three head of horses. He confessed having burned these buildings one after the other on a Sunday night and was bound over to the District Court, but owing to his peculiarities and the uncorroborated confession, which he afterward repudiated, the case was dismissed.

The father and mother of the boy still insist that he is innocent.

MISS DREXEL GETS EARL

Engagement of Heiress to English Nobleman Announced.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A cable message received today by relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drexel, who are in London, announces the engagement of their daughter, Miss Margaret Armstrong Drexel, to Guy Montague George Finch-Hatton, Viscount Montague, and heir to the Earldom of Winchelsea and Nottingham.

Miss Drexel, whose mother was Miss Thia Armstrong, of Baltimore, a beautiful girl. Her brother, Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., has recently become engaged to Miss Marjorie Gould, daughter of George J. Gould.

Miss Drexel is the first cousin of the Princess of Braganza, formerly Miss Anita Stewart, whose husband is a member of a former reigning house of Portugal.

STOCKING BANK FAILS

Scam Rips and Widow's Lifetime Savings Are Lost in Street.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Her discomfiture of the savings banks and her confidence in the strength of her stocking as a depository for her life-time savings, amounting to \$180, has caused Mrs. Thomas McAllen, a widow with three small children, to lose her fortune.

Mrs. McAllen, who now ridicules her own scam of banks, appeals to the police today to assist her in recovering possession of her lost wealth.

As she stepped from a car at Sixth street and Central avenue, her hose, the one containing the hidden wealth, caught on a rough place on the car steps and was ripped for a considerable distance, allowing her money to fall to the street.

LA GRANDE COUNCIL BUSY

Ten Miles of Paving Ordered, Cheap Water Rate Granted.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A record-breaking session of the City Council was held Friday when a resolution was adopted for the paving of the streets of La Grande. The plan as outlined provides for 10 miles of paving. The paving of the downtown district will be of bituminous and the residence portion of macadam.

A new water schedule was also adopted. This provides for a material reduction in the price of water, the minimum being 75 cents a month, with a substantial reduction for water in quantities for irrigation.

The surveys for a sewerage system have begun, but are uncompleted as yet. The plans under consideration have in view the disposal of the sewage, either by discharge into the river, or septic tanks to be located outside the city.

Census Examination Held.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A civil census examination for positions as Government census enumerators was held at the custom-house yesterday. Those taking the examinations were A. R. Cyrus, Elmer A. Cox, J. W. Bastabrook, J. C. Campbell, R. B. Poole, H. J. Foster, John C. Ward and Mary C. McRea.

TAFT LAND PLANS FAVORED IN PART

Congress Has Ear for Public Sentiment.

CERTIFICATE PLAN MAY WIN

President to Get as Much as People Seem to Approve.

EASTERN AID EXPECTED

Deadlock Is Possible on Question of Disposing of Water Power Sites. Bill Making Railway Land Taxable Finds Favor.

BY HARRY J. BROWN.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 6.—Congress is not going to give President Taft everything he has asked for in the way of conservation legislation, but a part of the administration programme will be carried through, in spite of more or less serious opposition that is expected to be raised. Just how far Congress will go cannot be determined at this time, for the committees handling the conservation bills have had little opportunity for discussing the bills introduced at the request of Secretary Hallinger. The disposition, however, is to give the President as much legislation as meets with popular approval, and the support of the East is depended upon to carry some of the measures to passage.

President's Programme Ready.

The President wants Congress to pass:

1. A bill to classify the public domain.
2. A bill authorizing temporary withdrawals of public lands for various public purposes.
3. A bill for the conservation of water-power sites.
4. A bill providing for the disposal of coal and asphaltum lands.
5. A bill providing for the disposal or use of oil, gas and phosphate lands.
6. A bill providing for the separate disposal of public timber and timber lands.
7. A bill authorizing the issuance of \$20,000,000 worth of irrigation bonds or certificates of indebtedness.
8. A bill authorizing the assignment of entries on Government irrigation projects.
9. A bill making immediate survey of lands in railroad grants.
10. A bill to survey lands in Alaska.

A start has been made toward putting through the President's programme, the Senate committee on Public Lands, after several weeks of deliberation, having reported favorably the bill authorizing the temporary withdrawal of public lands. The bill was amended, however, so as to confer this power exclusively upon the President, instead of resposing it in the Secretary of the Interior, as was suggested. Senator Heyburn and Senator Clark of Wyoming bitterly opposed the bill in committee, and probably will renew their fight in the Senate, but the force of the administration, backed by

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FARMERS DESIRE HALF MILK PRICE

COUNTRY-WIDE ASSOCIATION TO MAKE FIGHT.

Meeting Today in Chicago Will Take Steps to Begin to Wake Up Dairymen.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Farmers of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana will meet tomorrow at the first annual meeting of the Milk Producers' Protective Association, to perfect plans for a campaign against dairies or milk retailers, having as its purpose the securing of a larger share of the retail price of milk for the farmers. According to officers of the association, the convention will "make the dairymen wake up."

More than 1000 farmers are expected to be present when the convention opens. Those will represent 3500 men who compose the association.

Visitors will be in attendance to participate in the launching of a National association to bind together the milk producers all over the country and to make uniform demands for what they declare is their fair share of the milk price—one-half.

Plans to "wake up the dairymen," to be decided upon at the meeting, will be the invasion of the retail field by farmers, unless, on March 2, contract day for the ensuing six months, dairies agree to give them one-half the retail price of milk. This has been announced by Attorney James P. Grier, secretary of the association, and J. P. Mason, president.

MISS SPECKART UNDECIDED

Heiress Changes Lawyers and May Continue Litigation.

Miss Harriett Speckart, of this city, has not decided to abandon further legal steps in her efforts to recover a share of her father's estate, valued at \$750,000. Miss Speckart's lawyer, Judge J. W. Robinson, of Olympia, Wash., will visit Portland today for a conference with his client, when the advisability of further litigation will be determined.

Judge Robinson is a prominent member of the Washington bar and recently defended Orin Hamilton, ex-Adjutant-General of that state, on the charge of misappropriation of funds belonging to the state militia.

"I have not decided what further action I shall take towards recovering my share of my father's estate," said Miss Speckart, at the Nortonia, yesterday. "My attorney, Judge Robinson, of Olympia, will be here tomorrow, when we shall talk the situation over."

In her last suit Miss Speckart was represented by E. E. Heckbert, an attorney of this city, to whom was awarded \$10,000 by the court as his fee. Mr. Heckbert has withdrawn and has been succeeded by Judge Robinson.

MINISTERS TO HEAR JUDGE

Juvenile Court Jurist to Address Association.

The problems and possibilities of the Juvenile Court will be the subject of the Portland General Ministerial Association, in the Y. M. C. A. building, this morning. In the absence of Dr. Benjamin Young, chairman, Rev. E. S. Bollinger, the assistant chairman, will preside.

Among other subjects to be discussed will be the proposal to get Evangelist "Cory" Smith to speak in Portland. Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, chairman of the temporary provisional committee, said yesterday that the committee is awaiting a cablegram from the evangelist's managing committee in London.

"Until a message is received assuring the local ministers that they may count on Smith's presence in Portland," said Dr. Foulkes, "no definite action toward the erection of an auditorium will be taken. The provisional committee is not yet ready to make its final report."

POLICE NOW SEEK GOHL ACCOMPLICES

One, It Is Feared, Has Fled Country.

"SHACK" KEEPS ITS SECRET

Deputies Continue Searching Harbor for Body.

MAN WITH MONEY MISSING

"Mystery of Forty Murders" Proves Puzzle to Aberdeen Officials. Wife Instills Courage When Prisoner Seems to Flag.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Efforts of the city and county authorities working on the "mystery of the 40 murders," as the Gohl case is spoken of here, today centered upon two points, the search for the body of John Hoffman and the effort to trace the movements of two men, one of whom is said to be Gohl's brother.

These two men are wanted by the authorities so that the case against Gohl may be made complete. It is believed that they can throw much light upon the dark things that have happened in the foggy nights along the southern shore of the harbor. One of these men, it is feared, has gone to Canada or Mexico.

Man With \$400 Disappears.

Inquiry today developed the fact that Hoffman drew \$400 which he had on deposit at the Hayes & Hayes Bank on December 20. He said at that time that he was going to spend some of it for Christmas presents and would then leave town. Two days later he was seen with Gohl and William Hedberg, and the police believe that he was taken to the now famous hunting shack, robbed and murdered. Hedberg, they think, witnessed this crime and the theory is that Gohl killed him to protect himself.

Special deputies are continuing their search of the shallow parts of the harbor, hoping to find Hoffman's body. If it furnishes evidence of robbery or if it is bare of clothing the officers believe they will have a case that will stand test in court.

Gohl's Brother Sought.

Of the two men being sought, the one believed to be Gohl's brother was known as "Bud" Johnson. The authorities will not divulge the name of the other man, Johnson, it is said, was brought here by Gohl, and was one of the party of from four to six that spent almost their entire time on the hunting shore on boats owned by Gohl. These men are alleged by the police to have been closely associated with Gohl. It is believed by the police that this gang was not particularly active in the crimes of which Gohl is suspected, however.

Chief Dean, of the local police, denied absolutely today that United States Secret Service men were assisting the local officers in the case, endeavoring to prove Gohl implicated in smuggling. The only vessels coming to this point from the Orient or from Victoria are tramp steamers, manned by non-union crews, and with these

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BABIES THWART LAWYERS' PLANS

NEW HEIRS KEEP COMING TO PREVENT SETTLEMENT.

Each Has Prospective Share in Millionaire's Estate, Complicating Court Proceedings.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—Babies are arriving so fast in the homes of heirs of the late William A. Hargadine, one of the millionaire founders of the Hargadine-McKittick dry goods company that lawyers and the courts are wondering whether the estate ever will be settled.

Several hundred thousand dollars' worth of real estate is being held in trust to be turned into cash for the beneficiaries. But babies have persistently interposed legal obstacles.

These not only have defied the courts and lawyers, by their advent, but they have thwarted the plans of their trustees, who has been striving for three years to get a court settled. Each time a petition has been filed, however, the announcement of a birth in the family has called all legal process to a halt, for, under the law, no estate can be settled without entering the appearance of every heir.

ROLLCALL NOT FINISHED

Youth With Smallpox Strolls in on Day Police Squad.

Consideration was created in the ranks of the day police relief as it was drawn up for dismissal yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when a youth walked in and asked for medical attention, saying that he was afflicted with smallpox. Captain Shover, who was calling the roll, dismissed the relief waiting in ceremony. The youth said that he was Milton Faulk, of La Grande, Or. Without money and knowing no one here, he applied to the police for aid. Pending the arrival of a physician, Faulk was asked by Captain Bailey, from a safe distance, if he would mind waiting in the street. Faulk was given into the charge of the city health department and is now under quarantine. The physicians were unable to make a definite diagnosis yesterday.

C. P. TAFT JOINS SCHWAB

President's Brother and Steel Man Plan Fabricating Works.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—In spite of the fact that 1500 of his machinists are on strike, Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Works, announced today that he is going ahead with huge extensions to the works and contracts for several new shops have been let.

It is also stated that Schwab and Charles P. Taft, brother of the President, have gone into partnership to erect a Golden Gate Park armory early this year. This will make Schwab a strong competitor for structural steel contracts. He has recently been much annoyed by having to send steel made at his own plant to New York to be fabricated before it could be used for building extensions of the Bethlehem works.

EAGLE TEARS ALLIGATOR

Unequal Battle Lost by Saurian in San Francisco Park.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A desperate battle was fought in the Golden Gate Park armory early this morning between a large golden eagle and a four-foot alligator. The fight was waged in the air, on land and in the water and the alligator was so badly gashed and bruised it may die.

The young alligator had crawled out of the small lake to bask in the sun, when the eagle swooped down upon it, and after vainly trying to tear the scaly hide with its beak, rose with the reptile to the top of a 12-foot pole and let the alligator drop to the ground. Then like lightning the bird again attacked the alligator with beak and claw. The keeper rushed up and saved the alligator.

BIG BLAST BLOWS SEVEN TO ATOMS

Heedless of Warning, Autoists Meet Death.

BIG MINING MEN ARE VICTIMS

Sputtering Dynamite Fuse Burns Too Fast.

DEAD MOTORMAN BLAMED

Prominent Arizona Mining Men Die on Private Motor Car Road on Way to Ray Copper Mines. Danger Was Told.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 6.—Heedless of the warning of a foreman in charge of the big excavating operations along the line of the private motor road from Kelvin to the Ray Copper mines, the motorman of a gasoline car, containing six passengers, ran close to the excavation just as a sputtering fuse burned to a heavy charge of dynamite this afternoon, and the car and its seven occupants were blown to atoms. The killed are:

J. B. Joyce.
A. S. Bishop.
J. C. Griffin, civil engineer, employed by the Ray Consolidated Copper Company.
R. P. Coleman, of Salt Lake City.
W. H. Freedland.
Walter C. Frenk, mining engineer, employed by Henry Krump, and engaged in sampling and development work at the Ray mines.
W. H. Lyall, motorman of the car.

The foreman had discovered a missed shot in the excavation at noon and before the motorman came in sight he had relighted the fuse.

As the car approached he signaled the motorman and warned him of the impending explosion. Motorman Lyall, evidently believing he could take his car past the charge to safety before the explosion, paid no heed to the warning and started again at full speed.

Just as the car was passing the charge, the explosion came, and the car with its load of human freight was blown high in the air amid a great cloud of debris. The lives of all those inside the car were snuffed out in an instant. The dead men were all prominent in Arizona mining affairs.

A-Y-P Honors Quarberg.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A grand prize award ribbon, given for his exhibit of 17 different kinds of nuts at the A-Y-P Exposition, has just been received by District Horticulture Inspector A. A. Quarberg, from the fair directors. The grand ribbon is the highest award given, being higher than the gold medal. Mr. Quarberg has given a great deal of attention to the culture of nuts and expresses the opinion that there are parts of Clark County that, in soil and climate, are especially adapted to them. He has had shipped from France 15 different varieties of Albert nuts. These young trees he expects to plant on his ranch.

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