



JOHNSON DELAYS WILDE DECISION

Governor Acting as Judicial Tribunal.

EXCUSE SEEMS TO BE SOUGHT

Position as Appointee Helps Banker's Chances.

COURSE CAUSES COMMENT

Papers Conceded to Be in Proper Form, and Oregon Prosecutor's Contention Is That Trial Is Matter for Courts.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Governor Johnson said today that he would give his decision on Saturday morning in the extradition of Louis J. Wilde, the San Diego banker, to Portland, Or., to answer a charge of having embezzled \$90,000 from the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank.

The reason for postponement, the Governor said, lay in the novel questions presented, which require further study.

The unusual spectacle of the Governor of a state sitting as a court to pass not only upon the form of an extradition demand, but upon the substance of the judicial findings upon which the extradition is based, has caused general comment, not only in legal circles, but throughout San Francisco generally.

Big Question Arises.

Whether Governor Johnson, who has been conducting such a hearing, would have given several days of his time to the extradition papers had Wilde not been a Johnson appointee, some presume to say. Wilde is a member of the State Commission appointed by Governor Johnson to supervise the expenditure of the \$250,000 appropriation made by the state for the benefit of the Panama Canal Exposition at San Diego.

District Attorney Cameron, of Portland, has argued before Governor Johnson that the indictments of another state should be respected and that the extradition should be honored, the papers being in regular form. Accompanying Cameron is Deputy Sheriff Leonard, one of Portland's experienced thief-takers, ready and willing to escort Wilde back to Portland to stand trial.

Assisting Cameron in the argument before the Governor has been Charles Jones, Assistant Attorney-General of California. But in spite of the uniform custom of Governors to honor requisition demands of other states, there is much hope in the Wilde camp that Johnson will send Leonard back empty-handed and retain Wilde upon the State Commission.

While no indication has been given by Johnson how he will decide the issue, his demeanor and expressions at the hearing today seemed to denote a groping for an avenue by which he might justify himself in refusing to honor the requisition. The Governor said several times during today's hearing that he wanted to assure himself that an embezzlement had been committed.

Governor Asks Questions.

As all the attorneys were in the room the Governor said he would first like to clear up a few points. He then asked District Attorney Cameron, of Portland, why so long a time had elapsed before sending an indictment against Wilde, and whether there would have been a prosecution if Wilde had settled with Stow, the principal witness for the state. Cameron answered that he knew nothing about the financial troubles between Wilde and Stow, but could say that the state did not obtain the evidence needed to indict until lately.

In response to the Governor's question whether Wilde could not obtain a fair trial in Portland, Attorney Wilson of that city said he thought not. Defendants still blame Wilde for the bank's troubles, he found, and besides, he feared the recall would influence the courts against the alleged embezzler.

Facts Are for Courts.

It is the contention of attorneys that the Governor has no business inquiring into the facts of the indictment and that it is for the courts of Oregon to say whether or not an embezzlement has been committed. In discussing the case District Attorney Cameron said: "In the case of Lovett, indicted in connection with the wrecking of the same bank, Governor Shafer of Colorado, honored requisition papers in precisely a similar situation. Governor Shafer said that if the form of the extradition papers was all right and the indictment regular, he could not go behind the indictment to inquire into the facts."

"The Governor of California has admitted that the papers are in proper form and that we are not here to try the case. I cannot understand, then, why we do not have our papers honored, so that we can return to Portland with Wilde."

Defendant Not Present. Wilde is not in attendance at the hearing.

HANDS AND TEAMS FOR HARVEST FEW

THRESHERS PLENTY BUT ORDINARY WORKMEN SCARCE.

Field Wage Scale Lower Than Last Season—78 Outfits Needing 700 Men at Palouse City.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—While there are plenty of men waiting around the towns for threshing jobs which pay from \$3.50 to \$4 a day, men to do shocking and other ordinary work are scarce. Teams for harvest work, now about to begin, are also scarce.

The wage scale in the harvest field paid the threshing crews is a trifle lower than last season. In the hayfield laborers have been paid \$2 a day, while with the beginning of the threshing, bundle pitchers and shockers will receive \$2.25.

The schedule for threshing crews as nearly as can be estimated now will be as follows: Engineers, \$5 and \$6 a day; firemen, \$4; sackmen, \$4 and \$5; bundle cutters, \$3; cooks, \$3; buckers, \$2.50.

There will be 28 threshing outfits in the country tributary to Palouse City, outfitting from this point, the largest number of machines ever brought into the district. To man these will require more than 700 men as each outfit needs about 25 hands.

GOLDFISH SNUB SALMON

Newly Hatched Steelheads Cause Big Stir in Aquatic Circles.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—After thousands of fish had been planted in various rivers and lakes of Thurston County, the state fish department had 2000 steelhead fry on hand and these have been turned loose in the little lagoon in Capitol Park, directly in front of the state house. The addition of the young salmon has caused much commotion in aquatic circles, as the fish, lay inhabitants of the miniature lake have had things their own way for years.

The newcomers are too tiny to cause any trouble, being just out of the eggs, but they are a lively lot. Those that live will be fed and later moved out of the park, as the pond is a small affair and the salmon will grow to be good-sized fish. They do not bother the goldfish and the goldfish let them severely alone.

LOVE'S DREAM VANISHES

Portland Couple Abandon Plan to Wed After Getting License.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—After having come from Portland bent on getting married, and having secured the license from William Marshall, county auditor, L. M. Levy, 23 years old, and Miss Edna Martin, 20 years old, went out by themselves last night, and after a conference decided that they really should not be married, or that they did not have the necessary fee to pay the minister. The would-be bridegroom returned to the home of Mr. Marshall and asked to have the license destroyed and his fee returned.

After reflecting a moment, and deciding that the lad needed the money, the auditor complied with his request. The couple returned to Portland.

SKY-MATERS TO WIN HOME

Equipment Offered to Pair Who Will Marry in Balloon.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—To the couple who will consent to be married in a balloon 1000 feet above the Clark County Harvest Show grounds, on the trolley line to Sifton, \$3000 in real estate, household goods, clothes, baby buggy, cradle and the license fee and the services of a minister will be given.

This offer is made by the Clark County Fair Association as an attraction to the three days' harvest show, October 4, 5 and 6. It is likely that the only restriction put on the offer is that the couple must be bona fide residents of Clark County.

HONEY FAMINE THREATENS

Withering of Flowers by Heat Deprives Bees of Materials.

TORONTO, Ont., July 20.—Dealers in honey declare that the drought in June and early July has caused a shortage of over 1,000,000 pounds in Ontario's harvest from the hives. The practical failure of small flowering field crops is given as the cause. The honey yield in some counties is valueless.

The average yield a year ago, according to the records of the Beekeepers' Association, was 53.3 pounds per colony, while this year's yield will be below 50, or a total shortage of more than 1,000,000 pounds. The association has directed a sharp advance in prices.

JOHN D. PIQUED BY TAXES

Equalization Board Scrutinizes Cleveland Estate on Complaint.

CLEVELAND, July 20.—Forest Hill, John D. Rockefeller's Cleveland estate, was subjected to the scrutinizing eyes of the County Board of Equalization today. The board went out to investigate Mr. Rockefeller's contention that the tax valuation of \$1,200,000 by this year's appraisers is too high.

Mr. Rockefeller's attorneys told the board that the valuation is 400 per cent above the estate's taxable value.

LETTER NEVER IN DEPARTMENT FILE

Dick-to-Dick Missive Non-Existent.

MAGAZINE REJECTS STORY

Revised Version Then Sold to La Follette Papers.

ANTI-TAFT PLOT APPEARS

Private Secretary of Ballinger and Fisher Tells How Woman Writer Made Only Casual Examination Into Facts.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 20.—The State Capital Record of this city will print the following dispatch from Ashmun N. Brown, its Washington correspondent, who was private secretary to Secretary Ballinger up to the time of his resignation, and who remained in that capacity under Secretary Fisher more than six weeks. As private secretary Mr. Brown became thoroughly conversant with the facts in the Controller Bay affair, and therefore is in a position to discuss the subject authoritatively.

"Did Miss M. P. Abbott, of Collier's Weekly, discover among the files of the Interior Department on my desk a letter implicating Charles P. Taft in the matter of opening to settlement an area on the north shore of Controller Bay, Alaska?"

"Did she show it to me and discuss it with me?"

"Did I betray great chagrin that she had found the missive?"

"Or did I write the letter myself, slip it into the files, and thereby deceive the lady?"

"There is just one answer to all these questions: 'No.'"

Extraordinary Charges Made. "After I had written an article for the Record of last week on the Controller Bay case, and while I was getting some breathers of cool air at Asheville, N. C., I suddenly learned of the extraordinary charges that Miss Abbott had made involving me. Then her story was three days old. I learned from various New York newspapers that the Congressional committee which is investigating the matter was looking for me. I also learned from the same sources that I was in Seattle, and also that I was in Florida. Accordingly I returned to Washington at once.

"I had to remain about here three days before I could get the committee even to subpoena me, and then it deferred my ever appearing to testify for a week."

"Miss Abbott in her statement, printed in the Philadelphia North American, asserts that last May, while I was serving as private secretary to Secretary Fisher, of the Interior Department, I showed her, by the secretary's direction, the files and records in the Controller Bay case. She asserts that in going through the papers I attempted to hold from her view a certain letter written by Richard S. Ryan on July 13, 1910, to Secretary Ballinger, regarding Ryan's desire to secure land on Controller Bay; that later she got

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SEAL OF CULTURE PLEADS FOR KIND

"GEORGE" APPEARS BEFORE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Fur-Bearer Makes Demonstration for Its Friend, Elliott, and Shrinks at Mention of Nagel.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(Special.)—A highly educated seal, George by name, was on exhibition today before the House committee investigating the extermination of the seal herds, to raise his bark in protest. George was brought before the committee by Representative Edward W. Townsend, of New Jersey, author of "Chimie Fadden," who obtained him from a friend on St. George Island, Fribyloff group.

It is estimated that George's skin would weigh about five pounds if separated from him, but there is no intention of depriving him of the luxury of a sealskin coat during these hot days.

He is on exhibition as a type of the extra-small seals which are being slaughtered. Not only does he balance artistically upon his nose a ball or cornucopia, but has been taught to bark loudly and enthusiastically and flap his floppers when the name of Professor Elliott is spoken sharply and distinctly.

Professor Elliott, it may be explained for the benefit of the uninitiated, is the Cleveland, O., expert on fur seal life, who has managed to secure the investigation which is being conducted.

When the name of Commissioner of Fisheries Bowers is spoken in the presence of George—Commissioner Bowers not sharing the views of Professor Elliott—the seal seeks retreat under the nearest chair and when the name of Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel is spoken, he beats a hasty retreat to the nearest desk.

When George's usefulness as a living exhibit is over he will be presented to the Zoological Park here, where two other fur seals now have their home.

GOVERNOR'S SON TOILS

Edward Hay, 18, Works in Fields at \$2 a Day for Summer.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—Work in the harvest field at \$2 a day was started this morning by Edward Hay, son of Governor Hay, who, aside from his official position, is reputed to be in the millionaire class.

It was the intention of the Governor to keep his son, who is 18 years old, at Olympia this summer, but young Hay found it "too slow" at the State Capital, he says, and left for the East Side. After spending Wednesday with his uncle, E. T. Hay, in Spokane, he left at night for the Big Bend, with the announced intention of hiring out as a harvest hand for the summer.

Edward Hay graduated from Shattuck Military Academy at Fairbault, Minn., last month, at the head of his class.

MAN LIVES THROUGH BLAST

Springfield Mechanic Unhurt When Locomotive Explodes.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—Switch engine 2196, stationed at Springfield, was wrecked at 7:15 this morning by an explosion in the boiler when the water supply was allowed to run too low. Mechanic L. R. Johnson, who was in the act of leaving the engine, was blown out of the cab door, uninjured, and four other men had left the engine just before the explosion.

Pieces of boiler plate were hurled for yards. One piece weighing four or five pounds was imbedded four inches in a tree 75 yards distant.

Price of Grain Bags Soars.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—The price of grain bags in the Klickitat Valley has been soaring for the last week. Bags are now quoted at 5 cents, with prospects that the price will be still higher. The Farmers' Union is selling sacks to members of the community for 7 cents. Having purchased 150,000 bags in May, before the jump in price, the secretary of the union said today that if the union has more sacks than the members need they will be sold to farmers who are not members at the same figure.

ISSUE FORGED BY HOUSE OF LORDS

Veto Bill Passed, But With Amendments.

INSURGENT PEERS INSISTENT

Caucus Favors Fighting Battle Out With Commons.

MORLEY HINTS AT ACTION

Expression of Hope That Social Shock May Be Avoided Only Reference, However, to Creation of New Barons.

LONDON, July 20.—Amended in particulars so vital that a crisis with the Commons is sure to be forced, the veto bill was passed today without division by the House of Lords. The changes made by the upper body will be submitted to the lower house, and, it is thought, will be sent back next week with a demand for recession from the amendment.

It is this contingency that may impel Premier Asquith to ask the King to create enough new Barons to insure the success of the government. The situation has been foreseen ever since the issue first arose.

The "insurgent" peers held a caucus today under the leadership of the Earl of Halsbury, and a strong feeling was expressed that if the House of Commons struck out the Lords' amendments the Upper Chamber should insist on them, even to the extent of forcing the creation of a host of new barons.

"The last ditchers," therefore, have not been squared yet, so the real crisis may still arise on July 25, when the bill is returned to the House of Lords for final acceptance or rejection.

Lord Morley in moving the adoption of the measure this afternoon disassociated the government from the amendments introduced in the upper chamber. Despite all the transformation which the bill had undergone, Lord Morley said he hoped and believed it would receive a third reading. He concluded: "I would like to have this inevitable through without anything like a social shock. I do not mean a superficial shock, but a real wide reaching social shock."

This was the only passage in Mr. Morley's speech which could be construed into a reference to the possible creation of Peers.

Lord Lansdowne declared that some amendments to the bill were so sentimental in the view of the opposition, that they certainly would not be prepared to recede therefrom in substance so long as they remained free agents.

VALDEZ IN FLOOD PERIL

Hot Weather Melting Glaciers Turns Alaska Streams Into Torrents.

VALDEZ, Alaska, July 20.—The hot weather continues and the glaciers are melting at a phenomenal rate, converting the glacial streams into torrents. A creek that flows through Valdez last night tore out 40 feet of dyke, inundating four blocks in the south end of town.

Women in the houses were carried out on the backs of men and taken to hotels. The damage thus far has been chiefly to streets, sidewalks and small frame buildings.

If normal weather returns the flood will be checked at once.

MISS CLIMBS 20,000 FEET

Annie Peck Ascends Two Peaks of Giant Peruvian Volcano.

LIMA, Peru, July 20.—Miss Annie S. Peck, the American mountain climber, accompanied by Carl Volkmar and five Peruvians, ascended two peaks of the volcano Coropuna on July 18.

The Coropuna is one of several giant volcanoes in Southern Peru, the elevations of which are variously given at from 18,000 to 20,000 feet.

POOR EYES MAY BE SECRET OF WRECK

OFFICER OF SANTA ROSA IS EXAMINED BY OCULIST.

Report of Doctor on New Tack Taken in Investigation of Disaster Not Yet Known.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—United States officials investigating the recent wreck of the steamer Santa Rosa on Point Arguello, Cal., struck a new scent today and started to find whether the wreck was caused by defective eyesight.

To this end, Inspector Bulger ordered Third Officer Thomas, of the Santa Rosa, who was on the bridge when the boat struck, to report at the Marine Hospital here and have his eyes examined. Thomas complied, and a sealed report from hospital authorities was submitted to the inspectors.

Thomas testified at the investigation that he saw the Point Arguello lights only when three miles away and then mistook them for ship lights. Other mariners testified that the lights were visible for six miles the night the Santa Rosa struck.

RAPIDS SHOT ON PLANK

Reckless Log Driver Makes Perilous Descent on Dare.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—The first man ever to shoot the rapids of Klamath River was Jack Lilly, a river log driver, who made the perilous trip down a gorge that falls nearly 100 feet in less than a half mile last Monday, with nothing under him but a plank.

Drivers employed to shoot logs down from the Upper Klamath Lake to Lake Ewauna for a lumber company had declared that no man could go down the rapids and live. When Lilly asserted that he could shoot the cascades on a board, his mates laughed at him. This settled the log man and securing a 12-inch bridge plank, he launched it at the head of the river and floated out into the stream.

His companions tried to stop him after they saw he was determined to attempt the daring feat, but he would not desist, and for half a mile he hurried down stream over boulders and through the foaming water at breakneck speed. He finally landed below the worst of the rapids, his feet still firmly planted on the board.

MERRY DOZEN ARE FINED

Medford Police Raid Fun Makers at Gambling Game.

MEDFORD, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—In a raid by Medford police 12 negroes were arrested last night charged with disturbing the peace. Ten of them were fined \$9 by Municipal Judge Canon. The other two are serving sentences.

For several weeks there has been considerable disturbance in the neighborhood of the dwelling of Will Vaughn, colored, and neighbors finally complained. Last night the police waited until the fun was at its height, and then raided the place, capturing the 12 and a gambling outfit of playing cards and poker chips.

Those arrested were Joe Jackson, W. G. Bliss, J. Jones, E. B. Dyer, P. Johnson, Will Vaughan, Bert Jones, A. S. Mackey, J. W. Ross, W. Williams, H. A. Ross and William Jones.

FLAG HONORS DEAD INDIAN

Governor West Unable to Say Whether Law Is Violated.

SALEM, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—Because Peterson, owner of a hotel at Grand Ronde, is alleged to have placed the American flag at half mast to observe the death of a common Indian, E. L. Bolsee, of Grand Ronde, has written Governor West asking the executive if there is not some law which will extend to Peterson.

Bolsee said that Peterson lowered the flag when an ordinary Indian became a "good" Indian, and he believes this to be almost on the verge of sacrilege. The Governor has responded that the question is altogether too weighty a one in legal way for him to decide, and has turned the entire question over to the Attorney-General for that official to pass an opinion on it.

Representatives Long Here.

The company has had representatives in Oregon for more than two years. On the showing made by them the Chicago packers became interested in the situation here. Mr. Levy said yesterday that the possibilities for a great livestock center in Portland were enormous. He believes that eventually Portland will become the base for the livestock trade with all of the important Pacific markets on both hemispheres.

"I have found the situation here extremely favorable for our plant," said Mr. Levy. "We feel that we are wanted by your people, but we are even more anxious than are the citizens of Portland to get established in this city. For that reason we will proceed with the construction of the plant with all reasonable speed. In fact, the work on the foundations for the buildings will be started before the present plans are revised."

Plant to Be Complete.

"We will build a complete packing plant with all the necessary buildings and equipment. The plant will be fully as big as the Swift property, and will represent an investment of between \$500,000 and \$600,000. We have 10 acres or which to construct the buildings."

"Our company has for some time regarded Portland as a most desirable and logical field for a plant of the proportions we shall build. There is no question but that Portland has wonderful commercial possibilities. We are coming to your city amply prepared and equipped to participate in your business activities and to share with you the prosperous conditions prevailing in your city."

