

# "AUTO CLUB" DUES PAID W. M. MELVIN

Portland Men in Doubt as to Existence of Organization Represented.

MEMBERSHIPS SOLD AT \$25

Statement Published by Frank E. Watkins, of Oregon State Motor Association, Probably Leads to Arrest at Spokane.

Residents of Portland who paid money to W. M. Douning, alias W. M. Melvin, who was arrested at Spokane Monday charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, still seem to be in doubt as to whether or not there is such an organization as the "Auto Club of America," which Mr. Douning said he represented when he was in Portland.

With the promise that his club would give its members protection in case they were arrested for violation of a traffic ordinance and give them medical attention in case of accident, Douning is said to have sold a considerable number of memberships in Portland. He advertised that members of his organization would be given special rates at hotels and garages and that they would get gasoline and tires cheaper than non-members.

During his stay in Portland Douning announced that his club was planning the erection of a \$60,000 club building here that would serve as headquarters for members of the organization passing through Portland.

The attorney chosen by Douning to represent club members that got in legal difficulties was Ralph A. Coan, while Dr. John G. Swenson was commissioned as the club physician and was to be called in case any member of the club was hurt in an automobile accident.

Among the other Portland men invited by Douning to serve as directors for the local organization of his club were: W. M. Seward, of the Seward Hotel; Fred Dundee, R. D. O'Brien, W. H. Beers, M. R. Couchman and George A. Long. The last five named are engaged in the automobile business in Portland.

Mr. Douning announced that Mr. Dundee was to be president of the organization in Portland, but Mr. Dundee said yesterday that no election was held and that he informed Mr. Douning when he appointed him director that he could not give much time to the conduct of the club affairs.

Mr. Seward said yesterday he felt quite certain there was some organization such as Douning professed to represent, as considerable matter had come to Portland through the mail from club headquarters. Mr. Seward said he had received a metal sign to be placed on the Seward Hotel, which was to be the official stopping place for club members in Portland, and that the club automobile and membership cards had also come.

At least several of the directors appointed by Douning in Portland were charged \$25 each for their membership, and it is understood each of them was assessed that amount, although Douning advertised that the regular club membership would be \$15 a year.

Mr. Beers received telegraphic word yesterday from J. Monroe Flowers, general manager of the Auto Club of America, from Los Angeles, in which Mr. Flowers declared that he had no organization, but disclaimed at least one or two of the representations made by Douning.

Frank E. Watkins, president of the Oregon State Motor Association, issued an interview last week in which he quoted letters from the automobile organizations in Seattle and Tacoma. Mr. Watkins branded as entirely false and unfounded a number of statements credited to "Mr. Melvin" and it is presumed that this exposure by Mr. Watkins had some bearing on "Melvin's" arrest at Spokane.

## TEEVIN ORDERED TO CAMP

Failure to Report to Draft Board Brings Summons.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Joseph Francis Teevin, aged 27, was ordered to report at American Lake immediately by the local draft board today.

Teevin's home is at Damascus, but when he left for the harvest fields in the Grand Ronde country he neglected to leave his address after he had registered. He was directed to report August 9 for medical examination and failed to appear and the letter addressed to him was returned. It was ascertained, however, that Teevin has a suit pending against his wife for divorce, and the matter of his delinquency was reported to his attorney, R. Citron, of Portland, who finally got in touch with Teevin and advised him to report to the board. Teevin might have obtained exemption had he reported when directed. He has three small children.

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## FALL FRACTURES SKULL

Men Held in Quarters While Army Officers Investigate Cause of Negro's Death, Which Resulted From Effort to Quiet Rooks.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Sept. 25.—With 437 Montana men for the draft Army and a dead negro porter, a special train arrived at Camp Lewis this morning at 3:10. The men are held in quarters while an investigation into the cause of the porter's death is being made by Colonel D. V. Hayes, Major H. Sherman and Major George L. McKee, of the 166th depot brigade.

According to Captain Welty, the men had been pretty noisy on the train and the porter, seeking to quiet them, was overpowered. He returned with a drawn razor, but before he had time to use it one of the Montana men floored him with a blow from his fist. In falling, the porter struck a seat and fractured his skull, causing death. Containers with a capacity of 25 gallons of liquor were confiscated by the officials.

Alaskans Not Heard From. Two thousand six hundred and seventy of the second quota of the National Army arrived today. Four hundred and sixty-seven are due tomorrow and 143 Thursday, when the entire quota of 18,000 will practically all be in camp. There will be few if any slackers, the officers report. While more than 100 men who are not have not reported, telegrams are received hourly explaining delays. Nothing has yet been heard of the 280 Alaskans who are to become part of the Camp Lewis forces.

Orders for the construction of additional barracks at Camp Lewis for the accommodation of 14,000 more troops are expected Saturday. It is estimated that it will take between 70 and 90 barracks buildings depending on whether 150-men or 200-men barracks are decided on.

Medical Men Assigned. Orders issued yesterday by Major-General H. A. Greene assigned 66 medical officers to the units of the Ninety-first Division at Camp Lewis, the list including surgeons, dental surgeons and assistants.

In addition to the post bakery, 15 field ovens will be built at Camp Lewis. Instructions have been issued to establish a medical aid station in Tacoma for the selected men of Camp Lewis. First Lieutenant J. S. Smeall, M. E. C., will be in charge. He will have under him Sergeants Paul E. Davis and Ray Schorfield and Privates John P. Knott, Harold Bushorn, Russell C. Bird, Allen E. Bradley, Floyd A. Lancaster, Lester D. Heinrich and Ben Johnson.

Reporter Will Be Flyer. Roger W. Fryer, of Company B, and Robert E. Leightner, of Company H, 264th Infantry, have been ordered to the aeronautic school at Berkeley, Cal., where they will fit themselves as flyers. Leightner was formerly on the staff of the San Diego Tribune. First Sergeant Arthur J. Ormond, of Company B, 264th Infantry, was given a warrant at the Presidio officers' school as a sergeant in the National Army. He was drum major for several years of the crack military organization, the California Grays, San Francisco.

## BULL INFLECTS INJURIES

Waldport Man Attacked and Life in Jeopardy.

NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Samuel Webb, of Waldport, was attacked by a bull recently and injured so seriously that his recovery is regarded as doubtful.

Mr. Webb and his son, Sam, were returning from a fishing trip, when the infuriated animal attacked him, knocking him down, trampling on him and trying to gore him with sawed-off horns. The younger man finally succeeded in beating the animal off.

## WAGE INCREASES ASKED

Coal Miners' Demand 20 to 70 Per Cent More Pay.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Immediate wage increases of from 20 to 70 per cent were demanded by the country's coal miners, it was announced here

tonight after a preliminary meeting of operators' and miners' representatives of the central competitive field in Washington to discuss again wage readjustment.

The demands were formulated by the miners' representatives tonight and will be presented at a joint meeting tomorrow. There is every indication that the mine owners will refuse flatly to meet them, first, on the grounds that they are too high, and second that the recent fixing of coal prices by President Wilson will not permit of any increases.

Today's joint conference was opened with a speech by Dr. H. A. Garfield, the fuel administrator, who urged both sides to let no differences stand in the way of capacity production of coal. "Under no circumstances," said Dr. Garfield, "must we allow production to stop. We must put aside for the time being all questions that might separate men under normal conditions and work in the closest harmony. There must be no suspension of work."

## 6-MILE TUNNEL PLANNED

MOFFATT LINE REORGANIZED TO INCREASE CAPITAL.

Route to Coast to Be Cut 200 Miles by Big Bore Near Denver—Citi. sents to Raise \$2,000,000.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 25.—Plans for the reorganization of the Denver & Salt Lake Railroad Company (Moffatt line), including the construction of a six-mile tunnel through James Peak, 25 miles west of Denver, thereby shortening the route to the coast at least 200 miles, are to be taken up at a meeting of the reorganization committee of the road in New York City tomorrow. It was announced today by Charles Boettcher, of Denver, one of the receivers.

The plans include recapitalization to the extent of \$7,000,000 additional capital. W. R. Freeman, one of the receivers, Lawrence Phipps, Sr., and Gerald Hughes, of Denver, are now in New York. Mr. Boettcher said, to attend tomorrow's meeting. Representatives of the bondholders of the road also will be present. It was stated that Eastern capital is ready to subscribe \$5,000,000 of the proposed \$7,000,000 additional capital and Denver capitalists are expected to raise the remaining \$2,000,000. It was said the \$7,000,000 would provide money for building the new tunnel and in addition pay off the obligations of the road, allowing it to emerge from the receivership.

## DANIELS DENIES REPORT

Sinking of Five Merchant Ships and Two Convoys Held Untrue.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Official denial was issued tonight by the Navy Department of a published report that five merchant ships and two convoys had been sunk by submarines. Secretary Daniels has promised that casualties will not be withheld from the public.

The department's statement, issued through the public information committee, follows: "Within the past few days a report that five merchant ships and two convoys were sunk in a battle with submarines has received wide circulation in the press. The Navy Department authorizes the statement that this story is entirely without foundation."

## PRESBYTERIANS ARE LOYAL

General Assembly Committee Plans War Work for Church.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 25.—The executive committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly and other important committees of the church opened sessions here today for the

discussion of war work and the programme for the year. In addressing the executive committee, Moderator J. Wilbur Chapman, of Jamaica, N. Y., pledged the support of the church to President Wilson and unqualifiedly offered him the services of its entire organization.

## BAKERY COMBINE CHARGED

Indictments Brought Against Los Angeles Firms and Individuals.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—Introduction of evidence began today in the case brought on a county grand jury indictment against 11 large baking firms and 16 individuals connected with them, all charged with having conspired to raise the price of bread to retailers in violation of the Cartwright anti-trust law. An advertisement, said to have been authorized by the indicted firms, was read into the record. The advertisement told the proposed raise in prices

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and gave details which it altered made the increase necessary.

Centralia to Dedicate Bridge.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The new concrete bridge over the Skookumchuck River at the west limits of Centralia will be dedicated next Monday. Governor Lister and other state officials will be in attendance, in addition to Lewis County officers and a delegation from the Chehalis Citizens' Club. All of the visitors will be the guests of the Commercial Club at luncheon Monday.

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