

OFFICIAL OF UNION GONE; REIS BLAMED

H. A. Elder, Secretary-Treasurer of Boilermakers, Sought.

CONSPIRACY IS SUSPECTED

Police Called Into Case Abandon Case When Bogus Message Reports Man's Return.

H. A. Elder, secretary-treasurer of the boilermakers' union, has been missing since Saturday night, and union officials fear that he has met with foul play.

Police say they received information last night to the effect that Mr. Elder recently purchased two automobiles, and had, in general, been living in excess of his known income.

Mr. Elder recently led a campaign against the "red" element in the union, with the result that four alleged L. W. W. were ejected, and the union voted to investigate the characters of men admitted during the war, with the object of eliminating radicals.

Further evidence of conspiracy came to light Sunday when police, who had been asked to search for him, received a telephone message saying that the missing man had returned in good health and was at a union meeting.

The authorities learned yesterday morning that the message had been a hoax. The man who telephoned said he was a union official, but Archie Allison, president of the union, yesterday denied that the union was responsible for the false information.

Mr. Allison declared that Mr. Elder's accounts were in good shape, and that he had left \$500 in the safe at union headquarters, Second and Alder streets. The safe was locked, and Mr. Elder alone had the combination of the inner vault, so Mr. Allison yesterday hired a locksmith to drill it open.

Mr. Elder, who lives at the Alder hotel, was called away by a telephone message at 11:30 A. M. Sunday. No one at the hotel knew where he was going, but understood that a friend whose automobile had stalled in the country near Portland had asked Mr. Elder to tow it.

Mr. Elder's machine was found in front of the Portland garage Sunday.

Woman Gives Alarm. Mr. Elder had an engagement with a woman at noon at the police station. The first information of his disappearance came when Mr. Elder failed to keep business engagements regarding union business, Mr. Allison took the matter up with the authorities and the search was in full swing when the false message called attention to the trail.

Mr. Elder failed to appear at the union meeting Sunday afternoon, where a squad of police detectives had gone to preserve order in case the radicals made a disturbance.

Everything went off quietly at the meeting, however, and the detectives reported back to headquarters without learning that the missing man had not appeared. Chief Johnson took personal charge of the case yesterday and went to union headquarters to learn full details of the case.

Union officials said that Mr. Elder had no personal enemies, as far as they knew, but that several radicals had taken violent exception to his attitude regarding the L. W. W. Mr. Allison said yesterday that the union had thrown down the bars to membership during the war, with the result that the radicals had flocked to their ranks in large numbers.

Accounts Are in Order. Recently Mr. Elder took a determined stand against unruly members, some of whom, it is said, had begun gambling in the union hall, and had won large sums of money from legitimate workmen. As a result of the campaign, Mr. Allison stated, card playing in the hall has been forbidden, and use of the pool tables is limited to games not used largely by gamblers.

Mr. Allison stated yesterday that the secretary had cashed a union check for \$500 shortly before his disappearance. The report was to the effect that Mr. Elder had failed to account for that money, although his automobile and personal bank account more than covered the sum in question. Mr. Allison averred that a union check would not be payable unless it had been signed by both the president and the secretary. He said further:

more that the secretary's accounts were in perfect order. Mr. Elder, who is 31 years old, has a wife and a child. He has not been living with Mrs. Elder recently, it is said, and family trouble are believed a possible solution of the disappearance. The girl whom he was to meet, whose name police did not learn, manifested a deep interest in his welfare, and police do not regard it as likely that a third woman is involved in the case. Mr. Elder is described as five feet, five inches tall, dark-complexioned, with dark hair and blue eyes. Union officials vowed yesterday that the "red" element responsible for the secretary's disappearance, aid from the federal government would be asked in running down the offenders. Inspector Smith has been assigned to the case by Chief Johnson.

PORTLAND SEEMS WINNER

SHRINERS AT INDIANAPOLIS MAKE DEEP IMPRESSION.

Activity of Western Delegation in Advertising Rose City Makes Impression on Easterners.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 9.—(Special.)—Shriners from Portland, Or., are leaving nothing undone to establish their claim to the 1920 convention of the order, and it was generally conceded today that the western city had on its attempt to land the prize. Headquarters is crowded and the Oregon members are serving loganberry juice to all visitors. Beautifully printed literature and thousands of roses are distributed daily, and the dancing girls and choristers have created a sensation here.

Members of the Portland delegation are jubilant over the prospect for favorable action on the issue of the next meeting place, and have received numerous pledges of support from Shriners in all parts of the country. The activity of the westerners has been somewhat of a revelation to the more conservative easterners, who have expressed a desire to visit the home of the order, and the westerners have been impressing upon visiting Shriners the warmth of the invitation thus extended.

WILLAMETTE HAS PAGEANT

ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF UNIVERSITY IS SHOWN.

Baccalaureate Address Is Given Sunday by President—Commencement Exercises Tomorrow.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, SALM, June 9.—(Special.)—Despite threatening weather conditions this morning, the second day of the historic pageant, depicting the origin and progress of Willamette University and the state of Oregon was held in the auditorium of the university today. Among the great numbers of visitors flocking to the campus today were members of the board of trustees, who are to hold their annual spring meeting tomorrow in Eaton hall. The baccalaureate address to the seniors was given by President Doney yesterday morning and the president's reception, one of the brilliant social functions of the year, was held tonight. Everything is in readiness for the final performance of the pageant Tuesday evening, following class day exercises, while the commencement exercises Wednesday, with the address by Dr. Frank Irvine of Portland, and awarding of diplomas by President Doney will conclude the university activities for the year.

MORE FUNDS ARE SOUGHT

Rose Festival Still Is Short of Cash; Campaign Is On.

Thirty-five representative business men, headed by C. A. Bigelow, acting mayor, city hall yesterday afternoon to map out a comprehensive programme to meet the financial needs of the Willamette Rose festival. With the campaign for \$15,000 launched last week by Joe Hart, the fearless newboy, subscriptions have been pouring in, and it is not far off to meet the emergency. A new feature for the campaign is a midnight matinee at the Liberty next Saturday night. Manager Joseph von Fischer & Jensen, donated the use of the theater. The Portland Clearing House will double its subscription, Emery Olmstead declared. This means that \$2000 in all will be donated to the festival by the organization.

GUNS USHER IN FESTIVAL

Rear-Admiral Fullam's Flagship to Carry Distinguished Party.

Big guns aboard the Minneapolis, Rear-Admiral Fullam's flagship, will greet the evening's celebration with a salute in honor of the distinguished party that will leave the vessel at the municipal dock at the 10 o'clock hour. The ship's company, her attendants and Rear-Admiral Fullam will be in the party, and the salute required by naval regulations on such occasions will be fired. Bells and whistles in the city will announce to the world the arrival of her honor and the official opening of the Victory Festival, and this will serve as Portland's answer to the salute from the Minneapolis.

ALBANY TO VOTE ON PARK

Whether to Accept Offer of H. Bryant Will Be Decided.

ALBANY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—On the eve of a special election here tomorrow at which Albany citizens will vote on the acceptance or rejection of an offer of H. Bryant to donate a tract of land to the city for use as a park, under certain restrictions, hundreds of local people attended a big meeting in the proposed park tonight. After a musical programme and talks regarding the park offer, 100 gallons of ice cream were served and a dance concluded the festivities.

Masons Attend Meet.

ALBANY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Charles H. Cusick, high priest, and Roy O. Bushong, king, of the local chapter of Royal Arch Masons, went to Portland yesterday to attend the annual convention of the grand chapter of the state. Mr. Cusick, besides acting for his own office, represents William S. Weaver, scribe of the chapter, who was unable to attend.

WOMAN IN MARRIAGE TANGLE IS ARRESTED

Two Supposed Husbands Start in Search of Third.

DIVORCE RECORD NOT FOUND

Florence Ribelin, Suspected of Two Weddings at Vancouver, Faces Serious Court Charge.

Florence A. Ribelin, otherwise known as Agnes Leahr, Norma A. Brown, Florence A. Thompson or Norma A. Rowland, was thrown into the county jail yesterday by two supposed husbands, each of whom produced recent records of marriage to the young woman at Vancouver, Wash. After registering their complaint, charging polygamy, the men left in search of a third husband they believe was annexed by the accused woman before either of them and from whom there had been no divorce.

The woman of tangled matrimonial ties is 22 years old and pretty, with dark hair and complexion. About ten days ago Mrs. Ribelin, then known as Mrs. Brown, spent all night in the city jail, advised by J. W. Brown, as the result of a fight with her husband. Both were discharged the next morning, after the young woman was severely scolded by Judge Scammit, who had seen her several times before.

Brown, who filed suit for annulment of marriage in the circuit court last week, declared at the assault trial that his landlady had told him that when he returned from work in a shipyard at midnight his wife usually preceded him by about 30 minutes.

Spouse Beaten, Is Charge. The fight, which led to both being taken to the police station, resulted, according to his account, which was not denied, when he arrived from work early and applied corporal punishment to a later-arriving spouse.

Since that time Brown engaged Attorney G. E. Hamaker to institute separation proceedings against his wife, saying that he thought she had a husband from whom she was not divorced, but that he did not know her name. Attorney Hamaker searched marriage records at Vancouver and by comparing the handwriting of the "Miss Norma A. Rowland" who was married to Brown on May 7, 1919, by Rev. L. K. Grimes of the First Presbyterian church of Vancouver, with that of other brides for months back, he discovered that Brown responded in startling manner with that of one Florence A. Thompson, who wed Diamond D. Ribelin on January 6, 1919, the ceremony being performed by Elder A. D. Skaggs of 415 West Eleventh street, Vancouver.

DIVORCE RECORD IS FOUND

Circuit court records show that Mrs. Ribelin filed a divorce proceeding against Ribelin some time ago, but that the case has never come to issue. Ribelin is 18 years of age and his permit to marry was signed by his father, G. J. Ribelin of Mitchell, Or. Brown and Ribelin finally met yesterday when Ribelin advised by Attorney Hamaker to find out why his wife had not gone back to eastern Oregon to him, as he says she had promised to do. Both exchanged tales of sorrow and made for the district attorney's office, where Deputy District Attorney Dempsey made out a polygamy complaint which Brown signed.

According to Attorney Hamaker, Mrs. Ribelin secured fair sums of money from Brown and presumably from her other husband. "They think they got it on me this time, but they haven't. I'll be out of jail before the night is over," boasted Mrs. Ribelin when arrested at an Eleventh-street rooming house by Deputy Constables Watkins and Kennick. Except for saying that she had plenty of money in the bank to pay her \$1500 bail, Mrs. Ribelin refused to talk at the jail yesterday. She was still there late last night.

According to Paul M. Long, who represented the woman in the police court some time ago, Mrs. Ribelin, whom he knew as Agnes Leahr, is well known to the police and spent some time at Kelly Butte about six months ago. Carl N. Travis, who represented the woman in her latest police court appearance following the row with Brown, said that though she had been arrested numerous times by the police as a suspect she had never been convicted of any crime. He said Brown bragged that he had married her to "reform her."

Ad Men's Sidelights.

TO THE San Francisco delegation the ad men's display in the Marshall-Wells building is indebted for a flamingly splendid collection of war posters. Most of them are reminiscent of the tanks of the past and might be passed with a glance were it not that

each is the personal selection of some famous American as the favorite poster. They are autographed by President Wilson, William G. McAdoo, Mrs. Edith Wilson, Herbert Hoover and a score of others. And there is one that bears the scrawling signature of Theodore Roosevelt; penned only a few days before he took the long trail to the ranges of the hereafter.

Straight from the penitentiary at Walla Walla came the Spokane delegation, with credentials to prove that remarkable statement. When their cars rolled into that city, en route to the Portland convention, not one of the Spokane men had the faintest idea that he and his fellows would spend the night in quarters customarily reserved for second-story workers. There was a delightful dinner, followed by the announcement that a "stag party" was to be the fore. When their hosts had quitted the premises for the night the Spokane fellows were viewing the corridors of the penitentiary through the bars, nor did their appeals avail them. Tom Keene, chairman, passed the night in the violent cell. The wardens turned them out in the dawn, presenting each man with a card testifying to the novel entertainment afforded. The Spokaneers are yet debating whether the jest was a mere pleasantry or a hint to walk the paths of rectitude.

E. E. Paville, editor of the Western Farmer, which issues from Portland is the editor of having been omitted from the programme, though his address is anticipated as one which will shed light upon the cash reserve of the farmer and the method of approaching it. Through an error the announcement was overlooked. Mr. Paville is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow on co-operation between the farm press and the country newspaper.

The barrage of cigar and cigarette smoke which is laid unceasingly in the convention hall proves too dense and formidable for all save the most resolute members of the women's ad clubs though the sessions are open to all. For the most part, however, the feminine contingent, here from every city along the coast, is quite content with breezy tours of the highway and the social reception committee. They were guests of Mrs. Ira L. Riggs on a motoring trip yesterday afternoon attended a theater party given by Mrs. E. N. Strong last night at the Orpheum. Their first official session will be held at noon today in the Tyrolean room of the Hotel Benson.

It was raining ever so lightly when Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, during his address before the convention, turned aside to observe that the ad men lively men have brought the weather with them, as such conditions at this season were unprecedented in Portland. "Ow-o-o-o-o-o!" howled the visitors in perfect chorus.

The Union County Ad Club quartet, four young fellows from La Grande, are close rivals of the Stockton four in the contest for official troubadourship to the Portland assembly. It was the Stockton tenor, husky with melody, who admitted that—such as Stockton desires the 1920 convention—he has about shed his last note for the immediate present and the near future.

BIG POWERS SUFFERERS

NEUTRAL STATES IN EUROPE REPORTED FLOURISHING.

Needs of Germany and Austria Conceded to Be Greatest Problem Presented.

PARIS, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—"This sort of economic delirium tremens will end with peace," said Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the inter-allied food commission, today in discussing the situation in Europe and the need of financing different nations. Asked for a statement as to the financial requirements of Europe from the United States during the next year, he said: "The volume of financial assistance needed and the solution therefore varies with the situation in each state. Neutral states are flourishing and need cause no concern. Roumania, Greater Serbia, Bulgaria, Arabia, Turkey except Armenia, Portugal, Greece and Hungary will be virtually self-supporting."

Poland and the Baltic states will produce almost enough bread, grains and vegetables for their own people, but will be short of fats. Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Finland have a larger import problem for they always require breadstuffs, meats and fats. They must have working capital to reorganize their currencies, provide raw material and meet the food problem for a while. The economic problems of most of these states are simple when compared to the larger European nations.

There will be great poverty among individuals who have suffered loss directly from the war and the individuals will comprise a proper scene for charitable work for many years, but it will be individual, not national, as the condition of Germany and Ger-

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man-Austria cannot be discussed intelligently until peace is signed. Of the 70,000,000 Germans in those two states some 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 lived before the war by trade, by the import of raw material and export in exchange for food and other necessities and these cannot be supported on the land. How they will pay an indemnity and at the same time secure credits for raw materials is a problem for the new commission whose duty it will be to secure maximum reparation.

The larger allied states have, of course, an uphill lead to pull in the reorganization of industry and their economic life. France has the smallest need of the three for food imports. Great Britain can feed herself largely from her colonies, but both will need financial help in providing credits for raw material and Italy will need not only assistance in raw materials, but in providing food supplies. They will also want relief from the payment of interest for some time on what they owe the American treasury. "The dominant problem in the rehabilitation of Europe is one wholly of credits with which to buy overseas, and if such financing can be pro-

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