

ORDERS TO DEPORT
A REBELS ON VERIFIED

Elis Island Head Blames Ex-Commissioner Howe.

WRITTEN EVIDENCE GIVEN

Accused Official Silenced Upon Attempt to Interrupt—Hearing Later is Promised.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28.—Federal warrants for the deportation of four alleged radicals held here were received from Washington today. Frederick W. Friedman, a Chicago editor, is named in the warrants.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Testimony that Frederick C. Howe, ex-commissioner of immigration at Ellis Island, had ordered deportations of radicals held up, although final deportation orders had been received from the department of labor, was given to the house immigration committee today by Percy A. Baker, superintendent of the island. Baker put in evidence an order he had received from Howe last March reading: "You will stay all deportations in these alien cases until the committee can be advised and until after consultation with me."

Department Order Held Final. Baker testified that an order of the department to deport was final and he, therefore, did not understand the note from Howe and consulted him. Baker then produced a memorandum on the copy of the note shown the committee: "Commissioner states if deportation orders are received, before doing so he should be consulted."

Representative Siegel of New York said there was authority in law for such staying of deportations. Baker said that some of the radicals affected by the order had been released by the department and some had obtained their freedom by habeas corpus proceedings. The effect of Howe's order, he said, probably was to permit delay for the institution of habeas corpus proceedings.

Howe Interrupts Testimony. Representative Siegel read from immigration department records names of two dozen men who had been held at the island with warrants for their deportation on file, but had been released, mostly by their own recognition. They are now missing.

Howe interrupted Baker's testimony in an effort to give his version of the matter, but was shut off by the committee, which promised him an opportunity to be heard later. Failing to obtain permission to testify earlier in the day, Howe had issued a statement to the press, saying that he had never released a radical without orders from Washington.

Falsehood Charge Retracted. This statement was issued after Howe had informed his own acting commissioner at the island, and deputy when Howe was commissioner. He had testified in a letter signed by Howe, April 24, ordering the circulation of anarchistic literature at the island stopped had not been delivered to proper officers to enforce it until June 4. "That isn't true," Howe exclaimed before the committee stopped his statement by informing him that it would tolerate no "police court" methods.

Later in the day Howe tried to interrupt the proceedings again to say that he was in error in asserting that Uhl was not telling the truth, but the committee told him to write a letter about it.

Dudley Field Malone, then collector of the port of New York, addressed interested German sailors at the island the night after war was declared. Baker testified, and promised them that their treatment would be such that they would have no cause for complaint and that canteens would be provided. The canteens never were opened, however, Baker testified.

Replying to a question of Representative Baker, Mr. Uhl declared that it was the opinion of all the employed at the island that the conduct of Mr. Howe's administration "was improper."

John J. McKee, chief deporting officer, had protested in writing, he testified, against the circulation of anarchistic literature at the island. Mr. Uhl asserted that radicals held at the island received privileges beyond the regular practice.

Seattle Case Investigated. The committee then began an investigation of the cases of 12 radicals who were held at the island last February and released in March without bond.

An order was issued by Mr. McKee by Mr. Howe then was introduced in evidence. It said: "The men held as political deportees with medicine balls and also see that their bathrooms are not subjected to drafts."

A letter written by Mr. Howe to Anthony Caminetti, commissioner-general of immigration, concerning one "Andrea Clafola," also was introduced. It was said that Clafola had been released on parole and that he admitted that he was a member of an organized government he believed in "organized spontaneous combustion."

Immediate Hearing Asked. Mr. Howe addressed the members informally and said he would like to have an immediate hearing to answer some of the charges made against him. The committee informed Mr. Howe that they could not hear him now but would later, whereupon he gave out a statement to newspapermen in which he said:

"In the five years I was here (at Ellis Island), I never released a man, woman or child without authority from Washington. The background of this was that I was the man who was in charge when it broke out deportation was impossible and Ellis Island became the catch basin of America."

"Now in regard to allegations that there had been gambling and immorality on the island, I deny that they were stories to that effect, but they were all disproved."

Game With Radical Denied. Mr. Howe denied a rumor that he had played tennis with Elizabeth Gurney Flynn, radical leader. He said that she may have visited him at the island, but that his game was open to everyone.

When informed by newspaper men that a number of radicals had interrupted the testimony before the inquiry as indicating that he himself held radical views, Mr. Howe said that he was not an I. W. W., but "a single-taxer and a free-trader." He said he believed his government ownership and also that the United States should keep out of Russia and Mexico.

Extra Guards Sent to Island. Mr. Howe will be a witness before the committee when it resumes its hearings the latter part of next week. The committee will conclude its present sessions here tomorrow, when it

RHODA NICKELLS' MUSICAL CAREER STARTS IN CHURCH

Present Role in "Flo Flo" Gives Hardly Enough Opportunity to Please Pretty Blonde Vampire, Who Feels That Ankles Are Called For.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. FROM a demure choir singer, carrying the high soprano, with her eyes cast either heavenward or strictly on her hymn book, to the singing vampire in Flo Flo, is not such a far cry as it might appear on the surface. It all happened very quickly, little Miss Rhoda Nickells had always sung, used to hum-m-m-m herself to sleep when she was only six months old, accompanying her mother's lullaby. All through her school days she was the pupil who gave a little song on Fridays when the other girls were busy with their lessons or gave a "select reading."

Rhoda made up tunes for little verse plays and was always the belle of the party at socials, or church entertainments, or when the studio had a business and entertainment, or the sewing circle put on a minstrel. All the while as Rhoda grew apace in years and understanding, she warbled in the Episcopal choir. At night she dreamed of singing, and when she awoke, and being applauded to the rafters, and coming back to be smothered in flowers, and when dreams were not forthcoming Rhoda built air castles.

One oventidal day a perfectly wonderful uncle, who must have had some of the ventriloquist's talents, was running wild in his veins, listened kindly to her plaudits, and wrote the young Nickells a check for \$100, which she immediately cashed. Armed with this big money Rhoda faced her future with a new confidence. She was faring forth on the sea of adventure among managers of musical production in New York.

"It was not a case of 'I came, I saw and I conquered,' right at first," said Miss Nickells at the Heilig last night. "I sometimes doubt these stories I read of girls gaining auditions the instant they step off the chair car at the station. Unless, naturally, if they have credentials from influential folk to the managers. I didn't know anyone. But I sang for the ones I got to see, and soon I had an engagement."

"Last season I sang the lead role in 'Pharaoh,' I believe. Eleanor Henry sang it out here. This is the first time I have ever featured anything other than my voice in a production. This role in Flo Flo hasn't many big notes, and most of my songs are not showy or vocally climactic. I would prefer if I had more opportunity to take a few top notes. What's the use of having a voice if you don't use it? I may I guess the author of the production must have had the same idea in mind when he wrote the part. I don't know what the use of having 'em if they don't show. At any rate they seem to be even more in evidence than my beloved top notes, in the score, I mean."

"I should think you'd feel quite complimented," I suggested. "Most women who can sing have to begin and end with singing. I know a woman with a voice like a lake at heaven's gate, and her ankles are as large as her knees."

"Well," dimpled the blonde vampire heroine, "one can't have everything. Maybe I should take heart—take heart myself when I fancy in my legs that are playing the role rather than my voice, and remember that the angels in heaven is not often doubly generous."

Miss Nickells has relatives in Portland and is being taken on sight-seeing tours. "The fact that this engagement brought me to the Pacific coast is the loveliest thing for me," beamed in real ecstasy. "I wanted to come out here, and never have been. The big pine trees, the mountains, the huge spaces and the big splendid people—all so out-of-doors are a revelation to me."

SORENSEN DATE CHANGED

HEARING ON APPEAL MOVED UP TO DECEMBER 5.

Defendant's Counsel Expected to Demand That February 9, Original Date, Be Adhered To.

Hearing on the appeal of N. P. Sorenson, Portland timberman, from a six-month county jail sentence imposed by Municipal Judge Roseman last week for driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was advanced tentatively from February 9, 1920, to next Friday, December 5, by Presiding Judge Gatens yesterday on motion of Deputy City Attorney Lansing, subject to the approval of Ralph Wilbur, attorney for Sorenson.

That the approval would not be forthcoming was indicated in a somewhat heated telephone conversation between Mr. Lansing and Mr. Wilbur following the tentative action of the court and the matter may be threshed out before Judge Gatens this morning.

According to the deputy city attorney, Sorenson's lawyer protested vigorously against an advance in the date of hearing. Sorenson is accused of having four consecutive accidents in an hour while driving his six-cylinder automobile. Deputy Lansing declared yesterday that it was the hope of the defense to delay hearing on appeal as long as possible.

Judge Gatens said that the date was fixed last Wednesday for February 9, but that he was in favor of a speedy hearing, he would listen to arguments of the defense seeking postponement.

EVANS IS RE-ARRESTED

Grants Pass Jitney Driver Identified as Klamath Man as Robber.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Lark N. Evans, arrested here October 27 on a charge of robbing W. G. White, Grants Pass jitney driver, on September 13 and released by Sheriff Terrill of Jackson county after establishing an alibi, is again in jail here on a charge of robbing a man near Jacksonville, tied and gagged and cast him into an old prospect hole, and escaped in his car.

The car, built over into a roadster, has been recovered. After his release Evans returned to his employment in a local garage. Sheriff Terrill ordered the second arrest Wednesday and that the deputy took him to Jacksonville. White did not see Evans when he was jailed a month ago, but he positively identified him as the holdup man.

CONVICTS TO CUT WOOD

Prison Trucks to Transport 30 Men To and From Camp.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Thirty convicts at the state penitentiary were assigned to work in the prison wood camp, about 15 miles west of the city. Although the crew is not as large as desired by Warden Steiner, the official believes he will be able to cut sufficient wood to supply the penitentiary buildings, as well as contribute materially to the heating of the state hospital.

The prison camp will be in charge of two armed guards and the convicts will be returned to the penitentiary each night. Prison auto-trucks will be used to transport the men to and from their work.

NOVEMBER HARVEST GOOD

Kelso Man Establishes Local Record for Late Work in Field.

KELOSO, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The latest harvesting that was ever done in Coville county was completed last week by C. E. Kietech, west side farmer, who employed his combine in harvesting a field of oats. Although the oats were damp they were handled through the machine successfully and are in first-class condition. Just previously Mr. Kietech had harvested a field of barley.

The combine, which was the first used in this part of the country, was brought through the woods by Mr. Kietech was delayed by the way in which it worked.

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IRRIGATION FEUD IN HARNEY IS SETTLED

Land Companies Reach Agreement With Ranchers.

BIG RESERVOIR TO RISE

100,000 Acres to Be Placed Under Water; Soldiers and Sailors to Get First Choice of Tracts.

BURNS, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Harney valley will soon have one of the largest irrigation schemes in Oregon and more than 100,000 acres will be placed under water. At the Commercial club, which represents the interests of the William Hanley and the Pacific Livestock companies met with the ranchers of the valley and reached an agreement to build a large reservoir at the head of Silver river of sufficient magnitude to care for the irrigation of the valley and the surrounding country. The cost was estimated at more than \$2,500,000.

J. W. Briggs, president of the Burns commercial club, presided. William Hanley, president of the county, bearing his name, and owner of 10,000 acres of fine land, spoke reminiscences of the past of Harney county. He said that although residents had become wealthy they had not contributed to the success of the county and the state as much as they should have.

He hinted to the warfare that had raged in the past among the ranchers but stated that his company was prepared to meet the needs of the state in developing this great fertile land and open the large tract for settlement with war on every acre, for the benefit of millions of people, for with the soil irrigated the crops would be immense.

Soldiers to Get Land. Mr. Olson, the manager in Harney county for the Pacific Livestock company, said his company would lend its energy to the project. He said that the vast holdings to the benefit of the general public and offered the services of the Harney Irrigation district and engineers. Mr. Olson stated that every foot of land released by the Pacific Livestock company in its recent litigation with the state under the agreement made, would be placed under irrigation and that the soldiers and sailors of the country would have first choice. He predicted the 10,000 acres would soon be taken up. He stated also that his company was prepared to co-operate with the ranchers to the end that the people might be more happy.

Burns Is Jubilant. It was the consensus of opinion at the meeting that there should be three directors of the irrigation project with three men as advisors, and that the William Hanley company and the Pacific Livestock company should have equal representation in the construction of this vast enterprise.

The people of Burns are jubilant over the turning of the tide. It puts a quietus on the feud that has existed for 25 years between the big companies and the ranchmen. This will mean a season of great prosperity to Burns and Harney counties.

I. W. W. ARGUMENT HEARD

CHEHALIS COURT RESERVES DECISION ON CHANGE.

Ralph Pierce of Tacoma Appears for Men Charged With Firing on Armistice-Day Parade.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—After a three-hour argument today by attorneys C. D. Cunningham, for the state, and Ralph Pierce, for the defendants, a change of venue in the cases against the 11 I. W. W. charged with the murder of the four ex-servicemen at Centralia, Armistice day, November 11, was granted by Judge Abel of Grays Harbor county, who heard the matter, reserved decision until Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

But 11 prisoners were in court, as two of the defendants, Hanson and Davis, have not been captured. The wife and two brothers of Attorney Smith of Centralia were sitting in court, also a limited number of friends of other prisoners, and numerous citizens.

Ralph Pierce of Tacoma appeared for the defendants, making the argument in their behalf. His appeal for a change of venue was based on the alleged inflamed state of the public mind existing in Chehalis, Centralia and other parts of Lewis county, resulting from the Centralia tragedy.

Mr. Pierce declared his belief in the innocence of his clients and charged that if the state has the evidence on which it can convict the men, it can do so in any other county, as well as it can in the superior court of Lewis county. His affidavit urging a change of venue was signed by Attorney Smith for the defendants in jail. Aside from this there were no other supporting affidavits.

In the cases of Bert Faulkner and Attorney Smith were filed lists alleged to contain 500 or 600 names, but none of them taken under oath. The signers are credited with the bare statement that they do not believe defendants named can obtain a fair trial in Lewis county. Attorney Pierce also set up alleged personal indignities that he claimed he had been subjected to and read various newspaper clippings tending to show prejudice, as well as resolutions by various public organizations in Chehalis and Centralia.

To controvert the claims of the attorney for the defendants, C. D. Cunningham, former county attorney, who is chief for County Attorney Allen, presented a 20-minute argument in which the law and court decisions were given showing that in view of proper affidavits declaring in effect that the prisoners can obtain a fair and impartial trial, the court will be justified in denying a motion for a change of venue. Attorney Allen also presented the state's case briefly.

Following presentation of the law on venue, attorneys for the state filed with the court a list of hundreds of affidavits from various portions of Lewis county and every part thereof in effect that the reading of the various newspaper stories had not affected the public mind and that the men at bar could receive a fair and impartial trial in Lewis county just as well as in any other county of the state.

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Who Is Responsible For Smashing the Treaty?

Jubilant reigned in some quarters when the Senate's emphatic rejection of the Treaty of Versailles came as a sensational climax of one of the most bitterly fought political battles in our history. It may have been a victory, and the destroyers of the Treaty and the League of Nations "may exult in their triumph," but, retorts the Springfield Republican (Ind.), "they will go into history having constructed nothing and selfishly leaving the world to its darkness and woe." Opposing this view the New York Sun declares that "there never was anything more wrong, more ridiculous, more preposterous, than to maintain that the war was going on and must go on until the United States Senate and the American people consented to swallow Mr. Wilson's pernicious League of Nations." In fixing the responsibility, the pro-League Rochester Times-Union (Ind.) says that "the United States Senate under the bankrupt leadership of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge has killed the Peace Treaty," but Republican papers like the Philadelphia North American and New York Tribune lay the responsibility for the failure of the Treaty at the President's own door, in effect charging him with "infanticide."

Under the heading "Rejection of the Treaty" THE LITERARY DIGEST, this week—November 29th—prints as its leading article a summary of public opinion in the United States as expressed in newspapers of all shades of opinion. The article covers every phase of the controversy over the Treaty and makes very clear how the country regards the Senate's action.

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SUNDAY MOVIES OPPOSED

Dallas Church Puts Members Who Attend "In Bad Standing."

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—In an endeavor to have the city council pass an ordinance forbidding the operation of moving-picture theaters on Sundays, the congregation of the Dallas churches have been circulating petitions about the city during the past few days in an endeavor to interest the citizens to such an extent that the city fathers will heed their petitions. However, from all appearances they have met with poor success, especially among the business men.

The movement for the closing of the theater Sundays was started last week when the board of directors of the Christian church at a meeting decided that no member of their church who attended the Sunday plays was to be considered "in good standing" shows could be stopped on the Sabbath and recommended that some action be taken.

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