

PORTLANDER CALLED SPY FOR SOCIALISTS

Ex - Consul - General Names Simon W. U'Ren.

PROBE ALL PARTIES, PLEA

Non-Partisans Said to Be Raising Big Sums for Propaganda; Farmer-Labor Funds Growing.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—James Martin Miller, former United States consul-general to New Zealand, tonight sent a letter to Chairman Kenyon of the senate campaign investigating committee, asking that the committee look into the campaign finances and methods of the minor political parties, as well as of the republicans and democrats.

"The socialist party is raising a fund larger than ever before," said the letter in part, "and the non-partisan league is raising enormous sums for propaganda and political campaign purposes and the farmer-labor party also is raising a campaign fund."

"The socialists are great schemers and it has been persistently reported that they are financed by the bolsheviks in Russia. This report should be investigated. Some years ago this party sent Simon W. U'Ren, a life-long socialist, to Oregon to join the republican party and socialize it from within. He inspired the writing of the Oregon state republican platform and was praised for it by republicans. In reality he was a spy and the work was considered by the socialists as one of their great coups."

Mr. Miller's letter also asked that betting on elections be investigated, charging that the major parties deliberately try to "influence votes by betting."

Beta Pull Votes.
"One of the other party will furnish a Wall-street broker with \$100,000. This broker will then announce that he will bet 10 to 7 that a certain candidate is elected. Immediately a lot of voters think that Wall street knows its business and that this candidate is certain of election. This draws votes to him."

In closing, Mr. Miller asked: "Are third parties often assisted by interests in a financial way of either or both of the two big parties, in order to draw enough votes from one or the other in certain sections to defeat the opponent parties?"

His Information Available.
Mr. Miller says he will place all available information in the hands of the committee if requested.

National socialist headquarters later issued a statement in which it was true that the socialist party was raising the largest campaign fund in its history, but denying that it received funds from Russia, "although the party is in sympathy with the Russian socialist party."

The statement, signed by Otto Branstetter, national secretary, said in part:

Names to Be Published.
"It has long been the socialist custom to publish in our organ the name of every contributor to our fund. This will be done this year, and will show that our money comes from small contributors."

"The idea that we are trying to socialize the republican party is absurd. We are raising the largest campaign fund in our history, but we are enabled to do so because of the overwhelming discontent that pervades the workers of America. Our books are open at all times to any committee and we ask that it be brought on at any time."

Mr. Branstetter said that Mr. U'Ren, to whom he presumed Mr. Miller referred, was "not a member of the socialist party, and so far as he knew never had been a dues-paying member."

U'REN SAYS CHARGE IS FALSE

Attorney Replies He Wrote Platform 20 Years Ago.

The Simon W. U'Ren referred to in the Miller letter is evidently W.S. U'Ren, Portland attorney and former mayor of Oregon City. Mr. U'Ren, speaking of portions of the letter in which he is called a "spy" of the socialist party, characterized the whole statement as "fiction, pure and simple."

"I am not, and never have been a member of the socialist party," declared Mr. U'Ren. "I have lived in Oregon since 1889. Twenty years ago when I was interested in putting through certain measures I mixed with all parties, but have never been financed by the socialist party nor have I been affiliated with them in any way."

JAIL BREAK PLAN NIPPED

Bar on Window at Prison Is Found Half-Way Sawed Through.

PENDELTON, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—One of the flat steel bars on a window of the Umatilla county jail was half-way sawed through and a hack-saw blade found by Sheriff Jinks Taylor late last night upon investigation following suspicions of a planned jail break.

It was just after Robert and Eugene Hunter were imprisoned Tuesday at midnight, as alleged captives that inmates of the bastille started to work on the sawing, according to one of the prisoners who sold the officers of an attempt at a concerted jail break.

NOSE PULLED, IS CHARGE

Two Seattle Dairymen to Face Former Employer in Court.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Nose pulling is bad form in milk drivers' circles. And because

STATE JOINS LAND SUIT

TRACT INVOLVED DECLARED SUBJECT TO RECOVERY.

Lake County Company Seeks to Establish Title to Property Held by Loftus.

RAIN BRAVED BY CROWD

THOUSANDS AT SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR.

Day Given Over to Chehalis and Centralia — New Attendance Mark Is Reached.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Today was Chehalis-Centralia day at the southwest Washington fair. Business was practically suspended at noon. The crowd at the fair grounds ran well into the thousands despite a drizzling rain that set in early. This year has set a new high mark in attendance.

Visitors this year marvel as never before at the fine exhibits of local stock. Breeders of Jersey cattle—cattle worthy of the name—have out 53 head and many of these are rated by Jersey experts from Oregon as the equal of anything that is to be seen in the fairs of that state. The Holstein breed predominates greatly in this section, but owners did not have as big a show in proportion. The men doing the judging were loud in their praise of all that were shown. The herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle shown by J. A. Scollard of Chehalis would rank as the equal of any of that breed in the United States. The same statement is true of many of the Shortorns that were shown by George Bertrand in particular and some of the other breeders. Avonshire Red Polls and a sprinkling of Guernseys complete the cattle show.

One of the interesting exhibits in the commercial hall is that of the state training school for boys at Chehalis. Here are shown a number of photographs taken before the present drainage system was put in as an illustration of the value of drainage. This exhibit itself has in it a fine display of grains, grasses and all kinds of vegetables.

Death of Old Gray Mare Grieves Hood River.

Clatter of Babe's Hoofs, for 12 Years Heard in Early Morning Delivery The Oregonian, Still Forever.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Genuine grief prevailed among Hood River families yesterday when it was learned that Babe, a gray mare, known to all Hood River as The Oregonian horse, had to be shot, following an incurable illness, for 12 years Babe, owned by the Slocum & Canfield Co., local circulation agents of The Oregonian, has drawn the cart from which she delivered the paper in all parts of the city. The clatter of her hoofs had become a kind of an alarm clock for many residents.

No member of the circulation staff of the paper has been more faithful than Babe, who has missed less than six days carrying the papers in her 12 years of service.

OFFICIALS HAVE TILT

Sheriff Wins Point With Governor and Gets Requisition.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Following a verbal battle between W. L. Campbell, sheriff, and the district attorney of Tillamook county, over the long distance telephone, numerous conferences between the peace officer and members of the attorney-general's staff, and the subsequent declaration of Governor O'Leott that Oregon laws were not to be used as a "personal plaything," the executive late today issued requisition papers for Richard E. Thomas, now under arrest at Los Angeles, charged with larceny in connection with removing an automobile from Oregon, in violation of a contract with the sellers.

Sheriff Campbell left here tonight after the prisoner.

CHILD IS SEIZED BY MAN

Attempted Assault Charged to Alleged Army Deserter.

KALAMA, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—A man giving his name as Roy Hanson, and said to be an army deserter, was arrested today charged with attempted assault on the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wildgrub.

The child was on her way to town from the country to mail a letter when she was seized. The man was frightened away by an approaching automobile and afterward apprehended boarding a truck for Portland.

He said he was a member of company A, 5th eastern coast artillery, that he was 23 years of age and had a wife somewhere in the east.

MEAT DUPING IS ALLEGED

Frank Dayton Arrested at Roseburg—Partner Is Sought.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Frank Dayton, alias A. E. Mattson, was arrested here today and lodged in the county jail on complaint of a number of local residents who aver they purchased what was represented to them to be "cured ham of the best variety," but proved to be small shoulders and very much under weight.

The authorities now are seeking Dayton's partner and two women, said to have been working with them.

Hood River to Send Delegates.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—J. H. Fredrick, vice-president of the Hood River Commercial club, has appointed the following citizens of the county as delegates to the northwestern reclamation and irrigation congress to be held in Seattle on September 14 and 15: Geo. R. Wilbur, Frank Fenwick, G. M. Uptegrove, E. A. Brown, A. C. Staten, Gordon G. Brown, August Guignard, C. R. Bone, R. J. McIsaac, G. McCurdy and C. E. Copple.

Fire Damage \$75,000.

PORT MOODY, B. C., Aug. 27.—Fire at the McNair Shipping company's plant at Burrard inlet, near here, today caused damage estimated at \$75,000.

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SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Intervention by the state of Oregon in the suit brought by the Lake County Land & Livestock company to establish title to several hundred acres of land now held by Weibur Loftus, Warren Laird and others was announced here today by J. O. Bailey, who is in charge of the attorney-general's office during the temporary absence of Attorney-General Brown.

The state contends that these are marsh lands under a congressional act of March 12, 1860, and are subject to recovery by the state. Should the plaintiffs prevail in the action, Attorney Bailey said, plans have been made by the land and livestock company to extend their litigation to include the lands abutting Malheur Anderson and a number of other lakes situated in southeastern and central Oregon. More than 100,000 acres of land are said to be involved in the entire project.

RESULT OF RATES FEARED

Lumberman Says Business Will Be Considerably Checked.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Charles T. Early of Portland, general manager of the Oregon Lumber company, en route home after three weeks spent in eastern Oregon, says the advance in freight rates, effective yesterday, will result in a considerable checking of business.

Train Crew Is Fined \$20.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—A Northern Pacific train held the Market street crossing at West street blocked once too often this week, and yesterday the crew paid a fine of \$20 and costs in police court. The occasion for their arrest was the fact that a fire on the west side of town got under good headway because of the blockade, the fire truck having to take a more round-about way to reach the blaze.

Salem School Population Grows.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The enrollment at the Salem public schools this year will exceed 3300, according to John Todd, retiring superintendent. To accommodate the pupils some improvements will be necessary, and a temporary school building may have to be provided. Nothing will come of a kind of an obtaining additional

Blanchett Home Is What Was the First Hospital on the Pacific Coast Being Established Before the Civil War.

It was used as a hospital until the present St. Joseph's hospital was built.

Power Company Objects to Proposal of Vancouver City Council.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Rerouting of the street cars in the city will result and the track from Eleventh and Columbia streets to Third and Main street, completing a loop.

Attempts to Compel the North Coast Power Company to Lay a Certain Base Under its Tracks Before the Street is Paved, According to L. Clarke, Local Manager. He Said that the Company Could Not Afford to Do This.

Cars now coming into the city from the north turn down Columbia street on Eleventh, go to Third and then east on Third to Main street, completing a loop.

Alarm Bells Can Now Be rung by Wireless at a Distance of 100 Miles.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070, Automatic 560-92.

CARS MAY BE RE-ROUTED

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School Begins Tuesday, Sept. 7

Looking Forward to School Days

IT HAS been a long vacation! The boys are ready for school! In another week they'll be poring over book, map and tablet!

Right now is the time to buy their school clothes and, without question, right here is the place to buy them. Suppose you bring the boys in today and look over these great stacks of

Boys' Belted Suits at \$12.50 and Upwards An Extra Pair of "Knicks" With Nearly Every Suit

Here are quite the best boys' clothes that American makers produce! Fabrics loomed and tailored with an eye single to withstanding the hard service of strenuous boy-life! Clothes built to stay with the boy in every emergency! Today, then, if you're willing. Courteous service.

—The Second Floor
BEN SELLING
Leading Clothier Morrison at Fourth



STARTS TODAY

Here's the owner of the funniest pair of eyes in the world.

BEN TURPIN

as the impassioned lover in the mastodonic laugh tornado of the age—

"MARRIED LIFE"

MACK SENNETT'S Five-reel message of mirth and merriment.

NOT A WAR PICTURE

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TEAGUE AT THE WURLITZER
TODAY TILL MONDAY ONLY
A story of life in Paris—of the Bohemianism of the artist quarter—and of a captivating Arabian Princess whose charms lured a Russian Count, with sensational results.

Wurlitzer Concert Tomorrow at 1:30

Pathe News Comedy

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EUGENE O'BRIEN IN "THE FIGUREHEAD"

A Timely Photoplay that tells how the "wheels go round" in certain big "machines."

"TRAILED BY THREE" The action story—All day today.

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