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QUIZ SLURS ARMY, DAWES TO HOUSE

Millions Wasted Under Their Nose, Probers Told.

PARTISAN POLITICS CHARGED

Ex-General's Heated Swearing Heard by Women.

BUCK PRIVATE IS OUTDONE

Room in Uproar of Merriment as Oaths Boom Down Corridors and Lash Falls on Stay-at-Homes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Another broadside was let loose by Charles G. Dawes today against the congressional methods of investigating the conduct of the war.

Attacking what he characterized as a partisan attempt to blacken the name of the American army because of the blunders of a few, the former brigadier-general in charge of supply procurement in France declared house committees could serve a more useful public service by turning the searchlight on the waste of millions of government dollars, right under their noses.

Women in the crowded committee room did not prevent Mr. Dawes from swearing like a buck private. He strode about, hitting harder than he was hit and swearing angrily when he construed the questioning as a reflection on any section of the fighting outfit of which he was a part. Chairman Johnson, a former service man, told Mr. Dawes he wished there had been other witnesses as truthful and as unafraid to talk.

Dawes Booms Forth His Oaths.

Mr. Dawes did not conceal the feeling that he was having a good time. At times the room was in an uproar of merriment, and the echo of oaths swept down the long corridor as he turned his wrathful language upon critics of the war who stayed at home.

Referring to investigations by the house, Mr. Dawes said he thought the people were sick of them.

"Why, there is no longer any news in it," he shouted. "If I was not here, strutting around and swearing, there would be no news in this. Don't forget it was an American war. Not a republican or a democratic war, and the record of the glorious work of our army will live hundreds of years after your committee is dead and gone and forgotten."

Pershing Held Up as Hero.

When the name of General Pershing was brought up, Mr. Dawes could scarcely control his anger.

"There was no hero in this country," he declared, "who spread the false news that Pershing was at a theater the night of the armistice. He was there, like hell. He was at his office, starting the work of cancelling vast war contracts to save money. He took 25 or 30 years for Pershing to get his place in history, but let me tell you the time will come when every doughboy overseas will be proud to say he was one of Pershing's men."

Department Takes Punishment.

Mr. Dawes said he was a republican, but was broad enough to give the war department full credit for its work in getting more men to the front than France and Great Britain put there in the same period. Then he jumped on the department and denounced it for its refusal to permit promotion of men in the ranks. The rule by which men, eager to go overseas, but kept at home, were required to wear silver stripes, he characterized as one of the most distasteful actions of the war.

The award of distinguished service medals came in for a fiery attack. It broke more hearts, he said than anything else, because thousands of men entitled to the medal were passed by.

Mr. Dawes said it was all right for congress to try to find and punish men who made mistakes in the stress of the war, but told the committee that it would get nowhere and the public was not concerned with those mistakes now.

"Hell" Scattered Broadly.

"And they are trying to say Pershing permitted the sacrifice of thousands of lives on armistice day. It's the most damnable lie ever uttered. And it's all right to sit back here, viewing from a partisan standpoint the work overseas, when if you people so free to condemn had been there you might have done just as we did—or worse. Liquidation? Why, hell, men we liquidated everything. There wasn't any willful destruction of property in France, as this committee has tried to show. The junk we couldn't sell was given away—it was cheaper than burning or burying it. They planned one of those medals on me, but it had a damned

DIVORCEE SORRY FOR 'WRONG DONE' HUBBY

VANCOUVER WOMAN SEEKS ANNULMENT OF DECREE.

Suit for Separation Mistake and Due to Illness and Hallucinations, Says Petitioner.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. Emma Cotterill, to whom was granted a divorce from her husband November 29, 1920, is seeking to have the divorce annulled on the ground that she was ill and nervous at the time the decree was granted and was not in her right mind. She says in her petition that she feels that a great fraud has been perpetrated upon the court and a great injustice upon the defendant, F. J. Cotterill, her former husband, whom she married in 1909 in Dover, Minn.

In her complaint filed in the superior court of Clarke county today she alleges that about October 5 she was taken seriously ill and suffered nervous prostration, and during her illness had mental hallucinations about her husband. She imagined divers and sundry shortcomings on his part, all untrue, and through her weakened condition these hallucinations became real to her and she was not accountable for her acts, she says.

She started suit for divorce, which was granted by Judge Back November 29, and awarded the custody of the only living child. She has no recollection whatever of what happened, she alleges, but knows that the charges she is said to have made against her husband are untrue.

BEACH TOGGERY SELECTED

Mrs. Harding Prepares for Trip to Florida This Month.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Mingled with the pageant of prospective White House gowns and millinery which is in progress here today is the story of Mrs. W. G. Harding today were light linen frocks, bright-hued shoes, umbrellas and collars from which were selected beach toggerly which she will wear on her visit this month to Florida. Mrs. Harding expects to continue her journey until early next week. Leaving here she will remain in Washington a few days before going to Florida.

She stayed in her hotel suite again today, reviewing the offerings of fashion's creators until just before dinner this evening. Tonight she went to a musical show.

STORM DESTROYS CHURCH

Methodist Landmark for 50 Years in Ruins at Oysterville.

OCEAN PARK, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—One of Pacific county's landmarks has been removed by the destruction of the Methodist church at Oysterville by the hurricane Saturday.

The church was built more than 50 years ago and has been the scene of labor for many of the outstanding leaders in Pacific northwest Methodism. At one time the county seat, Oysterville was the head of a large circuit, but of recent years the church has been served by the pastors of Ilwaco and Ocean Park. The present pastor is Rev. J. Thomas Cowley.

SIX HELD MAIL ROBBERS

Chicago Man Said to Have Confessed Share in Theft.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The arrest of six men, one of whom was said by the police to have confessed, today revealed the theft of a mail pouch containing \$100 in cash and securities valued at about \$35,000 from the Auburn Park station of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad a week ago.

The men were arrested in connection with the stealing of mail pouches said to have contained \$500,000 from the union station. No announcement of the Rock Island robbery was made until today.

SNOW DELAYS AIR MAIL

Salt Lake Pilot Postpones Trip.

Cheyenne Pilot Lands.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 3.—With a snow storm prevailing in this region, Pilot Smith of the air mail service, scheduled to leave for the east today, was compelled to postpone the trip.

It was also reported at the local landing field that Pilot Knight, who left Cheyenne, Wyo., today for Salt Lake City, had been forced to land at Rock Springs and wait until the weather cleared.

16-STORY FALL SURVIVED

Structural Iron Worker Escapes With Sprained Finger.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Nathan Cohen, structural iron worker, who plunged from the top of a new 16-story building in Broadway yesterday, reported for work this morning.

His fall was broken by a heavy canvas debris receptacle, stretched from the fifth tier. His little finger was sprained.

MAIL AIRMAN IS KILLED

K. M. Stewart and Mechanician Fall With Plane Near Chicago.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 3.—K. M. Stewart, Chicago, pilot in the Minneapolis air mail service, was killed instantly today when the plane he was piloting fell three miles out of Mendota, near here, according to information sent here. The mechanician was injured.

COUNCIL UPHOLDS BAN ON STEFFENS

Bishop Sumner Censures Chaplain Howard.

STAND HELD NOT CHURCH'S

Mandamus for Use of Auditorium Threatened.

B. A. GREEN PLANS ATTACK

Mayor Gets Many Messages Lauding Decision Not to Grant Hall to Radical Lecturers.

Public and official repudiation on behalf of the Episcopal church, of the statements made to Mayor Baker by Chaplain F. K. Howard in the Steffens lecture controversy, was issued last night by Right Rev. W. T. Sumner, bishop of the diocese of Oregon. Bishop Sumner further denied that Howard was authorized to represent the social service committee of the church, as the chaplain had intimated on Wednesday.

The action came close on the heels of the revelation that at a secret meeting of the city council, the mayor's stand against allowing the use of the municipal auditorium for Steffens' lecture, was heartily endorsed and supported by every commissioner.

The third interesting development of the controversy was a statement from B. A. Green, attorney, that he might instigate mandamus proceedings to attempt to force the council to allow the use of the auditorium, and a counter opinion by Frank S. Grant, city attorney, that it couldn't be done.

Bishop Sumner early in the morning communicated with both the mayor and Chaplain Howard, and censuring the minister for his public statements and assumptions of the day before.

A flood of congratulatory and commendatory messages from prominent clergymen, businessmen and even labor leaders, swamped the office of the mayor throughout the day. There was no change in the status of the controversy, Mayor Baker reiterating his statement that the municipal auditorium would not be available for any radical demonstrations.

The auditorium was tentatively rented by the city for a lecture February 7 on conditions in Russia by Lincoln Steffens and Irwin S. John Tucker, socialists. Thereupon the occasion was advertised by its proponents as a mass meeting to protest

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CALIFORNIA MYSTERY MAN IS PORTLANDER

MRS. MAY CRAWFORD RECOGNIZES "H. K." AS HUSBAND.

Victim of Amnesia Passes Week in Oakland, Cal., Hospital Subject of Psycho-Analysis.

Mrs. May Crawford, house mother of the Hill Military academy annex, last night telegraphed Oakland police that "H. K." the amnesia victim wandering about the streets of that city last Tuesday is undoubtedly her husband, W. A. Crawford, formerly a prominent merchant of Three Lakes, Wash., who disappeared nearly a year ago.

All circumstances of the case as outlined by press dispatches received yesterday point to him as being her husband, said Mrs. Crawford, and, after seeing a published picture of the unidentified man, she is virtually certain of his identity.

In a telegram sent early last night Mrs. Crawford asked the police of Oakland for full details of the man's description, another picture of him and the entire statement of where and how he was found.

Mr. Crawford, according to his wife, left Three Lakes, Wash., March 20 last for Portland carrying a suitcase belonging to a neighbor, Herman Kriekle. The suitcase was marked with the initials "H. K."

At that time George W. Crawford, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, was seriously ill at St. Vincent's hospital, and physicians believed he would not recover. Mrs. Crawford was prostrated with grief over her son's condition, and Crawford, knowing this, and being of a nervous and highly strung nature, is thought to have become unbalanced.

On his departure from Three Lakes he took with him a large sum of money and bade goodbye to neighbors.

Some years ago he was known as one of Washington's wealthiest lumbermen, but he later sold his lumber interests and engaged in the retail merchant business at Three Lakes. He was 60 years old at the time of his disappearance.

A few weeks after his mysterious departure from Three Lakes Crawford's son died, and Mrs. Crawford became house mother at the Hill academy annex. His son had, prior to his death, attended the school and was a member of the sophomore class.

Although never having been an instructor of mathematics, as the man in custody of Oakland police is said to have stated he once was, Crawford according to his wife, was exceedingly well versed in higher branches of learning, and his mathematical knowledge extended to calculus.

Crawford had been in Portland several times and would be able to talk comprehensively of the city. This is another point of similarity between him and the stranger now in the Oakland hospital.

Since receiving news of the finding of the "mystery man" of Oakland, who is being held by authorities until identification can be proved, Portland police have been working on the theory that the man is Alfred R. Pearson, member of the American Legion, who

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HOUSE MAY PROBE BERGDOLL'S ESCAPE

KAHN INSTRUCTED TO CONFER WITH PROSECUTOR.

Report of Army Officers Making Freedom Offer for \$100,000 Urged for Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Possibility of a congressional investigation of the escape to Germany of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy draft dodger, was revived today when the house chairman instructed an investigating committee to confer with District Attorney McAvoy of Philadelphia regarding the case.

A resolution proposing an inquiry is before the committee.

Chairman Kahn announced he not only wanted an investigation of the escape, but favored a "most thorough and sweeping" investigation of the allegation, reported to have been made by Bergdoll in Germany, that he had been offered his freedom if he would "come across to some American army officers with a bribe of \$100,000."

Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, said he was "in hearty sympathy" with the plan to investigate Bergdoll's charges and escape. Declaring Germany had imprisoned two American sergeants "perhaps a little over-zealous," in their desire to capture a slacker, Mr. Johnson declared that the German government at the same time was asking the sympathy of the American people regarding payment of indemnity.

"Germany is in no position to ask our sympathy in view of what has taken place," he added, "and wouldn't get any if I had my way."

HOME GIRL-WIFE'S PLACE

New York Brides Under 16 Cannot Be Kept in School.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Girls who marry under 16 cannot be forced to continue in school, it was decided today by Magistrate Harris on a test case.

The magistrate said he thought husbands were entitled to have their wives at home.

ROBBERS SLAY VICTIM

Bricklayer Stabbed to Death as He Opposes Invaders.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 3.—Alexander Holmes, bricklayer, 60, was stabbed to death at his home here today when he resisted robbers who called upon him to deliver his money.

Holmes staggered to a neighbor's house, furnished a description of his assailants and died.

OLD MAIDS NEED MONEY

Funds Necessary if North Carolina Home Is to Be Used.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 3.—This city has an "old maid's home," but no funds to run it.

The will of Miss Emma Green, probated yesterday, left the city a house and its furnishings for the use of "destitute old maiden ladies."

Not one cent of state money was to be expended unless the government went 50-50. This contingency clause has been stricken out by Senators Hall and Norblad, and the bill in its present shape calls for setting aside of \$2,500,000 for this road, the money to be paid by direct taxation.

It is the contention of the state highway commission that to specify a certain sum of money for a certain road is an unfairness to all the other roads in the state. There remains under the 4 per cent originally approved by the state about \$9,000,000 which can be raised. The proposed \$2,500,000 for the Roosevelt highway would have to come from this sum, and would, consequently, cripple the road programs and prevent all other roads on the state from getting their fair share of the road money.

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Coast Held Not Neglected.

There has been no neglect of the coast section by the highway commission, asserted Chairman Booth, there are now roads connecting the coast with the Pacific highway and there has been substantial progress on the Coast highway. Approximately \$10,000,000 has already been spent or under contract for the north and south and the east and west roads of the coast. More has been spent for the coast section than any other, with the exception of the two main highways.

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ROOSEVELT ROAD BILL FIGHT BEGUN

All Highway Plans for Year Threatened.

VOTERS' DECISION DEMANDED

Commission Forces Show-Down in Legislature.

COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Question in House Promises to Be One of Most Vital of Present Session.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—With political combinations and trading on one hand and the state highway commission voicing opposition on the other, the Roosevelt highway bill threatens to upset the state road program. There was a showdown in the state house tonight when the highway commission declared that if the measure is passed by the legislature it will be referred to the people, and, if this held up, the road work for 1921 will have to stop.

At this time the situation, which is delicate, rests with the house committee on roads and highways. An adverse report on the Roosevelt highway bill will probably mean its defeat on the floor, while a favorable report will undoubtedly mean its passage. The measure has already been passed by the senate and Senator Hall, one of the authors of the bill, said tonight that he had 29 votes in the house pledged to its passage.

Cards Laid on Table.

It was at this point that the state highway commission, having been invited to attend a meeting of the house committee, laid its cards on the table.

"If you propose to change the plan of road work, as is indicated by the Roosevelt highway bill," announced R. A. Booth, chairman of the highway commission, "then give the Roosevelt highway its just percentage of funds with other roads, place all the funds in the hands of engineers and wipe out your highway commission."

The Roosevelt highway bill has developed into the big current issue of the legislature. The Roosevelt highway proposition was originally approved by the people and calls for \$2,500,000 of state money, to be matched by a similar amount of federal money, for a coast military and scenic highway.

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IRISH ADMIT SINKING OF BRITISH SUBMARINE

SINN FEIN PAPER AT NEW YORK PRINTS DISPATCH.

Engineer of Erin Invented Projectile That Sent Craft to Bottom, Says Cable.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Sinn Fein, a local publication, today printed a dispatch purporting to have been cabled from Dublin, saying that the British submarine K-5, which sank in the English channel, off Lands End, two weeks ago, was destroyed by "Irish seacraft."

The destruction of the submarine, it said, was brought about by an "electrically-controlled projectile, recently invented by an Irish engineer."

The dispatch read:

"Dublin.—Ireland has struck her first blow against the British navy. On January 20 Irish seacraft operating near the spot where Archbishop Mannix was seized last year, sighted the enemy submarine K-5 and destroyed it. The submarine, one of the largest and most powerful in the British fleet, was blown to pieces. How this victory was accomplished it is not permissible to tell at this time other than to say that a new weapon, some that in the nature of an electrically-controlled projectile, recently invented by an Irish engineer, made it possible."

"The sinking of the K-5 was its first practical test. The British army of occupation here continues its campaign of frightfulness. Nevertheless, talk of peace continues, and the prospect of an early cessation of hostilities appears very remote."

SLEEP-WALKER IS HURT

Sommambulist Takes Third Fall in Recent Months and Breaks Leg.

For the third time within the past few months, somnambulism has sent Isaac McIntire, aged 45, to the hospital. His latest sleep-walking experience occurred yesterday morning, when he fell from the window of his room, 300 East Morrison street, to the pavement 30 feet below. He suffered a fracture of the right leg and cuts and bruises. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

According to police records, McIntire has been taken to the police emergency hospital on two occasions previously from injuries sustained by falling while walking in his sleep.

Again yesterday morning he was stricken with somnambulism and pitched headlong out of his bedroom window while wandering about in his sleep.

Wives of Some Fight Bill.

Representatives Carter and Gallagher, who opposed passage, asked Mrs. Kinney if any women's organizations were behind her bill. The only organization which had officially approved the bill, Mrs. Kinney replied, was the Women's club of Fort-

Defeat of the bill can be charged in part to several wives of representatives, for Representative Kubli informed the house that Mr. North, his seatmate, had been called to the telephone to hear his wife instruct him to vote against the bill or not come home.

Representative Gordon explained that his wife was opposed to the bill and his brother, Representative Gordon, voted against the bill on the same recommendation.

Country Women Chied.

"So far as I am concerned," announced Mr. Gallagher, "it will take more than the word of a few society women of Portland, as fine as they may be, who have political ambitions, to make me vote for this measure. So far as I am concerned, I want to hear from the women who live back in the forests in Malheur county, who, if this bill passed, would be forced to leave their babies and their homes and enter stuffy, smoky jury boxes, there to remain for perhaps weeks. I refuse to fasten jury duty on women of Oregon unless they tell me that they are willing to accept it."

Representative Sheldon explained that clubwomen of the state had requested a jury bill giving women the option right for jury service, a bill before the house, he said, was compulsory and therefore he was opposed to its passage.

A question as to whether jury service was a duty, a right, a privilege or a penalty was raised by Representative Bennett, who held that the proponents of the bill were not certain what jury service constituted. He held that it was a duty, and a painful one, which should not be forced on women of this state.

Two Fight for Bill.

Representatives Belknap, Richards and Lynn used oratory in an effort to obtain passage of the bill. The vote on this measure is as follows:

For—Allen, Belknap, Davey, Finster, Flint, Hopkins, Hosford, Hunter, Hurd, Johnson, Kay, Mrs. Kinney, Low, Looney, Lyon, McDonald, Pierce, Powell, Richards, Roberts, Stone, Westcott, Woodson.

Against—Beale, Bennett, Carnar, Carter, Cary, Childs, Egbert, Fletcher, Gallagher, Gordon, Maitland, Hubbard, Hyatt, Korrell, Kubli, LaFollet, Leonard, Marsh, Martin, McFarland, Miles, Miller, North, Overturn, Perry, Shank, Sheldon, Shelia, Sloan, Templeton, Wright and Speaker Sloan.

Absent—Acheson, Burdick and Wells.

RITZVILLE SAFE ROBBED

Burglars Get \$25,000 in Bonds and Other Securities.

RITZVILLE, Wash., Feb. 3.—Negotiable bonds worth \$10,000, liberty bonds owned by employes and other securities to a total value of \$15,000 to \$18,000 were stolen by burglars, who cracked the safe in the office of the Miers-Shupley department store here last night. It was discovered today. No arrests have been made.

AMERICAN TAXPAYER: "CHEER UP! SEE WHAT WE GOT FOR WINNING THE WAR."

