

## GAP IN MINISTRY BIG WORLD ISSUE

### Stream of Young Men No Longer Continues.

### HIGH LIVING COST HELD BAR

### Methodist Episcopal Bishops Exalt Life Service.

### APPEAL MADE TO YOUTH

### Conference Opens Behind Closed Doors to Formulate National and World-Wide Policies.

The problem of finding enough young men to fill up the ranks of the ministry was the principal topic of discussion at the semi-annual conference of the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, which opened yesterday morning at the First Methodist church. The conference sessions are executive meetings behind closed doors and policies of national and world-wide importance to the church are being formulated. "Nearly all churches are finding it hard to keep up the ministry at this time," said one of the bishops at the close of the afternoon session. "Lack of adequate salaries for young men, the increased cost of living and other reasons have caused a shortage in this condition, which has prevailed for several years."

### Young Men Needed.

Bishop Theodore S. Henderson of Detroit, who was appointed by the board of education of the church, to visit conferences and talk to young men on "Life Service," reported on his work yesterday. It was as the result of his talk that the bishops began to discuss the importance of "keeping a stream of young men coming into the ministry."

Bishop Henderson has the Methodist students in high schools all over the country appoint representatives to go to conference meetings. At these conferences the bishop addresses the students on the value of "Life Service." He holds personal conferences with them and explains the possibilities as well as responsibilities open in the ministerial field. The bishops whose affairs Bishop Henderson has visited, paid many tributes yesterday to the power of his appeal and the work he is doing.

One of the most important problems of the conference is scheduled to be presented this morning. It is a consideration of the course of study for Methodist ministers and is expected to be thoroughly discussed in view of existing differences of opinion.

### Twenty-two Bishops Attend.

Twenty-two bishops are attending the meetings, from all parts of the United States. Bishop Thomas Nicholson of Chicago presided at the morning session and Bishop A. W. Leonard of San Francisco at the afternoon meeting. Bishops Charles E. Mitchell of St. Paul and Ernest L. Waldorf of Wichita will preside today.

The next meeting will be held in Washington, D. C. it was decided yesterday. The board will meet October 26 and on October 27 the bishops will attend the unveiling of the statue in memory of Bishop Francis Asbury, the first American bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. October 27 will be the 150th anniversary of his landing in this country.

It was announced yesterday that Bishop Lester H. Smith will come this fall from India to represent the bishops of the far east. He is due to arrive in San Francisco in September. His residence is in Bangalore.

### Organization Plans Considered.

Matters of organization occupied the board in the morning. Communications and papers, which have been received from all parts of the world, were assigned to the three committees, which comprise law and administration, plan and general reference. All the bishops were present for the opening meeting except Bishop Joseph F. Berry of Philadelphia, who will be unable to come on account of ill health.

### Big Berry Crop Assured

Small Fruit Prospect in Marion County Is Bright.

SALEM, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—A big crop of loganberries and strawberries is promised here this year, according to S. H. VanTrump, county horticultural inspector, who recently completed a survey of the berry sections of the county.

Peach trees, he said, had not yet recovered from the freeze in 1919, but the crop will be much larger than that of last year. The Italian prune crop was somewhat affected by recent rains and Mr. VanTrump said it was too early to estimate the damage.

### SILESIA IS TO BE EVADED

### U. S. Envoy at Council Ordered Not to Discuss Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The United States will refrain from any discussion of the Silesian question before the world supreme council should that subject be considered, it was said today.

Instructions to Ambassador Harvey, it was explained, are to take an active part only in the consideration of questions involving American interests.

## CLARA SMITH TAKES \$10,000 FOR CLAIMS

### INTEREST IN HAMON ESTATE IS RELINQUISHED.

### Settlement Effected by Attorneys—Young Woman Still Has Considerable Revenues.

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—A settlement was effected today by which the estate of Jake L. Hamon, of whose alleged murder she was recently acquitted by an Oklahoma jury, it was announced by her attorney, J. B. Champion.

"An agreement," the attorney said, "has been signed between Frank J. Keich, administrator of the estate of Jake Hamon, and Clara Smith Hamon, whereby in consideration of \$10,000 cash she relinquishes all claim to the estate of Hamon, the agreement recognizing as valid certain rights which the records show are vested in her."

"These are specified royalties and leases in the Hewitt Oil company in the Healdton oil field and other oil interests in Stephens and Cotton counties from which Clara Smith Hamon is drawing revenue. These interests are recognized in documents signed by Jake Hamon."

The attorney said "present revenues" from these holdings were "ample" to take care of his client.

### 20 I. W. W. WIN FREEDOM

### Counts Against Men Accused of Hindering War Efforts Set Aside.

ST. PAUL, May 12.—The United States circuit court of appeals today set aside the first of the four counts in the indictment on which 25 members of the Industrial Workers of the World were convicted and sentenced to varying terms in the Leavenworth federal penitentiary from the federal district court of Kansas.

The men were indicted for alleged activities in the wheat fields of Kansas and the fields of Oklahoma in 1917, when, according to the charges brought by the government, an effort was made to interfere with the government's prosecution of the war by setting fire to wheat fields and destroying oil wells.

### IOWAN ON WAY HERE

### Steamer Reported to Have Left New York 17 Hours Late.

In the face of strike conditions which have tied up practically all shipping, the steamer *Iowan*, of the American-Hawaiian service of the United American lines, steamed from New York at 10 o'clock yesterday morning for Portland via way ports, according to information received yesterday by the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company, local agent for the United American lines.

The *Iowan* originally was scheduled to leave New York for the Pacific coast at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, so she got away with only 17 hours delay and is practically on schedule.

### CITY'S POSTAL CASH GAINS

### April Receipts \$8000 Over Last Year; Seattle Loses Heavily.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 12.—Portland was the 32d postoffice in the country in point of receipts in April, showing a total of \$149,635, as against \$161,798 in April last year.

Seattle was the 24th, showing a heavy loss, however, over April of last year. Seattle's receipts were \$182,926 as against \$203,569 in April last year.

Postal receipts for April at 59 of the largest offices totaled \$20,811, down from \$21,408, or 2.84 per cent from the same month last year. The postoffice department said railroad and express strikes in April of a year ago had forced merchants and others to send many shipments by mail.

## DRYS STAMPEDE BARLEYCORN ANEW

### Old-Time Battle Against Liquor Re-Enacted.

### MEDICINAL BEER ABHORRED

### New York Doctor and Volstead Exchange Hot Words.

### AIR-TIGHT LAW DEMANDED

### Witness, Asked Why Cereal Beverages Not Good for Invalids, Puts "Kick" in Reply.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The days when the drys were battling to bury John Barleycorn were re-enacted today before the house judiciary committee, except that a few friends of John's (family) appeared to protest against Chairman Volstead's plan to cut off, even for medicinal purposes, the heritage of beer.

Plenty of drys were on hand and Dr. J. P. Davin of New York, who pleaded for the use of beer as medicine, received none too cordial treatment. In fact, he was roughly handled by Volstead, who challenged the physician's ability to explain anything, and on another occasion declared the witness was using "a conglomeration of words that mean nothing."

Outstanding in the testimony was the statement by Oliver T. Remmers, counsel for the Anheuser-Busch company of St. Louis, that the firm's policy was "beer for all, or beer for none." He requested an investigation of "favoritism and failures" in the dry law enforcement, and declared that the firm stood four square for law enforcement, although unalterably opposed to prohibition.

### Drys Want Airtight Law.

Dry leaders said there were many leaks in the stocks of liquors and urged the committee to make the Volstead law airtight. Dr. Davin, however, resented the move by Mr. Volstead to "dictate to physicians" what they shall or shall not prescribe, and urged the committee to await consideration of the bill by the American Medical association next month.

Mr. Volstead sought to establish why it was not possible for physicians to make medical beer by using cereal beverages and alcohol. He asked Dr. Davin several questions along this line, none of which apparently was answered to the satisfaction of the "committee chairman, who finally blurted:

"Look here, you're trying to evade (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)"

## POSSE IS OUTWITTED BY ESCAPED ROBBER

### MAN WHO GOT AWAY FROM PORTLAND LAST JULY CAUGHT.

### Roy Gardner, Being Sent to Surrender, Charged with Kidnaping and Learning Lesson in Jail.

FAIRFIELD, Ore., May 12.—All trace of Roy Gardner, reported murdered near Napa, was believed shortly before noon to have been lost, according to the Solano county sheriff's office, where Sheriff Harris of Napa county had just been a visitor.

NAPA, Cal., May 12.—A posse of deputy sheriffs and ranchers earlier today was reported to have trapped Roy Gardner, escaped mail robber, in a thickly wooded spot in Gordon canyon, near here, and to have been waiting a favorable opportunity to close in on Gardner and bring him out dead or alive.

Gardner escaped June 7, 1920, by jumping from a train near Portland after he had been convicted of an \$87,000 registered mail robbery at San Diego and had received a 25-year term in McNeil's island penitentiary.

Following his escape, Gardner went to Australia and recently returned to Napa, where his wife resides, to give himself up, the sheriff's office said. He was advised, however, through a guarded telephone conversation with his wife that he could expect no concessions and he immediately disappeared again, with the posse in close pursuit.

At the time Gardner escaped the train was pulling into the East Portland depot. He was in charge of federal officers and was on his way north to McNeil's island to begin serving a prison term. Two Chinese were also in custody of the officers, on the train and the officers were unable to attract members of the train crew and gain their release until the train had left the east side station.

The Chinese was captured soon after in local Chinatown, but although a wide search was made for Gardner, he could not be located.

### HEIRESS BRIDE OF YOUTH

### Action to Break Dowry of \$100,000 to Klamath Woman Pends.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Anita Labaree, central figure in the will contest in which the son and daughter of her former husband, Oscar G. Labaree, are seeking to break his will making her the sole heir of his \$100,000 estate was married in Yreka, Cal., May 4, to Elmer Lowery, rancher of the Bly district, in Klamath county, it was disclosed here today. The will contest is now pending in the circuit court which rejected the claims of Ben Labaree and his sister and held the will valid.

Lowery is said here to be barely one of his teens. His parents are ranchers in the Bly district. He had been employed on the Labaree ranch during the past year, friends said.

## 59TH ARTILLERY GETS PHILIPPINE ORDERS

### COAST REGIMENT SCHEDULED TO SAIL JULY 5.

### Colonel E. D. Pearce, at Present in Command, Is Not Expected to Accompany Troops.

TACOMA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—The 59th coast artillery regiment at Camp Lewis will sail from Tacoma on July 5 for Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, according to orders received at the headquarters of the 31st coast artillery brigade from the war department at Washington today.

The entire regiment, which numbers approximately 1000 men and officers, together with a number of officers who have been transferred to the 59th regiment from Puget sound coast defenses will sail for the Philippines, the orders said.

The 59th regiment now is commanded by Colonel E. D. Pearce, but it is understood that another officer will take the regiment to the Philippines as Colonel Pearce has been ordered to report to Fort Leavenworth, Kas., in September to attend the army service schools there.

The officers, which have been assigned to the 59th regiment from Puget sound coast defenses include: Captains Lewis J. Bowler and Thomas R. Parker and First Lieutenants Nathaniel A. Burrell, Charles F. Wilson, Halvo H. Myrah and Lee E. Gray. First Lieutenant Edward W. Hendrick has been assigned from the Columbia river defenses, First Lieutenant Verne C. Snell from San Diego, Captains Philip A. Biehl, William G. Brey and Louis D. Farnsworth and First Lieutenant Ruppert E. Siarr.

The officers from San Francisco and San Diego will sail for Camp Lewis on the transport which leaves San Francisco July 1, the orders provide.

## PORTLAND RADIUM LOST

### Quantity of Precious Element Is Reported Missing.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The \$6000 tube of radium lost in an elevated train here and which was reported found in a street car in Kansas City, is still missing, the local representative of the insurance company handling the adjustment, announced today.

Other mysterious disappearances of radium throughout the country, at least one a day for the last ten days, are reported by this company which is said to insure the greater part of all the radium in the United States. Losses have been reported from such widely separated points as Portland, Or., Oklahoma City, and Toledo, O., aggregating \$40,000.

### DAUGHERTY AIDE NAMED

### New Yorker Nominated as Assistant Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—President Harding today nominated William Hoppin of New York to be assistant attorney-general in charge of customs cases.

John J. Tigert of Kentucky was nominated to be commissioner of education and William E. Lamb of Illinois to be solicitor of the department of commerce.

## SLAYING 4 MATES IS LAID TO WOMAN

### LIFE INSURANCE CARRIED ON ALL HUSBANDS.

### COMPLAINT MADE BY FIFTH

### Arrest Made in Honolulu for Los Angeles Police.

### OTHER DEATHS CHARGED

### Murder of Brother-in-Law and Child of One of Spouses Included in Allegations.

HONOLULU, T. H., May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mrs. Paul Vincent Southard, also known as Mrs. Lydia Meier, was held by the police here today on orders from Los Angeles in connection with the deaths of four of her husbands, a brother-in-law and a child of one of the men to whom she was married.

Paul Southard, to whom she was married in Los Angeles last November, told the police here she tried to get him to take out \$10,000 worth of life insurance. Southard is a petty officer on the U. S. S. Monterey, stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

### Insurance Carried on All.

Insurance of which she was the beneficiary was carried on the lives of all the five men whose deaths are being investigated.

Mrs. Southard, according to the police, has agreed to return without extradition. Papers for extradition are being prepared.

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—The arrest at Honolulu today of Mrs. Lydia Meier Southard and who is charged with murdering her fourth husband, Edward R. Meier, at Twin Falls, Idaho, was the outgrowth of the theft of a diamond, with suspicion pointing at the woman. It was said here today by V. H. Ormsby, a deputy sheriff of Twin Falls.

Ormsby, who came here three weeks ago searching for Mrs. Southard, said details of the charges were in the possession of Frank Stephen, prosecuting attorney at Twin Falls.

### Departure Is Learned.

The deputy sheriff said information that Mrs. Southard had come to Los Angeles from Twin Falls was supplied by Mrs. Mary James, who had married a woman of that name, but had known an Ida Meyer, a school teacher in the east.

There is no charge against the woman here, Ormsby, when he cabled the Honolulu authorities asking that she be arrested, gave his temporary address as the "sheriff's office, Los Angeles."

The Idaho officer said he would leave soon for San Francisco, where his wife, also a deputy sheriff, would join him, and they would go together to Honolulu to take Mrs. Southard back to Twin Falls.

### ARSENIC FOUND IN VICTIMS

### Fly Paper Alleged to Have Been Soaked to Obtain Poison.

BOISE, Idaho, May 12.—(Special.)—The arrest of Mrs. Lydia Southard today was alleged to have brought to light one of the strangest criminal cases in the history of Idaho. "Authorities in many cities and in many states have been trailing the woman for months. Insurance companies have been endeavoring to define, through experts, the causes that result in the sudden and mysterious deaths of her numerous husbands."

Nothing has been left undone to prove that she was directly responsible for a series of deliberate murders, well and carefully planned. Her arrest was expected at Los Angeles through a deputy sheriff from Twin Falls, who left for the place several weeks ago, but she had left that city and had gone to Honolulu. It was said that the arrest was finally made possible through the naval authorities, for her last husband Southard, was a naval officer. They were married November 30, 1920.

Lydia Southard is a Twin Falls county girl, about 30 years of age, the daughter of prominent residents of Twin Falls county, where she was raised and attended school. She was married to Edward Dooley of Filer. He was her first husband.

According to the authorities the accused woman's plan was to marry, have her husband carry heavy insurance, do away with him and collect the insurance. It was known that she collected at least \$5000 in this manner. Some of the policies were paid by the Idaho State Life Insurance company.

## 40 CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM TEXAS PRISON

### SEVEN RECAPTURED BY POSSES SCOURING COUNTRY.

### Prisoners Mutiny, Charge Guards, Get Guns and Then Make Dash for Liberty.

HOUSTON, Tex., May 12.—Thirty-three of 40 convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary at Huntsville today were still at large tonight, although hundreds of armed officers and citizens were scouring the country within a radius of 75 miles in an effort to apprehend them.

Seven have been recaptured. Poses closing in on four others just before nightfall.

Two guards were shot, one probably fatally, when the outbreak occurred. Six of the men obtained pistols and stormed the front gate of the prison, then charged guards on the inside of the prison walls and broke into the army, obtaining shotguns.

About 25 shots of live fire were fired by the convicts. The guards returned the fire, but as far as is known no convicts were hit.

Reports to the warden's office this afternoon said 25 others were surrounded by a posse. Eight more were being pursued as they headed toward Houston, the reports indicated.

### TOLEDO TO FINISH PAVING

### City Makes Many Improvements in Last Few Months.

TOLEDO, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Weather permitting, Charles Mook, contractor, expects to complete the paving of Main street in Toledo within the next ten days. This will be Lincoln county's first paved street.

In the last few months several marked improvements have been made in Toledo, among which are the organization of the First National bank and the erection of a fine two-story concrete building, the purchase and fitting up of the old Lincoln County bank building as a Masonic room and office building, equipping the lower floor of the Andrews building in a modern combination pool, confectionery and restaurant enterprise.

Other accomplishments are the organization of a chamber of commerce with 150 members and the fitting up of elaborate rooms in the Akin building.

### DANCE HALL LAW FOUGHT

### Posters From McMinnville Urge Anti-Blue-Law Fund.

WILLAMINA, Or., May 12.—Posters from McMinnville are reaching all towns within a given proximity appealing for aid to carry on the fight for an initiative amendment to the city charter in favor of the dance hall.

The posters read in part as follows:

"Anti-blue law fund. All money taken in goes to defend the citizenship of McMinnville against unjust laws. It was impossible to go through with the plan for Mrs. Stillman to get the divorce."

Papers served on boat. As Mrs. Stillman was determined not to admit the legitimacy of Guy and permit him to bear the family name if he could avoid doing so, according to the story, it was impossible to go through with the plan for Mrs. Stillman to get the divorce.

Then, in July, 1920, as she was sailing for Europe on the Olympic with Guy, Mrs. Stillman was served with papers in her husband's action for divorce against her, charging the boy Guy, her son, with illegitimacy.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Mexico has officially recognized the republic of Lithuania. It was announced today by the Lithuanian information bureau here.

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