

WAR ON NARCOTICS BEGUN IN PORTLAND

Law Enforcement Officers and Mayor Confer.

PLAN NOT YET DEFINITE

More Meetings to Be Held, However, in Hope of Finding Way to Capture Traffickers.

A campaign which Mayor Baker hopes to wage in Portland to drive narcotic dealers from the city and reduce the traffic in drugs began yesterday when a conference of law enforcement officers was held in the city hall.

No definite plans were adopted, it being recognized that the subject is one of too great magnitude to handle in an hour's conference. However, the mayor announced that he would hold weekly meetings, with the hope that some general plan could be adopted.

Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, who has made an extensive study of the evil traffic, outlined his plan to combat the evil. He said that his idea differed from those held by many other experts, but that he sincerely believed his plan would be most effective.

Colony of Addicts Suggested.

In short, Dr. Parrish suggested that a colony be established where all drug addicts should be sent for not more than 18 months. At that colony, he advised that work be provided and that each person sent to such institution be paid \$1 a day.

This, Dr. Parrish said, would give sufficient time to cure the victim and in addition would give the addict an allowance of money to enable him to get a new start in life.

Next, Dr. Parrish recommended that an active campaign be waged against the narcotic dealers, with the view of inflicting prison sentences of sufficient length to break up their "business relations."

The final step that the city health officer proposed was the establishment of a central dispensary, to be operated by the city or state, where narcotics could be given to users during the period of "a cure" at cost. This plan, he said, would drive the professional dealers out of business and at the same time give the authorities a chance to really solve the question.

Dispensary Is Opposed.

Mayor Baker declared that the general plan was excellent, but that the establishment of a dispensary would serve only to attract drug addicts to Portland unless a similar plan were adopted by all Pacific coast states.

However, Dr. Parrish was requested to lay his plan in writing before the mayor, that some steps might be made to develop it.

Officers in the narcotic squad pointed out the difficulties they faced in their work because of the law which refuses them a search warrant unless they know beyond a doubt that contraband drugs are in the designated building. District Attorney Myers, who also was present at the conference, said that an officer was justified in making a search without a warrant if he was certain that the delay in obtaining the warrant would prevent him from obtaining the contraband goods, but he also said that seizures without warrants should not become habitual.

Another conference will be held at the city hall next Tuesday.

WOMEN JURORS TO SERVE

Jackson County Clerk to Make Out New List Next Month.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Women will be called as jurors in Jackson county at the February term of circuit court, and among the cases to be tried that term will be the remainder of the Bank of Jacksonville cases and the retrial of James (Shine) Edwards and John Goodwin, each charged with bootlegging.

County Clerk Foley under the state laws approved by the Oregon voters at the 1921 primary, will draw the jury list the first week in January. It will contain the names of 450 men and 250 women. The second story of the new courthouse addition will be used as jury women's quarters, though the deliberations of a jury will not be separate as to men and women jurors.

COURT CALENDAR CALLED

Judge Dismisses More Than 100 Cases at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—George B. Simpson, judge of the superior court of Clarke county, today called the calendar. More than 100 cases which have been filed and were in various stages of prosecution, but not being pressed, were dismissed. On January 10, when the winter term of court begins, any of these cases may be reinstated if the attorney involved makes the proper representation.

The first case to be tried will be the state against Orcutt and Moore, charged with holding up the Sella-Floto circus pay wagon here September 24. They were tried once but the jury disagreed.

EZRA MEEKER IS FETED

Two Celebrations for Oregon Pioneer Held at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Ezra Meeker, who came into the Puget sound country 78 years ago by way of the Oregon trail, was feted today by his friends and relatives on the occasion of his 91st birthday.

Two gatherings were held in honor of the northwest pioneer. The Borrowed Time club, an organization of men and women more than 70 years of age, of which Meeker is a member, met to felicitate him at a downtown cafeteria and later a public reception was held.

BURCH'S SANITY DOUBTED

Father of Man Held for Murder Testifies in Court.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Actions of Arthur C. Burch, on trial on the charge of murdering J. Helton Kennedy, both before and after Kennedy was slain, were related at length today by Rev. William A. Burch of Evanston, Ill., father of the defendant, in support of the opinion he said had formed that his son is insane.

Rev. Mr. Burch gave a history of the life of Arthur, declaring the latter was a quiet, studious youth, devoted

to his parents and interested in church and Sunday school work up to about three years ago, when he became interested in a ranching venture at Living Springs, Mont., and made frequent trips there from Evanston. The father said the first change he noted in his son's behavior was "deception" in regard to money matters.

Arthur, he said, would send home a list of bills and ask for money to pay them, and after the money was forwarded the same bills would come back again for payment.

Mr. Burch said in response to the district attorney's questioning that he never knew Arthur was "running with the blanchette woman." He said he did not personally know Mrs. Obenchain. He said Arthur had told him he was "running with women," in Montana.

FRANK MILLER IS SHOT

Waterloo Man Believed to Have Committed Suicide.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The body of Frank Miller, 29, of Waterloo, was found in his home yesterday afternoon, with a wound in his temple from a 22-caliber rifle. The weapon lay beside his body on a bed, and indications pointed to suicide.

The cause of the tragedy is not known. Miller is survived by a widow and a 9-year-old daughter, who were absent when the shooting occurred. He had resided in the vicinity of Waterloo for many years.

Miller was Jim Ward and Robert Bruce at Sweet Home on Labor day of last year, when an affray occurred which resulted in the death of M. Story, marshal at Sweet Home, and the subsequent conviction of Ward on a charge of manslaughter. Ward is yet in the penitentiary, having been returned there after having escaped once. Bruce was tried and convicted of simple assault only.

Though a member of the party, Miller was not involved in the assault which resulted in the injury to Marshal Story.

BENTON BANK STOCK SOLD

A. J. Johnson, President, to Act Only in Advisory Capacity.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—A. J. Johnson, president of the Benton County State bank since 1907, today announced that he had disposed of a large share of his stock to Corvallis business and professional men in order that he might be relieved from some of the burdens incident to so close an attention to business as his interests required.

Those who acquired a share of the Johnson stock were: Tom Nolan, president of J. M. Nolan & Sons, pioneer department store; E. L. Potter, head of the department of animal husbandry at Oregon Agricultural college; Dr. R. L. Roworth and H. D. Moreland, president of the Philomath State bank. Mr. Johnson still retains a large block of the bank's stock and will retain the presidency, but will act only in an advisory capacity.

WARDEN HURT IN CRASH

Mr. Compton's Face Cut by Glass in Auto Collision.

CANBY, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—An automobile driven by Lyle Pennell of Barlow and an automobile driven by L. G. Compton, state warden of the state penitentiary at Salem, collided Sunday at 3 o'clock near the new garage of Grant White in this city, and as a result the warden's automobile, which was turned over, was badly damaged. Warden Compton's face was badly cut by glass when the windshield broke.

After the two cars came together the Compton car skidded about 40 feet before it turned over. Mr. Compton and a friend were thrown from the car. Mr. Pennell was on his way to Molalla and Mr. Compton traveling north on his way to Portland, the two cars colliding at the crossroads.

VICTIM OF WRECK DIES

Rumsey Wakefield Succumbs to Injuries—Cousin Unconscious.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Rumsey Wakefield, 30 years of age, died today in the Elma hospital from injuries sustained Sunday night when an eastbound Aberdeen-Mecklenburg stage collided at Beck's Prairie, two miles east of Elma, with an automobile carrying Wakefield, his cousin, Floyd Wakefield, 35, and William Crisp, also of Elma.

Floyd Wakefield was reported in a critical condition. Thirty stitches had been taken in his head, but he had not yet regained consciousness. Rumsey Wakefield is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wakefield, his widow and four children, all of Elma. Funeral services have not been arranged.

ROAD SURVEY IS STARTED

New Alsea-Lincoln County Highway Connection Planned.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Accompanied by a dozen men, E. E. Farnsworth, state highway department has started a survey of the proposed new road west from Alsea to connect with the Lincoln county highway. The project calls for a tunnel through Alsea mountain to save a bad grade and two miles of roadway.

The survey will decide the feasibility of this project as well as the most direct road with the least grade. Work on the road is expected to start as soon as the weather permits.

ADMIRAL TRANSFERS FLAG

New Mexico Made Flagship of Battle Squadron Four.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Vice-Admiral W. R. Shoemaker today transferred his flag to the battleship New Mexico, making that vessel the flagship of battle squadron four. Prior to the commissioning of the new California, the New Mexico was fleet flagship.

Rear-Admiral J. V. Chase also assumed command of the fleet train today, hoisting his flag on the Connequot, relieving Rear-Admiral H. O. Stockney.

STIMSON ESTATE \$470,000

Estimate Filed With Will of Prominent Seattle Man.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—The estate of Fred S. Stimson, prominent Seattle business man, who died November 24, is valued at \$470,000, according to an estimate filed with the will which was admitted to probate in superior court here today.

The estate includes property in Seattle and vicinity and in California. The will divides the estate among the widow, a daughter and two sons.

CHARGE PURCHASES TODAY AND BALANCE OF MONTH GO ON JANUARY BILLS DATED FEBRUARY 1

OUR WINDOWS TELL THE STORY

TODAY—SECOND DAY OF MEIER & FRANK'S

January Clearance Sales

The Great, the Wonderful, the All-Embracing
The Staple Goods, the New Goods, the Best Goods

EVERY ARTICLE REDUCED

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Greatest Savings on Quality Goods for Men, Women and Children

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MEN

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The Newest and Best Clothes in America
Many at Less Than Half Former Prices
—Third Floor.

We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities

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WAR TAX END DUE SOON

SAVING OF \$1,500,000 MONTHLY ON EXPRESS EXPECTED.

Express Company Issues Statement Saying Collection Will Stop January 1.

The elimination of the war tax on express shipments, which becomes effective January 1, will result in a saving to the public of approximately \$1,500,000 a month, according to George C. Taylor, president of the American Railway Express company, who sent an announcement to this effect yesterday to I. Waring, general agent here. The tax on all shipments forwarded "prepaid" on or before December 31 will be collected. On shipments forwarded "collect" and arriving on or after January 1 the tax will not be assessed.

The revenue act of 1921 eliminates the war tax of 1 cent on every 20 cents and fractions thereof in transportation charges on all express shipments. This tax during the year of 1920 amounted to \$17,502,913. The average transportation charge for each express shipment was approxi-

BURGULARS BUSY AS EVER

THRIVING BUSINESS DONE BY OUTLAW ELEMENT.

Many Good-Sized Hauls of Cash and Valuables Made Over Christmas Week-End.

Burglars, yeggs and highwaymen did a thriving Christmas shopping business over the week end and expected a heavy toll in cash and valuables, according to reports filed with the police detective bureau yesterday. Some wide-awake burglar waited for the opportune moment and rifled the money till at the Happy Home card room, 47 North Third street, while the proprietor's back was turned for a moment. The thief escaped with \$130 in currency, leaving no clew as to his identity.

At the White pool room, 183 Fourth street, burglars broke in through a side door and robbed the place of \$35 and four boxes of cigars.

MILL TO RESUME OPERATION

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—

The Clatsop Lumber company's saw-mill, which has been idle nearly all of the present year and was recently purchased by the Astoria Box company, will resume operations next Tuesday, employing about 120 men.

RIVER SUICIDE IDENTIFIED

Man Who Jumped Off Morrison Bridge Nicholas Meyer.

Identity of the man who jumped into the Willamette river from the Morrison street bridge Monday and was drowned was established yesterday here and verified at the state hospital for the insane at Salem.

The suicide was Nicholas Meyer, who was committed to the state hospital from Portland June 14, 1920, and discharged from that institution on August 6, 1920. He was 21 years old at the time he was committed.

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ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—

Orpheum matinee today, 15-25-50-A-d.

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Buckwheats!
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PURE CANE AND MAPLE
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