CIRCUS EMPLOYES DESCRIBE ROBBERY

Orcutt and Moore, Alleged Outlaws, Identified.

DEFENSE FIGHTING HARD

Attorney Vanderveer Objects to Much Testimony in Sells-Floto Holdup Case.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The trial of Bert Orcutt and Roye Moore, charged with robbing the Sells-Floto circus of $30,000 on the night of Setember 16, 1921, is going ahead slowly. The state placed 13 witnesses on the stand today and yesterday. George F. Vanderveer, one of the attorneys for the defendants, is cross-examining the witnesses.

Julia Gentry of Vancouver testified today to seeing Moore and Orcutt at the circus grounds on the night of the robbery about 6:30 or 7 P. M.

Henry Ulrich, at that time night patrolman, testified to being called to the Bud Smith garage to look at a car which had been left there by Moore and Orcutt and another man about 3 A. M. the day of the holdup. He said the license number of the machine was 118,529 and that it was registered under the name of Bert Orcutt of Seattle.

Robbery Is Described.

F. A. McLane of Denver, Colo., treasurer for the circus, told of leaving the circus grounds on the night of the holdup and of being held up near their train. He described the holdup and identified some of the money in evidence by check marks made for the purpose. He said that the first he knew of the robbery was when he heard a shot, which he at first thought was a tire exploding. Then a man stepped in front of the machine and ordered the driver to stop. The party was told to stick up their hands and to get out of the auto. The men were searched and one of the robbers took a grip containing the circus receipts. He said all of the money had been returned except about $2600, which has not been accounted for. It was supposed the robbers kept out that sum. They cached the balance near the road near La Center. After the robbery all were ordered to get back in the machine and drive on, which they did.

Robert De Lochte, one of the party and one of the first out of the truck, told a similar story.

Defense Objects to Witness.

Mrs. Sophia Egener, who had charge of the circus wardrobe, was called. Mr. Vanderveer objected to her testifying because a letter "e" had been left out when her name was written on the information as one of the witnesses. Judge Simpson overruled the objection. Mrs. Egener said she had asked one of the robbers not to shoot any of the party, and was told he would not if they were quiet. All three witnesses identified both Moore and Orcutt.

J. A. Erickson, laundry driver for the U. S. laundry in Seattle, said he knew Moore and had called for laundry at 1816 Boyston street, Seattle, last January. He picked up a blouse and pair of overalls at that house, where Moore and his family lived. Miss Rose Bartenstein, marker for the same laundry, testified to marking these clothes.

J. C. McEachern testified that near the holdup scene he ran into Moore and Orcutt carrying a grip. They made him hold up his hands and go ahead of them to the top of the grade. He was ordered to keep going to the right, but turned and saw the men get into a machine and drive away.

When he had testified Judge Simpson adjourned court until tomorrow morning. Mr. McEachern will be on the stand tomorrow for cross-examination by the defense.

At the trial today Mr. De Lochte stated one of the men appeared shorter than the other. Mr. Vanderveer had both defendants stand side by side and showed they now look about the same height.

The court room was packed with spectators. Witnesses are excluded from the room except when testifying. Several relatives of the defendants sit by them in the court room.

AUTOISTS NEED CHAINS

Mud Declared Deep Between La Center and Woodland.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The five and one-half mile stretch of the Pacific highway between La Center and Woodland, because of construction work, is almost impassable for an automobile unless tire chains are used, and to avoid being stuck in the deep ruts and mud, which at some places strikes the pan, autoists should take them along.

The road will be paved early this season through federal aid and when completed will make a paved highway from Woodland to Vancouver and Ridgefield with the exception of the highway passing through La Center. The highway between La Center and Woodland is being changed. The new route will be a more direct road, with less curves, a wider grade and a better slope. The United Contracting company of Portland has the contract.

TEACHERS BACK PETITIONS

$30-$10 Plan Advocated to Be Put Before Voters.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Work is to start immediately here by teachers to procure signatures on petitions to bring before the voters next fall the matter of the $30-$10 plan for apportioning school funds, Mrs. Adele Allen Oliver, president of the local teachers' association said yesterday.

This plan was side-tracked in the legislature last session. Under it the state would levy to pay back to public schools $30 for each census child—those between the ages of 4 and 21 years—and the counties themselves would levy to provide $10 for each census child in their respective counties. At present the state gives $20 and the counties $10 for each census child.

SHINGLE MILL OPERATING

Chehalis Plant With Big Output Will Double Production.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Today the National Shingle company began cutting shingles at its mill on National avenue, Chehalis, near the brickyard. A. A. Broderick, manager of the Western Oil company, and G. C. Scheible are owners of the business. The plant has a daily capacity of 35,000 shingles, but it is planned to double the output by running two shifts.

Electricity will be used for power, the current to be furnished by the North Coast Power company. A bolt supply will be obtained by purchase from local farmers and others, many of whom have cedar on their places which otherwise would have no sale. There is a good local market for shingles, owing to the home-building campaign that is under way here and in the country adjacent to Chehalis.

The plant is located near a siding of the Northern Pacific, however, and shingles can easily be loaded by running them down a chute into the cars a short distance.

MAN'S DEATH MYSTERY

Seattle Police Try to Decide if Murder Was Committed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 13.—Police today were endeavoring to determine whether the death of Charles H. Schwartz, 72, whose body was found in a room in a hotel here yesterday, was slain or whether he died in a paroxysm of some illness. The room was covered with blood stains, furniture was overturned and Schwartz' body was bruised from head to foot. There was no evidence of robbery, police said. Schwartz is believed to have relatives at Arlington, Wash.

Coroner Corson, who conducted an inquest over Schwartz' body, announced later he had found a bullet wound in the head. This, he said, established the fact that Schwartz had been slain by some unknown person, as no weapon was found in the room when the body was discovered. Physicians said Schwartz had been dead four or five days.

Tacoma Club Entertains.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 13.—More than 550 Camp Lewis officers and members of the Tacoma Commercial club attended the first big "get-to-gether" of the officers at the camp and the business men of Tacoma in the club rooms last night. The event was a "stag" reception and smoker given by the club members for Major-General C. H. Muir, his staff and the officers at the camp. J. T. S. Lyle, president of the Commercial club, welcomed the guests, asserting that he wanted the officers at Camp Lewis to know that Tacoma desired to know them better. Major-General Muir responded and declared that the officers at Camp Lewis regarded Tacoma as "home."

20,000 Baby Chicks Ordered.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—One Montesano firm, S. W. Pickering & Sons, has taken orders for 20,000 baby chicks for spring delivery. Compared with orders for only 4500 last spring, some indication is furnished of the poultry boom that has seized this section. Large poultry houses are being built on many ranches in this vicinity. Lloyd Pickering of Montesano, who is in close touch with poultrymen in all parts of the county, believes that the industry is increasing more than 100 per cent each year. Experts from the state college have declared that conditions in Grays Harbor county are ideal for poultry raising.

Prize Offered to Children.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A Toledo committee composed of Justus Brooks, Thos. H. Gray and V. R. Buckmaster, recently named to secure a purse of $150 with which to encourage school children of nine districts adjacent to that center to greater activities along useful lines, has outlined the various things for which prizes will be given. Three premiums will be given for each of the following: Best arranged school grounds, best model garden, best flock of poultry, best exhibit of berries produced by children or school acting in unison. A number of individual prizes also will be given. All awards will be made in the fall.

Farmers Complete Organization.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—W. C. Mumaw of Aberdeen was elected president of the Grays Harbor county agricultural council at an organization meeting here last night. W. J. Wharton of Satsop was chosen vice-president. A committee to arrange an agricultural programme was selected, as follows: E. B. Arthaud, Hoquiam; Clarence Glenn, Montesano; Harry Swenson, Elma; County Agent Robert Cowen, Montesano, and Oscar Bleckschmidt, Satsop. The committee on a county council consists of C. C. Musgrove, Elma; W. H. Horton, Montesano, and J. H. Taylor, Montesano.

Elma Town Council at Work.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Elma town council assumed its new duties Tuesday, following adjournment of the 1921 council. The members are: M. L. Dawson, mayor; James Johnston and James Glancy, councilmen; A. H. Fleming, treasurer. Appointments announced by Mayor Dawson are: E. S. Avey, attorney; Mrs. Mollie Smith, town clerk; George Burtch, town marshal; F. J. Miller, police justice ad interim. Discussion of the proposed alterations in the water system took up a large part of the session.

Legion Post Growing.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Fifteen candidates were initiated last night and about 50 more have been signed for membership as a result of the membership drive of Aberdeen post No. 5, American Legion. Commander Dewey Lyden predicts that the post will have a membership of 500 when the campaign is closed. Ernest Axland and William Menrenhall are leading two recruiting teams in the drive.

Tax Reduction Decree Filed.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The formal decree of Judge Mitchell Gilliam of Seattle by which the Grays Harbor Lumber company and the Eureka Cedar Lumber & Shingle Company are granted personal tax reductions totaling approximately $50,000 was received by the clerk of the superior court today. The Grays Harbor Lumber company is allowed $365.40 costs and the Eureka company $548.80.

Gas Tank Blows Up.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Explosion of a supposedly empty gas tank nearly wrecked the East End Welding works this afternoon and badly burned William Bond, 18, who was employed there. All window lights were blown out, the glass being hurled clear across Main street, and the roof was raised.

Canadians to Be Deported.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—M. C. Faris, immigration inspector, left tonight for Seattle with Frederick Chambers, Henry Johns and Frederick Smithers, who are to be deported to Canada. All three have been serving terms in the state penitentiary. It is charged that Johns and Smithers entered the United States without inspection.

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SEATTLE IS BEHIND COLUMBIA PROJECT

Sentiment Out of Harmony With Chamber Report.

SPOKANE'S SNUB HURTS

Business and Professional Men Are Wondering How to Reopen Issue of Hiring Goethals.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—Sentiment among Seattle business and professional men does not seem quite in accord with the text and the tone of the report made by the state development bureau of the chamber of commerce against the Columbia river basin reclamation project. News that Spokane had withdrawn the invitation to Seattle to participate in paying for the services of General Goethals for a survey of the project was received today with considerable chagrin in many quarters here; but no one had any suggestion to offer as to how the case might be reopened, if Spokane insists on cancelling the invitation.

In point of fact, the report of the state development bureau has not yet been acted upon by the trustees of the chamber of commerce, to whom it was formally addressed.

Conference Is Held.

At the time of the conference here between the Spokane delegation of business men and the members of the development bureau, Howard A. Hanson, the bureau chairman, told the visitors that no immediate action was possible, since the bureau had no power save of recommendation to the trustees. The trustees have a special meeting scheduled for Saturday to consider the report. Chamber officers today declined to guess what course the trustees might now take in view of the attitude of Spokane. If the invitation has actually been withdrawn there may be no action one way or the other.

Inquiry in business circles during the past few days disclosed a feeling entirely friendly toward the Columbia basin project and in favor of contributing to the employment of Goethals. The general opinion is that Seattle could well afford to spend $2500 or $3000 to help hire such an expert's report on the project as would either establish it definitely in public favor or bring about an indefinite postponement or abandonment.

Benefits Are Realized.

Those who hold to this opinion think the project should be taken out of the controversy. No one questions the prodigious benefits to accrue if the project be found feasible and carried to completion; and even those who have their doubts would welcome a short cut to determination.

The Spokane charge of discourteous consideration on the part of Seattle finds some support here among those who think the state development bureau went out of its way to knock the project when it should have been content, at the most, with a recommendation against participation. There was no need, it was held, to fan prejudice against the Columbia basin, already declared in districts interested in the extension or inauguration of smaller projects. The Columbia basin project is either a good thing or it isn't, and there are many persons in Seattle, members of the chamber of commerce, who believe that Seattle might well help in the cost of finding out the truth. Such persons are inclined to congratulate Spokane on the declared purpose to go ahead regardless of Seattle.

TACOMA BACKS BASIN SCHEME

Irrigation Project for Columbia Country Receives Approval.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 13.—Tacoma got behind the development of the Columbia basin irrigation project with the heartiest sort of support for Spokane, after hearing from N. W. Durham, editor of the Spokesman-Review, the story of what the development means and what is immediately necessary to get it started.

Immediately following the members' council meeting at the Commercial club, at which the irrigation project was the subject of the day, interested Tacomans got pledges of $1000 toward the fund needed to hire General G. W. Goethals as engineer to report on the feasibility of the project.

Mr. Durham stated that the Spokane chamber of commerce, which is undertaking to raise $10,000 to put with $15,000 the state has available and make up the fee General Goethals asks, was looking to Tacoma for $1500. An effort will be made to double this amount here and make up in part for Seattle's failure to support the big project, members of the irrigation committee said.

The official action of the members' council was to vote a recommendation to the trustees of the club that a committee be named to raise the $1500 asked.

BALLOT TITLES COMPLETED

Sponsor of Move to Repeal Initiative Says Support Promised.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—Jay Thomas of this city, sponsor for the effort to have the initiative and referendum law made inoperative in this state and the direct primary law repealed, received notice today from the secretary of state's office at Olympia that ballot titles had been affixed by the attorney-general to the measures filed by him Wednesday.

The intiative measure for the repeal of the direct primary will be known as initiative No. 38, "an act relating to the nomination of candidates for public office by means of the direct primary and repealing chapter 209 of the laws of the state of Washington for the year 1917 and all other acts and parts of acts amendatory thereof or relating to or providing for the direct primary."

The initiative and referendum system of this state was put into effect by constitutional amendment. The initiative now introduced by Mr. Thomas is not directed to a change in the constitution, but to a repeal of the laws setting up the machinery for initiative and referendum operations. The title given by the attorney-general is "an act repealing chapter 138 of the laws of the state of Washington for the year 1913 relating to the initiative and referendum and all other acts amendatory thereof."

Mr. Thomas said today that he has received more than 100 telegrams from all parts of the state congratulating him on the steps taken, asking for supplies of the blank petitions for signature and promising full cooperation.

$40,000 GIVEN TO HOSPITAL

Provisions of Will of Tacoma Woman Announced.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 13.—A bequest of approximately $40,000 to the Tacoma General hospital by the will of the late Mrs. Jane Cromby Bradley was announced today by Ellis Lewis Garretson, legal adviser for the estate and one of the joint executors. A total of $56,500 from the estate is to be given through Mrs. Bradley's will to Tacoma charitable and semi-charitable institutions.

Other bequests provided for in the will, which was probated this morning, are to the First Presbyterian church, to the local chapter of the Young Women's Christian Association and to the Children's Industrial home, $5000 cash, and to the Tacoma day nursery $1500. There were also individual bequests of over $2000.

Mrs. Bradley had been engaged quietly in charitable work since the death of her husband, William Bradley, several years ago, and had been known as the friend of the needy.

AMUNDSEN PLANES BOUGHT

Avro Type of Machine Selected for Explorer's Expedition.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—As the representative of Captain Roald Amundsen, world-famous explorer, H. H. Hammer, president of the Universal Shipping & Trading company of Seattle, this morning completed the purchase of two Avro airplanes for the Norwegian government's polar basin expedition, headed by Captain Amundsen. The Avro type of airplane was selected for the expedition after consultation with Major-General Mason M. Patrick, United States army chief of air service; Brigadier-General William Mitchell, United States army, assistant to the chief of air service, and a Norwegian committe of airplane experts.

A previous deal to purchase two Hopwith airplanes from the war department was called off. The Avro planes were purchased in New York.

With the planes, Mr. Hammer purchased a full set of spare parts and an extra engine. He telegraphed the news of the closing of the deal to Captain Amundsen, who is now in Washington, D. C., conferring with the scientists of the Carnegie institute in regard to the polar basin expedition's scientific work. The expedition will seek to drift to the north pole with the Arctic ice pack, one of the important purposes being to obtain data that will enable weather bureaus to forecast weather with greater accuracy.

The Avro planes are to be shipped from New York to Seattle this month and will arrive in February or the first part of March.

Two Norwegian government aviators will come to Seattle to join the Amundsen expedition and will try out the planes in flights above Puget sound. As the expedition drifts across the Polar basin the aviators will make observation flights for distances up to 1000 miles from the expedition's ship, the Maud, now wintering in Seattle. They will gather scientific data on the flights.

If the drift of the ice pack should swing away from the tiptop of the world Captain Amundsen will visit the pole in one of the airplanes.

Pupils to Take State Quiz.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Centralia eighth graders on January 19 and 20 will be required for the first time to take state examinations, the same as pupils in the rural and small town districts. Pupils of several neighboring districts also will take the examinations here, which will be conducted by City Superintendent Robinson.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC ON WANE

Conditions in Aberdeen, Wash., Improving, Says Mayor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The liquor traffic situation in Aberdeen has improved considerably within the last few months, according to Mayor Bailey. It would take a long time to eradicate the business, he asserted, even if Grays Harbor county had three times the present number of sheriff's deputies and police. Stills continue to spring up, despite the best efforts of the officers. The breaking up of the moonshine ring in South Aberdeen several months ago was a big step toward better conditions, he declared.

The statement was made in reply to charges made that the roads of Grays Harbor county, except the more frequented ones, were unsafe to travel on account of the aggressiveness of moonshiners.

Lumberman to Aid Drive.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—T. B. Hubbard, prominent Centralia lumberman, was notified yesterday by C. B. Blethen, state chairman, of his appointment on the committee that will conduct a campaign to raise $250,000 for the erection and maintenance of an American Legion memorial building in Centralia in honor of the four members of the legion who were shot down by I. W. W. here on Armistice day, 1919. Mr. Hubbard's nephew, Dale Hubbard, was one of the Armistice day victims.

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