

SOCIETY SWINDLER IS LODGED IN JAIL

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PROMINENT MEN VICTIMS

Prisoner Known by Detectives as "S2000 a Week Man" Because of His Boasts.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 24.—(Special).—Lionel Stagg, who, with a fluent tongue, a monocle and cream mustache and posing as an English knight, was said to have swindled main line society folk and business men out of \$50,000 in the last year, has been arrested at Ardmore, Pa.

Stagg, who is well past 50, was charged by David S. Ludlam, an official of the Auto Car company, with obtaining money under false pretenses. At a hearing on Thursday before Magistrate Stetson in Ardmore, Stagg was held under bail for trial.

Among the prominent men Stagg was said to have victimized by passing bad checks were Edward V. Stotesbury, the banker; Samuel M. Vaulain, president of Baldwin Locomotive Works; T. Dewitt Cuyler, Pennsylvania railroad director; and Effingham B. Morris, president of the Girard Trust company.

Stagg is known by detectives as a "S2000 a week man," for they said he has boasted that he maintains an average income of \$2000 a week through swindling society people.

He was arrested in this city in 1904 for passing bad checks on the Windmere and Hamilton hotels.

His arrest was brought about Tuesday when Mr. Ludlam, rolling along the boulevard in his limousine, noticed "Sir Lionel" crossing a street near the center of the city.

STAGG KNOWN IN PORTLAND

Career of Swindler Started by Forgery Here in 1889.

The career of Lionel Stagg (he used the final e on his name when here), known and remembered by many Portland people, leads almost automatically from a comparatively unknown vagabond, down at the heel, to a respectable position in a business office, the penitentiary cell of a forger, then upward to the position of a bank examiner and receiver, through the parlors of the leading society people of the city and downward and upward, numerous times, throughout the last 30 years.

A respectable, modestly dressed young man signed his name on the register of the Glina house on December 7, 1889, as A. L. Waterhouse. That was the beginning of the career of Lionel Stagg in Portland. The next day he passed a check over the counter of the hotel for \$35 and when it proved worthless, S. Bailey, the proprietor, had Waterhouse arrested. The young man explained that he needed the money for a sick friend, confessed that he had the check as impostor, and the latter place would ruin his career.

His request was denied and he was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary at Salem. When he left that time, he left the institution highly respected by the warden and all other officials. His demeanor during his imprisonment had made him popular with them and he announced him a remarkable prisoner.

Then Lionel V. Stagg came to Portland. No one recognized him as A. L. Waterhouse or Waterhouse, his real name. He obtained a position as an advertising solicitor and in two years worked himself up to a responsible post. During that time he married a Miss Straight, a Eugene girl.

RAIL OVERTIME CHANGED

EXPRESS MEN GET STRAIGHT PAY FOR NINE HOURS

Rail Board Sets 60 Cents an Hour as Wage for Men Not Regularly Assigned.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Railroad express employees were placed on the same basis of working hours as railway clerks, who do similar work, by the United States railroad board, effective March 1, in a decision today, eliminating time and one-half pay for the ninth hour and creating a "split trick" of eight hours over a period of 12, at straight time rates. The new rules will affect about 75,000 employees.

Straight time will be paid for the first nine hours' work each day, although the rules remain in principle eight hours' work and one day's work. Time and one-half will be paid for all work over nine hours.

In the split trick arrangement, eight hours' work may be spread over 12 hours, where relief is provided of one hour or more at a time. This change, as in previous board decisions, permits men to work when needed most, even at widely separated hours, without penalizing the express company for overtime.

Sundays and holidays will be paid for at the pro rata rate as in the past. For employees paid by the month 240 hours shall constitute a month, but overtime will not be paid until 270 hours have been worked. Formerly, time and one-half was paid after 240 hours.

The board set a rate of 60 cents an hour for men employed in train service not regularly assigned. Helpers will receive 50 cents, both with a minimum guarantee of eight hours.

Among several eliminated rules is that providing free transportation for employees.

W. G. BECK, 72, IS DEAD

Resident of Portland Since 1852 Succumbs at Daughter's Home.

W. G. Beck, 72, a resident of Portland since 1852, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George M. Nolting, 525 East Thirty-ninth street. He was well known as a financial agent, real estate and insurance broker.

Mr. Beck arrived in Portland at the age of three years. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nolting and Mrs. George M. Beck, of Portland. He was born in the United States arsenal at Liberty, Mo.

Mr. Beck was the son of William Beck, president of the company which built the first bridge across the Willamette river at Portland.

HUSBAND WHIPS HIS WIFE

Sheriff Advocates Whipping Post as Suitable Punishment.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 24.—A whipping post in the courthouse yard for husbands who beat their wives was recommended today by Sheriff Lewis Hanks following the arrest of Herman Parkhill, 24, who admitted whipping his 15-year-old wife.

Parkhill told a judge his wife was jealous of his sister's clothes and wanted to dress like a millionaire's daughter.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S GRAND-DAUGHTER, ENGAGED TO SWISS RIDING MASTER.



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MISS MATHILDE MCCORMICK, youngest daughter of Harold F. McCormick, and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, whose engagement to Max Oser of Zurich, Switzerland, a riding master, has been announced, is 16 years old. Oser's age is variously reported as from 40 to 57 years.

GIRL'S WOODEN NO BEAUTY

MAX OSER FOUND NOT SUCH "DASHING FIGURE."

Riding Master Says He Hopes to Make Home for Bride on Farm—Manner Modest.

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In art. She paints a little and took lessons at Davos. When she was 8 years old some chest weakness was discovered after her arrival at Zurich, but she did not come to Switzerland for that reason. This weakness no longer exists.

"I have always desired to settle down some day as a gentleman farmer, and now hope to realize that ambition somewhere in French Switzerland. My fiancée is also a great admirer of country life. I would naturally prefer to stay in Switzerland, which were part of my own life, but I am certainly pleased to become an American citizen when we go to America.

"We will probably be married in Basel. It is not quite certain when Miss McCormick will arrive."

WEDDING IN MAY PLANNED

Conditions Imposed by McCormick Family Are Accepted.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press).—The wedding of Miss Mathilde McCormick, 16-year-old daughter of Harold F. McCormick, to Max Oser, a riding master of Zurich, will take place in May at the McCormick country seat near Chicago, according to present plans.

Oser, who is still absent from Zurich, has accepted the conditions under which the McCormick family gave their consent to the match, which were part of a marriage contract of the United States and become a citizen of that country.

Oser's father was a cavalry riding master of Basle who lost most of his fortune by an adventurous expedition into Africa. Later he founded the Basle university riding school. The mother belonged to a good old Basle family named Mongold, which was not of German origin.

Oser has a married sister in South Africa and a brother who is farming in Argentina.

NAVY TARGET OF SIMS

Admiral Says Organization Can't Prepare for War or Fight One.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 24.—"The navy department has the same organization now as it had during the war and with such an organization you can neither prepare for war nor fight a war when it comes," declared Rear-Admiral W. S. Sims in an address tonight before the Twin Cities Bond club.

An organization such as that in the navy department, Admiral Sims said, would not be "tolerated" were the public enlightened as to what he termed the true conditions. Newspapers, he said, should hire military experts to write on naval and other problems of national defense.

WIFE OF EIGHT SENTENCED

Cleveland Woman Says She Alone Is to Blame for Trouble.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Jessie Seaman, 35, who admits being the wife of eight men, whom she married without obtaining a divorce, was sentenced from one to seven years in the Marysville reformatory by Common Pleas Judge Walther today.

"I alone am to blame and all the punishment I get is surely coming to me," Mrs. Seaman said when sentence was passed.

California Hangs Murderer.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 24.—Luis Guillen, a Mexican, was hanged at the state prison here today for the murder of two deputy sheriffs in Riverside county last November. The trap was dropped at 10:19 A. M.

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Escaped Prisoner Captured.

BEND, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special).—After spending five days without food in an empty house four miles from Bend, Robert Stevens, confessed kidnaper of women, was recaptured tonight. He escaped a week ago. Mrs. H. J. Soltong noticed smoke coming from the supposedly unoccupied house and notified the officers. Stevens was almost dead from hunger and suffering severe pain. He admitted that he had made his escape in an automobile but refused to tell who had helped him.

Aid for Bleachers Solicited.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 24.—(Special).—The junior class is soliciting the aid of the people of Eugene to raise funds with which to erect permanent bleachers along the mill race for the annual canoe race week end.

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DAUGHTERY SIGNS UP STRUCTURAL UNIONS

Leaders Agree to Injunction on Disputed Points.

PUBLIC EXPECTED TO GAIN

Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers Consent to Four Basic Principles Advocated by U. S. Officials.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Executive heads of the international organization of bricklayers, masons and plasterers, in conference with Attorney-General Daugherty today, consented to the entry of a decree in the federal court at New York enjoining certain practices of the union which have been under investigation by the government.

The decree, which was directed against "a vicious practice," a series of nation-wide abuses, and "various discriminations" by the 100,000 members of the organization in building operations throughout the country, was described by Mr. Daugherty as a "new bill of rights for the home-builder, the rent payer, the manufacturer and the business man who has to build."

It lays down and adopts, he said, four basic principles:

"1. There is to be no limit to the productive capacity of the individual workman within the working day, or any other given time.

"2. There is to be no limit upon the right of the employer to purchase his materials wherever and whenever and from whomsoever he may choose, whether these materials be union-made or otherwise.

"3. Favoritism is barred.

"4. There is to be no favoritism shown by organized labor toward employers or trade associations or contractors' associations, and no discriminations are to be indulged in against the independent employer who may not be a member of such an association.

"5. The labor organization is not to be used, or permit itself to be used by material men or contractors or sub-contractors as an instrument for the collection of debts or enforcement of the payment of alleged claims."

Today's conference, culminating in the agreement signed through a consent decree, Mr. Daugherty explained, was the result of several months' investigation by William Hayward, district attorney at New York, in conjunction with the justice department's investigation of building trades and the housing situation.

"The department," he said, "would not have hesitated for a moment to proceed by indictment, as it has done in a number of other cases in New York and Chicago and other large cities, but it did not feel justified to pursue that course with labor leaders who have shown every desire to co-operate with the government in checking the abuses complained of and who have indulged in these agreements as a means of saving their jobs and of any personal gain, but with the aim of the organization at heart."

Public to Get Choice.

Discussing the effect of the decree upon the building situation throughout the country, Mr. Daugherty declared it freed employers from the "shackles" thrown around them by "these restrictive agreements," and recognized "all the lawful aims or objects of labor unionism," and finally, "and the most important," it gives the public a choice. There is nothing in the decree, he asserted, prohibiting the regulation of the hours or conditions of labor by the unions.

"It does not," he said, "unqualifiedly forbid any concerted effort against curtailment of production by any such limitations upon the productive capacity of the individual workman, it eliminates the penalizing of efficiency and the discouragement of efficiency."

Labor itself, Mr. Daugherty continued, has suffered the real loss where building operations have been discouraged by general practices of preferences granted by the building unions.

HELIUM GAS CONSIDERED

CONGRESS TO BE ASKED FOR LIBERAL APPROPRIATION.

Harding and Cabinet Discuss Problem—Negotiations Begun for German Zeppelin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Believing that the loss of life in the destruction of the giant airship Roma would have been greatly lessened had the big craft been filled with helium instead of hydrogen gas, President Harding and members of his official family were understood to have decided at today's cabinet meeting to ask congress for a liberal appropriation for production and conservation of helium.

The matter of increasing helium production was said to have been discussed by the cabinet for half an hour, Secretary Fall laying before the president and other members considerable data on the non-inflammable gas, and also the draft of a tentative bill to provide for increased production and conservation. Among the related subjects discussed, it was learned, was the possibility of obtaining stores of helium by the government from the natural gas fields on public lands.

SEATTLE'S PLEA DENIED

New Jersey Governor Refuses to Honor Extradition Papers.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 24.—Governor Edwards tonight revoked extradition papers issued to Seattle detectives for the return of Carl Hoffman to face grand larceny charges.

It was advised by State Attorney-General McCant that the Seattle criminal court was being used as a "collection agency."

BISCHOFF IS INDICTED

Twenty Get Rich Quick Field Agents Also Are Held.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Indictments containing 12 counts against Raymond J. Bischoff, his brother, and 20 field agents, were returned by the grand jury today.

The men are charged with conspiracy to defraud. The action followed the recent exposure of Bischoff's alleged get-rich-quick activities here. Bonds were set at \$10,000.

FLLOUR OUTPUT IS BIG

Minneapolis Mills Put Out During Year 14,871,750 Barrels.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 24.—Despite a somewhat unfavorable year, in which for a lengthy period they ran less than normal, the mills produced enough flour in 1921 to feed the entire United States for almost one month and a half, mill officials here declared today.

Figures, they said, show that 14,871,750 barrels of flour were ground here last year. This total, it was thought, would feed more than one year Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Montana. These figures included only spring wheat milling.

FUNERAL OF VICTIMS HELD

Humming of Airplanes Mingle With Dirge of Bells.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 24.—Business activities in Newport News ceased this afternoon at 3 o'clock when tolling bells marked the departure of the funeral cortege of two unidentified victims of the Roma disaster from St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The cortege, marked by thousands who stood with bared heads, the procession moved to the Casino grounds on a bluff overlooking the James river where military services were conducted.

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DIVORCE GIVEN TO EARL

Indiscretions of Lady Cathcart With Earl of Craven Proved.

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PALLBEARERS TO STRIKE

Negroes Demand Pay for Service Performed at Funerals.

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The police head told them they might go ahead and organize.

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