

BLACKMAIL CHARGE DECEITFUL FRAMEUP

Plot Alleged to Put Rickard in Favorable Light.

TWO AGENTS SUSPENDED

Pair Punished After Being Accused of Approaching Promoter for \$50,000 Shakedown.

NEW YORK, March 31.—A charge that agents for the children's society sought to "shake down" Tex Rickard for \$50,000 before his recent trial and acquittal on complaint of a 15-year-old girl, and a counter-charge to create a favorable atmosphere for the accused promoter during his trial, were reported today as involved in the suspension of two agents of the society.

The report was issued by Assistant District Attorney Pecora, who prosecuted Rickard. He said the suspension of the two agents had been announced to him by General Manager Coulter of the society.

The suspension was for failure to report what appeared to be an attempt to "shake down" Rickard. Pecora declared he had been informed.

MEETING IN SALON

Pecora said in a statement that he understood the agents were suspended for deliberately withholding the facts of their meeting with Rickard.

This meeting was in a salon February 27, according to the story, in which Pecora said was given to him during the recent trial by William Kelleher, agent for the children's society.

Pecora said that Rickard met four of the agents, that they offered him \$50,000 to get the girls to change their stories, thereby weakening the case against him.

At the story goes, Rickard said "I won't pay a cent; I'm innocent," and walked out.

During the trial Max D. Steuen, counsel for Rickard, tried to bring the matter out for judgment. Previously, Pecora said, he knew of it and found it not competent as evidence.

AGENTS ARE QUARANTINED

Since the trial he said he had quarantined two of the society agents. These interviews, he added, had confirmed an earlier impression that the whole thing was a scheme in behalf of Rickard, "connected to create a situation that would enable those interested in his behalf to show there was an attempt to shake down Rickard and develop an atmosphere favorable to Rickard in his trial."

Mr. Coulter would make no statement today. He referred interviewers to the district attorney's office.

'TWINS' ESTATE PROBLEM

IS BOY SON OF ONE OR SON OF BOTH? IS ISSUE.

Probate Court Must Decide Whether Odd Pair Were One or Two Individuals.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 31.—The death of Rosa and Josefa, the "Siamese twins," has left the Cook county probate court with a legal problem which apparently is unprecedented. In disposing of the \$100,000 estate of the twins, the court must decide if 11-year-old Franz is the son of one or both of the twins.

A scientific controversy, which began even before the death of the sisters yesterday, has resolved itself into the question: "Were Rosa and Josefa Blazek one individual personality or did they constitute separate entities?"

If they were one personality the son will inherit the entire fortune which was accumulated by the twins during their exhibition as the world's most unusual pair of twins.

If they were two distinct personalities, Rosa being the mother and Josefa the aunt, only Rosa's half of the estate would go to the boy, while Josefa's closest relatives would be entitled to her half.

Physicians say there are physiological facts to support contention and attorney's agree that a legal opinion must be based on a scientific analysis of the bodies.

So far a post-mortem has been opposed by the brother, Frank Blazek, who is in the city.

Dr. C. K. Briggs, a surgeon who had examined the twins, insists that it was a case of dual motherhood, while Dr. Benjamin E. Brakstone, chief of the surgical staff at the hospital where the women died, contends Rosa and Josefa were one individual.

Decision concerning disposition of the bodies has been deferred pending a reply to a cablegram sent to the father in Czechoslovakia. If the father does not desire to have the bodies returned to the homeland, the brother says he is willing that some university be given an opportunity to make an examination to learn if possible, the mystery of their dual existence.

BIG DIRIGIBLES SOUGHT

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS LATEST OFFER.

Service to India and Australia Would Be Inaugurated Under Company's Proposal.

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LONDON, March 31.—(Special Cable).—Powerful private interests have made an offer to the government to take over the huge dirigibles which are to be disposed of because of lack of air ministry funds, and to inaugurate air service between England, India and Australia, it was learned today.

A bi-weekly passenger service with the two dirigibles as planned and if successful will revolutionize travel, it is believed. The journey from London to Bombay would be cut from 17 to five and half days, and the trip from London to Australia would take 11½ days instead of five weeks. The fare to India would be about \$425, 225 cheaper than by steamer.

The promoters, who are said to include the Vickers company and the Shell oil group, propose to form a company with a capital of £4,000,000, of which £2,500,000 would be expended on new dirigibles. Shares to the amount of £1,800,000 and debentures of £1,200,000 would be issued.

The British government would be

asked for an annual subsidy of \$31,000 and India and Australia \$40,000 each. These would be discontinued as soon as the venture shows a profit.

The company would take over the dirigibles which were to have been turned over, tomorrow to the disposal board. The order for the sale of dirigibles has been postponed, while the government considers the latest proposition. Other offers involving subsidies have been refused, but in this case the sums demanded of the government are so much lower than previously asked that it may be accepted.

The dirigibles concerned are R30, the R32, R34, R37 and L71. During the last week efforts have been made to interest American bidders in the dirigibles.

BANKER KILLS HIMSELF

W. T. FENTON OF CHICAGO ENDS LIFE IN LAKE MICHIGAN.

Vice-President of National Bank of Republic Well Known and Said to Be Fairly Wealthy.

CHICAGO, March 31.—W. T. Fenton, vice-president of the National Bank of the Republic, left his desk to go to lunch at the usual hour today, and a few minutes later committed suicide by jumping into Lake Michigan.

Officials of the bank said they could give no motive for the act.

A taxi driver said Mr. Fenton had entered his cab near the bank and ordered him to drive to the municipal pier. He then told the driver to take him to the foot of Ohio street. There the banker got out and jumped into the lake.

Mr. Fenton was well known in business circles. He was said to have been fairly wealthy. He had been with the bank more than 30 years.

On the rear seat of the taxi several letters of Mr. Fenton's and \$73 in cash were found. He apparently had left them there intentionally.

Physicians worked on him for more than 30 minutes with a lung motor, but their efforts were unavailing.

Mr. Fenton was on the American Bankers' association executive committee for six years. He also had been times president of the Illinois State Bankers' association, the Chicago Clearing house and of the Chicago Bankers' club. His son also is a banker here.

At his home it was said that Mr. Fenton, who was 70 years old, was in good health and had seemed cheerful when he left at the usual hour this morning. Mr. Fenton was first vice-president and also general manager of the bank, which is one of the larger banks of the city.

CANDIDATE RULED OUT

Attorney-General Says Race Disqualifies for Place on Board.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 31.—(Special).—A candidate for school director is disqualified to sit upon the school district election board. Attorney-General Thompson held today in an opinion to Mrs. Josephine Corlies Preston, state superintendent of public instruction, that the candidate has already so acted it does not invalidate the election.

The statutes do not authorize payment of expenses of witnesses at a hearing on the revocation of a teacher's certificate before the superintendent of public instruction. The attorney-general ruled in another opinion to Mrs. Preston.

A third opinion on the same official held that purchase of books by directors of a school district on the installment plan is lawful, provided the total purchase price will not raise the expenditures for the year beyond the limit fixed by law.

AID PROMISED UMPQUA

McNary and Stanfield Will Seek Amendment to Harbors Bill.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 31.—(Special).—Senators McNary and Stanfield have telegraphed to individuals and organizations in this city that they will lend their support to the effort to obtain an amendment of the rivers and harbors bill to make provision for work on the Umpqua harbor.

A large number of telegrams were sent to Washington yesterday by local residents and both of the senators answered at once.

Senator McNary states that he has a great deal of data on the Umpqua harbor which he will submit to the committee in an effort to procure aid for the proposed improvement.

CITY EMPLOYEES QUIZZED

Members of Ku Klux Klan, If Any, Are to Be Discharged.

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 31.—Questioning of city employees with a view to discharging all who are members of the Ku Klux Klan got under way here today. City Manager Roark announced the proceedings would be kept secret and no announcement made until the questioning had been completed. All answers are to be in the form of an affidavit.

Decision to question the 200 male employees of the city was reached yesterday after a conference between City Manager Roark and Mayor Steinhagen. They requested that all members voluntarily resign. No resignations had been announced today.

OIL STORAGE TANKS CONTRACTED.

CHICAGO, March 31.—The Chicago Bridge & Iron works today announced that it had contracted to build for the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing company 25 8000-barrel oil storage tanks for erection at Mexico, Tex.; Humboldt, Kan.; Healdton, Okla.; and Cushing, Okla. The contract will require 7500 tons of steel plates. Each tank will be 117 feet in diameter and 42 feet high.

Crushed Rock Public Property.

SALFON, Or., March 31.—(Special).—Mehonah county has no legal authority to sell to private persons rocks crushed by the county prisoners at Kelly butte, unless the rock is to be used for public purposes. This was announced here today by J. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general, in an opinion given at the request of Stanley Myers, district attorney of Multnomah county.

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CANNIBALISM RIFE

IN SOVIET RUSSIA

Americans Bring Graphic Stories of Starvation.

DEAD BODIES STOLEN

Professor Declares Unmistakable Proof of Use as Food Has Been Discovered.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Graphic stories of starvation and cannibalism in soviet Russia were brought back today by three men who arrived on steamers from Europe after tours of the famine district.

Two—Simon Brailove of Washington and Morris D. Barron of Brooklyn, who returned on the Polonia—had gone to Russia to rescue relatives who, they heard, were starving. The third was Professor M. Atkinson, head of the department of economics in Melbourne university, Australia, who entered Russia as a representative of the British dominions' famine relief. He was a passenger on the Mauretania.

Brailove said he found his brother, Peter, formerly a prosperous grain exporter of Moscow, starving in a little town 200 miles from that city. His business and all his resources had been swept away during the revolution, and he was at the point of death when Brailove found him, he said.

Suffering Is Observed. Brailove declared that he was horrified at the suffering he observed while searching for his brother, but that despite conditions there, Peter declined to leave his native land. He was provided with food for six years, which he could obtain from the American relief.

Barron said he found two sisters at Riga, penniless and on the verge of starvation. But they, like Peter Brailove, preferred to remain in Russia, so he made provisions for their maintenance.

Professor Atkinson declared he had established to his complete satisfaction that cannibalism was "rampant" at least in the Saratov district of Russia.

Bodies Are Stolen. There have been numerous thefts of bodies of the dead, he declared, and unmistakable proofs have been found that they were eaten by the starving peasants.

One man, he said, was executed for slaying his wife and preserving her body for food purposes in pickling brine.

No account of the horrible conditions in bolshevik Russia can be as bad as the hell I have witnessed with my own eyes," Professor Atkinson said.

"Along the road thousands of corpses were lying, and I am not oversteating it to say that 3,000,000 people will die of starvation, typhoid and cholera before summer comes."

Bolshevik End Declared Near. "A cordon should be drawn around Russia by the medical authorities, for it is a pestilence," Professor Atkinson said.

"Too much cannot be said for the work of the American relief, who have wonderful organization and are feeding 3,000,000 Russian children."

"As for the bolshevik government, it is surely breaking down and its leaders are now living by strategic retreat. Industries are being allowed to begin again and foreigners are returning to open their shops."

Professor Atkinson said he would go at once to Canada, where he will deliver several lectures on what he has seen, before proceeding to Melbourne.

THREATS TO KILL BARED (Continued From First Page.)

insane or committed to an asylum, he replied again.

"No, just raving in general." She once had been treated for a breakdown, but could not identify the physician.

After identifying other letters she said of one:

"I was very sick at that time." She admitted having had one or two talks with federal authorities regarding bringing charges of violation of the Mann act.

She identified a letter to Kinkaid in which she said:

"If you are going to do this then let me know and Mr. Boland" (a federal attorney) "will send us where we both belong."

Handing her paper and pencil, Asst. U. S. District Attorney Warbasse asked her to write a dictation.

The letter he read, dated October 4, 1918, at Mount Olivet, Ky., advised:

"For the Sunday Dinner"

READ THE MARKET PAGES

Before you order your Sunday dinner look over the offerings of food products on The Oregonian's market pages. Here you will find an excellent assortment of quality merchandise. It is easy to choose from these pages.

Below is a list of the announcements.

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Kraft's Grocery, page 9

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Log Cabin Baking Co. (Holsum Bread), page 9

Northern Flouring Mills, page 9

Old Fashion Cereal Mills, page 9

Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers (Nu-Lade Eggs), page 9

Parker's Market, page 9

Pacific Coast Shredded Wheat Co., page 8

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Swetland's, page 8

Tillamook Cheese, page 9

Kinkaid that Miss Stone intended to file a suit for breach of promise and that she told her lawyer "all about that woman—that woman—the real cause of your not wanting to marry me."

"After the suit is over," Mr. Warbasse read, "I am going to telegraph my brother Guy to come to me at once and you know what will happen to you after he sees me and hears the story."

"You will be mortified to death when the suit is brought for breach of promise."

Handing her the letter, Mr. Warbasse asked her to compare the handwriting.

She said it was her writing, but that she had no recollection of having written it, adding that there was "something back of these stories."

"Days Numbered," Says Letter. Once she burst forth indignantly when he read a letter dated in May, 1920, in which appeared the words: "I want you to know that you have been located and your days are now numbered."

"It's a shame the way I have been treated," she exclaimed. Then pointing at the blurred letter: "It looks like my handwriting and those are my tears on the paper."

The comment about the tear drops was "told out on Mr. Warbasse's objection."

"How shall I call you," Mr. Warbasse inquired, "Miss Stone or Mrs. Kinkaid?"

"My name is Mrs. Kinkaid," she replied.

ODD BELIEFS DOOMED

KILLING OF CHILD BECAUSE OF PECULIARITY STOPPED.

Second and Third Wives Permitted to Desert Husbands Under Rule in Belgian Congo.

LONDON, March 31.—Strange superstitions such as belief that the appearance of a baby's first teeth on the upper jaw was an ill omen to the community and that it had, therefore, to be buried in the street were described by Dr. M. Horn, councillor of state for Belgium, in an address here on Belgian Colonial Administration in the Congo.

This practice, as well as others like mutilation and cannibalism, is now punishable by law.

The law also interfered, he said, with native matrimonial customs. While a man may marry in either by means of a dowry paid to her family, by inheritance, purchase, exchange or force of arms, no legal bond is deemed to exist between the alleged husband and the woman acquired without her consent.

Acquisition by means of a dowry is recognized in principle, but the second, third, etc., wife will be permitted to desert her husband, the state being prepared to refund the dowry if no other man has been the cause of her desertion. No compensation will be paid when the husband has been warned in due time as to the precarious nature of his rights in regard to "his new better fraction."

Dr. Horn said a large proportion of the Congo population was pitifully underfed and for this state of affairs European rule was partly responsible. Cannibalism had been suppressed.

VON DER AHE IS INDICTED

TRIAL FOR MURDER OF JEPSON IS NOW FACED.

27 Witnesses Heard by Grand Jury at Pendleton—Other Charges Contained in Bills.

PENDLETON, Or., March 31.—(Special).—Charles von der Ahe was indicted by the grand jury today on a first degree murder charge as a result of the killing of Mathias Jepson, aged government mountain recluse.

Twenty-seven witnesses were called in the investigation which lasted five days. The body of Jepson, badly decomposed and with the skull crushed with an ax, was found in an old well on the Jepson ranch three weeks after the murder, which was set as July 31.

Von der Ahe was emphatic in his protestation of innocence, charging that he is the victim of circumstances. The entire state case is reported to be circumstantial.

Other indictments returned by the grand jury were: John Conlin, receiving stolen property; Elsie Anna Ward

and Harry Ross, adultery; Luther Hill, negro, forgery; Joe Plater, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and Elvin Lindsey for making a false statement to get credit.

The grand jury was dismissed by Judge Phipps today.

Canby Artisans Attend Session. CANBY, Or., March 31.—(Special).—Canby members of the Artisans' lodge attended the meeting of the order in Salem Thursday. The local delegates received a royal reception. Canby

Veterans May Get Room. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 31.—(Special).—M. M. Connor, member of the Vancouver library board, told the board at the next meeting of the said that at the next meeting of the

board a resolution would be introduced by the board to purchase a library for the use of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief corps. He said that the board had no fight with the civil war veterans and did not intend to throw them out of the room in the library. The wing, it is held, can be built at a reasonable cost and after the veterans need it no more, the library can use it for library purposes.

U. OF O. STUDENTS TRAIN SERVICE To: EUGENE Sunday, April 2d

Leave Portland, Union Station—1:00 A. M. 8:00 A. M. 9:00 A. M. 1:30 P. M. 4:00 P. M. 7:45 P. M. Leave Portland, East Morrison Street—8:05 A. M. 9:05 A. M. 1:35 P. M. 4:05 P. M. 7:55 P. M. Arrive Eugene—8:31 A. M. 12:25 P. M. 1:14 P. M. 6:34 P. M. 7:53 P. M. 11:58 P. M.

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