

SIX PERSONS HELD IN MYSTERY CASE

Earl Weir, Accused Man's Son, Arrested, Quizzed.

WOMAN'S STORY DENIED

Little Sympathy Expressed for Father, Who, Son Says, Is Always Getting Into Trouble.

Earl Weir, 26, captain of the tugboat Cowlitz, was arrested at 10:30 o'clock Thursday night when the tug docked at Rainier, Or., and was held pending further investigation of the charges that he had helped his father, Cash Weir, dispose of the body of a 15-year-old girl who was the latter, according to the same charges, had shot in a houseboat September 23. The arrest brought the number held in connection with the case to six, five others already having been locked up here following charges made by Mrs. Helen Leary.

Captain Weir denied the accusations, saying that he had known of his father's arrest yesterday morning, when the Cowlitz left Portland. The Cowlitz was in Portland Wednesday night and the captain said he had read of the case in the morning paper.

Columbia Sheriff Makes Arrest

The arrest was made by Sheriff Wellington of Columbia county, in company with Deputy District Attorney Mowry of Multnomah county, and Inspectors Tackberry and Phillips. The authorities questioned Weir at length and declared that while they were not satisfied with his statement they had done nothing toward unravelling the supposed murder mystery. Captain Weir expressed little sympathy for his father's case.

New Prisoner Quizzed

Deputy District Attorney Mowry questioned the new prisoner in regard to Mrs. Leary's charge that he had told her where the girl's body had been sunk in the river. Mrs. Leary alleged that the confidence had been made in the course of an automobile ride.

Tugboat Delayed by Fog

Sheriff Wellington left St. Helens early in the afternoon to make the arrest, but the fog delayed the tugboat, so that Weir was not taken into custody until 10:30 P. M. He was taken to St. Helens to be cross-examined by the officials.

K. A. J. MACKENZIE WEDS SON OF LATE DEAN OF MEDICAL SCHOOL BENEDICT.

Family Depies Elopement, But Admits Wedding Is Sooner Than Was Expected.

K. A. J. Mackenzie, 21, son of the late Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, dean of the University of Oregon medical school, and Miss Norma Robertson of Seattle were married quietly Thursday at Vancouver, Wash. Although the family denied that the young couple had eloped, it was admitted that they had not expected the wedding to occur so soon.

GARIBALDI GETS CLUB

Booster Organization Is Formed by Business Men.

GARIBALDI, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The latest progressive movement here is the formation of a Boosters club, which organization was effected at a mass meeting Tuesday night in Nelson's hall. This meeting was attended by nearly all the business men and property holders.

FORD BUYS BIG TRACT

Company Expected to Build New Plant on Calumet River.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Ford Motor company today closed a deal for a 70-acre tract of land at Hecolawich on the Calumet river and Nickel Plate railroad, where the company expects to build an automobile manufacturing and assembling plant.

Death Follows Resignation

ROME, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Professor Vincenzo Tangora, who resigned yesterday as minister of treasury because of ill health, died today.

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salaries. This would mean the dropping of one worker and the saving of about \$2000 on salaries. Approximately \$6000 to \$10,000 of this amount could be deducted from the \$100,000 now appropriated. It was suggested, and the commissioners would be obliged to dip into the emergency fund for the remainder. By vote of the directors, appointment of a committee to lay the matter before the county commissioners was authorized.

NEWSIES' FRIEND HERE

MRS. SARAH FARR TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN OREGON.

Founder of Many Newsboys' Clubs Journeys From Minneapolis at Age of 80 Years.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Farr, 80 years old, founder of many newsboys' clubs in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and loved by the newspaper men of the Twin Cities, arrived here today to spend Christmas with her son, William Farr, who is now in the city.

Speaking of Mrs. Farr's trip to Oregon the Minneapolis News said, in part: After visiting with relatives in Oregon until March, Mrs. Farr will visit the Newsboys' club in San Francisco; the newsboys' organizations in Colorado Springs and Pueblo; the Newsboys' club house in Chicago. She plans to return to Minneapolis in May and celebrate her 81st birthday by walking to St. Paul.

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THEFT PLOT UNCOVERED

STEALING OF BREMERTON EQUIPMENT CHARGED.

Navy Yard Employee and Merchant Indicted; Valuable Radio Equipment Is Recovered.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—An alleged conspiracy to steal thousands of dollars' worth of government property from the United States navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., has been uncovered by federal agents, they announced here today after a federal grand jury had returned indictments charging Clifford G. Mekeel, navy-yard employee, and Gerald Lee Clarke, Bremerton merchant, with stealing equipment from government warehouses.

The specific charges in the indictments against Mekeel and Clarke is the theft of vacuum tubes and radio head sets valued at about \$70. Officers working on the case, however, recovered radio equipment valued at several thousand dollars, alleged to have been stolen from the navy yard and have traced shipments of other goods to many cities and towns in Washington and the Pacific northwest. Federal agents declared more than a score of other persons were said to be involved in the alleged conspiracy.

Six secret indictments were returned by the grand jury and bench warrants were immediately issued for the persons involved.

CHINA WAR RING SOUGHT

Seizure of Rifles in Seattle Is Expected to Develop Plot.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—Expectation that seizure here last night of 50 German-made Mauser rifles and 15,000 cartridges consigned to China will lead to arrest of members of a ring engaged in getting munitions to revolutionaries in China is expressed by federal agents here. The rifles and cartridges were detected as they were about to be taken aboard the steamship Proteus.

Officers in charge of the drive expressed through appreciation of the situation and decided cheerfully to comply with the requests. No time was set for the removal of the drive, but it will be probably two weeks after the first or as soon as the merchants will have had an opportunity to recover from the holiday rush.

TIMBER OWNER IS BACK

Russell Hawkins in Idaville After Business Trip East.

IDAVILLE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Russell Hawkins, president of the Whitney company, which concerns owns huge timber interests in Washington county and operates the mammoth sawmill at Garibaldi, arrived here yesterday, after having spent in the east for more than a month on important business connected with his company.

On arriving in Portland he was being visited by friends there during his absence, and also by their daughter, Miss Margaret, who is attending college at Warrenton, N. Y., and their son, Russell Hawkins, Jr., a student in the forestry department of the University of Washington at Seattle. The homecoming marks the beginning of a little family reunion that will be enjoyed during the Christmas holidays at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins overlooking Tillamook bay at Idaville.

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Food Short Last 10 Days of 86-Day Voyage.

TRIP IS TOUGH ONE

Hard Luck Hit Just Out of Axim and It Sticks Till Craft Docks in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The schooner Rosa Perilla, battered by wind and waves for 86 days, was towed into New York harbor tonight and her crew of nine, shipped on the African gold coast, leaped ashore to race for the nearest restaurant.

It was a tough voyage, this trip from Axim to Boston, with a load of mahogany, but the toughest part came, not in uncharted seas, but in the very center of trans-Atlantic lanes, when help might have been expected at any moment.

For ten days the schooner bobbed about in those lanes, her larder about empty. A craft helplessly indeed. A torn jigger sail was rigged crazily from her forepeak. Her mizzen mast was nothing but a ragged stump. Her third pole was bare. Gone was her rudder and she had no sea anchor. At night one feeble light was all she could display. Altogether she was the most helpless craft Captain Look of the liner President Garfield had ever seen—and even he was shocked when he bore down upon her yesterday morning.

The schooner, a craft of 590 tons, was her rescue to "Wally" Bates, lookout on the Garfield. The Perilla encountered hard luck the first day out, hitting a calm after clearing the headlands of Axim harbor. Five days she was becalmed within sight of her starting point.

Twelve days out she hit a head wind and was driven off her course. Later she ran into a storm and for almost three weeks on end rain, snow and waves until her rudder snapped.

Battle for Life Begun. That was ten days ago. The ship, hanging close to the wind and shipping goods with every gust of wind, was heavily and swung around. When she steadied, her mizzen mast, as well as her rudder, was gone.

Then Captain Sanborn began his real battle for life. After four days a liner passed but the high waves hid the Perilla's signals.

Night after night she looked lashed to a tottering perch in the forecast and the captain tied securely to a wheel that began to slip, the schooner tumbled about in the sea. Twice her crew saw the lights of passing ships, but could not attract attention.

CHAMBER DRIVE HALTED

RECESS TO BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS.

Portland Business Men Ask That Workers Postpone \$300,000 Campaign During Rush.

At the request of numerous merchants of Portland the Chamber of Commerce decided Thursday to declare a recess in its drive for a fund of \$300,000 to be used in a statewide development campaign, so far as the captains and teams of workers are concerned.

These workers have on their lists mostly business men who are crushed with the holiday trade and who have made an earnest plea that they be permitted to give their full time and energies to their own business affairs until after the first of the new year, when they will do their full share toward investing in the chamber's enterprise.

The recess will not affect the "flying squadron" members of which have for prospecting the large commercial and industrial interests of the city. They will continue their efforts and will, it is expected, make a final report at a meeting to be held prior to the resumption of work by the teams.

This action was taken at a conference of chamber officials after hearing reports from the "flying squadron" and workers made at a noon gathering. Statements were made that it was inadvisable to conduct the drive among the merchants until the holiday season had ended.

Officials in charge of the drive expressed through appreciation of the situation and decided cheerfully to comply with the requests. No time was set for the removal of the drive, but it will be probably two weeks after the first or as soon as the merchants will have had an opportunity to recover from the holiday rush.

OSWEGO HAS NEW BANK

John Bickner Heads Institution as Its First President.

OSWEGO, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Oswego State bank opened its doors for business yesterday morning. The stockholders of the bank met at 10 o'clock Monday night and elected John Bickner, William Cook and Charles J. Sadilek as directors, and the directors in turn elected the following officers: President, John Bickner; J. Bickner & Sons; vice-president, Ernie Foida, Clarkston, Neb.; cashier, Charles J. Sadilek.

With the exception of Mr. Foida, all of the stockholders are residents of Oswego and vicinity. Mr. Foida is interested in a number of country banks in Nebraska. A brother-in-law of Mr. Sadilek and the organization of the local bank was made possible largely through his aid.

The bank starts with a capital of \$15,000, every dollar of which was paid in before the doors opened, and with a surplus of \$1500.

will be accomplished soon after the first of the year and presented to the January meetings of the community organization, according to J. C. Henderson, executive secretary of the community service bureau here and chairman of the committee on the by-laws and constitution for the federation. The committee has adopted the constitution for the organization, to be known as the Federation of Community Clubs of Multnomah county.

Collective action on important civic measures and an interchange of entertainment talent will be among the activities to be taken up by the federation. At present the matter of city and county consolidation is being considered by the community organizations, and it is understood that an effort will be made to obtain the endorsement of the federation for the proposed legislation to effect this consolidation.

The federation will have its first meeting on Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building, and after that time other clubs may apply for admittance.

RADIO SERVICE OFFERED

Y. M. C. A. PROPOSES 24-HOUR COMMUNICATION.

Portland Steamship Agents Will Consider Utilization of Big Apparatus.

Twenty-four-hour radio service from Portland for communication with shipping is a proposition submitted by the Y. M. C. A. to the Chamber of Commerce and the subject will be taken up by the Portland Steamship Agents' association at its meeting next week. Another proposition of similar nature has been made by the Federal Telegraph company, which proposes to utilize the station near Hillsboro for sending and the Council Crest station for receiving messages.

Timely interest in the matter is given by the dense fogs that have recently prevailed and which add to the value of radio communication with ships. The North Head station is now relied upon, but it is difficult to work with ships from that station after they have passed into the Columbia. It is declared.

The foreign trade department of the Y. M. C. A. is also interested in the subject for some time past. A radio communication with the trans-Pacific cable has been out of commission and this has interfered with business ordinarily handled by shipping interests. The project of having another trans-Pacific cable has been discussed lately and was one of the topics brought before the foreign trade conference held at Tacoma last week. The Federal Telegraph company, in connection with the Radio Corporation of America, is now planning the erection of a radio communication with the world at Shanghai and this, too, has increased interest in radio operation on the Pacific.

ILLINOIS WILL BENEFIT Gateway Would Provide Lowest Freight Rate.

CHICAGO.—The Illinois waterway connecting link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi—will give the state the second lowest bulk freight transportation rate in the world, according to figures prepared by M. G. Barnes, chief engineer of the division of waterways.

Mr. Barnes, who designed the Panama canal and who later was associated in the rebuilding of the New York stage barge canal, says the huge locks planned for the Illinois waterway, with a capacity of 1000 tons of freight at a time, will cut transportation costs 50 per cent under the New York rate. The New York canal locks can handle from 2000 to 3000 tons at each lockage.

The table prepared by Mr. Barnes shows that transportation on the big bulk freighters developed on the Great Lakes, with their 10,000 to 15,000 tons capacity, is the cheapest in the world. One dollar will carry a ton of freight 1000 miles in one of these ships, he says.

The Illinois canal will come next, the table shows, with one ton being carried 750 miles for \$1. European rates are the next highest, at \$1.25 a ton and the New York barge canal stands fourth with a 300-mile haul of one ton for \$1. American rates are the next highest, at \$1.50 a ton and the New York barge canal stands fourth with a 300-mile haul of one ton for \$1.

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William Ladd, president, and Fred Strong, vice-president and general manager of the Ladd Estate company, signed the lease which gives them possession of the entire space now occupied by the Devereaux investment house and in addition some of the space being used by the American Express company. All told more than 2000 square feet will be used by the company.

Coincidentally with the announcement of the Ladd Estate company's removal from its present quarters in the Concord building it became known that the company will add an industrial department for the purpose of assisting the smaller industries in procuring their own sites and buildings. In addition it will extend its realty activities in the subdivision work and will consolidate its executive offices and selling offices which now occupy separate quarters.

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Stentorian charges by the Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, that the city administration permits vice to flourish, Mr. Brown ventured the opinion that he had done more for Christianity in the city than the clergyman, including enactment of a 25-cent fare for Sunday school children on the municipal car system.

TWO FIRMS INCORPORATE

Bonnie Bras Company Organized With \$2000 Capital.

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The Athens club, with headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by Gus Martin, Sam Nicas and George Ballis. The Portland Gas & Coke company has increased its capital stock from \$7,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

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SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The world war veterans' state aid commission, according to a report prepared here today, has paid a total of 2457 loans to ex-servicemen. Of this number 895 loans were made on farm property and 1562 on city property. The farm loans aggregated \$2,988,600, while the loans on city property totaled \$4,697,500. The grand total of loans approved and paid by the commission is \$6,186,100.

Japan Imports Fertilizer.

TOKYO.—Besides enormous quantities manufactured here, nearly 1,000,000 tons of fertilizer valued at approximately 17,000,000 yen, are imported into Japan yearly. Bean cake heads the list, more than 1,000,000 tons being brought in every year.

Uncle Sam Mixes In the Turkish Broil

Almost any pleasant morning, these last five weeks, a smooth-shaven, boyish-looking American could have been seen walking bareheaded from the Hotel Beaurivage in Lausanne along the lakeside to another hotel, to join a company of top-hatted, frock-coated, dignified European diplomats.

If Richard Washburn Child was only an "unofficial observer" at the Lausanne Conference it would be difficult to deny that he was the "observed of all observers." An "unofficial observer" on such occasions as these is generally supposed to be seen and not heard, but Ambassador Child has been heard—and listened to attentively—at Lausanne. Europe heard this representative of a nation officially committed to non-interference in European affairs arise day after day to state definitely and forcefully the policy of the United States on points of controversy between the Western Powers and the new Turkey which has replaced the "Sick Man of Europe."

Press Correspondents at Lausanne have called attention to the leading part played in the deliberations by our observers. What does this mean, our editors have been wondering, as they read the dispatches from the Swiss city. Are we really intervening? "Isn't Mr. Child wading into the Lausanne Conference rather more deeply than is permitted to a mere observer?" queries the Dallas News (Dem.) The United States, remarks the Utica Press (Ind.), "would appear to be in a position of playing an important if not a decisive role." Others wonder what will come next.

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week (December 23) takes up the story of American participation at Lausanne as sketched from day to day by correspondents and interpreted by contemporaneous editorial comment. Other timely news-articles in this number are:

- What the Fascisti Triumph Means to Italy
As Interpreted by Italian Writers in the United States and Canada
The Rising Tide of Murder To End "Lame-Duck" Congresses
Two Forces Dividing the Jugo-Slavs Does Alcohol Stimulate?
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TRAFFIC LINES RANKED

Despite War Losses Germany Leads in Railroads.

BERLIN.—Despite the loss of 7400 kilometers (about 4595 miles) of railroads as a result of the war, Germany still maintains her pre-war position as having the largest railway system in Europe, according to figures announced here.

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