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J. SIMPSON WILL NOT RUN

Decides to Withdraw From Race for Congressman From Third District

ARES MANY NOW

Business Interests in Connection With Estate Demand Close Attention Now

NY FRIENDS HAVE AIDED

Friends of Simpson Estate Will Require Attention and He Feels He Should be Unhindered in Serving Public—Hopes to Later

J. Simpson, of North Bend, announced this afternoon that he will not at this coming election be a candidate for Congressman from First District. Mr. Simpson intended coming out for the public nomination for the office and he states that as many of his friends have already been aiding his cause he feels that he should not be known at once that he can run at this time.

Many of Mr. Simpson's friends are disappointed that he has withdrawn from the race, but his supporters are assured that he has only relinquished his Congressional aspirations for this particular time.

Business Reasons

The reason for Mr. Simpson's withdrawal from the campaign is explained briefly in the statement of the press of his business affairs will not permit his running this time. Since the death of his father, Capt. A. M. Simpson, has been engaged much of the time in San Francisco. The estate is a large one of many interests and it is not all settled up yet and the Simpson Lumber Company and because of his personal knowledge of the property Mr. Simpson is the one who is interested by the heirs and those interested to personally see to the settlement of the many different interests of the large estate.

In addition Mr. Simpson is individually heavily interested in property in Coos Bay and now that the railroad is coming in these interests will require much attention to be properly attended to.

Would Not be Fair

Speaking of his withdrawing from the race Mr. Simpson says: "I do not feel it would be fair for me to ask the people of the First District to elect me for Congress when I have so many business affairs to attend to after. I do not feel that I should be doing full justice to myself and I want to give up the office of making the race until such as I can give my entire attention to making a creditable campaign and if elected my undivided attention to the districts and its needs." Mr. Simpson states that his position as one of the Simpson heirs demands his attention at business and he does not feel he should attempt to assume an important political office when any way hampered by other interests.

Interests Here

Mr. Simpson says that while he is a native of California he has lived in Coos Bay for the past sixteen years and that this is his home and his personal interests and his family feeling is centered in Coos Bay. In fact it was a desire to have the interests of this part of the state that he decided to be a candidate for Congress, hoping in opposition to gain for Southwest Oregon the attention that he deserves.

Would Serve Public

Mr. Simpson states, however, that he is always glad to serve in public capacity, being a member of the Port Commission and Mayor of North Bend since it was founded until a few months ago that he hopes within a few years to have business matters so settled that he can further advance Coos Bay Country by serving in public. In short, he says that he cannot right now serve this part of the state both in Coos Bay and in San Francisco, without neglecting the business or political end.

Statements printed at The Times

MAY BE FOUL PLAY

OFFICIALS WILL INVESTIGATE RECENT DEATH AT GARDINER

Will Probe Apparent Drowning of John Macey Found Dead in Umpqua River

(Special to The Times.)

GARDINER, Ore., July 29.—Investigation is to be made into the particulars of the death of John Macey, a young man who was found in the river and whom it was supposed had been accidentally drowned. Information received by Sheriff Quine and Coroner Jewett has led them to look into the case more fully and residents of Gardiner have told the officials that an investigation would be welcomed. It is suspected that Macey may have been the victim of some foul play rather than an accident.

According to reports Macey went to a dance on Smith river a few weeks ago at the invitation of friends. He left the dance late in the evening and on the following morning he was missing. Searchers later found his body in the river where it had apparently been set adrift. There were traces of blood found in the boat. Macey's body was found a short distance down the stream from where the boat was discovered. The body of the young man was later buried at Gardiner cemetery, but it is said that it is not unlikely the body may be disinterred if the investigation of the officials warrants such action. Coroner Jewett, it is said, believed that the circumstances surrounding the death were somewhat peculiar and he decided to look into it more thoroughly.

REJECT ALL BIDS

POWERS SCHOOL BOARD SETTLES CONTROVERSY

Directors Decide to Call for New Bids—\$17,000 From Bonds Available Soon

(Special to The Times.)

POWERS, Ore., July 29.—The controversy over the award of the contract for the new school house in Powers has been terminated by the school board rejecting all the bids and calling for new ones. J. M. Wright, of Marshfield, was nearly \$700 lower than the next lowest bidder, Contractor Shelley, of Myrtle Point, but the latter was verbally awarded the job. Mr. Wright was one of the contractors on the Irving block, the Chandler hotel annex, the Marshfield gymnasium and other big work in Marshfield. He entered a protest and the board on the advice of J. C. Kendall rescinded all action taken and rejected all bids.

Mr. Keeler, of Keeler Brothers, of Denver, who bought the \$17,000 bond issue, was here and closed up the details of the issue and the money is to be available inside of ten days.

It is said that a number of additions will be made to the plans before the second bids are called for. Under the first bids, the total cost of the proposed building would be a little over \$13,000 whereas they have \$17,000 to spend and they propose to get all they can for the latter amount.

Messrs. Hayes and Morris are the members of the school board and a third of the Hayes brothers is secretary of the board.

SNEDDON CASE UP

COUNTY JUDGE WATSON HOLDS ANOTHER HEARING TODAY

Effort to Remove Members of Family as Guardians Being Contested—More Witnesses Called

County Judge Watson is holding another hearing in the Chas. Sneddon guardian case today. Mr. Sneddon and his son, Hugh, are endeavoring to have J. B. Sneddon, Mrs. Chas. Sneddon and Mrs. Dave Rees removed as guardians and to have the court appoint a new guardian. Members of the family are contesting this, claiming that it would be impossible for any guardian to get along with Chas. Sneddon and alleging that they can better safeguard the property. Some witnesses were called to re-visit evidence given by J. B. Sneddon in the case last week.

GRAND JURY TO MAKE CHARGES

Indictment Will Likely be Returned by the Grand Jury at Chicago

VESSEL OVERLOADED

Such Was Testimony Given Today by Harbor Master About Boat Disaster

MAYOR WATCHING AFFAIRS

Says He Does Not Want to Criticize, But if Investigation Proves Fault at the Close He Will Start Something Himself

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, July 29.—Indictments against persons directly or indirectly connected with the cause of the Eastland disaster, even Federal officials, despite the questions of jurisdiction, may be returned before night by the Cook County grand jury, States Attorney Hoyne intimated today.

Vessel Is Seized

The Federal grand jury empaneled by Judge Landis today began the examination of witnesses, and under order from the judge, the United States Marshal officially seized the vessel.

Boat Overloaded

Adam J. Weckler, City Harbor Master, the first witness called by the Federal grand jury, is said to have repeated the story he told at Coroner's inquest when he said the boat was overloaded. Weckler saw the Eastland overturn and a few minutes before had refused to let the boat leave the dock until evenly balanced. He shouted to the captain that the vessel was listing badly.

What Mayor Says

The inquiry being made by Secretary of Commerce Redfield was resumed with the examination of several witnesses at the morning session. Mayor Thompson, who is closely watching the inquiry into the Eastland disaster being conducted by Secretary Redfield, said today: "I don't want to criticize now, but if the results at the finish show that the investigation has been a farce, I will start something."

VESSEL IS ON REEF

NORWEGIAN STEAMER THOR GOES ASHORE

Has Two Holes in the Hull But Attempts Will Be Made to Raise Her

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 29.—The Norwegian steamer Thor, bound from San Francisco to Nanaimo to load coal, went ashore last night on Umattila reef, near Victoria. There are two holes in the hull. Attempts will be made to float her.

TWO ARE EXECUTED

DOUBLE ELECTROCUTION IN KENTUCKY PENITENTIARY

Negro Wife Murderer and Slayer of Sheriff Both Pay the Penalty

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EDDYVILLE, Ky., July 29.—For the third time in the history of Kentucky, a double electrocution took place this morning in the Eddyville penitentiary. The first man executed was Turner Graham, Jr., convicted of killing the Sheriff of Hardin County. The second was Will Lane, a negro wife-murderer.

AMONG THE SICK

Miss Mabel Lang, who had her hand severely crushed in the mangle at the Coos Bay Steam Laundry, is reported doing nicely. Rev. Father J. C. Hughes, of Portland, who submitted to an operation for the relief of appendicitis, is reported to be getting along nicely at Mercy Hospital.

CITY OF WARSAW ABOUT TO FALL

Germans Are at Her Gates and Abandonment by Russians Expected Hourly

ATTACK RAILROAD

Fear Now That Czar's Armies May Not Be Able to Keep Together

PLAN TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

Emperor William and Empress Will Enter the City Together—Airdrops Hover Over Place—People Warned to Be Calm—Place Stripped

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, July 29.—Warsaw, the third city of Russia and the goal for which the German armies in the East have been striving since October is at last in the throes of abandonment.

Germans in overwhelming numbers are at the gates of the Polish capital and dispatches from both the city itself and Petrograd say further resistance is unwise.

May Cut Off Army

The fall of the city is expected hourly and the problem now is to move the Russian armies intact, threatened as they are from the south by the Austro-Germans, and more seriously from the North, where the Germans are aiming at the railway from Warsaw to Petrograd and hope is now not for the safety of Warsaw but for the continued cohesion of the Russian army.

Soldiers Strip City

Reports say the postoffice has been forwarded to some point eastward, populace has been warned to remain and presumably for days the Russian troops have been stripping the city of everything of military value.

Airdrops Over City

German aviators are hovering over the city, and plans are completed for the triumphant entrance of the German Emperor and Empress.

ALLIES' LOSSES BIG

AUSTRALIANS AND IRISH SUFFER AT DARDANELLES

News is Told by Officers of U. S. Cruiser North Carolina Now at Greece

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, July 29.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—A dispatch from Madrid says a Spanish newspaper reports from Rome that the Pope is preparing great action through episcopals of the belligerent countries with the object of securing a truce.

GABINET RESIGNS

JAPANESE EMPEROR NOTIFIED OF ACTION TODAY

Follows Retirement of Minister of Interior After Bribe Election Charges Are Made

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TOKYO, July 29.—The Japanese Cabinet, headed by Premier Okuma, tendered its resignation to Emperor Coshito. The action followed the resignation yesterday of Minister of Interior Oura following the investigation by the Ministry of Justice into bribery charges resulting from the parliamentary elections last March.

Premier Takes Lead

Premier Okuma, believing himself responsible for the acts of the members of the Cabinet, was the first to tender his resignation. The other ministers immediately followed example. The elder statesman will meet tomorrow and it is probable they will advise Okuma to retain the office of Premier and reconstruct the Cabinet.

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TWO AMERICAN SAILORS SHOT

Members of Landing Force at Port Au Prince Killed by Snipers From Ambush

FIRE IS RETURNED

Names of the Victims Are Withheld Today at Navy Department

DISARMING THE PEOPLE

City is Now in Charge of Public Safety Committee—Weapons Will be Taken in Charge to Avoid Any Further Outbreaks

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—Two Americans of the landing force from the cruiser Washington were killed at Port Au Prince according to a message from Admiral Caperton received today. The men were members of the patrol and were shot from ambush by snipers last night. The marines returned the fire and no further disturbance occurred during the night. The names of the killed are withheld at the Navy Department.

WILL DISARM PEOPLE

Public Safety Committee Now in Charge of the City

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—Secretary of State Lansing announced today that a committee of public safety, organized in Port Au Prince, has taken charge of the capital and is conducting a defacto government. After a conference with the American naval officers and American Charge d'Affaires, the committee decided upon the disarmament of the city which began yesterday.

POPE SEEKS PEACE

WILL MAKE EFFORT WITH THAT END IN VIEW

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ROCK ISLAND BROKE

BIG RAILROAD GOES INTO HANDS OF RECEIVER

Scheme of Daniel G. Reid and William H. Moore Suddenly Goes To Pieces

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, July 29.—Financial pyramid of the railroad companies organized by Daniel G. Reid and William H. Moore and associates in 1902 to control the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad virtually toppled over today when it was announced the Rock Island Company had been placed in the hands of a receiver. Chauncey G. Parker was appointed receiver upon application of President Quinlan of the company, who alleged the company had overdue obligations of \$38,348 with no funds to meet them.

ELEVEN MEN DEAD

KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT PENNSYLVANIA COAL MINE

Six Other Miners Seriously Injured When a Cable Breaks and Car Is Released

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 29.—Eleven men were killed and six seriously injured at the Patterson mine of the United Coal Company at Elizabethtown, Pa., this afternoon when a cable carrying a train broke on an incline. The cars crashed into a party of men at the mouth of the mine.

LOOKS OVER ROUTE

SUPERINTENDENT BECOMES FAMILIAR WITH CONDITIONS

Location of Yards Important and Not Yet Decided—Two Divisions Are to Be Made.

General Superintendent F. L. Burekhalter, of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, left this morning via Gardiner and Eugene for Portland after spending a couple of days here with Supt. W. F. Miller, familiarizing himself with the physical conditions of the local lines. He inspected the line as far as Powers and the property in Marshfield and North Bend with a view to the construction of railroad yards, and will also inspect the line as far as Eugene. He wanted to get a general idea of it so that when the lines are placed under the operating department, they will be better able to handle it.

The question of locating the yards on the bay is a big one and nothing definite has been done so far. The holdings of the Southern Pacific in Marshfield and North Bend are hardly large enough to construct economical yards. They have sufficient property along Coal Bank Inlet, but to utilize they would have to do so by means of a "y" which would make switching difficult and make "dead end tracks."

Division to Coos Bay

It is likely that the new line from Coos Bay to Eugene will be made one division. The distance is about 124 miles. The line between Marshfield and Powers will be made a separate division. The cause of making it two divisions instead of one is to comply with the recent laws and rules regulating trainmen. Covering from 100 to 125 miles a day is considered a day's work for trainmen under the eight-hour rule.

In addition to this, heavier engines and equipment will be used on the Coos Bay-Eugene service than can be economically utilized on the old line between Coos Bay and Powers. Additional equipment will be put on, but the heavy type of engines cannot be run on the old line without considerable additional expense for the upkeep of the line which is not of heavy construction. Anyway the distance from Marshfield to Powers, round trip, is about 90 miles, a day's run for a freight crew.

Will Return Soon
Mr. Burekhalter did not come to any definite decision about the matter but said that he and Superintendent Campbell would probably come in together soon and go over the road and then reach a decision as to divisions, terminals, yards, etc.

No Date Set

No date has yet been definitely set for starting the operation of trains between Coos Bay and Eugene, the time depending on the construction department. The Umpqua bridge will probably be the last link to be completed.

It is possible that C. R. Broughton, in charge of the bridge construction, may arrange for temporary service over the false work of the Umpqua bridge, thereby permitting trains to get through before the permanent bridge is completed.

Looks At Witnesses

He looked quickly at the double row of witnesses, glanced at the floor, swept with his eye the whitened wall of the room and then suddenly, as if coming to himself, walked briskly over the rubber mat and seated himself in the electric chair.

Behind Becker followed the prison priests chanting a prayer which was repeated by the condemned man.

Chants Nervously

"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, have mercy on my soul!" nervously spoke Becker as the deputy wardens stepped forward and adjusted the electrodes. After the electrodes were adjusted against the shaven spot on the back of the condemned man's head, the state executioner looked at Johnson, who surveyed the figure that still mumbled a death prayer in the chair.

Given Three Shocks

Johnson half turned his head and the executioner jammed the switch. After the first shock, the physicians found the heart still faintly beating and two more shocks were given. Three physicians then made an examination, and Dr. Charles Farr at 5:55 o'clock announced: "I pronounce this man dead."

Dy'g Statement

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BECKER DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Protests to Last His Innocence of Murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal

TELLS THE PRIEST

Goes to Death With Picture of His Wife Pinned Over His Heart

THREE SHOCKS ARE GIVEN

Coroner's Physicians Proclaim Former New York Police Lieutenant Dead at 5:55 a. m.—Declared Himself Innocent

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SING SING PRISON, OSSINING, July 30.—Charles Becker was put to death in an electric chair here this morning for killing Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler. The former New York police lieutenant retained his composure and protested his innocence to the last.

Wore Wife's Picture

He went to death with a photograph of his wife pinned on his shirt over his heart.

Three shocks were given before the prison physicians pronounced that Becker was dead at 5:55 a. m. Becker led the way to his own execution.

His Last Message

Becker's last message, which he uttered to Father Curry, was: "I am not guilty by deed or conspiracy, or in any way, of the death of Rosenthal. I am sacrificed to my friends, bear this message to the world and my friends. Amen."

Visited by Priests

Becker led the way to his own execution. He sat up all night on the edge of his cot, calmly talking with Deputy Warden Johnson. About an hour before the execution the priests came to administer the last rites.

Witnesses were led to the place of execution in the death house which had been built adjoining the old execution chambers where the four gunmen were put to death over a year ago for killing Rosenthal.

Carries A Crucifix

When the witnesses were seated, Deputy Warden Johnson and Keeper Rorer went for Becker. The condemned man rose to his feet when he saw Johnson and took a crucifix from the hand of the priest.

He hesitated as he entered the execution room. It seemed as if he was startled that the death chair was so near at hand.

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