

JURY CONTACTS MEN
CONCLUDE OF SETTING
SHINGLE MILL AFIRE

Hugh Priest and Thomas Patterson Face Long Terms in Penitentiary.

JURY MAKES RECOMMENDATION

Both Men in the Case Are Married and Are the Heads of Families.

Hugh Priest and Thomas Patterson were convicted last night of a charge of arson, arising out of an attempt to burn the L. B. Menefee Lumber company's shingle mill at University Park, February 16. The jury recommended that the men be sentenced to five to ten years in the penitentiary and recommend that at the end of the minimum sentence they be paroled.

After the jury retired, Attorney Glen Hoover, of Seattle, who represented the men, was brought before Judge Davis on a contempt charge. He was fined \$100 and committed to the jail on remandment of District Attorney Evans.

The jury spent but an hour and a quarter in actual deliberation. It is understood that it stood 2 for conviction from the start. The jury retired at 5:30 o'clock, took an hour and returned its verdict at 7:55 o'clock. Judge Davis, Attorney Hoover and the men, with Deputy Sheriff and the court officers, were present. The men took the verdict calmly. Sentence will be passed Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Hoover's defense to the contempt proceeding was that he had no knowledge that the men were necessary and material witnesses, but Deputy District Attorney Evans and District Attorney Robert Evans testified that Hoover admitted he knew of the fact when he was on the stand Friday.

A. M. Starr, under indictment at Oregon City on a charge of forging the name of W. H. Reed, secretary-treasurer of the Shingleweavers' union, to checks, was the principal witness for the state yesterday.

"Reed told me in Seattle last January that he was sending six men, including Patterson, Priest and McDaniel, to Portland to see the mill here," said Starr. "He told me they were tired of beating up 'scabs' and intended to go after the mills and the men."

Attorney A. Walter Lafferty, associate counsel for the defense, objected to Starr's testimony as hearsay and checks were not introduced into evidence. The defense attorneys for the state seemed imminent, when the defendants themselves agreed that the testimony might go in.

Both Patterson and Priest are married and have families. They have been held in the county jail since their arrest.

HEADS PEACE MOVEMENT
EXTRA SESSION TAKEN
BY CLARK

President Calls Speaker for a Conference; Foreign Affairs Responsibility Big.

BLOCKADE CAUSES WORRY

Reported Grave Issue Would Be Raised If United States Challenges Great Britain's Order-in-Council.

By the International News Service. Washington, March 20.—On the eve of his departure from the city on a short trip President Wilson last night called Speaker Clark to the White House for a conference. Today it was reported that the president and the speaker are beginning to believe that he will have to summon congress back to Washington before the summer is ended.

The foreign situation is worrying the president. Complications are growing and legislation may be required to meet conditions that are confronting the administration, the president, it is said, not being willing to assume all responsibility. It was reported that the president is beginning to believe that congress would have to be assembled.

It was stated to the International News Service today that the whole end aim and possible achievement by means of diplomatic correspondence and the order in council, the blockade and other conditions, is to lay the foundation for claims by the United States. No claim can be prosecuted successfully before the courts of the future or a post-bellum international court of claims unless the government is behind the claims by protests at the time the alleged wrongs were committed.

The state department officials today said there is the prospect of making a reply to Great Britain. One of the most capable officials said that the United States would challenge the blockade of Great Britain as illegal, a very grave issue would be immediately raised. The United States would be obliged to stand by its position. The very first vessels captured after the declaration by the United States would be treated as illegal, would lead to perhaps a break in the diplomatic relations or at least such a serious strain as is not yet apparent in the documents so far published.

Holland and the Scandinavian countries, according to unofficial dispatches, are protesting in the press against the blockade. Chevalier, minister of the Netherlands, was at the state department again today. He is expected to visit the United States in the near future and it is understood that his object has been to get the United States to join with the Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries in a protest against the European blockade.

The objections of the European countries are predicated on the blockade, showing that those countries have not the view that the blockade of guns and submarines and airplanes and mines have changed materially the requirements for an effective blockade. The United States is at present at the state department that the United States does not propose to join with European nations in any joint protest against the blockade, but to issue its own declaration of the allies.

Switzerland Has a Big Postal Deficit
Free Garbage for Letters and Packages for Prisoners of War in France and Germany the Cause.

Berne, March 20.—The Swiss postal service shows a deficit of 9,000,000 francs (\$1,800,000) for the period since the beginning of the war. This is due entirely to the free transportation of letters, postcards and packages and postal orders for prisoners of war in France and Germany.

TRAFFIC CONTROL
CONTAINS STRICT RULES
COULD BE READY FOR
TRAVEL IN AUGUST

State Highway Engineer Explains Steps to Take in Order to Hasten Work.

HOW TO SPEND FUNDS

Stretch From Astoria to Westport, 28 Miles, Ninety Per Cent Completed at Cost of \$225,883.12.

Salem, Or., March 20.—If the recommendations made by State Highway Engineer Bowly to the highway commission today are adopted, the Columbia highway can be opened for travel from Hood River to the sea by August 1.

Regarding the expenditure of the state road fund for 1915, Engineer Bowly recommends as follows: Douglas county, Pacific highway, \$20,000.00; Hood River county, Columbia highway, \$60,000.00; Clatsop county, Columbia highway, \$40,000.00; Multnomah county, Columbia highway, \$60,000.00; Jackson county, Pacific highway, \$40,000.00; Miscellaneous, \$20,000.00.

Cost of Construction. Regarding conditions in Hood River county relating to the Columbia highway, it is reported that the highway will be improved through the balance of the \$60,000 apportioned to Hood River county. With these improvements the Columbia highway can be made passable by August 1 from Hood River to Portland.

The new highway from Astoria to Westport, a distance of 28 miles, is 90 per cent completed. Twenty-seven miles of the highway has been grubbed (partially graded), and 22.5 miles actually completed ready for use.

There has been expended on this 28 miles of road \$225,883.12 by Clatsop county. It will be necessary to raise \$68,000 to open this highway this season. Can Spare \$28,000. Clatsop county can appropriate \$28,000. This is every dollar that her road funds can spare this year.

How Money Spent. The \$285,000 that Columbia county has spent so far is made up of \$260,000 for actual construction by the state and \$25,000 for the purchase of \$20,000 for construction engineering.

New Road to Mines. Chehalis, Wash., March 19.—The Lewis county commissioners have decided to build half a mile of crushed rock road up the Coal creek valley, east from Chehalis. In addition, 2000 feet of plank road will be built. The roads in question will serve two of the local coal mines, which, owing to the increased demand for that kind of fuel, have lately increased their output the past winter.

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JITNEY DRIVERS JOLTED

Spokane, Wash., March 20.—Practically sounding the death knell for jitney efforts to register as a bonded company has refused to give blank bonds to members of the association, who hoped that by pooling influence they could escape effects of the new state law requiring \$2500 bonds each. Bonding companies say they will force jitney men out of business.

YONCALLA BANK DEFUNCT

Roseburg, Or., March 20.—After several efforts to reorganize the defunct Yoncalla State bank, all of which failed, papers of liquidation of the bank's accounts have been filed here.

JUDGE PASSES ODD SENTENCE ON BOY

Grants Pass Lad Can Reduce Sentence If He Goes Same to Sunday School and Church Each Day.

Grants Pass, Or., March 20.—Six months' attendance at Sunday school was the sentence meted out by Juvenile Judge Gillette to a delinquent Grants Pass boy today. The youthful offender was Dewey Jones, who pleaded guilty to having been a party to thefts from local residences. He is only 17 years of age, thus coming within the purview of the juvenile court. His partner, Ellsworth Kelly, was bound over to the grand jury, his age being 19. In sentencing young Jones, Judge Gillette said that if the boy for every Sunday he missed in attendance he would have to attend two extra Sundays after the six months' term.

VERY HOT DAY AT SALEM

Salem, Or., March 20.—The oldest inhabitants admitted that today was the hottest March day they could remember. The government thermometer at the observatory in the city recorded the hottest recorded since August 24 of 1914, when 85 was shown.

POLICE MAKE RAID

Acting on reports of complaints from business men and respectable residents of the north end, the police made a daylight descent on women of the underworld yesterday afternoon, arresting 21 persons in the slum district west of the river in less than half an hour.

Wilson, accompanying the petition, is as follows: Salem, Or., March 27, 1915. Hon. Woodrow Wilson, president United States of America, the White House, Washington, D. C. My Secretary—On herewith to you by the undersigned on behalf of the Oregon Peace society, whose strong desire it is to have the speedy consummation of your own desires in this matter. It is a work which the world will remember with the highest sense of gratitude. Respectfully, WILLIAM H. GALVANI, Secretary Oregon Peace Society.

MARRIED WORKERS ASK AID IN GETTING JOBS

Real Work, Not Charity, Is Requested by Members.

Have you even a little work for an unemployed man or woman who is married and a resident of Portland? If so, cut out the blank, fill it in to indicate what kind of work you have to provide, and mail as directed. Married Workers' Association, 112 1/2 Front Street. (Telephone Main 6272).

I agree to furnish work to an unemployed married worker who is a resident of Portland, as checked below: Spading garden... Cleaning up vacant lot... Repair job (state nature)... Temporary Employment—Laborer, Carpenter, Metal Worker, Clerk... Permanent... Wages to be mutually satisfactory. (Signed) Name... Address...

The Married Workers' association comprises 2188 members. They represent together nearly all occupations. With the hope of starting something that will have practical results in reducing individual unemployment, a business men's committee has asked the cooperation of newspapers and of the leading business organizations, the presidents of which meet at the Commercial club tomorrow noon to pass upon the proposal. Approval will mean that the blanks as given above will also be sent at the association's expense and programs of the organizations.

It is believed there are hundreds of minor jobs to be had in Portland—spading gardens, cleaning up vacant lots, cleaning house, repairs, and like that people really want done right now at the beginning of spring, and it is hoped that the method of calling to their attention the unemployed who would greatly benefit from the small amounts earned by such work. The members of the Married Workers' association do not ask for charity but for something to do. Portland, and profess a willingness to do any kind of work that will relieve their present condition.

Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Baby Came in Conference, Albany "Twilight Sleep"

Sixty Delegates Attended Business Session and Are Entertained; Purpose of Conference to Train Officers.

Albany, Or., March 20.—With 60 delegates representing all the principal valley schools and colleges present, the annual cabinet conference of the Young Women's Christian association opened today in the First Presbyterian church here. The purpose of the conference is to train officers.

Albany College Inspected. Albany, Or., March 20.—E. Capen, superintendent in charge of education of the United States bureau of education, spent yesterday in Albany investigating conditions at Albany college, and making a report to the superintendent of public instruction at Salem as to whether or not the institution is a standard college.

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Afternoon Musicals The popular afternoon musicals at Ellers Talking Machine Company are continuing to draw music lovers from all walks of life and are given for the purpose of making a new interest in good music.

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