

OFFICERS PLEASED AT THE CAPTURE HERE OF DR. HOWARD CHILDS

"Doctor" Arrested Is Bound Over to Grand Jury and Held on Bail of \$2500.

ASKED IMMEDIATE TRIAL

Preparations Were Made for Departure to Other Fields When Man Was Caught.

In the arrest of "Doctor" C. Howard Childs, officers believe they have nipped the shrewdest little confidence game that has hatched in Portland for some time.

Childs, who was caught when preparing to make a quiet exit from the city what he had left of \$300 obtained from two Portland men, was bound over to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing before District Judge Jones. When arrested yesterday morning the "doctor" demanded an immediate trial. He was accommodated in the afternoon, and bail bond was fixed at \$2500.

All preparations had been made by Childs and his wife to move to other fields when Deputy Constables Druhot, Nicholls and Keller dropped in. Trunks had been packed and sent to the station, stenographers and records in Childs' office, 413 Stock Exchange building, had been destroyed and office fixtures crated ready for shipment.

Stenographer Attaches Furniture. A stenographer, who says Childs owes her \$38 salary, has attached the office furnishings. J. C. Garman and Carl Andrews, who hold a note given by Childs for \$2000, are looking for other property to attach. There are other creditors.

All Messrs. Garman and Andrews have found on which to take a lien are a few hundred bottles of pink fluid branded "Starbuck Remedy," and a few hundred more empty bottles. Childs represented to Garman and Andrews that he had western rights for the sale of a catarrh medicine suit (used to be manufactured by a reliable patent medicine firm in St. Louis.

Garman was induced to furnish the cash. Andrews gave Garman a mortgage on real estate, and then also was taken on Childs' "stock."

No Representatives Here. For the loan of \$800 obtained from Garman and Andrews, Childs gave his personal note for \$2000. The additional \$1200 was given by a man who promised to pay the backers of the business.

A telegram received last night by the district attorney and records in Childs' office purported to represent said that the company had no authorized representative in Portland and knew of no such persons as Childs or "Goodrich," who Childs says was his partner.

Childs was recognized yesterday as the man who passed a worthless check for \$50 on the cashier of the Madison Park apartments. This check was signed "Dr. C. Howard Childs." Since that time Childs is said to have been in trouble in San Francisco.

Broken Light Wire Is Cause of Trouble

Neighborhood Panic, Two Fire Alarms and, Indirectly, Two Persons Are Injured; Illumination Was Terrifying.

Snapping of a high tension wire of the street lighting system at Fremont street and Williams avenue shortly before 7 o'clock last night, brought confusion to a large neighborhood, caused the turning in of two fire alarms, and was the indirect reason for two persons being injured.

The wire snapped at the corner of the street, and the light went out. When it dropped there was a terrific illumination. Lighting service throughout the city for a time was affected, and arc lights in the district were out for three hours.

Two false alarms were sounded within four minutes. The power was quickly shut off and linemen quickly repaired the damage.

J. A. Johnson of 843 Rodney avenue was driving near his home shortly after the accident happened, when his machine struck a piece of wire that had been dragged down. The wire smashed the wind shield and Johnson was out on the nose by a flying piece of glass.

Miss Esther Eya, 773 Everett street, was knocked down by a trolley driven by W. L. Harrington of 734 Hoyt street, and badly bruised. The young woman had just alighted from another machine, and was crossing Twenty-third street near her home. The accident was due to the fact that the arc lights had been extinguished by the east side accident. Harrington reported the accident to the police.

Thieves Steal Clothes. Two blue suits of clothes and several pairs of trousers were taken from the establishment of a clothing cleaner and dyer at 270 Sixteenth street Wednesday night by thieves who entered through the back door. Thieves also smashed the glass in the front door of the office of G. W. Simpson at 341 East Washington street Wednesday night, unlocked the door from the inside, and took from the office \$5 worth of 2 cent stamps and two automobile tires.

Only Partial Success Won. Peas, March 3.—(I. N. S.)—Colonel Fayler, the Swiss military critic, says: "If the attack is not resumed promptly before Verdun or elsewhere the recent operations, though constituting a partial tactical success, must be considered a lost battle for the Germans—a mere repetition of the second battle of Ypres."

Mentho-Laxene for Coughs and Colds. Gives instant and permanent relief, loosens the phlegm, opens the air passages, soothes and heals the inflamed membranes, acts as a Laxative on Stomach and Bowels and rids the system of the cold in inflammation. One bottle Mentho-Laxene makes one pint of pleasant tasting Cough Syrup when mixed with one pint simple sugar syrup or honey, or it may be taken directly from the bottle. It contains no narcotics nor drugs of habit-forming nature—perfectly harmless and successful in treatment of Coughs, Hoarseness, Asthma, La Grippe, Bronchitis and Colds in All Stages. AT ALL DRUG STORES

Mrs. Kerl Awarded \$157,500 Alimony

Judge E. L. Bryan of Boise Also Gives Her Custody of Child—Former Husband Resident of Coeur d'Alene.

Boise, Idaho, March 3.—(U. P.)—Alimony in the sum of \$157,500 is granted to Mrs. Isabel Ledcrough Kerl in a decree handed down today by Judge E. L. Bryan, granting her a divorce from Thomas T. Kerl, a wealthy resident of Coeur d'Alene.

The decree provides that \$7500 shall be paid in cash for the purpose of providing a home for Mrs. Kerl and her minor child, of whom she is given custody, and \$150,000 for the support of herself and child, to be secured by mortgages due in two, four and six years.

Mrs. Kerl formerly lived in Memphis, Tenn.

NAVAL BASE ON COLUMBIA TO BE INSISTED UPON

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point, to have the Columbia river possible as a harbor of refuge and repair for naval vessels, more especially as the entrance to the Puget sound naval station lies between shores, one of which belongs to another nation."

At the time this board reported in 1900 there were only about 23 feet of water on the Columbia bar, and as 10 or 12 feet in the clear are needed under the keel of heavy vessels, the board made an adverse report on the depth of water. Then it added:

"Should the proposed improvement of the bar and channel be carried out and get the depth expected, the board is of opinion that the location on the Columbia of a drydock and naval station would be most desirable from the undoubted advantages possessed by the river."

Plenty of Water at Mouth. Now, it is contended, the objection made in 1900 is no longer tenable, as the Columbia improvement has reached more than the depth required. With the desirability of the public charities is that of 13-year-old Michael Morales, who has been living on 15 cents a day, earned by selling papers on the streets, and in addition, attending school.

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ORCHARD EXPERTS TO CONDUCT TESTS FOR GROWERS OF OREGON

Washington, March 3.—Besides two thorough tests to be conducted under the eyes of experienced pathologists at Dallas or Forest Grove, the Madison Park apartments. This check was signed "Dr. C. Howard Childs." Since that time Childs is said to have been in trouble in San Francisco.

The chief experiment with prunes will be at Vancouver, Wash., and the main investigation with cherries will be at Salem or Troutdale, or possibly at Dallas or Forest Grove, says Dr. Taylor, chief of the bureau, in a letter to Congressman Hawley. An assistant pathologist will go from Washington Wednesday in March, direct orchardists desiring to follow out experiments on lines marked out for them.

An expert will be dispatched from Washington, March 3.—Senator Chamberlain in Demand. Washington, March 3.—Senator Chamberlain continues to receive numerous invitations to speak on the problems of preparedness, most of which he is forced to decline. He made an exception in favor of the mass meeting under auspices of the national security league at New York on February 29, because of extensive arrangements made for it.

Bids on Portland Postoffice. Washington, March 3.—While no definite date is given, it is thought that bids may be called for the Portland postoffice building by April 1. Following recent conferences with the architect, Lewis P. Hobart, necessary changes in the drawings due to the deep excavation found to be necessary are being hastened.

Molalla Rural Route. Washington, March 3.—After much correspondence and marshaling of facts, the postoffice department has announced that six times a week service will be given on rural route 3 out of Molalla, and was crossing Twenty-third street near her home. The accident was due to the fact that the arc lights had been extinguished by the east side accident. Harrington reported the accident to the police.

Admiral of Lost Lake. Washington, March 3.—Flans X. Arena, director of the people's symphony concerts, and an admirer of Oregon scenic spots, has written to Congressman Hawley from New York to urge the preservation of Lost Lake, near Mount Hood, as a national park. His ideas will apparently be carried out in the Mount Hood national park plan, embodied in a bill which Senator Chamberlain intends to introduce.

Big Demand for Seeds. Washington, March 3.—Under a steady call for seeds in the annual distribution, Senator Chamberlain's allotment is almost gone. While he was given a good store, in a spirit of preparedness, the demand has brought the

Postmaster at Gooseberry. Washington, March 3.—Joseph Holboke has been appointed postmaster at Gooseberry, Morrow county, Or., in place of J. A. Blahnick, resigned.

Incubator Catches Fire. Patrolman W. W. Stimpson last night saw the room of the Mount Scott furniture store at Sixty-seventh street and Foster road filling with smoke while a lively little blaze played around an incubator standing in the window. The policeman summoned a fireman from engine 31, they broke open a back door, and the incubator was carried out to the street. Contents of the store were slightly damaged by smoke.

Examiner Watkins Coming. Washington, March 3.—Examiner Watkins of the Interstate Commerce commission has been assigned to take testimony at Portland, Or., on March 15, in the case of the Pacific coast-southwest lumber rate case, in which certain rates were suspended by the commission pending investigation.

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supply to the vanishing point, and by the time present "orders" are filled, there will be none left.

Abolish Basin Postoffice. CUMMINS' FRANK CAN NOT BE USED FOR A. W. LAFFERTY'S SPEECHES

Washington, March 3.—Senator Cummins of Iowa denies most emphatically that A. W. Lafferty, congressman from Oregon, has authority to use the name of Cummins to send out speeches made by Lafferty in previous congresses, and is somewhat indignant over the use of his name in a political advertisement published in Portland newspapers.

"Mr. Lafferty, nor any other person, will be permitted to use my frank for sending out speeches," said the Iowa senator. "I consider this would be a violation of law and a gross violation of principle."

"Some two weeks ago a young man, whose name I do not know, asked me if some of Mr. Lafferty's speeches could be sent out under my frank. I told him emphatically I would permit nothing of the kind."

To Destroy Clover Pests. Washington, March 3.—Representative Hawley has had incorporated in the agricultural appropriation bill an \$11,000 item for next year for the station of the bureau of entomology at Forest Grove, Or., an increase of \$5000 over last year.

The increase is allowed largely for the purpose of making a study of means for eradicating two enemies of clover now active in the Willamette valley, the "midget" and the borer, one preying upon the seed and the other on the root. The appropriation is available generally for investigation in cereal and forage crops.

Commercial Attache Coming. Washington, March 3.—Julian H. Arnold, commercial attache of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce now in China, will visit Portland about the first of September. He will confer with business men and commercial interests and will also address the school of commerce of the state university at Eugene. He is investigating commercial opportunities and marketing methods in the far east.

Inspect Roseburg Plant. Roseburg, Or., March 3.—William Pollman of Baker, John B. Yeon and John Kiernan of Portland, owners of the Douglas County Light & Water works, are in the city today, making an inspection of the company's plant. Mr. Kiernan having just purchased the interest of A. Welch in the system. They say that there will be no immediate change in management, but in view of the new activities to be started in Roseburg soon, the plant will be enlarged to handle the increased business.

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VERDUN OFFENSIVE IS BELIEVED MAJOR ACT OF GREAT WAR GAME

French Satisfied Kaiser's Offensive Is Meant to Capture Paris and End War.

FIGHTING IS UNEQUALLED

Germans Using Many Times More Shells Than French Did in Their Offensive in the Champagne.

By William Philip Simms.

Paris, March 3.—(U. P.)—Renewal of the German attack against the Verdun forts convinced military experts here today that the Kaiser's offensive is the "real thing."

Its cost is ghastly. German dead lie strewn in the woods and on the hills so that from a distance the fields seem covered with a strange, gray-green growth.

Not alone because of such sacrifices as this vision gives, but also because of the German preparations and shelling, critics believe the drive against Verdun is not a feint. They are not unmindful, though, of the possibility of a sudden thrust in the Champagne or nearer to Paris along the Aisne.

With the strategy agreed that the Verdun battle constitutes the heaviest fighting of the entire war, the Germans are shooting many times more shells than the French did in the Septemb offensive in the Champagne, and the flower of the German troops is participating.

Despite his losses, the Kaiser must strike with his maximum strength, it is believed, for the prestige and morale will suffer. If he succeeds in capturing Verdun, the war will only be prolonged; if he fails, he must realize that he is definitely beaten.

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GERMANS FOUGHT AND KILLED COMRADES IN DOUAMONT ATTACK

Paris, March 3.—(I. N. S.)—A wounded officer, describing the desperate fighting on Monday night around Douaumont, says: "The Prussian noncommissioned officer was found afterwards with his breast pierced with a German bayonet. A German companion in the melee charged a machine gun, and the Prussian commander cried: 'Fix bayonets, Charge! Men Charge on Comrades.'"

"A terrific hand-to-hand struggle followed in the darkness, lighted by luminous flares and searchlights. When the Prussian noncommissioned officer was found afterwards with his breast pierced with a German bayonet. A German companion in the melee charged a machine gun, and the Prussian commander cried: 'Fix bayonets, Charge! Men Charge on Comrades.'"

"Not till daybreak did the struggle end. At the entrance to the village German corpses lay in heaps with the wounded whom it has been impossible to rescue."

Another grim mining episode, the heroes of which are three wounded "poppus," occurred on the outskirts of the village of Bony. The story is told by one of them:

"Bernard, Jean and myself were ordered to prepare a mine directly behind the German trenches. When the Germans started with their gas, we started with electric lamps, picks and powder fuses through a long sap, at the end of which we were to lay the mine in an excavation already prepared."

"We did our work and went back. We had not proceeded far when a frightful explosion shook the earth. We were hurled forward. The mine was blocked with stones and we were doomed. A shell had burst over our gallery and choked it with earth and stones. Jean cried out: 'Our doom is sealed. What is the good of waiting to die by starvation?'

"He pulled out his revolver. I caught his arm.

"You are mad," I said. "Let's wait till the mine explodes. If the crater is deep, we may reach it."

"We waited, crouching and listening to the roar of the battle overhead. At last our mine exploded."

"The working of the stifling heat, we returned to our barrier. I squeezed through into the mine. I felt moisture trickling through. It was blood. Like furies we began to scratch away the soil with our hands. Presently a fresh horror confronted us. A barrier of corpses lay between us and salvation. We had struck the crater formed by the explosion."

"We burrowed through this inferno until we reached the blessed light, but we lay in the crater eight hours till stretcher-bearers reached us."

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Girl Lost Sense of Smell Is Allegation

Onions, Limburger Cheese and Violets Will Be Used in Court Test to Determine Truth of Charge in Suit.

Los Angeles, March 3.—(U. P.)—Bouquets of fragrant onions, bunches of violets and generous handfuls of limburger are to be flourished under the nose of Miss Edith L. Early in Judge Works' court today to prove she has no sense of smell. Miss Early is to be blindfolded during the test, and if she guesses, "Ah, violets," while the limburger is wafted, her attorneys will demand \$10,000 damages from the Los Angeles railway. It is alleged she lost her sense of smell in a streetcar wreck.

CROWDED AUDIENCES IN EAST DELIGHTED BY THE COLOR PICTURES

Columbia Highway and Oregon Scenes Prove Revelation; Tour Is Big Success.

Crowded audiences continue to welcome the Berger-Jones wonder color pictures of the Columbia river highway and Oregon scenery as the Portland expedition visits eastern cities.

A message from Detroit this morning, written by Phil S. Bates, manager of the Berger-Jones tour, indicates their success:

"At Lynn, Sunday, an audience of over 600. Monday afternoon the Boston Women's club packed Pilgrim hall. In the evening the Boston City club was jammed."

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MAN HAS \$8269 TO HIS CREDIT BUT HE CAN'T TOUCH PENNY

Legal Technicalities Stand in Way of Cripple Who Is in Urgent Need.

Although there is \$8269.18 deposited with a local Trust company to his credit, Charles Eatchel, is unable to touch a penny of his fortune.

The board of county commissioners and the district attorney must act before Eatchel and the wife may receive the cash for which they have appealed. Eatchel was injured September 22, 1913, when working for the county at the Kelly Butte quarry.

His case was taken up by state authorities, who recommended that an appropriation of \$269 be made by the county to pay for the medical care of the injured man. More than a year ago the county appropriated the money.

There was no disagreement between the commissioners as to the moral obligation of the county. But as soon as the money was available a dispute arose as to how it should be given to Eatchel. The state advised giving it in a lump sum.

It was finally agreed on January 17 last that the money should be turned over to a trust company to be held in trust. Eatchel was to receive \$35 a month until his death. After that the widow was to receive \$30 a month so long as she remained single. A message from Detroit this morning, written by Phil S. Bates, manager of the Berger-Jones tour, indicates their success:

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CHOSEN EXALTED RULER OF ELKS



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By the customary process of advancement, Harry G. Allen was unanimously chosen exalted ruler of the Portland lodge of Elks last night at the annual meeting. He succeeds W. B. McDonald.

Other officers are: Esteemed leading knight, Paul Chamberlain; esteemed local knight, Charles Hingler; secretary, M. R. Spaulding; treasurer, John B. Coffey; trustee, John E. Kelly; Tyler, T. E. Dowling. "Holdover" trustees are J. P. Finley and George F. Henry.

French Steamer Torpedoed. Bordeaux, March 3.—(I. N. S.)—The French steamer Lakme, registered 3117 tons, has been torpedoed south west of Dyeu island, according to advices received here today. Six members of the crew are missing.

Spring Activity Has Begun at Woodland

Lumber Mills and Logging Camps Are Being Prepared for Reopening—One Camp Is Already in Operation.

Woodland, Wash., March 3.—As evidence that the sawmills and logging camps of the Lewis river will soon be in operation, several families bound for the Harvey Mill company and the DuBois Logging company plants have passed through Woodland this week, also some equipment and supplies.

The Harvey company has a mill and camp near Etina, in Clarke county, and in all departments will probably use about 100 men. The DuBois people have a logging camp at Arlet, on the Cowitz county side, and will employ in the neighborhood of 50 men, their output being for the Vancouver mill. The Christensen logging camp at Yale is now running, employing about 40 men, and three other large mills and several small logging camps are expected to resume operations as soon as the weather will permit. The mills on the river cut railway ties and timbers only, with the exception of small orders for local consumption. The Lewis River Boom & Logging company will send up a crew of 20 to 25 men the latter part of the present week to begin the annual spring drive of Lewis river. They have just completed rafting all the logs in the boom at the mouth of Lewis river, these amounting to less than 4,000,000 feet.

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