FIFTEEN TRUE BILLS ARE RETURNED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Charge of Counterfeiting Is Made Against Three of the Accused Men.

2 CHARGES ARE SECRET

Peter and Josephine Bossitti Are Indicted on Charge of Violating Government Liquor Law.

Fifteen true bills, two secret indictments and one not true bill were included in the federal grand jury's report made to Judge Bean this morning.

Counterfeiting is the charge in the indictments against Grant Fowlks, George Myers, who, it is alleged, passed counterfeit federal reserve notes. J. B. Henderson was indicted on a charge of lightening gold coins by "sweating" them.

Peter and Josephine Bossitti were indicted for carrying on a retail liquor business in the north end without a government license.

The following were indicted on a charge of having opium in their possession: Fred Goldenburg, Lee Belt, Louie Sick, Chin Gee, Jung Gow, Lee Tong, Sa Chung and George Smith.

A not true bill was returned against Frank Nolen, who was accused of robbing the postoffice at Cove, Or.

John Peters was indicted for impersonating another at Huntington for the purpose of receiving a registered letter containing money intended for the person he represented himself to be.

Ed Barrick was indicted on a charge of breaking into and robbing the Natron, Or., postoffice.

Acting Federal Attorney Rankin will go to Seattle tonight to take depositions in a Chinese deportation case. Mrs. Rankin will accompany him. They will return Wednesday.

WOULDN'T LEAVE POLAND

Michael Kapron Asks Divorce—Other Suits Filed.

Because his wife refuses to leave her native land of Poland and come to America to live with him, Michael Kapron has filed suit for divorce from Rozalia Kapron. They were married in Poland in 1912.

Grayce G. Holman filed suit for divorce from Phelps Holman, charging that within one year of their marriage, at Vancouver, July 2, 1905, her husband began a life of riotous squandering of money, of drunken sprees and neglect of home. She says also he paid the bills of other women. She asks for $25 a month alimony.

On the grounds of drunkenness, cruelty and desertion, Louise Mackey began suit for divorce from Martin Mackey. They were married in Chicago in 1908, and have one child.

Divorce was granted to Edith L. Hart from Edward L. Hart, married in Florida in 1895. The charge was desertion.

LIQUOR DRENCHES SEWER

Constable Destroys Supply Seized in Raid Last February.

The 20 gallons or more of liquor which was seized last February when the rooming house at 85½ North Second street was raided was destroyed yesterday afternoon by Constable Andy Weinberger. It was emptied in the sewer. The liquor was the property of Louise Olcese, landlady, 71 years old, who was arrested at the time of the raid.

The court also issued an order for Sheriff Hurlburt to destroy 24 nottles of beer, two quarts of whiskey and some wine that was seized when Robert Puccini was arrested some time ago at 313 Second street.

JURY FINDS FOR DEFENDANT

$7500 Damages Had Been Asked for Death of R. Weisz.

A jury in Judge Kavanaugh's court brought in a verdict last night for the defendants in the suit for $7500 damages brought by H. G. Weisz, administrator of the estate of Reinhold Weisz against J. J. Kadderly and Herbert L. Kadderly.

Reinhold Weisz was killed March 3 while riding a bicycle across the Morrison street bridge. He was struck by an automobile being driven by the Kadderlys. The automobile had been following a street car and turned to the left to go around the car, when it struck the man on the bicycle.

Fence Causes Dispute.

As the result of a neighborhood row over a division fence, G. W. Shively, a farmer living near Lents, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday afternoon by District Judge Dayton on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The complainant was Andrew Huber. Shively said Huber's cattle were bothering him and he had put up a fence to keep them out of his place. A dispute arose over the location of the fence. When Huber started to take down the fence Shively fired a couple of shots with a revolver Shively said he did it to scare Huber.

FILES SUIT FOR ACCOUNTING

Patent Rights to Oregon Silo Are in Question.

Alleging that the firm of Monroe & Crissel is fraudulently advertising and selling "Oregon Silos," W. H. Monroe today filed suit against the firm for an accounting.

The plaintiff states that he has the exclusive rights to the patents of the Oregon silo in this territory and that he turned over his rights to the defendant under an agreement whereby he was to be employed by the firm on both a salary and commission basis, but that in February, 1916, he was discharged. He alleges the defendant has no further right to handle the Oregon silo.

Fraud in Deal Alleged.

Charging that she was defrauded in a real estate deal, Jeanette Epenstein filed suit yesterday afternoon against P. H. Harth and Joe Bergman for $8000 damages. She alleges that Bergman, representing himself to be a real estate dealer, induced her to trade some lots she had in Greenwood addition for a house and lot owned by Harth in Couch addition. She declares they grossly misrepresented the value of and income from the house and lot.

Dr. Dean Ordered to Appear.

An order was issued out of Judge Gatens' court, citing Dr. Charles J. Dean to appear in court June 3 to be examined in regard to his property for the satisfaction of a judgment of approximately $450. The judgment was obtained on allegations of malpractice. Dr. Dean is the proprietor of Holly lodge, the roadhouse recently raided by deputy sheriffs and a number of persons arrested.

Accused of Embezzlement.

George Novich, who is under indictment for embezzlement, has been arrested at Waco, Texas, and Deputy Sheriff Rector will leave tonight to bring him back to Portland. He is charged with having embezzled $175 from the Oregon Transfer company.

Sweeney's Condition Unchanged.

The condition of Charles Sweeney, capitalist and mining man of Spokane, who is seriously ill at the Portland Surgical hospital, was reported as unchanged this morning.

FRANCE STANDS AGAINST PEACE, CLAIMS VIENNA

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lowing successful conclusion of the submarine negotiations, the United States occupies an absolutely free position in the event of being asked to mediate in behalf of peace. Early peace is as important for the neutrals as for the belligerents.

"I believe peace is on the way. It might be many months in coming, or only a few weeks."

Others Getting Busy.

The Hague, May 27.—(I. N. S.)—(Special to the London Daily Mail.)—Berlin dispatches declare that not only the pope but King Alfonso of Spain and possibly the Swedish government is seeking grounds for intervention in favor of peace negotiations.

The messages hint that unless President Wilson takes prompt action the honor of bringing peace will go to another power.

Berlin Says Peace Impossible.

Berlin, May 27.—(U. P.)—President Wilson should not make an attempt to intervene in the war at present, it was declared here today.

Two neutral ambassadors told the United Press today that peace this summer is impossible. Recent exchanges between the belligerent capitals indicate both sides are too confident of winning to listen to peace proposals now.

One envoy said he believed fighting would cease in October, basing his opinion on a conviction that a summer's fighting would indicate an unbreakable deadlock on all fronts. Peace suggestions could then be carried through the winter, taking at least one year for their consummation.

Ambassadors believe some neutral ruler other than President Wilson has a better chance than he to conclude peace. President Wilson's stand on the allied blockade will answer the question of whether he is satisfactory to Germany as a peace maker.

Smash, Then Peace, is Hope.

Rome, May 27.—(U. P.)—A terrific smash, aimed to eliminate the Turks and Bulgarians from the war, is the plan of the allies to bring peace, according to general reports current here.

Heavy blows by the allies from Saloniki to Mesopotamia will be followed by a tremendous simultaneous offensive against both the Austrian and German lines in an effort to win a victory over the central powers before winter sets in.

Enormous forces of French, Italian, British and Serbian troops have been concentrated at Saloniki and are awaiting the word to strike what the allies hope will prove the deathblow of the cause of the central powers. In the near east the Russians are pressing forward toward Bagdad.

Despite reports of initial Austrian successes in the Tyrol drive, the Italian public is confident that the outcome of the struggle will spell victory for the Italian forces. It was stated today that when the Austrian offensive began, King Victor Emmanuel's troops lacked guns heavy enough successfully to cope with the Austrian cannon, but this deficiency has now been remedied.

Wilson's Speech Ready.

Washington, May 26.—(U. P.)—President Wilson's speech, which he is to deliver before the League to Enforce Peace tonight was completed Friday. It will require but 15 or 20 minutes to deliver.

Officials close to the president believe the time is near when seeds of peace may be sown. Wilson's address at Charlotte, N. C., was described as the first step toward this end. Tomorrow he will go further, it was declared, showing that the belligerents are apparently deadlocked.

It is even believed the president may go so far as to indicate that a cessation of hostilities should not await an overwhelming victory by either side. Some think President Wilson is feeling his way cautiously on this subject.

House Not to Visit Europe.

Washington, May 27.—(U. P.)—Colonel House does not intend to visit Europe in the near future on a peace mission. Officials today expressed interest in Berlin reports that he was going, but stated they were false.

DAVIDSON TAKES UP POST AS OPERATING HEAD OF NORTH BANK

Successor to General Manager C. O. Jenks Glad to Be Here Again.

A. J. Davidson.

A. J. Davidson took office this morning as general superintendent of the North Bank railway system, succeeding General Manager C. O. Jenks, who is now acting general manager of the Great Northern at St. Paul.

Mr. Davidson will have supervision of all of the North Bank properties, including the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Co., the Oregon Trunk railway, the Pacific & Eastern Railway, the United Railways and the Spokane & Inland Empire Railway Co.

Mr. Jenks succeeds G. H. Emerson, who has been named to sit on the arbitration board that is to convene in New York soon to discuss with representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods the recent demand for a universal eight hour day.

Mr. Davidson is not a stranger in Portland. Up till last November he was here as superintendent of the Oregon Electric, United Railways, the Astoria and Vancouver divisions of the North Bank system. In November he was transferred to Spokane and given charge of the Spokane & Inland Empire Railway company.

"I am glad to be back in Portland," said Mr. Davidson this morning, "and am also glad to say that business seems to be improving throughout the Pacific northwest. Spokane is having a revival of prosperity because of activity in mining and lumbering, two very important industries in that district."

High Schools' Day To Begin Full Hour Earlier Hereafter

High school pupils will start their studies Monday at 8 o'clock, instead of 9. The board of education last night authorized earlier starting of recitations for the remainder of this term only, at the request of Superintendent L. R. Alderman.

Six periods of 45 minutes each will be held, which means the dismissal of school for the day at 12:45 p. m. It was pointed out that the new arrangement, during the pleasant days, expected from now on, would be much more agreeable than a later beginning and a dismissal in mid-afternoon.

The order applies only to the high schools.

Roseburg Berry Festival Attracts

Children's Parade Is Interesting Feature for Many Visitors; Exhibit Prizes Are Awarded.

Roseburg, Or., May 27.—With a large number of visitors in attendance, the second day of Roseburg's Strawberry carnival opened on Friday morning with the school children's parade. It is estimated that there were not less than 1200 children in line, and the decorations for the parade exceeded that of any previous year. In the afternoon the automobile parade was held and it was the best seen at any festival for many years, the auto of J. F. Barker receiving first prize and that of George Kohlhagen receiving the second prize for the best decorated car.

In the exhibit of strawberries William Pemberton received first prize for the best crate, with J. C. Claypool second, and William Austin third. The queen's ball was held last evening at the Armory.

Man Shoots Self In Suicide Effort

Shooting himself in the head with a revolver, Thomas Lewis, 408 Jessup street, attempted to commit suicide at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. He left a note assigning as his reason poor health. He is 45 years old. His wife is employed down town. He was taken to a hospital by the Ambulance Service company.

Mrs. M. Rahn Dies, Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Martha Rahn, wife of A. Rahn, who died at her home, 15 East Fifty-third street, on Friday, May 26, was a native of Germany, and had resided in this city for the past 13 years. She is survived by her husband and three children, Harold, Albert and Emma Rahn. Funeral services will be held next Wednesday at 2:30 from the establishment of J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery and Fifth streets.

Six Accidents in Week Were Fatal

Total of 317 Mishaps Reported to State Industrial Commission, 245 Being Subject to Workmen's Compensation.

Salem, Or., May 27.—There were reported to the state industrial accident commission 317 accidents, of which six were fatal, during the week ending May 25. The following were fatally injured: L. C. Stark, Portland, railroad operation; Oscar Monson, Bay City, logging; Edward Dixon, Westport, railroad operation; William Welch, Portland, window cleaning; William Pluard, Cottage Grove, logging; H. E. Moodie, Portland, house moving.

Two hundred and forty-five of the accidents reported were subject to the compensation act. The accidents by industry were as follows:

Sawmill 70, logging 67, construction 54, light and power 11, paper mill 7, iron and steel 10, machine shop 9, meat packing 6, mining 4, department store 4, Telegraph & Telephone Co. 3, flour mill 3, grocery 2, sand and gravel 2, creamery 2, farming 2, and of the following one each: Timber cruiser, cement company, condensory, furniture manufactury, paving, woolen mills, rock crusher, bottling works, tinshop, refining foodstuff, tank and pipe manufactory, ice plant, varnish manufactory, rope manufactory, window cleaning, warehouse, machinery merchant, house moving.

MAYOR IS ABSOLVED BUT CHIEF OF POLICE MAY BE HELD LIABLE

Court Makes Ruling in Suit for Damages for Personal Injuries Sustained.

If somebody puts a nickel weighing machine on the sidewalk and a man stumbles over it and breaks his leg the mayor cannot be held responsible. The point as to whether the chief of police can be held liable is not so clear.

These were the conclusions of Judge Kavanaugh, voiced today in connection with the suit of Charles V. Sanders against Mayor H. R. Albee and Police Chief John Clark for $5000.

Judge Kavanaugh sustained the demurrer to the complaint so far as Mayor Albee is concerned and took the matter of the police chief's responsibility under advisement until briefs can be submitted. The court said, however, that his opinion at this time is that neither can the chief of police be held liable as he thought no one but the property owner is responsible.

"Yes," said Attorney John Ditchburn, "but these weighing machines are all over town and we cannot find out who owns them."

"Are you suing us because you cannot find anybody else to sue?" asked Deputy City Attorney Stanley Myers, who was representing the city officials.

Myers argued that no one but the property owner is responsible. The weighing machine in question was at Second and Yamhill streets and on November 12, 1915, Sanders fell over it and broke the bones in his knee.

Suit was brought against the mayor and chief of police, Ditchburn said, because an ordinance had been passed providing that these officials should be responsible for keeping the city streets and sidewalks in repair and free from obstructions.

He said he had been unable to find out who owned the weighing machine at the corner or any of the other places in town. "I have even considered stealing one of the machines to see who would claim it, in order to find out the owner," he said.

SMART DRESSMAKER WARNS CLUB WOMEN AGAINST THE STYLES

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not get one of these for less than $150 each. I would not make one for less than $250."

Mrs. W. K. James of St. Joseph, Mo., also talked to the women about clothes. She said women should wear simpler clothes because of the increased expense and the greater number of changes for the seasons.

Talks On Foods.

Miss Sarah Louise Arnold, dean of Simon's college, Boston; Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau, Washington, and Lawrence Veiller of the National Housing association, were a few of the many speakers.

Dr. Graham Lusk, professor of physiology of Cornell university, talked on foods. He told of a man who lived 300 days doing hard labor by eating only potatoes and butter. The last 95 days the man ate 800 pounds of potatoes and 50 pounds of butter, drinking water in which the potatoes were boiled so as to get all the nourishment and eating parts of the skins, the professor said.

Secretary of the Interior Lane addressed the delegates. His subject was "The Nation's Natural Wealth." A general discussion on conservation followed.

Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, head of the conservation department, also presented her report.

Austrians Take Mountain Ridge.

Vienna, May 27.—(I. N. S.)—Capture by the Austrians of a mountain ridge, extending from Carnoci Campeverde to Masta, with 2500 prisoners and four machine guns, was claimed in an official statement issued from the war office today.

SUPREME DICTATOR OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE IS SPEAKER

Secretaries of the Different Moose Lodges Are in Conference in City Today.

E. J. Henning.

A conference of the secretaries of the different Moose lodges of Oregon is being held today at Moose hall, Royal building, presided over by T. R. Ratcliffe, deputy supreme organizer for Oregon. There are 30 lodges represented. The principal objects of the conference are to discuss the new regulations concerning financial accounts and collections, hear the address of Supreme Dictator E. J. Henning of San Diego, the head of the fraternity, and to confer over matters of importance to the growth of the order in Oregon.

Withdrawal Topic Is Not to Be Taken Up

General Funston Forbids Pershing to Discuss Possibility of Withdrawing Troops in Conference With Gavira.

Washington, May 27.—(U. P.)—General Funston has instructed General Pershing not to discuss withdrawal of American forces from Mexico at the coming conference with General Gavira at Namiquipa, it was learned.

Funston directed Pershing to confine his talk to a discussion of Mexican and American cooperation in hunting bandits. Pershing reported he desired Gavira to come to Namiquipa, believing he could convince him that with actual cooperation banditry in northern Mexico could be stamped out.

Pershing reported seeing no movements of large Carranzista forces, and said there were no indications of natives having been armed and incited to revolt.

To Plan Cooperation.

El Paso, Texas, May 27.—(I. N. S.) General Gavira, Carranzista commander of the northern Chihuahua district, has notified Washington that he has consented to confer with Brigadier General Pershing and that he has started preparation for his departure to Namiquipa, where the conference will be held. The two generals, it is said, will work out plans for closer cooperation in their military operations.

General Gavira conferred with General Bell, at Fort Bliss, regarding the disposition of troops in northern Chihuahua, but the details of the conference were unobtainable.

Sol Duc Hotel Swept By $500,000 Blaze

Was Managed by H. C. Bowers, Formerly With the Multnomah of This City; Structure Complete Loss.

Port Angeles, Wash., May 27.—Fire Friday afternoon swept the main buildings of the Sol Duc Hot Springs Hotel and Sanitarium, entailing a loss of $500,000. The hotel was located in the Olympic mountains and was built by Michael Earles, a lumberman. The hotel was under the management of H. C. Bowers, pioneer hotel man of Portland, formerly connected with the Multnomah hotel of that place. Mr. Bowers came here a month ago to take charge. No one was injured.

It was announced this morning that no effort will be made to rebuild the hotel this summer. Insurance amounted to about $70,000.

Riggs Bank Officers Acquitted by Jury

Charles Glover and Other Officials of the Washington Institution, Charged With Perjury, Found Not Guilty.

Washington, May 27.—(U. P.)—Charles Glover, president, and Henry Fleather and William Fleather officials of the Riggs National bank, were found not guilty of perjury today. The jury deliberated nine minutes.

Resolution Would Praise the Allies

Washington, May 27.—(U. P.)—Representative Gardner today introduced a resolution declaring that a vast majority of Americans believe Austria and Germany precipitated the war, and asking congress to congratulate the allies for punishing "international faithlessness."

Want Exercises in Theater.

Because of the size of the June, 1916, class at Lincoln High school, Superintendent Alderman has been asked to have the commencement exercises held in a theatre instead of the school auditorium. There are 212 in the class.

Passports to Mexico Refused.

Washington, May 27.—(I. N. S.)—Giving "disturbed conditions" as the cause, government officials today were refusing passports to any one wishing to go to Mexico City.

South Dakota Is Preparing to Come

Bremerton, Wash., May 27.—(P. N. S.)—Under orders from the navy department, the armored cruiser South Dakota today is preparing to sail for Portland, where it will participate in the annual Rose carnival on June 10. After the Rose carnival the South Dakota will proceed to San Francisco and later to San Diego. The date of her return to the Puget sound navy yard is indefinite.

Moriarity's Slayer Partly Identified

Garage Employe Says Dead Bandit Charles Boutoff, Fugitive Member of Gang That Robbed Los Angeles Bank

San Francisco, May 27.—(P. N. S.)—Police Sergeant John J. Moriarity's slayer, who was killed yesterday in a waterfront shack after a two hour battle with 100 policemen, today was partially identified as Charles Boutoff, fugitive member of a gang of bandits who held up and robbed the Boyle Heights bank of Los Angeles several months ago.

The identification was made by Frank Matsuyama, employe of a local garage, where George Nelson and members of his gang kept an automobile prior to Nelson's death last year in a fight with the police.

C. S. Fee at Portland.

Charles S. Fee of San Francisco, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company, is a guest at the Portland.

FRANCHISE RULE FOR JITNEYS CONSIDERED BY UTILITIES OFFICIAL

Idea in Mind Is to Secure a More Dependable Service, It Is Explained.

SUBJECT BEING DISCUSSED

Franchise System Would Probably Apply Only to Certain Routes in the City Limits, It Is Declared.

To insure dependable service and give the city more adequate control it is possible that plans will be worked out for putting jitneys on a franchise basis.

Commissioner Daly has the idea in mind and has talked with several leaders of the jitney movement on the subject.

The idea in the rough is to give franchises to companies or associations or other units pledged to give a fixed service. These units having franchises would be held responsible for the individual jitneys under their control.

Franchises would probably be given for certain fixed routes, the person holding the franchise being responsible for all the jitneys on the route.

It is found almost impossible to control the independent jitney as it now operates, even though licensed individually by the city. Under a franchise the jitneys could be made to maintain service.

At the present time, however, the proposed step has not gone beyond the stages of discussion.

Investigating "Off" Lot Lines.

The department of public works is making an investigation of lot lines on Thurman street, Willamette Heights, some dozen houses having been found to overlap property lines in a survey made yesterday in connection with recent slides. A mixup is feared. Houses affected belong to J. D. Wilson, D. Edwards, A. McNary, Mrs. R. W. Welch, H. P. Christensen, F. A. Jackson, D. A. Bayton, W. H. Jordan, F. F. Packard, L. G. Barker, L. F. Reed and N. M. Gesslin.

Wants Report on Dawson Street.

The council yesterday directed Commissioner Dieck to make a report on the improvement of Dawson street in St. Johns. The street is said to be in a deplorable condition with the contractor under no obligation to maintain the pavement.

Port Election June 27.

Kennewick, Wash., May 27.—June 27 has been set by the port commission as the date for the special election, when the voters of the district will either ratify or reject the comprehensive plans for harbor improvement that the commissioners of the port district have prepared. The plans provide wharves, warehouses, tracks, necessary dredging and equipment necessary to load and unload boats.

Has a Snapping Turtle Snap.

New York, May 27.—(U. P.)—On the question of whether a snapping turtle can really snap hangs a $5000 personal damage suit here.

Defense lawyers say it hasn't teeth and manifestly cannot bite. Counsel for the plaintiff retorted by citing the mosquito.