

MAY CASE TO BE PROSECUTED FOR FISTIC SHOWING

Board of Education Refuses to Drop Proceedings Against Jefferson High Instructor.

IRVINGTON TO HAVE FRENCH Director Drake Expresses Disapproval of Plan, Declaring It Contrary to Trend of Times.

Members of the board of education refuse to drop the proceedings against Samuel C. May, suspended instructor at the Jefferson high school, whose fistic battle with William Himple, a student, resulted in charges being filed against the teacher.

Frederick H. Whitfield, appearing for May, met the board in executive session Thursday and it was decided to proceed with the formal hearing which will be given by the commission named under the teachers' tenure law. The members of this commission are Guy C. H. Corlies, Alice Benson Beach and J. C. Woods.

The accused allowed 20 days in which to reply to the charges. As result of the flatcuffs the student involved is also under suspension by Principal Hopkin Jenkins.

On the recommendation of Superintendent L. R. Alderman, a course in French will be added to the Irvington school. The proposition brought out discussion between the members of the board, it being held by some that the policy of introducing foreign languages in the schools is wrong.

Drake Opposes Course

Director Drake was strongly opposed to adding the new course. He said that thinkers and educators of today are beginning to realize that more attention should be centered on the Americanization idea; that the trouble with the country now is that there are "too many little Italys," here now.

Superintendent Alderman defended the proposition on the ground that now is the time in which to prepare for the events which will follow the war. He said that many other schools of the nation are shaping their language courses to this end.

The board thanked the Portland Grade Teachers' association for offering its cooperation as indicated in the following resolution adopted by the association and presented to the board:

Whereas, The Portland Grade Teachers' association desires that a high standard of professional conduct be maintained by its members; and Whereas, This association also desires to cooperate with the city superintendent of schools and with the board of education by assisting them in maintaining such a standard in our schools, be it Resolved, That the association call the attention of its members to the power to discipline members guilty of unprofessional conduct which is vested in the committee on teachers' affairs as specified in article 14, section 2 of the laws of the association; be it Resolved further, That the association order the services of its committee on teachers' affairs to the board of education to assist in the discipline of any member of the association who refused to do so by said board of education or by the city superintendent of schools.

RIVER FALLING; FRESHET AT END

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then being at 11.5. The highest stage was 14 feet, Thursday morning.

Water Has Receded at Woodland

Woodland, Wash., Dec. 21.—Flooded conditions at Woodland are much less menacing today.

Stock losses in the immediate vicinity of Woodland amount to between 60 and 70 head of cows, horses and hogs. There are other losses farther out in the surrounding country, but it is not possible to estimate such losses at this time.

Actual property damage by the flood is placed at from \$50,000 to \$75,000, though potential losses by reason of damaged farms and equipment will be much greater.

The steamer La Center is stranded in Lamb's field, on the north side, 500 feet from shore. She was crossing the flooded field to remove some stock to safety when she grounded on a sand bank. It is estimated that it will cost \$1000 to \$1500 to float her.

Telephone service has been fairly well reestablished. The roads round about are in bad shape. To the north, however, though the flood washed up to within 15 feet of the main highway, it did not go over. Along highways where travel is possible the farms are covered with sand, driftwood and debris.

To the north, because of a culvert washout, the east side railroad track is out of commission, and traffic is routed over the west track. To the south, between Felida and Vancouver, the west track is out and trains are being routed over the east track.

Section of Idaho Marooned

Morton, Idaho, Dec. 21.—The worst condition in eastern Lewis County, caused by excessive rainfall, in many years now exists here. Morton, and likewise all points east, is cut off entirely from the outside world by rail. Much damage has been done in many parts of eastern Lewis county. Tuesday forenoon the bridge over the Tilton river west of Morton, on the road leading to

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Bremner, was torn from the bank on the south side of the river.
The new Pierce-Lewis county bridge at Elbe was washed completely out. The Tacoma Eastern railroad bridge at Lindberg is reported out.
The entire flat at Randle in the Big Bottom is covered with several feet of water.

Conditions on Harbor Improve

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 20.—Conditions here following the storm are greatly improved. In the up country districts the waters are falling and with good weather Thursday and Friday it is thought conditions will be restored to normal in a short time. That Grays Harbor did not suffer materially by the storm is the surprise of everybody. Trains departed from here on time and trains are arriving in fairly good time, considering the situation elsewhere.

INQUIRY INTO SHIP BUILDING COMMENCED

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been placed represent 379 bottoms of 1,344,900 dead weight tons. In addition there are 58 composite ships of 207,000 dead weight tons.

Hurley praised the standardized ship program inaugurated under the Denman-Goethals regime.

Going into the difficulties with which the shipping board has met, Hurley explained how the navy's program practically had monopolized the facilities of yards.

Hurley said that contracts have been let to 110 shipyards, 74 of which have been created since January 1.

In addition the emergency fleet corporation has requisitioned vessels which are building in 22 shipyards. The corporation now controls work in 132 shipyards.

Hurley declared that much of the work of his organization had been directed toward the completion of fabricated and other yard organized plants. The money expended for this purpose alone up to December 1 was \$9,651,000.

"I am happy to say that the first three keels in these plants will be laid this month," he said. "The progress of the work of the yard construction itself is such that we can promise fairly full operation during the spring of 1918. The fact that hulls have actually been completed within 64 days on the Pacific coast gives bright promise of the large capacity which these fabricated yards are bound to turn out."

REFORM IN SHIPPING WORK TO BE PLEDGED INQUIRY COMMITTEE

Washington, Dec. 21. — Facing allied demands for between six million and eight million tons of shipping in 1918, the United States shipping board is hard pressed to fill the order. This was officially admitted Thursday by members of the shipping board preliminary to appearing before the senate committee inquiring into ship construction work.

Red tape and necessity for frequent re-organization of the board and its subdivision, the emergency fleet corporation, are responsible for a part of the delay. A "serious condition" in shipbuilding yards also exists. Of the old yards, 70 per cent are now being used by the navy department. In the new yards established for emergency building there is the tremendous work of organizing necessary labor.

Nevertheless, Hurley is prepared to go on the senate committee grill as the first witness with a story of much accomplished under trying conditions, and a promise of big tonnage delivery at the end of 1918.

Wednesday the shipping board received a telegram from shipbuilders in Seattle, Wash., stating that their yards would certainly produce the million tons promised for next year. Reports from west coast yards alone show that 3,000,000 tons will be built.

Hurley is now in complete charge of the shipbuilding work—a change from the regime under Admiral Capps, when Capps was virtually in control of the building and Hurley's contracts. This divided responsibility, it is claimed, led to confusion and delay, which Hurley believes will be eliminated by placing control under a single head.

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FARM LOANS NOW NEAR \$30,000,000

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The total of loan applications received by the 12 federal farm loan banks to December 1, according to a report issued today, is \$29,760,740.

Of this sum \$29,324,655 actually has been loaned and \$105,126,829 approved. The interest rate remains at 5 per cent, but the new authorized rate of 5 1/2 per cent will apply on the remainder.

More than 1830 federal farm loan bureaus, through which all money is borrowed from these banks, have been organized.

The Wichita district, No. 9, which includes Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico, leads in the number of farm loan associations formed to December 1, reporting 344—with applications for \$24,891,948—of which \$12,325,845 has been approved and \$7,350,900 actually has been loaned.

The Spokane district is second in number of bureaus, with 230, but leads in total of applications. In that district \$25,656,053 has been applied for, \$15,239,120 approved and \$5,266,615 loaned.

Springfield, Mass., district No. 1, is low, with only 65 associations; \$6,080,633 applied for, \$5,012,880 approved and \$708,455 loaned.

The authorized capital stock of the 12 farm loan banks is \$9,000,000, or \$750,000 for each institution. During the first six months of operation, \$20,000,000 more than the capital stock has actually been paid out by the banks without one cent revenue being received.

Wanted to Take Glass Eye Back to Germany

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 20.—Paul Gary of Anderson, Ind., is all American, with the exception of a glass eye. The substitute optic is alien.

Gary tried to enlist in the U. S. marine corps at their recruiting station here, but was rejected when his infirmity was discovered by Sergeant G. C. Wright.

"Didn't you know that the loss of an eye would prevent your enlisting?" asked the sergeant.

"I thought it might," explained Gary.

"but this glass blinker is the only part of me that was made in Germany, and I want to take it back."

He was advised to mail it.

Travel to Camps Stopped
Wichita, Kan., Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—The Rock Island passenger department

here today placed a ticket embargo on all passenger traffic to Camp Doniphan and Fort Hill, Okla., due to the reported quarantine of the company for a serious malarial epidemic.

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