

DEATH PENALTY STATUTE URGED BY GRAND JURY

Inquisitors Believe Capital Punishment Would Keep Down Crime in Multnomah County.

The return of capital punishment for murder in the first degree is recommended to the state of Oregon by the December grand jury of Multnomah county in its final report to Presiding Judge Gatens of the circuit court this morning.

It is needed, in the opinion of the jury, to curb the lawless spirit which seems to be spreading among men of criminal tendencies.

"Because of the lawless spirit among a certain element of the population," the report reads, "which has been revealed to us by our investigations of the present month, we wish to go on record as favoring the return of capital punishment in this state."

CRIMES ON INCREASE

A large number of crimes of violence, particularly highway robbery, which have been brought to our notice, where in the lives of peaceable citizens are put in jeopardy, and wherein murder might readily occur, has convinced us that a penalty more severe than mere confinement in prison should be placed on the statute books.

"We feel that the death penalty in case of murder would, in many instances, have a deterring effect upon the outlaws who now infest the city and who make a constant and reckless use of deadly weapons."

MUCH EVIDENCE TAKEN

"We have taken evidence from 54 cases, examined 188 witnesses, returned 41 true bills and seven not true bills. Two cases have been withdrawn and we have referred one case to the incoming grand jury."

"We visited the county jail and found the surroundings and inmates in a clean condition and the inmates well cared for by the sheriff and his deputies."

ACCUSED OF FORGING CHECK

Wife Avers Act Committed by Husband on Wedding Anniversary.

In her complaint for divorce, Ida M. Miller charges that Charles Miller forged a check for \$200 on October 15, 1919, their first wedding anniversary, and then left the city. He was last heard of in Seattle, she avers. To avoid publicity, she has been forced to pay back the money as best she could. She now asks for a divorce and a clear title to all real estate owned by Miller in Portland.

A short-lived romance is that of Nellie M. Hawthorne and Charles L. Hawthorne. They were married in Vancouver on May 24, and Mrs. Hawthorne is now seeking a divorce, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Edith R. Wing began proceedings asking a divorce from Levi F. Wing. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks for the custody of their two-year-old daughter Mary and \$60 a month alimony.

Man Attempted to Chloroform Victim

Marshfield, Jan. 2.—Roland Huffman, 19 years-old, employe of the Smith mill, confessed that he attempted to attack and chloroform the Ruth Anderson on the street last week. The young woman screamed and Huffman was frightened away. Night Policeman G. M. Bailey worked on the case. It is believed Huffman may be the man who attacked Miss Masterson, a school teacher, last September. He was bound over to the grand jury and taken to jail in default of \$2000 bail.

Contractors Finish Prineville Viaduct And Cut Over Hills

Prineville, Jan. 3.—The cut through the hills at the north end of Main street, with the viaduct over the railroad track, is completed. Contractor Epps having finished the work in record time. This gives a 5 per cent grade out of town to the north.

The A. Guthrie company has rented the large blacksmith shop and dwelling alongside, just north of the Ochoco bridge on Main street, and is receiving supplies daily. The dwelling has been turned into an office.

Work has been resumed at the Ochoco dam after a short shutdown on account of the deep snow. There is reported deep snow in the mountains, assuring plenty of water for irrigating in this section.

GENERAL PERSHING'S PORTLAND RECEPTION PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Street Parade of Military Precision to Feature Arrival Here Sunday Afternoon, Jan. 18.

Military organization and military precision will feature the plans for the reception of General John J. Pershing, who is scheduled to pay a visit to Portland Sunday afternoon and evening, January 18.

Tentative plans for a military parade were worked out Friday afternoon at a meeting of the escort committee of the Chamber of Commerce general reception committee.

General Pershing is due to arrive in Portland at 3:30 o'clock from Salt Lake city, and it is proposed to immediately form a military parade at the Union station to march over the following route:

South on Sixth to Washington, to Third, to Morrison, to Broadway, to Washington, to Eleventh and north on Eleventh to the Armory, where a special address will be delivered to ex-service men only.

It is planned to have a battalion of police head the column on the march, followed by the Red Cross canteen band, a battalion of the Third Oregon National Guard as military escort, and then General Pershing with a guard of non-commissioned officers from the army, navy and marine corps.

Following the general will be other cars bearing members of the reception committee, members of General Pershing's staff, Mayor Baker and officers and representatives of the various military organizations in Portland.

Auto Bandits Blow Safe of Pe Ell Bank

A telephone message from Sheriff Berry of Chehalis, Wash., to Police Captain Circle this morning brought word that safe blowers robbed the safe of a Pe Ell Wash. bank early this morning of \$500 in cash, several hundred dollars in Liberty bonds and some watches and jewelry. The robbers fled in an automobile. No description of them was secured.

Mayor at The Dalles Banquets Firemen

The Dalles, Jan. 3.—Honoring the volunteer firemen of the city, Mayor P. J. Stadelman gave a banquet to 75 members of four fire companies. Early days of the local fire fighters were recalled by Circuit Judge Fred Wilson. The Jackson engine company was organized in 1863.

PRICE COMMITTEE REVIEWS ACTIVITY; CLOTHING SUBJECT

Meeting Designed to Learn Reasonableness of Ruling Prices; Ben Selling Presents His View.

In an effort to determine the reasonableness of the present cost of clothing, the federal fair price committee, comparatively inactive for some weeks, Friday night held a closed meeting at which was discussed many factors which enter into the price of clothing. Ben Selling, Portland clothing merchant, who declined an invitation to become a member of the committee, was one of the chief speakers.

United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys attended his first session with the committee, but as he is not officially a member, declined to review the proceedings. Thomas G. Farrell, chairman of the committee, presided at the meeting, which was called by W. K. Nelson, federal food administrator for Oregon.

No definite action resulted, members of the committee declare. In an effort to achieve the end they seek the committee promises several secret sessions in the next few weeks. It is desired to exclude the public for the time being so that witnesses will be more prone to talk freely.

"The only hope of reducing the cost of clothing or any other necessity is through economy and increased production, we can live far more cheaply," he said, "not from necessity, but from a desire for proof of the idea."

"I find that by purchasing less and being careful in selections and by increasing personal and community production, we can live far more cheaply."

"In proof of the idea I am and have been through the cold weather wearing a light spring suit rather than buy more reasonable raincoat. I am also wearing summer underwear to save the price of heavy raincoat."

A Salen clothing merchant testified, as did others engaged in dispensing clothing. Not all approved Selling's declaration that by buying less could costs of necessities be reduced.

Walla-Walla I. W. W. In Jail Win Court Ruling; Rearrested

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 3.—A demurrer filed for the four I. W. W. who have been held in the county jail here for seven weeks, was upheld by Judge Edgar Mills of the superior court this morning. Prosecutor Attorney Earl W. Benson filed a new complaint this afternoon.

The defense held that the complaints against the four alleged I. W. W., George Fraser, Joe McCaskill, Olen Kowalchuk and Dan Stewart, charge more than one crime.

The four were arrested in the round-up of I. W. W. by members of the American Legion and the sheriff's force November 16, shortly after the Centennial observance. Their trials are scheduled to start January 14.

Fraser and McCaskill are Canadians and not naturalized, although McCaskill has been a resident of the United States for 35 years. Fraser is said to have been wanted at Moscow, Idaho, for a crime committed in 1911. Kowalchuk is a Galician-Pole.

Kowalchuk told an immigration inspector he got his "Bobolickts," as he called his I. W. W. card, in a restaurant, paying \$3 for it.

Police Investigate Statement of Insane Man About Murder

Marshfield, Jan. 3.—Lee Watson, a young man who went insane a few days ago, shouted that he did not murder William Leithold, for the killing of whom Harold Howell, aged 15, has twice been tried, and is to be tried again. Nothing had been said to Watson about the murder and the fact that he, without suggestion in his ravings, insisted that he was not guilty of the crime has led to the belief that he may know something of the matter. He will be investigated.

John P. Farley, aged 59, pioneer of Coos Bay and a sailor, died at his home in Empire Friday. He had been mate of the old steamer Arago, which was wrecked many years ago off Coos Bay, and was mate of the bar tug Sambo for long time. He was known to the older mariners of the coast.

REVOLTS BOLDLY THREATENED BY GERMAN PAPERS

Germany Deeply Stirred by Political Agitation and Vegetative Problems Left From War.

By Frank E. Mason
Berlin, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Two center revolutionaries are brewing in Germany, according to openly printed political plans in the newspapers. The new year finds this country filled with conflicting political agitations in addition to the problems left by the war.

The reactionaries are said to be planning a revolt to reestablish the monarchy while the radicals are reported to be plotting an uprising to bring a dictatorship into the hands of the proletariat.

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URGED TO BE TRUE IN HATE

"We have seen in 1919 what a king means to the fatherland," said the Zeitung, "the republicans cannot dispute that our road lies with food for the king and the fatherland. In these God-forsaken times we should consecrate ourselves to revive the good old rights of the fatherland."

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"What form the new revolution will take depends upon developments in this country and in foreign countries during the next few months. These months will be decisive years. The eyes of the German proletariat are turned to the German proletariat for a new phase of revolutionary activity, making it possible to throw into the scale the unbroken power of the Russian revolution with united German labor against the alliance of capital and the growing wave of counter revolution."

POLICEMAN SHOT TWICE BY AUTOIST WHOM HE BEFRIENDED IN WRECK

Injured Motorists Believed to Have Been Fleeing From \$5000 Diamond Robbery.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Shot twice by one of two men whom he aided when their automobile was wrecked, Police Officer John J. McNamee, is not expected to live today.

When the officer saw an automobile skid and turn turtle in Washington Park, he and William Deane, a citizen, went to the aid of the motorists. One of the men was apparently seriously injured. The other was not hurt. Placing the injured man in Deane's auto they started for a hospital.

While the machine was speeding to the hospital the "injured man" came to, and placing a revolver against McNamee's chest, fired twice. His companion at the same time hurled Deane from the automobile, and taking the wheel, speeded up the car.

McNamee was thrown from the machine later and was found by the police called by Deane.

The "injured motorists" are believed to have been fleeing from the scene of a \$5000 diamond robbery when their machine was wrecked.

Woolen Mills Firm At Pendleton Buys California Plant

Pendleton, Jan. 3.—The Pendleton Woolen mills has announced the purchase of the Herboland woolen mill at Eureka, Cal., making the third mill owned by the company. The new property specializes in the manufacture of flannels and cashmeres and will not duplicate products turned out by the company's plant here or at Washougal.

Joe Martin, James Young and Henry Miles, sentenced to two years each in prison, were taken to Salem Friday by Sheriff Taylor to begin serving their terms. They were convicted of stealing auto parts here.

Oil Exports Tax Is Raised 10 Per Cent

Mexico City, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—A presidential decree today increased the tax on oil exports 10 per cent on net value per ton.

College Glee Clubs Booked at La Grande In March and April

La Grande, Jan. 3.—Ralph Strong, manager of the O. A. C. Glee club, has made arrangements for its appearance here March 2, and Harper Joy of Whitman college has completed plans for a concert by the Whitman college club for March 25. It is understood the University of Oregon Glee club will entertain here either in March or April.

The Oregon chapter of the Rainbow division veterans enjoyed a dance here Tuesday evening. An electric-lighted rainbow was a feature.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers held its twenty-seventh annual ball New Year's eve in Rex hall.

BOY CONFESSES TO POLICE OF DARING DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

Edward Fischer Admits He Entered Sixth Street Store and Held Up Owner With Flashlight

At least five recent robberies have been cleared up in the arrest of Edward Fischer by Patrolman Mehan, according to the alleged confession inspectors Hellyer and Leonard today said they have secured from Fischer.

When first arrested, Fischer, who is but 19, stoutly maintained his innocence, but when the detectives piled up evidence against him he is said to have admitted several burglaries. One of the most daring was the daylight robbery of T. Rosmy, 56 1/2 Sixth street, a few days ago. Fischer admits entering the store and holding up Rosmy with a flashlight shaped like a gun and taking \$4 from the cash drawer.

Fischer is alleged to have prowling in a room in the Y. M. C. A. He is also said to be the lone highwayman who held up Mike Ewanoff, foreman of the Big Creek Logging company, at Thirteenth and Belmont streets, Christmas night. Ewanoff lost \$230 in cash and three checks for \$1700, \$1450 and \$200. Fischer says he tore up the checks.

Fischer is also said to have admitted holding up Robert H. Gessell, 6115 Eighth-ninth street, about a block away from his home on December 3. He secured a \$1000 check.

Another man, whose name the police did not obtain, was held up at Nineteenth and Gilsen streets, December 2, and robbed of \$35. Fischer is said to admit this robbery also, to have admitted breaking into the Moyer Clothing company, Third and Oak streets, by gaining entrance to the basement and crawling through a hole in the floor.

Fischer was arrested in houses of correction around Boston, the police say. Hellyer and Leonard say that he is also a deserter from the navy.

Drys Give Total of \$27,920,300 to Rid Earth of Alcoholism

Washington, Jan. 3.—A grand total of \$27,920,300 for prohibition enforcement and to carry the campaign into other countries of the world is what the budget of the anti-saloon league provides for the next year, according to the American Issue.

Of this sum \$18,260,000 will be expended within the United States in law enforcement, periodicals, books, pamphlets, personal canvassing, mass-meetings and other details; \$6,860,300 will go for pan-American prohibition in Mexico, the West Indies, Central and South America and \$2,800,000 will be expended for world prohibition.

The world league against alcoholism has its headquarters in Scotland. Scandinavian countries, Japan, South Africa and other nations.

209 Arrests Made During Month by Motorcycle Squad

The December report of Motorcycle Sergeant Frank Ervin, filed with the chief of police today, shows that the squad made 209 arrests during the month, court convictions in the cases totaling \$1801.50. The number of arrests made by each officer follows: Scott 64, Wiles 46, Kelly 26, Hamaker 20, Skoglund 16, Anderson 14, Bert 14 and Ervin 9. The record for December fell below other months on account of the snow storm. During the bad weather the motorcycle men directed traffic in the business district, while the streets were being cleaned.

Kaiser Has Family Council to Discuss Extradition Plans

London, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—The former German crown prince, who has been spending the holidays with his parents in the Central and South American, took part in family councils which reached decisions regarding the extradition of the former emperor for trial, said a dispatch from The Hague to the Daily Mail today.

The ex-kaiser's hope for reconciliation between the former emperor and his son has been blocked by the messenger which William is giving his son.

Says Wife "Fired" Him After Getting \$1,000,000 Bequest

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Henry Lewis Slade, who was given a decree of separation from his wealthy wife, Olivia H. Slade of Mamaroneck by Supreme Court Justice Wm. P. Platt, declared today he ordered her to leave her when her father left her \$1,000,000 in August, 1919. He took the hint that he was not wanted, he told the court, after it had been many times repeated. Slade charged his wife with abandonment.

DECISION TO DROP JURY TRIAL RAISES ISSUE IN IRELAND

Outcry Against Sentences Under Commission Method Predicted; Gladstone's Action Recalled.

By William H. Brayden
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Dublin, Jan. 3.—The decision of the cabinet to abolish trial by jury in certain districts of Ireland and commit prisoners charged with serious offenses for trial by a commission of high court judges merely repeats the experiment made by Gladstone nearly 40 years ago, when faced with disturbances in Ireland. At that time one of the judges named for the task resigned his office rather than be responsible for so grave a departure from constitutional usages. It would now be easy to get three judges willing to perform this duty. It is expected that in naming them the government will not confine its choice to members of the high court bench appointed to it after their vigorous support of Sir Edward Carson.

OUTRIES ARE CERTAIN

No matter who is appointed there will be an outcry against sentences of death or penal servitude imposed on prisoners without the protection of a jury. Yet there are few candid men who would say that it would be possible for any three of the existing Irish judges to agree in convicting an innocent man. But convictions so obtained will only further embitter the general public feeling against the administration of law and the greatest trouble in Ireland is that public feeling already distrusts the law.

Gladstone having tried in turn every coercive device, eventually fell back on the policy of conciliation and reform. Sooner or later we shall get back to where we left off.

For the moment Ireland is under the autocratic control of a cavalry officer with no experience in civil government and the streets of Dublin are ruled by an obstinate belief that the Irish can be successfully governed by the methods of the barracks yard. This proposal to get judges instead of juries to try cases of murder ignores the fact that there are no prisoners to try. The assassins so far have succeeded in evading arrest. There is not a gleam of suspicion as to the identity of the criminals.

MOTOR TRAFFIC ROUTED

The effect of the government order requiring all owners and drivers of motor cars to apply for police permits to drive on the use of motor cars, gangs of traffic. Four-fifths of the drivers refused to apply for permits and the remaining one-fifth were intimidated by the drivers' union. The cars were ordered in the delivery of goods and even Dublin's great brewery, though it has no permit, was obliged to withdraw its lorries from the streets.

The position of the motor cars is quite amusing. The trades union issued permits for their chauffeurs. These men refused to apply to the police, who do not like to be asked to issue permits by holding up the doctors. The only drivers on the streets are thus men who have permits from the body which is on strike against the very principle of permits.

NEWSPAPERS WATCHED CLOSELY

Over the newspapers a tight hand is kept. They are forbidden to publish the testimony given at a commission of inquiry into Irish industrial resources, though the witnesses and some of the members have no connection with the police. The reason is that the commission owes its origin to the Dail Eireann or the republican parliament, and that as an association has been proclaimed illegal.

The Gaelic league is also illegal by proclamation, yet the morning newspapers contain an advertisement for an inspector to continue its work at a salary of \$1200 a year. Perhaps as the advertisement is printed in the Irish language, it is thought that the government will not be able to read it. Though press comment is restricted, the newspapers devise various means of saying what they want to say. The favorite method is to quote President Wilson.

PRESIDENT WILSON QUOTED

The following extract is from a book written by Woodrow Wilson in 1889: "The power of the community must support the law or the law would be nullified. This principle is strikingly illustrated by the inefficiency of the English repressive laws in Ireland. The consent of the Irish people is not behind them though the strength of England is, and they fall utterly as all laws must which lack at least the passive acquiescence of those whom they concern."

The comment of 30 years ago exactly covers the situation today.

That Bone Breaking Bout Opening Night

Prineville, Jan. 3.—At the opening of the Prineville Athletic club, Frank Johnson, proprietor of Johnson's Sweet Shop, accidentally broke his leg in a wrestling bout. Both bones of the leg were fractured just above the ankle.

Shoe Repairmen Strike

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3.—Out in Union shoe repairers walk out in protest against the new law which demands for a 44 hour week and \$1 an hour pay scale were turned down by shop owners.

DANCING GUARANTEED

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FIRST GREAT DRY VICTORY WON IN ROME

Rome, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—Italian temperance leaders today claimed to have won the first battle in their fight to restrict the use of alcoholic beverages to light clarets and beers.

The government announced a decree greatly restricting the sale of alcoholic drinks. Beverages containing more than 20 per cent of alcohol may be sold from 8 o'clock in the morning to 3 in the afternoon and between 6 and 8 at night.

Receipts for Year Entitle Baker to Better Postoffice

Baker, Jan. 3.—Baker's new year present was the announcement made Thursday by Postmaster George Foster that the gross receipts at the local postoffice had passed the \$10,000 mark and thereby entitled Baker to a first class office.

Baker has been rated as second class since 1898. The receipts during 1919 were \$43,000 after 17.1 per cent had been deducted from the \$24,931 that was received up to July 1, when the 3 cent postage rate was abolished. Foster says that if the actual increase that was occasioned by the 3 cent rate had been deducted last year, when the total receipts were \$17,250 Baker would have been rated as first class. The excess was, in fact, less than the 17.1 per cent deduction required by the post office department.

Baker's new rating will be effective July 1.

Woman Saves Son's Life From Flames

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Putting out a blaze with her bare hands, Mrs. Pauline Waurenwaker saved the life of her son, Simon, 5 years of age, here yesterday and received severe burns about the hands and arms. The boy's clothing was ignited from a gas heater.

As in Days of Old! Bartenders Strike

Dublin, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—About half Dublin's 600 saloons were closed today because of a bartenders' strike. In protest against the government's restrictions on the use of motor cars, gangs last night smashed several machines. One was thrown into the river.

Los Angeles Has Alcohol Victim

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Wood alcohol "whiskey" caused its first death in Los Angeles today when Ed Jeffries, uncle of James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight champion, died at the receiving hospital from drinking the poisonous concoction.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HARVEST FESTIVAL MARKED SUCCESS

Cash, Groceries, Fruits, Vegetables and Clothing Gathered for Distribution to Poor.

At the Harvest Festival, held Friday night by all the Epworth leagues of the city, at the First Methodist church, Twelfth and Taylor streets, marked originality was shown in the booths and side shows, features of the occasion.

The object of the festival was to accumulate funds, groceries, fruits, vegetables and clothing to be sent to the Methodist Deaconesses' home, where they are distributed to the poor with whom the deaconesses come in contact, and each of the local leagues contributed an effective booth, containing its quota of these supplies.

Prizes awarded were offered for the best features of various displays. The blue ribbon premium for the most unique booth, was won by the Rose City Park league, which represented an old-fashioned country grocery store, and a Dutch garden, where native-looking "Hansels and Gretels" served the guests with coffee, baked beans and pie, were among the side show attractions.

Fortune telling and games also were enjoyed by the boys and girls present, who were dressed as farmer lads and ladies in keeping with the idea of best "real time in the country." Mrs. R. J. Miller, president of the district league, was in charge of the general arrangements.

Pioneer Resident Of Inland Empire Dies at Age of 83

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 3.—After 40 years' residence in Walla Walla county, Thomas Gilkerson, aged 83, died Friday night at his farm home a few miles east of this city.

Mr. Gilkerson was born in England, October 10, 1837. When he was four years old his parents came to America, settling in New York. In 1859, Mr. Gilkerson came west by way of the Isthmus of Panama. The next year he located in this county, taking up the homestead where he has since resided. In his farming operations he was successful and at the time of his death he held a large and valuable tract of land on Mill creek. He is survived by two sons, Thomas and De Witt A. Gilkerson.

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