

AUSTRALIAN POET SOLDIER PRAISES YANKEE FIGHTERS

Tom Skehill Declares He Has Found Americans Are Not All Dollar Democrats, as Claimed.

Tom Skehill, Australian "soldier, speaker, poet," a young man with several bullet holes gained on the Hindenburg line, presented a new side of his character to a large audience at the members' forum of the Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday when he spoke on "Your America," and made much humor from the great American "slang-usage," as he had learned it.

Reviewing the new status of world affairs, Skehill deprecated the spread of Bolshevism, declaring that by discouraging Trotsky and Lenin and their ilk from sending agents and money to America the root of the evil might be stamped out in this nation.

"Your own wars have not been won or lost on the battlefields so much as during the period of reconstruction. That is true of all the wars of all peoples and will be true of the late world war. Only by a full realization of the fact that it were better never to have started a rehabilitation program than to slacken up when you accomplish the rebuilding of the shattered world. Everyone, coats off, sleeves up, must get into the big work."

The young poet-soldier paid brilliant tribute to American fighting men. "The American doughboy stands in front of all the people and all the fighters I have known. Through all his virtues and all his failings he remains, withal, a gentleman. The Tommy of England was a brave lad. He strutted along the line like he owned the thing. But the American came in and swaggered through the trenches and over the fields as if he didn't give a darn who owned them.

"I have learned that Americans are not the 'dollar democrats' that were pictured to me. You Americans like the dollar, the pleasure of earning it, the glory of the power it brings, but you could not at the same time be the most prolific spenders on earth and lovers of money. Dollar democracy is a myth."

Skehill went through the war at the cost of several highly serious injuries and was invalidly home totally blind. In 1918 he came to the United States and his sight was restored completely by American surgery.

Under the auspices of the Ellison-White Lyceum bureau, Skehill spoke at the Auditorium on Monday evening, when he received a splendid reception.

"Painless" Parker Wins Second Round In Court in Boise

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—"Painless" Parker today was granted a temporary injunction restraining Robert O. Jones, commissioner of law enforcement, from revoking the licenses of six dentists until a hearing can be held on the law questions involved. Parker has a string of dental parlors throughout the Northwest.

Women of Home Bureau Plan Dance

Umatilla, Jan. 20.—The Ladies Home Bureau, lately organized in Umatilla, will give a second benefit ball Saturday evening to raise money to defray expenses of the hot lunch system in the local schools. The first dance netted more than \$50. Mrs. A. E. McFarland is president of the home bureau and Mrs. W. R. Nugent secretary.

Snowfall in Oregon Assures Forage for 1920, Says Forester

Annual letters authorizing the granting of stock on the national forests of Oregon and Washington are going out to the forest supervisors from the office of Assistant District Forester E. N. Kavanaugh this week. Authorizations this year are practically the same as in 1919, although some deductions have been made on ranges where, during the war, an effort was made to carry more stock than the range would normally support, said Kavanaugh. The early and heavy snowfall of this winter, much of which has melted and gone into the ground, gives promise of a good crop of forage for next year and supervisors are optimistic that 1920 will be a good year for the stock industry, at least as far as the range conditions are concerned.

POLICE INDIGNANT AT ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO AID AUTOIST ARRESTED

Trial Set for Driver Accused of Running Into Gasoline Pump and Another's Car.

Page Shindler was arraigned in municipal court Monday on a charge of reckless driving, but the case was set over for trial until next Saturday upon request. Shindler is accused of being the driver who ran into a gasoline pump at King and Washington streets shortly after 1 a. m. Friday and who admits he is the man who drove his car, a few minutes later, into the machine of H. Rich, 1249 East Twenty-second street, the latter car being parked on Washington near Fourth.

Shindler did not report his accident until Saturday night, traffic officials say. The law allows 12 hours in which to report. In his report Shindler did not say anything about the pump accident, but admitted he did not stop after "skidding" into Rich's car, "not thinking same was badly damaged."

Captain Lewis of the traffic department expressed indignation at the entire affair, intimating that Deputy Sheriff E. A. Thompson is endeavoring to get Shindler off without a penalty. Thompson is said to have called at the traffic office Saturday and to have inquired about the accident, asking when the police expected to learn from Shindler the owner of license 29094, this being Shindler's license number. Thompson was asked concerning his knowledge of the accident and the identity of the driver. He is said to have given traffic officials an evasive answer.

Portland Concern Plans Twelve Story Tacoma Structure

Plans for the new 12-story W. R. Rust building at Tacoma were prepared by Sutton & Whitney and submitted through the Tacoma office of the company. Work on the foundations of the structure already is under way and the building will be finished early in the summer.

The Rust building will occupy a 9x100 foot tract bounded on three sides by side has been insured by an agreement. Eleventh, Commerce and Pacific streets. Light in offices opening on the fourth with the property owners not to build over four stories. The first five stories will be used for shops and the balance of the building for office purposes. Estimated cost of the structure is \$850,000.

Mill Owner Killed By Flying Splinter

Eugene, Jan. 20.—Logan Neet, part owner of a sawmill at Fall Creek, 25 miles southeast of Eugene, was killed Monday morning when a stick with which he was pushing sawdust from a circular saw struck the saw, throwing a splinter with such force that it entered an eye, penetrating the brain. He lived 45 minutes after the accident.

SHOWING suits for young men; the new English double-breasted types, tailored from smart, colorful fabrics; new garments now arriving almost daily; a price range that permits a pleasing choice, \$30 to \$70.

Pen Selling LEADING CLOTHIER Morrison Street at Fourth My Store Closes at 6 o'Clock Every Day

HUNS GIVE LABOR RIGHT OF VOICE IN ALL WORKSHOPS

Radicals Hold New Law Too Conservative; Employers Say Business Taken From Their Hands.

By Karl H. Von Wiegand Berlin, Jan. 20.—Germany again set the pace in progressive labor legislation when the national assembly at the end of a special Sunday session legally anchored the right of labor to have a voice and vote in the management and supervision of factories, workshops, department stores and enterprises of every description including farms. This right is laid down in a special law which passed the assembly by a vote of 213 to 64.

The working of this law undoubtedly will be watched with keen interest by capital and labor in all other countries. The law is called the "Betriebsratgesetz" (workmen's council law) and the opposition to it by the communists and Independents caused last Tuesday's bloodbath in front of the Reichstag building. This opposition is based on the ground that the law does not give labor full control of production.

The law creates a complex system of councils, district councils and stewards that is more or less a moderate reflection of industrial sovietism and shows how hard the German government is trying to head off radical Bolshevism in industry and business enterprises by introducing a modified form.

However, none is satisfied with the result. The radical element considers the law too conservative and the employers construe it as delivering their bag and baggage into the hands of their employees.

The main purpose of the law is to satisfy labor and create closer relations and better understanding as well as a greater cooperation between employers and employees by giving the latter an insight into the business affairs of the shop and factory and a voice and vote in the board of directors of all concerns employing more than 50 employees, working conditions and discharge and hiring.

Episcopal Bishop to Resume Hard Tasks For Church in China

Ready to return to China and face every evil that that country has bosomed in the 24 years of his residence there, Bishop L. H. Root, Episcopal bishop in China and resident of Hankow, is in Portland visiting Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner preparatory to sailing from Vancouver, B. C., on Saturday to resume his work in the Far East.

Bishop Root promises to carry with him a fervent wish for the establishment of a spirit of friendship between America and Japan that is entirely lacking now. In his opinion. Such a friendship, he declares, would go a long way toward relieving the tense situation between the nations. The bishop has been in the United States to attend the triennial convention of his church and, although he has been in China for 24 years, he will return there, not to visit America again until he comes to the convention in Portland in 1922.

Right to Test Dry Law Granted R. I.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Chief Justice White Monday announced that the supreme court has granted the state of Rhode Island permission to bring a test case in that court to test the constitutionality of the prohibition amendment.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets)

It stops the cough and headache and works off the cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.—Adv.

Young Men's Overcoats \$35, \$40, \$45

Young Men's Leatherette Coats \$14.50 My Store Closes at 6 o'Clock Every Day

High Army Officer Says Pershing Not After Presidency

A high army officer, waxing loquacious on the subject of General Pershing's chances for the presidency, summed up the matter in this wise: "If General Pershing were to run for president, it would be about the most unwise thing a man in his position could do. In the first place, he has the greatest honor a man could wish to claim—he is a full general in the army of the United States. If he were to enter the arena of politics, he would become immediately the object of the opposing parties' assaults and any unfavorable item in his career brought to light in an exaggerated manner. He would be 'hauled over the coals.' His reputation would be assailed, his honor would be attacked—and even if he should win out in the end, he knows and we know, that he would be far worse off than he would be had he not entered the race. Second: He no doubt compares his case to that of General Ulysses S. Grant. He figures perhaps that General Grant would be far worse off than he would be had he not entered the presidency. And finally I think he would only become a candidate for that position should he be drafted for that purpose. The move certainly will not come from his quarter."

PURCHASE OF ROSE TEST GARDEN SITE TO BE UNDERTAKEN

City Commissioner Pier and Park Superintendent Urge Plan to Acquire Land.

Authorization for Superintendent of Parks Keyser to acquire title by direct purchase or condemnation proceedings of a strip of land 200 by 700 feet adjoining Washington park, is contained in an emergency ordinance that Commissioner Pier will present before the city council on Wednesday.

Pier and Keyser have set a price on the several lots contained in the strip and have provided in the ordinance that where the price offered by the park bureau is not accepted by the owners, condemnation proceedings will be instituted.

COMFORT STATION PLANNED New Station to Be Built at Stark and Broadway.

Construction of a public comfort station for men and women on Stark, at Broadway, and possible erection of a similar station at West Park and Alder streets is contemplated by commissioner Pier in an ordinance which he stated Monday morning he would present to the city council on Wednesday.

Hermiston Schools Select Teams for Triangular Debate

Hermiston, Jan. 20.—At the preliminary debate the judges chose Miss Lotys Davis, Dewey Payne, Miss Jane Gunn and Miss Dorothy Briggs, with Miss Doris Swazey and Gwynn Hughes as alternates. Superintendent E. L. Shingler in the interscholastic debates. The first of a series of triangular debates between Echo, Stanfield and Hermiston will take place Friday.

The men of the Columbia district are arranging a big get-together meeting to be held at the Columbia district center, for the purpose of getting acquainted with the newcomers on the project. Tom Haddock is the chief cook, and Freeman Phipps has charge of the program.

Portland Interests Build Sawmills at Morton, Washington

Morton, Wash., Jan. 20.—According to C. W. Studebaker, Hermiston, in connection with the Spaulding Timber Co. of Morton, and Mr. Chellicam of the Shell Lumber & Shingle Co. of Seattle has bought an interest in the firm, together with Fred Miller. Mr. Miller is associated with Deloss Spaulding, lead of the company, in its active management, but Mr. Chellicam will continue to reside in Seattle.

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SEVEN MILLION OF STATE SECURITIES IN UNSAFE VAULT

Expert Accountant Declares Oregon's Strong Box Could Easily Be Cracked by Yeggs.

Salem, Jan. 20.—Securities approximating a valuation of \$7,000,000 are being kept by the state in a vault which "would have been discarded by a country bank years ago," according to R. E. Pinney, expert accountant who has completed an audit and investigation of the books and general conditions of the state treasurer's office in behalf of insurance companies interested in the condition of the department.

"The mental portion of your operating plant is all that could be asked, but the equipment provided for the proper protection of the securities of the state is very deficient," writes Pinney in a letter received by State Treasurer Hoff. "The vault door is not modern and could easily be forced by up-to-date safe crackers. When once in the vault they would have no difficulty in getting an entrance to the old square safe, which is antiquated in every respect and which contains thousands of dollars worth of securities which could not be replaced."

An appropriation of \$5000 was made by the special session of the legislature last week for the purchase of a modern safe for the department.

Coburn Joins List of Candidates for Secretary of State

Salem, Jan. 20.—E. L. Coburn, county clerk for Jackson county, who was a state visitor Monday, has joined the list of aspirants for the secretary of state's office and says that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination at the May primaries.

Washouts and Slides Delay Many Trains

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Bellingham Monday was practically isolated by washouts and slides on the Milwaukee and Northern Pacific railway lines. The lines had been blocked since Sunday, and the Great Northern since Sunday morning.

Photo Albums 25% to 33 1-3% LESS THAN REGULAR

A LARGE assortment—a variety of sizes. Many arranged so that more leaves may be added. Like-leather covers. Keep the interesting snap-shot records of important events in orderly sequence in an album. Photo Dept., Basement.

Woodlark Traveling Bag \$8.50

A WONDERFULLY moderate price for a real leather bag that is well built. Genuine cowhide stock in the dignified walrus grain, in 18-inch size, desired by both men and women. Excellent construction throughout—full cloth lining with inside pockets. Travelworthy bags that merit your interested attention.

Women's Purses \$3.45

THE compact envelope type with back strap. These black morocco purses are silk lined in several different colors. The nice handy size especially recommended for daily use. Leather Dept., First Floor.

Friends Find Body Where Letter Told Them It Would Be

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 20.—The body of Emil Steiner, a retired regular army man, who has been missing from his home here since Saturday afternoon, was found Monday floating down Mill creek about a mile west of this city with a bullet through the heart. Steiner because of worry over letters is said to have been the cause of his act.

A letter written by Steiner to Fritz Lahn, a brother-in-law, shortly before he left home Saturday, arrived Monday morning through the mail, telling where the body could be found. A searching party was sent out immediately and the remains were discovered a few hours later.

ASSESSMENT CASES INVOLVING HOLGATE STREET OVERTURNED

Supreme Court Reverses Judge Gatens in Two Actions; One Case Is Dismissed.

Salem, Jan. 20.—Seven opinions were handed down by the supreme court this morning as follows: "Estate Investment company et al versus city of Portland et al, appellants; appeal from Multnomah county; writ of review seeking to overturn ordinance assessing property relative to improvement of Holgate street; opinion by Justice Burnett; Judge W. N. Gatens reversed and case remanded.

Bank Robbers Get \$85,000 From Safe

Reckham, S. D., Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Robbers who blew open the safe of the Farmers State bank here early today secured more than \$85,000 in securities. It was learned after bank officials had investigated. Included in the loot was a bundle of \$25,000 in Liberty bonds. Bank officials declared the securities were in such shape that it will be hard for the robbers to realize on them.

22 Million in Silk Sent From Seattle

Chicago, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—A solid train of 22 cars loaded with silk, with a total value of \$20,000,000, passed through here today, en route to New York from Seattle. The train was heavily guarded.

30,000 ROOMS IN PORTLAND NEEDED FOR SHRINE MEET

Housing Visitors to Great Convention Next June Is Problem Put Up to Local Residents.

The problem of housing Portland visitors during the Shrine convention next June is confronting Shriners and business men. J. P. Jaeger, chairman of the housing committee, said this morning that the 75,000 or 100,000 visitors would be made up of two classes.

First will be the Shriners themselves and their attendants, and there will also be thousands in Northwest states who will come to enjoy events the Shriners will stage. The second class, said Jaeger, is composed of the business folk in smaller cities who buy and upon whom the city depends for its prosperity.

To take care of both classes every citizen is asked to help. The hotels will take care of the Shrine delegates, 35 temples having already been assigned. To accommodate the Shriners, the hotels will place more than 1500 of their guests on extra beds.

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on extra beds. When the hotels are filled, said Jaeger, the housing committee will purchase beds to be placed in the schoolhouses and Armory. The Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., Hill Military academy and other similar institutions have already been assigned.

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