

Didn't Marry Dogs
That's what Mrs. Maud Renssaler Kennedy Winston Stevenson, society leader, told her husband, and then they drifted toward the divorce court.

It's All Here and It's All True
THE WEATHER—Tonight and Thursday fair; winds mostly northeasterly.

TREASURES OF WEST OPEN TO PROSPECTORS

Congress Passes Bill Releasing Public Domain to Seekers After Oil and Other Rich Minerals
Lands Are Located in Wyoming; Powerful Interests Are Beaten by Congressman Sinnott.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Legislation opening the public domain of the West to prospectors for oil, oil shale and other valuable minerals passed congress finally today and will go to the president.

The senate agreed to the conference report on the oil land leasing bill, which permits the leasing of public lands for the development of government oil lands. The report passed the house yesterday.

INTEREST AT WORK
If the story of conferences on the oil and coal land leasing bills, which have just been passed by congress, could be adequately written it would be an interesting chronicle, and it would show that for weeks an agreement has been delayed by the demands of powerful oil corporations for recognition of their claims to a greater acreage than is permitted under the general terms of the bill.

It would be shown, also, that the main figure in sustaining the impotency of the bill is Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, and that the thorn in his way was Representative N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, who during a large part of the discussion held out alone against what amounted to a practical donation of millions of dollars to a few large oil interests.

LIMIT IS PLACED
Under the terms of the bill it was provided that no individual lease of oil land in a known geologic structure, that is, where discovery has been made and the ground in most cases is highly valuable, shall be for more than 3200 acres. September 1 was fixed originally as the date when the purchase of any acreage in excess of this area should not be recognized.

In spite of this limitation, however, another part of the bill cleverly provided that "all leases hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the claimant and the ground in most cases is highly valuable, shall be for more than 3200 acres. September 1 was fixed originally as the date when the purchase of any acreage in excess of this area should not be recognized.

GOVERNMENT WOULD BENEFIT
If the lands were declared excess, under the terms of the bill they would not be retained by the claimants, but would be put up for competitive leasing to those offering the greatest bonus and royalty. If retained by the companies which had hastily acquired them, the government would derive only the usual royalties provided for by the legislation.

Some idea of the magnitude of the matter is gained from the fact that one tract of 80 acres was known to be contracted for at \$250,000, and another tract of 180 acres at \$500,000. How much land had been taken in excess is not known.

HIT BY AUTO TRUCK, DIES IN HOSPITAL
Ciro Sepe Victim of Accident; Car Ahead Obstructs Driver's View at Fatal Moment.

Ciro S. Sepe, Italian, 590 East Seventeenth street, died at St. Vincent's hospital this morning a short time after he was struck and run over by an automobile truck driven by L. R. Dupre, 154 Russell street, at the intersection of Broadway and Williams avenue.

Sepe, a cup wrester for the F. R. L. & P. company, was working at the frog in the track at the intersection when he was hit. A front wheel of the heavily laden truck passed over his body, but stopped within five feet after hitting Sepe. Dupre declares a touring car cut in ahead of him and stopped, obstructing his view so that he could not see Sepe until the Italian had been struck.

The driver will not be held by the police, but Coroner Earl Smith is arranging for an inquest.

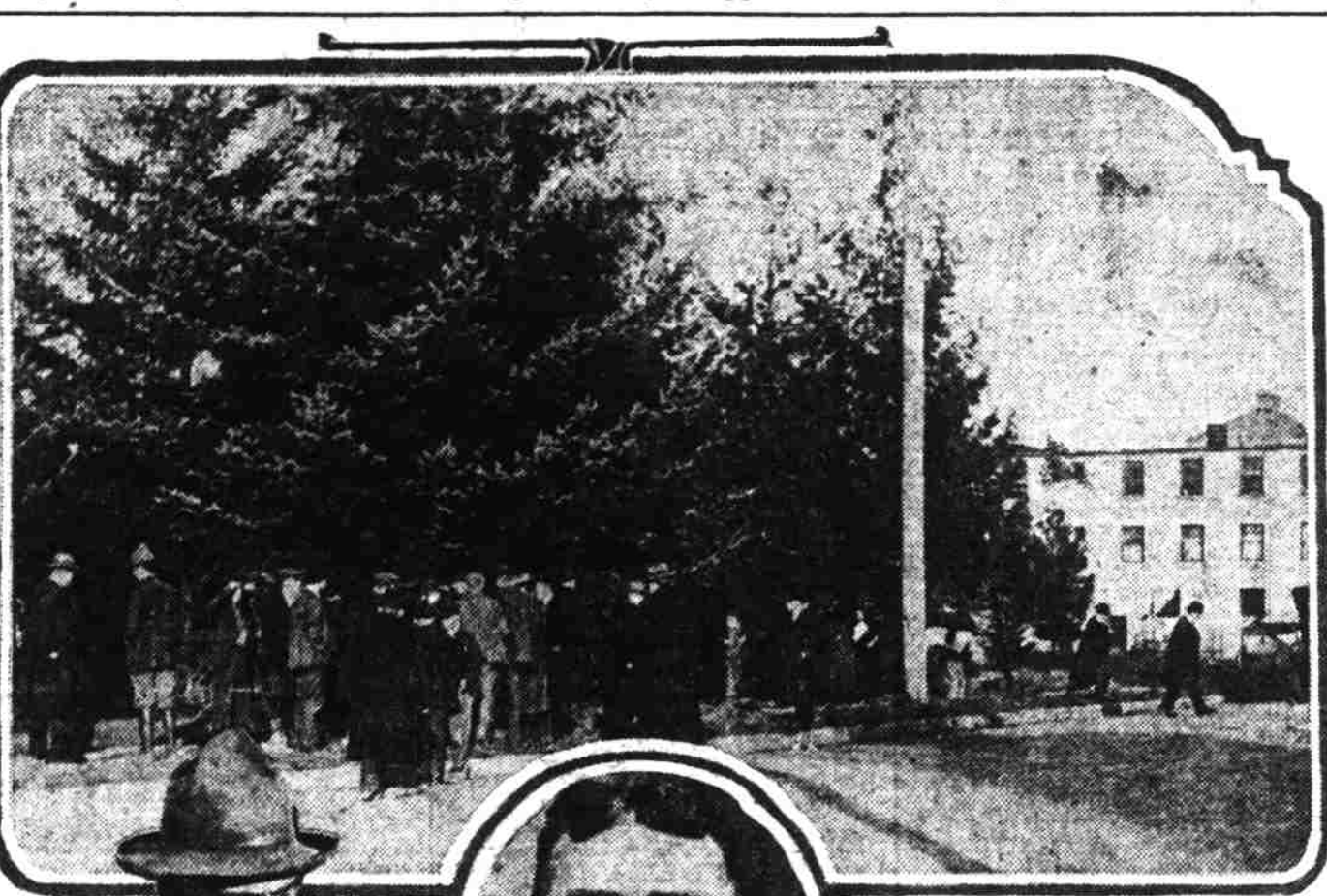
Deputies are searching for Sepe's family. The fatally injured man was about 45 years old. William Baker, 37 West Skidmore street was riding with Dupre on the truck.

For three months lacking 11 days, Portland had no fatal automobile accident on its records. On November 1, Gustave Johnson was killed, and since that time no accident has had fatal consequences until that which occurred at Broadway and Williams avenue this morning and cost the life of Ciro Sepe, Italian.

Not in years has such a record of immunity from fatalities been maintained. Positive records dating back to 1916 show no period of similar length where there was not a fatal accident involving an automobile. The death of Sepe marks the first in 1920, involving an automobile.

SECOND CACHE OF HUMAN BODY DISCOVERED

ABOVE, morbid crowd gathered around clump of trees where two packages containing sections of the body of a man were found Tuesday afternoon. This lot is at the corner of Brandon and McClellan streets, Kenton. The packages were not more than 30 feet from the sidewalk. Below, is Charles Moxley and the dog whose peculiar actions resulted in the discovery that the packages contained human flesh. Inserted is a new picture of Ernest Descamps, wealthy Frenchman, who has mysteriously disappeared and who may have been the victim.



WHOLESALE HUNT FOR CLUES ASKED

City-Wide Search by People Is Sought to Find Missing Parts of Slain Man.

Every boy and man in Portland is asked by Lieutenant of Inspectors Goltz to turn detective and seek more parts of the body of a murdered man, supposed to be that of Ernest Descamps, wealthy member of the French colony here.

Search brush, vacant lots, gutters and any other place where parts of a man's body may be hidden," Goltz asks. He confesses that until discovery of more parts of the body, sections of which have been found in two widely separated districts in Portland, it will be impossible to identify the body as that of Descamps.

GRAVEL PARTICLES FOUND
Minute inspection of the sawdust in which the sections found last Saturday were packed today revealed small sand and gravel particles mixed in. The detectives believe these may have been sweepings on a basement floor on which the sawdust was scattered.

Every vacant place or thicket between the Grand avenue viaduct and Kenton will be searched today for other portions of the murdered body of which various pieces have been discovered since the gruesome find in Sullivan's gulch Saturday afternoon.

Sloughs throughout the length of the peninsula will be dragged in hope of finding the head, by which certain identification can be established. All available deputies in the office of Sheriff Hurlburt have been assigned to the search under Deputy Christofferson.

OTHER PARTS FOUND
Other parts of a body, possibly that of Descamps, who disappeared Thursday, were found on Tuesday near Brandon and McClellan streets in the vicinity of Kenton station. The head may have been secreted in a Columbia slough.

MYSTERY DEEPENS
Finding the torso remains did nothing to solve the mystery, but rather made it more mysterious.

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LOGGE OFFERS HANDS OFF NINE AMENDED RESERVATIONS

Move Leads Irreconcilable Republicans to Fear Peace Pact Will Be Ultimately Passed.

Logge Declared Anxious to Keep Treaty Out of Campaign and Will Offer Mild Compromise.

By L. C. Martin
Washington, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Senator Logge offered in the senate nine amendments to the Lodge reservations to the peace treaty today.

WORKED OUT IN CONFERENCE
The amendments were those worked out in the bi-partisan treaty conference recently held in Logge's office. They affected the preamble, the general, domestic questions, Shantung, naming of American representatives to the league; payment of the United States' share of league expense; disarmament; status of non-nationals under article 16 and voting power.

Logge did not submit an amendment on Article 19 or the Monroe doctrine. The amendment on the reservation on voting powers is the only one of those submitted by Logge on which virtual agreement had not been reached in the bi-partisan conference.

Logge's action today made the bi-partisan agreement the "official program" of the Lodge forces in the senate. Irreconcilable Republican senators are about to concede that the senate will ratify the treaty as a result of the Logge amendments which will be next Monday, it was indicated today.

A canvass of the senate has shown the "bitter ends," they said, "any loophole which can be squeezed through" will be used by some senators in front on the resolutions and ratification.

WILLING TO AGREE
The "irreconcilables" are convinced that Senator Logge and his supporters do not want the treaty in the presidential campaign. One party, the "irreconcilables" today that the supporters of the Lodge reservations are willing to agree to any reservation on Article X which will save their faces.

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OFFENDERS ESCAPED AS EVIDENCE FAILS
Smashup Took Place All Right, but Policemen Came Into Court Unprepared.

Three automobiles were badly smashed on East Burnside near Seventh last Sunday afternoon. One was going east on Burnside, two were parked on the right side of the street, a few feet apart. The car bound east smashed into one parked machine, then the other, and in turn rolled over.

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SENATOR TOWNSEND, CHAIRMAN OF POSTOFFICE COMMITTEE, HESITATES TO QUESTION DISMISSAL

Chamberlain Denies Myers' Alleged Claim Senator Was Opposing Hearing in Portland Case

Washington, Feb. 11.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator Townsend, chairman of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads, when asked today relative to requests for a hearing on the Portland postoffice case said to have been sent by Frank S. Myers and others, said he did not see what his committee would have to do with a case of removal.

Until further informed by The Journal representative, Senator Townsend had been under the impression that telegrams he received related to proposals against appointment of a new postmaster. He said the practice of the committee is to give a hearing on such complaints if the complainants appear promptly.

TOWNSEND IS CAUTIOUS
When advised that the Portland case is one of removal by executive order, Townsend shook his head and said: "I had not understood that. I do not see then what we would have to do with it. I would hesitate myself to take it up."

Besides Chairman Townsend, other members of the committee are said to have received a request for some sort of a hearing from Portland, including one from G. E. Hamaker, chairman of the Multnomah county Democratic central committee, declaring that "Myers has been deprived of constitutional rights," and that the community sympathies with him.

Senator Chamberlain's attention was called to a statement by Myers alleging that the senator seeks to deny him a hearing. "I will say nothing concerning what Myers says about me," he said.

CHAMBERLAIN IS WILLING
Chamberlain opposed his having a hearing and I have no objection to any hearing he wants before any official of the government, the senate or any other body, but I said what I know of no procedure or precedent in hearings in cases of executive removal of postmasters.

Information that Frank S. Myers is circulating a petition among the business men of the city at postmaster of Portland has panned public interest.

HOOPER PETITIONS TO BE CIRCULATED
Movement Afoot to Put Food Administrator's Name in Democratic Primaries.

Initiative petitions to place the name of Herbert Hoover in the preferential presidential ballot at the Democratic primaries of May 21, are being prepared and will be put in circulation as soon as they are received from the printers.

The work of preparing the petitions and putting them in the hands of circulators has been undertaken by Oswald West and H. B. Van Duser, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

It is announced by Mr. West that the printed petitions will be ready for distribution within a day or so, and that they may be obtained at his office by those who desire to circulate them for signatures among their friends. Those who desire to sign the petitions but do not have the time to take them for circulation may also sign by calling at Mr. West's office.

Mackays Resume Charge of North Pacific Lumber Co.
Armenian Campaign Drive Is Continued With New Support

Donald and W. B. Mackay, owners, Tuesday resumed charge of the North Pacific Lumber company, which Portland, under its release from the lease of Charles F. Swigert and his associates, extending over the past two years. Organized in 1912, the North Pacific company is said to be one of the largest and best established in the Northwest, cutting 200,000 feet of timber per eight hours.

With the restoration of the Mackays the retirement of Donald Mackay, president of the company until it was leased to Swigert, is announced. W. B. Mackay, secretary-manager under the former management, has become president. Associated in the management will be H. E. Fenner, who during the war, was head of the Coast Shipbuilding company of Portland.

Plebiscite Votes Schleswig to Danes
Copenhagen, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—The plebiscite in Schleswig to determine whether the province shall be returned to Denmark or remain German has resulted in a victory for the Danes, according to information received here today. The returns at hand now show 35,000 votes for a return to Denmark against 13,000 for Germany.

14 Wise Men and True, Who Sit on Fate of 11 Reds, Relish Nonsense

Solemnity of Day Over, I. W. W. Jurors Make Merry in Their Own Little "Cell."

By Fred H. McNeil
Montesano, Wash., Feb. 10.—Bump! Crash! Thump!

Resounding jars shake the granite walls of the Grays Harbor court house to its foundations. Bellowing laughter rolls away until it echoes to echo from the logged-off hills that surround this little city in the forest.

Such are some of the strange sounds that make the old time residents residing near the courthouse and who retire early start in their sleep and then gaze curiously at the bright lights that blaze forth from third story windows that overlook the roof of the jail.

In the shrouded darkness of their cells, the 11 defendants on trial in the Centralia murder trial doubtless hear these sounds and wonder, too.

4 MEN, TO HO HO
The disturbers of silence in this usually quiet neighborhood are none other than the 14 men in whose hands will ultimately lie the fate of the accused "wobblies."

For jurors are human, and in the off hours, when the mantle of silence and cold disregard for human sentimentality are thrown off, the lid comes off, also, and it comes with a vengeance.

Sitting all day in the uncomfortable seats of the jury box, action is the word at night, even for the elderly E. E. Torpen, who confesses 60 years ago that he was a juror almost as much as the men whom they are trying, in that they are incommunicado with the outside world and where one goes, the rest must also follow, they make merry in the limited space they have.

SCRIBES ARE BARRED
Even the reporters are barred from looking in on the festivities, but no one is barred from listening. And so, while it is hearsay, it is whispered about the courthouse that there is some friendly conversation.

JOHNSON FORGING AHEAD OF WOOD
Hoover Receives More Republican Support Than Wood and Johnson Combined, in Straw Vote.

Senator Johnson is gradually taking a strong lead over General Wood in the presidential straw vote. Thirty-three votes went to him in this morning's count against only seven for Wood. Johnson now has more than double the vote for Wood.

More Republicans have voted for Hoover so far than for Johnson and Wood combined.

One envelope brought in 15 votes of which 14 were for Hoover and one for McAdoo. The party affiliations of the 14 Hoover voters were as follows: Republicans four, Democrats five, Independents five. In a few instances the registration of the voter is not on the ballot. It should be there, not for publication, but in order to give the source and other phases of the sentiment reflected by the vote. In no case will names or party affiliations be made public.

A conspicuous feature of the voting is the heavy support thrown McAdoo not only by Democrats, but by Republicans. A letter bringing several votes for him is signed by the president of a railroad employees' organization and says: "I am a Republican. W. G. McAdoo will win hands down if nominated for president, as he will get 95 per cent of the labor vote, regardless of whether they are Democrats or Republicans—that is if the labor people do not lose their heads and nominate a labor candidate. We should throw our influence behind McAdoo and save the day. He is just to all. There could be no better."

A Portlander writes: "Hoover is my choice for president. I should vote for him running on a Republican, Democratic or Hiram Johnson. Thirty years ago when Hoover was a poor boy struggling to educate himself he worked for me. He is number one from the ground up. He is an American, he is clean, he is honest, he is a good man, above party he is for the good of all."

An Independence woman casts her vote for Johnson, but says she thinks both McAdoo and Bryan are great men.

Today's totals follow:
Gerard ..... 18 Palmer ..... 11
Harting ..... 9 Pershing ..... 11
Hoover ..... 504 Poindexter ..... 25
Johnson ..... 86 Foxonester ..... 63
McAdoo ..... 351 Wood ..... 41
Owen ..... 2

CONFESSION OF ROBERTS IDENTIFIED

Court Reporter Declares He Took First of One of Defendants' Statements Admitting Guilt.

Session of Montesano Trial Devoted to Legal Argument Involving "Confessor's" Sanity.

By Fred H. McNeil
Montesano, Wash., Feb. 11.—Dry argument on the legal phases of the admission of testimony from a man whose sanity is questioned occupied this morning's session of the Centralia murder trial while a packed gallery of spectators, thirsting for details of the confession of one of the defendants, Loren Roberts, twiddled their thumbs, kicked the benches, coughed, whispered loudly and otherwise manifested their general impatience with the whole proceeding.

Roberts was examined in the county jail this morning by an alienist, Dr. Arthur B. Calhoun of Seattle, who was appointed by the court Tuesday. Just what his findings are, or when they will be put before the court is not known.

STATEMENT TO BE USED
But when court finally opened at 10:30, the prosecution made known its intention to introduce at once the Roberts' statement or statements. A. C. Baker, deputy clerk and court reporter of Thurston county, who is head of the record making staff of five or six stenographers on duty here, was called as a witness.

Baker testified to recording the first statement, taken on November 17, in the sheriff's office at Olympia.

When Roberts' statement was taken, Baker said, F. P. Christenson of the attorney general's office, Herman Allen, prosecutor of Lewis county; C. D. Cunningham, special prosecutor of Centralia; Sheriff J. H. Gifford of Thurston county; deputy Sheriff Hoag and several others, including Assistant Prosecutor J. H. Janke of Lewis county, were present.

ACT IS VOLUNTARY
The statement was freely and voluntarily made by the defendant, Baker said, and no threats or promises of reward were tendered by the officers present. Baker checked his notes three times, then wrote the statement, the defendant was given a copy, personally.

Cars Jump Track; 8 Slightly Injured
Lacleda, Idaho, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Four cars of the Great Northern's Oriental Limited left the track a mile east of here yesterday, spilling passengers from their berths, slightly injuring eight. A defective wheel was the cause of the wreck. Harry Barron, Minneapolis, cook, and Alva G. Fuller, St. Paul, Minn., cook, were seriously scalded when the diner went over the bank.

President Allows Fletcher to Quit
Washington, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—President Wilson has accepted the resignation of Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico. It was announced at the White House today. The fact that Fletcher had resigned was made known several weeks ago.

The Journal Presidential Straw Ballot
Vote for one, placing X before name.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Party Affiliation. Names listed include GERARD, HARDING, HOOVER, JOHNSON, LOWDEN, McADOO, OWEN, PALMER, PERSHING, POINDEXTER, POMERENE, SPROUL, WOOD.

My party affiliation is
Name
Address
(Cut out, and mail or bring to The Journal business office. Mark envelope "Straw Ballot.")