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The next Sunday Journal, as usual, will feature color work.

Oregon Journal
DAILY
SHE FLIES WITH HER OWN WINGS

It's All Here and It's All True
THE WEATHER—Tonight and Saturday, Fair; north to east winds.

ACCUSED OF PROMISING TO "FIX" JUDGES

Witness Says Case Was Reversed in His Favor After He Had Carried the District for Newberry.

Former Mayor of Flint, Michigan, Star Prop in the Prosecution of Alleged Election Frauds.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 13.—Testimony of a high explosive character that left the defense shell-shocked was introduced by the government in its election conspiracy case against United States Senator Truman H. Newberry and 122 political aides.

William H. McKelhan, former mayor of Flint, Mich., says that Newberry, in the presence of three others, promised him that he would "fix" the Michigan supreme court so that an assault and robbery verdict against him would be reversed—provided he carried his district for Newberry in the 1918 primaries.

Richard H. Fletcher, then and now commissioner of labor, was the man he charged with promising to fix the state supreme court. The man he declared was present when the promise was made were Paul H. King, Newberry campaign manager and prominent Detroit lawyer, Fred W. Castator, Detroit alderman and leader in labor circles, and Fred A. Henry, a subordinate to Commissioner Fletcher.

McKelhan explained that he did carry his district for Newberry and was given freedom from a sentence of two to 15 years through action of the state supreme court in reversing the verdict against him.

During the testimony of McKelhan, Commissioner Fletcher and King sat close to Martin W. Littleton and James O. Murfin, leading counsel for the defense. The commissioner alternately set his jaw in hard, grim lines and opened his lips to whisper words which occasionally could be heard many seats away.

"Liar! Liar!" were among the sentences. The one time mayor of Flint began his testimony by admitting that in April of 1918 he had been tried and convicted.

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WILSON REPLIES TO RAILROAD UNION

Belief Is Wilson Contends Men Should Shelve Demands Until Railroads Are Returned.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks have set strike machinery in motion. It was learned this afternoon. This affects some 287,000 employees. A strike vote was taken some months ago and authority given to order a strike. The proposed strike will hinge on the final action taken by the conference now in session.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today rendered his final decision on the demands of the railroad workers for increased pay. "This policy is based on justice to all interests and is unalterable," declared the president in closing his conference with the three representatives of the railroad workers, after rendering his decision.

RELIEF SUGGESTED
The president suggested several avenues of relief from high living costs, it is understood. He outlined the machinery which will be established by legislation now pending in congress for the adjustment of wages, and it is understood his proposition in part asks the workers to give this proposed machinery an opportunity to get into action.

There was little doubt that the president had sustained Director General Hines' rejection of the wage demands, but he had softened this decision by offering numerous suggestions for relief.

The president submitted his proposal in writing. It is understood they will give the president their answer after holding a conference with other representatives of the brotherhoods and unions. This decision will probably not be forthcoming before tomorrow, according to Timothy Shea.

Two Sets Wireless Telephony Received By Forest Service

Two sets valued at \$2000 each were received this morning by the forest service for experimental purposes in wireless telephony. One set will be placed at the forest service headquarters and the other will be stationed at various places over the city, the summit of Larch mountain, and on boats plying up and down the river.

It is hoped that tests between boats and the inland office will be so successful that arrangements may be made for the installation of wireless sets on the forest service boats in Alaska where communication forms one of the big problems.

Policeman Has Battle Royal With Supposed Shoe Burglar

Guardian of Law Loses Two Teeth and Some Clothes, but Holds His Prisoner.

When Charles and J. S. Cummings stepped from a shoe store at 233 Clay street about 6:30 o'clock this morning with gunnybags and suitcases containing enough shoes to outfit several families, they evidently did not reckon on the presence of Motorcycle Policemen Wiles and Nolan. Although taken by surprise, the pair of thieves gave a stiff battle before they were captured, the police sacrificing six pistol shots, two teeth and a pair of trousers to land them behind the bars.

The motorcycle officers were patrolling the lower west side early this morning, when they saw a pair of men emerging from a store on Clay street with suspicious looking bundles in their possession. They gave chase to the men, each one singling out his man. Wiles and Nolan each fired three shots in an effort to stop the men.

Nolan succeeded in catching his man—who gave his name as J. S. Cummings—and pulled him from behind a woodpile, where he had scurried from the bullets.

Wiles succeeded in catching his man after a chase of a block and a half, but on the way to the station this pair staged a battle royal, in which the officer broke his front teeth and had his trousers ruined. The man captured by Wiles gave his name as Charles Cummings.

At the police station a charge of larceny was placed against the pair.

CARRY RED FLAG, IS JURY'S ADVICE

Coroner's Inquest Exonerates Driver Who Ran Down and Killed Street Railway Man.

The moral for track greasers employed by the P. R. L. & P. Co., whose lives, by the very nature of the occupation, are constantly in jeopardy, is: "Carry a red flag."

A coroner's jury investigating the death of Ciro Sepe at Broadway and Williams avenue Thursday evening exonerated L. R. Dupre, driver of a big auto truck under the wheels of which Sepe was ground to death, and recommended that track greasers be required to carry a red flag.

J. R. Guild, M. C. Larson, Norman Walters, A. H. Anderson, Fred Wilson and C. E. Veitch made up the coroner's jury.

Dr. S. M. Gellert of the Morgan building, whose machine was declared to have been parked at the fatal corner, testified that his automobile was not parked at the corner until he stopped after seeing Sepe struggling under the heavy wheel of the truck. Dr. Gellert was bound west on Broadway.

H. E. Jessup of North Pacific Dental college told the jury that he saw the death of the truck. Dr. Gellert came to the corner of Williams and Broadway. He didn't see any parked car nor other obstruction to the view, he said. Jessup estimated the speed of the truck at not more than 12 miles an hour. Both he and Dr. Gellert asserted that the tracks indicated that the truck had passed marked at the corner, and that the truck was parked near the property line and that it obstructed the sight of the truck driver.

A car parked near the property line obstructed the view; he saw the man 10 feet away, and the truck was moving four or five miles an hour, Dupre testified.

In cross examination by Frank Lonergan of the railway company and John Collier, representing the family of the deceased, the attorneys insisted that even admitting that a car was parked near the property line, which they declared not to be the case, Dupre could have seen Sepe at a distance of 40 feet. Collier estimated that Dupre was not driving carefully.

Charles G. North and B. F. Baker testified that the Gellert machine must have been parked at the corner, and that the truck passed within six feet of the rear. They declared that they figured on four accidents a week at that intersection.

The verdict completely exonerated Dupre and recommended that track greasers be made to carry a red flag.

FIGHT TO STOP SALE OF SHIPS MEETS CHECK

Lively Discussion Breaks Out in Senate Where Ashurst Fathers Resolution Against Proposal.

Chairman Payne of Ship Board Called by Senate Commerce Committee to Give Testimony.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—A fight to have congress immediately halt the sale of ex-German ships was temporarily checked in the senate today after sharp debate on the senate floor and the appearance of Chairman Payne of the shipping board before the senate commerce committee.

"If the committee thinks we ought not make that sale, all the committee has to do is pass the resolution and it will be cheerfully complied with," Payne said. He advised against this course, however.

While Payne was making this statement the White House gave out a letter which Payne had written to President Wilson defending the proposed sale, set for next Monday, and characterizing the attack on the sale as "vicious but characteristic."

Lively discussion of the proposal to sell the German ships broke out in the senate, where Senator Ashurst, Arizona, introduced a resolution forbidding disposal of the ships except at public sale to the highest bidder three months after notice of intention to sell.

Ashurst also had Payne's letter read. He declared flatly that the shipping board does purpose selling for \$23,000,000 a fleet which at present prices is worth \$254,000,000 and at present rates is worth \$300,000,000.

"The price at which they propose to sell these ships is about \$90 a ton," said Ashurst. "England offered \$125 a ton for them."

Senator Jones of Washington stated he had asked Payne concerning the reported purpose to sell the ships next Monday. Payne, according to Jones, announced that bids will be opened Monday, and after that the board will sell.

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British Arrest More Dublin Sinn Feiners

London, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Several Sinn Feiners were arrested in a new British military roundup in Dublin today, said a Central News dispatch from that city.

REPUBLICANS FORMING CLUB FOR HOOVER

PALO ALTO, Cal., Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—Declaring that Herbert Hoover's "lifelong" conduct, and his aspirations for his country are in line with the best traditions of the Republican party, Hoover's townsmen here organized the "Hoover Home Town Republican club" today.

They said the club's membership is composed of men and women of both parties and that the club will work for the election of delegates to the Republican convention, favorable to Hoover.

A resolution adopted declared that "a sincere conviction exists in the hearts of a multitude of Americans that Herbert C. Hoover possesses in greater degree than any other man in public life the outstanding ability and idealism to lead this nation in the trying times ahead."

LONG-BELL BUYS IMMENSE TRACT

Deal Closed for 25,000 Acres of Timber in Lewis County, Wn.; \$10,000,000 Involved.

Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 13.—It has been announced that the Long-Bell company, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., has closed a deal with the Weyerhaeuser Timber company for the purchase of 25,000 acres of stumpage between Vader and Willard, this county. The price agreed on is reported \$3 a thousand stumpage, and up.

NEW MURDER CLUE DRAWS VEIL TIGHTER

Report Says Descamps Was Seen Saturday Forenoon, if True, Would Eliminate Missing Man.

Portions of Human Body First Found Last Saturday at 1 P. M.; Police Discount This Angle.

Sam Goldenberg, a locksmith and an acquaintance of Ernest Descamps, told the police at noon today that he saw the supposed murder victim in front of Mathis' clothing store at Fifth and Morrison streets, at 9:30 on the morning of Saturday, February 7.

According to his story, Descamps had evidently bought a new hat somewhere and was looking at the reflection in the store window. Descamps did not speak to him, Goldenberg avers, but he is positive that it was the missing Frenchman whom he saw.

If Goldenberg's story proves to be correct, it will be the most important clue in the ax murder mystery yet unearthed. It will, in fact, practically destroy the possibility of Descamps being the murdered man and will open up a still deeper mystery.

The police give little credence to the Goldenberg story. If it does prove to be correct, however, it will overthrow the whole line of investigation under which the police and sheriff's office has been proceeding and will open up two entirely different mysteries.

All hat salesmen of the Mathis store were called to police headquarters to study the pictures of Descamps on file there. None could remember ever having waited upon such a man.

In the hope of securing a tangible clue to what happened to Descamps, missing wealthy Beaverton farmer, and prominent member of the local French club, the police are making a search of the Long-Bell company operates big mills in Louisiana, Texas and other Southern states.

News that the Long-Bell Co. had an option on the Weyerhaeuser tract in Lewis county was exclusively published in The Journal several weeks ago, with the prediction that it would be closed this month.

Closing of the deal, which is the largest transaction in many years in Pacific coast timber, is of immense importance to Portland, as it means the establishment of one of the largest sawmills in the world either in or near this city.

The transaction involved about \$10,000,000, it is said, and makes Portland the headquarters in the Northwest for the largest of operating lumber companies.

Mack Sennett and His Beauties to Disport Selves in Local Scenes

Mack, They Say, Has Reformed and Is Strong for Classics and Faun Stuff.

Hiking promises to become more popular than ever, particularly among the young men, in Portland. It is expected numerous "trails clubs" will be organized during the coming summer, and lacking membership in such an organization, every foot-free swain may become a hiker and a trailer in his own right.

The reason: Mack Sennett, comedy photoplay producer, featuring bathing girls in the milkiest of costumes, is reported to have purchased 10 acres of woodland, located back of Westover Terrace, for studio and scenic purposes. It is understood, too, and the story comes through a local real estate dealer, that Sennett is arranging to lease much additional acreage adjoining his new purchase, inasmuch as he plans extensive range for his barefoot beauties.

Sennett's offerings have to date been largely confined to beach stuff, inasmuch as it is on the sands that his corymbes have shown their charms to best advantage. Now there isn't much beach up in the hills to the west of us, but there is much woodland—strubbery, trails, nooks and bowers, sylvan dells, and all that sort of thing—and that is what Sennett wants. He has reformed, it seems. He's going to put his girls on now in the old classics; the skipping faun stuff; the dance of the fairies on the greenward; beauty in the pool, etc., and the tale is that he has decided that Portland's hills can't be beat as a setting for this work. He will be close enough to the city to benefit from all modern conveniences, and he can get to the beach in a few hours if necessary.

Sennett is also understood to have found the soft light of Portland's long twilight particularly to his liking for some of the photographic effects he has in mind. So he's satisfied all around—beautiful girls; woodland, city, beach and atmosphere.

Romantic, isn't it?

Slump Expected in Meat Prices; France Cancels All Orders

Chicago, Feb. 13.—A slump in meat buying by England and France is likely to result in a decided drop in prices, provision dealers predicted today. France has withdrawn from the pork market entirely, and England has followed a wholesale cancellation of pork orders last week by an almost complete cessation of orders.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—At 5 Wednesday night, W. H. Myers, retired, living at W. 1415 Eleventh avenue, was pronounced dead. His heart apparently had stopped beating. He had ceased to breathe. But on Thursday he was reported from Sacred Heart hospital as recovering and apparently little worse for his experience. He is slightly paralyzed down one side and his difficulty in talking, but that is all.

THOMAS MORGAN, MEMBER OF 'W. W.' GIVES DETAILS OF ARMISTICE DAY PLOT

Testimony Indicates Assassination Was Deliberately Planned and Carried Out by Several of the Men Being Tried

Witness Readily Identifies First One; Then Another of the Accused and Tells How and Where Gunmen Were Hidden

By Fred H. McNeil (Over The Journal's Leased Wire)
Court House, Montesano, Wash., Feb. 13.—Thomas Morgan, I. W. W. member who was in the society's hall at Centralia on the day and at the time of the shooting of the Armistice day paraders, gave startling testimony here today. He identified first one and then another of the cowering defendants and related in detail what appeared to be a deliberate plot to fire into and kill ex-service men in the procession.

Morgan, 19 years old, is tall and broad shouldered, with long blonde hair, combed back from his forehead. He was well dressed and apparently had not suffered from the long period in jail. He threw a defiant glance or two at his former associates, and then gazed straight at his questioner, looking at the defendants only when called on to do so for identification of those whom he mentioned.

Morgan's most telling testimony dealt with the first shots fired into the ranks of the former soldier paraders. "Some of the soldiers were marking time and others were closing up when the first shots were fired," the witness said in response to questions put by Special Prosecutor W. H. Abel.

"The first shots were fired from one of the buildings across the street," he continued. Morgan told of plans to station men in the various buildings across the street from the I. W. W. hall.

"Britt Smith (I. W. W. secretary) was asking the other fellows to go over and get front rooms in all the houses they could," he said.

"They were to be located in the Arnold, Avalon, Queen and Roderick hotels and I think a couple of men were to be stationed on the street corner below. They didn't make any particular mention of the time they were to start shooting, but as I understood it, the raid was expected from the soldiers was not to come off until after the parade and speaking were over."

Morgan said his home was in Raymond, Wash. There he met Becker, one of the defendants, and Becker purchased a .38 caliber Iver-Johnson revolver. Becker and Morgan went to Centralia six days before Armistice day, the witness testified, as he pointed out Becker from among the defendants.

At the meeting in the hall Sunday night before the shooting, Morgan saw Mike Sheehan and Britt Smith, and these two defendants were pointed out by the witness.

At the Monday night meeting November 10, the witness said Britt Smith and Becker were in attendance and afterwards he and Becker stayed at the Roderick hotel.

On Tuesday morning (Armistice day), he arose at 11:30, and after a lunch at a nearby restaurant, went to two employment offices and returned to the hall after 1 o'clock.

"Who was there when you arrived?" asked Prosecutor Abel.

"Mike Sheehan, Becker, Britt Smith," (Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)

JOHNSON LEADS WOOD IN BALLOT

California Takes Spurt; Hoover Still in Lead, With McAdoo in Second Place.

The scattering vote in the presidential poll follows: President Wilson, 13; Ford, 20; Edwards, 7; La Follette, 4; Taft, 3; Capper, 5; Debs, 3; Bryan, 49; Tumulty, 2; Lindsey, 1; Daniels, 1; Lodge, 1; Hughes, 1.

The race between Johnson and Wood that was neck and neck for a time seems about to develop into a walk-away for Johnson. The California senator received 37 votes yesterday to only three for Wood. It gives Johnson a total nearly three times as large as that of the general in the vote for Hoover counted this morning; the party affiliations were as follows: Republicans 32, independents 30, Democrats 7, progressive 1, Socialists 2 and Prohibitionist 1.

It is important for all to plainly mark their party registration on the ballot. This is not required for publication, but to give the straw vote value in determining the character and strength of the sentiment behind those who voted for it. It is necessary in order to make the poll of the greatest value. The voting is strictly in accordance with the general instructions, which mean that the identity and party affiliation and vote of the voter will be held in strictest confidence.

Extra coupons are printed on the editorial page. This is in response to numerous complaints about a scarcity of ballots and requests for more.

A Beaverton Republican writes: "Enclosed find my ballot for Hoover, the only candidate on the list that is not a politician looking for office. The common people are tired of political juggling. Yours for the man that saved the starving people of Europe."

Two Democrats of Sumner, Or., vote for Johnson, and write: "We hope Johnson will be our next president. The western states will never get justice until we get a man like Johnson at the presidential chair. We had four boys in the army."

REPUBLICAN BACKS HOOVER
A Portland Republican writes: "In my opinion Herbert Hoover stands absolutely alone in qualifications for the office. He has proved his ability both to the American people and the world in a most unassuming and efficient manner. Whether he may run on a Republican or Democratic ticket, I will sure give him my vote and use whatever influence I have to get him as many more as I can."

A Portland Democrat encloses votes of himself and neighbors for McAdoo and says: "We have chosen him, not on account of political affiliation, but because he is a man. He gave the railroad men the first square deal they ever had, and did not rob the public or the United States treasury to do it. What he has done for the railroad men, we believe he will do for everybody if given a chance."

TOTAL VOTE PRESENTED
The total vote today follows:
Gerard ..... 21 Palmer ..... 6
Haring ..... 9 Pershing ..... 16
Hoover ..... 812 Poindexter ..... 3
Johnson ..... 123 Pomerene ..... 52
Powden ..... 19 Sproul ..... 82
McAdoo ..... 528 Wood ..... 3
Owen ..... 3

My party affiliation is
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NEW OFFER MADE TO RATIFY TREATY
Hitchcock Submits Compromise Plan on the Lodge Reservations to Article 10.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—An offer for a compromise on the Lodge reservations to Article X was submitted by Senator Hitchcock, the Democratic leader, to Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, late today.

The offer was presented in writing and bore the signature of 28 Democratic senators, to which others were to be added later, Senator Hitchcock said. It was expected that at least 40 Democrats would support the proposal, he added.

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Includes GERARD, HARDING, HOOVER, JOHNSON, LOWDEN, McADOO, OWEN, PALMER, PERSHING, POINDEXTER, POMERENE, SPROUL, WOOD.

Here is a study in contrasts. The large picture was taken the other day in Chicago and shows snow, wind, ice and most of the other concomitants of a February day in Chicago. Grouped around it are a number of pictures taken the same day in the park blocks in Portland, showing lucky Portland youngsters enjoying Oregon's February sunshine.

