

W. F. VAN VACTOR "ALMOST BECKONED BY GOOD FORTUNE"

Portland Man Gets Letter Which
Offers Him Tidy Sum in Ancient
Spanish Prisoner Hoax.

William F. Van Vactor, employee of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, almost arrived at the rainbow's end. After many years of labor, fortune apparently had spread her mantle over the Van Vactor household and was about to show her bounties into the family coffers. But—

Van Vactor has just received from that age old sufferer, "A Spanish Prisoner," the following letter, dated at Madrid, Spain, January 7:

"Dear Sir: Although I know you only from good references of your honor, my situation compels me to reveal you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune, saving at the same time that of my darling daughter. Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Seville, and you will see by the enclosed article what me of many English newspapers have published my arrest in London.

THAT SECRET POCKET

"I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$48,000 I have in America and to come here to raise the service of my baggage, paying the registrar of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my fortune, containing a sum of \$100,000, which I have hidden in the secret pocket where I have hidden the document indispensable to recover the said sum.

"As a reward, I will give up to you the third part, viz: \$16,000. I cannot receive your answer in the prison, but you must send a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me.

"Awaiting your cable to instruct you in all my secret, I am, sir,

"Yours truly, CHARLES MEYER."

The letter, as follows: Manuel Ribera, Calle de la Cruz 39, Segundo derecho, Madrid.

HE HAD FALLEN

Of course, had Van Vactor "fallen" or the antiquated swindle of "A Spanish Prisoner," he would be under the same conditions as the cablegram, and would have been disappointed. Van Vactor, however, had his name in business directories, Meyer is "some boy," according to the "newspaper" story of his arrest. He succeeded, it says, with many millions of francs only after he had killed a countryman in a scuffle.

This is the second recent attempt to swindle the Spanish prisoner game in Portland, although the game has been exposed countless times.

Prisoner Is Sent To Clackamas Jail

Declared to be the first time on record, a prisoner in federal court here today was sentenced to serve his term in a Clackamas county jail instead of Multnomah. Victor Glavin, convicted of violation of the federal prohibition laws, was sentenced to six months in jail and pay a \$500 fine. Influenza and smallpox in the Multnomah county jail caused Judge Bean to decide on Clackamas.

Wilson Waives Hearing

Herbert H. Wilson, charged with violation of the Mann act, today waived hearing before United States Commissioner Drake. He was held for the grand jury. According to the government, Wilson deserted his wife and 10 year old daughter in California, going to Tillamook with Mrs. Eunice May Davis, who alleged to have left a husband and year old son.

Contributions Swell Portland Fund for Near East Relief

Although the East Side Baptist church had already contributed \$2000 to the Near East relief and had previously adopted three Armenian orphans by pledging \$15 a month for one year, an additional contribution of 116.75 was made Wednesday night, and three more orphans were adopted by members of this church at the weekly prayer meeting, following an address by Mrs. Armenouhie Tasjian Lamson of Seattle.

Chairman W. S. Baker of the industrial division of the campaign, turned in \$1046, the contribution of the Roberts Bros. store. Of this sum \$500 was given by Mrs. Thomas Roberts, \$250 by Thomas Roberts, \$50 by Roberts Bros. and \$46 by employees. This is the first of the downtown stores to make a contribution, and Chairman S. C. Lancaster and his aides are hoping this donation will speed up the delayed subscriptions from other stores.

Little Mary Dorothy Williams of Mount Angel sent in, through Treasurer Arthur W. Brooks, 50 cents for stamps, with a letter saying she feels sorry for the Armenian children and is giving all she has. Another letter from A. P. Kirsch encloses a \$50 check.

Eric Y. Hauser, president of the Multnomah Hotel company, has issued pledge cards to hotel employees, with the promise that he will match with a lump sum the total pledge of Hauser's III in hospital, but arranged for the campaign in the hotel.

Refrigerator Cars Are Promised by Railroad Official

Studying local conditions with a view to establishing dependable refrigerator car movement on the Union Pacific system, J. W. McClymonds, general agent of the system refrigerator service, is in Portland today and will remain here the balance of the week.

McClymonds says the Pacific Fruit Express is having 4000 refrigerator cars rushed to completion in five different shops in the country and that these cars will begin to make their appearance in this territory at the rate of about 100 a day beginning June 1. A portion of these cars will help handle this year's crop of perishable goods in the Northwest.

Gentry Waldo, traffic assistant in the Southwestern region, who is to become assistant to H. M. Adams, vice president of the Union Pacific, is also a Portland visitor.

Flu Closes Court at Eugene; City Warned To Avoid Meetings

Eugene, Feb. 19.—On account of influenza and general alarming health conditions, the city health board here today scheduled to begin Tuesday, has been indefinitely postponed by Judge G. F. Skipworth.

Efforts were made to secure bail for Martin A. Clark, charged with murder, whose second trial was set for February 24. Judge Skipworth refused to consider bail but Clark's trial was placed first on the docket when a new date is set for court. The city health board, in special session this morning, sent out a warning that all social gatherings must stop and people must not gather in crowds. If the suggestion is not heeded the town will be closed, it is said.

Janitor Destroys Fifty Exhibits in Syndicalism Case

Montesano, Feb. 19.—Consternation reigned among the attorneys in the syndicalism trial of 11 alleged I. W. W. here today when it was found that more than 50 exhibits in the case had been destroyed by the janitor last night.

Both sides agreed to go on with the case which has already taken two weeks. The closing argument for the prosecution was begun today.

MYERS' PROGRAM FOR POSTOFFICE INQUIRY TO STAND

Deposed Official Says He Is Waiting
for Proper Time, Despite
Report That He Has Lost Pep.

Frank Stott Myers, deposed Portland postmaster, today declared that he "has no intention of going to Washington to appear before the senate until he has had official notice that an official meeting of the committee on postoffices and post roads is ready to hear his version of the events leading to the deposition order of Postmaster General Burleson.

He made this announcement as an answer to an article published in the Oregonian emanating from that newspaper's Washington bureau, which stated that he had suddenly lost interest in the contest and was waiting for him to tell his side of the story.

"I have had no official invitation from anyone that a hearing would be given me at this time," Myers said. "Several senators have written that the matter has not yet come before the senate officially.

"What I want is an official investigation by the committee on postoffices and post roads so that the committee can report to the senate before the full membership takes a vote as to whether or not I shall be removed from office. "Some or later the senate will be required by law to vote on the matter. It may be some weeks or months, even, before this is done. I will arrange to go to Washington as soon as I have official word that I can appear before the committee, but I certainly can't be expected to recognize no more reliable authority than the Oregonian's news bureau as justification for a trip to Washington which would have to be followed by another and official trip later on."

Hens Take Part in Three-Act Playlet; Fourth Act to Come

"Squawk," commented the fleeing hens.

"Yeouh, he kicked me!" protested a woman's voice, floating out of the henhouse above the raucous clamor.

It was the second act of a tragedy-farce, "The Lost Two Hundred." The "two hundred" referred to 200 hens, formerly owned by Louisa and E. C. Mooney of 460 Sixty-sixth street southeast. The hens were in charge of William Robertson, a neighbor, who had been appointed their guardian in Act I, by Judge Hawkins of the district court.

Act II was unraveled in Judge Hawkins' court late Wednesday, when B. Winters, formerly of the sheriff's office, now a real estate dealer and holder of a lien on the birds in question, was convicted of assault and battery and continued for sentence.

Act III was a verbal repetition of Act II. It seems that Robertson was given temporary charge of the chickens by court order January 28, and was still acting in that capacity. On February 6 the Mooneys, accompanied by I. M. Woodie and armed with gunnysacks, returned to retrieve their hens. Robertson resisted and the battle was on.

Attracted by the noise, Winters appeared and darted into the henhouse directly behind Mrs. Mooney. No sooner had he entered than above other noises came the voice of Mrs. Mooney protesting that he had kicked her. The combat continued intermittently until the Mooneys hailed Winters into court.

As Robertson still has charge of the hens, the fourth act is awaited with interest.

Hundred Million for Christianity, Slogan; Baptists Meet Here

Plans for the "\$100,000,000 for Christianity" campaign of the new world movement of Northern Baptists, whose general director is Dr. John Y. Aitchison of New York, were outlined today at a meeting at the Portland hotel with Baptist representatives of five states.

The intensive campaign for the sum which will be used to carry on "the advancement of world Christianity" for the next five years will be held between April 25 and May 2, but the preliminary work is already in progress. It is to be a laymen's movement, denominational leaders announced.

One item in the program is the raising of ministers' salaries within the denomination. The average Baptist minister's salary at present is \$343. Home and foreign missionary work is to be carried out on a greatly increased scale.

A. A. Protsman of Pittsburgh, who is to be in charge of the nine states of the Pacific coast division, outlined the campaign plans at the meeting today.

Among the business men of Portland interested in the movement are P. C. Knapp, C. C. Hessemer, F. L. Whitman, H. K. Hallgren and S. C. Lancaster.

The Baptist conference was one of a series in the interchurch world movement, other conferences being held during the day.

Youth Who Stole From Horack Home Caught by Horack

John Bird, 19, Friday stole \$7.10 and a knife from a house at 568 East Pine street. Today he delivered his booty in person to Motorcycle Inspector Horack, for it was Horack's house he had entered.

Bird was arrested today by patrolmen who became suspicious of his actions. They took him to detective headquarters to "shake him down."

Horack immediately recognized a knife. "That's mine," he said.

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Oregon City to Hold Memorial Ceremony For American Dead

Oregon City, Feb. 19.—Williamette Falls post, American Legion, and the Daughters of the American Revolution here have arranged for a program to be given at the Congregational church Sunday at 3 p. m. Those who fought in battle overseas and lost their lives will be honored. The French government will present memorial certificates to the families of men who died in service.

The principal address will be delivered by Judge Wallace McCamant of Portland, representing the Sons of the American Revolution. Invitations have been issued by the D. A. R. and American Legion to the G. A. R. Women's Relief Corps, B. P. O. E., United Spanish War Veterans, Boy Scouts and Ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion.

JACK HARPER LOSES IN PERSONAL INJURY SUIT AGAINST STREETCAR CO.

Jury Returns Verdict Against the
Plaintiff, Who Had Asked
Damages of \$25,400.

After deliberation of 10 minutes, a jury in Judge Bingham's court returned a verdict for the defendant in the case of Jack Harper against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Harper was suing for \$25,400, alleged personal injuries, received when the motorcycle which he was riding collided with a "one-man streetcar" at the corner of Seventh and Multnomah streets.

ALLEGED AUTO THIEF INDICTED

William Faulhaber Charged With
Selling Motor Car.

A grand jury indictment charging larceny by bailee has been returned against William Faulhaber. It is said that Faulhaber, in company with J. S. Ragdale, contracted to buy an automobile from the Pacific Auto company and paid a deposit upon it. Later the automobile was sold to Hood River and Faulhaber is accused of having driven the machine to Hood River and sold it.

Acquitted of Non-Support

A sealed verdict of not guilty, returned after a three and one half hours' deliberation Wednesday night by the jury in the case of Conrad Stinner, charged with nonsupport, was opened this morning in Judge Gatens' court. Mrs. Stinner, original complainant, sustained a change of heart before the case came to trial.

Vote Themselves Increase in Wages

Chicago, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Employees of the Standard Oil company of Indiana today voted on an affidavit submitted by V. W. Tomlinson, naturalization examiner, alleges that Erlwein remained loyal to Germany throughout the war.

Erlwein became an American citizen on May 23, 1908, in Jackson county. But when the German war broke out, it is charged, he reported as a German subject to the German consul at San Francisco, and also stated that he would rather commit suicide than fight against his native country.

Burnside Bridge to Close

It was announced this morning that the Burnside bridge will be closed from 7 p. m. February 23, until 4 a. m. the following morning, for repairs.



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CONSOLIDATION PLAN TO OBTAIN HOSPITAL ADVISED BY BARBUR

Suggestion Made to Find Way of
Providing Facilities at the
Kelly Butte Station.

Consolidation of city and county health boards as a feasible means to secure the erection of the smallpox hospital under way at Kelly Butte was advocated by Commissioner Barbur this morning at a special meeting of the city council.

Barbur has favored the union of county and city offices for some time as an economical measure in the interest of the taxpayers. He contended this morning that had consolidation of the city and county administrations been effected some time ago, the public would have a contagious hospital that would be a credit to Portland.

Although city commissioners are probing every possible avenue to secure funds for the hospital, no plan has materialized as yet. Commissioner Bigelow has received no offers for the old firehouse on Fourth street, which the city offers for sale at \$15,000.

The council will meet again Friday afternoon in hope of finding a way to secure funds.

Hearty Welcome Is Awaiting Educator Chandler's Arrival

Campus discussion at Reed college has turned from ordinary topics to the proposed visit of Dr. Frank W. Chandler, who has been named as a possible successor to William T. Foster as president of the local institution. Dr. Chandler's visit, announced Wednesday afternoon, will be a pleasant one, if Reed intentions are effective.

Miss Bertha K. Young of the Reed English department had seven years of association with Dr. Chandler at the University of Cincinnati. She is with the Reed English department during a year's sabbatical leave from the Cincinnati institution, and she is eager to welcome her former chief on the Reed campus.

Dr. Chandler will arrive Saturday night, and Sunday will begin an acquaintance with the college. Sunday afternoon he will be a guest of honor at the year service, when the board of regents will occupy the chapel platform. Dr. Thomas Lamb Elliot will deliver the Sunday message.

Loyalty of Citizen Is Made Issue in Charges Preferred

Martin Erlwein of Gold Hill may lose his citizenship as an American as result of charges filed today by United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys. Humphreys, acting on an affidavit submitted by V. W. Tomlinson, naturalization examiner, alleges that Erlwein remained loyal to Germany throughout the war.

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Robbers Get Away With Many Articles Stolen From Houses

While Mrs. J. E. Farrell was moving Wednesday from 604 Holly street to 661 East Taylor street, a watch was stolen from her belongings, according to a report made to the police. W. W. Robinson, 450 Stark street, found a motorometer stolen from his automobile while it was parked in the business section. W. B. Ruggles of 32 1/2 Third street, and William E. Rosenbloom, Grand Union hotel, reported revolvers stolen from their rooms. Francis Egan, 88 Berry terrace had his bicycle stolen from in front of his house. While Lloyd Snodgrass of 414 Market street was in the Panama restaurant Wednesday his gold watch was stolen from his coat pocket. E. R. Morris of 710 East Twenty-second street north discovered that two suits of clothes, an overcoat, raincoat, pair of shoes and hat had been stolen from his house when he arrived home from the Peninsula bank Wednesday. Mrs. L. T. Watkins of 979 Schuyler street reported her house entered February 13. A manhandling set, several pieces of jewelry and \$10 cash were stolen.

Eight in Portland Enter Examinations For Naval Academy

Eight Portland boys are competing for admission to the United States naval academy at Annapolis, to which two from the city are to be appointed this spring. They are in the order of their present grades: Carl Hughes Riggs, George Washington Evans, Franklin Augustus Struhecker, Waldmar Seton Jr., John Charles Ohm, Arthur H. Kribe, Robert Barber Alderman and Gordon Cecil Wilkinson.

Preliminary examinations were conducted by Principal J. F. Elton at the High School of Commerce recently, and a final examination will be held in April, from which two receiving the highest grades will be sent to Annapolis.

Preliminary examination was also taken by Francis Hartt and John Franklin Clark, who have previously received appointments, to Annapolis and West Point, respectively.

Portland Chapter Of Fire Protective Association Formed

A local chapter of the National Fire Protective association was organized Wednesday night at a meeting of the Portland Credit Men's association in the main dining room of the Chamber of Commerce. C. A. Bigelow was chosen president of the new organization, and more than one hundred business and professional men are charter members. Besides President Bigelow officers of the association are: S. L. Eddy and J. W. Ganong, vice-presidents; and L. A. Weston, secretary. Treasurer, Eddy is president and presided at the meeting Wednesday night.

Arrest Girl Missing From Home

Katherine Maul, 14, and George Hillard, 22, were arrested at the Union station Wednesday night by Mrs. G. Kinsey of the women's protective bureau. The girl has been missing from her home since Friday.

W. R. Swittie Disappears

W. E. Pitts, landlord at the Norene apartments, informed the police this morning that W. R. Swittie has been missing from his room since February 10.

Silk Shirt Demand Is Gaining Ground; Orders Piling Up

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 19.—"Our company has orders for 13,000,000 of shirts for the spring trade and 50 per cent of this is for silk shirts," said Louis B. Time of New York today, at the convention of the Ohio Retail Clothiers' and Furnishers' association.

There never has been such a craze for silk shirts. Many of the other kinds will have silk stripes. The workman, earning higher wages than ever before, has taken to wearing silk shirts, but wealthy men don't. They know that cheaper weaves give better service. Next year silk shirts will be \$20 to \$25 or even higher."

Umapine Girl Dies

Freeewater, Feb. 19.—Ellen Rayfield Willey, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Willey of Umapine, died Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. Travis Jones of Walla Walla, after an illness of two months, first from influenza and later rheumatism.

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