

ORIENTAL TRADE IS ATTRACTIVE, SAY AD CLUB SPEAKERS

"Send your livestock men to the Orient or you won't get the business of the Orient."—Captain A. H. Killman, master of the Wawilona.

"There is no more attractive trade field in the world or one with greater possibilities."—Captain Lyons, master of the Coaxet.

"We haven't the real 'port spirit' here because our people are not educated to maritime affairs."—A. C. Callan.

"Will Portland be alive to the situation and display the necessary energy to place before delegates to the national trade convention in San Francisco the advantages of the Port of Portland, or will they continue their silence and permit competitors to take business away from the port that rightly belongs to the Columbia river?"—M. H. Houser, president of the Port of Portland.

Foreign trade questions occupied Ad club attention at the Wednesday noon meeting in the Benson hotel. Speakers urged that Portland trade interests gain that familiarity with market and shipping conditions which is essential to success in the carrying and operation of trans-oceanic lines.

"We carried a dynamo to China on our last trip," related Captain Lyons. "It was made by one of the best manufacturers in this country. But it was so flimsily packed that parts were lost or damaged. When we unloaded it, the dynamo had only started on its trip. We placed it on a native boat alongside an English piece of machinery which was packed so securely it couldn't be damaged. The contrast indicated one of the most important things to learn if we are to build foreign trade."

Callan added argument for Portland participation in the national foreign trade convention, which will be held in San Francisco, May 12-15, to that of a written message sent by Houser. But his proposal for a prize contest, which the Ad club immediately agreed to conduct, awakened the greatest interest. It gave all the school children of Portland a chance to carve a model of a ship and win one of the prizes into which \$250 will be divided.

"We also ask the Ad club to induce the school board to direct the teachers in geography to take as an illustration a ship sailing from Portland to the Orient or some other foreign port and trace that ship from port to port. This will bring the question of shipping and ships into the homes," said Mr. Callan. The contest will be in charge of a committee headed by R. L. Yoke.

VANDERVEER BALKS UNTIL SOLDIERS GO

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planation in regard to the troops, Prosecutor Herman Allen of Lewis county was non-committal. The information in his possession about radical activities, he said, had been put up to the governor, with recommendations that the soldiers be sent.

The arrangement was made, he asserted, as a result of a brief telephone statement. The information that Allen had acted on, while confidential, he declared, covered a period of several weeks and had come from a number of unconnected sources. Prosecutor Abel said, after Allen had concluded.

Vanderveer also endeavored to force the removal of Ballif Jackson, who has been under fire for several days, but this was refused by justice Wilson. He was supplied with information by the defense to show that the balliff, who is one of the four in charge of the jury, was biased.

TOLD IN PRIVACY

Vanderveer said his information in regard to Jackson came from private sources which he refused to divulge, but intimated that the balliff was accused of being aligned with the prosecution, and of talking with the jurors.

When the defense attorney attempted to argue the matter with the court, Judge Wilson "sat" on him harder than had previously occurred in the trial.

"Your honor is not angry?" inquired Vanderveer solicitously.

"Not at all, sir," roared the judge, "but I command you to keep silent until I have ruled."

Characterizing the presence of soldiers as something akin to a drumhead court martial, the defense attorney, when court opened this morning, demanded their removal from the city, or at least from any connection with the case, or he would withdraw.

SHERIFF NOT CONSULTED

The sheriff of Grays Harbor county had not called for troops, and had not even been consulted, Vanderveer asserted, although it was clearly the law that the sheriff should be the only one to take such action.

"Sheriff Bartlett says there is no need for the soldiers, and not the slightest occasion for their coming," said the attorney.

The governor's secretary and other state officers concurred in this belief, he added. The proceeding was characterized as ridiculous, casting shame on the community. The court was reminded that Prosecutor Herman Allen was not a peace officer of Grays Harbor county.

but a litigant at the bar, the same as counsel for the defense.

"If troops are not needed here to preserve peace, then why are they here?" asked Vanderveer. "There is only one possible answer."

CONVICTION IS ALLEGED

"The jurors are bound to see the soldiers and hear the bugle calls, and can draw only one possible conclusion." The attorney expressed the opinion that the Avila county prosecutor should be cited for contempt of court.

The Aberdeen World, one of the newspapers that came under much censure from the defense when the jury was being drawn and when charges of prejudice in this county were being preferred in a statement this morning.

The World had an editorial Wednesday night questioning the policy of bringing soldiers here.

"I respect the man who wrote that editorial, even though we do differ on social questions," Vanderveer said.

The attorney concluded with a request that Judge Wilson at once ask the governor to remove the soldiers.

TESTIMONY IS RESUMED

With arguments over the soldiers and the balliff concluded, the jury was brought into the courtroom and testimony for the defense was resumed.

Starting to build up his theory of insanity for the defendant, Loren Roberts, Vanderveer called Attorney Ralph S. Pierce, who was the first attorney to represent the defendants following the affair at Centralia, together with Britt Smith and Bert Bland, two other attorneys who have been in contact with Roberts from time to time.

Mrs. Edna Roberts, mother of the defendant, was summoned to the stand at 12 o'clock, but will not testify until this afternoon.

Previously more evidence leading to establish an alibi for Eugene Barnett, who is accused of shooting from the Avila hotel, was produced and among the witnesses was Mrs. Barnett.

The latter, when called, came from where the group of defendants' relatives have been sitting inside the rail, back of the prisoners, and left her 2-year-old son with her husband on the prisoner's bench. There the youngster sat and talked, occasionally loud enough to be heard over the courtroom, while the mother discoursed on more serious subjects from the witness stand.

CAUTIONED AGAINST RIFLE

Mrs. Barnett told principally of events following the shooting, of the return of her husband from Centralia and of refusing to allow him to return that night with his rifle. She would have given to town with him that day, she said, but clothes for the baby and herself were not ready.

Testimony as to the arrest of Barnett by the police was given.

"Why did he go to the woods?" asked Vanderveer.

"Because he had a 'red card,'" said Mrs. Barnett, "and they were getting tired of him. I would not let him take a chance."

On cross examination, Mrs. Barnett said George Williams, of Montana, had given her money to live on, but he had not taken her as to the testimony to be given on the witness stand. Vanderveer had also given her money, she said, but had done no more.

PIERCE TESTIFIES

Pierce was next called. He said he was formerly corporation counsel for the city of Seattle and had been employed by the I. W. W. for one and a half years. He was asked by Vanderveer if, in beginning his investigations shortly after Armistice day, he was met at the train in Chehalis by armed American Legionnaires and not allowed to leave the train in Chehalis. Prosecution objected and he could not answer.

Pierce said Roberts had refused to retain him as an attorney, the defendants saying he had told the prosecutors he had killed a man, but that was a lie. Roberts said he guessed they had framed on him, Pierce asserted.

The attorney told of Roberts' hallucinations, that while confined one night in the Centralia city jail, he overheard two guards talking under his cell windows at intervals throughout the night. They discussed the defendants, that one Roberts had been arrested during the day, that he ought to be hanged and probably would be, and that he had promised to "come through" in the morning with his confession.

Roberts insisted the statement he gave at Olympia was false, Pierce averred.

In the court room here one day, during the progress of the trial, Roberts came to him, Pierce said, and asked that he take care of his (Roberts') case, because he wasn't satisfied with the way it was being handled.

NEVER SAW STATEMENT

On cross examination, Pierce admitted he knew nothing of the details of the Roberts statement, which was made in the presence of his mother and sister at Olympia.

Britt Smith was next called. He said he was 27 years old. Roberts had asked him, while they were in jail together, if Vanderveer was not really Colonel Disque, chief of the division of spruce production during the war. Roberts had also narrated details of his funeral, with a funeral march played in front of his door and of his burial one night, Smith testified.

Roberts had called his mother an unmentionable name, Smith said, and said she ought also to be in jail.

Bert Bland, when called to the stand, said he had known Roberts two years. Roberts, during imprisonment pending the trial, had told him, Bland testified, of a "machine" in his cell that kept

saying that he was guilty, that he had killed a man and so on, the constant repetition driving him insane.

BITTER TOWARD VANDERVEER

Roberts' attitude towards Vanderveer, Bland said, was very bitter. He believed the attorney to be Colonel Disque, the witness averred, and said he had "sworn" to kill him here to represent us fellows." Ralph Pierce, Roberts believed, was Vanderveer, Bland said, and during the progress of the syndicalism cases in the adjoining courtroom, which Pierce tried for the defendants, Roberts frequently observed that "Vanderveer would soon be here."

NO TROUBLE IN SIGHT

The village policeman hovered along the doorways, the owls hooted in the timber and the usual pack of stray dogs and cats made merry along the main street. From in front of the main business building one could hear the nightly serenade of a million frogs.

These were the only sounds to disturb the nocturnal vigil of the United States soldiers who guarded Grays Harbor county courthouse and the 10 defendants in the Centralia murder trial Wednesday night. Since the trial began there has not been a single arrest in the city for disorderliness and only seven other prisoners have been taken into custody by the county officers. Some of these have been alleged members of the I. W. W., according to Sheriff Jeff Bartlett, but their actions incited no alarm.

Officers accompanying the soldiers here from Camp Lewis have no comment to make on the situation. "We have been ordered here to assist the civilian authorities, and will do whatever is necessary," they say.

ALLEGED THREAT RECEIVED BY OAKLAND LEGION POST

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 26.—(I. N. S.)—A death threat was received at headquarters of the local American Legion post yesterday, it became known this morning. The letter, which was received by Police Captain Walter E. Peterson, who is president of the post, follows:

"If the American Legion's Oakland branch offers aid to the prosecution in the Centralia affair, or continues its attempts to intimidate radicals, we will blow up its headquarters, and you with it."

McNutt, as president and manager of the Portland Film Producing company, organized the Columbia Film corporation, incorporated at \$50,000, and said the film was partially made to the Columbia concern for \$20,000, it is alleged. In payment 200 shares of stock in the new concern were issued, of which McNutt was said to have received 187.

ALLEGED LADY KILLER SUE FOR DIVORCE; CRUEL, WIFE SAYS

In her complaint for divorce filed this morning in the circuit court, Ethel E. Atchison alleges that Earl C. Atchison, who she married in 1917, was a "lady killer," and that he even took her to public dance halls and pointed out his victims. Moreover, she states, although he was able-bodied and a boilermaker by trade, he compelled her to support him and was continually beating her and calling her vile names.

Elsie L. Biddle stays away from home nights and goes to public dances, according to the divorce complaint of E. L. Biddle. They were married May 18, 1919. Rose V. Brookman and Clyde E. Brookman were married in December, 1914, and one year later he deserted her. It was stated in her complaint for divorce.

CITY DYE WORKS SUE FOR ALLEGED INJURIES TO BOY

Paul Emerson Noble, manager of the Liberty theatre, this morning filed two suits for damages in the circuit court against Enke's City Dye works for injuries received by his year-old son when struck by one of the company's automobiles. The suits ask for \$10,000 personal damages and \$500 for doctor's bills and medicine.

According to the complaint, Paul Jr. was riding his tricycle on Eighteenth street, between Lovejoy and Marshall, when he was struck by an automobile driven by J. W. Martin, an employee of the dye works.

Ten Divorce Suits Started

To make up for lack of activity Monday, which was a legal holiday, 10 suits for divorce were filed in the circuit court Tuesday. Those who seek to sever marital ties are: Clara Waring from Francis P. Waring; Christie E. Tuthill from Clyde J. Tuthill; Jeannette A. Tyner from W. P. Tyner; Helen M. Blackburn from Edwin C. Blackburn; Robert de

Humphreys Has Long Talk With Houser; Inquiry Extensive

Max H. Houser, accused by the federal grand jury at Spokane of making enormous profits through manipulation of wheat, today was closeted several hours with United States Attorney Lester Humphreys, who is conducting an investigation.

Humphreys declares the volume of testimony yet to be heard is immense. He will not be finished this week and probably not by the end of next week, he declares.

School of Commerce Grants B. A. Degree To Lieut. Pearson

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 26.—Lieutenant Alex Pearson Jr., a member of the class of 1917 was granted a B. A. degree from the school of commerce Wednesday. Lieutenant Pearson joined the army in 1917. He is still in the service, and is visiting his parents in Portland.

Pearson was one of the pilots who made the transcontinental flight in army planes last fall. He attended flying school at San Diego. After being assigned to different camps about the United States, he was finally sent to Wilbur Wright field as an instructor.

In the transcontinental flight Pearson piloted one of the planes which was among the first making the round trip. He was caught in a snow storm while crossing Wyoming.

He is at present attached to the forces doing guard duty on the Mexican border. He pilots one of the planes which make the transcontinental flight at periodical intervals on scout duty.

AMATEUR SCREEN ACTRESS IS CHIEF STATE'S WITNESS

A constellation of amateur motion picture actors flitted into Judge Stapleton's court room this morning at the opening of the third day of the trial of L. S. McNutt, film producer, charged with a mild form of arson.

Stella Adkins, pretty state's witness, testified that for the privilege of acting in McNutt's productions from December, 1918, until June, 1919, she had paid him \$50. During all that time, she stated, she had received no remuneration.

McNutt was president of the Portland Film Production company, which, through representing itself as a motion picture school, secured the services of some 25 or 30 local actors. The students paid \$50 each for the instruction and, according to the terms of their contracts, they were to receive 50 per cent of the profits from sale of the film. Two films were partially made, which, according to the state, were worthless.

On July 28, \$10,000 insurance was taken out by McNutt on the films and studio equipment, and on the night of August 6 the films were mysteriously burned. The grand jury returned an indictment against McNutt.

Two pictures, "The Awakening of Hickville" and "Letha Moran," were partially produced. Miss Adkins stated that she never knew which film she was working in, and that in her opinion both were not usable because of faulty directing.

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MASTER BUILDERS OF NORTHWEST IN CONVENTION HERE

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Responses were made by D. L. Thacker of Yakima, Wash.; S. C. Erickson, Tacoma, Charles W. Carkeek, Seattle, S. G. Morin, Spokane, and Nels M. Eversley, Bozeman, Mont. In spite of the high costs of building materials and steadily advancing wage scales, speakers were optimistic as to the future and pointed to splendid records made during the year as evidence that building in 1920 will surpass all previous records.

BUILDING FAR BEHIND

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Great appreciation of the whole affair was shown. Few men who could possibly attend the jinks were absent, and, aside from the mere fact of listening to what the entertainers had to offer, the evening was seized upon as a good chance for a general movement to get acquainted, resulting in the dealers from down-state getting on intimate and friendly terms with those from the other side of the river, while the men from Bend and Pendleton swapped stories and compared notes with those from Marshfield and Astoria. The success of the show, both in the Ice Palace and in the Armory, called for a campaign of mutual congratulation.

M. O. Wilkins, manager of the show, speaking of the showing made by the industry this week, said the results Wednesday, both in attendance and cash taken in, were far in advance of those of last year on the same day, with the prospect of continuing enthusiasm all week. Dealers are making sales steadily, the demand is great, and people seem to be able, in spite of the great array of cars, to choose from the mass about what their needs and tastes require.

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Mrs. Will Is Victim of Pneumonia; Had Been Ill Only a Few Days

After an illness of 10 days, Hazel Walker, wife of Carl M. Will of the Pokes Supply company, died Wednesday night at the family home, 681 East Seventeenth street north. A severe cold developed suddenly into pneumonia, and death followed quickly.

Mrs. Will was for six years a teacher in the Portland public schools. She also taught in Pendleton, Albany and Corvallis. She was married to Carl M. Will in June, 1915. The surviving relatives are the husband, a son 15 months old, her parents, two sisters, Mrs. Frank H. Thompson of Portland and Mrs. Ruby Walker Horner of Corvallis and two brothers, Stanley and Theodore Walker.

Funeral services Friday at 3:30 from Finley's chapel. Dr. Pence of Westminster Presbyterian church will officiate and interment will be at Mount Scott.

Sylvester Edson Paddock

The funeral of Sylvester Edson Paddock, aged 80, who died in this city Sunday, was held today at 1 p. m. at the chapel of F. S. Dunning & Co., 414 East Alder street, the Rev. R. H. Sawyer officiating, and under the auspices of Mount Tabor lodge of Masons and Orient lodge of Odd Fellows. Paddock was a resident of Oregon for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Harriet Paddock, and five sons, H. H., A. M., O. L., W. W. and H. S. Paddock of this city.

Mrs. Lou Belle Bauer

Mrs. Lou Belle Bauer, wife of Arthur V. Bauer, died Monday in this city at the age of 30 years. She was a native of Missouri, and is survived by her husband, and by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wherritt, all of Portland. Funeral services will be held at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Fifth and Montgomery streets, Saturday at 10 a. m., and interment will be at the Portland crematorium.

J. H. Russell

Patrolman J. H. Russell of the second night relief died Tuesday night at his home, 484 East Harrison street. He suffered for over a month with grippe and pleurisy. Russell had been on the force for about three years. A widow and several children survive.

James Foster

James Foster, aged 50, 167 Nebraska street, died Wednesday. He was a member of Multnomah camp No. 77, Woodmen of the World, and is survived by a widow, Mrs. Dona Foster. Funeral services will be held under auspices of the W. O. W. Friday afternoon at 2:30, in the Finley chapel.

Marie Beatrice Duncan

The funeral of Marie Beatrice Duncan, aged 15, who died Wednesday, will be held from the Finley chapel Friday at 1 p. m.

Eastern Women Need Education ON BALLOT ISSUES

By Vella Winner

"Education and non-party are the two watchwords that I have brought home from the first conference of the League of Women Voters to guide the women of Oregon in their efforts to accomplish the things for which the league stands," said Mrs. C. B. Simmons, president of the Oregon Equal Suffrage Alliance, who returned Wednesday evening from Chicago, where she attended the fifty-first and final meeting of the National Equal Suffrage association and the first conference of the League of Women Voters.

"It is difficult for us women in the West, who have had the best of education, to appreciate the need for education of the women of other sections in the intelligent and constructive use of this great power."

"At no more critical time could the ballot be given to the hundreds of thousands of women who will vote at the next election for the first time in their lives."

"Party leaders and politicians are more zealous than ever and many are leaving nothing undone or unsaid to capture the votes of these unknown women. The great suffrage leaders, headed by Mrs. Catt, realizing this stressed at all times the necessity for giving attention first to the education of the new voters. 'Classes are already common in the East. I attended three lectures and only regretted I could not attend more. Between 300 and 400 were enrolled in this one class.'

"The board of directors will meet in Chicago in June during the Republican convention and will present the several bills which we hope to have incorporated in the platform of both parties, from there they will attend some West for a regional meeting and to attend the Democratic convention in San Francisco. I am hoping that the league will take on new life in the West before that time."

"Mrs. Simmons was chosen one of the 10 directors to manage the affairs of the league. She is one of the seven regional directors, her territory including Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Nevada. Before leaving Chicago the directors elected these officers: Honorary chairman, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt; chairman, Mrs. Maude Park Wood of Boston; secretary, Mrs. Solor Jacobus of Alabama; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Peru, Ind."

A meeting of women interested in hearing Mrs. Simmons' report of the convention is announced for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Central library. An organization meeting may be held later for a more detailed report.

HUNDREDS OF AUTO DEALERS AT JINKS