

COMMUNIST PARTY DEFUNCT, BELIEVES DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Conviction of Three Members Declared to Have Proved Aims Are For Overthrow of Government.

The Communist Labor party in Oregon is defunct, believes District Attorney Walter H. Evans.

Two of the former leaders of the party are in jail, convicted of criminal syndicalism, and facing prison sentences of from one to 10 years.

The party itself, by the verdict returned by the jury in Circuit Judge Morrow's court, Saturday, is convicted of advocating the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence.

Nearly a score of the former members of the party who were too busy agitating to take out citizenship papers are facing deportation from America as undesirable aliens.

SENTENCE IS AWAITED

Karl W. Oster, a native of America, his one "black spot," according to testimony, but a member of the Social Democrat party of Finland, and one-time state secretary of the Communist Labor party in Oregon, is lodged in the county jail bedecked with a flaming red scarf awaiting sentence from Judge Morrow on March 25.

With him is Claude Hurst former financial secretary of the local branch of the party. Both men are there in lieu of \$1000 bail. Fred Fry, middle-aged alien Englishman who once served in the national guard of Minnesota, is free under \$1000 bail, furnished in two equal parts to the state court and the immigration department.

The 18-day trial of the Communist Labor party ended at 11 o'clock Saturday morning when Richard Martin Jr., foreman of the jury, announced that the 12 members had reached a verdict. They had deliberated 14 hours.

PARTY ON TRIAL

It was the Communist Labor party, organized in the Throop street I. W. W. hall in Chicago in early September, which was on trial in Judge Morrow's court. After the first few days of legal battling the membership of the three defendants in the party was freely admitted by W. S. U'Fen, their counsel.

From then on the whole matter hinged on the aims and purposes of the party. In the words of the indictment, the men were charged with belonging to an organization which "advocated and affirmatively suggested criminal syndicalism, sabotage and the expediency of doing acts of force and violence for the accomplishment of industrial or political ends."

Although no stipulations were entered into, attorneys for both sides stated

clearly that the real issue of the case was whether or not the Communist Labor party through its platform, program and official organs advocated the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence.

VERDICT TELLS TALE
The verdict of the jury meant that in the minds of the 12 men selected to pass upon the case, the party did advocate such acts.

The dream of the Communists, as expressed in their official organs and platform, was for a "soviet" commonwealth modeled after that in Russia, where all rule should be by the proletariat.

"The Dictatorship of the Proletariat" was an oft-expressed dream of the members. The defense argued stoutly that that collection of words meant simply the rule by the majority, but Evans and Bernard blasted this theory many times.

Another expression in the platform that for the accomplishment of their aims, "the use of the ballot box was only secondary" was explained away by the defendants as meaning that the use of the ballot could not come until the workers had been educated.

EXPLANATION IS SCUTLED
"Mass action," the measure by which the workers were to "capture" the reins of government, also meant education according to the party members, but the district attorney scouted the explanation.

Undoubtedly the one most important factor in determining the guilt of the defendants was a letter, produced by the state, in which was written in December by Oster to A. Wagenknecht, executive secretary of the society at the New York headquarters.

Oster first told how he had been arrested by a couple of federal "dicks" and taken to the federal building. There, he wrote, "he wasted a couple of hours whitewashing our platform and program until they had an appearance very kindred to an ordinary edition of the 'Youths' Companion.'"

The state forcibly brought out the fact that the men were probably attempting to "whitewash" their actions to the jury, and the statements of the district attorneys made visible effect.

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LAWYER TRIAL TO BE STORM CENTER IN I. W. W. CASES

Prosecution and Defense Plan For Long Drawn Out Litigation Involving Criminal Syndicalism

Joseph Laundry, said by the state to be an organizer of the I. W. W., an active participant in the Communist Labor party, and a former member in high standing of the defunct Soldiers, Sailors' and Workmen's council—the local "soviet"—and a general trouble maker, will face a jury Monday morning.

He will be tried on the indictment charging him with being a member of the I. W. W., an organization advocating the doctrine of criminal syndicalism, in the words of the charge against him.

George F. Vanderveer, who has just finished the defense of the Centralia I. W. W. found guilty of the Armistice day massacre, will conduct Laundry's defense.

DEFENDED HAYWOOD

Vanderveer also conducted the defense for "Big Bill" Haywood, I. W. W. leader, who was convicted in Chicago, and taken to the federal building. There, he wrote, "he wasted a couple of hours whitewashing our platform and program until they had an appearance very kindred to an ordinary edition of the 'Youths' Companion.'"

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I. O. O. F. Clock to Chime Again Veteran Once Regulated City

The old Odd Fellow's clock is to chime again. Its sounds guided the people of the town for many years after it was placed in the pretentious tower on the I. O. O. F. temple at First and Alder street, shortly after the erection of the building in 1863. Then the clock tower was seen for miles and modern skyscrapers did not interfere with the vision. In fact the temple was for 20 years the city's nearest approach to a skyscraper.

Children whose sharp eyes could read its hands a mile away grew into manhood and womanhood before its gilded hands grew dingy and the Roman numerals became dim. In old days mothers listened for its chimes to get up for breakfast, and fathers for getting to work. Children were warned to come in from play before it struck 9 in the evening, and lovers were sternly ordered at 11 p. m. by the I. O. O. F. clock to part without any further "spooning."

The veteran members of a thousand exemplifications of the parable of the Good Samaritan missed its chimes a few years back. It had become little practical use. Business rushed past and the grinding of the trolley cars drowned its sounding. It was almost as if it were and the storms washed to faintness the

business district of Linnton is still asking for a proper sidewalk. The two governing bodies over which was to do the work.

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"THE GONDOLIERS" IS SUNG EXCELLENTLY BY GALLO COMPANY

Opera Is Characteristically Sullivan With Piquant Touch of Spanish Music Added.

"The Gondoliers," one of the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas, was sung at the Heitler Saturday night by the Gallo English Opera company and the audience received it with much acclaim.

"The Gondoliers" is not nearly as well known as are "The Mikado," "H. M. S. Pinafore" or "The Pirates of Penzance," but this may be due to the fact that it presents more difficulties, both vocally and histrionically, and hence does not lend itself to production by amateur or professional companies of mediocre ability.

The Gallo artists put it over in great style, as they did all of the other works presented during the season of five performances.

It was the third time that the Gallo company sang "The Gondoliers" since they started out on the road from New York last fall, but this notwithstanding, it went with a vim and smoothness altogether new to the company.

Perhaps the most delightful bit of music in the entire opera is the humor solo in the second act in which J. Humboldt Duffey again covered himself with glory.

Jefferson De Angelis in the comedy role of Don Alhambra De Bolero, Grand Inquisitor, again demonstrated great versatility as funmaker and had the crowd laughing whenever he appeared. There is much clever humor in "The Gondoliers."

The scene is laid in Venice and here and there the composer has thrown in a bit of Spanish music which adds a pleasant flavor to the otherwise strictly characteristic Sullivan music. One of the features that met with keen appreciation was the Spanish dance by the chorus.

The company left for San Francisco early this morning, everybody pleased with the success in Portland. All of the performances were generously patronized, capacity houses being recorded on nearly every night.

This, it is expected, will mean that Portland will probably have a still longer season next year.

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HOTEL GIRLS PLACED ON MEMBERSHIP ROLL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Invitations Extended to Employees of Many Restaurants to Join in Great Movement.

Richard W. Price, proprietor of the Hotel Mallory and president of the Oregon Hotel Men's association, sent a check for \$53 to Community service Saturday, with the following note: "I have been investigating Community service and I have become such a thorough convert to it that I am taking out a membership for each of the 53 young women employed at the Mallory. I wish every other employer in Portland would do the same thing. I am sure they would find it one of the best investments they have ever made."

The Caterers' association asked for speakers on Community service at their meeting last week and J. H. Joyce, chairman of the finance committee, and Miss Kathleen Cockburn, head of the girls' department, spoke when they finished. Miss Cockburn was invited to speak before the girls employed in the following restaurants: The Pollyanna, Panama, Cappa, and St. Nicholas. These places will be visited this week and the girls invited to join the Community Service Girls' club and take advantage of the free social and recreational classes which it provides.

Miss Cockburn will also speak to the girls in the telephone office and the girls in the office of the Standard Oil company. In response to an invitation from Liebes & Co., she organized a group there Thursday. A large community gathering will be held one evening this week at the Chapman school

with a community sing and address by Miss Cockburn and Gail E. Shadler, head of the men's work. Dow Walker, a member of the board of directors, is chairman of a committee to interview the city officials with a view to putting on a program of baseball and other athletics in various parks, playgrounds, ball grounds and vacant lots. He will also take up with the school officials the matter of their cooperation with a home play week program and backyard playgrounds for children of pre-school age.

When three college presidents visit a presidentless college in one week, students have reason to be suspicious. Announcements on the bulletin board at Reed college indicate that visitors on the Reed campus include a trio of prominent educators in the week beginning last Friday. At that time Dr. E. C. Sisson of the University of Montana spent a day. This afternoon Dr. Ernest M. Hopkins, president of Dartmouth college, will be a speaker, and Tuesday President William Allen Neilson of Smith college will visit the campus. Students began to ask, "Which one of the three will be next president of Reed?"

According to James B. Kerr, member of the board of regents, there is no foundation for the students' speculations. The influx of presidents "just happened." Dr. Sisson has been a frequent visitor at Reed since becoming president of the Montana university, and Neilson and Hopkins are meeting speaking engagements on extended tours.

Dr. Hopkins will speak at Reed Tuesday at 4 p. m. today, Bishop Sumner introducing him.

Educators to Meet
Spokane, Wash., March 20.—More than 4000 educators from the four Northwestern states are expected to gather in

Spokane to attend the Inland Empire Teachers' association, to be held at the Lewis & Clark high school March 21, April 1 and 2.

Sanitarium Site Chosen
Spokane, Wash., March 20.—One of the tuberculosis sanitariums to be erected by Idaho will be built at Sunnyside, near Sandpoint, according to Dr. Floyd G. Wendle of Sandpoint, a member of the state board.

Students Speculate On Presence of Big Educators at Reed

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