

HOT FIGHT LOOMS ON BANK CHARTER

Salem, May 4.—If the state banking board upholds the decision of Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, in refusing to grant a charter to the proposed Citizens' bank at The Dalles, mandamus proceedings will be instituted to compel the issuance of the charter, and the case will be fought to the highest court, if necessary.

This was the statement made by George Joseph, Portland attorney, representing the stockholders of the proposed new bank at a hearing before the state banking board, to which the application for a charter has been appealed after Bennett had refused to grant one.

APPEAL IS ADVISED
The appeal was taken under advisement by the state board, consisting of Governor Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff. A decision will be rendered before May 10, it was stated.

Joseph characterized Bennett's refusal to comply with the request for charter as an arbitrary exercise of legislative power not contemplated under the state law and which the legislature could not delegate to an official.

Bennett, in explaining his position, characterized the organization of the new bank—the fourth for The Dalles—as prompted by spite work and jealousy and not justified by business conditions.

SAYS RULING IS INFLUENCED
Joseph, taking exception to Bennett's stand, declared that the state superintendent of banks had evidently been "influenced" in his decision, and insisted that his position displayed partiality to the Portland men who are backing the third bank now opening for business in The Dalles.

The demand for the Citizens' bank, he explained, was simply a spontaneous uprising on the part of the people of The Dalles who "would not stand" for any arbitrary dismissal of their request for a state charter.

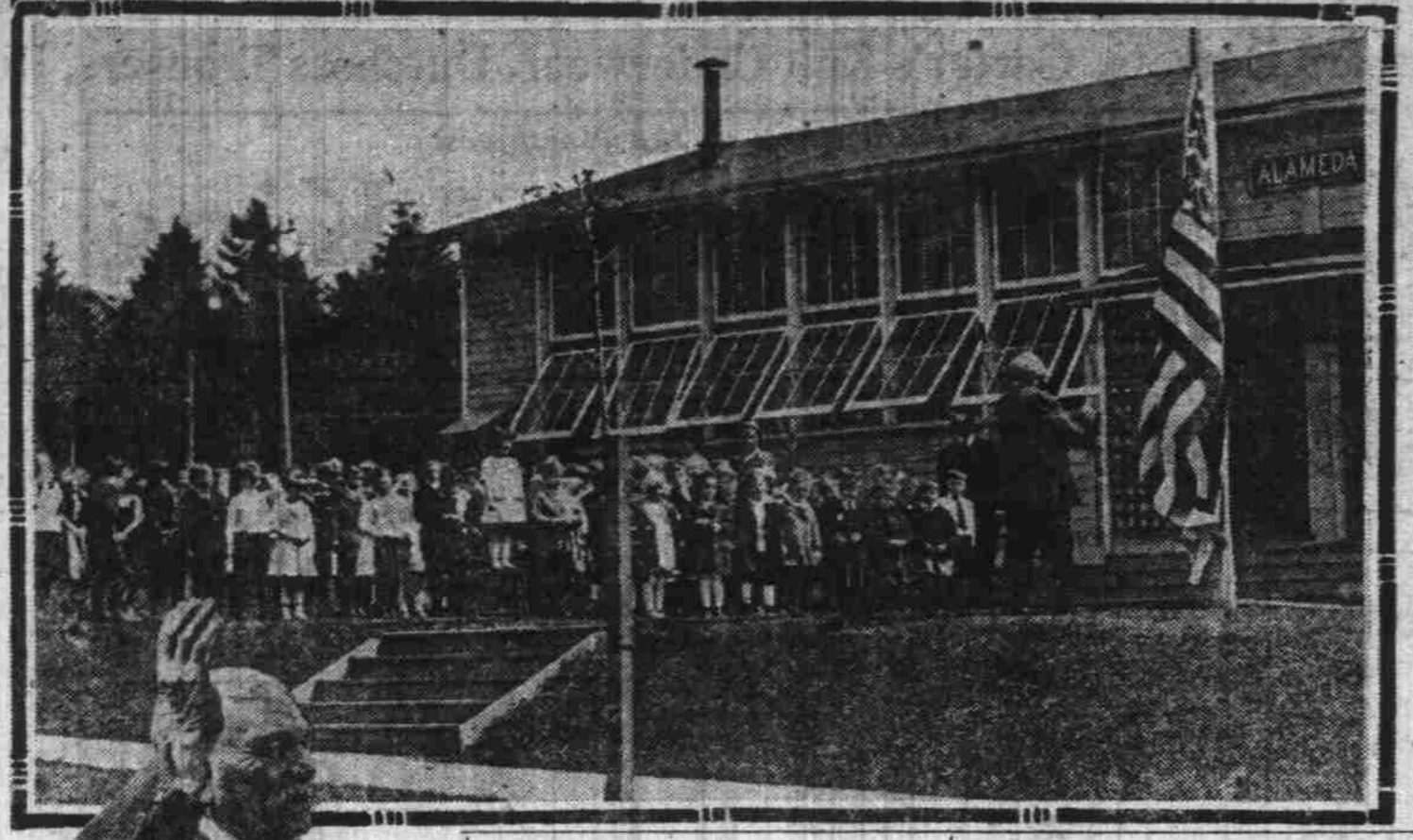
Stockholders of the proposed new bank attending the hearing Tuesday were P. J. Stadlerman, H. L. Kuck, Dr. John A. Reuter, Thomas Brogan, John A. Heimrick, R. C. Bradshaw, Garfield Morris and Dr. B. C. Olinger.

Banks Inclined to Discourage Paving

Salem, May 5.—Street paving, under present high prices of material and the demoralized condition of the bond market, is being discouraged by Salem bankers, according to a report of the finance committee of the city council, presented at the monthly meeting Monday night. While the banks have not refused to finance paving projects in the event the city decides to proceed with such improvements, it was explained, they are inclined to discourage paving at this time as unwise and unprofitable.

Gillnetter Fined \$50
Astoria, May 5.—Pleading guilty to having his net in the water near Knappa about nine hours before the opening of the fishing season Saturday, George Carlson, a gillnetter, was fined \$50 and costs Monday in the justice court.

ALAMEDA SCHOOL REARS HUGE FLAG



Above—Ceremony of raising American banner to peak of pole at school in Rose City Park district. Below—M. S. Pratt, who delivered lecture on American ideals and patriotism.

Pupils of the Alameda school participated Monday morning in the raising of the American flag on the school grounds, the ceremony being featured by a stirring address on patriotism and American ideals by M. S. Pratt. Believing that the place to prevent future waves of anti-Americanism is in the schools, the board of education is encouraging all activities that will give the pupils a clearer insight into the

ideals of this nation and the forces that are opposed to them. Similar addresses will be given from time to time at other schools of the Portland district.

Sheriff Seeking to Draw Net Around Holdup Suspects

Corvallis, May 5.—James Arnold and Fred Williams, arrested on the charge of holding up Virgil Keyt, are said to have confessed to enough to warrant the sheriff in holding them. They admitted, the sheriff said, that they had used the car, which they said they found at Junction City, and told how they had tried to get away with it further south, but that on account of a leak in the radiator they were forced to stop at Junction City, where they intended to take the southbound freight train when they were discovered by the trainmen.

While being brought back to Corvallis along the road they had traveled in the Keyt car, they showed their familiarity with the place where they had held Keyt up and robbed him. The money and a knife belonging to Keyt were found in their possession. They were both armed with revolvers and are in jail here awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Oregon Soldier Dies From Being Gassed

Marshfield, May 5.—Joseph Kulju, aged 24, son of Solomon Kulju, a rancher of Lakeside, died at Mercy hospital in North Bend Tuesday, as the result of being gassed while at the

front in France. He was on the list of totally disabled and had been looked after at the hospital. He served in the United States army aviation corps as a machinist and had made a number of flights and fell several times.

Grand Jury Report Expected Thursday On State Treasurer

Salem, May 5.—Inability of the Marion county grand jury to complete its deliberations over the testimony submitted in the investigation of the conduct of the state treasury department by State Treasurer O. P. Hoff will make it impossible to submit the report today, as was predicted at the time the jury recessed Saturday noon.

It is expected, however, that the report will be ready for presentation Thursday morning. The grand jury, which was reconvened today, will devote its time to the consideration of another case, it was explained.

Bankers Leave for McMinnville Meeting

Thirty members of the Portland Clearing House association left this morning for McMinnville to attend the quarterly conference of group No. 1 of the Oregon State Bankers' association. The group includes all member banks in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties. Several Portland bankers, including Robert E. Smith, president of the Title & Trust company, and E. G. Crawford, vice president of the U. S. National bank, are on the program for addresses.

4th Husband Leaves Yankee Girl Fortune Worth Six Millions

London, May 5.—(I. N. S.)—The Duchess of Oporto has inherited \$6,000,000 from the estate of her late husband, the duke, it was learned today. The duchess is the former Mrs. Philip Van Valkenburg of New York. The duke died last February.

The Duchess of Oporto has had a picturesque career, both in the United States and abroad. Coming originally from Illinois, she married Lee Agnew of Chicago, whom she soon divorced. She came to New York in 1906, where she married William Hays Chapman, an aged multimillionaire, then 76 years old. He died soon afterward, leaving her a fortune of \$20,000,000. Later she married Philip Van Valkenburg and was divorced from him in Putnam county, Connecticut, in February, 1914. She charged desertion.

Tiring of this country, she went abroad and met the Duke of Oporto, whom she married in Italy in September, 1917.

West to Get \$1000 Offer for Services

Marshfield, May 5.—Oswald West, former governor of Oregon, will be offered \$1000 by the county court in settlement of his claim of something over \$15,000, which he presented as charges for his services in collecting the back taxes due the county on grant lands from the federal government. The \$1000 is in addition to \$400 which he was previously paid. The county court con-

Americanization to Be Discussed Monday

The second Americanization meeting will be held in Central library hall Monday, addressed by Dr. Ralph P. Boas of Reed college on "Radicalism and What Americans Can Do About It." At last Monday's meeting short talks were given by Miss Zulema Kostomlatzky, acting librarian; J. B. Dinsdale of the Y. M. C. A. and H. L. Langoe, managing editor of the Northman. Mrs. Lee Davernport presided.

Hoefler Explains Why He Sues Son

That he is merely trying to protect his copyright and trade name is the explanation of H. R. Hoefler, Astoria candy manufacturer, concerning a suit filed in San Francisco to restrain his son from infringement of copyright. Hoefler says he is not objecting to his son making candy but he does insist his cartons and name be not imitated.

Salem Men Injured In Collision
Salem, May 5.—J. Bosenko suffered a broken arm and severe body bruises, Vernon Tuler was badly cut about the right hand and leg and W. J. Porter was cut about the face by flying glass when an automobile and a delivery truck collided. Bosenko was taken to a hospital for treatment.

McNary Is Opposed To Forest Patrol In Private Hands

Opposition to the proposal of the Oregon Forest Fire association, Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and Oregon Aero club for the maintenance of airplane forest patrol by the Oregon-Washington-Idaho Airplane company under contract with the government has been expressed by Senator Charles L. McNary, to whom was sent a copy of the Nugent telegram.

"Air patrol amendment referred to in army reorganization bill now with conference," reads the message received by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. "Your suggestion comes too late to be considered in connection with that legislation. In discussion of amendment, the idea obtained that this work would supply experience for the government agencies, and there is much opposition here to any effort to place work of patrol in private hands. My amendment to agriculture bill, providing for appropriation of \$60,000, it is thought will be sufficient to carry on this work under the supervision of governmental agencies."

Members of the Kiwanis club Tuesday, upon the statement by C. S. Chapman that airplane patrol was doctored for Oregon unless the citizens get back of the movement, dispatched telegrams to Washington representatives, urging airplane forest protection.

S. D. Y. Stafford Dies
Marshfield, May 5.—Mrs. D. Y. Stafford, wife of a Marshfield business man, died at her home here Tuesday, aged 40. The body will be taken to Decatur, Ill., her former home, for burial.

Japan Throws Ring Of Soldiers Around Korean Districts

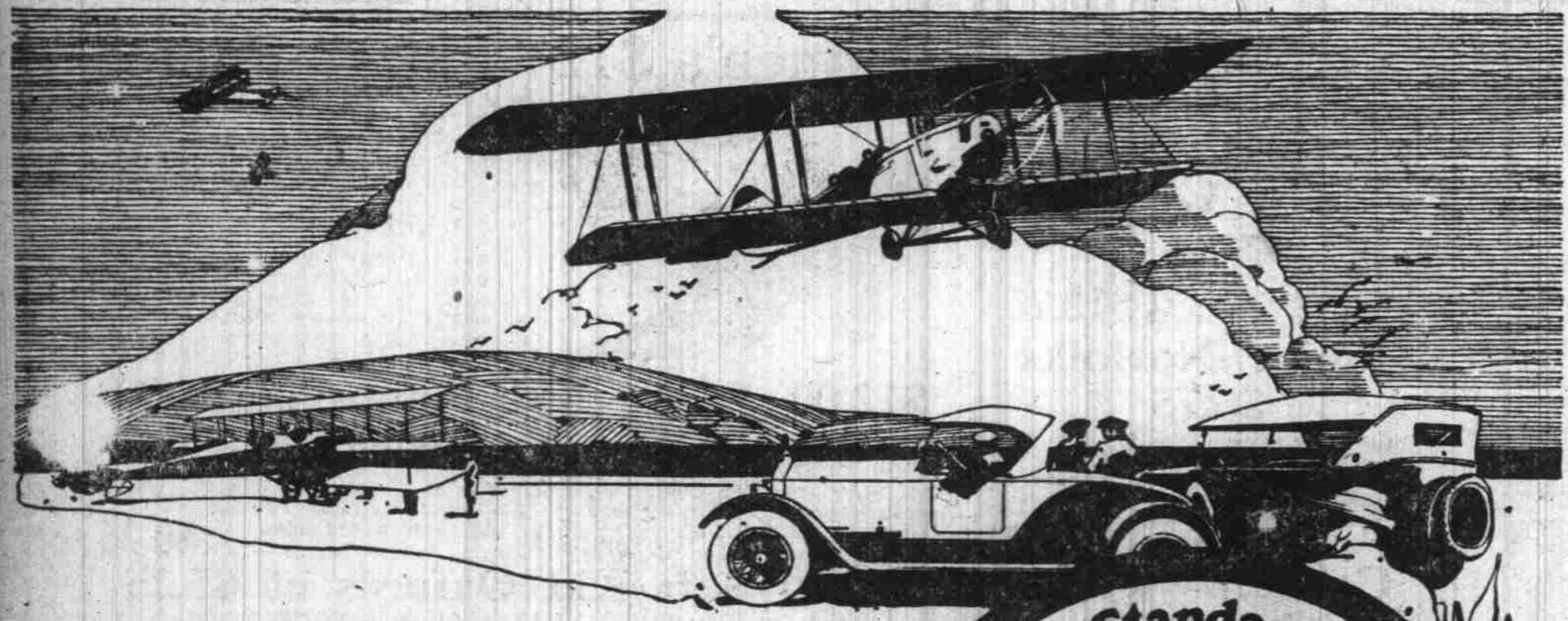
Tokio, April 30.—(Delayed.)—(U. P.)—A strong cordon of Japanese troops has been thrown around Korean districts affected by the attack of Korean rebels who invaded many villages recently, according to a home office statement issued today.

The rebels gathered their forces outside the Korean border and moved to the attack of isolated regions. The attacks, which began two weeks ago, have continued constantly.

Teachers Lured by Increased Salaries

Corvallis, May 5.—The school board of Corvallis is making an effort to prevent an exodus of teachers from the high school to Washington, where higher salaries are being offered. Three of the teachers are on the point of leaving at the close of the present school year and to meet an offer from the school board at Raymond, Wash., made to Miss Helen Hand, supervisor of music here, the board has offered her an increase of \$10 per month.

Seven-Cent Fare Asked
Seattle, May 5.—(U. P.)—Permission to adopt a 7 cent fare was asked of the public service commission by the Seattle & Rainier Valley Railroad company yesterday. The fare is now 8 cents. The company is the municipal railway's only local rival.



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