

HEALY BROTHERS ARE EXONERATED OF BLAME IN FIRE

A coroner's jury Wednesday evening decided that Healy Bros. are not criminally liable for blocking fire escapes in the building they and others occupied at Thirteenth and Hoyt streets. The structure was partially destroyed by fire Tuesday and caused the death through suffocation of John Kampf, elderly cabinet maker.

"There is no doubt that the windows leading to the two fire escapes on the fourth floor were blocked by merchandise," the jury report says, "and we believe the management should be censured for permitting this condition to exist."

Of John Kampf, suffocated in the smoke from the fire, the jury report says: "His devotion to the interests of his employers was responsible for his death. He no doubt was overcome when trying to reach the elevator to leave the place."

Will A. Healy, head of the company, explained today that the furniture which was found blocking the fire escape had been stored on a balcony over the windows. When the supports burned away, this balcony fell, dropping its contents in front of the exits. Records of the fire marshal's office showed that all suggestions made during previous fire inspections had been complied with.

The company is accepting orders and making normal deliveries and there will be no break in the continuity of their business. This is due to the cooperation of furniture manufacturers and jobbers of Portland, who have offered Healy Bros. the privilege of filling bills from their stocks. In addition the firm has three cars of goods in the local yards and five on the way from the East.

"I never saw such an exhibition of friendship and didn't suppose such a thing existed," said Healy. Building owners who allow their fire escapes to become blocked will be brought into court without further warning from the fire department, Fire Marshal Edward Grenfell today said.

All fire department inspectors were authorized by Grenfell to investigate all buildings in their districts to see that exits and fire escapes are free from obstacles.

Community Service Association Asks City for Donation

The Portland Community Service association has asked the city council in a communication signed by William F. Woodward, president, to appropriate 50 cents apiece for each of the 2100 city employes in order to further the work carried on by the association.

The matter was referred to Commissioner Pier, in charge of the bureau of finance, although Acting Mayor Bigelow asserted that the city was facing as great a financial stringency as the Community Service association and that the communication should be placed on file. Woodward pointed out that the association would need \$20,000 to carry on its work for the year. He stated that 10,000 young people had already been reached by the association.

German Sea Raider Surrendered Allies

London, May 13.—(I. N. S.)—The former German sea raider Moeve was surrendered to the British today upon her arrival at the Fifth of Forth from a German port. The Moeve had a spectacular career during the war, sinking a number of allied merchant ships.

Boy Breaks Jail at Chehalis; Is Caught

Chehalis, Wash., May 13.—Carroll Harts, 15-year-old lad indicted in jail on a statutory charge, broke out of jail and fled in a small roadster belonging to County Commissioner Orr. His father brought him back and returned the roadster in good condition.

Honduras Telegraph Messages Censored

New York, May 13.—(I. N. S.)—The Western Union Telegraph company announced today that a censorship has been established by San Salvador and Honduras on all messages to and from these countries.

TRAINMAN SLOWLY RALLYING FROM HURT



Clarence R. Smith is the most seriously injured of the survivors of the Southern Pacific electric wreck at Bertha siding last Sunday. Smith, who is 35 years old and married, residing at 398 Eugene street, is at the Good Samaritan hospital. His condition is reported to be slightly improved, although it is critical. Smith was a trainman on the inbound train.

FAR EASTERN TRADE VISION GRIPS OREGON

Dr. Henry Suzzallo of the University of Washington started the delegation by declaring that domestic business combinations must be again permitted in the same way that combining for foreign trade is permitted now. Government regulation of such combination would protect the public's right, he insisted.

"Pacific ports for economy," was another nearly adopted slogan. It expresses the fact that ports handling of freight on the Pacific coast is and probably always will be, cheaper than on the Atlantic.

FOUR UNION SIGNIFICANT Above all else in significance was the union of Puget Sound, Columbia, San Francisco Bay and Southern California ports in effort looking toward upbuilding of Oriental trade, the commerce prize of the world just now.

W. C. Bristol speaks for Portland and Captain Robert Dollar gave general exposition of Oriental trade opportunities. Not soon will Portlanders forget his quizzical query for name of the walled Chinese city of 80,000 population opposite Hankow, where ships from Portland can drop anchor alongside.

TRADE PROSPECTS HUGE By such means the pioneer in Oriental trade showed what it means to get the trade of awakening China, where to add 25 cents more per capita would sell \$100,000,000 to the trade.

As a result of an inadvertent blunder on the part of James A. Farrell, president of the foreign trade convention, the big steel man and his party may pay Portland an "apology visit." A cluster of choice Portland roses was on the speaker's table when the convention began. Farrell ordered them off. Later he was humiliated to find he had dealt in such cavalier fashion with the "queen flowers of the world."

MAYOR WRITES LETTER Mayor Baker, in a letter, explained to Farrell the enormity of his offense and invited him to see in Portland the flowers, the yards that built ships fastest for Uncle Sam and the swift growing harbor.

One of the men well known to Portland found here is General Bruce P. Disque, former head of Northwest spruce production. Commissioner Ralph Hoyt is inspector of hospitals and Marshall and Gray of the state house and industrial accident commission.

Cleveland, it is said, will be the next gathering place of the national foreign trade council.

Fifty Dollar Reward Paid in Refuse Case

The county commissioners Wednesday provided for the payment of \$50 reward to D. P. McDonald as complainant in the case wherein W. R. Sullivan entered a plea of guilty to depositing refuse on a county road.

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New York, May 13.—(U. P.)—Sixty-five pieces of the imperial furniture, said to have been left by Kaiser Wilhelm, are being offered at auction here May 22. The furnishings include hangings of the throneroom, rugs and antiques.

KILLS SELF WHILE SHOOTING SQUIRREL

Oregon City, May 13.—John Marx of Clackamas Heights accidentally shot and killed himself while attempting to kill some squirrels in his yard Wednesday afternoon with a defective shotgun. The body was found late in the afternoon by a Mr. Rosenbaum, an insurance man, who had called at the house on business.

Neighbors heard the shot but were not alarmed. Marx's two sons, Ralph and William, were at work at the local paper mills at the time. The gun which Marx was using could not be placed in "safety" or "half-cock," the hammer resting upon the firing pin.

The gun had been laid on a nearby wood pile, but it started to slip, the hammer was caught, causing the discharge. The shot entered the side of Marx's neck and severed the jugular vein.

Marx was 75 years of age and a native of Germany. He had lived in the United States 30 years. He formerly resided at Parkplace, but moved to Clackamas Heights a year ago. Coroner Johnson found an inquest unnecessary. The body is at the Brady & De Moss chapel, and the funeral will be held Friday.

500,000 GALLONS GASOLINE COMING

removed from the market and Standard distillate has not been sold in Oregon for three months, according to Balsley. The fact that distillate manufacture requires certain of the ingredients of gasoline is responsible for discontinuing its sale, inasmuch as to manufacture distillate would, it is said, only aggravate the gasoline shortage.

WASHINGTON GETS IT Delay in overhauling, at least temporarily, the Oregon gravity test law, has depleted the possible 1,000,000 gallon supply of boiling test gasoline that was held here for Washington delivery by the Standard company. This supply had been held at Willbridge and, it was stated, this could be sold in Oregon if the penalties of the state law were removed. Much of this has been delivered to Washington sub-stations, however.

Oregon is the only state in the Union insisting upon obedience to a gravity test law," Balsley stated today. "The only difference Oregon would discover in gravity test and boiling test gasoline would be that from boiling test gasoline motorists would get more miles to the gallon."

MEANS SLIGHT REDUCTION "Aside from that, the chief difference would be a reduction, for the present, of 1 1/2 cents a gallon in the cost. That figure represents a fraction of the added cost of producing to conform to the Oregon requirement. To manufacture such gasoline as is sold here requires special processing, special workmen, special pipelines and tanks and special tankers. Gravity test gasoline must go higher in price to permit its sale at a normal profit."

Instructions from Standard Oil of California have been especially impressed upon certain filling stations where the original orders have been misinterpreted and salesmen have been filling pleasure cars tanks to 20 per cent of the "remaining" capacity instead of 20 per cent of the "total" capacity. All Standard stations now are selling only 20 per cent of the total capacity.

With the arrival of the Standard tanker, El Segundo, the 20 per cent or thereabout will not be lifted on gravity test gas, but should the home office agree, as Balsley puts it, "to take a chance on violating the law under the terms of Governor Olcott's agreement to suspend penalty," an approximately normal supply of boiling test gasoline would be delivered at Willbridge, as soon as it could be shipped.

TRUCKS SENT TO IDAHO FOR GASOLINE OF LOWER TEST Baker, May 13.—Just as the last few gallons of gasoline in Baker were disappearing, William A. Dalzell, deputy state inspector of weights and seals, arrived Wednesday with word that the gasoline test suffering from the shortage by essential industries will be temporarily relieved. There is now no gasoline in the state with the exception of small amounts remaining in a few private tanks.

Appeals were sent to Governor Olcott by County Judge William Doby and State Senator W. H. Strayer for a suspension of the law. Idaho is reported to be well supplied with gasoline, and the belief is prevalent that the shortage in Oregon is a deliberate attempt on the part of oil companies to compel a repeal of the specific gravity regulations.

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The plan, as outlined briefly by Carlton, provides that after the wages and general expenses of the company have been paid, one half the remainder shall be divided among the older employees.

Lawrence Lockley Weds Classmate at U. of California

San Francisco, May 13.—At the first wedding ceremony ever performed on the state university grounds at Berkeley, Miss Phyllis M. Harrington of Los Angeles and Lawrence Campbell Lockley of Portland, members of the graduating class, were married Wednesday afternoon in senior women's hall. President Barrows gave the bride away and the ceremony was performed by Dr. L. B. Hillis, student pastor, assisted by Dr. McAfee of the First Presbyterian church, Berkeley.

Lawrence Lockley is the son of Fred Lockley of The Journal, and during vacations has done some work on The Journal staff. He attended Oregon Agricultural college before going to the University of California. He and his bride expect to make their home in Portland.

IDEALS ARE FACED, DECLARES WILSON

Washington, May 13.—(U. P.)—"The nation now faces nothing less than the question whether it is to help, oppressed peoples in other parts of the world to realize their ideals of justice and of ordered peace," President Wilson said today in a message to the Southern Baptist conference here.

This was accepted as a reference to the peace treaty, although it was not specifically mentioned. Wilson's message follows: "It is a matter of great and very deep regret on my part that I cannot personally greet the members of the Southern Baptist convention now gathered to hold the diamond anniversary of the convention in this city. It is of special significance and timeliness that a great Christian convention should be held in Washington, because the nation now faces nothing less than the question whether it is to help Christian people in other parts of the world to realize their ideals of justice and of ordered peace, and I am sure that the nation will listen with the greatest deference to the utterances of the convention."

JOHNSON SAYS HE WILL NOT BOLT G. O. P. (Continued from Page One) self into the lion's den. There are quite a few managing men back East when the diamond anniversary holds no terrors for politicians and political directors, who do not like Senator Johnson. They would count him out if the counting should be done. Feasible and past history has shown that the question of feasibility springs most directly from the heart's desire. And, with Senator Johnson holding the lion's den, it is not at all surprising that the lion's den will be in the lion's den or the lion's den will be in Hiram.

NEBRASKA'S OFFICIAL COUNT GIVES JOHNSON 20,776 LEAD Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—(U. P.)—Complete official returns of the Nebraska primary election as canvassed by the state board, and past history has shown that the question of feasibility springs most directly from the heart's desire. And, with Senator Johnson holding the lion's den, it is not at all surprising that the lion's den will be in the lion's den or the lion's den will be in Hiram.

DEMOCRATS URGE LOUISIANA TO RATIFY EQUAL SUFFRAGE Baton Rouge, La., May 13.—(U. P.)—National Democratic leaders today threw their influence into the fight on ratification of the federal woman suffrage constitution amendment in the Louisiana legislature. Homer S. Cummings, national Democratic chairman, and William Jennings Bryan in telegrams urged passage of the ratification resolution.

KNOX REFUSES TO COMMENT ON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY (By United News) Washington, May 13.—Senator Knox, returning to Washington from Pennsylvania, declined to comment on the possibility of his becoming a candidate for the presidency.

Labor Candidates to Speak Astoria, May 13.—For the benefit of the public the Astoria Central Labor council will hold mass meetings at which all candidates endorsed by the council for city and county offices will appear. Speakers will be picked from their number.

Johnson Booster Speaks Salem, May 13.—Charles A. A. McGee spoke to a large audience here Wednesday night in behalf of the candidacy of Senator Hiram Johnson, presidential aspirant. Delegations attended from Sublimity, Mount Angel and other parts of Eastern Marion county.

Car Shortage Being Reduced Each Day

Washington, May 13.—(U. P.)—The nation-wide car shortage is being reduced daily, Chairman Kendall of the car service commission said today. The shortage cannot be permanently eliminated, railroad officials say, until the roads better their financial conditions to an extent enabling them to order thousands of new cars.

Report Favorable On Siam Minister

Washington, May 13.—(I. N. S.)—By a vote of 11 to 4, the nomination of Governor Hiram Johnson to be minister to Siam was favorably reported to the senate this afternoon by the senate foreign relations committee.

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MOORE TO RETURN FOR SHIP INQUIRY

Developments in the shipyard investigation are looked for with the arrival in Portland sometime today of Ben L. Moore, special assistant to the attorney general in charge of shipyard prosecutions in the Northwest.

United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys said that Moore is coming to "discuss" the shipyard situation, but it is believed the matter of again summoning the grand jury which began the shipyard inquiry will be settled.

It is known that the grand jury will be recalled early in June to begin considering the routine cases now pending, but a call for an earlier date is looked for in connection with the shipyard work.

The federal prosecutor said this morning that the special agents of the department of justice who have been working on the shipyard investigation for the last five weeks, are continuing their work as vigorously as possible, considering the fact that the Northwest Steel company and the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, the concerns under fire in the Oregon district, have refused the routine access to their books and records and have appealed the contempt of court penalty resulting therefrom to the supreme court of the United States.

Moore has nearly completed the work in Seattle prior to actually trying the cases now pending under indictment against shipyard operators and Emergency Fleet corporation officials of the Puget Sound district, and is expected to establish quarters in Portland in the near future.

RINGLEADERS ARE FOR GOV. LOWDEN

ing to reduce the cost of living, for alienating labor by his policy in the coal and iron fields, and for his handling of the Wilson raid on so-called "reds." The last charge influences probably only the radical wing of the Democratic party, which in any event would not stick with the Wilson clan of Democracy no matter whether Palmer, McAdoo or any other heir of the Wilson policies was nominated.

COX ALSO CONTENDER This group still holds Wilson responsible for the "liberal" periodicals and considers the treaty and league objectionable as not being liberal enough, not containing more of the doctrines of internationalism.

But on the whole McAdoo, by keeping out of public office since the armistice, has seemed to improve his chances with the rank and file of the Democrats, while Palmer has been under fire right along.

Governor Cox of Ohio is a serious contender, but just now McAdoo is in the lead.

That is not an individual opinion; it is the consensus of opinion of the Democrats who are on the inside of things and who know what the leaders of the party are apt to do on the final count at San Francisco.

AFRAID OF SOLDIER As for the Republican nomination, the strength of Governor Lowden grows. His pronouncements of the League of Nations are satisfactory to the Lodge reservationists group and he brings, moreover, an administrative record in government affairs in Illinois as well as experience in congress as an asset to harmony with the legislative branch of the government.

Major General Wood has a splendid organization and has surprised even his admirers here by the way he has moved forward. But if the truth be told the disinterested leaders are afraid to name a soldier candidate. The way the fight on the bonus bill has fluctuated in an indication of uncertainty here as to what might happen to a soldier candidate, and the opposition to universal military training, which killed that measure in the house of representatives, is another sign of the weakness of the soldier element in politics at the close of a big war.

THREE MEN AHEAD The situation is full of uncertainties, but today it looks like McAdoo for the Democratic nomination, Governor Lowden for the Republican, and Senator Johnson for the third party. With the chance of Herbert Hoover being the Republican candidate still not an impossible contingency, his chances for the Democratic nomination are gone. He has read himself out of that party by his attitude toward the California primaries. And he has failed to arouse Republican strength by his hesitancy to declare himself a Republican. His advisers have hurt Herbert Hoover's chances, but he is probably at fault for listening to them. Lowden, McAdoo and Johnson are in the front rank today.

Ex-Precator, 70, and Boy, 17, Moonshiners, Complaint Charges

Cottage Grove, May 13.—Two alleged moonshiners, Ardie Geer, not yet 18 years old, and M. F. Greene, a former preacher, 70 years old, are in the Eugene jail awaiting trial on charges of manufacturing whiskey a few miles from Cottage Grove. Sheriff Stickle, Deputy Croner and Marshal Pitcher of Cottage Grove went up the Coast Fork road eight miles to the Geer home, found the still and destroyed it, with a quart of whiskey.

Pitcher saw the Geer boy go by in an automobile and they started in pursuit. He left his car, took to the woods and escaped. Pitcher left word for the boy to give himself up and early Wednesday morning he presented himself at the Pitcher home and declared he was ready to confess.

Wednesday afternoon Stickle and Croner again went up Coast Fork to the Greene home and as they approached heard a girl say: "Pa, if anyone should find this still I would die from fright." Stickle stepped in the door and said: "We are after it right now." They found the still under the house in a cellar.

INVESTIGATES BIG WOOLEN PROFITS

Washington, May 13.—(I. N. S.)—The department of justice is investigating complaints of alleged excessive profits made by the American Woolen company, Assistant Attorney General Garvan stated today. He refused to give the source of complaints or the action the department has taken.

Garvan would not confirm a report that the complaint charged that the American Woolen company had made a net profit of \$10,000,000 in the first quarter of 1920, a sum within \$1,000,000 of the total common stock capitalization of the company.

Denial Is Made of Print Paper Trust For Fixing Prices

Washington, May 13.—(I. N. S.)—Existence of a combination of print paper manufacturers to fix prices and to "act in concert on contract adjustments," was denied today by Morris Hoopes, president of the Finch-Fryn company, manufacturers of Glens Falls, N. Y., before the senate sub-committee investigating the print paper situation.

Marriage Licenses Vancouver, Wash., May 13.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples: Reader R. Moore, 23, Parkers, and Eida Burlingame, 18, Vancouver; Joseph Kurey, 29, and Pauline Stirrmet, 20, Portland; Walter E. Brown, 34, and Ruth McBride, 18, Portland; Leslie R. Cox, 29, and Julia Heying, 30, Tacoma; Albert M. Daiby, 28, and Rose Blosser, 23, Tacoma; Victor M. Bossel, 27, Portland, and Lulu C. Thurber, 20, Yamhill, Or.; Fred A. Zahn, 24, and Coral L. Thomas, 33, Portland; Charles E. Mears, 21, and Merle A. Gernmar, 19, Portland; Samuel Lee, 29, Portland, and Bessie Selander 28, Salt Lake City, Utah; Quinn H. Burgess, 23, and Marie B. Uhlman, 24, Portland; William Tow-

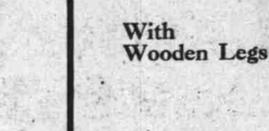
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John Day Irrigation Plans Being Rushed

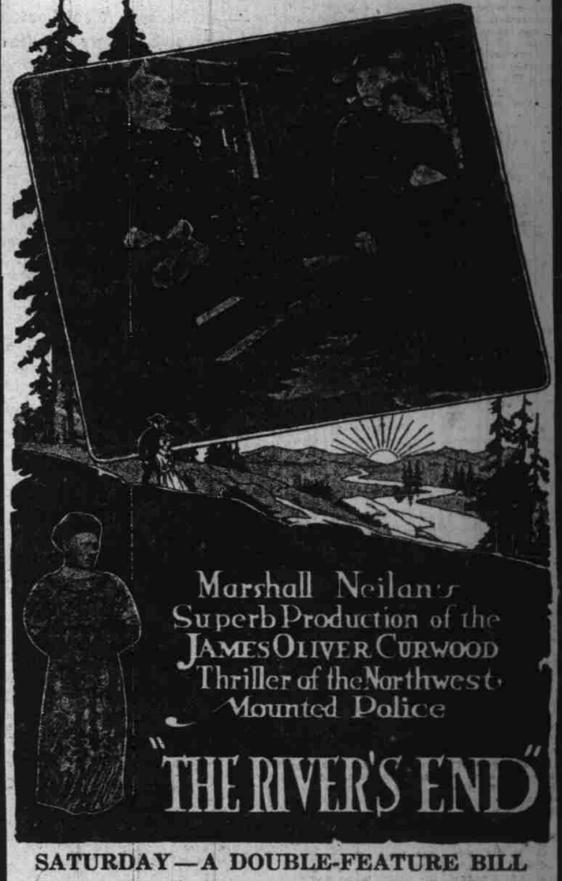
Salem, May 13.—Plans for the devel-

opment of the John Day irrigation district, comprising some 200,000 acres of land in Morrow and Gilliam counties, are well under way, according to Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, who returned Wednesday from Hefopner, where he was in conference with the board of directors of the project. An election to vote bonds for development work will probably be called in the near future, Cupper states.



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