

ALLEGED HELPERS OF FRANK WAGNER HALED INTO COURT

Astoria, Dec. 25.—Dean English, Mrs. Dean English and Ed Halfinger were arraigned in the justice court Friday afternoon for a preliminary hearing on information charging them with harboring a fugitive from justice by assisting "Dutch" Frank Wagner, who was killed while resisting arrest.

The district attorney failed to appear and the defendants were discharged on account of lack of prosecution. When asked why he did not appear to represent the state at the preliminary hearing, District Attorney Barrett said he did not propose to put the county to the expense of bringing the witnesses here twice. He said the witnesses are Warden Compton of the state penitentiary and the members of his posse, some of whom will be here next Monday to present their testimony before the grand jury.

STORY OF BURLARY TOLD

It was learned Friday that on the night of November 11, during one of his trips from the English home at Deliaura Beach, Frank Wagner blew open the safe in the Anderson store at Nehalem city. He entered the building through a window and piled bolts of cloth on the safe, before blowing it with nitroglycerine. As a result, the noise of the explosion was so deafened that Anderson, who was sleeping on the second floor of the building, was not awakened. The mill crew was paid off the day before and Wagner evidently thought Anderson would have considerable money in his safe. Before leaving his store that evening, Anderson removed about \$300 from his safe and the burglar secured only about \$150 from the strong box.

WAGNER LEFT MAFS

Wagner did, however, rifle the cash register and obtained between \$10 and \$11 from it. He also took some articles of clothing and eatables. That he spent considerable time in this store is indicated by the fact that he ate some oranges and left the peels on the floor.

While on his way to Seaside, Wagner broke into the cabin at Soapstone used by Alex Duncan, when in charge of the road improvement work, and spent the night of November 12 there. He left in the cabin maps of Oregon and Washington on which had been traced all the roads.

Gangsters Served Corned Beef and— At Christmas Meal

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—(U. P.)—It wasn't a merry Christmas for Ed (Knockout) Kravosky, Tom Brady, "Spud" Murphy and the other defendants in the Howard street vice gang cases.

They spent a gloomy day in the jail here with only a few brief moments outside their cells.

Those moments came when they were offered the opportunity to attend mass in the prison chapel.

Only Kravosky, Brady and Jim Carey took advantage of the opportunity. The other men took a brief stroll around the jail and were returned to their cells.

This afternoon relatives can visit the men.

They had corned beef and cabbage for dinner.

Attack on Federal Guard Is Charged

Seattle, Dec. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Nine men are in the county jail today as the result of an alleged attack on a guard and an attempt to escape from the United States immigration department detention station here. Allen Robinson, one of the prisoners, is accused of attacking J. S. Harlan, a guard, and to have said the other men were to aid in making a dash for liberty. All are Canadian or English subjects.

Edlefens wish you Merry Xmas. (Adv.)

Election Hearing On Gordon's Seat To Occur Monday

Salem, Or., Dec. 25.—The hearing in the election contest, filed by Leslie W. Murray of Portland against Herbert W. Gordon, representative-elect, from Multnomah county, which had been set for Friday in Circuit Judge Kelly's court here, was postponed until Monday on petition of the attorneys in the case.

Murray is contesting Gordon's election on the ground that he is disqualified for the position, having been a candidate for two offices at the same election.

BANK WILL ELECT VICE PRESIDENTS

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Northwestern National bank to be held January 11, 1921, two new vice presidents will be added to the bank's official roster, according to Emory Olmstead, president.

Charles Stewart, assistant deputy governor of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, and Mark Skinner, president of the First National bank of St. Paul, will be the new vice presidents.

Stewart will not be a stranger to the financial circles of the city and state. For several years he was connected with one of the Albany banks. While Frederick Greenwood, manager of the local branch of the Federal Reserve bank, was on a leave of absence last summer, Stewart assumed the management of the bank and became closely acquainted with the local financiers. Stewart left the state banking department. His ability as a banker, displayed in that connection, was recognized by the governor of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco.

Answering the call, he left the state to take up his new work in that city. When the branch bank of the federal reserve system was opened in Salt Lake City he was sent there as manager. He was later brought back to the mother bank and advanced to the position of assistant deputy governor. Stewart received several flattering offers from Eastern financial institutions, but being attracted by the Oregon country and climate, decided to locate in Portland.

Skinner has been in St. Paul for a number of years. In account of his wife's illness he found it necessary to move to a milder climate and gladly accepted the call of the Northwestern National bank. He will be missed in St. Paul, as he has for years been actively engaged in civic affairs. Prior to going to St. Paul he was one of Montana's most prominent bankers. He was located in Great Falls for several years. He has been a close student of conditions that govern the grain, lumber, livestock and farming business, a knowledge that will stand him well in hand in his new connection.

"I am more than pleased in obtaining the services of these two bankers," says Emory Olmstead. They are keen followers of financial affairs and will be a valuable asset to our institution."

Lady Cartwright Dies

Kington, Ont., Dec. 25.—(I. N. S.)—The death of Lady Cartwright, widow of Sir Richard Cartwright, was announced here today. She was 84 years old.

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FUNDS OBTAINED TO LAUNCH VEGETABLE OIL MILL PROJECT

Capital necessary to finance the plant construction of the Portland Vegetable Oil Mills company has been obtained and building work will be started soon, according to announcement made Friday by the board of directors of the company.

This industry, which will replace the oil pressing work done here by the Palmolive company before their removal more than a year ago, will start operation with a total capitalization of \$700,000. Of this sum \$500,000 was subscribed by the incorporators and \$200,000 by individual subscriptions.

Business men agree that the capitalization of the new industry was accomplished more quickly than could have been expected in consideration of the general business condition and tightness of money at this time.

To show their faith in the future, the company will start building operations soon, thus relieving to a degree the unemployment situation. The site for the new plant is a waterfront of the Willamette river in the Linton district.

Officers of the company have indicated that after their 100 ton daily capacity pressing machines are placed in operation that some important announcements will be made by allied industries which will probably take advantage of opening of this mill to locate factories of their own nearby.

Wagon Maker of
Pioneer Days in
The Dalles Passes

The Dalles, Or., Dec. 25.—Anton Wintermeier, who was among the first white settlers of The Dalles, died at his home here early Thursday morning from the infirmities of old age. Wintermeier, who was 83 years old, after coming across the Isthmus of Panama with the gold seekers in the early '60s, reached Portland in 1868 and came to The Dalles in 1869.

He was a wagon maker by trade and became prosperous in working on the loggers and equipment of the immigrants who entered Oregon from the Eastern states by the old Oregon trail.

Wintermeier was born in Prussia in 1837, came to America when he was 17 years old and settled first in West Virginia. He returned to West Virginia in 1865 and was married.

He was the oldest member of the Masonic lodge here, and was also one of the two survivors of the Jackson Volunteer Fire company organized in the '60s. A son and two daughters survive. Burial will be here.

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Christmas Trees Are Put at Bedsides of Soldiers Who Are Ill

Washington, Dec. 25.—(U. P.)—Individual Christmas trees, placed on the tables at the bedside of wounded American heroes who are confined to their beds, was one of the features provided today for soldier patients in hospitals here. The trees were trimmed to suit the distinctive fancies of patients.

The American Legion, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Red Cross and other organizations united in supplying cheer for the soldiers who are still in hospitals. Special Christmas dinners and various forms of entertainment were held today at all hospitals.

SALVATION ARMY FEEDS CONVICTS

Salem, Or., Dec. 25.—Two hundred and eighty-three baskets, each filled with good things to eat, were delivered to prisoners at the penitentiary here Friday evening by the Salvation Army, following its usual custom.

The Salvation Army officials here Friday declared the response to their appeals for contributions had been more generous this year than ever before. Three trucks were pressed into service Friday in collecting contributions in response to telephoned offerings.

Six hundred and forty pounds of candy alone was received by the Army for distribution to deserving poor, and hundreds of dollars' worth of clothing, much of it new, has been received.

Several baskets of babies were distributed to needy families about town Friday afternoon.

Baby in Jail Has Tree

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—In the women's section of the city jail stands a tiny Christmas tree, decorated for a little year-old Indian baby, whose mother is being held in jail preparatory to going to the industrial home.

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'FREEDOM' GIFT OF UNCLE SAM'S TO SAN DOMINGO

(By United News.)

Washington, Dec. 25.—Uncle Sam's Christmas gift to the little republic of Santo Domingo Friday was an official promise to begin the withdrawal of American military control.

This announcement carries with it a plan for granting the Dominican republic a certain measure of autonomy, after an American occupation which has lasted four years.

The president, according to today's announcement, has directed Rear Admiral Thomas Snowden, military governor of Santo Domingo, to issue a proclamation stating that the purpose of the American occupation—the establishment of law and order—has been achieved. For this reason the United States believes the time has arrived when "it may inaugurate the processes of its rapid withdrawal from the responsibilities assumed in connection with Dominican affairs."

Hot Lake Arrivals

Hot Lake, Dec. 25.—Arrivals at Hot Lake sanatorium Tuesday were: J. L. Hayes, Elk City, Idaho; Henry Admire, Cove, Guy, Idaho; Mrs. Silas Johnson, Weiser, Idaho.

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