

# ST. JOHNS BANK CHANGES HANDS

Negotiations were completed Thursday whereby virtually all the stock of the Bank of Commerce of St. Johns was taken over by the Peninsula National bank and a meeting of the board of directors of the Peninsula National is being held this afternoon to elect new officers for the Bank of Commerce.

Although all of the stock in the Bank of Commerce owned by F. S. Doernbecher, who died recently, and Carl Detering, cashier, has now been taken over by the Peninsula National bank, it is anticipated that the two institutions will remain open and that no consolidation will take place.

### DETERING SELLS STOCK

Four months ago the Doernbecher stock was disposed of to J. N. Edliefsen, cashier, and F. P. Drinker, vice president, of the Peninsula National bank. This was transferred to the stockholders of the Peninsula National. The Detering stock in the Bank of Commerce was taken over by Edliefsen and Drinker Thursday. Only a very small portion of the stock is held in the Bank of Commerce by others.

### MEMBERS MEET

The members of the board of directors of the Peninsula National bank are meeting this afternoon. It was expected that Roy Hurd, former assistant manager of the Bank of Commerce, would be named head of the institution.

Officers of the Peninsula National bank, West Philadelphia and South Jersey street, are: Grant Smith, president; C. C. Knapp, vice president, and F. P. Detering, vice president.

# Free School Book Measure Subject Of House Dispute

State House, Salem, Feb. 4.—Free text books for children in the elementary schools of Oregon furnished material for a lengthy debate in the senate this morning, action on the question being deferred until this afternoon when all members of the house will be present to record their sentiments.

The question came upon a divided report on senate bill No. 19, by Senator Banks. A majority report signed by Senators Hume, Eberhard and Edwards favors passage of the bill. A minority report signed by Senators Staples and Gill opposes the move.

Material increase in taxes through the free text book provision was advanced by Staples and Gill in opposition to the bill.

Oregon had a chance to try out free text books under an optional law in effect from 1912 to 1915 and not six school districts elected to avail themselves of the privilege, Gill declared.

Banks, in urging support of his measure, asked the senate to complete the job of free education. If free schools and free teachers are proper then free text books are proper, he insisted. Free text books are proper, he insisted. Free text books are proper, he insisted.

The cost of text books when purchased by the school district had been found to be 20 per cent less than when purchased by the various families in the district, he insisted, in answering the arguments of high costs.

Gill of the senate revealed the absence of Senators Edwards and Hail and the bill was laid on the table pending their arrival.

# Steer Infected by Those Who Owned It, Declares Inspector

Protection of the public against the disease of animals may be reversed to protection of animals against the disease of human beings, if the theories of Dr. E. E. Chase, chief meat inspector, prove to be true.

A 2-year-old steer, killed at the stockyards Thursday, was condemned because of being infected with tapeworm germs. Dr. Chase declares the animal got the disease from the family by which it was owned.

One of the duties of the city health bureau is to protect the public against infected meat. Dr. Chase today took a sample of the meat to the Oregon Medical college, where he lectures, and asked the cooperation of the medical students in helping to find the family that owned the infected steer, to see if it might be responsible for the disease.

# IDENTITY OF MYSTERY MAN STILL ELUDES

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Crawford had several children, all of whom are now dead. Portland police believe the unknown man may be Pearson, American Legion member who has been missing since December 7. Pearson left the Hood branch where he had lived for two years, with a kit of tools valued at \$200 and a suitcase filled with personal effects.

Lewis Ellinger, manager of the hotel, believes that it is possible that the man located in Oakland may be Pearson. For nearly two years when Pearson was with an engineering corps in France he wrote to Ellinger regularly. Pearson, Ellinger says, was an expert mathematician.

### PICTURES SIMILAR

Irvin Kafka, clerk in the business office at Portland post, American Legion headquarters, thought of the connection between the man he is striking, the head of the Oakland affair Thursday, and immediately notified the police.

Ellinger had the help of the legion post in ascertaining the whereabouts of Pearson and had submitted his picture to Kafka. Resemblance between the men is said to be striking, the difference being that the man in Oakland looks several years older and has more wrinkles about the eyes than the photograph of Pearson. The resemblance, easily seen by the man's loss of memory, say authorities.

Pearson is described as being 38 years old, 5 feet 7 inches in height and weighing 160 pounds.

### DOUBT IS CAST REGARDING

IDENTITY OF MYSTERY MAN Oakland, Cal., Feb. 4.—(U. P.)—Doubt was cast on the partial identification of "H. K." mystery man held in the Oakland city jail, today.

Miss Louise Meyer, psychologist, who has been engaged to study the case, declared she did not believe his name was Crawford. She made the statement after the receipt of a telegram from Mrs. W. A. Crawford of Portland, saying she believed the man was her husband.

# Miners Elect Lewis By Lead of 67,000

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.—(U. P.)—John L. Lewis was reelected international president of the United Mine Workers of America by a majority of between 66,000 and 67,000 over Robert H. Harlan of Washington in the union elections held December 14, it was announced at the international union headquarters here today.

# George S. Parker of Lapine Kills Self

Bend, Feb. 4.—George S. Parker, 61, of Lapine, dependent as a result of ill health, went into the woods near Lapine Thursday, sat down on a log, placed the muzzle of his 20 rifle under his chin, and pulled the trigger. The body was found by his son, Jack, at 2 o'clock.

# MRS. PEEPE'S FATE WITH JURY SOON

By Charles E. Hughes  
Los Angeles, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Making a hot attack on the "reasonable doubt" defense which has been offered in behalf of Mrs. Louise Peepe, on trial for the murder of Jacob C. Denton, Deputy District Attorney Raymond I. Turney today began the final arguments to the jury in the case, the last battle in the fight for the life of the accused woman.

The case will go to the jury tomorrow morning for deliberation on a verdict. Mrs. Peepe's failure to take the stand in her own defense late yesterday was the subject of debate by those who have followed the case. Up until a few minutes before Aggeler announced that Mrs. Peepe would not testify, it had been taken as almost a certainty that she would tell her own story from the stand. Mrs. Peepe appeared perturbed when Aggeler announced she would not be called to the stand. It could be easily seen that she was disappointed by the decision. She recovered her composure in a few minutes, however.

# Idealist and Not Business Man Held Big Need of Nation

America, the leading nation of the world, does not need a business man for president, but rather a man with vision and ideals, was the statement made by Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, at the luncheon of the Portland City club, held in the Benson hotel today noon. Miller traced the early history of the nation and showed the petty jealousies of old days to be the same as at present. He made the point that it was by following the lead of the idealists like Washington and Lincoln that America has reached her position among the nations of the world.

James E. Brockway and a troop of the Boy Scout bugle and drum corps presented by Alex C. Rae, chairman of the boys' bureau, gave the novelty feature of the luncheon.

# Carl 'Babe' Holling, Coast Pitcher, Held On Burglary Charge

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Carl "Babe" Holling, well known Coast league baseball player, and sold last season by Oakland to Detroit, was arrested today on a charge of burglary preferred by Mrs. Iva Woodworth.

Mrs. Woodworth alleges that after she had left her apartment key with a woman friend of Holling, the ball player entered her apartment and secured \$20 and some clothing. Holling was to have pitched a benefit game here Saturday.

# New Trial Asked by Cement Officials

R. P. Butchart and Clark M. Moore, representing the Oregon Portland Cement company, this morning filed motion for a new trial in the circuit court. The officers of the cement company were convicted November 20 last on two counts of having formed a combination in restraint of trade and having created a monopoly of cement.

# Bandits Get \$90,000; Victims Locked Up

Reading, Pa., Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Bandits today entered the Peoples Trust company at Wyalising, a suburb near here, locked three clerks and two customers in the vault and escaped with \$90,000 in cash and Liberty bonds.

# Crude Oil Prices Take New Tumble. At Various Wells

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—The Joseph Seep agency here, purchasers for Standard Oil, announced at noon today further reductions in crude oil prices ranging from 25 to 75 cents per barrel at the wells. Pennsylvania crude is cut to \$4.75 and Cabell to \$3.45, both grades being lowered 25 cents. Somersette heavy is cut to \$2.75 and Somersette light to \$2. Both Somersettes being cut 75 cents. Hagland is cut 25 cents to \$1.50.

Reduction Made in Kansas Independence, Kan., Feb. 4.—(U. P.)—Crude oil dropped to \$2 a barrel today when the Prairie Pipe Line company announced another 50 cent cut. This makes the third 50 cent reduction in 10 days, resulting in discontinuance in drilling.

Prices Fall in Texas Houston, Texas, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Another 50-cent reduction on Midcontinent crude oil, bringing the price to \$2, was announced by two big pipeline companies this morning.

# H. J. Frank Is New Head of Associated Industries Body

H. J. Frank, head of the Blumauer-Frank Drug company, was elected president of Associated Industries of Oregon at the meeting of the board of directors of the organization in the Benson hotel this afternoon.

J. A. Zehnbauser, head of the Janzsen Knitting company, was elected first vice president, and H. C. Hodgkins of the Universal Body corporation, second vice president. Major William Whitfield was elected secretary-treasurer. A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries, reported that in the state there are 1300 industries with 70,000 employees, a payroll of about \$70,000,000 and an annual production in excess of \$350,000,000.

A. J. Bale has been designated as the Chamber of Commerce representative on the home industry board.

# New Cement Price Saves for Taxpayers

Quotations made to A. L. Barbur, commissioner of public works, by local cement jobbers for the coming year, will make a saving of 25 cents a square yard on paving for taxpayers of the city, Barbur announced today. The price quoted was \$3.20 a barrel in carload lots, which is \$1.02 lower than prices of last year. Commissioner Barbur also anticipates a drop in the cost of asphalt.

# Druggist Arrested In Bond Theft Case

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Diggs Nolan, wealthy proprietor of a downtown drug store, was arrested today charged with complicity in the sale here of \$255,000 worth of Liberty bonds, part of which had been stolen by automobile bandits in New York last November.

# WHEAT DUTY OF 40 CENTS FAVORED

Washington, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—The first real test of strength of the temporary tariff bill came this afternoon when the senate by a vote of 8 to 25 passed an amendment to the bill increasing the duty on wheat from 30 to 40 cents a bushel.

The amendment was sponsored by Senator McCumber, one of the advocates of the bill. It had been adopted earlier in the day when but a few senators were in the chamber and Senator McCumber asked for reconsideration when the majority of the senators were in their seats.

# British Admiralty Ridicules Idea of Irish Sinking Sub

London, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—The claim printed in a Sinn Fein newspaper in New York that Irish republicans had sunk the British submarine K-5 with the loss of 57 lives, was ridiculed by the admiralty today.

"It is too absurd and ridiculous to warrant comment," said an admiralty statement. "The K-5 was miles from the Scilly islands when she was destroyed. There is no known electrical vibration capable of doing such harm at such a distance. No strange craft in the vicinity at the time. We hope this report will not be considered seriously, for it would embitter the men of the navy against the Sinn Feiners."

# City Council Upheld By Court in Revoking Soft Drink Licenses

That the mayor of Portland and the council did not act in a fraudulent and arbitrary manner in revoking the license of Frank and Tony Borelli and Joe Felice, proprietors of a soft-drink establishment, was the judgment rendered today by Circuit Judge Bingham. The decision will serve as a precedent for a large number of similar cases. It was contended by the appellants that the council invaded their rights by not giving opportunity to make a full showing.

# Mother of Portland Men Buried in Albany

Albany, Or., Feb. 4.—The funeral of Mrs. Maria Schmitt, mother of A. C. Schmitt, president of the First National Bank of Albany, who died Monday, was held here today. Mrs. Schmitt is survived by six sons and three daughters. Dr. Charles Schmitt of Dodgeville, Wis.; Alfred C. Schmitt, of Albany; L. E. Schmitt and G. G. Schmitt, Portland attorneys; Dr. A. G. L. Schmitt and Dr. H. H. Schmitt, both of Portland; Mrs. Clara Schmitt of Los Angeles; Mrs. Emma Gillett of Muscoda, Wis.; and Miss Elena E. Schmitt of Chicago.

# Hop Demand at A Lower Price; 21 Cents the Top

There has been a sudden demand for hops in this section, and sales during recent days at Portland totaled about 1000 bales. Prices ranged from 16 1/2 to 21 cents a pound. There are about 500 bales of the 1920 crop still unsold. All of the old hops have been sold. The last of the English purchases are now being loaded.

# POLAND LOOKS TO FRANCE FOR AID

Paris, Feb. 4.—(U. P.)—The highest authorities of Poland today discussed with French military experts measures of defense against the Bolsheviks. Polish officials said they hoped for a military alliance to grow out of the

discussions between Presidenta Pilsudski and Millerand. Prince Sapieha, Polish foreign minister, revealed his country's plans in this guarded statement: "We have come to Paris to realize an alliance with France. The soviets are tired of fighting; they know what it will cost, but if they do attack us, they will find we are prepared. If they attack Roumania they will discover they are attacking Poland." Schwab Off for Europe New York, Feb. 4.—(U. P.)—Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel company, sailed Thursday for Europe aboard the Aquitania.

# North Coast Lines To Consider Lumber Rate Readjustment

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—An early conference will be held by all north coast lines to consider lumber rate readjustment proposals, according to a telegram received today by the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce from Vice President R. M. Calkins of the Milwaukee railway. The message was sent in reply to a telegraphic request from the chamber that the old differential on lumber from the Northwest and Southwestern pine districts be restored. Calkins wired his company full sympathy with necessity for some readjustment.

# Would-Be Kidnapers Under Indictment

Berlin, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Charles Neaf of Baltimore and Frank Zimmer of Denver, who attempted to seize Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the millionaire American draft dodger, at Eberbach, Baden, have been indicted on the charge of attempted manslaughter, according to a dispatch from Eberbach this afternoon. Several shots were fired during the attempt to arrest Bergdoll, one of which wounded a girl in the arm.

# Bond House to Pay Little to Creditors

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 4.—Appraisers who have completed work on the partnership estate of the defunct bond brokerage house of Milholland & Hough found that the firm's gross assets will fall from \$1000 to \$2000 below the estimated maximum of \$10,000 made by Administrator David R. Glasgow.

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