

A Fascinating Tale

An odd tale that will hold the interest to the end is "Because of the Dollars," a story by Joseph Conrad...

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PORTLAND, OREGON, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 25, 1921.—TWENTY-TWO PAGES

It's All Here and It's All True THE WEATHER—Tonight and Saturday, probably rain; southerly winds.

PRICE TWO CENTS STANDA AND NEWS

WOOLWORTH LEASES SPACE OLDER ST.

Company Acquires 35 Per Cent of Ground Floor of Parker Building; \$500,000 Involved in Deal; Store Will Be Extended Soon.

Approximately \$500,000 is involved in the transaction whereby the F. W. Woolworth company has acquired a 12 1/2-year lease on 35 per cent of the ground floor space of the Parker building at the southeast corner of Park and Alder streets.

The lease, signed in New York, has just been returned to J. J. Parker, owner of the property and staunch believer in the future of Alder street.

That Parker's foresight is approved by fact is said to be the testimony borne by the present lease, which is said to have been signed after an extended survey of the future growth of the business district of the city.

The Woolworth company will not occupy the added space until the lease held by the Hyatt Talking Machine company and Applehag, the furrier, has expired, on August 1, 1923.

In the meantime, the Woolworth survey is said to have discovered that Alder street at these intersections will be the heart of the business district and thus the post-dated lease is merited. The lease calls for possession of the property on August 1, 1923, and runs until December 31, 1935.

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FALLS IN PLANE LIEUT. WILLIAM D. CONEY, who was probably fatally injured today when his plane fell in transcontinental flight.



AVIATOR'S BACK BROKEN IN FALL

Washington, March 25.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant William D. Coney, attempting a one-stop coast-to-coast flight, was forced down at Monroe City, La., at 7:30 o'clock this morning and sustained a broken back, the army air service here was advised in an unofficial report.

Last unconfirmed reports stated Coney was still alive, however.

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RATE APPEAL ANSWERED ON ALL GROUNDS

"Puget Sound's Protest Is Merely an Expression of Any Defeated Litigant's Sentiment," Is Portland-Vancouver Reply.

Portland's and Vancouver's answer to Puget Sound's and Astoria's petitions for rehearing of the Columbia basin rate case was forwarded to the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C., Thursday night.

The answer contests on every ground the claims of Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, the Washington public service commission and Astoria that the great rate issue should be reopened after the unanimous decision issued last December by the commerce commission.

The signatories are W. P. LaRoche, attorney for the dock commission; Gus C. Moser, attorney for the Port of Portland; Joseph N. Teal, William C. McCulloch and Rogers MacVeagh, attorneys for the Portland Chamber of Commerce and Portland Traffic & Transportation association; Joseph E. Hall, attorney for Clark county; Washington, A. L. Miller, attorney for the Port of Vancouver; William C. Bates, attorney for the city of Vancouver, and E. N. Livermore, attorney for the Vancouver Commercial club. The document itself is understood to have been written by William C. McCulloch in conference with the other attorneys in the issue.

The answer of the Oregon public service commission to the petition for rehearing will be filed separately by J. O. Bailey, attorney for the commission, it is understood.

Twelve grounds attacked

Each of the 12 grounds for rehearing as advanced by Puget Sound is negated in Portland's and Vancouver's answer.

The commission erred in its decision granting a lower rate on Columbia and between Portland-Vancouver and a 4200 square mile zone south of Snake river, Puget Sound claimed.

This is simply the expression of any defeated litigant's sentiment," avers the answer.

As to the Puget Sound assertion that the federal commission failed to give the Columbia basin case the broad construction the consumers desire, the commission has been assured by H. E. Hayes, who decided in 1913, the answer submits that the original Astoria petition for parity with Puget Sound covered a much broader condition than the commission has.

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Search for Missing Balloon Continued; Sea Peril Is Feared

Pensacola, Fla., March 25.—(I. N. S.)—The naval air station announced at 3 o'clock this morning that nothing had been heard of the missing balloon for which a fleet of Eagle boats and seaplanes has been searching since Monday afternoon following the arrival of a pigeon at the station bearing a message that the balloon was being blown to sea off St. Andrews, in Bay county. The area was occupied by five men, being in charge of Chief Quartermaster C. R. Wilkinson.

Balloon seen last 20 miles off Panama city

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Taft Pays 'Social' Call on President

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Dr. Bouchet Sentenced And Paroled

Dr. Norman Bouchet, found guilty Thursday of manslaughter for the killing of Mrs. Ruth V. Richards, his sweetheart, was paroled this afternoon by Judge Stapleton after the court had imposed an indeterminate sentence of two-year minimum.

Judge Stapleton designated Dr. Joseph F. Wood, Bouchet's physician, as his parole guardian.

Judge Stapleton declared, in pronouncing sentence, that he did not believe the prisoner guilty, calling attention to the doubt in the mind of the jury and its recommendation for extreme leniency.

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Debs refused to answer questions put to him by newspaper men.

By George R. Holmes

Washington, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—Eugene V. Debs returned today to his cell in the federal prison at Atlanta, after his brief taste of freedom—the first he has enjoyed since his conviction under the federal espionage act three years ago.

While Attorney General Daugherty was cautious today about giving any indication as to the results of the noted prisoner's unprecedented trip to Washington, the press, however, said authoritatively that Debs has measurably increased his chances for executive clemency by his two-hour talk with Attorney General Daugherty.

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QUALITY OF LIFE GETS LECTURE BUT DOORS NOT CLOSED

Loquacious Fellow Calls at Kilham Home, 1474 Halsey Street, Accepts Advice, Complains of Income Tax, Then Loots House.

Awakened by a burglar at his bedside at 2:15 this morning, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kilham, 1474 Halsey street, engaged in half an hour's polite conversation with the intruder and contributed \$6 in cash to his bank account.

The talkative prowler is described as being more reserved and dignified than the intruder.

The intruder was about 25 years old, 5 feet 7 inches in height and weighed about 145 pounds, according to Kilham. He was dressed in a black suit, black cap and wore a brown handkerchief over the lower part of his face.

After thoroughly searching the house for money and jewelry, the man departed with a warning to the Kilhams to be on their guard.

ENTERS THROUGH WINDOW

Entrance was gained through an unlocked window at the rear of the house.

About half an hour after the departure of the burglar, the police were notified. Inspector Powell and Schum investigated, but found no worvable clues.

From the description given by Kilham the police believe that the prowler is one of the men who robbed the home of S. M. Furber, 517 Russell street, the night of March 12.

MARKET STORES ROBBED

Prowlers made a wholesale raid on Yamhill street markets early Thursday morning, entering at least a dozen stores and carrying away a quantity of goods.

Rarin' to go

"Rarin' to go" seems quite apt to express the attitude of some of Portland's biggest men who are believers in and workers for the Community Chest.

Although the actual collection of funds does not begin until Monday, Ben Selling announced at the "get-together luncheon" at the Hotel Portland Thursday that he would contribute 1 per cent of the entire Community Chest budget of \$85,000.

It is being whispered that a number of contributions running into the thousands from some of the city's most wealthy citizens will be announced at the mass meeting to be held this evening at the Auditorium, called by Mayor Baker.

Commerce Chamber To Discuss Increase in Telephone Rates

A session of the chambers committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday afternoon to discuss the increase in local telephone rates.

Butter Will Drop 2 Cents Saturday; Eggs at 25 Cents

Portland's creamery will get a further reduction of 2 cents a pound in the price of butter Saturday with a similar drop in the wholesale price.

Building Department Engineer Resigns

Fred Eichenlaub, engineer and chief examiner of plans in the city building department, has filed his resignation, to take effect April 10, but so far no successor has been named.

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Summing of Two Physicians to Home Gives Rise to Wild Rumors About Relapse; Trouble Is Called Severe Indigestion.

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JOE PESCHL GUILTY; LIFE TERM AWAITS

Jury Returns Verdict of Second Degree Murder for Slaying of Attorney Charles J. Schnabel at County Courthouse Feb. 4.

Joseph Poeschl was found guilty of murder in the second degree, with the maximum penalty recommended, in a verdict returned by the jury in the circuit court at 11:20 this morning.

He will be sentenced Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. Life imprisonment is the penalty for second degree murder.

PEOSCHL HELD IN REAT

After the jury had filed in, Poeschl sat hunched in his chair, rubbing his hands, squirming nervously and glancing around the courtroom as he has been doing whenever a judgment of strain came during the trial.

SENTENCING OF PESCHL WAS DELAYED UNTIL Wednesday at the request of John Collier, who was appointed by the court to defend him.

District Attorney Evans and Deputy District Attorney Pierce, who handled the case for the state, expressed themselves as well satisfied with the verdict.

DECLINES TO ANSWER

Judge McCour refused to answer the last two questions, saying they were points of law, and instructed the jury that it was concerned only with points of fact.

PLUCKY CRIMINAL PLUCKY ROOTS INTERRUPT

Mrs. Mildred Giovinna, 244 East Fifty-first street, was accosted in her own home by a man who attempted to attack her Thursday afternoon.

The assailant was frightened away when Mrs. Giovinna fought him and called for help.

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