

RAIL MAGNATE'S WIDOW CONFESSES PLOT, SAY POLICE

Spokane, Wash., May 6.—(U. P.)—A weird tale of love, stock gambling, financial ruin and the attempt to recoup her fortune by agreeing to a plot to burn her mansion here, was made public today by Mrs. D. C. Corbin, widow of the former railroad magnate and capitalist.

The Corbin residents, insured for \$12,000, was burned last Friday, damage amounting to \$10,000. Yesterday Mrs. Corbin made a voluntary confession, involving herself and her chauffeur, L. R. Lige, with whom she avers she is in love.

Mrs. Corbin was Corbin's housekeeper for years. When his former wife died Corbin sent his housekeeper to Europe, educated her in the arts and, on her return, married her.

In this will be left her the bulk of the property with the proviso that she lose it if she married again.

Faced with an expense of \$10,000 a year and an income of but \$4,000, Mrs. Corbin listened to Lige's tales of quick wealth in oil stocks, she says.

The plot to burn the home and collect the insurance was hatched, Lige was to get \$100,000 if Mrs. Corbin got \$20,000 insurance, and \$200,000 she collected \$10,000, she said in her confession.

Lige maintains that the woman is "crazy" and not telling the truth.

Both are held on first degree arson charges.

ALASKA IS PARALYZED BY SEAMEN'S STRIKE

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this port will go with association crews and will be fully manned and by competent help.

The steamer Eastern Guide with wheat for the United Kingdom, left down the river last night at 6 o'clock. She has been held up since last Saturday and was the second of the shipping board vessels to be detained.

MANY BECK JOBS

The Pawlet and the West Ivan are at the Victoria docks and are fully loaded and awaiting crews. The office of the sea service bureau was besieged by men this morning seeking an opportunity to ship.

The steamship Belbeck is due to arrive today with a full crew shipped at Seattle. She will load wheat for Europe. The steamship Japala cleared for Dammig with 17,143 barrels of flour, valued at \$90,000, and 19,585 bushels of wheat, valued at \$155,000. She was handled by Johnstone & Satter for the Frank Waterhouse company. The crew of the Japala was signed on at Seattle.

The White Star Flyer line, operating between San Francisco and San Pedro, signed up a crew on the steamer Humboldt for another year and the vessel will continue in service on the lower coast of California.

ALL STRIKE CONFERENCES ARE OFF UNTIL MONDAY

Washington, May 6.—(U. P.)—There will be no settlement of the marine strike before Monday, it developed late today when Secretary of Labor Davis announced that all further conferences with the marine representatives have been postponed until that day.

The shipping board will withdraw its vessels from any operators who give in to the marine unions in the present wage controversy.

This was the reply of Admiral Benson, chairman of the board Thursday, to the declaration of the union leaders that they will "tie up everything on the ocean before the strike is over."

"Unfortunately we have had reports that several shipping companies have signed up men at the old rates," Admiral Benson said. "If so it is very stupid of them. They should know that we would not tolerate that for a moment."

Stating that he was having the matter investigated the shipping board head declared he would take the ships away.

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WILL DANCE FOR ODD FELLOWS AT ARMORY

Little Lenore McCutcheon, who will be one of attractions at Good Samaritan lodge's program at Armory Saturday night.

from any operators who had not backed up the board in its stand.

PEACEFUL ADJUSTMENT SOUGHT

The government's position is not that of dictating what wages scales should be adopted. Secretary of Commerce Hoover stated.

The secretary, who had acted as one of the mediators in the attempt at settlement, declared all that the government was interested in was peaceful adjustment.

"The government is not trying to tell anybody what he should pay or what should be accepted as wages," Secretary Hoover said. "Our whole interest in averting the calamity which seems imminent to American commerce if the strike is long continued."

FIFTY VESSELS CLEARED

Since the strike began the shipping board has cleared nearly 50 ships with full complements of crews, Admiral Benson said. Today more ships were allocated to companies for operation than on any other day, he added.

The only trouble reported yesterday, Admiral Benson said, occurred in Charleston, S. C. Four hundred armed men boarded a shipping board vessel there, because of the territory's absolute prohibition to American commerce if the strike is long continued.

We propose taking drastic steps in all such occurrences and if the local authorities cannot cope with the situation we will look elsewhere," the admiral added.

ENGINEERS WEAKENING AT SEATTLE, SAYS REPORT

Seattle, Wash., May 6.—(U. P.)—With a break in the front of the marine engineers' forces and the chances of an amicable adjustment of the controversy that has tied up coastwise and trans-Pacific traffic, steamship operators here today believe the end of the marine strike is in sight.

The sailing of the shipping board freighter Pelbeck for Portland with a full crew was the first indication of a break in the ranks of the engineers, according to marine operators.

Meanwhile appeals from Alaska, cut off from food supplies and some of its mails and facing a shutdown of business, are being sent by the Alaska Chamber of Commerce to all Pacific coast ports and to Washington, D. C.

The shipping board, through its district office, has issued warnings to licensed officers here that they will not be employed again if they quit their posts or refuse to sign up on the new scale. The Pacific Steamship company and the Admiral line have applied the same rule to all employees.

STRIKERS AND EMPLOYERS IN CONCILIATORY MOOD

Washington, May 6.—(U. P.)—With ports on the Pacific and Gulf coasts beginning to feel the pinch of the marine strike, efforts to bring an end to the controversy were renewed here today with prospects for settlement appearing brighter than at any time since the walk-out began last Sunday.

Another get-together meeting was scheduled today between the secretary of labor, Admiral Benson, chairman of the shipping board, and the leaders of the marine engineers' representatives of the ship owners are here and they may sit in at the conference later in the day.

Despite outward appearances it became known today that both sides are in a conciliatory mood.

Secretary Davis will confer with the leaders of the marine workers at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SAN FRANCISCO OPERATORS BREAK; ONE COMPANY SIGNS

San Francisco, Cal., May 6.—(U. P.)—Although the first break in the ranks of the shipowners occurred late yesterday, seven ships had been added today to the list of those tied up here by the seamen's strike. Thirty-seven vessels now are in port without crews. They represent an aggregate tonnage of approximately 250,000.

The break in the employers' ranks came with the announcement of the White Flyer line, operating the steamer Humboldt between San Francisco and Los Angeles, that it had signed an agreement for one year at the old wage scale with its men.

BULLETIN FIRED AT SHIP BOARD AGENTS IN STRIKE

Savannah, Ga., May 6.—(U. P.)—United States shipping board officials here were fired upon early today when an attempt was being made to send men from here to Charleston to man ships abandoned by striking sea workers.

Fred Dickson Jr. received a blow on the head from a brick thrown, it is said, by a striker.

Strikers, it is said, discovered the strikebreakers being loaded into a tug for transport. A party of about 20 men rounded an automobile in which were policemen and the shipping board officers. Firing opened and stones were thrown. The automobile dashed away and little damage was done.

Bottom Drops Out of Elevator; Man Killed

New York, May 6.—(U. P.)—One man was killed and two others injured, perhaps fatally, this afternoon when the bottom dropped out of an elevator at 648 Broadway, letting the men plunge six stories. A negro operator of the elevator stepped out 10 seconds before the accident occurred.

ALLEY SOLDIERS KILLED IN BATTLE

Berlin, May 6.—(U. P.)—The Polish commissioner in Upper Silesia, Adalbert Korfanty, who was recalled by Warsaw but refused to obey, today proclaimed himself military and civil governor of Upper Silesia.

Berlin, May 6.—(U. P.)—Seventy-five allied soldiers were killed and 150 wounded in battles with the Poles in Upper Silesia during the past 24 hours, according to information received here today.

The Italians attempted on Thursday night to make a sortie across the Oder river toward Rathbor, but were driven back by the Poles. All the Italian artillery was captured by the Poles.

The Germans have decided not to send regular troops to Upper Silesia, it was announced officially.

The Italian casualties, according to one report, were 22 killed and wounded.

Regular warfare, with rifles, artillery and trenches, raged over some parts of Upper Silesia.

The Italian troops attacked by the Poles were part of the international police force organized under the League of Nations and had been sent into Upper Silesia to preserve order pending the promulgation of the allied decision regarding the future nationality of that province.

The Poles are accused of making a planned attack, without waiting for the allied supreme council's decision upon Upper Silesia.

The Italians are continuing their operations, despite the preponderant number of armed Poles opposing them.

FOUR OREGON MEN ON TIPTOE AT U. S. CAPITAL

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McNary and Piper's contact with Stanford seemed more or less casual and fleeting. Williams also has apparently seen little of Stanford. All these points in the political heavens are being assigned their place by the seers who read the stars.

The patronage charts have been hauled out, but not displayed in full view. The two senators still talk in mystic language and unanimously agree that nothing much has been done. It is hinted that still other luminaries are expected in the somewhat crowded firmament.

For example, W. L. Thompson and Henry Lewis Corbin are expected to drop in next week.

Indications point to an interesting meeting before long where only two cards are dealt. The word of appointment will be given. McNary and Stanford will conduct the affair alone.

The talk will drift around to the appointments which have been furrowing their brows and they will see what they can see. Then it should develop whether they will be about to march together to the White House to unfold one harmonious state or whether they will march singly and alone.

POLITICAL FUR MAY FLY

If they agree, there may be immediate announcement of a harmony also to relieve the pressure and save further worry to the aspirants at home. Or there may be agreement without announcement until word of appointment comes from the White House.

First consideration, it is believed, will be given to the collector of customs, collector of internal revenue, appraiser of customs, marshal, prohibition director and certain land office appointments. If they fail to agree, the fur will fly, and prognostication may not be entirely safe.

Some seers see favoring stars with McNary because of his seemingly harmonious relations with McNary and Piper and because he appears to be playing close to the local organizations. Which may be a potent influence. Besides, he is the senior senator, has always had cordial relations with the president and he will be first to go before the people for reelection.

Stanford is new on the job and has manifest disadvantages, but he is working well with the senate organization and may not be without resources if there comes a tug of war. Both senators, however, continue to express confidence that in a two-man conference their minds will run together or at least close enough to work into a single state when the crucial moment comes.

ALLIED INVITATION ACCEPTED BY U. S.

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alis appeal to folks here because there are so many questions arising on which the United States government desires to be informed and it is not always possible to conserve American interests when American diplomats must seek verification of important happenings through second hand sources of information.

In view of the incident here concerning American foreign policy and participation in European affairs under the Versailles treaty, any American representative sitting in the meetings of the supreme council would have limited powers; he would be unable to take action without the explicit instruction of the president and secretary of state.

MERRICK OR HARVEY

The government here may decide to use Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, if the meetings are held in France, or Ambassador Harvey if they take place in London. It is unlikely that special envoy would be appointed for the purpose, as meetings of the supreme council are infrequent.

There is always the chance, however, that the president may avail himself of the opportunity to send a special ambassador, a man of the type of Ellhu Root whenever questions of extraordinary importance are up for consideration. Broadly speaking, the desire of the allied states is to have in them in determining questions of vital interest to all nations is reciprocally felt.

In other words, the disposition is to look upon the allied invitation as a means of consolidating the principal and associated powers into a family council and minimize the chances of friction between the United States and its associates in the war.

YAP SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT

There have been reports that the American government would delay sending a representative to the supreme council until the principles involved in the Yap mandate controversy were fully accepted by the allies. Inquiry in responsible quarters brings the information that the United States, while deeply interested in the outcome of the Yap controversy, feels it advisable to consider the broad interests of the world rather than her own special interests in a particular controversy. In other words, it

is felt that a favorable determination of the Yap controversy is actually in process and that the reputation problem is of such vast importance to the economic recovery of the world that American aid not afford to insist that the Yap controversy be settled before she assumes her rightful place in the council of nations. The opportunity for America to help the allies by giving unofficial advice, if it is sought, or to correct misapprehensions concerning America's attitude toward her associates in the war are too important to be neglected.

DISABUSES GERMAN MIND

The feeling here is that the Harding administration is doing all in its power to prevent the Germans from relying upon American aid as against the allies in pending controversies. A decision to sit alongside the allies, the supreme council, even though it did not in the slightest degree involve the United States in any commitment whatsoever, would be construed by the allies as a strengthening of allied solidarity and as a convincing argument to the Germans that they had better heed the allied demands and settle the reparations question. So long as American participation is unofficial and informal, the opponents of cooperation between the United States and the allies will be disarmed, but it is more than passing significance that members of the so-called irreconcilable group in the senate are watching with some degree of uneasiness the tendency of the Harding administration to take a regular view of pending problems rather than to follow a strictly nationalistic or isolated policy.

ANOTHER REDUCTION IS ORDERED IN GAS

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sumers in such amount as will conform to the lowered rate of crude oil.

"An order embodying such provisions will be forthcoming at an early date."

GAS COMPANY NOTIFIED OF CUT IN OIL PRICE

The Portland Gas & Coke company was notified this week by the Standard Oil company of California, that reduction in transportation costs would make it possible to deliver oil to the gas company at Linnton at a saving of 20 cents per barrel.

The gas company notified the public service commission at Salem on Thursday, according to John Laing, general counsel for the company, and asked the commission to order a proportionately lower rate to consumers of gas.

The aggregate reduction in the cost of production would be about \$125,000 annually, according to Laing, and the reduction in the price of gas would depend on the amount in which this saving is spread on the present schedule by the public service commission. A previous reduction of 15 cents per barrel in the cost of gas resulted in a decrease of 5 cents per 1000 cubic feet of gas for household and heating purposes, effective April 10.

Following the reduction ordered by the commission, the gas company voluntarily ordered a further reduction of 5 cents in the price of gas for all purposes. Because of this additional decrease, effective April 10, it is possible that the commission will not order another reduction in the price of gas.

It is considered fairly certain that a decrease of at least 5 cents per 1000 feet will be made to small users.

Portland Business Men Plan to Visit O. A. C. Celebration

Organization of a special train excursion of business men to Corvallis for the final day of Junior week at Oregon Agricultural college is being planned by the Chamber of Commerce through members of the agricultural committee. It is planned to have a special train with accommodations for 250 persons leave Portland May 11 at 11 a. m. and return to Portland at 11 p. m. the same day.

The excursion party is being arranged following an invitation from Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the college. Members of the committee making arrangements for the trip are F. E. Andrews, H. H. Haines, J. R. Ellison and W. O. Munsel.

Students at W. S. C. Improving Campus

Washington State College, Pullman, May 6.—The annual Campus day program opened early this morning. All students are busy improving and beautifying the campus, the co-eds cleaning up Tanglewood and serving luncheon. The intercollegiate track meet, annual hard times dance and production of "The Prince Chap" by Mask and Dagger complete the day's activities. The strenuous program will continue Saturday, with the Whitman-Cougar baseball game in the morning and the Idaho-W. S. C. dual track meet in the afternoon. A matinee and night performance of the Mask and Dagger play will conclude the event.

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"I am not unmindful that in some other circuits such evidence was held not to be admissible. Under such circumstances it seems to me that the question should have passed upon the question in order that the law regarding such evidence should be settled."

FIVE OREGON CITY YOUTHS HELD FOR LIQUOR VIOLATION

Five Oregon City youths, Albert Corvelli, Roy Foshner, A. McGunness, Clem Warren and Joe L. Murphy, between the ages of 19 and 21 years, were held to the grand jury by United States Commissioner Kenneth Frazer at a hearing this morning, on a charge of violating the national prohibition law. Their bail was fixed at \$500 each.

The method of the boys is alleged to have been the impersonation of officers, the raiding of residences at night and displaying their stars, to secure samples of wine and other alcoholic liquors, on which they would become gloriously drunk.

The boys were arrested following numerous complaints received by the federal authorities that their revenue agents around Oregon City were crooked. Their last offense was to go to the home of Mrs. Ann Scheel, who lives on a farm near Oregon City, according to federal officers, raiding her place and becoming drunk on some of her wine.

The impersonation of a revenue officer was the first charge brought against the boys, but evidence produced at the hearing did not sustain this charge. It being said the boys did not say any kind of an officer they were impersonating. The charge was then changed to merely the violation of the prohibition act by having liquor in their possession and transporting it.

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COLUMBIA

F. Conby, Hildegarde against Terase Nishimoto, Lela E. against Roy Dooley, Minnie against Arthur Hurlburt, Mabel L. against John E. Linaner and Tryphena against James Swallow. Suit for annulment of marriage bonds was filed by Mrs. Billie Forness against Tryphena Forness.

WIFE SAYS MATE SPENT COIN GIVEN FOR RELIEF

While Inez and Arthur Dyer were living on their homestead near Maupin, Or., in 1919, their house caught fire and was destroyed. The neighbors, to tide them over the crisis, collected \$175 and presented it to the Dyers. The husband took the money and squandered it. Mrs. Dyer claims in a divorce suit filed in circuit court this morning.

Flora M. Percival filed suit for divorce against John H. Percival.

ASSOCIATED CREDITORS SUK

WM. C. JACKLIN FOR \$650

William C. Jacklin, fugitive ex-manager of the Stutz automobile agency in Portland, is sued for \$650 by the Associated Creditors' Adjustment company in a civil action filed Thursday in circuit court. The creditors are the B. F. Goodrich Rubber company, The Journal, the Oregonian, Ballou & Wright and M. Sells & Co.

Two indictments have been issued against Jacklin by the Multnomah county grand jury. He was last heard of in New York, from which place he is said to have written to friends in San Jose, Cal. Sheriff Hurlburt sent word to the New York police to pick him up, but he was found to have disappeared.

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Open Shop Campaign Fails, Says Gompers

(By United News)

Cincinnati, May 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asserted here today that the open

shop movement throughout the country "has fallen flat." Gompers came here from Washington with Frank Morrison, secretary, his wife and a staff of clerks