

FIVE HURT WHEN SCAFFOLD FALLS; ONE NEAR DEATH

Virgil DeVerte, 28, was probably fatally injured and four other workmen suffered broken bones and severe injuries late this morning when a scaffolding upon which they were working at the Portland Vegetable Oil Mills company plant at the foot of Twenty-second street, collapsed and precipitated them to the ground, a fall of 20 feet.

DeVerte, a resident at the Uphur apartments, was working with a crew on the scaffolding when it gave way. At St. Vincent's hospital it was found that his back was broken and he was internally injured. His condition is so serious that he is not expected to recover.

The left leg of John Anderson, 32, 622 East Twenty-eighth street, and the right leg of Chris Hoyt, 44, 5310 Fifty-second avenue southeast, were broken in the fall. They are at St. Vincent's. At Good Samaritan hospital L. H. Clausen, 30, and A. Benjamin, 48, are being treated for painful cuts and bruises. A four-inch scalp wound in Benjamin's head was sewed.

The five men, employed by the Hurley-Mason company in the construction of the new oil mills plant, were on the scaffolding placing steel reinforcement in concrete construction. A defective board in the supporting structure broke and the workmen slid into a group at the broken point, from where they dropped to the ground.

EILERS FREED, SEEKS \$118,000 DAMAGES

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succeeded in getting Eilers indicted, it is alleged. To make the story of Eilers' guilt more plausible, it is charged, the accounts were kept working over the books for many months. The disburse of the embezzlement trial which ended today is among the injustices for which Eilers asks damages.

Eilers wants \$38,000 for damage done his business, \$5000 for attorney's fees and \$25,000 exemplary damages for injury to his personal reputation. A jury reported a verdict of acquittal in the criminal case at 10 o'clock this morning. Immediately after the reading of the verdict, Judge Stapleton called attention to the episode of last week in which Tom Mannix, counsel for Eilers, and Arthur Murphy, associate prosecutor, had engaged in a fist fight in the courtroom. The judge fined Mannix \$25 for contempt of court.

The jury received its final instructions and retired at 5:30 p. m. Monday. The court had taken no official cognizance of the fight since the disturbance, because, he announced today, he did not wish to prejudice the jury.

COURT FINES ATTORNEY
Now, however, he explained, he felt it due the court to comment upon the affair in which Mannix struck Murphy and Murphy retaliated with several blows before the men were separated. Judge Stapleton then proceeded to exonerate Murphy, declaring that the lawyer had endured the slurring allegations made by Mannix longer than he (Stapleton) could have endured them. He then called upon Mannix to state his views, and Mannix said he would accept whatever the court might see fit to do in the matter. The court then levied the fine.

Three other indictments are pending against Eilers, each charging similar acts of embezzlement of larceny by bailie. Judge Stapleton, in his instructions to the jury, stated that the question of whether Eilers "intended" to defraud the Talking Machine company was the vital point at issue. If the jury found Eilers did not use the money on himself, but was merely following a custom of the firm in financial matters, then a ver-

diction of not guilty should be brought in, the judge said. On the other hand, if intent was shown, he should be found guilty.

Arthur A. Murphy, who handled the Eilers case before the grand jury and has assisted Chief Deputy District Attorney Hammett and John Boos of Chicago in the prosecution of the case, made the first closing argument.

Murphy denounced the charges of a conspiracy against Eilers as being out of the question. In regard to the contention that Eilers owned all the stock in the Eilers Talking Machine company and could not steal from himself, Murphy said the evidence showed the Eilers Music house owned the company.

DEFENSE MAKES CLAIM
The defense claimed Eilers had advanced money to the talking machine company and was only taking back what the company owed him. Murphy declared he took it back twice.

Murphy stated that there was no evidence to show that the \$1000 involved in this case had been used to help other links in the Eilers string of stores, as the defense claimed it had been.

Joseph L. Hammett, senior counsel for defense, stressed the alleged conspiracy on the part of the prosecution. John Boos of Chicago, representative of the circuit judge, pointed out that it would be out of the question to set any more cases before December, except in instances where dire necessity or where criminal action is involved.

The chief justice of the supreme court has stated that he will assign October during the rush period this fall, thus partially relieving the congestion.

Presiding Judge Morrow and Judge Stapleton and McCourt will remain on the bench most of the summer, to handle such cases as can be tried during that time.

The docket will be called July 15.

JUDGE TUCKER PASSES LIGHT SENTENCE FOR WIFE'S SAKE
William Mann, found guilty last week of larceny of an automobile, was sentenced to three months in the county jail by Circuit Judge Tucker this morning.

Deputy District Attorney George Graham, who prosecuted the case, rose from his seat after sentence had been pronounced and declared: "Your honor, I don't believe it is lawful for you to give this man time in the county jail. He has been convicted of grand larceny and the law provides anything up to 10 years in the penitentiary for that crime."

"Nevertheless," Judge Tucker replied, "I am going to give this young man a chance for the sake of his wife and child, and because, as far as I can judge, he is guilty of nothing more serious than embezzlement by bailie."

CORLISS SHERMAN SENTENCED AND PAROLED TO HIS MOTHER
Corliss Sherman, 17, son of Mrs. Frances Sherman, 352 Bryce avenue, charged with being associated with Jack Seabrook, 18, son of E. E. Seabrook, 554 East Eighth street north, in the spectacular theft of a police automobile from in front of the Artisans building, was today paroled by Judge Kansler of the juvenile court, a technical sentence being suspended during good behavior, his mother having charge of him in the meantime.

Seabrook's case was also set for today, but his father appeared before Judge Kansler and stated his understanding was that the case was dropped when the boys were taken before Municipal Judge Roseman. The boy, he explained, has gone to Clifton to work in a logging camp. Judge Kansler set Seabrook's case for September 7.

Woman Is Sentenced
Nettie Connett, on whose premises two stills were discovered when arrested, was sentenced in federal court Monday to six months in the county jail and fined \$500. When convicted a short time ago, the defendant appealed, but with no success. The mandate of the supreme court confirmed the decision of the district court.

FRANCE ACCEPTS HARDING'S PLAN

By William Cook

Paris, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—Premier Briand, in behalf of France, today accepted President Harding's invitation to an international conference to discuss disarmament.

Announcement that France accepted was contained in a speech delivered by the premier in the chamber of deputies. It was received with terrific applause.

The chamber quickly gave its formal approval of the premier's action. There was no dissent.

After informing the chamber that France now has receipt of the official offer from the American president, Premier Briand said:

"France has readily accepted the proposal in order to show the government's desire for peace."

After the applause had subsided, the premier continued:

"I want to thank the American executive for having thought of France, thereby rendering homage to her pacific spirit. France and Great Britain having no fixed means of limiting armaments. Out of this proposed conference perhaps will come agreements which guarantee the future peace of the world."

"France has an interest in the Pacific which we must not neglect. We trust that the chamber of deputies will support the government's acceptance of the noble appeal of President Harding in order to give France that security which is her right."

When the premier finished the applause broke out again, lasting several minutes.

The chamber and senate will both adjourn tonight for several months.

JAPAN IS ONLY ONE OF BIG THREE WHICH HAS NOT ACCEPTED
By A. L. Bradford

Washington, July 12.—(U. P.)—Japan today is expected to accept or reject President Harding's invitation to participate in a disarmament conference.

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VATICAN IMPRESSED WITH DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE
By Edward C. Stratt

Rome, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—President Harding's invitation to the big powers to an international conference to discuss disarmament and Far East problems has created an excellent impression at the Vatican.

It was learned from an authoritative source today that Pope Benedict is preparing a document for public circulation encouraging the idea. It was pointed out that the holy see of the Roman Catholic church has been a powerful supporter of disarmament.

Personages close to the Vatican, in discussing the need for international harmony, said that "the presence of an authorized apostolic envoy at the Vatican might prove most useful in the present juncture."

CENTRALIZED SALES FRUIT MEN'S DREAM
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product to market. He does not see the condition in which it arrives and consequently gets poor returns and does not know why.

hating machinery, to be controlled, at least, by the grower.

JUST RETURNS DEMANDED
C. DeVere Fairchild, secretary of the deciduous branch of the Pacific Coast Producers' association and representing the Yakima Commercial club, emphasized the need for better facilities to meet foreign competition rather than resorting to general wage cutting and a general lowering of the living standards of this country.

He said that it is the farmers' duty to see that people are fed and their right to get just returns.

C. I. Lewis, general manager of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association, told of the need of more farmers in legislative bodies there being now only 30 in congress against 238 lawyers.

He bewailed the fact that although the best of waterways are available, yet facilities and ships can not be provided to take care of the transportation of this year's fruit crop by this cheaper means of transportation.

TAYLOR URGES DEGREE FOR REAL ESTATE MEN

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advocate the doing away with the excess profits tax and substitution of a government sales tax—that is, a small tax on the sale of goods.

"The excess profits tax is in competition with tax exempt securities. Men with money will buy the securities in preference to permitting aliens to become building that would be subject to an excess profits tax."

FIGHT FOR CONVENTION
"When we settle this tax situation we will have solved our big problem."

Tariff, the housing problem, exchange rates and general business conditions will be discussed by the speakers, who include Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Senator William McAdair and John J. Emory, national commander of the American Legion.

El Paso and San Francisco will fight it out for the 1932 convention, with Baltimore and Cincinnati "dark horses." El Paso business men already have raised \$35,000 to be used in the event their city is victorious.

WONDERFUL GROWTH SHOWN
BY REALTY ASSOCIATION
Membership of the national association of real estate boards has been increased from 12,000 to more than 18,000 active realtors and the number of boards affiliated with the association has increased from 218 to more than 400 during the past year, according to the annual report presented today by President F. E. Taylor at the fourteenth convention of the association at Chicago.

During Taylor's term of office he has traveled 23,291 miles, crossed country twice and has delivered more than 100 addresses at meetings of real estate men. During the 12-month period of his presidency he has attended 100 important conferences of association members in 41 of the larger cities of the country. Records of the association show that 35,966 letters to realtors were mailed from Taylor's office in Portland during the year.

Real estate license laws similar to that in effect in Oregon were adopted by legislatures of nine other states during the year. The governors of New York and Washington have signed bills passed by their legislatures and aggressive campaigns are under way by the realty men in several states to pass the bill at the next session.

The first text book on the real estate business was published during the year, according to Taylor's report, and efforts are being made for the establishment of a course of study in the realty profession in the leading universities and colleges of the United States and Canada. A bureau of research and information, acting in cooperation with the federal government, also was established during Taylor's regime.

The convention at Chicago will continue until Friday night. A special train carried 150 Northwest delegates, including 60 from Portland, to the meeting.

Attractive Program Grooms Visitors at Chautauqua Opening
Gladstone, July 12.—Harvey E. Cross, president of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua, and J. R. Elliott, president of the Ellenton White circuit, welcomed the first day visitors to the Gladstone Chautauqua this afternoon. Favorable weather and the varied attractions on the 13 day program combined to bring an unusual opening day attendance. Visitors came by motor car and train, and the morning hours were occupied by the registration of campers and the assignment to quarters.

The afternoon program included a concert by the Liberty Belles of Boston, a symposium on community service, conducted by Ray Carter and Mrs. Edward L. Brown, and a baseball game, in which the Pacific university nine was scheduled to meet the Japanese players from Waseda university. This evening's program features a lecture, "Tallow Dips," by Robert Parker Miles.

Wednesday's program follows:
8:30—11:00—Physical culture classes.
Children's Chautauqua and Sunday school institute.
9:00 to 11:00—Bible hour, Dr. W. B. Hinson.
11:00—Forum hour, amateur quartet contest.
1:30—Concert prelude. Stone-Platt-Braggs company.
2:00—Lecture, Dr. Elwood Perkins.
2:30—Baseball, the Oregon City.
3:00—Symposium, "The Library as a Social Center," by Mrs. Constance Marvin.
3:30—Entertainment. Stone-Platt-Braggs company.
8:00—"Miracles of Finance," Congressman Henry T. Rainey.

Klamath Orders One Court House Sold
Klamath Falls, July 12.—A decree of the county court issued today declares the county to some courthouse is the official structure of Klamath county and orders the Main street courthouse sold and the proceeds applied toward completing the official home of justice.

Ole Hanson Going Into Oil Business
Seattle, July 12.—(U. P.)—Former Mayor Ole Hanson has obtained rights to 500 acres of oil land in Mexico, according to Mrs. Hanson, who arrived here last night. Hanson and his family, she said, will remove to Los Angeles in order to be close to the seat of his drilling operations.

Express Official Coming Here
F. P. Small, vice president of the American Express company, will visit Portland Wednesday in connection with a nation-wide trip of inspection.

Legion Continues To Make Protest on Proposed Link Dam

Continued effort to prevent the construction of a dam at the head of Link river in Klamath county by the California Oregon Power company was announced today by the American Legion of Oregon, which has learned that building of the dam will cause the flooding of a large amount of government lands subject to the soldier preference settlement right and entry for settlement and development by ex-service men.

The matter has been taken up with the national legislative committee of the American Legion, Oregon senators and representatives, the secretary of the interior and Governor Olcott, attention having been called in each instance that so far no provision has been made for the protection of the lands against flooding which would be caused by the dam construction.

This matter was first brought to public attention by Klamath post 8 through its delegates at the last convention. The Legion is also making strenuous efforts to have funds appropriated by the United States for reclamation and irrigation work on the Klamath project under the lands of the United States at Lower Klamath lake.

**DRUGGISTS WANT
UNIFORM STATUTE**

Seaside, July 12.—Following an address by H. C. Christensen, secretary of the National Association of Pharmacists, in the opening session of their state convention today, the Oregon druggists went on record by unanimous vote favoring uniform drug laws for the entire United States.

Plans are to have each state adopt the same law. The benefit to be derived from this would be that a druggist admitted to practice in one state could practice in all others.

Sentiment among the delegates is strong against the employment of aliens. Already the pharmacists are on record as opposing permitting aliens to become registered pharmacists. A resolution will be introduced opposing the employment of aliens in any work connected with the drug business in Oregon.

More than 150 members of the State Pharmaceutical association are now in Seaside for the convention. The business session this morning was opened by President E. A. Robison.

Police Can't Nab Safeblowers, So Give Merchants Tip
All merchants who are accustomed to carry large amounts of cash overnight in their places of business are urged by Chief of Police V. M. Jenkins not to rely on safes, but to deposit their money in banks. The warning comes as a result of several recent burglaries in downtown stores and restaurants.

"There is a gang of expert safe men working in town," said Inspector Tom Coleman, who is well known in the Northwest for his activities in running down yeggmen.

"They take only money and they leave no clue behind. It is almost impossible to identify stolen money. In one recent burglary they returned several articles of jewelry they had stolen and avoided detection. If every merchant, jeweler, restaurant owner and business man with a safe would deposit his cash, they would put a stop to this gang."

"If I had a safe I'd leave it open at night with a note saying I had only personal papers, and all my money was in the bank. That'd stop 'em."

Husband Cuts Wife Who Declined to Return, She Reports
Bad cuts on both cheeks were treated in the emergency hospital this morning when Mrs. Grace Crabtree appealed to city physicians and said she had been attacked by her husband with a pocket knife. She told detectives that her husband, Ernest Crabtree, went to the hotel where she is employed as a chambermaid and took her to ride in an automobile. While driving toward Beaverton, she said, she refused to return and live with him. She said she had been separated from him for a short time. When she refused him he is alleged to have attacked her.

Mrs. Crabtree escaped from her husband and was brought back to Portland. The police forwarded all information about the case to the sheriff of Washington county, since the alleged assault took place in his district. Mrs. Crabtree is 22 years old.

Mrs. S. Buchler's Funeral Will Take Place Wednesday
The funeral for Mrs. Sarah Buchler, who passed away Sunday at her home, will take place Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the Portland Crematorium. The deceased was the widow of the late August Buchler. She died at the age of 64 years. Mrs. Buchler had lived at The Dalles for a number of years and about 10 years ago came to Portland with her husband.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Charles Tibbitts, Monterey, Cal.; Mrs. John Wick, Portland; Mrs. James Shiner, Baker, Or.; Mrs. Claude Martin, Seattle; Adolph Buchler, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Jennie Buchler and Harry Buchler of this city. Her brothers and sisters who survive are: Mrs. Mary Clark and Mrs. Rose Couch of Portland; Dan Burkhalter of Hillsboro and Irvine Burkhalter of Farmington.

Hops Ripening, 200 Pickers Are Needed
Springfield, Or., July 12.—At Hop Island, the J. L. Clark hop ranch, the baby hops are reported as being ready to pick. Two hundred pickers are wanted.

The Cadmean Chautauqua will be held here from the fourth to the nineteenth of this month.

WOODCRAFT ORDER HOLDS INSPIRING ANNUAL CONCLAVE

From the whole Western slope of the Rocky mountains delegates and officers have followed the trails to Portland for the annual session of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, an order that has its roots implanted firmly in Portland soil. The session, the eighth of the grand circle, is being held for the most part at the headquarters building at Tenth and Taylor streets.

Today's session was opened with Mrs. Minnie Hiner, grand adviser, in the chair. Reports of officers and committees were received and a number of constitutional amendments and resolutions were read and referred. The sessions of the Grand circle are closed to the public, only members in good standing being admitted as guests.

Delegates and officers to the number of 175 were present Monday when the 16-day session opened. Most of these delegates arrived Sunday and were met at the Union depot by degree teams and special committees. The degree teams of Vancouver and Oregon City assisted the degree teams of Royal, Montaville, Multnomah and other circles in welcoming the delegates.

Visitors represent the coast states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, California, Utah, Nevada and Colorado. This territory is the jurisdiction of the order.

"Woodcraft! Woodcraft! Well, I guess! 1935—Yes, Yes, Yes! Roo, Roo, Rah!" was the welcome call sounded by the home degree teams.

Monday morning the convention was called to order by Mrs. Minnie Hiner, grand adviser, in the absence through illness of Mrs. Carrie C. Van Orsdal, grand guardian. The delegates presented a large and costly bouquet to Mrs. Van Orsdal, which was sent to her bedside. Mayor George L. Baker gave an address of welcome, to which Mrs. Ida Umbach of Lakeview responded.

In the afternoon reports of the grand clerk and the grand physician were given. The Neighbors of Woodcraft has 5,000 members in good standing. The financial statement shows resources of over \$1,000,000 above liabilities, of which \$1,737,000 is in investment securities.

WEDNESDAY WORK TO BE GIVEN
Wednesday evening the juvenile section of the order will give its ritualistic work before the grand circle, under direction of Mrs. Margaret Westheimer, assisted by Captain Beattie Hinds. Thursday an auto excursion over the Columbia river highway is being arranged for, and a salmon lunch will be served at Seagle Creek. Automobiles will leave headquarters at Tenth and Taylor streets at 10 a. m.

Friday evening, at the Pythian building, the large hall will be occupied by exhibition drills, by visiting teams, who are guests of the grand circle, exhibiting on this occasion, will be the Seattle team and chorus under command of Captain Fannie Vaughn; Denver team.

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