HARDING FAVORS SINGLE 6-YEAR TERM FOR PRESIDENTS

By David Lawrence
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Washington, April 8.—President Harding has become convinced that a single term of six years for American presidents, with no reelection thereafter, would better serve the interests of the people than the present method.

Close friends who have discussed the subject with him say that one year in office has revealed to him so many phases of the presidency which would be benefitted by a single term that from an impersonal basis he is of the opinion now that a constitutional amendment providing for the change would be a good thing.

Representative Wood of Indiana has already introduced a bill covering such an amendment to the federal constitution, but it takes a two thirds vote of the senate and house as well as approval by the legislatures of three fourths of the states of the Union to make the change effective.

QUESTION PUZZLES

How would it ever get started? Would President Harding agree not to become a candidate for reelection for a four year term or could the amendment be made to cover the present term of Mr. Harding?

These questions have been discussed by members of the cabinet and constitutional lawyers in inner circles of the government and many of them suggest that if it would not be misconstrued they think the same amendment to the constitution could automatically prolong by two years Mr. Harding's term and make him ineligible for reelection to the six year term.

"There are many ill effects from presidential elections," said one influential member of the cabinet today. "There's always a letdown in business in a presidential year. Four years is too frequent an interval.

EIGHT YEARS TOO MUCH

"Six years would give a president the opportunity to put through a complete program. I believe also that congressmen should be elected for four years and senators to six years as at present. We get better results in the senate where the term of office is six years than in the house where everybody is up for election every two years. As for eight years for an American president—it is too much.

"The health of the average man elected to high office will not stand it. We have already seen one president break down under the strain of eight years. How much of that strain was brought about by the necessity of a presidential campaign in the middle of his eight years? Six years would be better from every viewpoint."

"But what check could be exercised against a president who was in office for six years if public opinion changed?" he was asked.

SUGGESTION MADE

"The people would have their remedy in the election of a congress. If one third of the senate and one half of the house membership were up for reelection every two years so that the whole house would not change at once any more than the senate does now, we would be able to elect to office the nominees of the political party opposed to the president and this one third and one half, together with the existing strength of the political party in question, would be sufficient to make a majority against the president. This would be all the restraint necessary. A president can do very little harm with an opposition congress to check him."

As to the suggestion of prolonging Mr. Harding's present term by two years, there are precedents for this in many of the state constitutions.

DEMOCRATS MAY OPPOSE

The terms of many executive offices have been changed while the incumbents benefited by the amendment. It might, of course, be opposed by the Democrats on the ground such a step would not give them an opportunity to put into office for those two years a Democratic president, and the amendment might be fought on partisan lines and thus defeated in the state legislatures.

The chances are that an amendment providing that the term of the president after 1924 shall be for two years and that the successful candidate shall be ineligible for reelection thereafter would be much more favorably received and that after 1926 the first six-year term for president shall take effect with no reelection thereafter.

The Democrats have gone on record in one national platform in favor of a single term for president, though they never specified the number of years of the term. Republican statesmen in the past have advocated the change. But no American president has ever while in office become an active champion of an amendment to change the presidential tenure. Warren Harding may prove the exception.

Three Armed Tong Suspects Nabbed By Astoria Chief

Astoria, April 8.—Three Chinese, Tom Bitg, Ben Wong and Jack Sing, were lodged in jail Friday night on charges of carrying concealed weapons, following their arrest as suspected tongmen. The three were seized by Chief of Police Carlson when he leaped upon the running board of an automobile in which they were trying to escape. The car had halted when the Chinese inside saw the officer walking across the street.

Thrusting a revolver into the back of Ray Shanty, their chauffeur, one of the Chinese ordered him to "step on it." As the car lurched forward the chief swung aboard, covering the men inside. Two revolvers were found in the automobile, while the policeman believes a third man threw his weapon away.

The men are held as suspected tong killers from Seattle. Early in the evening one engaged Shanty to drive him about the city. He later picked up his two companions and the three drove about for two hours, peering from behind tightly drawn curtains.

Woman Races With Death in Airplane

Wenatchee, Wash., April 8.—James Peacock, Spokane automobile salesman, whose wife came by airplane from Spokane in a race with death, died Thursday night from double pneumonia. Mrs. Peacock arrived Wednesday afternoon. He was not sufficiently conscious to recognize her. Mrs. Peacock was too anxious about the condition of her husband to feel any fear on her first air voyage. She was a little dizzy and sick when she alighted but these ill effects soon vanished.

Utilities' Help Are Wilson's Friends

Employes Get Behind Foundation

Workers in several of Portland's large utilities are giving their support to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

Stacy Hamilton reported to Carl Detering, treasurer of the Multnomah county committee, the following members of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company organization as contributors: William J. Morris, A. Craig McMicken, N. T. Wilmot, W. H. Tillman, Edna Miller, Gladys Murphy, Bernadean Grebel, Eileen Murphy, Charles E. Freeberg, Emma Baen, Lester Park, Elizabeth Bruerhest, Earl S. McElvain, A. H. Morris, E. I. Snyder, W. A. Ross, L. T. Dawson, Helen H. Hughes, Laura Stewart, H. B. Booth, W. W. Sansom, Grace Hammer, Winifred Warren, Creola Adams, Alice Taylor, A. Streiff, A. B. Cayo.

Employes of the O-W. R. & N. shops and in the Wells Fargo building have subscribed in considerable number, without, however, reporting the names except in three instances, these being J. W. Morrow, E. G. Johnston and H. H. Smith.

Recently reported subscriptions from other sources include the names of George W. Wright, S. M. Austin and H. N. Hays, the last named residing in Grandview, Wash.

Responding to the appeal made upon county chairmen in the Woodrow Wilson Foundation that they secure the remainder of their quotas during the present month, District Attorney Willard Wirtz of Prineville, chairman for Crook county, writes: "I want to say that I am sure we can get Crook county's quota before the end of the month. In fact, I know we can."

Patsy Daly, chairman for Grant county, writes: "We will make a supreme effort."

All solicitors in the campaign have been again reminded that the Wilson Foundation awards for public service are to be made on no partisan basis. Those who in the future make large contribution to human welfare, democracy, liberal thought and peace through justice will be recognized regardless of party or station. The only man who will never be a beneficiary of the Foundation is the man whose name the Foundation bears.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARADE INCREASES TABERNACLE MEET

A challenge to the youth of today to grasp the smaller opportunities before them and make them stepping-stones to larger accomplishments was given at the young people's service at the United Gospel Crusade tabernacle last night.

The meeting was the largest attended service since the crusade opened here, and was also the most enthusiastic service. Preceding the service the young folks paraded through the downtown streets in automobiles to advertise the meetings. Their line was five blocks long.

Upon reaching the tabernacle the paraders were joined by several hundred more young people, and, headed by Bishop W. O. Shepard, Dr. W. W. Youngson, local Methodist pastors, and Ralph Speelmon, district Epworth league president, the leaguers paraded around the tabernacle to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Their line reached up and down three aisles of the tabernacle. The building is one block long.

Following the parade the leaguers gave several yells and songs under the leadership of Lawrence Snyder, after which they joined the united chorus. The music furnished by this massed choir was a feature of the service. Walter R. Jenkins also sang a new song written during the past week by Bentley D. Ackley, crusade pianist, which received applause. It is entitled "Love Opened Wide the Door."

Owing to the enthusiasm displayed by the young people, Dr. George Wood Anderson, leader of the crusade, announced that hereafter during the remainder of the crusade Friday would always be young people's night.

Friday afternoon the ladies' aid societies of the various churches turned out en masse and swelled the afternoon attendance so that it exceeded previous records.

Tonight at 7:30 Dr. Anderson will give his sermon on "Judas Iscariot, the Most Misrepresented Man in the Bible." Services will be held Sunday at 3, 6:15 and 7:30 p. m. The 6:15 service is for young people.

Norblad Expected To Join Race for Seat in Congress

Astoria, Or., April 8.—The Astoria Ad club Friday added its voice to that of the board of directors of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce in requesting State Senator A. W. Norblad to enter the May primaries for the Republican nomination for representative in congress.

Norblad has as yet made no statement of his decision, but it is considered almost certain that he will enter the contest against W. C. Hawley and E. E. Fisher. In case he does, he has declared that he will at once inaugurate an aggressive campaign.

In the event that Norblad withdraws his candidacy for state senator to run for congress, Clatsop county politics will be considerably upset, and a candidate for the state senate will become necessary. It is believed that Mrs. W. S. Kinney, present representative, will seek the senatorial position in that case. Who would seek to succeed Mrs. Kinney is moot question, but some think that Garnet L. Green, an attorney, might enter the race.

2 More Arrested in Forged Pass Case

Two more arrests were made Friday by federal officials in connection with the alleged use of forged passes. Vito Bavaro and a brother, Frank Bavaro, were arrested and are held in the county jail in default of $500 bond each. G. Gimerilli, who was arrested several days ago, was released, as the evidence did not warrant prosecution. The Bavaro brothers are charged with traveling to Los Angeles on a forged pass.

New York Adds 1192 Men to Halt Crime

New York, April 8.—A drastic move to curb the crime carnival in greater New York resulted today in authority being given to Police Commissioner Enright by the board of estimates to add 1192 men to the Metropolitan police force. The board of aldermen was asked to appropriate $1,200,000 to maintain the increased force.

CITY MAY GRANT FRANCHISE FOR GARBAGE WORK

Investigation will be made of the proposition of granting an exclusive franchise to collect all garbage in the city, Commissioner C. A. Bigelow announced today.

A group of men, represented by W. P. LaRoche, attorney, have requested Bigelow to grant a franchise for garbage collection. The garbage, the request states, is to be consumed by the firm, which has not yet been organized, for the various by-products that can be had by distillation.

Two favorable factors are involved in the proposition, Bigelow said, whereby the city will be benefited. One is that by the firm consuming the garbage the necessity of building a new city incinerator may be eliminated. The other is better control over the collection of the garbage and a bettering of general sanitary conditions in the city.

The question will be thoroughly investigated, Bigelow said, and if found feasible the council will be asked for authority to advertise for competitive bids for such a franchise.

ASPHALTIC SURFACE TO BE PUT ON EAST 37TH STREET

Reconstruction of East 37th street by laying an asphaltic surface on the present macadam base is being considered by the department of public works, A. G. Johnson, assistant commissioner, said today. The improvement will be from Hawthorne to Belmont streets, and will cost approximately $9000. The street at present, Johnson said, is in deplorable condition, the macadam being badly rutted and worn.

SAFETY LIGHT TO BE PUT AT SHAVER AND MISSISSIPPI

Installation of a safety light at Shaver street and Mississippi avenue will be completed today, A. G. Johnson, assistant commissioner of public works, said this morning. The light, which is placed inside a "street wart," will prevent cutting corners at this intersection, which is regarded as one of the most dangerous on the east side. The cost of installation is $125.

SLEEPING SICKNESS

One case of sleeping sickness was reported to the city health office this morning. The report was of William J. Taylor, 62, at the Good Samaritan hospital. Count of the contagious diseases in the city showed a marked decrease. The number of cases of smallpox now in quarantine is 41, diphtheria 25 and scarlet fever 22.

Home Beautiful to End Its Exhibition With Prize Awards

The Home Beautiful exposition, held at The Auditorium this week, under auspices of the Portland Realty board, will close tonight at 10:30 with the award of prizes offered in drawings conducted by the board and by various exhibitors. The crowd which filled The Auditorium shortly after noon indicated that today's attendance would establish a record for the week.

A lecture on the history of Oriental rugs and how to read them, by H. O. Cartozian, will be one of the special features of the evening program. A musical offering of unusual interest will be given by The Journal's radio station, in addition to the news broadcasting service.

According to A. R. Ritter, president of the Realty board, arrangements already have been made to hold a Home Beautiful exposition at The Auditorium the second week in April next year. Several of the firms with exhibits at this week's show have reserved space for the 1923 event, Ritter stated.

An address on artistic home building by W. G. Purcell, former president of the Oregon chapter of the American Institute of Architecture, attracted a large crowd to the lecture room on the balcony floor of The Auditorium Friday night. Interest in the educational features of the exposition would result in broadening the scope of next year's program, according to John H. Mariels, chairman of the committee in charge of the show.

FINED ON TWO AUTO CHARGES

Vancouver, Wash., April 8.—A. L. Goodnight, brought before Judge Vaughan on two charges, driving a motor vehicle without a driver's license and driving an auto stage without a special permit from the state director of licenses, required of all drivers under the age of 21, was fined $10 and costs on each charge. He was driving the Battle Ground stage and was first arrested for speeding on the St. Johns road within the city limits.

EX-HUSBAND MUST PAY HIS ALIMONY OR SERVE IN JAIL

Pay your alimony or go to jail.

Three circuit judges, Stapleton, Kavanaugh and Evans, who sat en banc on the case of Minnie Shaffer against Frank Shaffer, handed down a decision this morning in which they found that the court has the power to throw a divorced husband into jail for contempt of court when he refuses to support his children and former wife.

A number of ex-husbands in the county who have been "stalling off" payment of alimony until the outcome of the Shaffer case will now have to dig into their pockets at once or take rooms in the Hotel Tom Hurlburt.

Mrs. Shaffer got a divorce from her husband June 26, 1921. The court gave her custody of the two minor children and $75 a month alimony for the support of herself and the children. Shaffer is a railway engineer. He didn't pay and last fall he was jailed on a contempt order. He got out on habeas corpus proceedings. The three judges then sat en banc to hear the argument of John Kaste, attorney for Shaffer, that the court has no right to jail a man for contempt in an alimony case.

Kaste maintained that if the ex-husband had any income or property his divorced wife had a right to attach it, but that it was illegal to jail a man for debt. Chief Deputy District Attorney Hammersly represented the state and Arthur I. Moulton represented Mrs. Shaffer.

The judges held that a court of equity has inherent power to enforce its orders and decrees by contempt proceedings. They found that the decree requiring the defendant to make payment of $75 a month for support of his wife and two minor children is not an attempt to collect a judgment for money, but is an order to perform that larger duty to support his wife and child, a duty in which the state and public have an interest.

The power to imprison for failure to pay alimony is not within the constitutional provision against imprisonment for debt, the decision holds. Enforcement of the court's order by execution is an accumulative, not an exclusive, method.

Shaffer was previously imprisoned for failure to pay previous to October, 1921, and the judges doubted if he could again be imprisoned on that count. For failure to pay since that time, however, the decision reads, "he could be required to pay or suffer the penalty of his disobedience."

HUBBY CLAIMS WIFE KEPT FORMER MARRIAGES SECRET

The seventh marriage of Mary Dillery hasn't been any more successful than the other six, according to the divorce complaint filed today in circuit court by James M. Dillery.

The Dillerys were married in Vancouver, Wash., November 9, 1921. The husband claims that immediately after the nuptials his wife began nagging at him and complaining that he didn't make enough money. She went out in the evenings without him, he alleges, and returned with her breath smelling of liquor.

She didn't tell him she had been married six times before until after they had been united, he states.

$10,240 DAMAGES ASKED

Suit for $10,240 damages was filed in circuit court today by Gabrielle Weyand against H. Aynesworth. Plaintiff was a passenger in a car being driven by Aynesworth north on the Pacific highway near Tigard. The car was going at excessive speed and was on the wrong side of the road when another machine approached and Aynesworth drove into the ditch to avoid a collision, it is claimed.

$25,000 ESTATE LEFT

Helen M. Lamberson, who died March 31 in Portland, left an estate of $25,000, $10,000 in loans on real estate and $15,000 in real estate, according to the petition for probate of the will, filed in circuit court today. The two sons and two daughters share alike as heirs. They are Abby S., Margaret M., Albert B. and Edward S. Lamberson.

LLOYD GEORGE AT GENOA FOR MEET

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munication difficult and will delay the proceedings at the conference."

GERMANY'S FOREIGN MINISTER HAS DOUBTS ABOUT GENOA MEET

(Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago Daily News)

Berlin, April 8.—In the first statement he has given to an American newspaper correspondent since he became Germany's minister of foreign affairs, Walter Rathenau on the eve of his departure for Genoa, said that neither the German government nor he personally was hopeful concerning the benefit Germany would get from the conference.

He was gloomy in his views of the German financial situation, forecasting a further drop in the mark and a subsequent internal crisis unless something definite results from the conference and the United States departs from its attitude of isolation and again takes part in European affairs. Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, the new German ambassador to the United States, who is sailing soon for his post, was present at the interview.

U. S. RUSSIAN POLICY TO BE GUIDED BY GENOA DECISION

By Robert J. Bender
(United News Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 8.—The American government, in its future course toward Russia, will be guided largely by the efforts of European governments at Genoa to bring about a new situation as regards soviet rule.

And if the Genoa conference effects a basis, satisfactory to the United States, for recognition of Russia as a de facto government, there is evidence that this government may follow the lead of the foreign powers.

At the present moment, it is stated on highest authority, the American attitude on the question of recognizing the soviet government is exactly where it was when Hughes wrote his letter some months ago, setting forth the conditions upon which the United States might act.

WAITING ON GENOA

And there will be no further step in the matter, it is officially added, "until we have observed the efforts of the governments of Europe to bring about a new situation over there."

Premier Lloyd George has outlined his basis of recognition of Russia. It embraces gradual steps which will serve to test Russia's sincerity, not by mere promises, but by practical demonstration of these promises. It would seem to indicate recognition by European governments of the Lenin-Trotzky regime as a de facto government at the outset until "it proves itself." This, in a way, would seem to be along the lines the United States government would favor.

In other words, the actual basis of recognition, as American authorities have expressed themselves in recent months, is a change in Russian government operation, which would absolutely protect investors, acknowledge the right of contract and set up machinery for taking care of contract and other claims.

ALLIES SHOW EAGERNESS

All this demands to be comprehended in the basis for recognition laid down by Lloyd George. It is realized here that the allies are more eager to recognize Russian in order to get a hold on Russian trade, than is the United States However, were the basis agreed upon for such recognition absolutely satisfactory to the United States, there would be no objection on the part of the American state department, and there is reason to believe it might proceed to similar recognition on a similar basis.

In addition to means of getting a full report on the Genoa conference, the United States government is in a position to get direct informal information on trade and other conditions in Russia through former Governor Goodrich of Indiana, who is now over there as a member of the Hoover relief commission. Goodrich, a student of business and economics, through his close contact with Hoover, secretary of commrce, could give helpful counsel and information to the government on the subjects involved in recognition of the soviet when the situation gets around to the decision point.

BECK INQUEST BEGINS AMID TENSE SCENE

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orator—2000 men and women braved the wind and driving rain this afternoon to attend the inquest over the body of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Ward Beck.

The colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady" crowded every corner of the courtroom.

Since early morning they had stormed the courthouse doors, elbow to elbow, with tanned plainsmen in "four quart hats" and military officers from the nearby fort.

MRS. DAY TO TESTIFY

Mrs. Jean P. Day, a recognized social leader of the state capital's most exclusive set, patroness of Washington's Dixie ball, was to tell her story of the slaying of Beck, "idol of the air service," by her husband, Jean P. Day, former judge of the state supreme court, author of Oklahoma's code of law and millionaire.

A hundred women, friends of Mrs. Day, were given seats inside the railing dividing spectators' seats from the court proper.

At 1:45 p. m. Prosecutor Hughes received word that the army men would arrive at 2:15 o'clock.

Hughes announced the hearing would be continued for half an hour.

MRS. DAY ARRIVES

Mrs. Day, accompanied by her husband and her sister, Mrs. Ada L. Andrews, arrived in the courtroom at 2 o'clock. She walked with halting step. She had to be aided as she walked.

R. W. Dick, former penitentiary warden, accompanied the Days.

Miss Doris Day, the couple's 19-year-old daughter, remained at home.

Mrs. Day was dressed in a severely tailored blue serge suit. She wore a black sailor hat. Her face was veiled.

Moman Pruiett, attorney for Day, sat beside his client.

A call for an officer stilled the courtroom when a woman fainted in the crowd. Pruiett whispered to Mr. and Mrs. Day:

"I have offers from 150 lawyers to aid to defend you if they are needed."

The military court, accompanied by 14 officers, filed into the courtroom at 2:20 o'clock. The officers were forced to stand.

BECK'S SON PRESENT

Lieutenant Paul Ward Beck Jr., son of the slain man, and his cousin, Lieutenant William Beck, stood with their brother officers.

Coroner McWilliams addressed the courtroom. He announced:

"The lease noise will result in the courtroom being cleared."

Prosecutor Hughes and his detectives sat across the table from Mr. and Mrs. Day.

The hearing was changed from the coroner's office to the courthouse so that the personal friends of Judge Day and Colonel Beck may be present.

DAY TO TESTIFY

Twelve witnesses have been called. Day himself will testify.

His wife will also tell of the events preceding the tragedy. She will say, however, that from the moment she saw her husband, revolver in hand, her mind is a blank as to the actual shooting of the airman.

Mrs. Rachael Beck, 77-year-old mother of the slain man, arrived here for a last view of her son's body this morning. She was accompanied by the wives of army officers from Fort Sill.

"It is not true—it cannot be true," Mrs. Beck said, crying softly. "My boy could not do the things they say."

The airman's mother is a tragic figure.

Her years rest heavily upon her. Her life has been a series of tragedies—"tragic milestones which dot my weary path," she said.

FIRST HUSBAND DIED

A pioneer of the early West—an army man's wife in the distant Indian fighting days of Oklahoma, Mrs. Beck settled at Fort Sill. Her first husband died. Then she wed Brigadier General William Beck.

"They have told me what is being said of my boy," Mrs. Beck said. "They tried to keep it from me, but some day I would hear, and it might not be from the lips of those who loved me.

"I will be brave under this cross, for my boy would want me to be brave.

"I must cry a little, but I'll try—oh, I'll try so hard—to be just the kind of a mother he would want me to be." And the little grey haired woman smiled a wan smile through the unbidden tears. Mrs. Beck is going to accompany her son's body to Washington Sunday.

She will see it placed beside the grave of his father in Arlington cemetery.

Mrs. Beck will not attend the inquest.

It was expected, even by Prosecutor Forrest L. Hughes, that the jury would return a verdict urging that prosecution against Judge Day be dropped.

To a man, the soldiers—officers and doughboys from Fort Sill and airmen from Post field at Lawton—spoke their faith in the honor of Beck—one of the first four airmen to enter the American air service.

POLICE ON GUARD

Special police guards are to be ordered about the inquest at the request of Prosecuting Attorney Forest Hughes.

Hughes expects several thousand persons to gather seeking admission to the hearing.

It is to hear the testimony of Mrs. Day, admitted Oklahoma's most beautiful matron and recognized social leader at the capital here, the crowds are expected to congregate. The husband, too, will testify.

Moman Pruiett, picturesque Western lawyer, with exceptionally long hair, curled beneath a "four gallon" Stetson—defender of ex-Senator Thomas P. Gore, in his sensational trial in which he disproved the charges of assault brought against him, outlined the testimony the former supreme court judge will give.

Pruiett answered a signed statement issued by Prosecutor Hughes.

LAWYER DEFENDS DAY

Pruiett, admitted Oklahoma's cleverest criminal lawyer—an attorney with a series of acquittals to his credit, answered Hughes' charge.

"Judge Day has told the truth in this case," Pruiett said. "He will testify that after the party at his home he took four of his guests to their own abodes.

"Upon his return, he will say, he looked through a front window of his home. There, on the couch, he will tell the jurors, he saw his wife fighting for her honor—Beck, his arms about her, struggling to violate his home.

"Then he will say he entered his home, went upstairs and secured a revolver. Then he came downstairs again. Beck had fled. Day hunted him. He saw his bulging form concealed behind the curtains of the drawing room.

"Then he will tell how he ordered him out, crying 'get out of my house, you cur!'

SHOOTING IS DESCRIBED

"Next Judge Day will detail how Beck reached for his hip and how he, fearing the army man was about to shoot, struck at him with his revolver. The trigger was 'fanned' in the movement. The gun exploded. Beck was killed. That is the whole story.

"I am not going to plead the unwritten law for my client, although I might do so. I am not going to plead 'self defense' even though it is justified.

"Beck was killed by accident. That is the story going to the jury this afternoon.

"My client stands or falls on it—it is the truth."

FATAL BLAZE IS ATTRIBUTED TO LIQUOR, SMOKER

Moonshine liquor and cigarettes are blamed by Fire Marshal Edward Grenfell for the death Friday night of H. H. McSherry, 41, and logger of Gladstone, Or., in a fire which swept his room in the Northwest apartments, No. 545½ Washington street. About a dozen roomers were also driven out of the apartments by smoke.

When downtown apparatus answered the alarm at 10:50 they found the fire raging fiercely on the second floor of the three story frame building. The lower floor is used for business purposes and the two upper floors as an apartment house.

McSherry was found by firemen shortly after the fire was out, lying face downward in front of the door to his room, where he had apparently been overcome with smoke as he groped to unlock the door. The police learned that Edward Guyer occupied the room with McSherry. Guyer and J. T. McKinney, a cousin to McSherry, were arrested after the fire by Patrolman Forken and Finn and charged with being drunk.

Fire Patrolman Pierre reports finding nine pint bottles of moonshine liquor in a suitcase in apartment 3. His report states that while he telephoned to headquarters for an automobile to transport the liquor to the station, that eight pints were removed. The remaining pint was seized.

Police reports also state that Guyer and McKinney admitted the three had been drinking during the day, and that earlier in the evening McSherry had set his mattress on fire with a cigarette, but that the fire had been extinguished with water in the room. Fire Marshal Grenfell feels certain that the fire started in the vicinity of McSherry's bed. When found the logger had one shoe on. Firemen believe he probably fell over and went to sleep after removing the other shoe preparatory to retiring, and that his cigarette set fire to the building.

FINDS DOOR LOCKED

Guyer told Grenfell that half an hour before he heard the alarm he had left the room to talk with a friend. When he heard the fire bells he rushed to McSherry's room, he said, to get his coat, but found the door locked. He attempted to kick it down, but failed, and owing to the density of the smoke ran downstairs to the street.

McSherry had been a logger in the vicinity of Portland for about 20 years, and had intended returning to the woods this summer. The body was taken by the coroner.

The apartments have been conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth J. Wilson since April 3. She carried $2500 insurance. Her loss is estimated at $1000 by the fire marshal, with loss to the building estimated at $2500. About six apartments on the second floor were damaged.

Additional Alleged Frozen Fruit Seized

Another carload of alleged frozen oranges—462 boxes—was seized Friday by federal fruit inspectors. They were shipped here by the California Fruit Growers Exchange. The local agent for the company filed a $2500 bond this morning and agreed to sort over the shipment and destroy the frozen fruit. Judge Bean released the shipment after this agreement was filed.

'Hoot' Gibson Will Wed Vaudeville Star

Los Angeles, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—"Hoot" Gibson, world's "champion cowboy," is going to be married, it was learned in motion picture circles today. His bride-elect is Mrs. Helen Johnson, a vaudeville star, and, according to the plan now outlined, the couple will be married on the main stage of the Universal City studio.

Harry Williams' Case Is Dismissed

Following the failure Friday of a federal court jury to agree on a complaint against Harry Williams involving the larceny of army property, Assistant United States Attorney Maguire asked for a dismissal of the indictment today. Williams was charged with selling an army gun he obtained from Clarence Higgins, a soldier. Higgins has been courtmartialed and sentenced to two years, Maguire was informed. Williams made a very meagre profit out of the transaction. He spent 50 days in jail awaiting trial.

Winston Churchill Says World Begins Move Toward Peace

Dundee, Scotland, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—The world is moving towards peace, Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill declared in a speech here today.

He expressed the belief that conditions in Ireland may become worse within the immediate future, while the Irish continue to kill each other.

"Peace is already an accomplished fact in the Pacific," said Mr. Churchill. "The United States and Great Britain have joined hands to prevent dangerous naval competition without any injury to Japan. In Europe a triple understanding is being worked out. Great Britain is endeavoring to bring about an agreement of friendship between France and Germany, meanwhile assuring France that she will have the protection of the British.

"It is possible that things will be worse in Ireland before they get any better. It is possible that the Irish will continue to kill each other and crumple Irish prosperity completely underfoot. In the next few months Irish conditions will cause the gravest anxiety, but responsibility for everything is on the Irish themselves."

Secretary Churchill warned the supporters of Eamonn de Valera that Britain will never accept an Irish republic.

SEIZED GAMBLING PARAPHERNALIA IS ORDERED BURNED

Fifteen truckloads of gambling paraphernalia and iron doors from Chinese dens in the north end, secured in raids Thursday and dumped into the basement of the courthouse, were ordered carted out this morning to Kelly Butte and burned.

The destruction was authorized by a court order issued this morning by District Judge Deich, on request of District Attorney Stanley Myers, who has generaled the war on the gamblers of Chinatown since the tong killings Tuesday night.

A dozen policemen and deputy sheriffs were ordered to the basement of the courthouse this morning at 11 o'clock to destroy the seized doors, fan-tan tables, lights, dealers' stools, lottery pots, brushes and tickets. They came armed with sledges, oxy-acetylene torches (for burning the doors into pieces), hammers and crowbars. But the pile in the basement looked too formidable to attack, and after a discussion it was decided that the most effective method would be to reload the articles into trucks and take them away to be burned.

This was in spite of the fact that officials half expected attorneys for the Chinese would secure court orders restraining them from destroying the seized articles. Myers, while stating that he had no fears concerning the outcome of any possible damage suits, said he preferred to have the gambling paraphernalia out of the way.

"Afterwards," he said, "if the gamblers believe they have something to say to us, or that we have unjustly taken their property, they are welcome to meet us in the courts."

Myers stated that members of the Chinese Peace society, prominent tong members and merchants of Chinatown, had seen him this morning and asked for a conference Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for discussion of the tong problem. It is hoped to bring about permanent peace at this meeting, Myers said. He declared that he would approach the meeting in the right spirit, if the Chinese would give assurance that they were sincere in their protestations for peace.

Destruction of the gamblers' outfits, setting of the conference for Monday, and indictment of "John Doe" Kim for first degree murder were the developments today.

Mme. Galli Curci's Stolen Gems Found Scattered on Road

San Diego, Cal., April 8.—(I. N. S.)—Mme. Galli-Curci, the famous opera star, was happy today in the repossession of her jewels which were stolen Friday at San Juan Capistrano. Warren G. Shepherd, a truck driver, found the jewel case open and the gems scattered over the highway Friday evening a few miles south of Capistrano, where they had evidently been thrown by the thieves who feared pursuit.

Shepherd did not realize the value of the jewels and tossed the case on his truck where it remained Thursday night and all Friday until he reached San Diego. The first intimation he had of the value of the find was when he read the newspapers. He at once telephoned Mme. Galli-Curci and made an appointment and delivered the case in 30 minutes.

Homer Samuels, husband-accompanist of the diva, said he believed the insurance company would reward Shepherd.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Facing Conviction; Takes $9000 Bribe

Los Angeles, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—A verdict of guilty stares W. J. Anderson, former deputy sheriff, in the face today for having accepted a $9000 bribe and permitting to escape from custody one Joseph Furay, alleged Texas bunko man, whom he had under arrest. The testimony showed that Anderson and Walter Lips, his former working partner, had Furay under arrest, but allowed him to escape after the money was received from Mrs. Furay.

Anderson admitted accepting the money two days after the escape, but thought Furay's break was genuine.

Anna Held's Home Furniture Auctioned

(By Universal Service)

Paris, April 8.—The furniture of Anna Held's former home here was auctioned off today at bargain prices. A piano, which was made to order for the actress, brought only $1200, while a bedroom set in Louis XV style went under the hammer for $600. A salon set specially designed by Aubusson and a sculptured dining room set were sold for $800 each.

MAY DEPORT SEMENOFF

Washington, April 8.—(U. P.)—General Semenoff, Cossack anti-Bolshevik chieftain, now out on bail in New York on charges of a fur import firm, will be ejected from the country as a "murderer of American soldiers and butcher of innocent women, men and children," if plans made today by Senator Borah carry.

GROUT SHOWS HIS TEETH WHEN DANCE QUESTION BOBS UP

Superintendent D. A. Grout has returned from Spokane a cynic. For Grout was president of the Inland Empire Teachers' association, which just completed an inspiring session that throbbed with high educational ideals.

But there was a fly in the ointment of Grout's convention, which spoiled the effect of many noble speeches on educational progression and methods. C. P. Cary, former state superintendent of Wisconsin, started it all when he cast some reflections upon the morals of Portland high school children, gained from rumors flung about by some ministers.

"Ah-h!" exclaimed the reporters, and the newspapers became filled with Cary's remarks, and likewise the remarks of Mrs. J. F. Hill of the Portland Parent-Teacher council, who rose immediately to the defense of Portland youth. Spokane, itself, was in the throes of a "dance investigation" similar to that conducted in Portland during the winter, and it all made good copy.

A Spokane reporter nabbed Grout.

"I understand you are taking up this dance question," he began.

"I am not," declared Grout, glaring at him with a cold eye. "The convention is not. The only mention made of it was by a preacher who talked it over with the Lord in a prayer he made this morning. But we are having some very good speeches. Now there was one on 'Freudism' this morning—" but the reporter was gone to find the preacher.

"Nobody but those who were there really know what a fine convention we had," sighed Grout in his office in the courthouse this morning. "Five business men have called on me since my return, and they all wanted to know about the Cary phase of the convention.

"Cary retracted all his statements and wanted me to tell the Portland newspapers that he was misquoted or misunderstood. I told him it was unwise to make statements he could not justify by more than a mere rumor, that he did localities and individuals a great injustice and suggested that he say less about things he did not know about."

23 Additional U. S. Judges Proposed in Bill Passing Senate

(By United News)

Washington, April 8.—Twenty-three additional federal judges will help relieve congestion in the courts under terms of a bill just passed by the senate.

The judges, in the main, are assigned to areas where dockets are clogged. But provision is made for their transfer to other districts which also may become congested.

The judges are provided thus: Massachusetts, 1; New York, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Texas, 1; Michigan, 1; Ohio, 1; Illinois, 1; Minnesota, 1; Missouri, 1; Oklahomas, 1; Montana, 1; California, 2; Arizona, 1; Georgia, 1; New Jersey, 1; Florida, 1; New Mexico, 1.

The vote in the senate late Friday was 44 to 21 and in the main followed party lines. Chief opposition to the bill arose from the fact that it would enable the present administration to appoint a large number of new judges and would permit judges to be assigned by the chief justice of the supreme court.

Steamer Captain Dismissed on Opium Smuggling Charge

Captain Viggo L. Agidius of San Francisco, former master of the barkentine Hawaiian, was purged of a charge of violating the opium smuggling act this morning in the federal court when Assistant United States Attorney Maguire moved for a dismissal of the indictment, which has been standing against the captain since February 22, 1921.

Maguire told Judge Bean that the government had obtained all its evidence in the case from Harry Davis, who was convicted of selling drugs a few days ago and sentenced to three years at McNeils island. The government has no reliance in Davis' statements, Maguire said, following certain disclosures made during his trial.

Captain Agidius was arrested in November, 1920, after federal officials found 8¼ pounds of opium in a local apartment house, which Davis said came off the Hawaiian. Attorney General Daugherty recommended the dismissal, Maguire said. Following Agidius' arrest his vessel was also seized. Within a short time arrangements were made for both the captain and vessel to be released on bonds.

Bell Quits Race for Senatorship in Lane

Eugene, April 8.—John B. Bell of Eugene, announced candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from Lane county, quit the race today, saying he had neither time nor money to continue. He served as joint Linn-Lane Senator last term. Bell has served on many important senate committees. His withdrawal leaves Jack Magladry, prominent lumberman, and Walter B. Jones, incumbent, in the field.

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