

ROTARIANS HEAR CRUSADER GIVE DEVIL HARD RAP

Thirty Methodists from Salem, headed by the Rev. B. E. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the First Methodist church there, and a large delegation from the Portland Rotary club, were special guests at the united gospel crusade tabernacle Tuesday night.

The Rotarians were welcomed by the tabernacle by C. W. Miller, a member of Centenary-Wilbur Methodist church, after which Nelson G. Pike responded for the Rotarians. Pike said that the Rotarians of Portland are heartily in sympathy with the work which Dr. George Wood Anderson is doing here, and although business men, sometimes are not actively engaged in church work, they realize, nevertheless, that the community could not get along without the church.

GET WARM GREETING

Dr. Anderson thanked the Rotarians for their kindly greeting and congratulated Portland on being able to climax Walter Jenkins, the crusade song leader, as one of its citizens.

He has done a wonderful work all across the continent," he said. As features of the music Tuesday night, Jenkins had two solos. Mrs. Goldie Peterson sang "Just the Same Old Way," and Nellie Badley of Sunnyside Methodist Sunday school, sang "The Path That Leads to God."

The prayer was offered by the Rev. M. Kirkpatrick.

Tonight the Masonic bodies of the city, with the Knights Templar in uniform as escorts, will be given the service when Dr. Anderson will speak from the subject, "The Mystery of the Immortality of Influence."

Thursday afternoon the crusader will continue his series of sermons of special interest to mothers, the topic being, "Mother and Daughter." The tabernacle is at East Third and Irving streets.

DEVIL ON GRILL

Tuesday night the evangelist used the subject, "Will a Man Rob God?" He brought out the thought that whoever refuses to give God his talents or gifts steals from God, as they rightly belong to the creator who gave them. Several went forward at the conclusion of the service for reconstruction or conversion.

"You believe you can enjoy certain pleasures that sin has to give and then, after a while, you will turn the trick on the devil and you will repent before you pay for your sins," Dr. Anderson said. "If you believe that you are trying to steal the devil's pleasures without paying for them, you not only rob God by refusing to live for him, but

STATE BANK HEADS FACE ACCUSATIONS

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tion of the bank at the time they sold him 1000 shares of its stock for \$100,000. The stock was purchased for Olson and his friends, he stated, and 670 shares had been delivered when the bank closed. Olson announced that he would take care of the maintenance of the transaction and the return of the money paid for the stock.

Alleged collection of commissions by the bank and its officers, which Walker and Eckert were officials, formed the basis of the complaints filed with the district attorney today.

Commissions are said to have been collected on loans aggregating \$80,000 made to the Petersburg Lumber company of Alaska, and in a transaction by Robertson that the limit allowed for loans to any one client of the State bank was \$50,000 at the time the Petersburg loans were made.

Records of the transaction showed that in 1918 Olaf Arnesen purchased a sawmill at Petersburg, Alaska, for \$10,000 and made improvements amounting to \$20,000. The State bank loaned him \$25,000 for the mill.

For the first year of the transaction, Olson stated, the Petersburg Lumber company paid a commission of 10 per cent, or \$2500, Olson stated, and of this amount Olson received \$900 for attorney's fee, the balance being turned over to Walker in the form of a cashier's check payable to the State Bank of Portland.

COVERED BY NOTES

Olson stated that he did not know what disposition was made of the commission, other than his fee, but presumed that a portion of it went to Goodell.

The loan was covered by 15 notes, according to Olson, and these were distributed among small county banks in Oregon affiliated with the State Bank of Portland. The notes were due serially, the first being payable in 90 days. Olson stated that he sold a tugboat belonging to Arnesen and paid one of the notes, amounting to \$5000, to bank at Metolala. The other 14 notes eventually came back to the State bank, according to Olson.

No record of a statement to the board of directors covering the Petersburg Lumber company loans could be produced, Olson stated, the transaction being handled for the bank under the name of Eckert, and other parties to the transaction.

MILL REPORTED GAIN

Arnesen is understood to have had a contract with the United States Spruce Production corporation for the manufacture of airplane canals and the sudden termination of the war in 1918 made it impossible for him to realize on said contract, hence the lapse in payment of the notes to the State Bank. At the time the original loan of \$25,000 was made, Eckert secured a controlling interest in the lumber company and subsequent loans were said to have been made to finance new equipment and machinery.

"The Petersburg mill is a good property," Olson stated, "and reports from appraisals made at my direction show a value of between \$75,000 and \$125,000. The property includes a box factory and besides a large stock of lumber there are shooks for approximately 24,000 boxes. The mill operated part of last summer and preparations are under way for its operation this year."

SAYS FACTS HIDDEN

Trade acceptance on the Petersburg Lumber company to the aggregate amount of \$25,000 were held by the State Bank of Portland, Olson stated. These were "hidden" out with various small correspondent banks, the notes of the correspondent banks appearing on the books of the local institution. "Filed away in the archives of the bank were letters explaining that the trade acceptances could be returned to the State Bank in exchange for the notes, if the Petersburg company was liquidated, but in no instance was the note made known to him, Olson stated, at the time he purchased stock in the bank and became its president.

NAKE DENIAL

Robertson also asserted that a commission was charged on loans made by the State bank of Portland to farmers and livestock men in Eagle Valley in Baker county. These notes aggregated \$100,000 and were handled by the State Bank and Securities company at 10 per cent interest, of which the bank received 8 per cent, the Bond & Securities company 1 1/2 per cent and the broker who obtained the loans 1/2 per cent, it is charged.

J. W. Coughlin filed suit last week against Anthon Eckert and Leroy D. Walker asking the cancellation of a contract for the purchase of 100 shares of stock in the State bank of Portland and the return of \$12,000 alleged to have been paid for 80 shares of the stock. In a statement issued today Eckert and Walker deny that they ever sold any stock to Coughlin, or had any dealings with him, or made any representations to him.

SOLD STOCK TO OLSON

Walker and Eckert state that their stock in the State bank was sold in July, 1921, to Conrad P. Olson, who contracted to purchase 1000 shares for \$132,500. Of this amount \$100,000 already had been paid, the two officials stated, and \$32,500 was held in escrow by the State bank of Portland, pending the satisfactory settlement of certain assets of the bank which Olson thought were of doubtful value.

Whether Olson sold to Coughlin the stock he claims to have purchased is a matter of which Walker and Eckert claim to have no knowledge. At the time Olson purchased the stock of the State bank of Portland he was attorney and director of the Peoples bank, which was afterward amalgamated with the State bank.

Olson was a director and legal advisor of the Scandinavian-American bank for several years and assisted in the organization of the State bank of Portland in 1917, according to Walker.

RECOVERS DEBIT

He acted as attorney for the State bank of Portland up to the time of the organization of the Peoples bank in 1920 and was familiar with its assets when he purchased the stock. The contract for purchase of the stock was written by Olson and presented by him to Walker and Eckert, they stated.

800,000 ADDED TO UNEMPLOYED LIST BY STRIKES

Washington, April 25.—(U. P.)—Unemployment is on the brink of a new high fluctuation—with possibly 8,500,000 men out of work in the United States—according to official government estimates here today.

Strikes have swelled the total, which previously had been lowered by the activity of the government unemployment commissions.

The nation-wide coal walkout made more than 700,000 men jobless, according to conservative estimates, which include striking miners and those in other industries who have been forced out of work by local shortages of fuel.

MANY ON STRIKE

The textile strike in New England brought voluntary unemployment to some 25,000. The building trades walkout in Chicago closed 7,000 more to work, while smaller strikes in various sections of the country have brought the estimated total of men now out on strike in the country to more than 800,000. These are estimates of the labor department.

The department of commerce estimates that there are still nearly 3,000,000 men out of work involuntarily.

The situation among those unemployed on strike is much improved, according to Colonel Arthur Woods, chief of the president's conference on unemployment.

APPLICANTS NUMEROUS

Based on percentages, there are 135 applicants now for every 100 jobs open. Woods said, while in January there were 226 applicants for every 100 jobs.

Following out these figures, Woods has concluded that jobs have been found for approximately 630,000 persons.

Further emphasizing the improved situation among the unwillingly unemployed, Woods declared that while in January there were 35 applicants placed out of every 100 who applied, in April the number had gone up to 50.

FISH COMMISSION ATTACKED BY EBY

Oregon City, April 25.—A movement to protect the interior streams from what was characterized as the "encroachments of the organized fishing industry," has been launched through the Live Wires of the Commercial club here.

Speaking at their weekly luncheon, O. D. Eby, city attorney, charged that the fish commission was controlled by the salmon packers of the Columbia river and was maintaining the depletion of the supply in the Willamette and other rivers in order to place the fry in the Columbia, that the industry there might reap the benefit.

The matter is to be taken up by the Commercial club, with Eby acting as a special committee, and fully investigated. If it is found that the facts justify, a movement will be made to organize a statewide association for the protection of the interior streams and the securing of a certain proportion of the salmon spawns replanted in the stream from which it was taken.

Other speakers outlined the difficulty of propagating fish in the local streams due to natural conditions, which hindered the work.

The Live Wires also appointed a committee, comprising Rev. H. G. Edgar, Sam Clay and C. W. Kelly, to investigate the feasibility of the construction of a children's playground and athletic field in Oregon City. A number of suggestions toward this improvement have been started but none has been completed. The Live Wires, with the aid of the Commercial club, plans to push the matter.

The Wires also endorsed the action of the city council in the selection of the compromise site for the proposed city hall.

BELASCO SECURES GERALDINE FARRAR

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gathered about her a cult of little feminine worshippers known as the Gerry flappers.

But it has been their intention to defer announcement of their joint plans until Gerry should have her fling at concerting.

"Die Ballerina des Koenigs" is the story of Barbara Campanini of Milan, whom young Frederick, the friend of Voltaire, in his admiration for the Latin arts, and his distaste for the Teutonic, determined to bring to Berlin. Romance arrived with Barbara, but such is the distinction of this German play, it is a chaste attachment and the disparity in rank besides the king and the dancer is in their desire to be married. In the last act, laid 20 years later, a baroness sends in her card to the now aged Frederick and upon being ushered into the presence she proves to be Barbara in Ballerina.

PREDICT APPROVAL

The play ends with a mutual portrayal of resignation to the circumstances

NEW UNION DEPOT CONTRACTS GIVEN

Contracts for the construction of additional passenger sheds at the Union station, costing \$100,000, have been let and the work of laying seven miles of freight track in the Guilds lake unit of the terminal, at a cost of \$200,000, has been started, according to announcement today of B. E. Palmer, manager of the Northern Pacific Terminal company.

Work on the construction of the freight terminal has proceeded so rapidly that the project is far ahead of the improvement program. The rapid progress of the freight terminal work has been planned for improvement of passenger terminals facilities possible.

Construction of both the freight and passenger terminals will be completed and the new terminal system will be ready for operation by the middle of July, said Palmer, in reviewing the construction program.

The entire project will cost approximately \$1,000,000. Upon completion all passenger trains, including the Astoria trains of the S. P. & S. and the Oregon Electric, will utilize the Union station and all railroads will use the freight terminal in the Guilds lake unit.

Foundations for all facilities are complete and the walls are up for the new passenger shed. The filling work is being done at the rate of 25,000 cubic yards a day and will be completed within 90 days.

The contract for the passenger shed extensions includes the construction of one new umbrella-type shed for two additional tracks, which will be placed in service and the addition to the roof of the high shed.

Speeding Priest Is Fined; State Parole Officer Is Arrested

Oregon City, April 25.—Floyd D. Browne, state traffic officer in this district, is no respecter of persons.

Yesterday Father Jonas, priest of the Canby Catholic church, appeared before Judge E. J. Noble, pleaded guilty to charges of speeding on the New Era road and was fined \$10 and \$25 costs. Browne arrested him when he was going 45 miles an hour.

Furcy M. Varney, state parole officer, is cited to appear in court on similar charges. He was arrested by Browne, but his case was delayed.

Sun Spots and Forest Fires in Close Relation

Sun spots are a long way from forest fires, but through their close study for a long period of years, forest service investigators have determined a close relationship.

A minimum of sun spots goes hand in hand with a great many local electrical storms causing minor forest fires, while a maximum of sun spots is accompanied by fewer but "dry" storms that produce more serious forest fires because less rainfall accompanies the lightning.

These are the conclusions reached by E. N. Munns of the California district, after a study for many years, the results of which he has sent to W. B. Osbourne, forest fire specialist of the northwest district.

Munns discovered that weather cycles correlate with sun spots cycles and the whole corresponds with forest fire cycles. These cycles, he says, are about seven or eight years in length. Other authorities have fixed the sun spot cycle at about 11 years. His prediction was that the "electrical sunset" has not yet two more years to go on the downward trend, before it reaches the low peak and the sun spots begin to minimize.

Munns, in arriving at his conclusions, studied the Fire Scar on 875 extensive cedars and 312 white firs, extending back as far as 1618.

Any study that tends to an accurate forecast of natural conditions favorable or unfavorable to forest fires is of great value in forest protection, according to Osbourne.

Walter Curry left an aged horse and mule to die of starvation on his Columbia slough ranch because they were no good for work any longer, according to charges made against him before District Judge Delch Tuesday afternoon by the Oregon Humane society. He was fined \$100. Photographs of the animals were shown.

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