

TWO SOLDIERS GIVEN PARDON BY PRESIDENT

Wilson Lenient With Men With American Force Condemned to Death

SENTENCES COMMUTED

Another Pair Get Three Years in Federal Prison for Disobeying Orders

WASHINGTON, May 4.—President Wilson's action today in pardoning two soldiers of the American expeditionary force who had been condemned to death by a military court-martial in France for sleeping while on sentry duty, and commuting to nominal prison terms the death sentences imposed on two others for disobeying orders, was viewed by many army officials as approval by the

president of Secretary Baker's stand against the imposition of the death penalty in the army except in special cases. Privates Forest D. Sebastian of El Dorado, Ill., and Jeff Cook of Lutie, Okla., were the men pardoned. In reaching his decision, the president took into consideration their extreme youth—the former being 20 years old and the latter 19—and concluded that they did not realize the seriousness of their offense and its possible disastrous results upon the unit to which they were attached.

Details Not Public.

Privates Olson Ledoyen of Atlanta, Ga., and Stanley G. Fishback of Connelton, Ind., were the men convicted for disobeying orders. Their sentence was commuted to three years in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and they will be brought to this country for imprisonment. Details in these cases have not been made public. The soldiers are 19 years old.

All four of the men were volunteers in the regular army. The president's action was in line with recommendations made to him by Secretary Baker, who made a full investigation of the cases after the sentence of the court had been reviewed and approved by the judge advocate's department.

Secretary Baker previously had gone on record against the adoption of any general rule for the imposition of the death penalty for military offenses.

HORSE TOO EXPENSIVE.

Physical culture was the topic being talked in a Washington club when Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois said he was reminded of the view that was taken in that connection by a man named Jones.

One day Jones was complaining that he was not feeling as fit as usual, and a friend suggested that he go in for exercise.

"There's horseback riding, for instance," said the friend. "It is one of the best forms of exercise on earth."

"I know," was the doubtful rejoinder, "but I am afraid I couldn't afford it."

"Can't afford it!" wonderingly exclaimed the other. "You already have a horse, and just think of the appetite it will give you."

"Yes," responded Jones with a sigh, "and just think of the appetite it will give the horse."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

YOUTHFUL PHILOSOPHY.

While his mother was away on a visit Johnny didn't say his prayers. Upon mother's return there was a reckoning.

"Why didn't you say your prayers, John?"

"Well, you see, it was this way, ma: I forgot to say them the first night 'n' nothin' happened. 'N' then I didn't say 'em the next night 'n' nothin' happened, 'n' so I decided I wouldn't ever say 'em again if nothin' never happened."

And then something happened.—A. W. Gwan.

FIGURES WRONG, WEST DECLARES

Candidate Challenges Valuations Placed on Public Utility Corporations

To the Taxpayers of Oregon: The following article is self-explanatory, and contains indisputable facts, taken from the public records of the state:

The public service commission places the total valuation of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, for the five counties of Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion,



BEN F. WEST

Candidate for State Treasurer. Polk and Washington, on all its operating property, at \$46,862,971.92. The state tax commission placed a valuation, after deducting the county ratios, on this same property, at \$14,609,322.55. The gas plant at Salem, as an individual concern, was given a valuation of \$211,000 by the public service commission, while the state tax commission's valuation, after applying the county ratio, was \$61,200.

The public service commission gave the California-Oregon Power company of southern Oregon a valuation of \$2,717,174, while the state tax commission placed the valuation of this company's property at \$488,450.80 after applying the county ratio. This company operates in Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties. These are only two instances.

What I want to show is the inequality of the valuations of the public utility properties with that of the private corporations and individuals. These corporations as assessed by the state tax commission and the valuations given them by the public service commission should be the same.

The state treasurer is an ex-officio member of the state tax commission, and if I am nominated and elected to the office of state treasurer these conditions will be remedied. The people of Marion county know I play no favorites. I therefore ask your support and vote at the primaries on May 17.

(Paid Adv. by Ben F. West.)

MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST I. W. W.

Publishers Make Statements As to Increase in Business From Organization

CHICAGO, May 4.—Laying of the foundation in the government's case against 112 leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World, accused of violating the espionage act, virtually was completed today with admission into the records of statements covering expenditures for alleged seditious literature soon after America entered the war.

Representatives of publishing concerns that contracted to print part of the literature prepared by I. W. W. writers testified today that volume of business increased more than 100 per cent from early in the spring of 1917 to the following September, when the government's nation-wide raid took place.

An attempt will be made to show that the entire anti-war activities from coast to coast were directed by the general secretary treasurer, William D. Haywood, and his associates.

Following circulation in the court room and corridors today of leaflets calling a mass meeting for defense funds, May 19, the department of justice stated that any attempt to criticize the government would be vigorously dealt with.

A. H. Bird, said to be one of the government's important witnesses, disappeared two days ago and efforts to locate him have been unsuccessful.

WAKE UP FEELING FRESH AS A LARK

Tonight! Let Cascarets clean liver and bowels and stop headaches, indigestion, constipation.



LLOYD GEORGE LIKES YANKEE MEN IN FRANCE

Premier Just Back From Sessions of War Council Praises Americans

HUNS RENDER SERVICE

Make Unity of Command and Accelerate Movement of U. S. Troops

LONDON, May 4.—Premier Lloyd George, who has returned from his visit to France, in which he attended the sessions of the supreme war council and went to the front, spoke enthusiastically today of the American troops.

"A good number are already there," said Mr. Lloyd George. "Many more will pour in steadily during this month. The French, who saw their fighting in the battle lower down the line, said they were first class fighting material, full of courage and resource and all very keen."

"The Germans have rendered at least two great services to the allied cause," continued the premier. "They have accelerated the advent of the American troops and they have made unity of command at last a reality. The French and British are fighting in close comradeship each with full appreciation of the qualities of the other."

"Have you any message to bring from the army to the people?" the premier was asked. To this he replied:

"The message I bring from the British army to the people at home is: 'Be of good cheer. We are all right.'"

Of the great battle now going on, the premier said: "I saw General Foch, Sir Douglas Haig, General Pershing and other officers of the higher command, and they were all very confident. I also saw a very large number of regimental officers and soldiers who had actually been in the fighting line during the last six weeks of very strenuous work and their confidence also was amazing."

"I met no pessimists among them."

SPORT CHATTER

Jess Willard has displayed wonderful stamina in his training for Fulton—particularly on the road, in a cushion-tired vehicle.

Most folks try to sidestep a trimming, and yet we hear that Bob Moha is seeking a match with Jack Dempsey.

The former members of the Yankees who started the season with the Browns are already looking like regular Browns.

The National league race is a hum-dinger this season. No fewer than seven teams are in the hunt for second place.

After all, there's a possibility that somebody erred when word of the White Sox being repeaters this year was eased over the wires.

Mike Gibbons is to quit the boxing game to take up the study of law. After years of controversy with fight managers and promoters Mike just couldn't help it.

From New Haven comes word that the Yale-Harvard boat race is to be reduced from four miles to two miles, which probably means that it will take only half the usual time for the Elis to beat the Crimson.

Fred Fulton's fight record shows that the Flynn—"Pueblo Jim" and "Porky"—are entitled to much credit for making Fred a championship contender.

Boston man jumped into the Charles river and rescued a toy balloon to which was attached a pass to Braves field. And like as not the fellow will use the duct to see the Dodgers and Braves perform.

There was a time when Benny Kauff held the center of the stage among the Giants, but the best that Ben has been getting lately is being mentioned as a member of the same team with "Pop" Young.

With the exception of Powell, all of the Braves' regulars are married and therefore he it said the Braves' pastime proves the truth of the old saying that married life is an awful thing.

Bob Bescher refused to sign with Milwaukee for the salary offered, declaring he could make more money driving a sprinkling cart. Louisville finally outbid the sprinkling cart and Bob signed with the Colonels.

Word from England has it that R. G. Knowles, the well known music hall comedian, and Arlie Latham are promoting a baseball league over there. No wonder Englishmen think baseball a funny game.

No doubt it was an easy matter for Scotty Monteith to induce his lightweight, Joseph Carraro, to change his name to Johnny Dundee, but it's a safe bet that Scotty has not been able to switch Johnny from spaghetti to Scotch cones.

Quite some boxing fans believe that Lew Tendler can take the lightweight title away from Benny Leonard. Lew having a chance to cop the title means that Lew will not get the chance to cop it, according to present-day custom of championship holding.

THE SERVANT QUESTION
"I see you have a new cook."
"Yes, say sooth."
"Is she experienced?"
"I surmise so. She started the first day by coming late and then asking for the afternoon off."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LODGE OFFICER COMING MAY 7

D. P. Markey, Supreme Commander of Maccabees, Will Address Open Meeting

At an open meeting of the Maccabees in Moose hall on Tuesday evening, May 7, D. P. Markey of Detroit, Mich., supreme commander of the order, will deliver an address to the local lodge. Since leaving Detroit some time ago, Mr. Markey has been delivering to states and tents that were victorious in the recent silver anniversary contest the trophies won by them. The contest was inaugurated to celebrate the close of twenty-five years' service by Mr. Markey as



Maccabee Officer Who Will Visit Salem, May 7.

supreme commander, the longest period of service in a similar capacity ever served by any fraternalist in America.

His itinerary in Oregon calls for meetings in Corvallis, Salem, Portland and Albany. A state convention will meet at Portland May 8, with delegates in attendance from all sections.

A program of music and short addresses by local people will precede Mr. Markey's talk in Salem. August Huckestein, past supreme representative, will preside at the meeting.

The local organization is known as Willamette Tent No. 6 and is now over twenty-five years old and has a membership of 200. A large attendance at the meeting here from the local organizations at Turner, Pratum, Woodburn, Silverton, Butteville and other points is anticipated. It has been over seven years since Mr. Markey visited Salem and vicinity.

Newspapermen Will Look Into Work of Committee

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Frank P. Glass, president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, today accepted the invitation of George Creel to send a committee representing the association to Washington to inquire into the work being done by the committee on public information, of which Mr. Creel is chairman.

In a letter addressed to Mr. Creel, Mr. Glass declared that he was impressed that "there should be more thorough knowledge on the part of the public of your committee's function and work" and that he was convinced that "such a knowledge would be most beneficial to the country and especially to the newspapers."

"Mike."

"Phwat?"

"I was just thinkin'. After we get out of the trenches an' back home again how nice an' peaceful that old boiler-factory will sound to us."
—Detroit Free Press.

GARDEN TOOLS



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THIS COUPON IS DATED SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1918.

Salem Police Company Is Practically Filled

The Salem company of the state military police, known as the Third company, now has about fifty men on its roster and is practically filled, according to Captain O. J. Hull who returned to Salem last night to spend the week-end with his family. The company has been assigned to duty at the St. Johns and the Linn counties shipyards and members of the Salem force are doing guard duty on board vessels that are being loaded. The men are taking great interest in the drills and will soon have uniforms. The company will be in Portland, is believed, at least until Decoration Day. Several other members of the company are home for the week-end. The Salem company was the first recruit to full strength, although began recruiting later than the Portland companies.

Longshoremen in Three Districts Win Demands

PORTLAND, May 4.—Longshoremen of the three districts on the Willamette and Columbia rivers have won their demands for increased wages, by the findings published today, of a government wage adjustment board to which their differences with their employers were referred. Wages hereafter will be 90 cents an hour straight time and up to \$1.30 an hour overtime, instead of 65 cents and \$1, which have been the going rates.

The adjustment board was composed of Captain George H. Schumacher, United States army, chairman; Robert Shaw and W. O. Olson. Under previous agreement its decision is binding alike on employers and workmen.

Paris-Inspired Hats at \$7.50-\$10.

Commencing Wednesday we will present a line of newly conceived models at these popular prices. There will be an ample range as to variety, including the new horse-hair braids and crepes, also a bright, cheering array of exquisite flower trimmed effects.

These are exceptional offers of generous intrinsic as well as artistic value.

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