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## OREGON MAN CAUGHT IN FOOD PROBE

William Reed, Portland, is Found Guilty of Selling Salmon Unfit for Human Consumption at Big Profit

## OHIO FIRM IS CHARGED WITH TRANSFER DODGE

Federal and State Authorities Unite in Hoarding Prosecution

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 15.—Sentence will be passed next Tuesday on William Reed, found guilty here today in the federal district court of having unlawfully sold in violation of the state law. A maximum penalty of five years imprisonment or \$1000 fine is possible under the law.

Reed was found guilty of having purchased 10 cases of canned salmon from the Burke Fish company in June, for the expressed purpose of using the fish for chicken feed. Reed paid two cents a can for the salmon, but instead of feeding it to his chickens he sold it at the rate of five cents a can to Pat Roach, an expressman, claiming Roach testified that it was fit for human use.

LEVER ACT SUIT FILED TO CONDEMN SUGAR SUPPLY CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 15.—J. C. Brienstein, assistant United States attorney for northern Ohio, late today announced that a libel has been filed under the Lever act for seizure and condemnation of 200,000 pounds of sugar belonging to the C. D. Kenney company at Canton, Ohio.

Deputy Sheriff T. S. Walsh of Cleveland sealed the sugar tonight. E. S. Walsh, United States district attorney will ask Judge Western to issue a writ to adjudge the sugar forfeited and order it condemned. If such order is made the sugar will be sold to the government and the proceeds, less the cost of seizure, turned over to the owners.

## COMPANY SHIPS MEAT TO AVOID PROBE IS CHARGE

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 15.—Governor James M. Cox late today wired Assistant United States Attorney General Frank Davis at Washington that the Sheriff Street Warehouse and Storage company, Cleveland, to avoid federal penalty, is moving its meat products to Chicago warehouses and that records as to previous storage in Cleveland are being destroyed.

## STATES AND GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATE IN PROSECUTION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Close co-operation between state authorities, who possess detailed information of food and price conditions, and the attorney general and his staff of assistants, empowered to enforce the food control law is being established as part of the government's fight to reduce the cost of living.

Instructions went out today from Attorney General Palmer to two district attorneys in Ohio to proceed immediately to assist Governor Cox in the seizure of large quantities of meat, butter and eggs alleged to have been held in storage in that state for more than six to ten months, the legal limit. Criminal prosecutions will be instituted, it was said, if it can be shown that the foods were held from the market for the purpose of boosting prices. Officials here were inclined to think that the long period of storage indicated a profit motive.

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## MRS. FREEMAN, PRISON WORKER, MURDERED AND ROBBED; CLUE LACKING

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—Mrs. E. W. Freeman, 55, was found slain this afternoon. The woman's skull had been crushed by blows from a bar pipe. The body was found by her son, Cecil Freeman, lying on the kitchen floor of the Freeman home. The murder apparently was committed this morning. Motive for the crime was robbery, according to the police. Mrs. Freeman's purse was found lying empty on the bureau of her bedroom. It was known to have contained \$40, her watch and a stock pin, all of which were missing.

Mrs. Freeman was press representative of the W.C.T.U. of Oregon. She also was prominent in prison rescue work and in this work had become acquainted with many convicts whom she aided after their release from prison. The police advanced the theory that the crime may have been committed by one of these ex-convicts.

## 5 DIE ON PILGRIMAGE STREET CAR HITS AUTO BOY CHAUFFEUR ESCAPES

LIMA, O., Aug. 15.—Five persons were instantly killed near here tonight when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Western Ohio Traction car. The victims had been attending a Catholic pilgrimage at Carey, O.

The dead are all residents of Lima. The machine was driven by a 15 year old son of Mrs. Douglas Corwin, who was one of the victims. He was the sole occupant to escape. All the bodies were badly mangled.

## MRS. BRUMMETT KILLED BY AUTO

Astoria Woman Run Over by Mr. Lauritson in Front of Public Library

Mrs. L. M. Brummett of Astoria was almost instantly killed yesterday when she was run down at State and Winter streets by an automobile driven by Arthur Lauritson who lives on rural route No. 6. Mrs. Brummett was a widow 45 years old and had been in Salem several weeks.

Mrs. Brummett was identified by N. Brueck, a local business man, who had made her acquaintance, and through a clue given by a letter she had written to a local newspaper in reply to an advertisement.

Prior to living in Astoria Mrs. Brummett is said to have lived in Tacoma, and Chief of Police Varney has wired the police departments of those two cities to obtain more information.

No attempt has yet been made to place responsibility for the accident, and Lauritson was not held by the police.

The accident was witnessed by Mark McCallister, W. A. Liston and Miss Ethel Liston. It appears from information gleaned from the witnesses that Mrs. Brummett was going east on State street and when in front of the Salem Public Library her car blew off. In attempting to recover it she went into the street and was struck by the automobile which knocked her to the pavement, and it is believed that the front and rear wheels of the car ran over her head.

## MUCH MARRIED MAN CONVICTED

Wilson, Evangelist, Salesman and Y Worker Has Seven Wives

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Convicted of bigamy on his confession that he has seven living wives, one of whom he married twice, Charles Hugh Wilson, 48 years old, former Y. M. C. A. secretary, evangelist and traveling salesman, was sentenced today to three years and six months in Sing Sing prison, where he announced, he will take up prison reform work.

Wilson commenced his matrimonial career on January 22, 1909, when he married Elizabeth May Stanton of Davenport, Ia. After three children were born he left her and in July 1908, married May Bailey at Wyatsville, W. Va. In less than a year he embarked on his third venture at Decatur, Ala., where he married Ethel C. Moore. Four years later he married Louise Davis at Detroit, and a year afterward he went through a second ceremony with Miss Davis at Pittsburgh. The following year he sought a New York bride and married Caroline H. Morris. He tried Philadelphia next and took Wilhelmina C. Jaggard, of that city, for his sixth bride in August, 1915. His final venture was in New York, when he married May Jeanette Ziff, in November, 1916.

active of the W.C.T.U. of Oregon. She also was prominent in prison rescue work and in this work had become acquainted with many convicts whom she aided after their release from prison. The police advanced the theory that the crime may have been committed by one of these ex-convicts.

Besides a son, Cecil living here, the murdered woman is survived by a son, Roy K. Freeman of Oakland, Calif., and a daughter, Mrs. A. A. Griffin of Olympia, Wash. A divorced husband resides at Richland, Wash.

## HARMONY ON PACT IS NOW CERTAINTY

President and Foreign Relations Committee Get Together to Give Public Details of White House Meet

## RATIFICATION WITH RESERVATION LIKELY

Report to Senate May Be Expected in About 10 Days Says Hitchcock

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Negotiations between Democratic and Republican senators looking to ratification of the peace treaty with reservations reached a more definite stage today while President Wilson and the foreign relations committee were getting together on unprecedented measures to give the public all the detail of their discussion of the treaty next Tuesday at the White House.

Democratic leaders, feeling out sentiment on the Republican side, were told that the treaty never could be ratified without qualification but that more than 20 Republican wanted to see it accepted in the near future with reservations along the line of those agreed on by seven senators of that party some days ago.

White House Appointed This information came from members of the group of seven after completion of a poll begun Wednesday on receipt of the first Democratic overtures. The twenty, needed by the Democrats to make the necessary ratification majority of 64, had not accepted the proposed reservation program in exact form, it was asserted, but had given their assent to its general provisions.

Afterward Senator Hitchcock, the Democratic leader, went to the White House and is understood to have laid the whole senate situation before the president. He indicated that the administration stand for unreserved ratification remained unchanged. Some of the seven reservation Republicans, however, insist that they have had information assuring Democratic assent to their program.

New Draft Prepared A new draft of reservations was shown to several Republicans during the day by Senator Lodge. It is understood to cover the four points embraced in the program agreed on by the seven senators and to include also a provision that appointment of American representatives on the league council must have senate approval. The other four provisions relate to the Monroe doctrine, withdrawal from membership, jurisdiction over purely domestic questions and the right of congress to declare war under article ten of the league covenant.

Plans for the White House conference Tuesday were virtually completed with an agreement that both White House and committee stenographers should be present and that a transcript of the discussions should be issued to the press.

The proposal that stenographers be present came from the president in reply to a request that the committee members should not be restrained to secrecy. Mr. Wilson said he would provide a stenographer and suggested that the committee also bring one. Chairman Lodge said it would be done.

Although it began discussion of proposed amendments to the treaty today, the committee decided to vote on none of them until it had talked with the president. The question of how soon the committee would report to the senate was one of the subjects most earnestly discussed in the many conferences held by the senators during the day. When the Democratic leaders said they believed 20 Republicans would exert their influence for early committee action, it was made clear by the reservation Republicans that they had not promised and Republican votes for a motion to take the treaty out of the committee's hands.

After his White House conference, Senator Hitchcock said the committee might report within ten days or two weeks.

## Demand of Allies for Von der Goltz' Recall Rejected

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—(Associated Press)—The German government has rejected the demand of the allies for the recall of General von der Goltz, commander in chief of German forces in the Baltic provinces.

## Scandinavian Countries Send Note to Allies on League

PARIS, Aug. 15.—Sweden, Norway and Denmark are sending a collective note to the entente relative to the league of nations, according to the Frankfurt Gazette.

## Strike by Congressmen is Suggested Strike Remedy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Deploing the "contagion of strike disease" which he said had apparently spread throughout the world, Senator Thomas, Democrat of Colorado, in the senate late tonight suggested that the "disease" be brought into congress, its members organize a union and refuse to legislate until conditions have been changed or at least until the members have been assured of re-election in 1920.

## Mrs. Niemeyer Injures Eye and Is Taken to Hospital

Mrs. Blanche Liston Niemeyer, well known Salem reader and teacher suffered a severe injury to her left eye while cutting kindling at her home last night. A large silver struck her in the eye, partially penetrating the eyeball. Mrs. Niemeyer was taken to the Salem hospital. She is the wife of C. W. Niemeyer, the real estate dealer.

## Million Eggs Are Seized in Raid on Cold Storage Plant

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 15.—Nearly a million eggs were seized by the federal authorities here today at the cold storage plant of Noel and company.

## EDITORS SEND TRIBUNE CHECK TO PAY H. FORD

Oregon Delegation Passes Hat and Secures Required Six Cents

## MUCH COPY IS MAILED

Newspaper People at Convention Settle Down to Business

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 15.—Newspaper men and women attending the 1919 convention of the National Editorial Association today, for the first time in about a week, passed a day without running for boats and trains. The convention got down to work before noon and spent the entire day at labor. Tonight the delegates were guests at a banquet given by the Seattle daily newspapers.

Tomorrow the chase for boats and trains will be resumed, as the delegates are going on a trip around Seattle's waterfront after attending the launching of the steamship "Editor". Sunday the convention goes to the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton and Sunday night leaves Seattle for Victoria.

Election Monday. Election of officers will take place at Victoria Monday. This election will be the first the association has ever held outside of the United States. Edward Albright of Fallston, Tenn., vice president of the association, is being mentioned as a candidate for president.

Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle today urged the editors to keep up their fight against Bolshevism. In an address at the convention, he asked that they work for higher pay for school teachers. Dr. Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington, another speaker, declared the American press had done more in the last three months to educate the minds in international affairs than the schools and colleges had done in thirty years.

15 Million Lines Go Out. Mails out of Seattle are crowded during the editors' stay with "copy" going home for publication. One convention official today estimated 15,000,000 lines of front page matter had been published in America regarding the northwest convention. Oregon's delegates today mailed the Chicago Tribune a check for six cents in payment of the judgment given Henry Ford in his suit against the paper.

## GERMANS WANT COAST EXPORTS

Hamburg Firm Writes Portland Asking Re-Opening of Trade

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 15.—A bid from a large import firm in Hamburg, Germany, for immediate resumption of trade relations with Portland export firms, was received today by the Portland chamber of commerce. The communication declares that Germany is desirous of receiving imports of certain raw materials that her home industries may be put on a producing basis.

"The past war," reads the communication, "having caused the greatest changes and revolutions in foreign and home trade, has also shown much influence on the import and export of Germany. We intend to take up the importation from America as soon as possible and to get good agencies of American factories of all industries. Up to now we have not had the right business relations."

## EJECTORS OF I. W. W. WANT QUICK TRIAL

Forty-Nine Defendants in Bisbee Case Demand to Be Bound Over to Superior Court—Bail Is \$2000

## 206 TAKEN ON BLANKET CHARGE WANT ACTION

Theater To Be Used for Preliminary Hearing—Court Is Too Small

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 15.—Upon their own request, 49 residents of Bisbee, Ariz., were this morning in the local justice court bound over to the superior court for trial on charges of kidnapping, growing out of alleged participation in the deportations that followed the I. W. W. trouble in the Warren mining district in July, 1917. No objections were offered by the county attorney and all were immediately released under \$2000 bond.

200 Demand Seedy Hearing. Another surprise was when counsel for 200 additional Bisbee and Douglas citizens, arrested several weeks ago on a blanket warrant charging kidnapping, announced that the defendants were ready for their hearings and demanded that, under the law, the cases be called at once.

County Attorney Robert M. French objected on the ground that he was having trouble getting witnesses from points outside the state and that he needed more time to prepare the state's case. After a brief, but vigorous argument, the question of time was compromised, Justice W. C. Jack setting August 25 as the date for starting the joint hearing. The court stated that if the state could not produce its evidence on that date the entire complaint would be dismissed.

Theatre Used for Court. Because Judge Jack's court room is too small to accommodate the many defendants and witnesses, a local theatre will be engaged to hold the preliminaries.

## Rotary Club for Salem is Current Rumor Here

There is a rumor that Salem is to have a branch organization of the Rotary club and that members of the Rotary club of Portland will be here some time next week to effect the organization. A Rotary club for Salem was first mentioned several months ago, and it is now evident that an organization here is certain.

## German Troops Fire on Mobs Protesting High Food Price

BERLIN, Thursday, Aug. 14.—A serious riot occurred in Kattowitz, Silesia, today and many persons were wounded when troops fired on a crowd of demonstrators. The crowd was protesting against the high price of food. Many market dealers were maltreated, shops were plundered and windows smashed.

## MEREDITH DIES IN FALL ON PEAK

Young Mazama Plunges to Death from Trail on Mount Rainier

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 15.—Jack Meredith, 25 years old, of Portland, Ore., was killed last night when he plunged from a trail on Little Tacoma Peak on Mount Rainier and fell about 60 feet.

Meredith was a member of the Mazama club of Portland, a mountain climbing organization which was encamped on Mazama Ridge. In company with Lee Benedict, also of Portland, Meredith set out to climb the peak early in the evening. While standing on a ridge the rock gave way beneath them, and Meredith was plunged from sight. A searching party several hours later found the body in a ravine.

## Lovassy Hungarian Cabinet Fails Says London Dispatch

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Dispatches received in London by way of Berlin say that the new Hungarian cabinet headed by Herr Lovassy has failed. One dispatch credited to the Budapest correspondent of the Berlin Viszess Zeitung, declares that another cabinet, which is ultra-conservative, has been formed.

## PLANE SMASHED IN LOOP PILOT AND REPORTER DIE BODIES BADLY MANGLED

PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 15.—Lieutenant James Stewart of Park Field, Memphis and S. Reed Campbell, reporter employed by the Commercial Appeal, were killed when the army airplane in which they were giving exhibition flights fell near the Country club here tonight. The pilot was attempting to make a third loop when he lost control of the machine. Both bodies were horribly battered.

## LANDON SLAIN IN NEW YORK HOTEL

Former University of Oregon Man Found in Room—Murder Indicated

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The body of a man found dead in a room at the Hotel McAlpin late yesterday under circumstances indicating that he might have been slain was identified today as that of Cecil E. Landon of Portland, Or., a former student of the University of Oregon, the authorities announced tonight.

## PUBLIC DOMAIN CHANGE SOUGHT

Plan Submitted to Governors to Give States Full Control

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 15.—At a conference here two of the governors of public domain states, called by Governor O. A. Larrabee of New Mexico, executives of all the western states will consider measures for submission to congress that all public lands should be turned over to state control.

The idea is that each state having the restrictions contained in the federal constitution which may be said to be specified grants of power and sovereignty were surrendered for the common welfare and protection of all, is an individual sovereignty and should have the individual control of all the lands within its boundaries, except such as it may be proper for it to surrender to the national government for public uses.

## PHONE RATES AROUSE TOWNS

Warm Meeting is Expected Monday Night at City Council Chambers

As a special order of business the municipal telephone question will come up at the city council meeting Monday night, and in addition to what the members of the council have to say several citizens of the city outside of the council have signified their intention to appear and voice their sentiments.

The council is making wide inquiry on the subject and City Attorney Macy is in receipt of letters from the mayors and city attorneys of numerous Oregon cities and towns. Almost invariably they favor municipal systems. Mayor Stupp of Klamath Falls is particularly torrid in his letter and considers the increased rates utterly unjust. About the same attitude is taken by the mayors of Springfield and The Dalles.

The city attorney of Albany has asked for a conference with City Attorney Macy. Most of the cities from whom Mr. Macy has heard expect to be represented at the rate hearing in Portland August 27 when the public service commission will begin its inquiry into the increased rates. Should there be a general expression of sentiment on the part of the people of Salem for a special election on the question of a municipal plant, it is believed the council would call the election without delay. Should matters come to the pass that a municipal system is assured steps would be taken to get rid of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph system, since two systems in any town cause much inconvenience and unnecessary expense.

## SERVICE MEN WANT LEAGUE, AMERICAN GIRLS, PROHIBITION, SUFFRAGE, UNIVERSAL TRAINING, AND DEATH FOR KAISER, SHOWS STRAW BALLOT

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 15.—A straw ballot conducted by the Portland army recruiting officers among ex-service men upon questions of public interest, closed here today with more than 2,000 votes cast. The result of the voting on various questions was announced as follows: League of nations, yes, 1,601; no, 486. Universal military training, yes, 1,567; no, 582. Woman suffrage, yes, 1,374; no, 947. National prohibition, yes, 1,127; no, 1,083. Death penalty for Kaiser, yes, 1,604; exile, 765; freedom 157; 400 refused to vote. The American girl was favored over the French 575 to 151, but 140 doughboys found them equal in attractiveness and 932 hesitated to express any opinion.

## IDAHO FIRE SITUATION IS MUCH WORSE

Condition So Bad No Definite Check Possible" Says Supervisor of Selway Forest—Vast Areas Menaced

## CROWN BLAZES REACH FOR OVER 40 MILES

Fighters' Efforts Futile—Conflagrations Spread—Many Sheep Burn

LEWISTON, Ida., Aug. 15.—"The situation is so bad I can get no definite check on it," said Supervisor Charles Howell, of the Selway forest reserve at his headquarters in Kootenai at 3 o'clock tonight. There is no improvement over yesterday. It is on this reserve that crown fires developed yesterday and were sweeping along the Locksaw branch of the Clearwater river for a distance of 40 miles, the efforts of 250 men proving futile to check the flames. Supervisor Howell had no reports to confirm statements that ten fire fighters had perished in that section of the fire zone.

Superintendent Fallway of the Nes Perce reserve, with headquarters at Grangeville, reported that Gospel creek and Mallard creek fires are still uncontrolled and are spreading. Two expert fire fighters from Missoula headquarters have gone to the former fire to direct the 75 men fighting the blaze. There are 25 fires burning on this reserve which has an area of 1,700,000 acres. During the day when a wind develops these fires reach the crown stage and for that reason trenching is proving of little effect.

1550 Sheep Burned Today Charles Dunhead of Lewiston reached Grangeville tonight with the report that he had lost 1,350 sheep in the Gospel creek fire. At 9 o'clock tonight Superintendent A. H. Hamilton of the Clearwater forest reserve reported from Oro Fino that he had received no advice from the Larson creek fire, 45 miles from Pierce City, which jumped the North Fork river Wednesday night and was devastating timber on the south side of that stream trough.

Vast Areas Affected The Clearwater federal reserve embraces 917,000 acres. It is contiguous to the state of Idaho holding reaching over 200,000 acres while company owned and individual owned timber will reach 300,000 acres. Government estimates show this belt to contain over thirty billion feet of high grade white pine alone. The only belt in the world closely approximating this stand of white pine is located in Patagonia, South America, but the latter is of inferior quality. The belt starts at Alaska, 40 miles east of Lewiston and extends to the Montana line, a distance of about 190 miles. Forest Supervisor Hamilton reports that since the summer season opened, 1900 fires have started on the Clearwater reserve. At this time eight are still burning. He was advised today that the Goose creek fire near the Montana line had been checked. Forty-seven more fire fighters left Oro Fino today for the Larson creek zone.

Headquarters Anxious At headquarters of all three reserves great anxiety is expressed. With a wind and the dry conditions there is momentary prospect of the fires breaking all bounds.

Women Demand Return of German Prisoners of War BERLIN, Aug. 15.—(By The Associated Press)—A women's demonstration for the speedy return of German prisoners of war held in Philharmonic Hall yesterday ended when the women were dispersed by the police after they had marched to the chancellery where they gave the soldiers a tongue lashing.

The meeting was noisy. Women screamed, some tore at their hair and others fainted.