

MONTESANO CROWDED FOR BIG TRIALS

Conditions Like Boom Days in Washington Town to Hear Fate of Alleged I. W. W. Charged With Murders.

JURY VENIRES TOTAL 380 TAXPAYERS

City Hall Becomes Hotel—Large Numbers of Service Men Are Present

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 24.—Conditions resembling those of a boom mining camp prevail in this little lumber town and county seat tonight. There was said to be no room available, even the private homes of citizens being crowded with the attorneys and witnesses here to attend the opening Monday of the trial of 11 alleged Industrial Workers of the World charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm during an armistice day parade at Centralia, Wash., November 11, 1919.

Jury Venires Total 380. The prosecution is said to have subpoenaed more than 200 witnesses. The defense counsel has announced that it will call approximately 100 witnesses. The jury venires total 380 taxpayers of Grays Harbor county.

Nearly all of these were either here in Montesano or at Aberdeen, about 12 miles distant, tonight. The housing and feeding situations faced by the people of Montesano were unprecedented. It was expected, however, that they would be met.

City Hall is Hotel. Arrangements had been completed tonight to house and feed witnesses, prospective jurors and counsel at the city hall. These arrangements also provide for the housing and feeding of a number of members of the American Legion, who have come here to watch the progress of the case. The American Legion is particularly interested in the trial because the four men who met death during the shooting were members of that organization.

Defense Uses Hall. A large hall, vacant until a few days ago, is being used by the defense as a lodging house. It is several blocks from the court house, however.

City Laboratories Treat 880 With Vaccination

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—The city laboratories have vaccinated 880 people against smallpox within the last ten days. The record for a single day was set on January 20, when 180 vaccinations were administered.

Nearly Five Thousand Are Born in Portland in Year

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Almost 5000 babies were born in Portland last year, 4829 to be exact. There was just 91 more boys than girls. The monthly statistics for the fiscal year of 1919 are now being prepared by the city health bureau.

CHIEF'S RACE IS NARROWED DOWN BY WITHDRAWALS

J. E. Wright Not Candidate, As Place at Prison Is Satisfactory

ROWE MAKE STATEMENT

Moffitt, Traffic Officer, to Be Opposed by J. T. Welsh, Former Marshal

With the announcement yesterday by J. E. Wright that he will not be a candidate for appointment or election as chief of police and the formal statement by Acting Chief Harry Rowe that he does not want the office under present conditions, the race for the place has narrowed down in the past 24 hours to Verden Moffitt, traffic officer and J. T. Welsh, former chief.

Rowe States Position

In his statement that he is not in the running, Acting Chief Rowe said: "By its action in appointing me only temporarily to fill the vacancy left by Chief Varney, the council indicated that I was not seriously considered for the position. Realizing this and wishing to do all in my power for the good of the service, I have decided to make myself clear that I am not a candidate for the place. There is no antipathy between myself and any member of the council or the police force in the matter. I am governed solely by a desire to work for harmony, both internal and external, so far as the police force is concerned.

"In the matter of other candidates for the chief's star I must say that I have no feeling against any of them.

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RED MEASURE CONSIDERED TOO DRASTIC

Return of Anti-Sedition Bill to Judiciary Committee for Revision Is Expected to Be Action of Congress.

RULES COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO FIX DATE

Ralston, Counsel for Federation of Labor, Accuses Attorney General

WASHINGTON, a. j. n., 24.—Return of pending anti-sedition bills to the house judiciary committee for modification of provisions attacked as too drastic was indicated as the probable action of the rules committee which closed its hearings tonight on the application for a special rule to expedite passage of this legislation. The rules committee is expected to make its decision next week, but committee members said the protest had arisen against both the Sterling senate bill and the Graham house measure, made it appear necessary by the judiciary committee which framed the house measure or upon the floor of the house.

Three Witnesses Heard

Three witnesses were heard today. Jackson H. Ralston, counsel for the American Federation of Labor and the National Popular Government league opposing the bills and charging Attorney General Palmer and the department of justice agents with violations of constitutional rights in connection with some phases of the campaign against radicals, while Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, and Waverly, Democrat, Ohio, urged enactment.

Blanton Attacks Gompers

Blanton declared congress must "quell anarchy" and attacked Samuel Gompers and the labor department which he said was honeycombed with anarchy. If the sedition law failed, he said, congress would "hear the mark of having Negroes in the United States bowed to Gompers."

The legislation sought to discuss activities of the department of justice and asserted four men had been arrested and detained a week without warrants in connection with bomb explosion at Attorney General Palmer's home here last May.

The attorney general has violated the constitution, Ralston said, adding that "his subordinates have done so and the attorney general has had every opportunity to know they did it."

TRADE TOUR IS SET FOR MONDAY

Commercial Club to Be Guest of Cherry City Bakery for Luncheon

The Cherry City bakery will be host Monday for the trade tour of the Salem Commercial club. The business men will meet at the club at noon and will be taken to the bakery in automobiles. The bakery will serve luncheon and the business men will be shown the plant in operation. It is requested that all business men bring their automobiles to the club for the tour.

BRYAN TAKES RAP AT HOOVER

Lack of Statement Puts Candidacy on "Guess What's in My Hand" Basis

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 24.—Pending a statement of his position on the question at issue by Herbert Hoover, William J. Bryan told newspapermen he could not consider the candidacy of the former food administrator for the presidential nomination.

"When Mr. Hoover takes the people into his confidence and states his position on the questions at issue," Mr. Bryan said, "it will be time enough to consider his candidacy. High officials are not selected on the 'guess what I have in my hand' plan."

Typhoid Kills Six Thousand Russian Troops Is Dispatch

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 24.—Six thousand Russian troops are dead in the typhoid epidemic, according to a special dispatch from Revel. The situation in that territory is grave owing to the lack of surgical supplies.

Wood's Candidacy to Be Submitted in Primaries

CINCINNATI, Jan. 24.—Supporters of Major General Leonard Woods candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination will submit his name to a preferential primary in this state, according to a statement made tonight by Colonel W. C. Proctor, the general's manager.

Munsey Consolidates Sun and Herald of New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Frank A. Munsey, owner of the New York Sun and the Evening Sun, who recently bought the New York Herald and Evening Telegram from the estate of the late James Gordon Bennett, announced tonight that the Sun and the Herald would be amalgamated February 1 under the name of the Sun and New York Herald. The plant of the Sun will be used.

LADY ASTOR IS AGAINST DRYS

Woman Member of Parliament Says Prohibition Impracticable

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 24.—Lady Astor, member of parliament for Plymouth, speaking today in support of state purchase and control of the liquor trade, declared that prohibition was impracticable.

"I hate that word 'prohibition,'" said Lady Astor, "and I have just enough of the devil in me that if any one prohibits anything it becomes the one thing I want."

People go to public houses, she contended, for warmth and comradeship. Temperance workers have failed in the past because they have not tried to satisfy these needs.

SERGEANT, 97, DIES OF "FLU"

Joseph Dunwoody Served in Indian, Crimean, and Civil Wars

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Sergeant Joseph Dunwoody, aged 97, at the time of his death the oldest former enlisted man of the regular army, died today at the soldiers' home of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1823, his first military service was in the British army in India during the Sepoy rebellion, later in the Crimean war. He came to the United States just in time to enlist in the Third United States artillery at the outbreak of the Civil war and served in 22 battles.

BOND THOMAS SLEEPS 2 WEEKS

Brother-in-Law of Rockefeller Institute Head Has Pronounced Case

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Jan. 24.—Bond Thomas, brother-in-law of Dr. Simon Flexner, head of the Rockefeller institute, is a victim of sleeping sickness and has been asleep for two weeks at his home here, it was learned today. Dr. Flexner and Professor Thomas, of the medical department of Johns Hopkins university, brother of the patient, have brought other physicians here to study the case, declared by a specialist to be the most pronounced attack in this country.

CHICAGO "FLU" SHOWS DECLINE

Decrease of 423 Since Friday Report—Deaths Number 51 in Day

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Influenza and pneumonia cases decreased today in Chicago as compared with the number reported Friday and tonight Health Commissioner Robertson declared the situation was encouraging.

Influenza cases reported today numbered 1808, a decrease of 422 as compared to Friday's reports, although deaths numbered 51, three more than yesterday.

RUSH HOURS CHANGED TO PREVENT SPREAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Changes in the opening and closing of stores and theaters to prevent the crowding of city transit lines and an appeal for volunteer nurses were announced tonight by Health Commissioner Copeland as some of the measures being taken to prevent the spread of influenza here. The total number of new cases in the past 24 hours totaled 2361 and victims were being tabulated hourly.

The store and theater order goes into effect next Tuesday.

CALIFORNIA OPENS ARMS TO PERSHING

General Visits Wards of Battle Scarred Veterans Recuperating at Letterman Hospital at Presidio

SAN FRANCISCO GIVES WELCOME HOME TO SON

Soldiers of Pacific Coast Win Praise for Keeness and Gallantry

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—General John J. Pershing walked through the corridors and wards of Letterman General Hospital on the Presidio military reservation here late today, and the wan, tired faces of more than 1000 wounded soldiers and marines under treatment broke into their first smiles in months.

Some flushed with pride as their commanding officer, attracted by a decoration of an unusually serious wound, stopped to inquire about their condition, their treatment, their progress and to shake hands with them and wish them a speedy recovery.

Old Friends of City General Pershing's inspection of the hospital came at the end of a busy afternoon in which San Francisco had welcomed him as an old friend. Prior to 1916, when he was assigned to command the punitive expedition into Mexico, he had commanded the eighth brigade at the Presidio.

In Officers' Row, not five minutes walk from the hospital where his presence and actions gave pleasure to the wounded, his wife and three children had met their death in the burning of their quarters in 1915.

It was apparent that of all the events arranged in his welcome, none was so important to General Pershing as the hospital inspection and the conversations with the wounded.

He hurried through the triumphant procession up Market street—the city's center—teeming with thousands of persons who gathered to pay him homage and to renew acquaintanceship. At the Civic auditorium where he addressed more than 9000 persons, he appeared bored while municipal officers extolled his virtues at length. His address was short. It advocated Americanization of aliens and praised the American Legion and the men from the Pacific coast who had served under him in France.

Coast Soldiers Praised "You people from the Pacific coast have received from the pioneers a spirit of enterprise and industry that has ever made wonderful the progress of your states. This was partly shown in the spirit of the soldiers you sent into the army. They were imbued with this spirit and they required very little military training to place them on an equal footing with the best troops in Europe. By reason of their patience in training, their fortitude, their valor and their gallantry, they were surpassed by no troops in the army."

ALBANY DEFEATS SALEM 23 TO 19

Five Minutes Overtime Is Played When Score Is Tied at End of Game

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 24.—Albany high school won from Salem high school by a 23 to 19 score in a basketball game played in the armory here tonight. The game was tied at 19 at the end of the second half and five minutes overtime was played. Albany making four points in the overtime. Ashby and Boise starred for the visitors. Harry Kuck of Albany was referee.

POLICE PROBE SKOYEN DEATH

Possession of Diamonds May Have Caused Murder of Chauffeur, Belief

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 24.—Seattle police tonight were investigating the death here on November 9 of Charles T. Skoyen, a chauffeur, following disclosures today that diamonds valued at over \$1000, in Skoyen's possession shortly before he died were missing. Skoyen died from gas poisoning, accidentally caused by a stove, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury. His sister, Mrs. Lyle J. Day, told the police today she believed Skoyen was the victim of foul play.

Yukon Highway to Outside Opened After Three Weeks

DAWSON, T. Y., Jan. 24.—The highway to the outside, which has been blocked since January 2, was opened today when a rotary snowplow forced her way through the last drift on the White Pass and Yukon railroad, releasing trains and mail held at both Skagway and White Horse.

Dr. W. H. Solf Is Appointed German Ambassador, Japan

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 24.—Dr. W. H. Solf, former foreign minister of Germany, has been appointed German ambassador to Japan, according to a Tokio cable to Nippon Jiji, Honolulu Japanese language newspaper.

SPECIAL AGENTS OF MR. OLCOTT UNDER CHARGES

Capture of Whiskey Still Leads to Complications at Lakeview

BROWN GETS INTO CASE

Attorney General Urges That Prosecution Be Done According to Law

If special agents of the government employed in assisting to enforce the prohibition law in Lake county, have committed crime in the methods used, they should be prosecuted by the proper officials and not by private persons to gratify revenge. Attorney General Brown informs District Attorney T. S. McKinney of Lakeview relative to the arrest of Charles Burton and Frank Davis.

The attorney general has so instructed the district attorney by telegram upon being informed of a message received by Governor Olcott that two of his agents have been arrested and prosecution is being pushed by private persons through specially employed attorneys because of enmity growing out of the capture of a whiskey still by the agents.

Officers Defend Agents. Governor Olcott has received a number of telegrams concerning the case. One came from S. F. Shenoy, chief deputy sheriff, and states that the complaint against Burton and Davis was sworn to by Night Marshal D. T. Goddard, charging the agents with disturbing "bait" because of enmity aroused when they captured a still. Another telegram from Shenoy states that the district attorney refused to sign the complaint and that the private persons pushing the prosecution have employed S. A. Jetmore as attorney. It is stated at the governor's office that Mr. Olcott as secretary of state at one time caused Jetmore's automobile license to be cancelled because of some abuse of his privilege as a licensed automobile owner. There is an inclination to connect up Jetmore's activity in this affair with that occurrence.

A telegram to the governor from Sheriff E. E. Woodcock declares that Burton and Davis have done good work, and that they used whiskey for bait and captured one still.

Brown Insists on Law. Attorney General Brown's telegram to District Attorney McKinney follows: "Message to governor states governor's agents arrested and prosecution pushed by private persons represented by private attorneys because of enmity growing out of officers' capturing whiskey still. Enforcement of criminal laws must not be turned over to private persons to gratify enmity. I request that you exercise power conferred by section 1792, Lord's Oregon Laws, and appear on behalf of state and control and direct prosecution. If special agents have committed a crime within the spirit of the law, they should be prosecuted by proper officers, but criminal law should not be permitted to be used by persons to gratify revenge."

It is stated at the governor's office that Burton and Davis have done good work in other counties in enforcement of the prohibition law.

FATHER SLAYS SON AND SELF

A. C. Williamson Demands Child From Estranged Wife—Shooting Ensues

RAYMOND, Wash., a. j. n., 24.—A. C. Williamson, an insurance solicitor, today shot and killed his five-year-old son at his wife's home here and then shot himself through the head, lying instantly.

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JAPAN WOULD FREE SHANTUNG

China Informed That Rights of Germans in Kiao-Chau Go to Nippon

PEKING, Tuesday, Jan. 20.—The Japanese minister has informed the Chinese government that Japan, in accordance with the peace treaty, will succeed to the rights formerly enjoyed by Germany in Kiao-Chau. He further stated that Japan was ready to negotiate regarding the re-occupation of the leased territory, if China were willing, emphasizing the fact that when arrangements were completed Japan immediately would withdraw the railway guards from Shantung. China has not replied.

SALEM NOT FAVORED AS PLANE BASE

Forest Fire Patrol and Aerial Mail Service Outlined at a Joint Meeting of the State Chamber and Aero Club

90 MACHINES WANTED FOR ALL NORTHWEST

Medford, Eugene and La Grande Are Selected as Oregon Stations

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Plans have been outlined at a joint meeting of the Oregon state chamber of commerce and the Aero club of Oregon, it was announced here today for a campaign for establishing airplane bases for forest patrol and mail service best suited to the interests of the northwest.

Olcott on Committee. A committee, consisting of Robert E. Smith of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Governor Ben W. Olcott, representing the state; County Commissioner Holman, representing the county; Mayor George L. Baker, representing the city, and L. H. Hickman, representing the Aero club of Oregon, is to have charge of the campaign.

90 Planes Are Wanted. This committee will assist the Oregon state chamber in obtaining the consent of the general staff of the war department to assign ninety airplanes to the new aerial forest patrol in conformity with recommendations made several months ago by Colonel Arnold, chief of the air service, western department.

Plans for the forest air patrol service provide for the assignment of 90 planes to patrol the forests during the coming season in Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Salem Not Base. Contemplated plans are for three bases, one at Mather Field in California, a second at Camp Lewis, Washington, and the third in Medford, Mont. Sub-bases were to be established at Fresno and Red Bluff, in California; Eugene, Medford and La Grande, Ore.; Spokane, Boise; Cody, Wyoming, and Helena, Mont.

AGGIES BEAT W. U. 25 TO 18

Basketball Game at Corvallis Fast and Rough—Two Substitutes Used

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 24.—Oregon Agricultural college defeated Willamette university 25 to 18 in a loose, rough basketball game here tonight. Dean Walker of Independence was referee. Gillette went in for Irvin and Austin went in for Jackson for Willamette in the last half.

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One Sleeping Sickness Case Reported in Polk

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special to The Statesman)—Dr. B. H. McCullon, county health officer, reports that there is one case of sleeping sickness in Polk county, but anticipated no further spread of the disease. The afflicted person is John Focht, a resident of the Ballston community several miles north of here. Focht, who is a student at Oregon Agricultural college, is rapidly recovering from the disease.

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