

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 1920.

HALL ATTACK IS REFUTED BY WITNESS

Twenty-One Men, Nearly All Wearing Uniforms Testify in Trial of Radicals Accused of Murder

GRIMM MURDER RETOLD BY YANKEE FIGHTERS

Edward Mayes Describes Death of Arthur McElfresh as Shooting Starts

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 16.—Twenty-one witnesses, nearly all of them called regarding the shooting from the Arnold hotel and from Seminary Hill, took the stand today in the trial here of eleven alleged I. W. W. for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, victim of the Centralia Armistice day shootings.

Two who testified today wore their service uniforms. They were participants in the parade and had run from the scene of the shooting when the bullets began to fly, they testified. Today's witnesses, to a large extent, were called by the prosecution for the purpose of showing clearly its contention that the shooting was not the result of an alleged attack upon the I. W. W. hall, but for the purpose, according to state counsel, of showing that the firing from several strategic points was not in defense of the hall but an alleged deliberate attack upon the marchers.

HOLD TONGUE ON STREETCARS IS COUNCIL'S PLEA

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Course of Shots Told
Edward S. Mayes, Tenino, about 19 miles north of Centralia was the first witness wearing a soldier uniform to take the stand. He was in the Centralia contingent, he testified, facing south, and the first shots he noticed came from directly ahead of him, or from the direction of the Avalon hotel. He ran toward the I. W. W. hall, he testified, when he heard the shots and the bullets flying over his head, but changed his course when he saw glass and splinters flying outward from the hall. He ran into a vacant lot, east of the hall and threw himself to the ground when he heard someone yell "hit the dirt."

Mayes saw Arthur McElfresh, one of the victims stagger into the lot, lean against the wall, bend over, attempt to stand up and then "bend up like a jack-knife." "Then he went down and I knew he was a dead man," Mayes testified. Mayes also testified that he saw a shot fired from a window of the Arnold hotel, heard the glass fall and saw a smoke haze emerge from the broken window immediately thereafter. Defense counsel attempted to have Mayes qualify as an expert on firearms and ballistics, but the latter said he could not testify as an expert, although he was familiar with firearms.

Dentist State Witness

Mayes was one of the witnesses called during the afternoon session, others being A. R. James, Dr. H. Y. Bell, Dr. A. C. Robertson, and J. A. Rhodes.
Both Dr. Bell and Dr. Robertson, the latter a dentist, were participants in the parade. Dr. Bell helped take Grimm to the hospital. He testified to that and told of running to the scene of the shooting to a place in Second street where he helped place Grimm in an automobile and take him to a hospital. After turning down Second street, Dr. Bell saw both Cassagrande, one of the victims and Wait, who was shot but recovered, lying on the sidewalk, wounded. Dr. Bell on cross examination, said he did not know whether any of the marchers had attacked the I. W. W. (Continued on page 5)

Mercy Work Appreciated By Richmond, Or. Mother

The following letter of thanks, expressing the appreciation of a Richmond, Or., woman for the many favors accorded her daughter who was a patient at a Salem hospital, indicates the high esteem in which the Young Women's Christian Association is held by the people of this vicinity and elsewhere:
"Inez Cook and Mary Fake, 'Dear Friends: 'I arrived home safe last week, followed by my daughter. I thought of you girls so much. She is improving rapidly and I certainly appreciate the work you are doing, and how helpful the courtesies were to me. It is so nice to know there is some person in a strange land you can trust. You both were so nice to me that I felt perfectly at home. 'Women can be a great help to each other. You're a great work and I trust God will be with you until we meet again. 'Yours very truly, 'Mrs. E. E. Burgan."

SPAULDING PLANT PLANS TO INCREASE PAYROLL FOR 1920

Enlarging of their plant to meet future demands and increasing their payroll for the year 1920 to a sum in excess of \$300,000, was announced by the Charles K. Spaulding Logging Company, through Oliver Myers, superintendent of the plant, in an address at the regular Monday luncheon of the Business Men's league held in the commercial club rooms. Following the luncheon the business men were taken through the mill and kindred plants and were shown the operation of the various departments.

Mr. Myers, in his address, recounted briefly the growth of the business since the plant was taken over by its present owners in March, 1915. At the time the change in ownership was consummated the cut of the mill aggregated 25,000 feet of lumber a day, while under the present system of operation more than 100,000 feet of lumber is cut each eight hours.

Last year, according to Mr. Myers, the mill cut a total of 25,000,000 feet of lumber, and practically all of the output was sold in the local and outside markets. During the year 1919 the mill operated 273 days, 200 men were employed and the total payroll amounted to approximately \$227,000.

Operations were hampered for a few weeks this spring by the inability of the company to secure logs, Mr. Myers said, due to low water which made it impossible to permit the drive to the mill.

The capacity of the box factory will be increased fully 100 per cent this year, according to Mr. Myers, based on the present consumption which is from 15,000 to 20,000 feet of lumber per day. Because the company now has only seven and one-half acres of land where 20 acres could be utilized, Mr. Myers said the expansion of the company's business in the immediate future would not be as great as had been anticipated.

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Talking to Motormen is Forbidden Under Provisions of Proposed Law

CITY PILOT IS PEEVED

Simeral Fights Back When Confronted With Loss of Municipal Seat

Patrons of the Salem street railway system may be forbidden the privilege of holding converse with the motorman while the car is in motion if an ordinance introduced at last night's meeting of the city council makes its way to the statute books. Objection to the ordinance was voiced by Councilman McClelland who wanted to at least reserve to passengers the right to ask for a transfer. Councilman Vandervort countered with a suggestion that such trifling details could be attended to before the car started or "if you knew the motorman personally you could arrange for a transfer the day before you expected to need it."

The ordinance, it was explained, was endorsed by officials of the street railway who desired such a law in order to enforce their rule forbidding conversation with motormen which practice, it was stated, was responsible for many accidents. Provision is made for a fine of from \$1 to \$10 or a day in jail for violation of the ordinance, which was sent to committee for consideration.

The resignation of Councilman W. A. Wiest of the sixth ward, who expects to leave soon for Klamath Falls to engage in the practice of law, was accepted without comment. Before adjournment the council extended a vote of thanks to Wiest for his "conscientious service in behalf of the city" while a member of that body.

Wiest's attempt to secure the election of a successor at last night's session was blocked by Councilman Simeral who, it is said, sees in the vacancy a chance for his own reelection as a member of the council when the adoption of the city ward ordinance shifts him from the first to the sixth ward.

The resignation of W. T. Thompson as patrolman was formally accepted by the council and J. F. White duly elected to fill the vacancy.

An ordinance abolishing the offices of deputy health officer, sanitary inspector and plumbing inspector and creating the office of sanitary and plumbing inspector at a salary of \$100 per month was introduced and rushed through to final passage.

Hoover to Have Place on Ballot in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 16.—The name of Herbert Hoover will be placed on the Republican presidential preference ballot in Indiana, it was announced tonight by Dr. Harry Barnard, former state food administrator. Dr. Barnard, who has just returned from New York where he conferred with friends of Mr. Hoover, stated that petitions are prepared which will be distributed over the state.

MISS MARVIN SEES ORIENT AND UNREST

Librarian Impressed by Student Meetings Intended to Encourage Return of Stable Government

DOLLAR LOSES VALUE IN EXCHANGE MARKET

Japan, in Contrast to China, Declared Nation of Patriotism and Unity

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, returned home Sunday morning from four months passed traveling in the Orient, Japan, Manchuria, China, Korea and Manila were included in the travels and Miss Marvin. She is very enthusiastic about the Far Eastern peoples and speaks of this as the most interesting and enjoyable of numerous trips which have taken her to almost all countries of the world.

Miss Marvin and her companions found steamship and hotel accommodations difficult to obtain because of the extremely large number of Americans going into China. Because of the revival of business in that country Americans and British are competing with each other for the business in this new field, and Miss Marvin said that an immense amount of machinery and supplies is being taken into China by American business firms.

Far East Impressive.
"The days in China were very exciting because of the political unrest, and unsettled conditions of the country. Miss Marvin spoke of the student meetings in the streets of the Chinese cities and villages as the most impressive thing in the Far East. Hundreds of young students of China each day speak on the streets and call impromptu meetings urging the people for a fixed government."

"Whether these students will ever accomplish anything or not, I can't say, but this movement of 'Young China' is most impressive," said Miss Marvin.
Deeply contrasted with the chaos in China was the beautiful and peaceful Japan where patriotism and unity were the outstanding features. Miss Marvin spoke of the polite courtesy which is shown to all American tourists in Japan, and of the wonderful methods of the Japanese in teaching the younger ones patriotism and by taking them to the most important places of Japan.

Exchange is Disappointing.
The rate of exchange in the Orient is very disappointing to tourists for nowhere is the American dollar taken for face value, tourists getting from 75c to 91c on the dollar in the various countries.

In Korea the party visited the American hospital and found its work very interesting.

While in the Far East Miss Marvin found that American books sold cheaper than in the states.

The Philippines were last visited and here the party was deeply impressed and were proud that Americans had accomplished so much with these people to make them a civilized, modern and self-governing country.

The party planned to spend some time in Honolulu but were not allowed to leave the ship because of the serious influenza situation.

INFLUENZA ON WANE IN OREGON

Five Deaths and 82 New Cases Reported to Portland Health Officers

PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—Five deaths and 82 new cases were reported to the city health officer during the last 24 hours, but the influenza epidemic is on the wane, municipal authorities stated today.

Roseburg May Secure Home For Aged Women

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 16.—The Women of Woodcraft committee investigating sites for the home to be built on the Pacific coast for aged members of the order, visited Roseburg yesterday and inspected several pieces of land.

Secretary Heinlein of the Chamber of Commerce and other citizens accompanied the committee, composed of Mrs. Grace Taylor of Los Angeles; Mrs. Cora Wilson of San Francisco; Mrs. Grace Campion, of Denver and Mrs. Christiana Blair of Spokane.
They will report their findings to the executive committee which meets in Portland February 19.

DEALER IN BOGUS PASSES TO BE RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 16.—An order to return S. R. Powell, alias T. W. Powell and Mrs. Powell, alleged to be implicated with a group of railway pass counterfeiters, back to Los Angeles for trial, it was expected here today, according to William Byron, head of the United States department of justice.

Powell and his wife were arrested in Portland shortly after their arrival here and with their five-year-old daughter are to be held at city jail.

The arrest of Powell and his wife was made in conjunction with that of O. E. Brown at Los Angeles and the arrests of others in various cities of the United States on charges of having used the counterfeit passes.

Powell denied being one of the ringleaders of the gang, according to department of justice, although admitting having sold some of the passes for Brown. Department of justice officials said they thought Powell a leader in the counterfeit operations.

DOCTOR TO FACE TRIAL THURSDAY

Hearing of Salem Man Charged With Violating Syndicalism Law Set

The preliminary hearing of Dr. A. Slaughter who was arrested here recently on a charge of violating the state syndicalism laws, has been set for Thursday. The hearing will be held before Justice Unruh. It is charged by the federal officers who made the arrest that Dr. Slaughter has been active in the Communist-Labor party, and contributed funds for the operation of that organization.

Active membership in the Communist-Labor party is denied by Dr. Slaughter who contends that he deserted the organization as soon as he discovered its radical tendencies. Because of the prominence of the defendant in this vicinity the hearing is being watched with more than ordinary interest.

TAX AUDITOR IS NAMED BY HOFF

R. A. Reid to Have Charge of Inheritance Tax Business in Multnomah County

Because of the increased business in the inheritance tax department of the state treasurer's office, R. A. Reid, of Portland, today was appointed special inheritance tax auditor and will have charge of all Multnomah county estates. Mr. Reid was formerly deputy clerk of Multnomah county.

Estate aggregating more than \$15,000,000, the larger part of which are in Multnomah county, are now under investigation by the inheritance tax department. State Treasurer Hoff says the addition of Mr. Reid to his staff of employees is justified because of the marked increase in the revenues of his office due to a strict investigation of all estates subject to the payment of inheritance tax.

TROLLEY BRIEF FILED IN SALEM

Public Service Commission Expected to Give Decision in 30 Days

The brief of the legal department of the city of Portland in the case of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company for permission to increase the street car fare above the prevailing six cents was yesterday filed with the public service commission. The company's brief was submitted last week and a decision by the commission is expected early next month.

The brief of the city summarizes the points brought out at the recent hearings by J. P. Newell, the city's consulting engineer, who maintained that a seven-cent fare with one cent charged for transfers outside of a central zone or an eight cent fare with tickets selling seven for 50 cents would yield sufficient revenue to the company to relieve it of financial distress.

Child Instantly Killed While Engaged in Play

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 16.—Lloyd Cardoza, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cardoza, living on the Cogkins ranch 42 miles south of Medford was instantly killed yesterday by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Charles O. Kelly, of Hill, Cal., according to word brought here today by Coronor John Perl. The gun exploded when Kelly was unloading the chamber. The Cardoza boy being in front of the muzzle. An inquest will be held Wednesday at Ashland.

JOHN CARSON MAY RUN FOR PROSECUTOR

Young Attorney Expected to Make Formal Announcement Within Next Few Days According to Report

LAWYER HOLDS RECORD BEFORE OREGON COURT

Young Man Passes Legal Tests Five Months Before Reaching Majority

John H. Carson, a young Salem attorney and member of the law firm of Carson & Brown, will probably announce his candidacy for district attorney of Marion county within the next few days, according to announcement made here last night.

Mr. Carson is believed to hold the record of having qualified for admission to practice law before the courts of Oregon at an earlier age than any other attorney. He passed the examination five months before he reached his 21st birthday, and because no lawyer is admitted before he attains his majority, the supreme court help up Mr. Carson's certificate and presented it to him as a birthday gift November 2, 1915. He has been in active practice since that time except for some months spent with the Oregon troops on the Mexican border in 1916, and service with the United States troops stationed at Fort Monroe, Va., during the war with Germany.

Record is Reviewed.

Mr. Carson is a son of the late John A. Carson who won a wide reputation for his ability as a lawyer, and who represented Marion county in the state senate. The younger Carson worked with his father in the law firm for a time and at the death of the latter dropped into his place as a member of the firm. He had a thorough knowledge of legal work even long before he took the state examinations and his service with the Salem firm dates from the fall of 1913. Since becoming a member of the firm, he has demonstrated unusual ability in both civil and criminal law practice and the big clientele of the firm has been maintained. He has appeared several times before the supreme court in important litigation. He is considered one of the best qualified men in the county for the office of prosecutor.

Candidate Native Born.

Mr. Carson received his schooling in Salem high school, Mount Angel college and in Willamette law college. He was born in Salem. He is a member of the American legion and has fraternal affiliation with the Mason, the Elks and the Workman. He is junior warden of Salem Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M. and Master Workman of the local lodge of the A. O. U. W.

Interested both in political and civic affairs Mr. Carson has participated in the several social and patriotic campaigns of recent months and has given a number of public addresses.

BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN HER OWN FRONT YARD

Troutdale Woman Found With Bullet Hole Through Head Sheriff on Trail

DEATH CAUSE UNKNOWN

Suicide, Accident, Murder Suggested Solutions For Mysterious Death

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Russell Clark, 29, was found dead in her home near Troutdale, near here tonight, with two gunshot wounds in her head and one near her heart. Officers who investigated said she had been murdered and began searching for her husband, an aviator and former automobile agent, who left his home early today after telling several neighbors that Mrs. Clark was ill and must not be disturbed, it was alleged.

STUDENTS HEAR RED CROSS HEAD

Swimming Pools on Top of School Buildings Urged for Dual Purpose

Commodore Longfellow of the American Red Cross spoke to the students of Willamette at chapel yesterday. A suggestion of timely interest to his hearers was that swimming pools be built on top of the school buildings, and thus serve the double purpose of protecting the building from fire and providing a convenient location for the pool. If this plan were adopted then the pool could be used by the boys of the community during the summer months when the building proper would perhaps be closed.

MUNICIPAL STAGE IS SET FOR COUNCIL MANIC MOVES WHEN WARD LINES SHIFT

With Councilman Vandervort's "point of order" blocking final action on an ordinance defining the new wards into which the city of Salem is to be divided in conformity with the new state election law and Councilman Simeral postponing action on the election of a successor to Councilman Wiest of the sixth ward, whose resignation had previously been accepted, the stage is now set for the most complicated game of checkers ever played upon the municipal board in the history of Salem.

Under the terms of the new ordinance framed to comply with the state election law requiring that city ward lines must conform to the boundaries of county and state election precincts several members of the present city council will be left high and dry on foreign soil when the ordinance becomes effective March 15, if finally passed. This condition has been foreseen by the council, however, and a tact under-standing is said to exist whereby those members of the present organization who are "jerry-mandered" out of office through the shifting of the boundaries of their present wards will be reinstated in office by election to membership on the board as representatives of the new wards into which they are shifted.

Simeral Flights Back

This arrangement leaves no chance for an argument except in the case of the new sixth ward into which Councilman Simeral will be shifted from the first ward and the resignation

First Spring Blossoms Are Making Appearance

The first blossoms of spring are now smiling before a home on Cheneketa street. They are a lot of cherry-faced Madonnas nesting contentedly in a bank of green foliage. They are apparently unconcerned about the twang of winter still lingering in the air.
Nearby is a row of pretty jonquils, their big yellow petals just ready to unfold. Mute-like these flowers salute all who pass if they will give them only a glance of recognition.