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SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24, 1920.

JUROR IN RED TRIAL WILL BE EXCUSED

Hearing of Ten Reds Accused of Murder Will Be Resumed Tomorrow With Alternate in Jury Box

SIX OF DEFENDANTS ON HUNGRY STRIKE

Men Refuse to Eat Breakfast, Throwing Food on Floor in Jail Corridor

ONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 23.—Resumption of the trial of the alleged I.W.W. here on a charge of the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim, was expected to begin tomorrow morning when one of the alternate jurors sitting in the place of Edward Parr, who will be discharged because of being stricken with influenza.

Court has not convened since last Thursday, illness of Parr causing suspension of the sessions. Selection of an alternate was to take place at the opening of court tomorrow, such selection to be by lot, the clerk to draw the name from the jury box. Judge John M. Wilson has said that there would be no more delay. He would have discharged Parr last Friday or Saturday had he known that his illness would have been of more than two days' duration, he said yesterday.

Upon resumption of the taking of testimony it was expected that defense counsel would begin its fight for Loren Roberts, one of the ten defendants, for whom a plea of insanity has been entered. Allentist, it is understood, will be the principal witnesses placed on the stand in an attempt to prove this contention. The prosecution has announced that it will resist such a defense and also has secured the services of allentists.

Six of the ten defendants rebelled today, refusing to eat the breakfast placed before them and throwing the food and utensils into the jail corridor. They were punished for the demonstrations, it was said, at the county jail. The six recalcitrants were: Elmer Smith, Bert Bland, O. C. Bland, Eugene Barnett, John Lamb and James McInerney.

LOCAL RACERS ENTER EVENTS

Allen Fraser, Youngest Rider, Takes First Place in Long Hill Climb

A good representation of local motorcycle enthusiasts motored to Eugene Sunday to attend the Hill Climb event which took place Sunday afternoon.

Among them were Harry W. Scott, Hiram T. Smith, Allan Fraser, Fred Alkire, George Freye, Lyman Sundin, Lester Sande, Robert O. Kelley and Henry Heinle.

Allan Fraser entered against the field, all other competitors having made the run before he arrived. Although the youngest rider in the contest he carried off highest honors by making the climb in 77 1/2 seconds, riding a Harley Davidson. The nearest time to his was 79 seconds by "Stub" Johnson of Springfield.

A large crowd of spectators cheered his victory.

Utah Republicans to Name Party Delegates

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 23.—The Utah Republican state convention to select delegates to the national convention at Chicago will be held at Price, Utah, May 3, according to an announcement tonight.

Rochdale Store Planned For Salem, Is Report

It was stated here last night that plans are under way for the establishment in Salem of a Rochdale store, which will be a branch of co-operative establishments now being promoted in many parts of the United States. Several of these stores also will be established in other sections of Oregon, including Astoria and possibly Roseburg.

These stores are said to have the support of labor, and the wares are sold at cost. The overhead, it is declared, is taken care of through monthly dues which in most cities where these stores have been established to \$1.

A representative of the syndicate sponsoring these stores is said to have passed several days in Salem, but as yet has not been able to secure a suitable location.

WILSON IS BLAMED FOR DELAY IN BRINGING ABOUT PEACE OF WORLD

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Ohio republicans today staged one of the most enthusiastic party rallies in years, at which Senator Warren G. Harding, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, national chairman Will H. Hays, republican women leaders and gubernatorial candidates spoke.

Charging President Wilson with sole responsibility in delaying peace treaty ratification, Senator Harding declared the republican party "will welcome responsibility of Americanizing the treaty."

The senator enumerated principles he said the national convention should incorporate in its platform. Among these were: Perfected Americanization; adequate national defense and voluntary military training for young men; repeal of all extraordinary war statutes; end of bureaucracy; opposition to government ownership and nationalization of industry; curbing of government extravagance; application of the square deal to all citizens; and government subsidy for a merchant marine.

Chairman Hays pleaded for more attention to politics and enunciated five principles for which the party stands: Earnest efficient business administration of the country's affairs; speedy change in the nation's taxation system, whereby the burden would be more equally distributed; better relation between labor and capital; certain law and order, and measuring of the needs of the nation by looking ahead "but with feet always on the ground."

TAX RECEIPTS GROW AS LANDS ARE DEVELOPED

Valuations for Year 1920 Total \$42,291,143 According to County Tax Rolls

SCHOOLS TO GET SHARE

Rolls Are Turned Over to Sheriff Needham and Collections Start

According to the completed tax roll for Marion county which was turned over to Sheriff Needham yesterday by B. F. West, county assessor, the total valuation of assessable property is \$42,291,143, while a total of \$1,340,902.44 represents the amount of taxes levied in this county for 1919 and collectible during the present year.

For the 131 school districts in the county, \$240,231.04 is the sum total of the special levies for school purposes. Special taxes levied in road districts total \$64,733.45.

The special taxes levied in towns and cities of the county is represented by \$201,235.41. Salem headed the list with a levy of \$163,800.71. For the year 1919, the sum of \$422,100 is levied upon special districts for the forest patrol service.

General taxes levied for state and county purposes are:

State tax, \$190,315.63; valuation, \$42,292,143; rate mills, .0045.

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Road tax, \$137,285.62; valuation, \$30,507,978; rate mills, .0045.

School and library tax, \$109,959.56; valuation, same as state; rate mills, .0026.

Excess 6 per cent limit for high school districts; tax levy, \$14,983.30; valuation \$18,729,131; rate mills, .008.

Excess of 6 per cent limitation in non-high school districts; tax levy, \$32,988.21; valuation, \$23,563,012; rate mills, .0014.

For the purpose of comparison with the present levy, the following items from the 1918 tax roll is given:

State tax levy, \$132,916.96; valuation, \$42,876,447; rate mills, .0031.

The county tax levy as based upon the 1918 valuation, was \$252,971.02; at a millage rate of .0059. It will be noticed that the valuation for the present year is somewhat lower than that of 1918.

In 1918, the county school and library tax levy was \$102,903.45 at a millage rate of .0034. The road levy at .0042 was \$129,350.01. The high school tuition (fund levy) was \$16,626.25 at a millage rate of .007. The total levy for the state and county purposes was \$34,767.69.

For 1918, the special taxes were: Schools, \$193,789.09; roads, \$54,297.86; cities and towns, \$186,230.59; forest patrol, \$254.33; special tax for road district No. 7, uncollected from 1917 tax roll, \$2356.99.

Portland Will Send Delegates to Meeting

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Portland will send 100 delegates to San Francisco to attend the seventh annual foreign trade convention May 12 to 15. Much interest is being manifested locally over the convention, in view of the fact that thousands of the delegates from the east will pass through here going to or from the trade conference. Arrangements are being made to have some of these delegates stop over in Portland and be entertained by the Portland chamber of commerce.

PROWLER FOUND IN GIRL'S ROOM

Pauline McClintock and Lois Geddes Frighten Away Unwelcome Visitor

According to a report made by Frances M. Richards, Dean of Women of Willamette University, to the local police yesterday afternoon, a man was found in one of the rooms of Lausanne hall, the girls' dormitory, early Sunday morning. The girls in whose room he was, when found, were awakened by his movements and somewhat terrified.

After a rather limited conversation the intruder left through the porch window where he had entered, without causing any further disturbance. It was surmised that he was either somewhat demented or that he had supposed the house was unoccupied and hoped to find shelter for the night.

The first floor room, which it was reported was entered, has a window opening almost directly off of the porch. It is occupied by the Misses Pauline McClintock and Lois Geddes, students at the University. This is near the room occupied by Dean Richards.

Portland Has More Cases of Influenza

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 23.—Fifty three new cases of influenza were today reported to the city health bureau, again sending the total number of cases in the city over the thousand mark. With 30 releases from quarantine reported this morning, the new cases now total 1010, as against 987 Saturday. No deaths were reported.

Portland Auto Show Attracts Big Crowd

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Formal opening of the annual automobile show and the annual automobile truck show here was held tonight. Speeches were made and there was a musical program. The cars had been on view throughout the day and the attendance then and tonight was large.

Fifty Spokane Laborers Strike for Higher Pay

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 23.—Some 50 building laborers, employed on building jobs here, went on strike when contractors refused to grant a recently adopted scale of \$6 per day, an increase of \$1 over present wages.

House Cat Promises to Become Profitable Animal

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The house cat promises to become a profitable fur-bearing animal. Pelts of the best domesticated felines brought \$125 each today at the annual fur auction of the New York auction sales corporation. This is an advance of 20 per cent over October prices.

Canners Plan Session To Study Conditions

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Plans were completed here today for the annual session of the Northwestern Canners' association will meet next Thursday to consider problems of interest to about 20 representative canners of Oregon will attend the convention. Officers of the association are J. O. Holt of Eugene, president; W. G. Allen of Salem, vice president, and J. D. Matthews of Portland, secretary-treasurer.

BREAK LOOMS IN RANKS OF DEMOCRATS

Influential Senators Move to Hold Caucus to Discuss Possible Change in Party Policy as to Pact

FIGHT MAY CONTINUE FOR MONTHS, REPORT

Minor Issues Said to Hinder Real Undertaking of Friendly Senators

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Possibilities of a substantial break in the Democratic peace treaty ranks in the senate impelled influential Democratic senators to move today for a caucus to discuss a possible change in party policy and revived Republican hopes that the treaty might yet be ratified with the Republican reservations adopted at the last session of congress.

On the Republican side it was asserted that the 22 Democratic, only a few short of the number required to insure ratification, had signified willingness to quit the lead of President Wilson and take the Republican reservation program as it is. This total, administration chiefs declared exaggerated, but they conceded that were a vote taken tomorrow on the Republican reservation ratification, it would command more than the seven Democratic votes it got last November.

Caucus is Proposed

Movement for a Democratic caucus may bring into the open, its sponsors believe, dissatisfaction that has smoldered in some Democratic quarters since the president sent his memorable letter to the caucus of November 19 asking that the senators of his party vote against ratification on the basis of the Republican reservations. The seven senators who disregarded his advice have been active constantly in their effort to dissuade others from the stand then taken, and it has been an open secret that their move, coupled with current political developments, has met with some success.

But among both Democrats and Republicans it is realized that the endeavor to break Democratic resistance still has a long way to go if it is to succeed. Sixty four votes are required to ratify the treaty and although 34 Republicans voted for ratification in November, party leaders now are sure of the support of only 30. That leaves 34 to be delivered by the Democrats, an even dozen more than the figure which represented the peak of Republican claims today.

Minor Issues Hinder

In the belief that time is fighting on their side, the Republican leaders' plan is to first clear away collateral issues of the treaty disagreements when the subject comes again before the senate, probably tomorrow. The next reservation to be considered in the revision is the qualification of article ten, against which the president has directed his principal criticism; but the Republicans expect to ask that it be laid aside until all others have been acted on.

Meantime, it is pointed out, a Democratic caucus may have developed the real strength of the movement among Democratic senators to break away from a policy of resistance and put the treaty through. Should a majority of the 47 Democrats vote in the caucus for such a move, it is expected by the Republicans that the effect would be to bring over the votes needed for ratification.

Wilson Under Fire

In these calculations, however, neither side loses sight of the possibility that the White House may again use its influence to stiffen the backbone of the administration senators or that the president may, if an unacceptable ratification impends.

Loyal Legion To Form At Meeting Here Today

A meeting of employees of the C. K. Spaulding Loxing Company will be held at the Hotel Marion here today, when definite action will be taken relative to organizing a local branch of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. Fred Endicott, organizer, has arrived here from Portland and will preside at the meeting. There are about 200 men employed at the Spaulding plant, and it is believed the majority of these will become members of the organization. Besides obtaining a slight advance in pay for the men the legion promises many other benefits not offered by any other union or labor organization.

FEDERAL AGENTS HASTEN NORTH TO QUELL WHISKEY REBELLION

MARQUETTE, Mich., Feb. 23.—Federal prohibition enforcement officials here tonight expressed the hope that the iron county prohibition enforcement controversy would result in authority being given United States Commissioner Hatch of Marquette to issue warrants for prohibition law violators direct upon application by government agents.

Commissioner Hatch said today he believed the system of waiting for authority from Grand Rapids involving more than a week's delay, had been a serious handicap.

Neither Commissioner Hatch nor assistants of Leo J. Grove the prohibition agent who notified Chicago officers of the alleged revolt in Iron county, received any additional information today.

Federal officials expressed the belief that if Grove is not backed by the government in settling the "whiskey rebellion" in Iron county, working machinery of the department, as far as the upper Michigan peninsula is concerned, would be disrupted.

Whatever the outcome, it was believed that long standing difficulties attending enforcement of liquor laws would be ironed out. These difficulties were said to have been brought about largely because of lack of effective cooperation between local, state and federal officers.

Federal agents tonight passed through Chicago en route for Northern Michigan and it is expected that the worst of the trouble has passed.

PETITIONS OUT TO RESCUE DOGS

Council Will Be Asked to Do Away With Ordinance Curbing Liberties

The dogs are saved! That is they are expected soon to be saved. Fifteen petitions are at present being circulated among citizens of Salem who are eager to come to the rescue of the much abused and, Oregonianly speaking, almost exterminated.

These petitions were prepared and are being circulated by the organization which was recently formed for the benefit of the dog in our midst, and the many others that ought to be among us. Headquarters are at the Blitch Hotel and anyone interested to the extent of being willing to sign or circulate a petition will do well to phone 742.

Efforts on behalf of the canine kingdom are meeting with a ready response from the people of Salem who are almost unanimously humanely inclined and appreciative of the great value of the dog in the home, the field, and the forest.

Wife of Murder Victim Cares for Sick Slayer

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 23.—Nursed by the wife of the man he killed, Charles T. Brown is under guard in his room at a hotel tonight seriously ill of influenza.

The killing came today when Edward Bell Rodgers of Green River, Wyo., entered the room where Brown and Mrs. Rodgers admit they have been living for several months as man and wife. Rodgers reached for his pistol. It caught in his pocket and Brown drew a gun from beneath his pillow and fired.

"I am not sorry," Brown said tonight. "I shot to defend myself and the little woman who nursed and cared for me."

Brown was too ill to be removed to jail and a guard was placed over him where the police, Brown and Rodgers are former service men and railroad brakemen.

Hauser Report Will Be Put Under Investigation

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 23.—A complete examination of the recent grand jury report on the alleged activities of United States grain corporation officials including Max H. Hauser of Portland, vice president, and the evidence upon which it is based, is to be made by Lester W. Humphreys, United States attorney of Portland and William Byron, a special agent of the department of justice. Mr. Humphreys declared upon their arrival here today.

German Thieves Rob Royal Coffins of Jewels

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Burglars rifled the Mausoleum of Charlotte-Berger castle Sunday. They removed jewels from Queen Louise's coffin but failed to open the other coffins. They removed the gold and silver gilded crowns lying on the coffins of Emperor William I and Empress Augusta, Prince Albrecht and others.

Andree Farman, Girl of Fourteen, Flies in France

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The number of women aviators in France, which for some time has been 12, is soon to be increased by one who will establish a record for youthfulness, being only 14-1/2 years old. She is Andree Farman, a daughter of Maurice Farman, a brother of Henry Farman, a pioneer in aviation.

RAIL BILL IS APPROVED BY SENATE VOTE

Provision Made For Regulation of Lines After Return to Private Ownership Some Time in March

MEASURE NOW BEFORE WILSON FOR SIGNING

Five Hours Debate Tires Senators and Cries for Vote Are Numerous

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—By a vote of nearly three to one—47 to 17—the senate tonight passed and sent to the president the modified railroad re-organization bill under which the carriers will attempt to adjust themselves to conditions existing with the end of government control.

Thirty-two Republicans joined with 15 Democrats in voting for adoption of the conference report, while three Republicans and 24 Democrats comprised the 17 voting against it. There was never any doubt as to what the senate would do, in view of the wide margin by which the Cummins bill, more drastic than the compromise, was passed. But the general opinion was that he would sign it, although labor leaders will urge a veto.

Long Debate Tires. During the five hours debate led by Chairman Cummins of the interstate commerce committee, senators expressed varying opinions as to how the public and the railways would fare under the bill, which was warmly defended, and attacked. The bill, which attended proceedings Saturday in the house, was lacking. Frequent quorum calls were necessary to get members in the chamber.

Around six o'clock the patience of the senate apparently was exhausted after much speech-making and insistent demands for a vote on short the desire to prolong presentation of views.

Reports Are Scored. Discussion today related largely to labor and rate making provisions. Senator Cummins, with feeling, denounced widespread claims that in fixing freight and passenger charges, calculated to give the roads a return of 5-1/2 per cent meant taking huge sums of money from the public treasury. The bill, he declared, would not take one dollar in that way. Such reports, he said, were part of the propaganda put forth in an effort to defeat legislation on the eve of return of the roads to their owners, March 1.

CONNORS COMES HOME TO ROOST

Man Who Violated Parole Must Serve Maximum Term of 18 Years

Charles James Connors, parole violator, who was arrested at Seattle recently, was returned to the state penitentiary Sunday to serve out his unexpired term of 18 years.

Connors was first received at the prison in June, 1917, following conviction on a charge of defrauding Mary Obermer, of Portland, out of \$2200. In January, 1919, Connors took an active part in caring for the convicts suffering from influenza and as a result of this service was paroled from the institution in March of that year.

He then went to Portland and later to Willamina, where he obtained \$300 from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Branson under the pretense that he would secure a pardon for their son, William, who is serving a life term in the penitentiary for murder.

Connors then left Willamina and his transaction with the elder Mr. Branson was reported to the prison officials. Search was instituted for Connors upon the receipt of this information but it was not until last week that he was located at Seattle and arrested.

Eugene to Play Game Behind Closed Doors

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 23.—The coast conference basketball games scheduled to be played in this city Tuesday and Thursday nights of this week will be played behind closed doors, according to trainer "Bill" Hayward because of the ban on public gatherings on account of the prevalence of influenza here. It is expected that there will be no one in the building except the teams and officials and perhaps a few press representatives.

GUARD IS GIVEN INSPECTION BY MILITARY HEAD

Captain Newlet Puts His Men Through Stiff Drill Before Commander

KOESTER IS IN CHARGE

Fifty-Seven Members of Company Turn Out—Eighteen Being Absent

Company M of the Oregon National Guard, was duly inspected last night by Colonel Koester, 5th Cav., U. S. A., regular army officer and special representative of the War department. Col. Koester was accompanied by 1st Sergeant Blenner of the Twenty-first Infantry, who assisted in the inspection and making of the required reports.

The local men in official attendance were Major Miller, O. N. G., assistant to the Adjutant General; Major Meyers, commanding the Third Battalion; 1st Lieutenant Raymond Attebury, O. N. G., Adjutant Third Battalion; Lieutenant Wolpert, Adjutant, O. N. G., and the officers of the local company.

Captain Newlet put his men through a stiff drill after which Colonel Koester inspected the men and their arms. They gave a snappy drill in the manual of arms and then the packs of the men were carefully inspected.

There are a total of seventy-seven enlisted men in the organization; eighteen were absent last night so that the number of men inspected was fifty-seven besides officers. Salem has reason to be very proud of her part of the Guard organization, according to the showing made last night. A few more weeks of drill will put the men in better shape but on the whole they are vastly more ready to take the field than were the raw men who flooded the draft camps after hostilities began.

French Troops Killed or Captured by Turks

LONDON, Feb. 23.—It is reported from Damascus that 400 French troops either have been killed or captured by Turks and Arabs near Houran, Palestine, says a Central News dispatch from Cairo, Egypt. The correspondent adds that it also is reported the French are evacuating Baabek (50 miles north of Damascus) and the El Bika valley, lying between Lebanon and Anti-Libanus.

Sleeper Is Removed to Portland Hospital

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—George McClellan, suffering from sleeping sickness, was transferred today from his home to Good Samaritan hospital under orders of Dr. W. A. Trimble, according to a report filed with the city bureau of health. McClellan is 40 years of age. He is the third case of sleeping sickness reported as existing here at the present time.

Shortage of Newsprint May Close Large Plant

MONTREAL, Feb. 23.—The Montreal Herald announced today it will be compelled to suspend publication unless it is possible to secure a supply of newsprint immediately. Traffic conditions due to recent heavy snow storms are given as the reason. The intense cold has deprived a number of pulp mills of their water power.