

CRIME IS LAID TO GARDNER

CABINET AND SINN FEIN TO BE IN PARLEY

Latest Note of Eamonn de Valera Indicates Early Conference—Phrasing of Letter Shows Caution.

BRITISH PREMIER IS IMPROVING IN HEALTH

Hurried Consultations in Dublin Precede Sending of the Missive

LONDON, Sept. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—A conference between the British cabinet and representatives of the Sinn Fein seems assured. Eamonn de Valera, Irish republican leader, dispatched a telegram to Mr. Lloyd George tonight, which apparently cannot fail to achieve this result. His message was in reply to one from the premier which declared firmly the inability of the British government to meet Sinn Fein plenipotentiaries on the basis that they were representatives of an independent nation and pointing out consequences of such recognition.

Worded More Careful
There were hurried consultations among Sinn Fein leaders at Dublin from which emerged the latest message declaring their earnest wish to meet the British government's spokesman. Mr. DeValera passed over the question of recognition as an important state and made reference to "self-recognition" which is considered so far outside the terms of international definitions that it is hardly expected to raise an obstacle to the conference.

Conference Certain
There has been a strong demand for a meeting between British and Irish representatives by Irish newspapers and it is believed the present Irish public opinion, tending to a resumption of negotiations.

In London newspaper circles tonight a conference is considered certain. Early today Premier Lloyd George sent a telegram to Mr. De Valera, which followed on the heels of the Sinn Fein response to his cancellation of the Inverness arrangements. Without delay, De Valera dispatched his reply, announcing "we have accepted your invitation into the exact words which you re-quote from your letter of the seventh."

Prejudice Necessary
The premier in replying to the Irish leader's previous insistence that the meeting be held "without prejudice and untrammelled by any conditions," declared: "It would be idle to say a conference in which we had already met your delegates as representatives of an independent and sovereign state would be a conference without prejudice."

Such acceptance of the delegates he pointed out, would set an example to other powers to treat Ireland as a sovereign and independent state, and he emphasized that there could be no abatement, however informal, of the principle of allegiance to the king.

Premier Improving
Reports tonight from Gatchell indicated Mr. Lloyd George continues to improve. It is thought

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YOUTH WALKS FROM STOCKTON TO TELL OF HIS WRONGDOING

A desire to live on a ranch as a genuine cowboy impelled him to set fire to his brother-in-law's shop in Salem in 1913, Robert C. Strong, 28, told Chief of Police Verden M. Moffitt yesterday.

Footsore and weary, Strong walked into the Salem police station and announced that this was the end of his long journey from Stockton, Cal. He had become converted at a Stockton mission of the Pentecostal faith about two weeks ago and had made up his mind that he would never have peace until his Salem wrong-doing had been made known.

"Put me in prison or give me what punishment I deserve for this offense," requested Strong after relating his story. "I have wandered all over the country for eight years in an effort to forget this and I am convinced that nothing else matters in all the world but a squaring-up with God."

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O'LEARY COW DIDN'T START FAMOUS FIRE

Committee Investigating Conflagration of 1871 Finally Files Its Report

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Mrs. O'Leary's cow, famed in legend as having started the Chicago fire of 1871 by kicking over a lamp, actually had nothing to do with the conflagration, according to a committee which has conducted an investigation.

The committee's report, made public today, declares that the evidence tends to show both Mrs. O'Leary and her noted cow retired early on the night in question and that the fire was started by some means not discovered.

The investigation was made in connection with a miniature reproduction of the fire which is to be given at its semi-centennial in October.

The legend that Mrs. O'Leary went to the barn carrying a lamp and that the cow kicked it over is exploded, according to the committee, but positive proof that Mrs. O'Leary was confined to her bed that day with a sore foot has been found.

STILES DIES ON BEAUTY'S GRAVE

Tragic End Comes to Denver Man, Recently Married Second Time

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 17.—A man identified by the police as Frank D. Stiles, was found dead today on the grave of his first wife, Mrs. Josephine Stiles, in Crown Hill cemetery. The first Mrs. Stiles was known as "the belle of the west."

Stiles' wife said today she was not surprised to learn of her husband's death, according to the police, as she said that though only recently married to him, her husband "mourned for his first wife."

The police said today that Stiles was the third husband of the dead woman, once famous as a beauty in the west, who had taken their lives through their love for her. The Mrs. Stiles was also said to have taken her own life as a result of mourning for William Wardell, a former husband, who, the police said, was a suicide.

Mrs. Stiles took her life on May 23, 1920. She told friends, the police said, she heard the spirit of Wardell calling her.

Mrs. Josephine Stiles came west from Pittsburg, Pa., when she was 12 years old. Later, when she was a young woman she came to Denver and won in a beauty contest here. After that she was known as "The belle of the west."

Coroner Woods said today that Stiles' death was probably due to "continuous drinking of bootleg whiskey." Mrs. Stiles said her husband left home last Tuesday.

ENGINEER KILLED

EDINBURGH, Ind., Sept. 17.—An engineer was killed, four persons were severely injured and several others were less seriously hurt when a passenger train en route to Indianapolis from Louisville went through a bridge into Blue river tonight.

THE WEATHER

Showers, cooler; moderate southerly winds.

Dr. Beardslee is Located

SMOOT'S BILL UNDER PROBE

Senate Finance Committee Fails to Reach Decision On Measure

LIQUOR CLAUSE FAVORED

House Provision for Issue of Securities Receives Commendation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The senate finance committee failed today to reach final decisions on the Smoot tax simplification bill embodying a manufacturers' sales levy, and on Senator Calder's proposal to impose a tax of \$6.49 a gallon on all alcohol liquors withdrawn from bond for other than manufacturing purposes. The committee will meet again Monday.

Senator Smoot's bill was said to have been favorably received by several senators but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the committee would reject it.

Automobile Men Heed
Reiterating that he would offer the bill in the senate, the Utah senator said:

"We will see what will happen there."

The American Automobile association today announced it favored the manufacturers' tax repeal, declaring it would give business just what they feel is needed to set in motion the wheels of industry that will give employment to more than 5,000,000 idle men.

Whiskey Amendment Discussed
Senator Calder's whiskey amendment was discussed by the committee and said to have been accepted in principle. The senator said he had been asked to redraft the amendment to avoid any construction that it might tax industrial alcohol.

The proposed amendment goes further than the house provision which would tax at the \$6.49 rate only alcoholic liquors diverted to beverage purposes. Senator Calder would tax liquors withdrawn for medicinal purposes as well. The Calder proposal to tax 2.75 per cent on the amount in excess of \$5 charged to transients for single rooms and on the amount in excess of \$8 charged for double rooms.

The committee approved the house provision granting the treasury authority to issue \$7,500,000,000 in short term securities instead of \$7,000,000,000 but rejected the ways and means committee plan to create a tax investment committee to study means of taxing income from tax-exempt state and municipal securities. A new proposal adopted would require the government to pay one-half of one per cent interest on taxes erroneously paid and refunded.

Many Others Agreed On.
Aside from these changes in the 1918 revenue act, the committee agreed to half a hundred others, many of which were incorporated in the house bill.

An official statement issued at Chairman Penrose's office, showed it had been agreed to accept the house provision repealing the policy taxes on life insurance and the premium taxes of other insurance companies on next January 1, and to impose a 15 per cent tax on the investment income of life insurance companies from last June 1.

In considering administrative sections of the house bill, the committee restored the provisions of the present law permitting manufacturers' subject to taxes and doing both a wholesale and retail business to compute the tax on retail sales upon the basis of their wholesale selling prices.

Responsibility Placed
Accepted the provisions authorizing the commissioner of internal revenue, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury and the consent of the taxpayer, to make final settlement of tax cases.

Adopted the provision that if the personal service corporation, provisions of the 1918 law are held unconstitutional such corporations shall pay the tax imposed on other corporations under the 1918 act, unless they elect to pay taxes under the personal service corporation provision of such act.

Approved the house method of treating personal service corporations.

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COUPLE INVITED TO LEAVE CITY AFTER TALE PROVES FALSE

"I've been held up and robbed of \$45" moaned Theron Freeman Price, of 253 Sixth street, Portland, when proprietors of a local hotel frustrated Price's efforts to leave the hostelry with bag and baggage without paying his bill.

Price and his wife were taken into custody by Chief of Police Moffitt, while Price's yarn that he had been robbed of his money yesterday evening on State street between Commercial and Liberty

Two men, one a "tall guy in a light suit," and the other a "short bird in a dark suit," had watched while he stopped on the street to tie a shoe lace and had "lifted" his wallet from his hip pocket, according to Price. He later left a \$15 watch with the hotel management as payment.

Price's story was doubted by the police when it was learned that he had produced a \$10 bill at the Southern Pacific depot in purchasing a ticket to Eugene following the holdup incident. At the station the couple's story failed to make an impression and they finally admitted that the daylight robbery tale had been worked on the hotel man in an effort to evade payment of his claim.

HOP PICKERS FINISH WORK AND LEAVE FOR NEW PLACES

Literally thousands of people have left the hop yards within the past few days, more of them perhaps on Saturday than any other day. The harvest is practically ended in Marion county. Only a few fields have so much as a single hop left except where the eagle eyes of the pickers failed to find it.

A traveler in from Independence Saturday night passed 12 wagon loads of pickers, some of them with half a dozen or more persons aboard, and not one wagon had a light. As it was a dark and drizzly night, the autoist came within a foot of a head-on collision with a team outfit. A whole chapter of accidents was doubtless averted only by the fact that not as many autos were out as usual, because of the rain.

Pickers Going Home
But the pickers are going home, in pairs, in families, in squads of a dozen or 20. They're off for their permanent camping place. Blanket-stiffs have headed north or south on the railroad, on every freight car that has an open door or a good handhold. Scores of little camp fires along the railroad show where the pickers have trudged afoot, and gotten a dozen or fifty miles towards the new goal, wherever it is. The wagon campers have made better time. Some of them are out of the state and some of the auto pickers, who halted their gas pilgrimages for a few weeks where and while the wages were good, have gotten out of the state.

Trouble Is Scarce.
The season ended with remarkably little trouble. Bill-jumpers and thieves and fighters and general agitators for the fun of making trouble, have been hardly known. The picking has been exceptionally clean, so that the hop crop though not in all cases of unusual weight, is of better quality than usual.

325 INDICTED AS MURDERERS

Keeney and Mooney of Mine Workers Included Among Accused Men

LOGAN, W. Va., Sept. 17.—Three hundred and twenty-five names were included in a blanket indictment charging murder, returned by a Logan county grand jury today. The indictments followed an investigation of disturbances on the Logan-Boons county border. Among the names are those of C. F. Keeney and Fred Mooney, president and secretary of District No. 17 United Mine Workers of America, and H. W. Blizard, also a United Mine Workers official. In addition, 200 indictments charging insurance and "pistol toting" were returned.

The blanket indictment charging those named with being principals and accessories to the killing of John Gore, deputy sheriff of Logan county, was based on an alleged violation of the Red-mear act, which classifies such deaths as murder in the first degree.

Gore was killed August 29 in an exchange of shots between armed men and deputy sheriffs in the eastern part of Logan county during the attempted march across that county of a number of men who had announced their intention to proceed into Mingo county and there protest state martial law invoked several months ago.

The remainder of the indictments charged "conspiracy to foment revolution and insurrection" and "the carrying of weapons in violation of the Johnson law."

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RANCHER GUIDE BADLY INJURED

Jess Tetherow Falls Into Crevasse Near Top of Mount Bachelor

BEND, Ore., Sept. 17.—Jess Tetherow, Deschutes county rancher, sustained severe injuries yesterday when he fell into a crevasse near the top of Mount Bachelor, according to word brought here today. He was brought to Bend for medical service and will recover, the attending physician stated.

Tetherow accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John G. Luelling of Madras on the climb up the mountain and when near the summit lost his footing and disappeared. Luelling and his wife clambered some 20 feet to the bottom of the chasm, found Tetherow senseless and unable to move him, went for help.

Five hours later, with forest employees found near Elk lake, Luelling began the ascent and met Tetherow just below the timber line. His head was badly bruised and lacerated, and he was in a badly dazed condition, having no recollection of the accident nor of how he had climbed out of the crevasse. He collapsed shortly after being found. Today he had regained consciousness.

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HUNTING TRIP IS DISTURBED

Hotel Physician Told to Hurry Home to Testify in Arbuckle Case

ACTOR AGAIN IN COURT

District Attorney Brady Gets Secret Information from Mrs. Taube

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Finding of Dr. Arthur Beardslee, missing Hotel St. Francis physician who attended Miss Virginia Rappe before her death, was the outstanding development tonight in the Roscoe Arbuckle case.

A telegram to District Attorney Matthew F. Brady from the sheriff of Douglas county, Nevada, at Minden, stated that Dr. Beardslee had left Minden yesterday for Bridgeport, Mono county, Cal., on a hunting trip. Brady instructed the Mono county sheriff to order the physician to return at once to San Francisco.

Dr. Beardslee's testimony is expected to shed light on the condition of Miss Rappe the day following the Labor day party in Arbuckle's suite at the St. Francis, at which she suffered injuries which caused her death. Beardslee was summoned as a witness at the coroner's inquest, but did not appear and police detectives reported they were unable to find him.

Arbuckle appeared in the superior court today to obtain a continuance on the manslaughter charge against him. He will not again leave the city prison until next Thursday when his preliminary examination is to begin before Police Judge Sylvain Lazarus on the murder complaint signed by Mrs. Bambina M. Delmont, a member of the party in the comedian's rooms.

Mrs. Taube Questioned
Mrs. Mae Taube, another member of the Labor day party, was interrogated today by District Attorney Brady, who asserted afterward that she had clung to her original statement that she was the woman who summoned Assistant Manager Harry J. Boyle of the St. Francis when Miss Rappe became ill. At the inquest Mrs. Delmont declared it was herself who telephoned for Boyle.

District Attorney Brady said he obtained other important information from Mrs. Taube "which he would not divulge and which, he said, may lead to taking up certain new phases of the case before the grand jury on Monday night."

Liquor Inquiry Made
Manager Thomas J. Coleman of the St. Francis and other executives and employees of the hotel today were called before Robert H. McCormack, assistant United States attorney in charge of liquor prosecutions, for questioning regarding the origin of the 20 quarts of liquor said to have been consumed at the Arbuckle party. The manslaughter charges against Arbuckle, preferred in a grand jury indictment will be called for a hearing on Monday, September 26, it was agreed today.

PAVING TO BE OPENED TODAY

County Completes Job From Twelfth Street South to Potter Farm

The county has completed its paving from the end of Twelfth street extending south to the Potter farm, and it will be thrown open to the public today. The paving on South Commercial street will probably not be open to the public until late Wednesday or Thursday morning of this week.

The county plant has completed its paving to Silverton, with the exception of a short distance on each side of the Pudding river bridge. As the bridge is undergoing some repairs, a detour is necessary.

With the completion of the mile of paving towards the state feeble minded institution, the paving program of the season will be over.

SHERIFFS TO MEET HERE ON MONDAY

Federal Prohibition Director for Oregon Calls Conference of Peace Officers

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—Sheriffs of Polk, Yamhill, Washington, Marion, Clackamas and Tillamook counties will confer Monday at Salem with Dr. Joseph A. Linville, federal prohibition director for Oregon, according to announcement today by Dr. Linville.

"There should be closer cooperation between county officers and our department," stated Dr. Linville. "I believe that this cooperation is at present greatly retarded by a misunderstanding between the two enforcement bodies. The sheriff feels, I think, that his rights are being encroached upon when federal agents move into his county to make investigations. Ideas on enforcement will be exchanged, stated the director, and the utmost co-operation between county and federal officers will be sought. It is planned to hold other like conferences over the state."

IRISH QUESTION TO BE DEBATED

Baptist and Episcopal Clergymen Will Meet Here In Discussion

For the first time Salem will have the privilege to hear the Irish question debated by two authoritative speakers from the same stage. On Sunday, September 26, Rev. M. L. Brandon and Rev. Ward Adams Cantrell will appear at the armory and will debate two propositions relative to the Irish question.

Rev. Mr. Brandon is a Baptist minister of Kansas City, and is lecturer and editor of national repute. He edited a paper which had a large circulation in north Ireland, England and the United States. Cantrell, who is from Los Angeles, is also a speaker of national repute. He is an Episcopal minister, and spoke in Salem a few weeks ago.

The first of the two questions which will be discussed is: "Resolved, that the republican movement in Ireland is a religious movement, the object of which is to establish Catholic dominion and, as such, should not receive the encouragement of the Protestant peoples of the world."

In this question Mr. Brandon will uphold the affirmative and Mr. Cantrell the negative.

The second proposition is: "Resolved, that the republican movement in Ireland is a national economic movement for independence, and, as such, should receive the encouragement and support of the liberty loving men and women everywhere."

Mr. Cantrell will argue for the affirmative and Mr. Brandon will maintain the negative.

The timeliness of the question, combined with the broad view which a debate offers is calculated to draw a large Salem audience, the people having been deeply interested in the several former lectures given here on the subject.

Some of the Salem ministers have agreed to announce the debate from their pulpits.

An effort will be made to obtain three unbiased judges to pass on the debate.

BROWN INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Local Man Must Answer to Charge of Assault With Intent to Kill

Indictments were returned by the Marion county grand jury as follows:

Hammond Bennet, charged with rape.

J. M. Brown charged with assault and intent to kill. Brown was arrested on the night of September 7 when he shot Arthur Lewis.

Richard Burton, charged with rape.

Antonio Martins, charged with larceny, carrying away \$108 worth of goods from the Portland Suit & Cloak company.

CIRCUS WOMEN AVER GUNMAN WAS FUGITIVE

Entertainers Declare Photographs Those of Leader of Trio Who Took \$30,000 From Sells-Floto.

OFFICERS REFUSE TO COMMENT ON THEORY

Trio Believed Picked Up As Vagrants in Portland Previous Night

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—The three bandits who robbed the Sells-Floto shows of \$30,000 last night at Vancouver, Wash., were today believed by the police to have stolen their automobile in Portland Tuesday.

In addition, authorities believed they were picked up as vagrants that night and required to appear in police court the following morning, where they were released after they had shown they had money.

J. R. Smith, a garageman here, reported that three men of corresponding description had rented a machine from his place Tuesday, paid a \$35 deposit, then failed to return the machine. The men who took the car, Smith said, gave the name of J. L. Hodgeson and said the trio came from Seattle.

All six of the women of the circus who were in the truck when it was stopped by the highwaymen, declared their belief to the sheriff at Vancouver and the Portland officers, that Roy Gardner, escaped McNeil's island convict, was the leader of the robber trio. They said they recognized him from published photographs.

The officers declined to express an opinion as to the likelihood of this theory being correct.

Holohan Returns

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Belief that Roy Gardner was not wounded seriously, if at all, and that the fugitive did not make his escape from McNeil island the afternoon of Labor day, was expressed by United States Marshall James B. Holohan of San Francisco on his arrival here late today from the prison.

"While I was quoted with having gone north in connection with the hunt for Gardner, my mission was only to deliver prisoners," Holohan said.

Belief that Gardner would have an easy time evading officers on McNeil island for an indefinite period was expressed by the marshal.

COAST BASEBALL

VERNON 2, ANGLES 1
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 17.—Vernon staged a last inning rally against Los Angeles and took the game today 2 to 1. The Tigers in the ninth scored three hits off Crandall and made two of them count for runs.

SALT LAKE 6, SACRAMENTO 3
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 17.—Salt Lake outlasted Sacramento for a six to three win today. They were well supported in the second and third frames for four runs. Brown's homer in the third accounting for two runs. Fitterly also got a circuit hit.

Salt Lake
Sacramento
Batteries—Gould and Lynn; Shea and Elliott.

PORTLAND 4, SEATTLE 2
SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—Portland was in a tight struggle, defeating Seattle 4 to 2. The tall-enders continued to outplay the pennant aspirants. Elllette twirled triumphantly. Peste knocked his fourth home run in two days.

Portland
Seattle
Batteries—Filletto and Fisher; Benton and Tobin.

San Francisco at Oakland—Postponed; rain.

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