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## SOLDIER AID IS YET UNCERTAIN

### DELEGATES TO C. E. SESSION LACKING ROOMS

People of Salem Tardy in Offering Accommodations to Christian Endeavorers of All Oregon.

### APPEAL IS MADE TO MEMBERS OF CHURCHES

Delegates Arriving and First Program is Scheduled For Tonight

### TONIGHT'S PROGRAM FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

Howard Zinser, presiding. 7:30—Song service, led by Mrs. W. E. Wright. Welcoming addresses, the mayor of Salem, George E. Halvorsen, and Governor Ben W. Olcott. Response, LeRoy Robinson. Selection, convention chorus. Devotional. Address—"Listening to the Master," Luke 9:35, Dr. L. A. McAfee.

With prospects of 1000 delegates coming to Salem to attend the state annual convention of the Christian Endeavor, which opens today, hardly half enough rooms have been offered for the entertainment of the visitors.

Registrations received in advance tend to show that the convention will be attended by 1000 or more, and as the matter stands the entertainment committee is up against it.

Church members urged Members of churches have been urged to volunteer rooms and the Harvard plan of entertaining room and breakfast, but as yet, those interested in Christian work have not volunteered rooms in sufficient number.

Delegates will begin to arrive today and the first meeting of the annual conference will be held tonight. There is necessity of more rooms being offered, and those willing to help should telephone this morning to Miss Lucille Ross, 1187W, or Howard Zinser, 455.

McCroskey Urges Cooperation Speaking of this unfortunate condition, T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Commercial club said: "It will be a serious calamity if delegates come here today and tomorrow and not proper arrangements made for their accommodation."

### TERROR PROGRAM MAY BE NIPPED

Arrests in Los Angeles Believed Connected With Many Other Cities

### Storm Warnings Hoisted Along Coast of Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—Southeast storm warnings were ordered hoisted at all Oregon and Washington coast stations today. The weather bureau said that the indications are a severe storm is rapidly approaching from the north Pacific.

### FORMER BUTLER SOUGHT BY LOS ANGELES OFFICERS



EDWARD F. SANDS, alias Fitz-Strathmore, former valet to William Desmond Taylor, slain motion picture director for whom the police of every State in the Union are making every effort to capture. A formal complaint, charging Sands with murder, has been filed in Los Angeles. Sands has a charge against him of grand larceny and burglary preferred by Taylor that has never been dismissed.

### REDUCTION LEAGUE FORMED AT TAXPAYERS' GATHERING

The nomination of candidates for the state legislature independent of their political party affiliation, and so selected that they will represent all parts of the respective counties is in general the plan of the Oregon Taxpayers' Reduction league, a Marion county branch of which was temporarily organized at a meeting at the Marion county court house Tuesday night. An objection cited to the usual Marion county delegation is that most of the delegations have been Salem men.

The plan of organizations calls for a start in the precincts which will choose delegates to a county convention. The county convention will choose delegates to a state convention to be held in Portland on March 20, when the policies of the league will be more definitely outlined than at present. The move began with a meeting at McMinnville early in the winter. J. C. Cooper is president and Roy Stockton secretary and treasurer of the state organization.

D. W. Fisher was elected temporary chairman and S. M. Ead-

### HUBBS OF SILVERTON NAMED HEAD OF COMMUNITY CLUBS

At the annual meeting of the Marion County Federation of Community clubs, held last night at the Commercial club, George W. Hubbs of Silverton was elected president; A. N. Fulkerson of Salem Heights, vice president and C. J. Espey of Donald, secretary. Mrs. William Everett Anderson addressed the meeting on "Music week" to be held in Salem and asking the cooperation of the Federation of Community clubs. Community Sing Banned. Special attention was called by Mrs. Anderson to the community sing to be held at the armory on the evening of Wednesday, April 19, and to this Mrs. Anderson invited all members to attend and bring their friends.

### WORD PICTURE OF DEFENDANT MADE IN COURT

Hotel Proprietor Tells How Mrs. Obenchain and Burch Sat and Gazed at Kennedy's Home.

### MYSTERIOUS PACKAGE SEEN ON LAST DAY

More Love Letters Read at Trial Appear to Shed Light on Case

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—A word picture of Mrs. Madalayne Obenchain, sitting shoulder to shoulder with her co-defendant, Arthur Burch, at the window of his room in a downtown hotel, both of them looking toward the office of J. Bolton Kennedy, in a building across the street, late today was given to the jury sitting in the woman's trial on the Thomas Haley, proprietor of hotel in which Burch stayed, gave the picture, under examination by Asa Keyes, deputy district attorney.

Visits Were Frequent "Burch asked permission to have the woman visit him in his room, saying she was his cousin and he would prop the door open," Haley testified. "I saw her there four or five times. I saw and Burch always were sitting together, looking out of the window toward Kennedy's office. I also observed Burch daily from July 24, when he rented the room, till August 5, the day preceding the evening Kennedy was killed, sitting at the window."

More Letters Read The evening Kennedy was killed, Haley testified, Burch left the room with a package wrapped in newspapers, which "resembled a shotgun in two pieces."

Testimony of Haley closed the court day, which otherwise was filled with the reading of love letters written by Mrs. Obenchain to Kennedy. According to the state's theory, these letters showed the motive for the slaying. The prosecution attributes to Mrs. Obenchain the rage of a "woman scorned." It is contended this is shown by such passages as: "I wouldn't give two cents for the rest of life if anything happened to you." written in 1917, and "you are a coward, laughing at a bleeding heart" written a short time before Kennedy was killed.

The letters were all read to the jury in the trial of Burch, which terminated a month ago in a disagreement of the jury.

### IRISH SITUATION MORE PROMISING

Little Change in Belfast, But Leaders Work Toward Peaceful End

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—While there has been little amelioration in conditions in Belfast, firing at intervals throughout the day has been almost as serious as yesterday, adding considerably to the list of casualties, the general situation appears much more promising.

### 200 YEARS IS AGE OF CLOCK HERE

I. J. Crittenden Has on Exhibition Timepiece That Has Recorded History

I. J. Crittenden has on exhibition at the Satterlee-Crittenden store, Ferry and Liberty streets, a clock that has a real history. It is a genuine grandfather's clock, almost seven feet high, and Grandfather Amos Crittenden, himself, fought in "The American war," which was the war of 1812. He was then living near Toronto, where the family has settled years before. The clock itself was made by J. Whiting, of Winchester, England. The date is not definitely known, but family history fixes the date at more than 200 years ago. The whole mechanism is of wood, the gear and pinion wheels being of wood with not the slightest reinforcement of metal. Some of the moving parts are of metal, the rods and pinions, but the wheels are entirely of wood. The case is comparatively new—only about 100 years old, it was made by the senior Crittenden, at his Canadian farm home.

The present owner, refused an offer of \$300 for the ancient timepiece, before he brought it down from Canada last year. It has not been in running order for 20 years, until this week, when Richard Morrison, local watch maker, overhauled it and it is now running like a chronometer. The ancient lead weights were left behind, as too heavy to ship so they are temporarily replaced by some of the queerest "antique" junk that could be imagined. There is one electric iron; a dry battery cell; a box of modern cartridges—and other things that pious Grandpa Crittenden would have burned at witchcraft if he'd see 'em. The world has moved a little since he lost the clock, when he was 83 years of age. The old timer was not worth half as much in his time as it would be, today—which is one of the changes the years have brought.

### American Consul Kills Himself at Wilmington

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 15.—Raymond Schofield Curtiss, identified since he lost the clock, when he was 83 years of age. The old timer was not worth half as much in his time as it would be, today—which is one of the changes the years have brought.

### Man Kills, Wife, Her Mother, Then Himself

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Three children tonight mourned a triple tragedy here today that took the lives of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Boden, and the latter's mother, Mrs. Julia Taylor. Boden shot and killed his wife, after he had failed to effect a reconciliation following her filing a suit for divorce, and her mother, and then took his own life, according to the police.

A sister of Mrs. Boden, Mrs. Bessie Walters of Bakersfield, Cal., escaped by plunging through a window. Three children ranging in ages from 8 to 17 years, were at school.

In Boden's hand was a note, written in a childish hand. It read: "I guess I'm rather stupid, I can't say pretty things to you, but honest, if you will let me, I'd be awful good to you. Your Valentine."

### Taylor Murder is Still Baffling to Detectives

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Detectives investigating the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, today continued interviewing persons who were thought to have information possibly bearing upon the case, but without definite result. District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine announced late in the afternoon.

None of the persons questioned was brought to the district attorney's office. Mr. Woolwine said the investigators had informed him that many of those whose statements were being sought had expressed a dislike to the publicity they thought would result from their going to his office.

### Protesting Innocence, Priest Asks Early Trial

MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—Protesting his innocence, the Rev. Adolphe Delorme, Catholic priest, charged with the murder of his half brother, Raoul, an Ottawa university student, tonight pleaded to be tried as soon as possible.

### MINTO QUILTS, MAY RUN FOR CHIEF'S JOB

Ill Health Given as Reason for Inspector's Resignation Announced Yesterday

Inspector Frank Minto, of the local police department, last night served his last duty with the local department. Chief of Police Moffitt announced that Mr. Minto had resigned because of ill health. Both Chief of Police Moffitt and Police Commissioner Walter Thompson said yesterday that Minto's record with the local department has been an excellent one.

"Since his appointment on January 1, Inspector Minto has acquired a reputation as one of the best officers on the force," said Moffitt. He leaves the department with his personal wishes that he regain his health speedily.

Since receipt of news of Minto's resignation, it has been widely rumored by his friends that he will be on the slate for the office of chief of police should his health warrant at a later date.

When questioned yesterday, Mr. Minto said: "It is true that many of my friends have suggested that I announce my candidacy for the position. However, conditions are such that I cannot make a definite decision at the present time."

Minto is a Salem born resident and a member of the family of Oregon pioneers of that name. He has had much experience as a police officer and has also served in various executive capacities.

### BLEAK GRAVE SITE BE ABANDONED

Body of Famous Explorer to Find Resting Place in Frozen Island

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press).—The body of Sir Ernest Shackleton, which left Montevideo today, will find a resting place on the island of South Georgia amid frozen wastes as dreary and lifeless as any of those encountered by the British explorer in his travels.

A description of the island of South Georgia issued today by the national Geographic society, described it as a land of perpetual winter with an average mean temperature of about the freezing point. It lies in the south Atlantic about 1200 statute miles east of the Cape of Good Hope.

Although encyclopedical accounts speak of it as an uninhabited British island, information in the hands of the geographic society show that there are several Norwegian whaling stations on it and it was to one of these that Sir Ernest Shackleton made his way in 1916 after the loss of his ship, the Endurance, in the Antarctic ice. He made the trip to South Georgia in an open boat from Elephant island of the south Shetland group—a journey of two weeks through tempestuous winter seas and after landing on the southwest shore of the island, made a thrilling climb over the mountains at Stromness bay, on the northeast shore, and there found a whaling station. It was from this point that he sailed to South America and back to Elephant island to rescue his marooned shipmates.

South Georgia is one of the dreariest patches of land in the world, the geographic society says. It rains or snows five days out of every six in the year and the chief form of vegetation on its 1600 square miles is tussock grass. The lure which keeps sturdy Norwegians on this outpost of the Antarctic is the whale fishing. Formerly American seamen also took large numbers of fur seals on the islands but the seals were exterminated many years ago.

### Fatal Epsom Salts Has 10 Percent of Poison

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 15. The package of epsom salts from which Mrs. Edward Rhodes of Klaber, Wash., administered doses to her five children last Saturday which action was followed by the death of all five, contained about 10 per cent of an alkaloidal poison, according to an announcement made here tonight by Herman Allen, prosecuting attorney of Lewis county, following an analysis of the package by the state chemist.

### BONUS BILL HALTS AS MEMBERS STRIVE TO SELECT MEANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The soldiers' bonus bill tonight was very much in the air. Congress was without any official word from President Harding as to his views on the subject, and meantime, the committees which have been handling the problem continued to mark time.

Among senators and representatives generally, there was considerable private discussion and conjecture with the revival on the house side of talk about a slashing of annual appropriation bills as a means of providing the necessary finances for the bonus.

### FAY HARNED IS RECALL TARGET

Woodburn Officer's Careful Enforcement of Law Makes Enemies Active

City Traffic Officer Fay Harned of Woodburn will be recalled if a petition which has been circulated and signed by a number of Woodburn business men is favorably acted upon at the next council meeting.

The arrest of several prominent Oregon citizens who are said to have "scooted" on that city's streets at the rate of 35 miles an hour or better. In some cases the speeding drivers were accused of being under the influence of liquor, but the fines have been light in instances. The major portion of traffic violations are brought into city courts although a few are brought into local justice court.

Presentation of the recall petition is expected to cause a furor and battles between councilmen are looked for, as the traffic officer has many friends who assert that Harned's record of consistent arrests will compare favorably with the records of county or city traffic officers throughout the state.

"These traffic arrests hurt the city," is the argument which has been presented to persons who have signed the petition, it is reported.

Another cause of enmity towards Harned, it is said, is that with Constable Covey he has been unalterably opposed to a clique of liquor violators and booze peddlers. It is reported that these recent arrests of William Alf and Ed Cordeur of that city who were arrested and entered pleas of guilty, receiving heavy fines and county jail sentences in Judge Unruh's court at Salem.

While friends of Harned have not considered the situation to be serious enough to circulate counter-petitions for him, it is predicted that both factors will make things unwholesome when the city aldermen convene.

### MR. AND MRS. KUSER NOW IN CHARGE OF TRAINING SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kuser, who have arrived from Eldora, Ia., formally took over the superintendency of the state training school for boys yesterday, upon its relinquishment by L. M. Gilbert.

Mr. Kuser becomes superintendent and Mrs. Kuser matron of the school. Mr. Kuser has been connected with a similar state institution at Eldora for 21 years, the last 15 years as superintendent.

Mr. Kuser was graduated from Lincoln normal university and the state university of Nebraska, and was admitted to the bar in that state. He began his work with boys in the Industrial School for Boys at Kearney, Neb., planning to do this work only temporarily. It had a fascination for him however. He saw what a large field lay before him and the possibilities of good service which lay in this field.

After a few years in the Nebraska school, he went to Iowa and accepted a position as family manager and principal of the school department in the boys' school at Eldora. Later he was made assistant superintendent and a few years later superintendent. He was at the Iowa school exactly 21 years—the last 15 as superintendent. During that time he made marked changes for the betterment of the institution.

Not only was he instrumental in making his institution the best in the country, according to the committee when Governor Olcott

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Thursday, rain west; rain or snow east portion; strong south-easterly gales.

sent east to investigate institutions, but he took a very active part in town, county and state affairs. During the war he was a four-minute man, as he is a very able speaker; was chairman of a stamp campaign, chairman of a south half of Hardin county thrift fund, chairman of a bureau of military affairs, president of war service council and assisted with all liberty loan and other drives.

He was largely responsible for the fact that Eldora secured a Rotary club, and was its first president. He is a member of the Methodist church and has given all the time he could spare from his institutional work to church work. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias, a long stamp campaign, chairman of a south half of Hardin county thrift fund, chairman of a bureau of military affairs, president of war service council and assisted with all liberty loan and other drives.

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