

FIGHT PROMOTER IS INDICTED

600 REGISTER ON FIRST DAY OF CONVENTION

Christian Endeavor Assembly to Be Increased With Large Delegation from Portland Today.

NEED OF ROOMS IS STILL SERIOUSLY FELT

General Invitation Extended to Mass Meeting in Armory Sunday

The state convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor society opened last night at the armory for a four-day session, with an attendance that promises one of the most interesting conventions held for years, according to Howard Zinner, presiding officer.

With more than 600 delegates registered for the first evening's session, the indications are that with the Portland and other delegations to arrive this morning, the registration will exceed 1000.

Following the song service opening the first session last night under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Wright, song leader, an address of welcome was delivered by Governor Olcott, with a response by LeRoy Robinson.

Today, Paul Brown will preside and the principal talk of the afternoon and evening will be delivered by Dr. H. L. Bowman of Portland.

With 600 registering the first day, there were scarcely enough rooms volunteered to care for the visiting delegates.

Mass Meeting Sunday
Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, there will be held the big mass meeting in the armory, to which every one is invited.

Friday Morning
9:00—Bible Study, Rev. Earle P. Cochran.
10:00—"Foursquare" and Open Conference.
11:00—Group Conference.

Friday Afternoon
2:00-3:00—Group Conferences.
3:15—Song Service, led by Mrs. W. E. Wright.
Devotionals.
One minute talks, by intermediates.

Friday Evening
7:30—Song service, led by Mrs. W. E. Wright.
7:45—Selection by Convention Chorus.
Devotionals.
Selection—"Chemawa Quintet."
Address—"Permanence and Progression"—Dr. H. L. Bowman.

Saturday Morning
9:00—Bible Study, Rev. Earle P. Cochran.
10:00—General Conference, Paul Brown.
11:00—Short talks by Union Presidents.

Saturday Afternoon
Le Roy Robinson, Presiding
1:00—Business session.
Convention Picture.
Christian Endeavor World ball game.
Sight seeing and visit to institutions.
5:30—Banquets.
Saturday Evening
Le Roy Robinson, Presiding
7:30—Song service, led by Mrs. W. E. Wright.
Budget raising.
1925 "Pep" session.
Address—Mayor Baker
Portland.
Songs.
Sunday Morning
8:15—Quiet talk—Paul Brown.
10:00—Sunday school at church as choice.
2:00—Senior rally, Le Roy Robinson.

TEX RICKARD UNDER CHARGES OF ASSAULT ON TWO YOUNG GIRLS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The supreme court grand jury today returned two indictments against George L. (Tex) Rickard, boxing promoter, charging him with rape in the second degree, assault in the second degree and abducting two 15-year-old girls, Alice Ruck and Sarah Shoefeld.

Twenty minutes later the man who had staged the Dempsey-Carpenter fight and other big bouts, appeared at the criminal courts building with his lawyers and pleaded not guilty. The district attorney's office announced that it would be content with the \$10,000 bail furnished when Rickard was arraigned in magistrate's court last Saturday on a complaint preferred by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Before leaving the court room Rickard denied reports current during the day that he had resigned as president of the Madison Square garden corporation and that John Ringling, circus man, would succeed him.

SALES TAX OR PUT LEGISLATION OFF, HARDING'S ADVICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Pay the soldiers' bonus with a general sales tax, or postpone the legislation, was President Harding's advice today to congress.

Chairman Fordney, of the house ways and means committee and Chairman McCumber of the senate finance committee, said they did not think the bonus would be postponed, but were silent as to a sales tax.

Leaders of the agricultural bloc were outspoken, however, against this tax and threatened to counter with a program that would include reenactment of the excess profits and higher income surtaxes and an increase in inheritance and some other such taxes.

This plan also was favored by some Democratic leaders. Proponents of a sales tax professed to be confident that because of the strong desire in both the house and senate to put through the bonus bill at this session, a majority of the members would come to accept this levy rather than see the bonus program defeated.

Caution Will Rule
Pending more careful consideration of the whole problem and a possible further reaction from the country, there seemed to be a disposition on all sides to move slowly. The president's letter, addressed to Representative Fordney, was read at a joint meeting of the Republican members of the house and senate committees dealing with the bonus question to leave the matter in the hands of the majority members of the house committee.

It was announced that those members would meet tomorrow, but it was indicated that the tax question would not be taken up immediately. Officers of the American legion will be called in first, it was stated, to give their views as to Mr. Harding's suggestion that instead of extending the cash payments over two and one-half years, payment should be deferred until "the day when we may safely undertake to pay at once in full."

No Predictions Made
Leaders generally, both Republican and Democratic, said it was too early to undertake any prediction as to whether the issue finally came down to that, the bonus bill, with a sales tax provision, would be defeated. Some thought that many of those now opposed to a sales tax would accept it rather than vote against the bill, but asserted that it probably would be several days at least before there would be a crystallization of sentiment on which it would be safe to base a prediction.

In suggesting a general sales tax as "the only commendable plan" of raising funds, Mr. Harding said he believed the American people would accept such a

First Tilt on Treaties Is Heard

SHOALS TO BE INSPECTED BY COMMITTEES

Seventeen Members to Look Personally At Lands Sought in Offer Made to Government by Mr. Ford.

COUNTER OFFER HAS SOME CONSIDERATION

Guaranteed Production of Fertilizer at Given Figure is Demanded

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—First consideration by the senate agriculture committee of the Ford offer for purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., resulted today in the presentation to the senate of a resolution asking authority for the 17 committees to inspect personally the projects in Alabama.

A suggestion by Representative Miller, Republican, of Washington, that the house military committee who are investigating the offer also visit the properties, was tentatively considered by that body but no formal action was taken.

Immediate Action Not Asked
The senate resolution was referred to the auditing committee with the explanation by Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, chairman of the agriculture committee, that it was not his intention to request immediate action. Members of both the senate and house committees believe that a visit to Muscle Shoals would enable them to better comprehend the question and work out more intelligently its solution.

Appropriations would be necessary to meet the expenses of the trip, and it was said to be principally because of that fact that the house committee reserved decision on Mr. Miller's suggestion. Chairman Kahn said he believed it would be possible for members of the house and of the senate to visualize Muscle Shoals by use of motion pictures.

Movie Show Offered
He accordingly arranged to give a movie show in the home office building caucus room and invite all who were interested. J. W. Worthington, chairman of the executive committee of the Tennessee River Improvement Association and adviser to Mr. Ford on the Muscle Shoals transaction, was the only witness heard today by the military committee. He offered the use of a film which, he said, depicted the development of Muscle Shoals, and showing the various plants and power projects at the present time. The offer was accepted.

The counter offer of the Alabama Power company for purchase and lease of the properties yesterday received general attention at the capital today, although it was not officially before the legislators. It was transmitted, however, from the war department to Secretary Weeks' residence, so that it might be studied by the war secretary during the time he is confined by the slight attack of cold which has troubled him since yesterday.

James' Suggestion Accepted
Mr. Worthington agreed at the suggestion of Representative W. F. James, Republican of Michigan, to put a statement in the committee's record which would show the number of minimum tons of finished fertilizer which could be produced annually by Mr. Ford would agree definitely to produce a fixed amount of fertilizer in their completed forms and were informed by the witnesses that he believed that impossible.

Members who pressed the question said they wanted a clause written into the offer which would guarantee production of fertilizer at a given figure as a substitute for the existing language which they asserted promised only the production of nitrogen and fertilizer compounds. It was intimated that such a provision would be recommended by the committee when it finally reported the offer to the house for a vote in acceptance or rejection of the Ford plan.

WEDDING OF PRINCESS MARY TO LORD LASCELLES IS APPROVED BY ENGLISH



THE wedding of Princess Mary, only daughter of Queen Mary and King George of Great Britain, to Lord Lascelles, heir to the Earl of Harewood, is taken with much interest by the English people, who are inclined to favor the match. Viscount Lascelles has long been identified in the highest of Great Britain's exclusive circles as a man of repute and worthiness. He is a great leader in the financial world, a leading figure in turf circles and is connected with many English athletic societies. Besides being the sole heir to the Earl of Harewood, he is very wealthy in his own right. It is said that he may be appointed Governor-General of Ireland. Princess Mary, on the other hand, is one of the most liked of all European Princesses and has long been identified and connected with the work of charitable organizations. During the war she was a Red Cross worker and went to France, where she tended to the wants of wounded soldiers. She is a leader in social circles and is a head in Great Britain's Girl Scouts. These pictures of Princess Mary and the Earl are two of the best thus far to be published.

CHAUFFEUR IS AGAIN ON GRILL

Employe of Mabel Normand Quizzed at Prosecutor's Office Two Hours

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—William Davis, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, film actress, was subjected to another quizzing today by officials who are searching for a clue to the murderer of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director.

Davis was summoned to the office of the district attorney where William C. Doran, chief deputy, questioned him. The session lasted for two hours, with a stenographer all of the time. Deputy sheriffs and an investigator for the district attorney also were present part of the time. At the conclusion it was stated Davis had re-told his original story, corroborating that of Miss Normand—one of the last persons to see Taylor alive—that the director accompanied her to her automobile when she left his apartment a short time before he was murdered.

The officials were said to have received some information from Hartford, Conn., today, relative to Edward F. Sands, the missing former butler-secretary to Taylor. This was understood to include the statement that for some months prior to the latter part of 1919 Sands was known among the navy sailors there and at New London as "Chief" Snyder.

McNary Not Anxious to Head Agricultural Bloc

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The senate agricultural bloc members declared today, would continue in more or less active form despite the resignation from the senate of its organizer and official chairman, Senator Kenyon of Iowa.

Indications point to Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas, as the successor of Senator Kenyon as bloc chairman.

The bloc is bi-partisan, according to some senators, has lost some active Republican adherents since some of its members criticized President Harding, Secretary Weeks and other Republican leaders.

POPULATION AT HOSPITAL HITS RECORD

Patients Now Far Above Legislative Estimate, but Deficit is Not Expected

The population of the state hospital for the insane here has reached the highest point in its history, but notwithstanding the unexpected increase, Dr. R. E. L. Steiner believes he will be able to finish the biennium on the appropriation allowed by the last regular session of the state legislature.

The population of patients yesterday was 1870, and attendants of the institution were in various parts of the state to bring in eight more who had been committed. Counting employees of the hospital the population now will be 2098. The legislative appropriation was made on a basis of an estimated 1800 patients.

HALL CANDIDACY IS MADE KNOWN

Marshfield Man Announces Himself—Principles to Be Set Forth Later

In telegrams sent to the morning newspapers of the state last night, Charles Hall of Marshfield announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of the state.

Hall's formal announcement of candidacy has been expected since he received the endorsement last Saturday night in Portland of the so-called federated societies, which has a strong organization in Portland. All of the organizations represented in the organization are non-Catholic.

In his telegram Mr. Hall said that within 10 days he will submit to the voters of the state a summary of the principles on which his candidacy is based.

Previous announcements for this nomination have been made by State Representative Louis E. Bean of Eugene, and J. D. Lee of Portland.

ILLNESS HALTS OBENCHAIN TRIAL

Witnesses Have Influenza—Others Offer Some Damaging Evidence

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—The trial of Mrs. Madalyne Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, was brought to a halt by illness today. Adjourning was taken until next Monday morning in the hope that witnesses reported to be suffering from influenza would be able to appear then.

Slow progress was made in the trial today because of the difficulty in locating witnesses. R. J. Sanderson, a Pullman porter, testified that Burch had a shotgun among his baggage when he arrived here from Chicago on July 24.

William C. Pilger, employed at an automobile rental park, testified Burch rented a car from him on July 25, and returned it a week later. He said Burch gave his name as "M. C. Obenchain" and his address as the hotel at which Mrs. Obenchain was then staying.

Ernie Keith, manager of another automobile rental establishment, testified that Burch hired a car from him on the night of August 4, and according to a hub attachment on the car for registering mileage, drove 45 miles. The night of August 5, he said, Burch rented the same car and drove 44 miles. The car was taken out at 7:30 p. m. and returned at 11:03. Keith said his records showed. The time of the shooting of Kennedy had been fixed as shortly after 9 o'clock that night.

Keith said Burch signed the name of J. L. Jones to rental slips when he took the car out.

SALOONKEEPER HELD

RIDGEFIELD, N. J., Feb. 16.—John Canova, a West Hoboken saloon keeper, was held without bail today on a manslaughter charge growing out of one of six deaths reported by medical authorities to have resulted from the drinking of poisonous liquor.

BONUS PROPOSED

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 16.—The Kentucky house of representatives today voted to submit to the voters at the November election a bond issue of \$10,000,000 to provide adjusted compensation for the 95,000 Kentucky soldiers who served in the World war.

PACIFIC PACT SUBJECTED TO FIRST DEBATE

Result is Request for President Harding to Furnish Full Information on Negotiations.

ABSENCE OF HUGHES MAY DELAY MATTERS

Hitchcock, Johnson and Others Insistent Upon Further Explanation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Senate debate on the four-power Pacific treaty began today with a preliminary tilt resulting in a request to President Harding for all available information as to how the treaty was negotiated.

An hour of general discussion which brought to the surface various cross currents of senate opinion but failed to develop definitely the relative strength of supporters and opponents of the treaty, preceded adoption of the formal request for information. The resolution on the request had the support of Republican and Democratic leaders alike and was approved without a record vote.

While it awaited the president's reply, the foreign relations committee decided to get ahead with other treaties resulting from the arms negotiations in the hope that all of them might be pressed to ratification without considerable delay. At a meeting late in the day, the committee completed its reading of the naval limitation and submarine treaties without bringing to light any indication of opposition. Tomorrow it will read through the general Far Eastern and Chinese tariff pacts.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking Democratic member of the committee, and leader of the unsuccessful fight for ratification of the treaty of Versailles presented the resolution requesting full information from the president. With some minor changes in phraseology, it promptly was accepted by Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Underwood of Alabama, Republican and Democratic senate leaders, respectively, and both members of the American delegation to the arms conference, although each declared he knew of no information regarding the four-power negotiations that was not already before the senate.

Underwood Explains
Senator Underwood explaining at length why no record of the negotiations was kept, declared the discussions could not be carried on in a public way because they concerned principally the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, a subject on which the American delegation could speak only by private suggestion.

"The heads of delegations," Mr. Underwood added, "conducted directly most of the international exchanges leading up to the treaty."

Declaring himself "amazed" that no minutes of the present session had been kept, Senator Hitchcock replied that his resolution at least might result in some light being thrown on certain questions raised in regard to interpretation of the treaty terms.

Senator Johnson, Republican, California, also declared a further explanation was due the senate and the American people since the 900-page book of data submitted with the treaties contained scarcely a reference to the four-power pact.

Reply Date Uncertain
When President Harding will reply to the resolution was uncertain tonight in view of the absence of Secretary Hughes, who has gone to Bermuda. It was indicated however, that action would be taken as quickly as possible because of the president's desire to have ratification of the treaties completed without

MAN'S BOWELS FULL OF LEAD

Astoria Hunter Swallows So Much Shot With Game He Becomes Ill

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 16.—John H. Bell, noted locally as a hunter of wild fowl and who for a period of years past has eaten his kills regularly, was taken seriously ill a week ago with a mysterious malady. Examination by X-ray finally disclosed that his intestines were full of shot and that lead poisoning had resulted.

Physicians removed more than 200 of the shot, but a new X-ray examination today showed more than 100 shot still in the digestive canal.

Preparations were under way for a second operation for removal of the shot, which the doctors said Bell undoubtedly had swallowed in eating wild fowl.

THE WEATHER

Friday, rain; strong southerly gales.