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MABEL NORMAND IS VERY ILL

MORE HOUSES HIT BY CRASH IN NEW YORK

Five Big Brokerage Firms Swept Into Bankruptcy As Result of Failures in Speculation.

AMERICAN CUSTOMERS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

Twelve of Thirty Breaks Since First of Year Show Fraudulent Methods

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Financial storms in speculative Wall street, which swept the brokerage firm of Kardos & Burke into bankruptcy last night, hit four more houses today.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court against:

S. E. Hunkley & Co., liabilities estimated at \$2,500,000 and assets at \$1,500,000.

J. W. Ball & Co., liabilities estimated at \$150,000 and assets at \$10,000.

Rodney & Co., liabilities and assets not given.

The New York Curb market announced the suspension of Rasmussen & Co. for alleged failure to meet its engagements.

Irregularities Reported
A steady stream of failures for the last month with resultant heavy loss to customers throughout the United States and Canada recently led District Attorney Banton to start an investigation of alleged irregular practices by brokers, the most common of which was alleged to be the "bucketing" of orders.

Of 30 odd firms that have gone into bankruptcy since the first of the year, 12 have been found by grand juries to have operated in a manner to win indictment of some of their members. Nineteen persons are under indictment and several of them are reported to have disappeared from the city.

Burke Held High Post
Unusual attention attaches to the case of the junior member of the firm, John Burke, who resigned that post to go into business with Kardos, a 28-year-old broker who started in Wall street eight years ago as a \$10 a week messenger boy.

Kardos, son of a wealthy Chicagoan, was reported out of the city today. Burke said he understood his partner had gone to a suburb for a few days.

Agreement Iron Clad
Burke said his contract with Kardos had an ironclad proviso that neither member of the firm should engage in trading on his own account nor engage in any trading on the exchange without the other's consent. Although he admitted he had not followed the affairs of the firm closely, he declared his belief that Kardos lived up to the letter of the contract. Burke said he had lost everything in the crash.

Chinese Tragedy Staged on California Seed Farm

HOLLISTER, Cal., Feb. 23.—Wong Lynn, Chinese foreman of the Morse Seed company's ranch near here, was shot and killed late today and Hun Chan, a laborer, was shot and seriously wounded by Yung Ley Ho, who after the shooting, inflicted probably fatal wounds upon himself with a knife. Yung Ley Ho, police said, would give no motive for the shooting other than "he did not like the men."

Yung Ley Ho is said to be a member of the Hop Sing tong, and police expressed belief that Wong Lynn's death may be a tong affair.

Woman Weary; Loses Mind; Set Self Afire; Is Dead

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Frank Zanelli, 35, died today of burns received yesterday when, according to neighbors, she went to the front yard of her home, saturated her clothes with oil and then deliberately set herself on fire. The woman had stuffed a towel in her mouth to prevent outcry.

She is believed to have been affected by the strain of a 10 day vigil at the bedside of her daughter who was seriously ill.

WEATHER
Friday fair; fresh to moderate westerly winds.

ASSESSORS MEETING HERE IN FAVOR OF UNIFORM TAXATION

General Property and Livestock Levies Are Discussed at Gathering of Western Oregon Officials—Semi-Annual Conferences Planned—Nickell of McMinnville Elected President, Holman Secretary

County assessors from 10 counties in the Willamette valley assembled in Salem yesterday, at the call of O. A. Steelhammer, Marion county assessor, to discuss a more uniform system of taxation for counties in this part of the state.

Among assessors it is felt that with general personal property and stock on farms, as well as farming property, there should be a uniform assessment in this part of the state where conditions are similar.

In order to bring these conditions about, it was thought that a series of meetings should be held by assessors for a general conference from time to time, and yesterday it was planned that these meetings should be held at least two times a year.

In order to form a permanent organization, officers were elected and W. W. Nickell of McMinnville, assessor for Yamhill county, was elected president and F. J. Holman of Dallas, assessor for Polk county, secretary.

Assessors who attended the conference yesterday are as follows: C. L. Tallman of Corvallis, for Benton county; W. B. Cook of Oregon City, for Clackamas county; H. E. Waiger of Eugene, for Lane county; J. S. VanWinkle for Albany for Linn county; Oscar A. Steelhammer of Salem, for Marion county; Fred J. Holman of Dallas, for Polk county; James A. Davis of The Dalles, for Wasco county; W. W. Nickell of McMinnville for Yamhill county and J. E. Carpenter of Hillsboro, representing W. F. Boley, the assessor of Washington county.

DALLAS MILL OFFER IS NOT ACCEPTED BY FLAX GROWERS

The offer of citizens of Dallas to sell the mill site in that city to the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Growers Cooperative association was not accepted by the directors of the company, following their inspection of the site Wednesday.

The warehouse and buildings are suitable, but it was found that the company would need more land. For this reason, it was decided by officials of the company and citizens of Dallas that efforts should be made by

HI Y CLUB IS ORGANIZED BY YOUTHS AT JEFFERSON

Edwin Socolofsky, returned last night from Jefferson, gratified with the success of the Hi Y club organization meeting held there early in the evening. The club was formed with eight members to begin with, but a number of others wanting to come in. Linsley Doty was chosen president, Keith Allen vice president, and Lloyd Arnold, formerly of Salem, secretary and treasurer.

Ernest Powell, a live-wire mail carrier out of Jefferson, is their choice for adult leader, and after the organization the crowd visited him and he signed up for the job.

BLIND SCHOOL HEAD FOUND EFFICIENT BY COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed by the state board of control to investigate conditions at the Oregon Employment Institution for the Blind in Portland, has filed its report after 12 conferences and upholds Superintendent and Mrs. J. F. Myers, declaring that Superintendent Myers is entitled to great credit.

"We do not find," says the report, "Mr. and Mrs. Myers to have been at fault in the present trouble, nor has anything been established in this hearing that would warrant their dismissal."

Dismissals Are Reviewed
Relative to several inmates who made complaints and otherwise caused trouble the report says:

"The dismissals of Charles J. Bishop, O. L. Johnson and Ellen Silverson, hereto were made by the board of control and the superintendent, should be made immediately effective, and, in addition, Charles S. West and Sylvester Meyer should be dismissed."

Other recommendations in the report are in substance as follows: Immediate provision and equipment of additional shops for instruction and work in broom making, rug weaving, massaging and other work that the blind are able to do, together with additional teaching force.

Better Home Needed
Immediate provision of a permanent home for the institution. Monthly reading to the inmates of the rules and regulations of the board of control governing the institution. Instruction to the superintendent as to what police power he should appeal to in case an inmate refuses to leave after receiving order of dismissal. Simple gymnastic and recreational facilities. The members of the special committee are Otto R. Hartwig.

4-POWER PACT FOOTBALL FOR WARM SESSION

Administration Move for Compromise on Reservations Fails of Success in Committee.

SCENE MOST STORMY SINCE VERSAILLES ROW

Revised Draft Presented by Senator Lodge Without Recommendation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—An administration move for a compromise on reservations to the four-power pact treaty failed of immediate success today after it had stirred up a spirited debate in the senate foreign relations committee.

Coming directly from a conference with President Harding, Chairman Lodge of the committee laid before his colleagues a revised reservation declaring in specific terms that the treaty does not contemplate an "alliance" and was drafted to take the place of the blanket reservation to which a majority of the committee members previously had indicated their support.

Session Is Stormy
Those who had sponsored the original blanket qualification immediately opened fire on the new reservation and the hour of debate which followed was described by senators present as the stormiest passage witnessed in the committee since the days of the Versailles treaty.

Senator Borah of Idaho, and Senator Johnson of California, among the republicans, and Senator Pomeroy of Ohio, on the Democratic side, were said to have led the opposition to the administration proposal, while all the other reservationists reserved final judgment. In his advocacy of the modified draft, Senator Lodge was seconded by Senators Kellogg of Minnesota, and New of Indiana, both republicans.

Breach Still Wide
Without taking action, the committee adjourned until tomorrow and various groups began conference in the hope that more satisfactory ground for compromise might be found to prevent a long reservation debate in committee consideration of the treaty. Tonight the opposing elements apparently were no nearer together than before.

The precise attitude of the president regarding reservations was not explained to the committee by Senator Lodge, but members gained the impression that Mr. Harding was not disposed to the blanket proposal introduced several days ago by Senator Brandegee, Republican, Connecticut, and now awaiting action. It was indicated clearly that the White House would like to see all reservations voted down, but failing that, would continue to seek whatever softening appeared possible in the reservation proposals.

Every Move Cautious
In developing their position, however, the administration leaders are moving warily. Senator Lodge did not present his revised draft to the committee today as an administration proposal acceptable to the president, nor did he formally offer it as a substitute for the Brandegee reservation. He is understood to have only "suggested" it, without committing either himself or Mr. Harding to its support.

The text of the new reservation also was held in confidence and members of the committee said they had promised not to make it public. It provides, briefly, that the treaty is not understood by the United States as forming an "alliance" or as committing this government to use of force, or as providing for the exercise of any power by this government except through the usual processes laid down in the American constitution, it's language follows almost exactly the words of the president in laying down the treaty before the senate.

One Chance for Life is Given Bluebeard

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Henri Landru, the "Bluebeard of Cambais" who was to have been guillotined this week for the murder of 10 women and a boy, has been given an additional few days of grace. Moro-Giafferi, his chief counsel, during the trial presented to President Millerand further arguments. The president promised to render a decision within a few days upon the appeal for commutation of Landru's sentence.

MORE KNOTS IN BONUS STATUTE TO BE UNTANGLED IN COURT BY FRIENDLY SUIT; HASTE ASKED

4 CHARGES ARE LODGED ON RICKARD

Bail of Fight Promoter Raised to \$25,000 Relative to Assault Allegations

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—"Tex" Rickard, sports promoter, tonight was under four indictments charging him with misconduct with four school girls whose ages range from 11 to 15.

Two of the indictments, alleging abduction of Nellie Gasko, 14, and Anna Hess, 11, were returned today by a supreme court grand jury. The other pair, handed down several days ago, charged the promoter with criminal assault upon Alice Ruck, 14, and Sarah Schoenfeld, 15.

Justice Wasservogel raised Rickard's bail today from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The promoter pleaded not guilty to all of the indictments and supplied the \$25,000 in cash.

District Attorney Banton asked for \$50,000 bail, saying the undetained Rickard no longer was connected with his business interests in this city, including the management of Madison Square garden. Immediately Max D. Steuer, the promoter's lawyer, argued that Rickard was anxious to remain in New York to establish his innocence and would stay here to that end.

Today's indictments alleged that Rickard abducted the Gasko girl on November 12 last and the Hess child on December 18, the latter date being the one on which he was accused of assaulting her companion, Alice Ruck.

3-PLY DEBATE IS ON TONIGHT

Salem Negative Team to Jefferson, Affirmative Meets Silvertown Here

Salem high school debaters will meet their first district contest tonight when they will engage in a triangular debate with Silvertown and Jefferson. The Salem negative will go to Jefferson while the local affirmative will remain here to defend the school honors against the Silvertown negative.

So far, the odds have been distinctly against the red and black orators for they have prepared for debates twice only to have them cancelled shortly before the appointed time. While several other schools have already won the championship for their districts and are preparing on the question for the state championship, the Salem team has not entered their first district debate.

The debate tonight will be delivered on the subject "Resolved, That the Prumm Plan of railway control and management should be enacted into law." The debate here promises to be an especially lively contest. The local team will be supported by the affirmative which is the most difficult side of the question and which forces the speakers to rely largely upon brilliant oratory and rebuttal. Ward Southworth, who will deliver the rebuttal for the Salem high team, is one of the most capable rebuttal speakers that the high school has ever had, while he is to be opposed by a team which is reputed to be unusually strong. Benoit McCroskey, his colleague, is a new man this year but is a strong and convincing speaker.

The team which the local school is sending to Jefferson to meet the Jefferson affirmative is composed of two letter men from the team of last year, Ralph Emmons, who spoke with Robert Little throughout the season last year, and Kenneth Perry, who spoke as an alternate on the team last year.

The debate at the high school tonight will begin at 8 o'clock in the auditorium.

WOMAN IMPLICATED

GRANITE CITY, Ill., Feb. 23.—With a young woman driving their automobile, bandits held up and robbed today Louis Cool, proprietor of a soft drink parlor of \$4000. The girl, it was said, was about 22 years old, neatly attired and appeared adept in handling an automobile.

Willamette Women Debate With Britishers Tonight

Tonight at 8 o'clock the women's debate team of Willamette university will talk for honors in the first debate of the season. The University of British Columbia will meet Willamette in a verbal encounter, the first international meet in the history of Willamette forensics.

The question, "Resolved, That the western nations and Japan are justified in refusing to relinquish their territorial rights which they hold in China by treaty," will be upheld by Miss Lorlei Blatchford and Miss Louise Joughin. Miss Sallee Murphy and Dorothy Walsh will hold the negative side of the question for the University of British Columbia.

California Sends Man To Narcotic Conference

Governor Stephens of California has notified Governor Olcott that his state will be represented at the narcotic conference in Portland March 4 by J. S. O'Callaghan of the state board of pharmacy.

Governor Hart of Washington writes that in addition to himself his state will be represented by Canon W. H. Bliss of Trinity Parish church, Seattle; Thomas P. Revelle, United States district attorney, Seattle, and Harlan I. Peyton, chairman of the White Cross society, Spokane.

BOAT TAKEN

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The auxiliary schooner Grace and Ruby, a former fisherman, was overhauled by the coast guard cutter Tampa today after a chase along the coast of the vessel from which \$70,000 worth of whiskey and gin was transferred outside Salem harbor yesterday.

SEVEN KILLED

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—Seven men were reported to have been killed and a number injured tonight when the Winnipeg Flyer on the Great Northern railway was struck by a snowplow near Delano, 30 miles west of here.

FIVE IN HOSPITAL

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 23.—Five men are in the hospital at Camp Eustice as the result of an explosion and fire last night.

CRAIG ARRIVES

BELFAST, Feb. 23.—Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, arrived here today from a tour of inspection along the Ulster border. He expects to go to London Friday.

FIELDS STORY NOT VERIFIED BY OFFICIALS

Investigation in Los Angeles Fails to Bear Out Statements Made by Drug Fiend in Detroit.

PRISONER ONCE HELD IN WALLA WALLA PEN

Names of Film Notables Telegraphed to California Authorities

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Mabel Normand, film actress, is critically ill, her physician announced tonight, according to a story the Los Angeles Examiner will publish today. The crisis in her case was expected to be reached soon, it was stated.

Miss Normand was said to be suffering from "an aggravated case of influenza" following a nervous breakdown resulting from the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, and one of her close friends.

Miss Normand, who was one of the last to see Taylor alive, collapsed at the funeral. Although she was revived sufficiently to respond to a summons from Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, to be questioned as to any clew she might be able to give to the murderer of Taylor, she shortly afterwards left her Los Angeles residence for one in Altadena, a suburb of Pasadena.

Her parents who recently arrived from New York and two nurses are with her. Her physician said he had "hopes for her recovery," but expected the crisis tonight.

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—A Chinese bearing the name of Wong Lee — the same as that of the Chinese said by Harry M. Fields, in Detroit, to have been a member of the group of three persons he drove to the home of William Desmond Taylor, the night the film director was murdered—left Los Angeles Chinatown two days ago, it was announced tonight by the sheriff's deputies at work on the case.

The officers said they had nothing to lead them to believe that the Chinese had anything to do with the slaying of Taylor, but they pointed out that his departure was simultaneous with the first intimation from Detroit that Fields might have important evidence to offer.

LOS ANGELES, Fe. 23.—Los Angeles authorities said tonight they had been unable to verify any of the statements bearing on the murder of William Taylor, film director, alleged to have been made in Detroit by Harry

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HARNED RECALL NIPPED IN BUD

Petitions to Oust Officer Not Acted Upon Monday

Efforts to recall Traffic Officer Fay Harned of Woodburn made little headway at Woodburn Monday night, although a petition for Harned's recall had been presented at the council meeting during the evening, it is reported.

Mayor J. J. Hall, of Woodburn, gave little encouragement to the petition. Friends of Harned had prepared to fight the ousting procedure, asserting that agitation against Harned is based upon the letters arrest of several individuals who claimed immunity because of official or financial prominence.

Friends of Harned assert that the city's present method of remunerating traffic officers should be changed and that the "speed cops" should be given an adequate salary.

ED BARRY FOUND GUILTY BY JURY IN JUSTICE TRIBUNAL

"A clear case against the accused." This was a juror's statement last night following a verdict of guilty returned by a justice court jury against Ed Barry, who was recently arrested by Police Sergeant Birtchett following a raid by Chief of Police Moffitt.

Barry refused to take the stand in his own behalf after Lester McConkey, "surprise witness" for the state, had told of Barry's operation of a still at 1205 South Fourteenth street during the month of January last.

Barry Proud of Self
McConkey told the jury that Barry had been so proud of the huge still seized by Chief Moffitt that Barry had called in S. M. Sanderson, local photographer.

The photograph made by Mr. Sanderson was the one seized by officials and used as state's evidence, McConkey told the court.

Walter DeLong, constable for the Salem district, was called to the stand and said that he had made efforts to serve a witness

subpoena yesterday upon Sanderson. Constable DeLong testified that Sanderson could not be found and that he was reported to have "left the city for the day."

Picture Plays Part
Next to McConkey's testimony, the picture played a part in convicting Barry, court officials said yesterday. This picture shows the still in operation and revealed its location as being at the South Fourteenth street residence, according to experts who testified yesterday. The still is the largest ever seized in Marion county.

Part of the equipment was found in a house at 319 South Eighteenth street while the remainder was unearthed by Chief Moffitt in a lonely spot near Hopewell in Yamhill county.

Chief Moffitt was too ill to appear in court yesterday, his illness being attributed in part to exposure and overwork in connection with the Barry case. Police witnesses who gave strong

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