

## CHICAGO LABOR LEADERS HELD FOR KILLINGS

Head of Unions and 150 Other Department Heads Are Placed in Jail After Bombs Are Thrown.

### HEADQUARTERS ARE RAIDED FOR RECORDS

Bombings Follow Attempts to Police Plants Boycotted by Locals

CHICAGO, May 10.—Fred "Frenchy" Mader, president of the Chicago Building Trades council and more than 150 other labor leaders were being held tonight after having been caught in a dozen spectacular raids on various union headquarters today.

The round-up resulted from the murder of two patrolmen and the wounding of another in a running pistol fight in which the killers eluded the police last night. The two murders followed the bombing of two buildings, the culmination of a series of disorders believed by the police to have been due to labor warfare in the building trades.

In ordering today's raids, Charles C. Fitzmorris, chief of police, declared that some of the labor leaders were just as guilty of the murders of the two police men as were the anarchists of the Hay market riots. He characterized the killing as "slaughter" and termed the labor leaders "hoodlums and ex-convicts."

Unions Involved  
"I have the officers and representatives of every union in the building trades council, and some other unions too, represented among those arrested," Chief Fitzmorris said, after the raids late this afternoon. "Those arrested will be treated like ordinary prisoners and held until they can be questioned."

"The list of those taken into custody included the names of the men who have been known for years as the leaders of labor in Chicago. Among them were 'Big Tim' Murphy, president of the Gas Workers' union and Council (CWA) Shear, leader of the teamsters' strike in 1904. Murphy, known as Chicago's 'labor czar' has been out on bail after having been sentenced recently to seven years in the penitentiary in connection with the \$400,000 union station mail robbery. The raids came as a complete surprise, the first being made on the headquarters of the building trades council where a squad of men from the detective bureau suddenly appeared at the entrance of the building. The raiders slammed the doors and kept them shut with threats of shooting. A score of labor leaders were found cowering in conference. They were taken into custody immediately and all books and documents in the office seized.

Hangouts Raided  
Raids continued on other union headquarters and saloons known to have been used as hangouts by

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## KEY IS FURNISHED TO TREASURE HOUSE

What vast and mighty treasures of words full of rich meaning he locked up in our language—hidden away from common use, and enjoyed only by the learned few. It is as if, possessing the mineral wealth of Mexico, mined, smelted and ready for the mint, we turned scornfully aside revealing in a voluntary poverty.

The coupon will appear only a few more times. This marvelous distribution draws to a close, readers are advised to consult the coupon now, read the display announcements, and ascertain at once how this great New University dictionary can be secured practically as a gift.

## COUNTY GETS READY FOR ROAD PAVEMENT PROGRAM OF SEASON

During the past week, work was begun on the county gravel plant at Stayton, getting ready for the big summer paving program. The paving plant that was operated last summer at Aumsville, is being moved to Stayton, where this year's paving work is to be done. This plant will be ready for service by the first of June, when paving will begin.

## ROAD HOUSES GIVEN BLAME

Grand Jury Finds Immorality in Spokane Schools, But in Minority

SPOKANE, Wash., May 10.—Immoral conditions exist among Spokane high school students, though the majority of them are above reproach, the special grand jury investigating the schools declared tonight in a lengthy report on the subject.

Lack of interest in school children's activities, lack of discipline in homes, automobile joy rides and entertainment at public dances, road houses, noodle joints and city parks unchaperoned were named in the report as chief among causes of juvenile delinquency.

Judge R. M. Eyster of the juvenile court, who called the grand jury, was "justified" in his action, according to the report. The problem of isolating "the contaminating element" in the school the report brands "a matter deserving serious and immediate consideration."

Style Shows Hit  
High school fraternities, style shows, road houses, school automobiles and certain dances are criticized in the report. The school authorities are accused of lacking a definite policy in handling immorality cases, and Orville C. Pratt, superintendent of schools is said to be "inattentive" to such matters.

"Greater cooperation should be had between superintendents, principals and teachers," the report says. "More direct supervision should be exercised over all pupils in school buildings, on the grounds, and adjacent thereto. At the present time little, if any cooperation seems to exist between the public schools and the juvenile court."

Narcotic Evidence Lacking  
Assignment of at least one juvenile officer to cases where action by the school principal fails to bring about reformation, is suggested. The jury has examined many instructors and students at the high schools, but no members of the board of education, who were invited to appear, but not subpoenaed.

No evidence of use of narcotics by high school students could be found, the report states. However, it proceeds, "evidence of intoxication among high school students while in attendance was conclusive, and many cases were reported—where both boys and girls were concerned."

Segregation Not Urged  
Sex segregation in the schools is not favored at present, though the report suggests that if conditions do not improve, the question be placed before the voters. More stringent laws for control of road houses outside of the city limits are urged.

## Jury to Try Small is Completed at Waukegan

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 10.—(By the Associated Press).—The jury to try Governor Len Small, charged with conspiracy to embezzle state funds, was completed today, and tomorrow the trial will get under way. C. Fred Mortimer, state's attorney, tonight telegraphed state witnesses to be here tomorrow and taking of testimony probably will be started before noon.

## California Banker is Sentenced to Prison

UKIAH, Cal., May 10.—J. E. Weller, former cashier of the First Bank of Savings and president of the First National bank of Fort Bragg, was sentenced to serve one to 10 years in San Quentin penitentiary on each of the six counts of an indictment charging him with embezzlement in superior court here today after he pleaded guilty.

## LLOYD GEORGE IS HEARD ON VATICAN NOTE

Conference Leaders Warned Not to Accede to Roman Catholic Claim for Religious Schools.

### CHURCH SEIZURES OF PAST ARE MENTIONED

Conclave Under Strain As Pressure of Various Proposals is Noted

GENOA, May 10.—(By the Associated Press).—While leaders of the "big five" powers were discussing the vatican memorandum today concerning freedom of religious worship and education in Russia, and the return of church property, Premier Lloyd George issued a warning that if the conference backed the Roman Catholic church in a demand for restoration it would immediately provide powerful ammunition to the soviet government. Bolshevik Russia, he declared, would certainly reply that the western countries, notably France and England, had confiscated church property in the past.

Papal Note Official  
The five powers decided that the papal memorandum would be considered official by the sub-commission on political affairs.

The economic conference cannot stand many more days of strain such as it has undergone in connection with the framing of the allied memorandum to the Russian delegates and the rumormongering in connection with the Russian reply which has been eagerly awaited for three days, but was not presented today.

Ask Russia's Attitude  
The great question bearing on the reply is: What will the attitude of the Russian be towards foreigners' property nationalized by the soviet government. Every effort has been made to have the Russians make concessions relative to the restitution of the property of foreigners in order to prevent disruption of the conference.

There are many indications that the French and Belgians are becoming less insistent in their attitude and the general feeling in conference circles tonight is that the Russian answer is of such a nature that it at least will form a basis for the continuance of the discussions.

M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, forwarded a letter to President Fata, protesting at the length of time taken by the soviet delegation to answer the memorandum.

## Radio Sets Become Very Popular at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., May 10.—(Special to The Statesman).—Radio sets are becoming very popular at Silverton. Some of them are very well equipped.

Among the licensed operators who have both the receiving and sending stations are Alfred Adams, Glen Shockley, and Olfan DeGuire.

The boys who have installed only the receiving stations are Lawrence Bowser and Rueben Jensen.

Hans Hansen, a former navy wireless operator, is planning to install a receiving and sending radio in the near future.

## Lockwood New Yell King At Willamette University

Donald Lockwood of Portland, was elected by the student executive committee at the last regular meeting to fill the position of yell king at Willamette university. Donald Rhebeck has been chosen as crown prince.

## UTTER'S STATEMENT TO LABOR COUNCIL IS NOT SUPPORTED BY RECORD; TRIED TO CUT WAGES

### ROTARY WINS DINNER FROM KIWANIS CLUB

Rounders Awarded Sandalwood Bun and Ivory Marshmallows—Feed Comes

The Rotarians rolled round remarkably regularly during the attendance contest with the Kiwanis club. So regularly, indeed, that they won the sandalwood bun and the genuine ivory marshmallows and the steel-plated milk shake and all the prizes there are in the match. The Kiwanians are to be the hosts for a joint feed.

The joint feed is to come off in the very near future. The contest closed with yesterday's report from the Rotary club.

The Kiwanians had their last chance Tuesday, and turned out almost to the last man, but they were a bit late in starting their sprint, and they couldn't catch up.

### CLUB BEFRIENDS WILD FLOWERS

High School Organization Lays Down Rules for Floral Preservation

A strong plea for the preservation of wild flowers is being made by the Botany club of the high school in a campaign begun recently to enlist interest among school students in their movement, and to educate the lovers of nature to what they claim is a growing danger to Oregon's scenic beauty.

"We have come to the place where we must think of the wild flowers and they will entirely disappear," declares a small eight-page pamphlet issued recently setting forth the purposes of the campaign, which goes on to illustrate by showing the rapid disappearance of the so-called "Indian Pipe," "Lady's Slipper" and other once common flowers of the woods around Salem. After setting forth the danger it offers six suggestions to those who are interested in the saving of flowers, which follow:

"Don't pick too many of the same kind in one locality.

"Leave at least half the flowers to go to seed.

"Use scissors or a knife for cutting the flowers.

"Don't pick flowers along the highway or in parks.

"Don't break shrubs, or beautiful herbage of any kind, for decorative purposes—there are other sources of beauty from which to bring fair things to church, weddings, etc.

"Above all, don't pull up the roots of the flowers."

The Botany club of the high school was organized in March of this year under the leadership of Miss Ruth Brown, teacher of Botany, and has not waited long to make its influence felt. The present enrollment of the club exceeds 60 members.

## Fire Insurance Business Summarized by Mr. Barber

Fire insurance companies operating in Oregon during the year ending December 31 last received a total in premiums for the year of \$7,991,020.74, according to a report yesterday by A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner. Losses incurred totaled \$3,716,058.61, and losses paid \$3,893,026.19.

## RUN RUNNERS HUNTED

EL PASO, Texas, May 10.—Two armored cars are to be brought here from Washington to combat bootleggers, according to H. R. Stepienson, divisional prohibition director, who took office here today. The number of agents in El Paso will be trebled.

## REFORM BILLS ARE RECEIVED BY SECRETARY

Property Classification for Assessment and Taxation As Proposed by Oregon Equalization Association.

### COLLEGE MILLAGE TAX ATTACKED IN MEASURES

Two Different Organizations Sponsor Proposals Filed by Initiative

Three initiative tax reform measures were filed yesterday with a secretary of state yesterday and will be referred to the attorney general for ballot title.

One of the measures is a complicated proposal termed "Property classification law" for assessment and taxation, and is initiated by the Oregon Tax Equalization association, of which O. E. Spence is president and William A. Aird of Oregon City is secretary. This organization is a combination of the state grange, the State Tax Reduction clubs and the Farmers union, as indicated by the names of the initiators.

Millage Law Attacked  
The other two measures are initiated by the Oregon Tax Reduction clubs, represented by J. C. Cooper, president, and R. V. Stoughton, secretary-treasurer. One of the measures proposes the repeal of the millage act passed by the people at the special election of May 21, 1920, amounting to 1.2 mills, of which four-sevenths goes to Oregon Agricultural college and three-sevenths to the University of Oregon.

The other measure is a proposed constitutional amendment whereby a vote of two-thirds of the people at a general election would be necessary for the approval of any measure authorizing bond issues or the creation of public debt. Also it would prohibit voting on such measures at special elections.

Provisions Summarized  
The property classification bill proposed by the Tax Equalization association has the following provisions: To provide for assessing manufacturing and merchandising establishments at full cash value; classification of lands for taxation; assessment of land at one-half its cash value; assessment of improvements on farm lands and of all dwelling houses at one-half cash value; assessment of all other improvements, buildings and structures at full cash value. The amount to be raised by millage taxes would be limited.

## SAFETY LEAGUE IS NOT WANTED

Portland City Council Denies Application to Solicit on Streets

PORTLAND, May 10.—The city council today denied the application of the Safety League of America to solicit memberships on the streets of Portland for the organization which proposes modification of the Volstead law to allow the manufacture of light wines and beer.

A. N. Jackson, executive secretary, asserted that the organization was not backed by liquor interests nor connected with politics and that he hoped to secure 100,000 members in Oregon.

## Salesmanship Class Will Continue Through Summer

Tuesday night saw what was to have been the formal closing of the class in salesmanship that has been carried on for the past 17 weeks at the Salem Y.M.C.A. It doesn't really close, however, for the work has proved so fascinating to the members that they voted to continue it through the summer, meeting, however, only once a month instead of every week. They have selected the first Monday night of each month as their meeting night.

The class at the beginning numbered about 25; it grew to the required 30, within the first two or three weeks, and ended with 34 members, and a long waiting list of others for whom there was no room. T. E. McCroskey will continue as instructor.

## Laird V. Wood of Dallas is First to Cash Warrant

Laird V. Dallas, one of the first five Oregon ex-service men to be forwarded a warrant from the state bonus and loan commission, yesterday cashed his warrant at the office of State Treasurer Hoff, the warrant being the first one cashed under the bonus and loan act. The amount was for the full \$2000, the maximum limit under the act.

## French & Co. Creditors Get 80 Cents on Dollar

THE DALLES, Or., May 10.—Creditors of the bank of French & Co., which failed two months ago, will probably receive about 80 cents on the dollar from present resources of the bank, it was announced today by O. B. Robertson, state deputy bank examiner. Robertson added, however, that business property owned by the French families in The Dalles had been placed in trust and if necessary this property will be used in the liquidation, so that it is possible that creditors may eventually get dollar for dollar.

## Eugene Banks Increase Deposits by Big Spurt

EUGENE, Or., May 10.—The deposits in the three Eugene banks increased \$700,000 during the past 60 days, according to the reports of the institutions published today.

General improvement in business conditions and the resumption of operations in the lumber trade here are given as reasons for the increase.

## WOULD OUST KLANSMEN

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., May 10.—The resignation of every public official in Kern county was demanded in a resolution adopted by a state dining vote by a crowd that packed a Taft theater tonight. The resolution condemned the Ku Klux Klan as a "un-American."

## WEATHER

Thursday showers west, fair, east portion; light to heavy frost in early morning east portion.

## LANDS IMPOSED

Relative to the present millage taxes it is proposed in the measure that the several millage taxes provided for the state highways, state market roads, financial aid to soldiers, sailors and marines, support and maintenance of public elementary schools, Ore-

## Division in Four Groups

The proposed classification of lands is as follows:  
Group 1—Farm land, Class 1. Tillable farming land, Grade 1, grade 2, grade 3. Class 2—Pasture land: Grade 1, grade 2.  
Group 2—Timberlands.  
Group 3—Mineral lands.  
Group 4—All other lands.

## Special Fund Created

It is proposed that lands suitable for classification in more than one group shall be so classified. County courts may provide for such other additional classifications as they deem proper.

## It is provided that the county court shall provide a classification fund by a tax of not more than 1 mill for the payment of the costs of classification of land.

## Every five years, according to the bill, the county court of each county would appoint three appraisers to appraise all lands and improvements at full cash value.

## Owners would be required to furnish information under oath, of a penalty of \$500 would be invoked, by action in court. Assessors or district attorneys not enforcing this provision would be deemed guilty of malfeasance in office and subject to punishment by fine of not more than \$1000, imprisonment of not less than 30 days and not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any owner of property or official detected falsifying would be deemed guilty of perjury and punished as the law provides.

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