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## STEEL MERGER TO BE PROBED

### Peggy's Costly Plaque is Seized by Officials

#### ACTRESS RANTS AND PUFFS AS COPS QUIZ HER

Joyce Woman Smokes Up  
Half Box of Cigarettes  
While She Watches Officers  
Go Through Trunks.

#### CASTOFF OF SCREEN WOULD PLAY ANYWAY

Thinks She Will Hop Over  
to California to Look  
The Place Over

NEW YORK, May 12.—Customs officials late today seized a diamond and emerald plaque valued at \$14,000 belonging to Peggy Hopkins Joyce, which they asserted the actress had not declared when she returned today from Paris on the Mauretania.

They returned to her, however, 24 other pieces of jewelry including rings with diamonds weighing 41 carats and two strands of pearls valued at more than \$400,000.

Private Detective Hired  
These were promptly turned over to a private detective whom the actress had engaged by wireless to serve as her bodyguard because of the crime wave of which she said she had read about which was prevailing in New York.

Peggy, frothing with indignation on her trip from quarantine when she learned motion picture house owners, meeting in Washington, had banned "for the good of the screen" any pictures in which she might be shown, appeared not the least concerned when her trunks were taken to the customs house for examination.

Smokes With Bellah  
In a costume featuring sables, champagne-colored stockings, and a blue turban, she followed her belongings from the pier and watched the examination. She puffed away half a box of cigarettes and chatted with the force while appraisers pried her with questions.

Her attorney, John J. Falon, who accompanied her, later issued a statement in which he asserted that "there will be other developments" when the examination is continued tomorrow.

Reports Called Lies  
In the course of the day the actress, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the suicide in Paris of "Billy" Erastus, attaches of the Chilean embassy, denounced as "lies" many statements concerning her. She vehemently denied that she was a "vampire" or that she was of the "butterfly type" and she made it quite plain, as did her lawyers, that she intended to fight any proposal of movie house owners to keep her off the screen.

Wants to See Father  
"I expect to stay in this country about six weeks," she said, "during which period I expect to hop over to California to look the place over and perhaps do pictures."

#### LEGION POST HAS CHARGE OF MEMORIAL

Civil War Veterans at Silverton Pass Responsibility on to Younger Men

SILVERTON, Or., May 12.—(Special to The Statesman)—Plans for the observance of Memorial day have already been begun at Silverton.

The members of the G. A. R. have always formerly conducted the Memorial day services but there are so few left that they have turned it over to the local American legion post.

However, preparations have been made to have the old veterans ride at the head of the parade to the Silverton cemetery where memorial decoration services will be held. This will be followed by a program at the new school auditorium.

#### BONUS BOARD HAS BIG DAY

Cash Claims Numbering  
468 and 73 Loans Were  
Approved Yesterday

Soldiers' cash bonuses covering 468 claims for \$117,000 and 73 loans for \$176,700, were allowed by the state bonus commission Friday.

This brings the total of cash bonuses up to 10,469, for \$2,654,000 and the loans to 869, for \$1,968,300, or a little more than \$4,600,000 for both classes of soldiers' aid.

The cash claims are getting pretty well along. The total number of cash claims filed was 16,566. About 62 per cent of this total have already been acted on, and are either paid or in process of payment. The loan claims filed number 11,775. Of these, fewer than 3 per cent have been finally adjusted for payment.

The detail work of the loans, however, has been so vastly greater than a mere comparison of military records that would show the eligibility for the cash bonus, that the commission feels that it has done very well to get as far along as it has.

Ten loan vouchers were paid yesterday, making 20 men in all who have actually received their cash on such accounts. Others will be coming along far more rapidly from now on.

The commission recently delivered to the buyers, Ralph Schencklock & Co., of Portland, the last of the first ten million dollar issue of bonds. The rest of this money is available for call as fast as the claims can get in. With the greater rapidity of issue of the loans, as the title difficulties are ironed out by the applicants, they will make a big hole in this principal sum. One-quarter of the land loans now on file, would wipe out all this cash balance.

Friends Fear Cyr May  
Have Died in River

BEND, Ore., May 12.—Paul J. Cyr who started north on the Deschutes river from Bend Saturday, was missing today and friends feared for his safety. A party started out to search for him today. In past years a number of anglers have drowned in deep holes in the Deschutes below Bend.

#### AGREEMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH RUSSIA

Communist Government is  
Too Greatly at Variance  
With General Order in  
Europe for Pact Now.

#### EUROPEAN TRUCE IS DEVOUTLY DESIRED

French Resent Accusations  
That They Tried to  
Wreck Conference

GENOA, May 12.—(By The Associated Press)—So gravely at variance are Russia's communism and the order of things obtaining throughout the rest of Europe that a general, immediate agreement with Russia appears tonight improbable.

This conviction is deeply disappointing to those who expected big and quick results at Genoa, but the sentiment is tempered by the belief that the creation of one or more commissions to pursue an exhaustive study of the Russian problems will prove efficacious in finding a means to reconstruct Russia and bring her back into the European family.

Trace Held Necessary  
Furthermore, Premier Lloyd George and the Italian leaders are convinced that the signing of an European truce as a preliminary to a general non-aggression pact will go a long way towards tranquillizing Europe.

Hopes of eventually accomplishing something genuinely constructive for Russia were increased today by an announcement from the French delegation that France favors the appointment of a commission for investigation of questions like credits, debts, and the treatment of foreign private property and approves also a general truce, provided it is understood that while the commissions are engaged in their labors the powers will not follow in the footsteps of Germany and make separate treaties with Russia.

French Resent Charges  
The French resent accusations that they tried to wreck the conference; they assert that the present situation justifies their views that the Russian problem has not been sufficiently studied and that something more should have been done to approximate the views of the Russians with the representatives of non-communist states, before hoping to reach a general sweeping accord at Genoa.

In other words, they believe the Russian problem through investigation by a commission which will probably visit Russia, is being attacked now in a proper and logical manner and they approve the contemplated procedure.

President in Speech  
Defends Administration

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 12.—Defense of his administration was coupled with a strong endorsement of party government by President Harding in a speech here tonight before the New Jersey Women's Republican club. Later, before the New Jersey Bankers' association convention, the president said if the world is ever put on its feet again, American bankers would play the greatest part.

MAIL TRAIN ROBBED

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 12.—Two masked bandits shortly before midnight tonight held up a combination train on the Arizona & New Mexico railroad about 15 miles from Clifton, Ariz., and escaped with four pouches of mail and a few packages taken from the mail car, according to a telephone message received here. The passengers were not molested.

#### MORE PARTS OF HIGHWAY GIVEN O. K.

Government Money Ready to  
Construct Over Thirty Miles  
of Roosevelt Highway

A message received here yesterday from Representative W. C. Hawley at Washington states that he has conferred with the forest service which has approved the construction of three units of the Roosevelt Coast highway this season.

These are: Between Tidewater bridge and Waldport, Lincoln county, eight miles; between Brush creek and Mussel creek, Curry county, six miles, and a unit south of Neskowin, Tillamook county, 20 miles.

The last named as awaiting formal approval, but the money has been set aside for it. These projects are cooperative with the state under the law and the government has the money ready.

#### MOUNTIES ASKED TO ATTEND SHOW

Governor Seeks to Bring  
Detachment to Portland  
Rose Festival

Governor Olcott has addressed a letter to Secretary of State Hughes at Washington, making a request through his office that a detachment of the Royal Canadian mounted police participate in the Portland Rose festival in June. Also the governor has sent an invitation to the assistant commissioner in charge of the mounted police.

"I am advised," said the governor in his letter to Secretary Hughes, "that it is necessary for the governor of the state to make a formal request of this nature through your office so as to indicate that this state will grant permission for the detachment to enter its borders. I am writing this letter in the nature of such request so you may be advised that not only will this office permit the entrance of such detachment into the state, but will welcome it. I may say that last year a similar detachment very graciously attended the Portland Rose festival, and its presence did much to further cement the very friendly relations between the people of Canada and of the United States and of the Pacific northwest. It will be a splendid

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#### FRIDAY'S SUN REAL FORTUNE FOR GROWERS

Day Best of Season for Pollenization  
of Fruit Trees,  
Declares Representative  
of Association.

#### FRESH SOFT FRUIT IS WITHDRAWN FROM SALE

General Slump in Loganberry  
Prospect Given as  
Reason for Action

"Today's sunshine is worth \$100,000 to Marion county," is the statement made Friday by Earl Peary of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association.

"We have had so little favorable weather for pollenization of the fruit trees that this one day has a value almost beyond fair computation. The conditions were almost perfect for pollenizing, and the acres of blossoms that are today out in full, will have their ideal start for fruit production."

Logans Under Normal  
The perfect weather, however, will not restore ideal conditions in all the fruit industry. It is estimated that the loganberry crop of the valley is not going to be much if any more than one-half the average yearly production. Last year the average, new and old, good and bad, was about two and a quarter tons to the acre. Ed Blehn, field agent for the Oregon Growers, in an exhaustive tour of the valley within the past few days, covering all the territory from Newburg, Hubbard, Woodburn and around Salem, has reached the conclusion that if the average yield goes as high as one and a quarter tons to the acre it will do well.

Trained Vines Suffer  
The shortage seems to come mostly from the vines that were trained up early in the fall, and that froze back during the winter. No serious insect pest seems to have menaced the industry.

"There are some better fields in the valley. The Carl Aspinwall field near Brooks, is estimated to be good for two and a half tons to the acre, even in this disastrous season. But this yield itself is a conditional failure, for last year the Aspinwall vines produced five and a quarter tons to the acre.

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#### LETTERS ARE SOLD BY INDIAN GUIDE; AND READ IN COURT

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 12.—The hearing of testimony in the Stillman divorce case closed with a sensation today when a detective hired by James A. Stillman, New York banker and plaintiff, testified that he and Outerbridge Horsey, one of Mr. Stillman's lawyers had paid \$15,000 to Fred Beauvais, Indian guide, named as co-respondent, for four letters alleged to have been written to Beauvais by Mrs. Anna U. Stillman.

The purchase of the letters from Beauvais, who Mr. Stillman contends is the father of 3-year-old Guy Stillman was made in Montreal last week, the detective, Edmund Leigh, said. It was arranged through James Shean, a New York newspaperman, Leigh explained.

#### SURGERY URGED FOR PERVERTS

Salem Woman is Speaker  
at Meet Where Sterilization is Upheld

YAKIMA, Wash., May 12.—Sterilization of all epileptics, feeble minded, insane, habitual criminals, moral degenerates and sexual perverts in state institutions under the new state law without further delay, was urged in a discussion of the subject this afternoon in the state conference on social work now meeting here.

Judge George B. Holden of this city made the principal talk. Dr. Liburn Merrill, superintendent of the state custodial school said there were a number of wards of that institution who wished the law applied to their cases.

Discussions in a special session of the conference committee on delinquency brought out statements that delinquency is decreasing among boys of the state, but increasing among girls, according to Mrs. Carrie H. Chappe, of Wenatchee.

Speakers attributed the contrast to the influence of Boy Scouts, business men's "brotherhood" organizations and other associations among boys and their comparative absence and failure of parental influence among girls. Frank E. Burleson, Seattle community fund and representative of other cities spoke this evening on the "community chest" idea in handling charity funds.

Is Known Here  
Mrs. Chappel, now in charge of Red Cross welfare work at Wenatchee, Wash., is well known in Salem for her work in Red Cross and in various departments of social work among children. She was long a resident of Salem before going to Wenatchee.

James Brooks Tries to  
Escape from Polk Jail

DALLAS, Or., May 12.—(Special to The Statesman)—James Brooks of West Salem, who is serving a nine month's sentence in the county jail for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, attempted to escape while in the custody of Finley Whitney, janitor of the court house, who had Brooks at the Rex cafe for breakfast. His getaway, however, was noticed by District Attorney J. N. Helgeson, who was just opening his office on the opposite side of the street from the cafe, and he immediately gave chase and after a short run captured the prisoner. Brooks had previously stated to City Marshal Chase that he would make his escape from jail if the opportunity offered itself.

PAY BILL PASSES  
WASHINGTON, May 12.—The McKenzie bill readjusting the pay and allowance of the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, coast and geodetic survey and public health service, was passed tonight by the house, 219 to 26.

#### SENATE ASKS INQUIRY INTO UNITED MOVE

La Follette Introduces Resolution  
and Makes Speech  
in Which He Deplores  
Ruination of Competition.

#### COURT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE UNDERTAKEN

Acting Attorney General Refuses  
to Comment Until  
He Receives Papers

#### WASHINGTON, May 12.—

An order from the senate to the department of justice and the federal trade commission to make an investigation followed close today upon the announcement in New York yesterday of the purchase of the Lackawanna Steel company by the Bethlehem Steel corporation, and upon reports recently circulated of a prospective merger of six large independent steel companies.

The order, embodied in a resolution offered by Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, and adopted with little discussion except for an address by the Wisconsin senator, directed both federal agents to inform the senate what steps have been taken or proposed to ascertain the probable effects of the merger and what action has been instituted "to protect the public interests."

The department of justice was further requested to advise the senate if proceedings under the Sherman and Clayton acts to restrain the combination were advisable.

Goff Makes no Comment  
Acting Attorney General Goff, after adoption of the resolution, said he could not comment on it until he had received a copy, but from other department of justice officials, it was learned that while while no plans as yet had been taken to prevent the merger, an investigation as directed by the senate, would follow. These officials said definite reports of the merger had been available so recently that the department had not had time to investigate.

Federal trade commission officials said that in accordance with the senate resolution, an investigation of the proposed merger would be undertaken immediately.

Monopoly Feared  
Senator LaFollette, in calling up his resolution, offered several days ago, attacked the proposed combination of the now independent companies, declaring the merger, if effected, would work irreparable injury.

"The purpose of the merger is clear," he said. "It is the elimination of whatever competition now exists in the steel industry and the creation of a situation where prices may be fixed on a monopoly basis, without fear of detection."

#### Dallas Experiences Two Fire Alarms in One Day

DALLAS, Or., May 12.—(Special to The Statesman)—The fire department of this city had a busy day yesterday answering fire alarms. Not for many years have two alarms been sent in on the same day but this happened yesterday. The first alarm was in the morning and proved to be but a small blaze set by a chimney in the old Howe house. In the afternoon the blaze, also a small one, was at the Wohlford home on Shelton street.

#### LARGE PROFITS MADE

DENVER, May 11.—The Continental Oil company today declared a dividend of \$2 per share on the capital stock of the company, payable June 15, 1922, to stockholders of record at the close of business May 25, 1922.

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