

CIRCULATION
Average for August, 1922— 5214
Daily only— 5467
Average for six months ending July 30,
1922—
Daily only— 5852
Daily and Sunday— 5494

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1922

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

MRS. HARDING SERIOUSLY ILL

HOWARD PAYS PENALTY FOR VALE MURDER

Youth of 25 Years Swings to Death from Gibbet at State Penitentiary Early Yesterday.

DOOMED MAN CALM AS LIFE GOES OUT

Affability of Prisoners Wins Friendship of Officers At Prison

George Howard, youth of 25, though doomed to die in the early morning, slept like a child in his narrow cell at the state penitentiary Thursday night.

Two hours before the execution he calmly ate his breakfast of ham and eggs and coffee.

At 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning, coolly, almost cheerfully, but without bravado, Howard walked unassisted up the 13 steps to the death trap.

Doomed Man Says Good-bye
At 8:31 an unseen hand pressed the trigger and Howard's body swung beneath the gibbet.

Ten minutes and 17 seconds later Dr. W. Carlton Smith, prison physician, and Dr. Earl Smith, coroner of Multnomah county, pronounced him dead, and Howard had met his punishment for the killing of George Sweeney of Vale, in Malheur county. The crime was committed September 14, 1920.

Howard did not flinch on the scaffold, and without halting speech spoke his last words.

"Is there anything you want to say, George?" asked Warden James W. Lewis.

"Not much, Mr. Lewis," Howard answered. "I am sorry for what I have done. I forgive everyone. Good-bye to you all."

Silent Signal Given
Then the black cap was slipped over the youth's head and the noose adjusted about his neck.

The executioner silently gave his covered signal and the trap dropped with mechanical precision.

Howard was accompanied up the steps of the scaffold by two prison officers and by Father Rubis of Lebanon. Father J. R. Buck of Salem had administered to him at his cell before he was led to the death chamber.

The boy was freshly shaven and his hair newly cut, and he was dressed neatly in a black suit, dark tie and white collar. When the doctors opened the shirt front to apply the stethoscope to the fluttering heart a small crucifix was revealed, suspended from the neck and against the broad, bare chest.

Hangman's Noose Slips
There was only one unusual detail about the hanging. The big knot of the noose was properly adjusted under the left ear. As the body dropped it slipped beneath the right ear. However, it did not mar the execution.

A number of officers from about the state attended, and a group of probably 40 persons were present. Incidents to attract particular attention were not numerous.

One prison officer said: "Howard has been such a nice fellow in here. I don't know that I want to see him hanged."

He left the chamber two minutes before Howard was brought in.

A grizzled sheriff from an eastern Oregon county fainted after the drop.

One man inadvertently exposed a pint bottle in his hip pocket. He was taken from the room.

Some of those who were present were:

DAVID A. REED, WHO IS NEW SENATOR FROM PENNSYLVANIA



Senator David A. Reed, Pennsylvania legislator who has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Senators Knox and Crow. He served as a major in the world war.

BISHOPS PRAY FOR RAIL PEACE

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Prayers for peace in the railroad shopmen's strike were said at the close of a meeting of a joint session of the house of bishops and the house of deputies of the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal church here today. The action was taken as a result of a resolution endorsed by Courtney Barber, a lay delegate from Chicago.

Mr. Barber's resolution called for prayers by both houses of the convention tomorrow at 10 o'clock but under the impression that the prayers might then be too late, the suggestion was made that they

WRECK VICTIMS NOW TOTAL SIX

TWO Official Investigations to Be Held in Spokane Today to Find Cause
SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 8.—Three investigations of the wreck of the Northern Pacific's Mississippi Valley limited here last night are planned for tomorrow, two of them under the auspices of the county coroner and Interstate commerce commission to be held concurrently.

With the death tonight of Eugene Rooker, aged 27, of Spokane, the fatality list totalled six. There are still four injured men, three shop workers and a fireman, in the hospital. They are expected to recover.

A preliminary examination of the switching crew was made by railroad officials today, but no announcement of the proceedings was made. The official railroad investigation is planned by Superintendent J. L. Deforee for tomorrow morning, and the other hearings have been set for afternoon.

The limited, a fast train from St. Louis and Kansas City to the coast, collided with a work train carrying shop workers, at Parkway, four miles from Spokane. Both engines and several cars were wrecked and both engines killed.

CAMPAIGN FOR UNIVERSITY IS NOW IN SWING

Kick-off for Willamette University Endowment Fund at First Methodist Church Last Night.

OREGON CONFERENCE IS BEHIND BIG MOVE

Booth, Piper, Shepard, Donoy and Other Speakers Reveal Plans

WHERE TO GO SUNDAY

Appointments of visiting Methodist preachers for the various churches of the city for Sunday are as follows:
First Christian church, Rev. Clarence True Wilson of Washington, D. C.
First Baptist church, Rev. C. E. Powell, formerly of India.
First Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. Secor of Pendleton.

First Congregational, Rev. H. T. Greene of Portland.
Central Congregational, South Nineteenth street, Rev. N. W. Byars of Portland.

Bungalow Christian church, Seventeenth street, Rev. J. R. Jeffrey of Seaside.
Highland Friends church, Rev. J. S. Penix.
South Salem Friends church, Rev. R. S. Bishop.
Nazarene church, Rev. S. Hamrick.
Chernoketa Street Evangelical church, Rev. Thomas Yarnes.

A new endowment fund of \$1,000,000.
A new gymnasium to cost \$50,000 or more.

The balance of the total campaign fund of \$1,250,000 for buildings and a working fund to put the university up to its proper million-dollar stride.

The money to be subscribed before December 20, 1922.

These are the general conditions.

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POLICE WANT WOMAN'S PAL

Mrs. Clara Winborn Believed to Have Had Accomplice in Murder of Old Man

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 8.—In an interview that Mrs. Clara E. Skadin Winborn, confessed slayer of Ferdinand Hochbrun, Seattle real estate dealer, has disclosed to Lieut. W. B. Kent of the Seattle police, information concerning a supposed male accomplice in the crime, and that Lieutenant Kent is conducting an independent search for the man believed to be involved in the case, was given today by Chief of Police James Drew of Oakland.

Chief Drew asserted he believes Mrs. Winborn has taken Lieutenant Kent into her confidence and has given information which may lead to the arrest of a man supposed to be in the San Francisco bay region.

"White Lieutenant Kent has not asked the Oakland department to search for the supposed man in the case," said Chief Drew. "Nevertheless I believe that Mrs. Winborn has told him something that has kept him busy during his stay here."

Mrs. Mabel Herbert, wife of a Seattle detective, was expected here late tonight or tomorrow morning with extradition papers for Mrs. Winborn's removal to Seattle.

Portland Police Called
SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—Enoch Markham, a young man, whom Clara Elizabeth Skarin is believed to have meant when she mentioned "Mark" in a telegram

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WOMAN, GIRLS ASSAULTED BY MASKED BRUTE

Seven Persons Are Severely Beaten by Pervert Following Outrages Against Mother and Daughters.

GIRL, 14, MAY DIE FROM FIEND'S ATTACK

Posses With Bloodhounds Lose Trail of Suspect Short way from Scene of Crime

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 8.—A masked man who perpetrated a brutal attack on the O'Hare family, eight miles west of here last night, beating seven persons into unconsciousness, was still at large late today although armed posses were scouring the hillsides and bloodhounds had arrived from Seattle. The dogs were put on the scent and followed a trail leading from the house across the pasture and through underbrush, but lost it on a paved highway and were unable to pick it up again.

Only one of the assailant's seven victims is now reported in a critical condition, although all were more or less seriously injured.

Young Girl May Die
The report tonight was as follows: Mrs. Kate O'Hare, widow, 54, possible skull fracture and bad bruises; Arnes O'Hare, 25, severe head and body bruises; Teresa O'Hare, 22, badly beaten about head and body; Frances O'Hare, 14, still unconscious, skull probably fractured and may not live; Emma O'Hare, 11, also in serious condition; Joe O'Hare, 14, severely bruised; Joe Dobson, 21, badly bruised about head. All of the victims, except Joe Dobson and Teresa O'Hare, are still in the hospital.

A report that a man answering the description of the assailant, had been seen in Maytown, seven miles from here was received by Chief of Police Troxel and another from a resident a few miles south of the city, but no further clues were available. If the man had a car, the chances of capture are said to be considerably less.

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CHURCHES NOT ENEMY INTEREST

Attorney General Rules That Property of Church of Hungary not Attachable

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Holding that in the final analysis, title to church property is vested in God and that it would be sacrilegious to hold this an enemy interest, Attorney General Daugherty in a formal opinion has acquiesced in the return by Allen Property Custodian Thomas W. Miller of property seized by a former alien property custodian from the Reformed Church of Hungary in America.

"Who holds the beneficial interest in this trust?" the attorney general asked. "If it is held by the deity then surely it would be sacrilegious to hold there is an enemy interest."

The question before the department, he said, was whether church could have its property returned to it. Could the church, he asked, be considered an enemy under the trading with the enemy act, and did the fact that some of the contributors to the church are enemies "taint this church property" to the extent that there could be no return of the property?

The property, amounting to approximately \$20,000 in mortgages and certificates of indebtedness to the mother church in Hungary, secured by church property here, was seized at the outbreak of the war from the Hungarian general credit bank at Cleveland, acting as agent for the church in all financial matters. The decision in this case will serve as a precedent in other church property seizures.

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RECOVERY OF PRESIDENT'S WIFE IS NOT YET ASSURED; MANY PHYSICIANS CALLED

Mrs. Warren G. Harding



Wife of President who is dangerously ill and whose recovery is still doubtful.

RESCUE CREWS BATTLE SLIME

Men Working Knee Deep in Muck in Effort to Reach 47 Entombed Miners

JACKSON, Cal., Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—A signed statement which company, government and state officials plan to make public tomorrow morning, will declare the belief that every one of the 47 miners entombed in the Argonaut mine is alive. It was learned late tonight. The conclusion, it was asserted, is based on a chemical test made this evening.

"We believe that every man in the mine is alive," the statement will say. "Chemical tests made at 5 p. m. today prove this. In substantiation of our belief we now offer \$5,000 reward to the first crew that breaks into the Argonaut mine."

JACKSON, Cal., Sept. 8.—Rescue crews working to save the 47 men entombed in the Argonaut mine here, emerged from the neighboring Kennedy shaft tonight after six hours of grueling toil in knee deep muck and slime, to report only fifteen feet of progress toward the Argonaut on the 3600-foot level and 20 feet on the 3900-foot level. This leaves rescue workers on the former level approximately 300 feet from the entombed men and about 245 feet on the 3900-foot level.

Each crew comes out dripping wet and covered from head to foot with slimy mud. Four crews are working 24 hours a day in six-hour shifts. Because of the intense heat, foul air and working conditions are so exhausting, each man works only 20 minutes at a stretch and rests 40 minutes. Both the Argonaut and Kennedy companies assert they have an abundance of men for the rescue work.

Mrs. Kendrick Gets Alimony from Artist

OAKLAND, Sept. 8.—Mrs. Nellie Kendrick, who recently sued her husband, Rodney Kendrick, newspaper artist for divorce in a complaint asserting that Mrs. Edith Spreckels Wakefield, San Francisco society woman, offered her \$100 a month for life if she would permit Mrs. Wakefield to marry Kendrick, was granted \$75 a month temporary alimony today. The court announced that the date for the divorce hearing would be set next week.

Mrs. Kendrick was the only one of the trio in court.

PROSPECTOR'S BODY FOUND

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Sept. 8.—The body of Joe Lapple, an old prospector who disappeared last winter, was found in the woods today. It had been partly eaten by wild animals. Lapple is believed to have lost his way on a trip out of Terrace.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The condition of Mrs. Harding, wife of the president was so serious tonight that "recovery is not yet assured, a statement issued at the White House at 9:30 p. m. tonight by Brigadier General C. E. Sawyer, the family physician said.

Complications which developed yesterday and last night, the statement said, makes Mrs. Harding's condition "critical," it was added.

The statement, timed 9 p. m., issued by Dr. Sawyer, follows:

"Mrs. Harding, whose illness is a recurrence of attacks experienced before coming to the White House, developed complications Thursday and Thursday night which make her condition critical. These complications are so serious that recovery is not yet assured. Dr. John Finney of Baltimore, was called in consultation tonight, and Dr. Charles Mayo is enroute from Rochester, Minn. Dr. Carl W. Sawyer and Dr. Joel T. Boone have joined in the attendance on Mrs. Harding today.

"Dr. Finney reached the White House at 9 o'clock tonight."

BEAT STATE, MAN WOULD MAKE AMENDS

George Strauchon Confesses in Letter That He Was Not Entitled to Pay

Because he has been converted from his old manner of living and is conscience stricken, George H. Strauchon of Seattle has informed the state industrial accident commission by letter that he beat the state out of \$281.66 after an injury in 1917 and wishes to make amends.

Strauchon, according to his letter, was working in the Northwest Ship yards in Portland. On November 23, 1917, after working hours he was doing some work for himself about the yards and accidentally cut off a finger. He swore, says the letter, that he was working for his employers at the time of the accident, and as a result drew two months compensation at \$45 a month from the state and \$191.66 damages.

The commission will inform Strauchon that his check for the full amount will be acceptable.

LA FOLLETTE IS LABOR'S CHOICE

Predictions Are Made That Senator Will Be Candidate for President in 1924

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 8.—Predictions that United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette would be organized labor's candidate for the presidency in 1924 were heard in labor circles here tonight as the executive council of the American Federation of Labor gathered preparatory to the formal opening of the council's annual session here tomorrow. News of the senator's victory in the Wisconsin primary was greeted with satisfaction at convention headquarters.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor declared that while "discussion of Senator LaFollette in this connection is premature, I would say that the Wisconsin senator is a great American."

THE WEATHER

Fair and warmer.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND WORK PICKING PRUNES

Prune picking begins in many orchards next week. In some others it would begin if the growers had pickers. "It's every body's business to help harvest this only real money crop of the year. These calls for help are free. Tell the Statesman what you want, and it will be published. Please tell the office when you're supplied and let the next man have his chance.

G. H. Wolfe, a half mile east of Liberty hall, route 4, box 32, phone 108F31, wants a dryerman, a trayer and eight pickers.

E. A. Aufranc, a mile east of the penitentiary, phone 66F3, wants four pickers, or a family to camp. Has 12 acres of prunes.

R. V. Bates has all the pickers wanted.

J. D. Alexander, route 4, phone 12F2 wants two men for prune dryer.

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