

## 3 TOTS DIE IN SCHOOL FIRE

### CHARRED BODIES NOT YET IDENTIFIED, 12 SERIOUSLY INJURED

COVINGTON, Ga., Nov. 28.—Three children were burned to death, two are reported dying, 30 more received painful burns, and are now under care of physicians and others had narrow escapes from a fire that destroyed the High Point school about seven miles south of here today.

Twelve of the children on the injured list, physicians say, are suffering from broken bones and internal injuries, but will recover. Practically all of the children are under 10 years of age.

The charred bodies of three children have been removed from the burned building, but as yet have not been identified. They appeared to be less than 8 years of age. The injured are being cared for in homes and some are being prepared to be sent to Atlanta hospitals.

#### 12 Still Missing

School officials stated tonight that two of the dead bodies recovered are believed to be the children of J. J. Steele and Charles Bachelor. Both Mr. Steele and Mr. Bachelor have reported that two more of their children are missing. The authorities also have a list of six boys and six girls who were missing at a late hour tonight. A careful check of those on the injured list was being made at midnight in hopes of reducing the missing list.

#### Many Jump to Safety

Mrs. Oscar Grant, who had charge of the pupils on the upper floor of the school was so severely burned in directing the escape of the children that fears are expressed for her life.

When it was discovered that the fire had cut off their only means of safe exit, Mrs. Grant gathered the children about windows and directed a number of them in jumping to safety. She then jumped through the flames and was seriously burned.

### EXECUTION CAUSE GIVEN

#### Ex-Greek Cabinet Officials Convicted of High Treason—Ordered to Die

ATHENS, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official announcement has been made of the execution today of six former cabinet officials and army officers. They had been convicted of high treason, in connection with the Greek military disaster in Asia Minor. After the execution the following official announcement was made:

#### Sentences Vary

"The sentence of the court-martial was delivered this morning. Messrs Gounaris, Baltazis, Theotokis, Protapakis, Stratos and General Hadjanastis were condemned to death and were executed this morning.

"General Stratigos and M. Goudas were sentenced to penal servitude for life. The military defendants were also sentenced to degradation and the following fines were inflicted:

"Gounaris, 200,000 drachmas; Stratos, 335,000; Protapakis, 500,000; Baltazis, 1,000,000; Theotokis, 1,000,000; Goudas 200,000 drachmas."

#### Relations Broken

The British minister F. O. Lindley, has notified the Greek government that Great Britain has broken off relations with Greece and that he is leaving Athens tonight. C. H. Bentick, British member of the financial control, remains here.

#### Judge Edwards to Sit at Trial of Robertson

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 28.—Judge Thomas A. Edwards of Cordell was assigned today by Chief Justice John B. Harrison of the state supreme court to preside at the trial of Governor J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma on a charge of accepting a bribe. The trial is set to begin at Ada, December 12.

### GAME WARDEN HEARS MOTHER GOOSE STORY

Puts Porcupine Yarn in Class With Deep Sea Tales—He says To Tell Judge

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 28.—Lack of imagination and a knowledge of animal life on the part of Deputy Game Warden Van Ausde is the reason for A. L. Maxim being admitted to the ranks of the local "Raspberry club." Maxim was arrested near here today for hunting without a license. Asked why he carried a gun but no license, Maxim declared he was "after porcupines who were blocking up his irrigation ditch."

### BUDGET GIVEN APPROVAL AT DALLAS MEET

Polk County Seat Has Total of Over Twelve Thousand Dollars to Work on For Coming Year.

### BIDDING SPIRITED FOR IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Dallas City Bank is Highest Bidder for Securities Sold Monday

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special to the Statesman)—At the meeting of the Dallas city council last night the budget as prepared by the budget committee was passed without protest. The following citizens and councilmen composed the committee: August P. Risser, N. L. Guy, C. B. Sundberg, F. J. Craven, J. R. Allgood, C. N. Bilyeu, R. S. Kreason, C. L. Crider, M. L. Boyd, Conrad Staffin, W. E. Ballantyne, J. R. Craven, A. W. Thornton, G. O. Butler, Charles Hayes, Carl Gerlinger, R. R. Van Orsdel and Walter S. Muir.

#### Totals Announced

The total estimated expenditures for 1923 as prepared by the above committee are as follows:

Auditor and police judge, officers' salary and expenses \$950;

City treasurer's salary and expenses, \$335;

City Attorney's salary and expenses, \$600;

Payment of outstanding warrants \$2000;

City marshal's salary and expenses pertaining to his office, \$1225;

City hall, maintenance, fuel and insurance, \$125;

City library, \$1713;

City park, \$250;

City lights, street lighting system, \$3055;

City water, fountains and fire patrol, \$120;

Fire department, salaries, equipment and miscellaneous expenditures, \$750;

City streets, cleaning, street cleaner, repairs, lumber, rock, equipment, construction 1920 cement sidewalk construction and miscellaneous expenditures, \$5803;

City sewers, repairs, lumber, miscellaneous expenses, \$300;

Incidentals, emergency fund, \$500;

Direct lien bonds, water department \$500;

Sewer disposal plant, \$1,000;

County fair and city park, \$600;

An estimate for the probable receipts for 1923 is placed as follows:

Police court, \$100;

License fees, \$200;

Rentals, real estate, \$150;

Road district No. 7, \$3000;

Total of \$3,450 which together with the total estimated tax levy for 1923 makes the total amount to be raised by taxation \$16,376. Taking from this amount the direct lien bonds and the city library funds which are raised by direct taxation leaves the city \$12,563 to work on for the coming year.

#### Improvement Bonds Sold

At last night's meeting of the Dallas city council bids for the 1921 concrete street improvement work were opened and the bonds sold to the Dallas City bank as the highest bidder.

Seven bidders were on hand at the opening of the bonds and one bond buyer of Portland reached the city hall just 10 minutes too late to get in his bid.

The bidders were as follows:

Freeman, Smith, Kemp & Co., with a premium of \$102.30; Dallas City bank, premium \$104.87; Lumberman's Trust company and Western Bond & Mortgage company, premium \$102.64; Cyrus Price & Co., premium \$102.70; Ladd & Tilton bank, premium \$101.53; Ralph Schneelock & Co., premium \$101.45 and Robertson Ewing & Co., premium \$101.53.

#### Bidding Lively

The bonds were of \$100 and \$500 denominations with an odd bond of \$167.13. The lively bidding done by the bond buying houses shows that there is an interest in the bonds.

#### State Real Estate Law Is Held Constitutional

Constitutionality of state laws improving licenses on real estate brokers is fully established by the United States supreme court in an opinion that has just been issued, according to information received by C. V. Johnson, manager of the state real estate department in the state insurance commissioner's office.

At the legislative session of 1921 the state of Tennessee enacted a law similar to the Oregon statute. It was assailed by the broker in the federal district court, which held it was not constitutional. The state appealed it to the United States supreme court, however, which holds it constitutional. The opinion was written by Justice McKenna.

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### EUGENE YOUTH FOOLS POLICE, ROBS HIMSELF

Says He Bound and Gagged Self to Get Money From Mother—Goes Too Far

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 28.—R. K. Bushnell, Springfield, Or., youth who last night told the police here that he had been held up, bound, gagged and robbed of \$400 by two men at the Southern Pacific station, today admitted to the officers that the holdup was a fake and that he bound and gagged himself. He said that he tied his hands so securely that he was unable to untie himself, and had to call for help.

He told the officers, according to their statement, that he wanted to go to San Francisco and, having told his mother that he had several hundred dollars when he had no money at all, he staged the fake holdup so that his mother would supply him with funds with which to make the trip.

### BOGE POISONED SELF, BELIEF

Police Locate Drugstore Where Stuff Was Purchased—Inquest Uncertain

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28.—Dependence because of ill health was assigned by the police today as the motive for Vaden E. Boge, 22, of Hillsboro, Ore., committing suicide by taking poison here yesterday in his room at a fashionable hotel.

Was Despondent

Mrs. Ida Lingenfelter, who is a distant relative of the dead man, told the police that Boge arrived here November 23 from Portland and came to live with her while he looked for work. She had never seen him before that time, she said, although her daughter Nadeen, 17 years old, had corresponded with him for more than a year. Both Mrs. Lingenfelter and her daughter told the police that the correspondence was wholly of a friendly nature. Boge had appeared despondent since his arrival, they said, and they believed he had recently been ill. Boge wrote a long letter last Sunday to his mother, Mrs. Edward Boge of Hillsboro, Mrs. Lingenfelter told the police.

#### Declared Suicide

The attempt of Boge to add an element of mystery of his death by registering at the hotel for himself and wife and later ordering lunch for two served in his room, was cleared up today when the police located the drug store at which the dead man purchased the poison. From the druggist's description of the purchase and a comparison of Boge's signature on the hotel register with that on the druggist's sales record, the police declared it their belief that the case was one of suicide.

It was undecided late today whether an inquest would be held.

#### NEWS OF TIERNAN CASE SHUT OUT

Sister of Professor's First Wife Keeps Reporters Mystified

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 28.—The attitude of silence maintained by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Tiernan since the arrival here of Mrs. Tiernan's sister, Mrs. Frances Pulaski of Chicago, was continued today. Not a single statement either over the telephone or by direct interview was issued from the Tiernan home during the day.

The announcement Sunday by Tiernan that he would withdraw his divorce complaint and that the appeal in the paternity case would be officially dropped has not been carried out. His legal marital status, according to Indiana laws at the present time is just the same as before his cross-complaint for divorce was heard—that he is the legal husband of Mrs. Augusta Tiernan, and fighting her complaint for divorce by a counter complaint.

#### TO INSTALL AERO SERVICE

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 28.—Establishment of airplane stage service between Yakima and Walla Walla with a flight schedule of two hours will be inaugurated within the next few months, according to H. F. Kallong of the Clark Aviation company, who arrived here by plane this evening.

#### PROFESSOR'S WIFE DIES

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 28.—Mrs. Anna Clark, wife of Professor R. C. Clark, head of the department of history at the University of Oregon, died here tonight after a brief illness.

### VITAGRAPH CO. BRINGS SUIT FOR 6 MILLION

Famous Players-Lasky Are Charged With Conspiracy to Control Motion Picture Industry.

### ALLEGED "KEY HOUSES" UNFAIRLY MANAGED

Concerns Profits Said Cut from \$750,000 Yearly To \$106,490

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Vitagraph company of America today began suit for \$6,000,000 in the United States district court against the Famous Players-Lasky corporation and a dozen individuals charged a conspiracy to control the motion picture industry of the nation.

The action was begun under the section of the Sherman law which provides for the assessment of triple damages when interstate commerce is impeded.

Completion Restricted

The Vitagraph company alleges that since 1919 the defendants have interfered with the business of competing producers and distributors.

The complaint describes the stages between the filming of a picture and its final exhibition in the 14,000 leading theatres of the United States and Canada. All of these theatres the complaint states, are divided into three classes—first run, second run and third run theatres. In each large city, the complaint avers, there are what are known as "key theatres" exhibition in which is essential to the success of a picture.

Profits Cut Down

The Vitagraph company charges that the defendants, through control of a large proportion of these "key" theatres, caused the profits to decrease from a previous average of \$750,000 yearly to \$106,490 in 1921. The capital of the Vitagraph company is put at \$2,176,000.

#### Grand Jury Announces No Indictment Can Be Returned—Widow Pleased

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—"For reasons which seem to them sufficient and controlling the grand jury took no action in the Hall-Mills murder case and laid the matter over. This does not mean necessarily that the matter cannot be taken up again by this or a subsequent grand jury."

Drama Mysterious

With these words Forman Gibbs of the Somerset county grand jury late today made known the fact that no indictment had been returned in one of the most mystifying murder dramas that has faced the country in many years.

Outside the jury room some one else was awaiting the decision. It was Mrs. Frances Noel Hall, the rector's widow, who had rushed to the court house this morning in the hope of appearing before the grand jury and he had not been granted access.

She received the decision as she has received all other developments in this case—stochically with scarcely a trace of emotion.

#### Street Committee Given Authority to Build Walk

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special to the Statesman.)—The street committee of the Dallas city council has been given authority to construct a sidewalk on the Demick hill, north of the city. The old sidewalk was demolished when the fill was made two years ago, and the grade was cut down preparatory to laying hard surface pavement on the hill and since that time the people of North Dallas have had to use the roadway as a sidewalk. The new walk will be started immediately and will be constructed to conform to the fence recently placed on the hill and curve, by the county court. It will be five feet wide and of heavy construction. When completed the rails will be painted white, like the railing on the fence on both sides of the road.

#### PACKING RULES FAVORED

YAKIMA, Wash., Nov. 28.—Fruit growers of the Wapato district, meeting in Wapato today, went on record in favor of the 1921 apple grading and packing rules, and urged that these rules be made permanent for five years. Harry Jones was elected a delegate to the Spokane grade and pack conference early in December.

### FIREMAN FINDS WAY TO BEAT FATHER TIME

Yakima Man Takes Masonic Degrees in Walla Walla via the Aeroplane Glide

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 28.—J. O. Lloyd, locomotive fireman of Yakima, found the happy medium "twixt duty and fraternal ambition when confronted with the perplexing problem of being forced to stay on shift in Yakima until 1 o'clock this afternoon and being present here at 7:30 p. m. this evening to receive his ninth and tenth degree Masonry rituals.

Lloyd solved the puzzle by literally taking a "flier." After completing his railroad duties for the day, he shaved, cleaned up and hopped aboard a plane, arriving here with three and one-half hours to spare.

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Patiently seeking to explain away the charges of militarism and imperialism brought against his country, the old Tiger declared that France sought only peace, but that war was being forced upon her.

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