

ENDOWMENT IS REACHED

TWO BELIEVED MURDERED BY HOODED MEN

Louisiana National Guard to Seek Bodies in Lakes Near Mer Rouge—25 Searchers Are Sent.

MOVEMENTS KEPT SECRET BY OFFICIALS

Victims Who Return Tell Horrible Tales—Ku Kluxers Implicated

MONROE, La., Dec. 20.—The purpose of the movement of a company of Louisiana national guard into Morehouse Parish by Governor John M. Parker yesterday afternoon continued to remain a mystery tonight to all except a few officials.

25 Depart Late today a detachment of 25 men returning from the command of the company officer, hastily departed from the camp, established in the heart of the little town of Mer Rouge.

Close observers offered the opinion the men were en route to one of the lakes in the vicinity of Mer Rouge, where, it is believed, the bodies of two men, weighted down with two wagon wheels, victims to hooded men, are resting.

In the event the bodies are recovered, open hearings, discussed by Governor Parker and other state officials will probably be instituted at Bastrop, the parish seat. Under this method the state troops would hope to obtain evidence upon which to convict members of the band of fifty or more hooded men, who on horseback and in motor cars, swooped down upon a party of five prominent men, Mer Rouge citizens.

Prominent Mer Rouge citizens, returning from a celebration, carried them off into a wood and severely flogged them. Two of the victims, Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, failed to return to their home and in spite of a search on the part of officials and their families, have not been located. Many are persistent in the opinion the two missing men were murdered.

Believed Klansmen The victims who returned told of terrible experiences, but declared they could not identify any of the kidnapers, as they were clothed in masks and robes. One declared the men "looked like what we know of the Ku Klux Klan."

Efforts of local officials to learn the identity of hooded men were unsuccessful, and although a grand jury was invoked, but little evidence was submitted, it being stated certain witnesses were being intimidated.

Governor Parker later took on the burden of the case and announced the state had set out to catch and prosecute the guilty. Detectives have been working in the Mer Rouge vicinity for several months.

A motive for the kidnaping has never been definitely established.

THE WEATHER

OREGON—Thursday fair, except rain near the coast.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 36. Minimum temperature, 33. River, 5.1 feet above normal level. Rising. Rainfall, .01 inch. Atmosphere, cloudy and foggy. Wind, east.

FAST DRIVERS NOW EXAMINED FOR INSANITY

21 Persons Charged With Speeding Take Special Tests—3 Get Low Marks

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Twenty-one persons charged with driving their automobiles faster than the law allows and two others charged with driving through safety zones, were examined by Dr. A. L. Jacoby, city psychiatrist today to determine their sanity. The examinations were ordered by Judge Charles L. Bartlett in recorder's court, and sentences were withheld until the court had received the psychiatrist's report.

Willamette University Faculty Members Marry

A marriage license was issued from the county clerk's office yesterday to Prof. E. T. Brown and Prof. Lida M. Fake of Salem. Both are members of the Willamette university faculty. Professor Brown is a graduate of the University of Washington and has been at Willamette since 1921 in charge of the physics department.

FAWLEY IS SUICIDE

LA PORTE, Ind., Dec. 20.—Robert Fawley, well known horseman, committed suicide at his home here today by drinking poison.

EDITORIAL

"Endowment campaign ends in victory. At least \$4000 more than the required \$1,250,000 secured. A greater Willamette forever assured."

That announcement as a bulletin from Willamette headquarters, at 11 o'clock last night, tells a wonderful story, one of the most beautiful stories in the history of the great northwest.

Jason Lee came here to spread the gospel of education in what was then a howling wilderness. There were only Indians here at that time to be educated; he started with them. Within five years, as the whites began to grow in numbers, higher education for their children became the dream of the pioneer fathers and mothers. The idea of the Oregon Institute, which soon grew into Willamette university, was crystallized in 1839.

Through every hardship, every distress, every bitter, weary, penniless year, the old school and its heroic supporters have struggled on. Mean, cowardly souls would have quit generations ago; selfish, shriveled souls would never have begun. But those who conceived and founded Willamette and the state of Oregon were neither cowards nor weaklings nor selfish swine. The torch that came down to them through the ages of human progress they would not let die into darkness.

Willamette has lived, haltingly, but always with lion-like courage, through all these bitter years. There was never a minute but the gaunt wolf of financial disaster howled around its door, threatening destruction.

Now, Willamette can live, gloriously, helpfully, carrying on the spirit of devotion in which it was conceived. With the endowment just now assured Willamette will do these things:

- Pay off every obligation and be free from debt. Build one of the finest gymnasiums in the northwest, to make splendid health the foundation of the coming education for every student. Build a central heating plant. Provide more professors, at better salaries. Increase the curricula in many directions. At least double the enrollment of students. Meet the requirements of other friends who are expecting to build more and better buildings. Give twice as many Oregon young men and women a Christian and good citizenship education, at the lowest cost of all colleges, small or great, in the northwest. The records show that this has been done in the past. This endowment makes it possible to continue. The Greater Willamette is now a splendid fact. Merry Christmas to Oregon and to the whole world. For what the old Willamette has meant to better citizenship, the new and greater Willamette will mean many times more.

SUICIDES IN AMERICA SAID ON INCREASE

Accidental Poisoning, Accidental Falls, etc., Becoming More Numerous Doctor Claims.

3 TIMES AS MANY MEN AS WOMEN DIE

Females Prefer Poison—Males Favor Shooting and Hanging in Preference

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Of the more than 15,000 persons who committed suicide in this country last year, a greater number than ever before sought to cast mystery over the manner of their going, declared Dr. Frederic L. Hoffmann, consulting statistician of Prudential Life Insurance company of America in an analysis of suicide in 1921, made public tonight.

Try to Cover. "To an increasing extent," said the report, "the facts and circumstances are deliberately confused to make the verdict of 'death from accident' the only alternative. In a majority of cases, however, the surrounding circumstances are suggestive of deliberately planned self-murder. Cases of 'accidental poisoning,' 'accidental falls,' and 'accidental shootings' are becoming more prevalent.

Rate Increasing Dr. Hoffmann's report presented tables, based on statistics from 95 cities, to show that the suicide rate is increasing.

WOULD EVADE FORFEITURE, LAW SAYS NO

Jap Deeds Property to Buddhist Mission Society—State Holds Still Owner

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—Property occupied by E. Shokuta, a Japanese, in the city of Pasco, for laundry purposes, must be forfeited to the state despite the fact Shokuta contended the property had been deeded to the Buddhist mission society, according to a decision rendered by Superior Judge Truax of Franklin county, notice of which was received here today by Attorney General L. L. Thompson, who instituted the action.

Shokuta attempted to evade the forfeiture by producing an unrecorded deed from himself and a partner passing title to the society. The state argued that Shokuta was still the owner of the land and by provisions of the state constitution in regard to aliens holding land it should inchoate to the state. The action was begun before the 1921 alien land law became effective.

DEATH ESCAPE IS THRILLER

Man, Tied to Track, Frees Himself Just as Train Makes Appearance

ALVARO, Okla., Dec. 20.—Chief of Police Grant Ferris left here at noon today to investigate the scene of an alleged attempt to wreck a fast passenger train on the Atchinson, Opeka & Santa Fe railroad, the account of which rivaled the widest movie thriller, in which three bandits angered at the interference of a wayfarer, were declared to have bound the interloper to the rails and left him to die.

Car Stalls The story was told the chief by C. B. Todd, a local carpenter who arrived on the train which it was believed the bandits were attempting to wreck.

Chief Ferris quoted Todd as saying that when his motorcar stalled near the track last night, he went to sleep in the rear seat.

VETERANS ELECT ALLAN G. CARSON

Choice Unanimous—Some Other Offices Develop Torrid Contests

At the Army last night the members of Post No. 661, Veterans of Foreign Wars, held their annual election. There were some hot contests, five ballots being required to elect a trustee.

Allan G. Carson, local attorney, was unanimously elected commander for 1923. William Wallace Smith was elected senior vice-commander; Chris J. Kowitz, junior vice-commander; Harold B. Garver, chaplain; Dr. W. Carleton Smith, surgeon; George J. Willett, officer of the day; and Bryan Conley, trustee. Jay Coulter was reelected quartermaster, and Edgar M. Rowland was elected trustee to fill unexpired term of Allan Carson, resigned.

The retiring officers are: Commander, Henry O. Miller; senior vice-commander, Allan Jones; junior vice-commander, Rex Stewart; adjutant, Chris J. Kowitz; assistant adjutant, Lyle J. Page. The commandeerment announced that he would appoint Allan Jones adjutant.

The post was favored with some worthy remarks by Comrade Marvin Cohn, a member of Theodore Roosevelt post of Seattle.

DEADLOCK IS TIGHTENED ON SHIPPING BILL

Fight Between Factions to Keep Bill Before Senate and to Displace Grows More Intense.

PESSIMISM REIGNS, EARLY VOTE DOUBTED

Many Efforts Made to Lay Measure Aside—Debate Runs Far Afield

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Five hours of debate and parliamentary maneuvering in the senate today served only to tighten the deadlock which has existed for three days between two opposing and almost equal groups, one fighting to keep the administration shipping bill before the senate and the other to displace that measure.

Debate Rambles Three separate and distinct efforts were made during the day to break the deadlock through an unanimous consent agreement to vote at a designated time upon the pending motion to lay aside the shipping bill and take up the Norris agricultural financing measure, but each time an objection nullified the attempt.

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SUSPECT IS HELD HERE

Morris Stone Taken Near Aumsville—May Be Implicated in Burglary

Following close upon the swift round-up yesterday afternoon of Salem's alleged "boy burglar" ring by the Salem police came the news late last night that Chief Moffitt had apprehended Morris Stone, suspected burglar of the Man's Shop and Gwynn's barber shop on the night of November 17. He was taken at a late hour last night one mile east of Aumsville.

Information which the chief had received from reliable sources led him to believe that Stone was the man who had committed the double burglary in Salem November 17, which netted a total of \$240 from the two places.

Captured at Dinner Last night a journey was made to Aumsville by the police which resulted in Stone's arrest at a little house one mile east of that city where he had been living. He was taken at dinner and arrested.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY FUND OF \$1,250,000 ALL PLEDGED WITH SMALL MARGIN TO SPARE

MR. PIERCE IS IN TOWN

Governor-Elect Visits Departments—Takes Dinner at Penitentiary

"I consider the mechanism of a state too delicate, too important, for any rash or ill-thought action," is the statement of Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce, who came to Salem Wednesday for a two-day's stay.

"I believe in making haste slowly in getting into state affairs," continued the governor-to-be. "The state has many important problems to face, and nobody wants to make any mistake. I am a good forgetter; the campaign violences are dead and buried. What we all want now is the very best government that Oregon can possibly have. There's a chance for everybody to help. If we'll all do our best, we shall make the state government something fine."

Invited to Sit In Acting Governor Roy Ritner invited Mr. Pierce to "sit in" at all the budget meetings and committees in Salem this week.

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EMPLOYMENT IS NOW ON INCREASE

Labor Statistics Show 31 Industries Increase, 21 Are Credited to Decline

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Employment increased in 31 industries and decreased in 12 during November, the bureau of labor statistics of the department of labor announced today in making public its monthly survey of conditions in 3,233 representative establishments in 43 manufacturing industries. Payroll increases for the month also were shown in 31 industries, but in four cases these were not identical with those in which employment gained. The report covered 1,556,537 employees, whose wages during the payroll periods considered amounted to \$48,961,271.

The Willamette million-and-a-quarter endowment is a magnificent fact. At 11:55 last night, the Spaulding mill and other whistles in the Salem factories began to blow like mad. But they weren't mad—they were glad—as glad as a boy in spring. The drive was over, the notes were signed and counted, and the famous old school is this morning setting out on its new life.

As early as 11 o'clock, it was assured that the campaign had been successful, and that the goal had been reached. The announcement was sent out to the Associated Press, saying that there was an estimated \$4,000 above the requirement. This, however, was not published in Salem, as the figures had not been definitely checked. But by 11:55, the campaigners knew for certain that the earlier estimates had been correct, and that they could show the figures to prove it.

The students and hundreds of other friends gathered at the university to celebrate. It doesn't really pay many bills to yell and sing songs—but it brought tears to many an eye. Some of the students may have a sordid eye on the splendid new \$70,000 gymnasium that is to be one of the first tangible results of the campaign. Some, perhaps, think of the better equipment, the brighter paint, the bigger enrollment; some may have thought of the better salaries that the heroic professors who have stayed so royally by the old school in its days of adversity may now be able to receive. And maybe some yelled and sang merely because they are young, and splendidly alive and why not yell when there is even a slender excuse?

ARBUCKLE MAY TRY COMEBACK

Hays Sees no Reason Why Once Famous Actor Should Not Redeem Self

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20. Roscoe Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, has a job in the pictures and he may work at it. Whether he comes back to the place he once occupied is now distinctly up to Arbuckle and to the American people. This was the gist of a series of statements given out here today by Will Hays, chief of the motion picture industry; Jesse L. Lasky of the company that formerly distributed the Arbuckle comedies; Joseph Schenck, producer who will employ Arbuckle, and the comedian himself.

Hays Approves Mr. Hays requested the producers to withdraw the Arbuckle films and to make no more of them last April. He took that action after Arbuckle had been thrice tried on a charge of manslaughter arising from the death in San Francisco of Miss Virginia Rappe, an actress. Since then Arbuckle has lived quietly taking an occasional trip away but keeping out of the public eye.

Today Mr. Hays announced that he saw no reason why Arbuckle should not be permitted to go back to work if he wished to do so. Mr. Hays said Arbuckle had been tried and acquitted; that he believed every man was entitled to a chance to redeem himself and that he did not wish to stand in Arbuckle's way. He made it plain that he neither sponsored Arbuckle's future nor his films but that he was simply putting things into trim so the actor could work out his own future, unhampered.

Arbuckle Accepts Chance Mr. Arbuckle declined to comment on the new conditions other than say he would accept the chance to try to improve it. Neither would his employer, Mr. Schenck, comment on their plans. The only definite announcement in the matter other than that of Mr. Lasky who said his firm had no intention of putting existing Arbuckle films on the market now.

Mr. Hays left late today to spend Christmas with his family at Sullivan, Indiana.

Women Against Pictures After Mr. Hays' ruling on Arbuckle.

Then they marched down town, a delirious, red-fire-burning, Jap lanterned, shouting crowd. Why not?

Students Give over \$50,000 The students themselves had subscribed more than \$50,000 for the fund, and they were proud of their school. Bough and paid for but wooed like a lover, and a thing of pride and joy forever, their Willamette is one of the great things in their lives. It is their time to yell.

The exact figures of the campaign were not compiled at the time of going to press. They could not be, exactly, as there are reports yet to come in from many scattered sources all over the state. There can be no large items anywhere, and some of the estimates are made on telephone or telegraphic reports, without the actual notes being in at headquarters for checking. It is not at present of especial importance to know the exact amount, just so it goes over the required million and a quarter and the while subscription is validated according to contract—none of it was to be collectible if the amount was not reached.

Drive Strenuous One It has been hard, desperately hard work. If ever there was a tired, dejected group of commanders, it was the general campaign board, as late as Tuesday night. The field workers, especially in Salem, kept up courage, but the responsible officers were for a time almost in despair. They had nothing in reserve, and the daily receipts were not meeting the needs. Only the rally of the last two days saved the situation.

Salem workers have performed the impossible in their campaign work. Many business men have given practically their whole time for weeks to the unselfish work. It would be a pleasure to single out a few of the more active workers for especial commendation. But in the big result, where service and not the actual dollars received was the measure of value there is glory for all. Almost everybody in Salem knows who were the faithful workers.

It was a great fight, and it's won, and all over. If only old Jason Lee and "Papa" Waller and the long string of early men and women—some in buckskin garments, or pioneer beards, because they didn't get salary enough to buy razors—could see the Willamette of today, with that million-dollar endowment and the quarter-million dollar working and building fund, as it stands this morning after the big fight is over!

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