

BANDITS WHO TOOK LANGLEY FUNDS CAUGHT

Two Corporals Who Stole \$43,000 of Army Payroll Captured by Posse Near Newport News.

SCOUTING AIRPLANES USED IN ROUND-UP

Robbers Stop at Hardware Store and Purchase Rope to Bind Captives

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 30.—Corporals John S. Wood and James S. Harvey, the two men who were said by Captain Norman D. Cota to have been the bandits who robbed him of the \$43,000 payroll of Langley field early today were captured by a posse about 20 miles from here early tonight according to a report received by military and police authorities here at 9 o'clock.

According to telephone reports the men were captured in the woods near Big Bethel. Most of the money was recovered, it was added, although the bandits had been forced to abandon \$5,000 in silver.

Take to Woods
A vigorous search had been prosecuted for the two by military police and department of justice officials and their capture was from the first believed to be only a matter of hours.

The captain and the four who accompanied him were found nearly five hours after the holdup, bound, gagged and tied to trees near Big Bethel, beside their badly damaged automobile. Their captors, they said, had escaped into the woods with the money. The search was immediately begun, even scouting airplanes being used.

The holdup occurred at 9:15 this morning when the finance officer was leaving the office with his automobile to return to the Langley field.

Corporals Identified
Although Hampton is but 19 minutes by automobile from Langley field, no alarm was taken by officers at the absence of Captain Cota until noon when city, state and county officials in this vicinity were urged to assist in finding them. It was some time later that Captain Cota and his men were found.

They were taken immediately to Langley field where they declared they were positive in their identification of the two corporals as the bandits.

Few details of the holdup were made public by army officers but it was said that on their flight from Hampton the bandits stopped at a hardware store while one stood guard over the captives and the other bought rope with which to tie the prisoners. The last seen by Captain Cota of the two bandits after the automobile had run into a ditch, they were walking through the woods.

Evangelist Gets Flowers From Walla Walla Klan

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 30.—An usher bearing a wreath of white flowers encircling a cross of red, flushed the preacher of Dr. Charles Reign Scoville, an evangelist here tonight, when the flowers were offered to the minister. A note of explanation stated it was from the Ku Klux Klan of this city "in appreciation." The letter also vindicated the Klan as a lawless body and said the efforts of the preacher to encourage law enforcement here was highly appreciated.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Wednesday generally fair, continued cold.
LOCAL WEATHER (Tuesday)
Maximum temperature, 40.
Minimum temperature, 25.
River, 7.5 feet, falling.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, south.

FRENCH DECIDE TO REMAIN AT PARLEY; ENGLAND TO LEAVE

LAUSANNE, Jan. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—Complications suddenly arose among the allied representatives at the Near East peace conference at a late hour tonight when the French delegation announced that it had decided to remain at Lausanne as long as there was any hope of carrying on successful negotiations with the Turks.

The British delegation considered the decision of the French as a flagrant violation of the understanding reached between the allies a few days ago that all of them would leave Lausanne at the end of the week if the Turks did not sign tomorrow the treaty which has been handed them.

All the British delegates announced officially tonight that that they would adhere to this program, whatever the other allied delegations decided to do. Earl Curzon will start for London Friday.

DIVIDING OF BODIES URGED

Separation of Tax Levying from Tax Spending Group Is Advocated by Day

The only way to put a brake on the public expenditures is to separate the tax-levying bodies from the tax-spending bodies, I. N. Day, chairman of the state tax investigating commission appointed by Governor Olcott told members of the joint assessment and taxation committee.

Day was speaking in behalf of the proposed bill to extend the tax supervising and conservation commission to every county in the state, with authority equivalent to that now exercised by the commission in Multnomah county.

Must Put on Brake
The committee considered all of the bills proposed by the state tax investigation commission and one presented by the state audit commission, but did not vote on final reports on the bills.

"Unless some drastic action is taken by this legislature," said Day, who divided honors with Dr. James W. Gilbert of the University of Oregon in explaining the various bills, "the people will denounce the members, when as a matter of fact there is almost nothing that can be done at this end. Put a brake on the tax-levying organizations, of which there are about 2800 in the state, and there will be an actual reduction in governmental costs."

Assessments Discussed
One of the most important subjects discussed last night was that of uniform assessments throughout the state, during which it was shown that variations amounting to as much as 100 to 200 per cent in the assessed valuation of identical subjects were found in adjoining counties. It is proposed to have all assessors subject to the authority of the state tax commission and required to confer annually in order to equalize assessments and see that all assessments are made on 100 per cent valuation.

DEATH OF DANCER IS INVESTIGATED

Two Persons Identified With Case of Fritz Mann Go Before Jury

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 30.—Further inquiry into the death of Fritz Mann, dancer, whose half-clad body was found on a beach three weeks ago, was indicated today when two persons who have been identified with the case went before the county grand jury.

They were Mrs. Anella Mann, mother of the girl, and Dr. Louis L. Jacobs, from the public health service hospital at Camp Kearney, who was before the grand jury yesterday for a short time. Dr. Jacobs today was in the grand jury room for nearly an hour and a half. While he was in the room District Attorney Kempley, who has given much attention to the case, was also there. The district attorney was also present while Mrs. Mann was before the grand jury.

ARMY GOODS ALMOST ALL SOLD, CLAIM

SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—The army in selling surplus war materials has obtained 41 cents per dollar of their cost, Major J. L. Frink, head of the bureau in charge of disposing of this stuff, today told the foreign trade bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. He said that when the armistice was signed the army and navy had unusable goods that had cost \$1,000,000,000 and that 90 per cent of this had been sold.

CONTRACTORS SCORE FRAUDS

Government War Indictments and Immigration Laws Fired at

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—Government war fraud indictments and existing immigration laws drew sharp criticism in the opening session here today of the Fourth annual convention of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Adoption of a committee report condemning "the utter recklessness" of the recent department of justice action against contractors and others accused of frauds in connection with the construction of army cantonments during the war was accompanied by a demand for the early prosecution of those indicted.

Criticize Indictments
"It would be an outrageous thing for the government to delay one unnecessary hour," declared Arthur S. Bent, president of the contractors' organization. "If politics or any other sinister motive lies back of the matter we shall see delay after delay in the prosecution. The surest way to uncover the truth is to rush hard for immediate action."

Causes Sensation
The revolt against the British plan has been steadily growing this week, the ground being taken that it would be liable to imperil the chances of peace because it was too much in the nature of an ultimatum.

The British protest of tonight caused a tremendous sensation. It immediately switched general interest away from Near East peace negotiations to the question what is to happen between the allies when the conference resumes tomorrow.

It is understood the Italian delegation had adopted the same attitude as the French and will remain in Lausanne while there is any hope of making peace.

The Franco-British complication appeared to bring considerable satisfaction to Turkish circles here. The Turkish delegation was busily employed throughout the night in preparing counter proposals to the draft treaty with the idea of forcing the allies to continue negotiations without an adjournment of the conference.

Ex-Traffic Officer Is Caught With Moonshine

Floyd Browne, ex-state traffic officer, was arrested on the Silverton highway yesterday morning and was charged with liquor in possession. He had four gallons of booze in his car and when arraigned in justice court pleaded guilty. He was fined \$100.

LIUTENANT DIES

SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—Lieut. S. W. Torrey, in the aviation branch of the army, died Friday of pneumonia at Chanute field, Roton, Ill., and was buried yesterday in Arlington cemetery, according to advices received here today. He attended grammar school here and high school at Medford, Or., and enlisted just before the United States declared war against Germany.

CONTRACTOR KILLED

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 30.—Stephen Forney, aged 41, a contractor on the new high school at Dayton, slipped from the roof, fell 20 feet on his head and died soon after of a broken neck. The accident occurred at 9 o'clock this morning. He leaves a widow and two children, aged 10 and 12 respectively. He was born near Walla Walla.

SALEM SCHOOL CENSUS FINDS 312 BACKWARD

Board Would Remedy Condition if Allowed to Give Special Attention to Slow Pupils.

HIGH SCHOOL TO GET SPECIAL SPORT ROOM

Dr. Matthis Asks for Release of Contract as School Physician

A census taken by the principals of all the schools of Salem has brought out the disquieting fact that there are 312 pupils who while not sub-normal are still enough backward to need special teaching, special classes. While the survey work has not been done on a strictly scientific basis by one official who will judge all on one uniform standard, it has been painstakingly done and it represents a condition that the school board feels must be remedied in some way. It is the condition assumed by House Bill No. 43, now pending in the legislature, to empower school boards to give such pupils special attention, both for their own good and for the good of the others who may be held down in their work to the pace of the slower ones.

With these figures in sight, the Salem board, which met last night, endorsed the bill now mandatory for the school boards to provide special accommodations for these less agile pupils.

Sport Quarters Given
Salem high school is to have a special wrestling and boxing headquarters in its own attic. The board last night turned the matter over to him for his decision and control.

The boys wanted to carry on this branch of athletics, a lot of the boys who are not of the elite basketball squad; and they have been working down in the armory gymnasium. The board took the position that it would be better to have them at home, and so they are to be given quarters and encouragement to work there in the school building. The board went up at 10 o'clock last night, through the dark and the dust, to inspect the attic. It is a bit cobwebby, and they wouldn't dare to pound the floor very hard without using gas masks or coal miners' breathers, but they propose to clean up the dust and make it habitable. The squad has several matches in prospect with outside schools.

Doctor Resigns
Following his own request Dr. J. O. Matthis is to be relieved of his contract as school physician. The board would be ready to consider the application of some good young physician who would take up the work. Dr. Matthis will continue until his successor is installed.

Mrs. Kellogg, a half-time teacher in the high school, handed in her resignation because of her removal from Salem. Her place is to be filled by Mrs. Lulu Parr.

It was proposed, though not acted upon, that all girls be required to take a one-year course in domestic science, as a requirement to graduation. Supt. Hug's report showed that they didn't need to be ordered into the sewing classes; 125 are now taking

BODY OF INFANT, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DROWNED BY PARENTS, FOUND AT LANDING

Another tragedy, of which few details are seldom ever known was reported to have occurred late last week near Mission Bottom, about 10 miles north of Salem. Last Sunday several small boys, while playing about the drift at Simons Landing came across the body of an infant, probably a few days old, it's skull crushed in, lying on the drift bottoms. A stout string tied to one of the legs led to the supposition that the body had been cast into the water with some heavy object attached to the other end to keep

GERMAN MARK RUSHES PAST 40,000 NOTCH

Currency May Overtake Austrian Crown—Now Worth' Less Than Polish Money

BERLIN, Jan. 30. (By the Associated Press)—One ten thousandth of its pre-war value was the German mark's official rating on the Berlin Bourse today. There was a lively demand for dollars in the post-bourse trading on a basis of 45,000 and actual offers of 50,000 flat. For the first time in its careening downward flight, the mark today rushed past the 40,000 notch and it is believed to be making seven league boot strides in an effort to overtake the Austrian crown.

Incidentally, the mark today for the first time was quoted at less than Polish currency.

STOCK SHOW UP TO STATE

If no Premium Money is Appropriated Exposition May Be Called Off

Unless the legislature appropriate money for premiums at the Pacific International Livestock exposition, Frank Robertson, treasurer of the exposition association and a member of the board of directors, will vote against putting on the exposition the coming fall. Mr. Robertson made this plain to the ways and means committee last night when speaking in support of a request of \$75,000 from the state.

Two years ago the total state appropriation for the exposition was \$175,000, but this year only \$75,000 is asked. The state budget commission, after perusing the estimate of the association, made no recommendation to the legislature.

Plummer Is Assailed
O. M. Plummer, manager of the exposition, was the first speaker in its behalf, and in describing its value in making farm life attractive in a way that will keep the boys and girls on the farm, brought upon himself a verbal assault from Senator Alex La Follett of Marion, who, while shaking his fist under the nose of Mr. Plummer, declared he would compete with his boys against college trained or club trained youths in the state.

Ed Carey, livestock producer and member of the legislature, Judge Charles H. Carey of Portland and E. E. Flavelle of Portland were other speakers in behalf of the appropriation. Senator Taylor asked Judge Carey how he expected to make farm life attractive to the boys and girls when all the proceeds of the farm are required for taxes. Carey replied that the way to keep taxes down is not to slash on the basic industries.

Governor's Loss Cited
Much was said about the value of the livestock exposition in keeping up the livestock standard and Senator La Follett reminded Mr. Flavelle of a recent statement by Governor Pierce that he had sold 1500 head of cattle and lost \$15 a head on them.

Because attendance at the Oregon normal school has doubled in two years and is now above 600 students, making a larger faculty necessary, President J. S. Landers and other representatives of that institution requested an appropriation of \$20,000 for the next two years. Senator Johnson spoke in behalf of the school.

Senator Taylor suggested that the financial needs could be met partially at least by increasing the

FRANCE PLANS TO GO THE LIMIT IN COLLECTING DEBT

(By Associated Press)—France and Belgium are in full accord on measures for control and administration of the Ruhr region. Such was the report made by the French minister of public works and General Weigand at a conference at Paris after their return from Brussels where they were in close communion with the Belgian government.

General Degoutte, commander in the occupied zone, declared that "Germany's fate is in her own hands" and that "nothing will make us deviate from the course laid out for us." The situation in the Ruhr towns is reported as quiet; arrests and deportations of German state and municipal officials continues, the allies are restoring traffic on the railways; coal is being mined, and it is reported that the miners' union has rejected the proposal for a general strike; telegraph operators, who were on strike, have gone back to their keys and the occupational authorities are taking over warehouses in Duisburg, Dueseldorf and other places containing foodstuffs and general merchandise.

The French Federation of Labor has adopted a resolution protesting against the repressive measures in the Ruhr.

HOLD TURKEY RESPONSIBLE

Questions of Frontiers and Disposition of Petroleum Left up to Moslems

PARIS, Jan. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is for Turkey to say whether the council of the league of nations shall take up the question of the frontiers between Anatolia and Iraq and the disposition of the rich petroleum deposits in the Mosul region.

The earl of Balfour in presenting this subject to the council today, did not go so far as to submit a proposition and the council decided there was nothing to act upon, but it was made clear by Lord Balfour and M. Viviani if Turkey would accept the jurisdiction of the league she would have a chance to defend her case on a footing of absolute equality with Great Britain.

Hope for Agreement
Both Lord Balfour and M. Viviani expressed the hope that the Turks would accept either the terms of the treaty proposed at Lausanne or mediation of the council.

The council spent most of the afternoon in private session considering several disputed points in the administration of the territories under its supervision. A good many private talks between the members are going on respecting Germany's protest against the presence of the French troops in the Saare valley, in the hope that they can reach an unanimous agreement without being obliged to indulge in contention in a full session.

Session to Continue
The Lithuanian-Polish dispute will also come up again. Though the agenda is mostly made up of these questions and minor details of the administration of Saare region and Danzig, it is expected the council will remain in session until early next week.

At End of Patience
"We came here with pacific intentions," he went on. "The German government responded with every possible effort to provoke a general uprising among the population. Moderation is not a sign of weakness. Our patience has reached its limits; responsibility for the evils that may strike their country lies with the German government."

When the French and Belgian forces entered the district, he said, they promised to trouble the normal life of the inhabitants as little as possible and asked the workers to continue at their labors calmly and orderly.

"Our appeal to the population inspired by common sense and reason," he continued, "was on the verge of being accepted when the Berlin government used all means of pressure to cause the people to rise against us. The wisdom of the working classes having made this plan a failure, the Berlin rulers enjoined the functionaries and state officials to enter into open rebellion against us."

Government Next
Strikes, sabotage and boycotts have been resorted to, he added, but the occupying forces had not lost their heads and given way to intimidation, which, he said, characterized as "disciples of Bismarck."

In the further actions which were to be taken, he intimated the pressure would be brought to bear not upon the German workers but upon their government.

CONVICT SEATTLE MAN OF LARCENY

Ex-Captain in Police Department Guilty of Misappropriating \$595

SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—Charles A. Sullivan, formerly captain in the Seattle police department, who was suspended over charges that he had misappropriated money, was this afternoon convicted of grand larceny by a jury. The jury, which deliberated four hours found that Captain Sullivan had misappropriated a check for \$595 sent to the city by the government to pay for care of seamen.

Judge John M. Ralston, who heard the case, ordered a transcript of an exclamation by John F. Dore, attorney for Sullivan to the jury, asserting that Henry J. Gorin, another lawyer who was a witness for the prosecution, was a "liar and perjurer," should be given to the grievance committee of the Seattle Bar association.

Sullivan announced that he would appeal.

PROFESSOR LOSES JOB

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 30.—Jacob Wernli, assistant professor of romance languages of University of Iowa, has resigned by request and is en route to his former home of Switzerland following his arrest after being caught peering into the windows of a girl's dormitory. Wernli was fined \$10 and costs on a disorderly conduct charge.

Jury in Shelley Case to Render Verdict Today

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 30.—At 10:25 o'clock tonight the jury in the trial of O. H. N. Shelley, former prohibition enforcement director in Montana, sealed their verdict and will deliver it to Judge George M. Bourquin in the United States district court here tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Those proceedings were on the indictment charging Shelley with having accepted "protection" money from drug stores at Billings, Great Falls and in Helena.