

MEDFORD MEN NOT GUILTY

COMMUNIST TO BE TRIED NEXT MONDAY

William Z. Foster, Underground Head of Moscow Third Internationale, Must Face Music.

MOTION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE REFUSED

Thirty-Two Are Awaiting Trial on Criminal Syndicalism Charge.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—William Z. Foster, alleged leader in the Communist party, the underground representative in America of the Third Internationale of Moscow, will go on trial in circuit court here Monday charged with violating the Michigan law against criminal syndicalism.

Judge Charles White today overruled a motion for a change of venue, made by Frank F. Walsh of New York, attorney for Foster and others arrested, after Michigan and federal authorities had raided an alleged convention of the communist party held in the lonely sand dune country 20 miles south of St. Joseph on August 22 of last year. Twenty-two persons have been awaiting trial as a result of that raid, but the state elected to try Foster first.

The list of 22 defendants was increased to 32 today when 10 women and men led by Rose Pastor Stokes whose sentence of 10 years in Leavenworth for obstructing the draft, was commuted by President Wilson, walked into court and surrendered. The ten are among 56 persons who are alleged to have attended the convention but who had not been arrested although warrants were issued for them last September.

Besides Rose Stokes the 10 who surrendered included: Robert Minor, New York cartoonist and writer, son of a Texas jurist, who was deported from France after the armistice for preaching radicalism to the American soldiers.

Edgar Owens, Moline, Ill., recently released from Joliet prison on a pardon granted by Governor Small. Owens was convicted in Illinois with William Brock Lloyd and others under a statute similar to the Michigan law against syndicalists.

Many Prominent
Rebecca Sackarowa, prominent in radical circles in New York.
Max Bedacht of Cleveland and San Francisco, who was convicted in the Illinois case but never surrendered to serve his sentence.
Jay Lovestons, New York, who says he was secretary of the convention held in the Michigan sand hills.

Ellis Bloor, San Francisco; John Ballan, W. Winstone, and Gustav A. Shulenberg, all of New York.
Lovestone and Winstone gave \$1000 cash bonds and the others were released on their own recognizance until Monday.

May Last Long
The trial of Foster, who came into prominence in 1919 as the leader of the unsuccessful nationwide steel strike, is expected to attract nationwide attention as the first test in the middlewest of a time anti-revolutionary law since the war spirit has died down.

The state charges that the defendants met secretly in the lonely dunes along Lake Michigan to plot and advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States by force.

To this the defense is preparing to raise the novel claim that

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Sunday, rain and strong southwesterly gales.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Saturday)
Maximum temperature, 45.
Minimum temperature, 32.
River, 5.0 feet; falling.
Rainfall, .05 inch.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, south.

NO FOOD TO BE FORCED ON PRISONER

Convicted Murderer Rounds Out 24th Day on Hunger Strike; 14 Pounds Lost.

DEDHAM, Mass., March 10.—No attempt will be made to force food upon Nicola Sacco, who is on a hunger strike while awaiting court action on motions by his counsel for a new trial, Sheriff Samuel H. Capon of Norfolk county announced tonight. Sacco, convicted with Bartolomeo Vanzetti in 1921 of the murder of a paymaster and his guard at South Braintree, ended tonight, the 24th day of his self-imposed fast.

He lost 14 pounds since the beginning of his hunger strike. He consumed his usual daily gallon of water, his only ration, today.

OREGON MEN ARE CITED

Eighteen More Added to Distinguished List, Adjutant General Says.

Foreign governments have cited for distinguished war service 18 more Oregon men who served in the World war, and their names have been added to the state's already large record, according to Adjutant General George A. White. A medal was given for each of the citations.

The story of the bravery of Oregon men on the battlefields of Europe is unequalled," said General White. "I firmly believe that when the record of Oregon's part in the World war is finally completed, the records will show that in proportion to the number of men in service overseas, more citations and decorations have been credited to Oregon than to any other state in the union."

The new list of honored men follows:
Edward Allen, Portland, French medaille d'honneur des epide-mies; Capt. Edward C. Alworth, Hallina crept at guerra; Lieut. Ray T. Williams, Forest Grove, Belgian croix de guerre; Lieut. Fred E. Carlton, Portland, French medaille d'honneur de Sauvetege; Lieut. Col. Frank R. Mount, Oregon City, French medaille d'honneur des epide-mies; Col. Edward N. Johnson, French legion d'honneur; Maj. Lewis D. Williams, Astoria, French ordre du merite agricole; Sergt. Shelby C. Cole, Portland; Sergt. Leo L. Denbo, Portland; Sergt. Frank B. Ritchey, Portland, and Sergt. Earl C. Kise-elhorst, Portland, all French croix de guerre; Howard Hill, Portland; Joseph P. Lawrence, Portland, Sergt. Karl R. Madison, Portland, William H. Pippy, Portland, Cornelius R. Stein, Oak Grove, Major John G. Strohm, Portland, and Francis T. Wade of Wasco each received the French medaille d'honneur des affaires estrangees.

LABOR CHARGE DENIED
PARIS, March 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The foreign office today gave official and absolute denial to reports that the French government or the allies had ever considered in any way contracting for American negro labor in the Ruhr mines.

EDITORIAL

The figures show that Salem has spent less money for her schools than any other first class district in the state. Part of this is due to the holding-up of all new building operations, except the one "portable" structure, since 1915. Part of it is due to the comparative lowness of teaching wages, which are lower in Salem than in most other districts.

Most of the economy, however, has come through the integrity and single-hearted devotion of the school board. The directors have tried to save the people money, and they have succeeded the best of any big district in the state.

But no human school board can either juggle the figures nor stretch the capacity of the present buildings to meet the urgent need of the schools. There are several hundred more children in the schools today than the buildings can decently, safely care for. The health conditions are bad because of overcrowding; with the shortage of play rooms, overcrowding into poorly ventilated rooms of children that come in from the rain-soaked playgrounds outside, means illness, inefficiency, impaired mental and physical health for life.

INDIANS OWN MUCH TIMBER IN AMERICA

Forests Owned by Red Men Important in Future Lumber Supply, Conservationists Say.

WEALTH OF KLAMATHS PLACED AT \$25,000

Gross Returns to Indians for Past Ten Years Placed at \$150,000.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The attention of lumbermen and timber conservationists has been directed to the importance of the Indian forests in the present and future lumber supply of the United States by the recent sales of great quantities of timber by the Indian service of the department of the interior, according to a statement by the research department of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association.

The Indians own, individually and tribally, at least 7,000,000 acres of forests of commercial importance in 15 states. The principal Indian forests, whose combined area, the department points out, covers an extent equal to Massachusetts, and Connecticut, are situated in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, Wisconsin, California, Idaho and Minnesota. These forests contain 25,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber worth \$100,000,000.

Indians Wealthy
The value of young growth, adding \$30,000,000 to this figure, fixes the per capita forest wealth of the American Indians at \$430. If it were distributed among all of them, this research department points out, helps to establish the Indian as the wealthiest race in the world, since, with forest and other property, the per capita holdings total \$2400 as compared with \$2,000 for white persons. The forest wealth alone of the Klamaths in Southern Oregon is placed at \$25,000.

For the last 10 years the gross returns to the Indians from their timber have averaged more than \$1,500,000 and are expected soon to reach \$2,000,000. More than 90 per cent of these returns are net, since the administrative expense is less than 10 per cent.

POINCARÉ TO BRUSSELS

PARIS, March 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Premier Poincaré plans to leave for Brussels Monday for his conference with Premier Theunis of Belgium. The principal object is settlement of questions of a technical character regarding the operations in occupied Germany but they will also give attention to the political aspects of the situation and the eventual negotiations with Germany.

EDSAL FORD OF OREGON HAS RECORD

Adjutant General Contrasts Record With That of Young Man in Michigan.

Oregon, too, has an Edsal Ford. He spells the last syllable with an "a" instead of an "e." His home is at Woodburn, and his father is merely the owner of one filver—he doesn't manufacture them.—The name of the Oregon Edsal Ford came to light Saturday in the process of classifying Oregon's World war records, which is being done by Adjutant General George A. White. The Oregon Edsal Ford entered the American army by voluntary enlistment October 2, 1917, and served honorably until after the armistice.

Adjutant General White points to the contrast between the Oregon Edsal and a young man in Michigan by the same name, except that he spells the last syllable with an "e."

NEGRO SLAYER MEETS DEATH

Desperado Who Seriously Wounded Five Persons Is Killed by Deputies.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 10. Louis Douglas, negro desperado who shot and seriously wounded five persons who were attending a death watch at Spencer, Van Buren county, Thursday morning, was shot to death at the home of a tenant on the property of Sam Houston, one of the victims, by armed deputies this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

The negro's death ended a two-day chase with bloodhounds which wound up within 100 yards of the place where he attempted to wipe out an entire family because he had been caught stealing from a corn crib.

Demands Food
Last night Douglas entered the home of a white man named Manus, where he was later killed, and demanded food. He still was armed with the shotgun with which the five persons were shot. Manus fed him.

Douglas asked Manus to "fix it" (Continued on page 6)

PULPITS WILL BOOST SCHOOLS

Speakers to Appear in Brief Talks at Salem Churches Today.

An imposing campaign in the interest of the pending Salem school building program is to be offered to the people of Salem from the pulpits of the city today. In practically every Salem church there will be at least one minute-speaker, who may talk as much as five minutes on school problems. Some of the speakers for the day will be: Carle Abrams, at First Christian; C. E. Aibis, at the Seventeenth Street Evangelical; Fred Aldrich, at the Episcopal; W. E. Hanson, at Evangelical church, Liberty and Center; C. A. Kells, at United Brethren church; 1140 Mission; Charles J. Lisle, Central Methodist, Center and Seventeenth; H. L. Marsters, Bungalow Christian; Dr. Henry E. Morris, Highland Friends; F. E. Neer, Church of the Nazarene, Nineteenth and Marion; Prof. J. C. Nelson, First Presbyterian (7:30 p. m.); Otto Paulus, Jason Lee Methodist; John H. Scott, First Baptist; Elmo S. White, "Live Wire" Sunday school class at Leslie, and Rev. Methodist church; Rev. Martin Fereshetan, Unitarian; Rev. Nathan Swabb, South Salem Friends; C. E. Knowland, First Congregational.

Except as otherwise noted, all these will be at the morning services, at 11 o'clock.

FINNISH DEBT FUNDING PLAN IS ANNOUNCED

Terms Almost Identical to Those Given to Britain; Country Owes About Nine Millions.

ENGLISH AGREEMENT PUT IN FINAL SHAPE

Final Settlement Must Be Acted Upon by Congress Next December.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The American debt funding commission considering two foreign debt questions today negotiated a tentative program for refunding the debt of Finland to the United States and put the recently negotiated agreement with Great Britain in the final stage preparatory to going into operation.

Formal approval was given by the commission to the debenture embodying the terms of the agreement with the British government and which had been accepted by congress. The contractual document now will be submitted to the British government.

Ten Million Borrowed
Finland was accorded terms for the repayment of her debt almost identical with those given Great Britain: Extension of time for payment over a period of 62 years with interest at three per cent for the first ten years and three and one-half per cent thereafter.

Interest on the debt was fixed at the rate of four and one-half per cent to December 15, last, when the three per cent rate was made effective.

The Finnish government has borrowed approximately ten million dollars but repayments have brought the amount down by almost one million dollars and the refunding program tentatively agreed upon today calculates a refunding on the basis of nine million dollars. The difference of around \$150,000 will be paid in cash.

To Cable Terms

Dr. Axel Astrom, the Finnish minister, who was present at today's meeting, announced that he would cable the terms of the agreement to his government at once. The Finnish parliament is now in session and Dr. Astrom suggested that it probably would act on the plan before the adjournment two weeks hence.

The settlement cannot be final until accepted by congress which is not scheduled to meet again until December.

CONVICT TRIES TO MAKE ESCAPE

George Kemp Nabbed at New Era After Dash in Prison Automobile.

George Kemp, whose propensities for trying to escape and failing to make good on parole have kept him nine years trying to do a term of seven in the state penitentiary, attempted another escape Saturday afternoon.

LAW HOUNDS LAW IN NEW YORK CITY

Fifteen Members of Police Force Shadowed as Ku Klux Suspects.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Fifteen members of the New York police force are being shadowed by plain clothes men night and day, just as if they were suspected of being the deepest dyed criminals, the Evening World declared today on what is characterized as unquestionable authority. The cause for the step was said to be discovery that the 15 were members of the Ku Klux Klan, which Mayor Hylan has ordered driven from the city.

INVITATIONS ARE DECLINED

Mr. and Mrs. Harding Follow Strictly Their Program for Complete Rest.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Declining invitations tendered by the leaders of Palm Beach society, President and Mrs. Harding, on arriving here today followed the program of recreation and relaxation that has marked their Florida vacation trip throughout.

The presidential party arrived at Palm Beach shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, a little later than had been anticipated by reason of the reduced speed at which their houseboat, the Pioneer, was forced to steam through the narrow channel north of here, but ahead of the tentative schedule because of the elimination of Hobe Sound as a stopping point for a morning round of golf.

Mr. Harding, accompanied by his companions, A. D. Lasker, chairman of the shipping board, Charles D. Dawes, former director of the budget bureau, and Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, and host to the presidential party, responded to a formal welcome extended by Mayor Biggers of West Palm Beach and an informal welcome by the Palm Beach winter colony members and motored to the links of the Palm Beach Country club.

Mrs. Harding Leaves Boat

Mrs. Harding also came ashore, it being the first time she has left the houseboat except for a few minutes Thursday at Rockledge, since the cruise down the coastal waters was begun Tuesday at Ormond. She, with Mrs. McLean, went to the McLean cottage here or a rest while the president played golf.

All the members of the presidential party will spend the night on the house boat, anchored off the dock at the Royal Poinciana hotel. The president, with George B. Christian, Jr., his secretary, former Budget Director Dawes, and possibly some other members of the party, plan to attend church services tomorrow and in the afternoon the cruise down the river will be resumed.

More golf Monday at Fort Lauderdale and arrival at Miami Tuesday is the program as announced tonight.

STORK PECKS AT WINDOW OF CAR

Mrs. Ralph Bircher of San Jose Removed From Train to Hospital.

Mrs. Ralph Bircher, who gives her home address as 549 South Ninth street, San Jose, Cal., was removed from Southern Pacific train No. 13 here last night and taken to the Deaconess hospital where it was said she would give birth to a child before morning.

JURY FREES THREE PERSONS ON TRIAL IN KIDNAPPING CASE

MEDFORD, Ore., March 10.—The jury in the first of the Jackson county night riding cases, of which Jouett P. Bray, minister and chiropractor; Jesse F. Hittson, auto dealer and former Medford police chief, and Howard A. Hill, orchardist, were defendants, returned a verdict of not guilty at 5 o'clock this afternoon, after forty-five minutes deliberation. The trial has been in progress for two weeks and attracted wide attention.

As the words that made the well known and prominent citizens free fell from the lips of the court, a wild shriek from a woman in a rear seat, rang through the courtroom, quickly followed by a handclapping. The judge rapped for order, with the admonishment: "Order must be preserved."

The defendants shook hands with the jury, and were congratulated by their friends and families upon the outcome of the case. The court thanked the jurors for their faithful and conscientious services.

The court in its instructions defined the legal points involved, and instructed the jury, in the form of verdicts to be returned. The law on alibis, the defense of the defendants, and impeachment, one of the main contentions in the case, were also discussed by the court. Identification was another of the high spots in the trial and the court after reading verbatim the testimony of one witness, said the jury could use it, in the consideration of the merits of the identification.

Lured From Home
The trial drew out of the alleged kidnapping and "hanging" of J. F. Hale, a prosperous piano dealer, March 17, 1922, who it was alleged was lured from his home by a false telephone call, and taken in an automobile to an oak tree in the Table Rock district, and there tormented by a mob of 12 to 18 men. He testified that a rope was placed about his neck and he was lifted from the ground, with demands that he dismiss a civil action, return letters written to a woman and leave the city. Hale was also questioned about his relations with young women, and finally returned to his home.

Olcott Calls Probe
At the trial that ended today, it was charged that the members of the party wore black robes and masks. The incident threw this city into a fever of excitement, and was followed by the revelation of two similar "parties."

Last summer Governor Ben W. Olcott sanctioned the calling of a special grand jury, resulting in the indictment of six well known citizens, and the return of 16 John Doe indictments. The other cases are to be tried at this term of court.

Next Trial Soon
The court announced that the next of the so-called night riding cases, that of the state against J. Alexander Norris and his son-in-law, Thomas E. Goodie, in which Henry (Hank) Jonsom of Jacksonville, is the chief witness for the state, would be called for next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Assistant Attorney General Liljeqvist left tonight for Portland, and will return Monday for the Norris case.

WAR COSTS MILLIONS

ROME, March 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Italy's total expenditure arising from the war, covering the period from 1914 to 1923 was approximately 144,000,000,000 lire (normally \$27,792,000,000). The parliamentary commission reported that it was instrumental in the recovery from profiteers of 334,000,000 lire.

KILLS HIS BRIDE THEN SHOOTSELF

Jealousy Believed Motive for Tragedy in Denver Apartment House.

DENVER, Colo., March 10.—W. F. Bawcom, 45, shot and killed Mrs. Florence Bawcom, 43, bride of two weeks and then killed himself here late today. Jealousy is believed to have been the motive. Mrs. Bawcom is thought formerly to have been Miss Florence Shetter of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Bawcom is believed to have come here after reading a matrimonial advertisement. Neighbors said Bawcom had shown great jealousy of his wife. The bodies were found lying across the bed in Bawcom's apartment. Bawcom had his arm around his wife, and his right hand held a revolver. Bullet holes through the right temple of both testified that death virtually was instantaneous.

GO-AND-VOTE

The big electric light plant whistle is to blow each hour Monday afternoon three short blasts, to remind everybody to "Go and Vote" on the school bond election. It does not mean fire or disaster. It means only Go and Vote. From 2 until 7. At the Associated Oil office, Marion hotel.

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