

SECRET AGENT WAS DELEGATE AT CONVENTION

Department of Justice Detective Reveals Things Done at Communist Session in Sand Dunes.

TRIAL JUDGE'S RULING IS HANDICAP TO STATE

More Than Hundred Documents Seized in Raid Identified by Officer.

St. Joseph, Mich., March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—Secrets of the organization of the communist convention held in the sand dunes near here last August were revealed today in circuit court when K-97, department of justice agent who attended the meeting as a delegate, took the stand as the state's star witness against William Z. Foster, charged with criminal syndicalism.

K-97, his number in the files of the government secret service—is Francis Morrow of Camden, N. J. Among the communists he was known as Ashworth, and at the convention, where all delegates used assumed names, he was called Day.

Detective is Delegate
Morrow identified the delegate list at the convention, the regulations of the grounds committee which directed it, and the program, agenda, convention call, program and constitution and a number of other state's exhibits.

He told how he was chosen a delegate from the Communist party in Philadelphia and how he left Philadelphia with Alexander Blair and John Greisinger, two other delegates.

The convention, the witness said, was opened by Jay Lovestone of New York, soon after which Ben Gitlow, alias Lowe, of New York, who is now in Sing Sing prison serving a sentence under the syndicalism laws of New York, was elected chairman.

Judge's Ruling Strict
C. L. Smith, assistant attorney general of Michigan, tried twice to introduce in evidence the program and constitution of the Communist party, which the witness had identified, but each time Judge Charles White sustained objections by Frank F. Walsh, chief of counsel for Foster, that the document had not yet been properly identified.

The witness described the convention in detail. Sessions, he said, were held in a deep ravine between two lofty sand dunes, the delegates sitting around on planks placed on cement blocks to form a half circle on the terraced hillside.

Morris Wolfe, another justice department agent who preceded Morrow on the stand, identified more than a hundred documents as among those seized in the raid.

Federal Agent Accused
On cross-examination, Mr. Walsh attempted to show that Wolfe had appeared with Max Burger, another federal agent, who now is attached to the Michigan attorney general's office as special assistant prosecutor in the Foster case, before the Berrin county board of supervisors and told the board the trial would not cost the county one cent because money would be obtained from an outside source to defray the expenses.

Mr. Walsh specifically asked if Wolfe had made the statement before the board that he was not at liberty to say where the money was coming from but that it would be furnished, "as it has been in other cases."

Wolfe flatly denied making the statement, although admitting he was present at the meeting.

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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tuesday generally fair.
LOCAL WEATHER
(Monday)
Maximum temperature, 54.
Minimum temperature, 44.
River, 6.6 feet; falling.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, partly cloudy.
Wind, west.

WHILE SALEM MEN ARE DIGGING FOR LIVELIHOOD, WOMEN MAKE BID FOR FAME IN LITERATURE

Maids and Matrons of Capital City Scoot Among the Dizzy Steeps of Poesy and Shimmy Down the Moonbeams With Laurels on Their Brows.

By CHARLES J. LISLE

While the mere men of Salem have been grubbing away at the brush and the gravel, digging sewers and handling mouldy green money and plucking a precarious living out of the soil and other receptacles where money is, the women of Salem have been soaring away in the clouds of literature and establishing a cultural atmosphere that fairly palpitates with sentiment and romance.

Paw and Friend Husband may be old curmudgeons, each a reasonably good meal ticket and a good foot-warmer of a cold night, but it's the women of Salem who have actually arrived in literature.

Prominence More Than Local

A number of the Salem women who have achieved much more than local prominence were the guests of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon. They were all seated at the guest table, under the careful chaperonage of Miss Mina Harding of Willamette university. The dinner tables were crowded. There wasn't a vacant seat, and the crowd dined sumptuously on melting Swiss steak, genuine shrimp salad such as they used to feed old King Tut when he wanted the very best there was, and baked apples and whipped cream thick enough to stand up like a brick wall. It was one of the dinners that Jupiter and his demigods died because they couldn't eat enough of it.

But the real attraction was the array of talented women who were presented in turn by the gracious toastmistress, Miss Harding. She was presented to the audience by Mrs. John W. Harbison, president of the Salem Arts league, who gave a brief story of the activities of the league, and especially of the writers' section, to which most of the women guests belong. They have brought a number of gifted literary people to Salem at different times, among these being Edwin Markham and Vachel Lindsay.

Leagues Work Explained
Miss Harding told of the work of the writers' section. Its members meet twice a month, each one to present some of the author's own work for reading and for general criticism. She spoke of the gratifying enthusiasm that has developed since Oregon writers have come to be so nationally recognized as writers of worth.

All of the guests were present.

ed in turn. Mrs. Ruth Fargo was introduced as the pioneer of Salem writers. She has sold more than 300 manuscripts since 1919, in a long list of prominent American periodicals. Mrs. Blanche Jones, who was for 10 years a department editor of the Pacific Homestead, and for three years head of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, was introduced as now going deeply into original literary fields, with notable success. She has written much of a poetic nature. Mrs. F. S. Barton, one of the guests, first started in literature in the Syracuse university press, and one of her lyrics was eagerly sought by Gilbert Spruance, the famous composer.

Likened to Tom Sawyer

Mrs. Molly Brunk, another guest, has sold to Sunset and a number of other publications, and her "boy stories," which Miss Harding likened to the "Tom Sawyer" masterpieces of Mark Twain, have been well received. Miss Edna Garfield was introduced as "Salem's prize limerick writer." She has a real talent for this form of literary expression, and has won some notable recognition for her contributions to this lightning-edged poetry. She has also had years of experience with the shorthand departments of national magazines. Three of her latest crop of limericks were read, to the vast satisfaction of the crowd.

Mrs. Odell Savage-Olson, another of the guests, established a national reputation with her drama, "Jon," produced while she was in Wellesley college. It found its way to Broadway with marked success. Miss Andrea Bunch of Willamette university has had her lyrics published in a number of national magazines, and she is hailed as one of the real literary finds of the past few years. Miss Harding said in her introduction that she had sold her first poem an eight-liner, for \$1 when she was 15 years old. Miss Harding read some beautiful selections from her published work.

Writes Prose and Verse
Mrs. Gertrude Robison Ross has had several poems published in The Nation, two of them receiving honorable mention out of a field of 4000 manuscripts submitted. One story was recently published in "True Confessions," under the title "Phoebe Baxter's."

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WU TEAM WINS AT ST. PETER

ST. PETERS, Minn., March 19.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Willamette university debating team of Salem, Oregon, won in a debate here tonight with Gustavus Adolphus college, in a close but decisive forensic battle. Joseph D. Menchhofer, coach of St. Olaf's college, was the critic judge, and he gave the decision to Willamette on both argument and delivery. The question was, "Resolved, that the United States should enter the League of Nations," with Willamette holding the affirmative side.

The Willamette speakers were Rodney Alden, Robert Notson and Robert Little, with Clarence Anderson, Carl Dahlin and Carl Carlson speaking for the local team. The Willamette team was to have met the North Dakota university team at Grand Forks, Saturday night, but they were delayed in the mountains by a snowslide that necessitated cancelling the Grand Forks engagement.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE VERDICT

L. W. Pearce Found Guilty at Marshfield—Insanity Plea Fails.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 19.—L. W. Pearce, a rancher, was tonight found guilty of murder in the first degree for the slaying of his wife and James Culver, a neighbor. The jury returned its verdict after deliberating two and a half hours. The trial had occupied seven days. Pearce's defense was one of insanity. He admitted on the stand that he had slain Culver, but said he did not remember whether he had killed his wife or not. He charged that too friendly relations had existed between the two.

MYSTERIES AND CLUES ARE NEW

Arrest Expected Last Night; Woman Throws More Light on Case.

NEW YORK, March 19.—New clues and new mysteries were unearthed by the police today in their investigation of the murder of Dorothy Keenan, model, who was found slain in her apartment last Thursday. But the new lines of inquiry only served to make the case more baffling.

It had been announced arrest of a man who had not heretofore been mentioned might be expected but tonight there was no report of such an arrest.

The latest development came when a woman, whose name was not made public but who was said to live in the apartment directly below the one formerly occupied by Miss Keenan, told the police that about midnight last Wednesday she heard footsteps in the apartment above her and that some one paced the floor rapidly, as if extremely nervous. When she went to her window which is on an air shaft, she smelled a pungent odor, apparently that of chloroform.

This information was interpreted by some officials as establishing a new time for the murder. It was pointed out that the mysterious "Mr. Marshall" who has admitted showering gifts of money and jewelry upon the pretty model and who was absolved from all blame in connection with the crime by Assistant District Attorney Pecora, had said he did not leave Miss Keenan's apartment until after midnight; and when he left "Dot" appeared in good spirits.

BANK CLOSED

BOISE, Idaho, March 19.—The First National bank at Nampa failed to open its doors this morning and a bank examiner was reported in charge.

CHERRIANS TO STAGE CIRCUS COMING MONTH

Dates for Biggest Cherringo Yet Staged Set for April 19-20-21, Is Decision of Committee.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL TO BE STAGED IN ARMORY

All Past Events to Be Cast in Shade, Is Assertion of Officials.

Salem Cherrians are to hold their annual Cherringo April 19, 20 and 21, according to the decision reached last night by the committee. Frank Wagar, E. Cooke Patton and Carl Gabrielson. They have contracted with W. F. Browning, well known Oregon show man, of Salem and elsewhere to put on a one-ring old fashioned "circus" as the main attraction of the week. It will be staged indoors, as heretofore, at the armory, and from the brief outline it looks like a regular John Robinson and Barnum circus all rolled into one.

The Cherrians have put on some record-breaking shows in the past, but they say this one will put the others all in the shade. If it does it will be good enough to chalk up on the walls as the high-water mark of Cherrian endeavor.

FOOD MEASURE GETS THROUGH

City Council Honors Halvorsen—Restricting Parking Is Proposed.

The most important and outstanding piece of business accomplished by the city council at its meeting last night was the passage of a resolution before any business had been transacted, which concluded:

"Be it resolved by the common council of the city of Salem, Ore., That in the death of George E. Halvorsen the city of Salem and the state of Oregon have lost a loyal and distinguished citizen of surpassing influence, whose example is an inspiration to all. Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the records of the city of Salem and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family."

Heads Are Bowed.
The resolution was read by Mayor John B. Giesy, its originator. At the conclusion of the reading, in recognition of its passage, every member of the council arose and stood for several seconds with bowed head.

Business in the main last night consisted of the temporary tabling of the parking ordinance and a measure providing for the paving of Portland road near the fair grounds, the passage of the ordinance providing for the regulation of licensed food establishments, the preparation of bidding specifications for gravel and sand, and the calling of a special session for the consideration of the parking ordinance.

The only spirited fight of the evening developed over the resolution providing for the receiving of bids on 600 yards of concrete gravel and 6000 yards of sand. The original measure provided for separate cartage of the sand and gravel. Alderman Van Patton in a spirited address pointed out the irresponsibility of small hauling companies which could not be tied down to the signing of a bond for any respectable amount. A recess of five minutes was taken and in its revised form the measure adopted provided that the gravel and sand companies submitting the successful bids should do the hauling, its bids to be received not later than April 2, at 5 p. m.

Special Meeting Called.
So important was the parking ordinance considered that it was decided to hold a special meeting next Monday night at 7:30 for its consideration. The ordinance, introduced by Alderman Van Patton, provides that a certain district shall be restricted and that two white marks eight feet apart shall be drawn from the curbline.

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FARRAR'S MARITAL TROUBLES TOLD IN COURT; AFFECTIONS OF ACTOR MUCH DISTRIBUTED

YAKIMA INVADED BY KU KLUX KLAN

First Christian Church Falls for Propaganda of Night-Gowned Outfit.

YAKIMA, Wash., March 19.—Yakima's initial first hand acquaintance with the citizens of the invisible empire, composed of the hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan, will come on Thursday evening when a public meeting will be held in the First Christian Church here. Rev. C. C. Curtis, pastor of the Christian church at Bannockburn, Wash., and now touring the state as lecturing Kiegle of the Klan, will be the speaker at the rally. T. A. Rogers of Wapato is the official organizer of the Klan in this district will be on the rostrum also.

PARRENT CASE TO BE DROPPED

Mayor Giesy Makes Statement Relative to Recent Police Affair.

The case of Charles R. Parrent, ex-city patrolman who was recently asked to resign by Chief Walter Birtcher, in connection with charges of improper conduct toward girl inmates of the city jail during the month of February, has been definitely dropped, according to advice received last night from Mayor John B. Giesy. A resolution which was tendered to the city council last night, was accepted by that body.

In connection with the case, in order to clear any doubts which may exist as to Mr. Parrent's relations, the following statement was prepared by Mayor Giesy for publication:

"In order to correct any false impression in the minds of the public concerning former Patrolman Charles R. Parrent, it is sufficient to say that the chief of police had made a rule that no officer should go into the woman's department of the city jail unattended and that no cigarettes should be given to women prisoners. Chief of Police Birtcher claims that Mr. Parrent violated these two rules and in order to enforce discipline in the police department it was necessary in the judgment of the chief to demand Mr. Parrent's star. This explanation is made in justice both to Mr. Parrent and to the chief of police."

Portland High School Boys Lost in Mountains

PORTLAND, Or., March 19.—Parties went out from Portland and from Multnomah Falls tonight to search the slopes of Larch Mountain for Richard Wright and Merrill Bittner, seniors of Lincoln high school, who were thought to be lost there. The pair, both 18 years of age, strayed away some time yesterday from a party of other Lincoln youths and late today had not been found. The party of boys, eight in all, left Portland Saturday night for an over-Sunday climb of the mountain, located 40 miles east of here.

Dancer and Mother Plead Not Guilty to Charges

NEW YORK, March 19.—Evan Burrows Fontaine, Oriental dancer and her mother, Mrs. Florence E. Fontaine today pleaded not guilty and were freed on \$5,000 bail each for trial on perjury charges growing out of the dancer's million dollar breach of promise suit against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney.

STUDIOS BURN

PORTLAND, Or., March 19.—Studios of the Lifeograph company, motion picture producers, were destroyed in a spectacular fire tonight. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

Testimony Becomes Too Raw for Tender Sensibilities of Gotham Newsmongers, and They Are Ushered Outside While Detective Tells Story—Spaghetti and Kisses Are Midnight Delectation.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Lou Tellegen, actor, who is being sued for divorce by Geraldine Farrar, former Metropolitan opera star, was described today as a "Don Juan" of the stage, a seashore and ghetto, by witnesses testifying for the diva before Referee Thomas H. Mahoney.

These witnesses named two "strikingly beautiful" young women as co-respondents. One was Miss Lorna Ambler, an Australian actress. The other was referred to as a "Miss L." an American actress who played in the same company with Tellegen in 1921.

A third woman, said to be known in San Francisco as Besse Clifford, was named in the complaint, but no mention was made of her today.

Two of the witnesses, W. F. Beers and Louis Malthaner, owners of bungalows in a colony on Long Beach, described a "month of bliss" spent in July 1921 by Tellegen and Miss Ambler in a cottage facing the sea.

Beers said he rented one of his bungalows to a man named Rankin, said to be Tellegen's secretary. Malthaner and his wife spent several days in the bungalow before Tellegen and the other young woman arrived. Beers said he did not pay much attention to the occupants of the house, but that he knew they lived there together. Several times he saw them on the beach.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 19.—Lou Tellegen, who is appearing at a local theatre tonight, declared he does not intend to defend himself against the sensational charges made by witnesses testifying for Geraldine Farrar in her divorce hearing in New York today.

DAVIS IS NAMED ON GAME BOARD

One Reappointed and Four New Members Named; Will Meet March 31.

Roy F. Davis of Medford was yesterday appointed by Governor Pierce as state game commissioner to succeed L. E. Bean of Eugene. He has lived in Medford for 12 years. He is federal commissioner and circuit court reporter at Jacksonville. Prior to locating in Medford he lived in Pendleton. He is a Democrat.

Prison Army Corps Gives Present to Marcussen

Col. Emil Marcussen, a north-west officer of the Salvation Army, was presented with a paper knife by the members of the state prison army corps. Colonel Marcussen spoke at the penitentiary at 9 o'clock Sunday and the prison orchestra played for the assembly. He has visited nearly every state prison in the United States and all of the federal prisons, and said that the spirit in the Oregon institution was the best he had met. Fifteen men expressed a desire to be Christians.

He held meetings later at both the boys training school and the girls' industrial school which were satisfactory in every way, according to the Army men in charge. Staff Captain Helsing, of the Oregon district, accompanied Colonel Marcussen to the meetings.

A successful meeting was held in the evening at the Salvation Army hall on State street. Ten men expressed a desire to be Christians at this meeting.

Silverton Church Packed at McCollough Funeral

SILVERTON, Or., March 19.—(Special to The Statesman.)—About 500 people, it is said, were turned away from the Methodist church Sunday at the funeral of Russell McCollough. The church was packed with friends of the young man and of his relatives. The funeral was in charge of the Epworth League of which he had been a member.

Russell died Wednesday afternoon of last week from injuries received at the portable lumber mill operated by Dr. P. L. Loar of Silverton. The accident occurred on Monday morning.

HEALTH IS GOOD

MOSCOW, March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—The general health of Premier Nikolai Lenin was reported by the attending physician today as good.

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