

## DIVINE SARAH SAID TO BE NEAR DEATH

Physicians Pronounce Star of Stage Critically Ill—Constitution Much Weakened

## POSSIBILITY FOR RECOVERY NOT GREAT

Relapse First Suffered at Play in Paris Given December 18th

PARIS, March 24.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt is critically ill, perhaps dying. Bravely this remarkable woman who belongs to the world as well as to France, is fighting against the ravages of disease but her weakened constitution makes the odds much against her.

After a long consultation to-night the attending physicians issued the following bulletin: "The condition of Madame Bernhardt has become aggravated in the last few days and the prognosis must be reserved."

Slinking Spell Sudden The guarded terms used would lead to the belief that the possibility of Bernhardt's recovery is not great. Bernhardt herself declared only recently that she would continue her work on the stage to the very last, and only this week she posed at her home in a film for an American company, thus probably overtaxing her strength.

Madame Bernhardt, who observed her 77th birthday October 23 last, suffered a collapse at the rehearsal of a new play in Paris on December 18. She made little of the affair at the time, terming it a mere fainting spell, and declaring that she would soon be back before the footlights. She suffered several relapses, and on December 24 was reported to be dying. She slowly recovered from this setback, however, and on January 10 felt so strong that she insisted upon attending the theater. Since then until the news today of her sudden sinking spell, her condition was not considered serious.

## Information About Boon Family Wanted in East

A letter regarding the whereabouts of John Boon, last heard from in 1890, or of his descendants, was received by City Recorder Marten Folsen yesterday. The letter was from Mrs. Katharine Whitman Slayton of 472 Whitney avenue, New Haven, Conn., and is as follows: "I am anxious to get in touch with any of the family of one John Boon, who was last heard from by his mother, now dead, in 1890. I am enclosing a letter addressed to any of his family and shall greatly appreciate your help if you know anything of the family."

"Some of the older people in Salem may know them if they are no longer there, and I will gladly correspond with anyone of the family if you will send me the names of such."

## Valley Packing Company Building at Silverton

SILVERTON, Or., March 24.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Silverton is to have two new brick buildings, both of which are to be used for meat markets. One is being built by the Valley Packing company in the location of the former Bock Brothers meat market, on Main street. The tearing away of the old building is already under way. The other new building is to be built by Garver & Graham, a local meat firm. It is understood that this firm purchased the Barr & Porter property on North Water street, directly across from the present location of the Garver & Graham meat market.

### THE WEATHER

OREGON: Sunday fair, LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday) Maximum temperature, 55. Minimum temperature, 37. River, 3.9 inches, falling. Rainfall, .02 inch. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, west.

## SAUNDERS DECLINES TO ACCEPT SHARES SOLD UNDER OFFER

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Clarence Saunders, awaiting settlement with "shorts" caught in the jam when trading in Piggly Wiggly Stores Inc., of which Saunders is the head, was stopped by the New York stock exchange Tuesday after a day of wild fluctuations, will decline to accept in settlement "at this late day," any of the stock sold "under his \$100 a share" offer of yesterday. Mr. Saunders in a statement issued late today, held the offer of yesterday was a "one day" proposal and those still short cannot now make settlement with that stock.

## SPIRIT FORM ON PICTURE

Photographer Declares Three Distinct Ovals Resembling Faces Recorded

LOS ANGELES, March 24.—Photographic prints, from a plate made yesterday at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Fairfield McVicker, associate pastor of the Central Spiritualist church, showed three distinct ovals resembling human faces, according to the photographer who made the prints. In the lower part of the picture there are also several other fog-like smudges that it is said have some resemblance to faces.

Before her death, Mrs. McVicker requested a photographer be at her funeral to take pictures of her casket, and she would cause her spirit form to record itself on the camera plate.

When Mrs. McVicker died, Albert H. Hetzel, a friend, made arrangements for the photographer. He secured the services of C. H. Monroe of Los Angeles.

Mrs. McVicker requested the pictures be made at or near 5 o'clock in the afternoon, as this she considered the most favorable time for her spirit form to appear. Accordingly, at the First Spiritualist church, where the funeral was conducted, the photographer made two exposures. A third exposure was attempted, but prevented by the ending of the service. The plates were taken to the Monroe studio and developed. This process was carried on very slowly by using a weak developing solution in order to bring out every detail in the picture. One plate was spoiled in developing. When the remaining plate was examined late yesterday while still wet from the developing tank, it showed evidence of spiritual form, according to announcement by Mrs. McVicker's co-religionists.

The plate was allowed to dry and the prints were made late today.

## AUTO PLUNGES, SEVERAL HURT

Three Persons in Hospital at Silverton as Result of Accident

SILVERTON, Or., March 24.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Mrs. Lou Erickson and two small children are in a local hospital with severe injuries and several other persons are less seriously injured following a spectacular automobile accident here about 4 o'clock p. m. today, in which escape from death by some of the persons involved is almost miraculous.

Mrs. Merlin Conrad was driving north on North Water street in a coupe and started to turn across the bridge over Silver creek into Geiser addition. It is said she failed to signal as she started to turn, with the result that a heavier automobile that was coming behind and carrying five persons crashed into her car. The coupe was knocked against a telephone pole and Mrs. Conrad and her little girls who was with her were slightly hurt. The heavier car plunged over the bank and catapulted late Silver creek where it landed upside down. The persons in the big car were a son of Mrs. Erickson, who was driving, his mother and her two younger children, and a young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holman. All are of Silverton.

## HUBBY SURE IF GIRL GETS COVETED DESK

Ina Proctor Seventh Who Has Held Certain Job to Yield to Cupid's Arrows

When Miss Ina Proctor was married here Saturday afternoon to Marc Latham of Silverton, she was the seventh young woman who has presided at a certain desk in the correspondence department of the state automobile division to be lured from that desk by Cupid in the last three years. The other six were Hazel Downing, Edna Wagers, Vivian Browne, Lillian Olson, Florence Bell and Josephine Moon. Carl D. Gabrielson, superintendent of the division, says there is a deluge of applications for the job.

## INNER CIRCLE TO BE CALLED

Many Followers of Benjamin Purnell, Cult Leader, Will Take Stand

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 24.—Members of "The Inner Circle" of the Israelite House of David and other followers of Benjamin Purnell, cult leader, to the number of 40 are to be called by the defense when the suit for an accounting brought by John W. Hansell is resumed here Monday, it was learned today.

The list of witnesses includes two sisters of Mrs. Ethern Hansell, star witness for the plaintiff and former secretary to Purnell as well as several "high priestesses" of the House of Shilo, where it has been testified, immoral practices were indulged in.

Charges Denied Whether Purnell will take the witness stand still is doubtful. It was previously announced here that his wife, Mary, would testify but her name does not appear on the witness list.

A brief to be filed by attorneys for the plaintiff Monday, setting forth in detail Hansell's claim of fraud, in which, he declares, he turned over \$5000 to the colony when he became a member and which was denied him, he alleges, when he was expelled. Hansell asks settlement in the sum of \$80,000. The brief will also deny the charges that he was the leader in a proposed "revolt" against Purnell, the purpose of which was said to have been the setting up of a new colony at Nashville, Tenn.

## ARE SENTENCED THEN PAROLED

Kronberg, Walker, Liljeblad and Dietrick all Escape Prison Walls

Al Kronberg and Frank J. Walker, indicted by the Marion county grand jury on a charge of burning their property with intent to injure the insurer, and who later pleaded guilty when arraigned in the circuit court, were yesterday afternoon sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Judge Percy Kelly. They were immediately afterwards paroled to Sheriff O. D. Bower on condition of continued good behavior. Both Kronberg and Walker were accused of burning their garage at Mt. Angel with intent to collect the insurance thereon. David Liljeblad, charged with forgery, pleaded guilty when arraigned and yesterday morning was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary by Judge Kelly. He was later paroled to the state parole office.

Martin Dietrick, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve one year in jail. He was later paroled to W. C. Winslow.

### NO VERDIOT REACHED

DENVER, Colo., March 24.—The jury trying 20 alleged members of a nation-wide confidence ring was locked up at 9:50 o'clock tonight when they had failed to reach agreement at that time.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS CLOSE

BERLIN, March 24.—Subscriptions to Germany's 50-million dollar internal loan closed today but it was announced at the reichsbank that no information regarding the results will be available for four days.

## NEWSPAPER CONFERENCE IS FINISHED

Publishers to Ask Investigation of Present High Price of Print Paper

EUGENE, March 24.—The Oregon Newspaper conference, which closed a two-day's session at the University of Oregon this afternoon, adopted resolutions condemning the manufacturers of print paper for the present high price situation and calling on the federal trade commission for an investigation.

## FLOOD DANGER THOUGHT PAST

Ice Reported to be Melting Rapidly and River Falls Several Feet

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 24.—All flood danger is past unless very severe and unusual weather conditions set in very soon, according to a statement made tonight by R. J. Anderson, chairman of the board of supervisors of Woodbury county. A. B. Erickson, also of the board, and J. C. McLean, county engineer, who spent all day Saturday in the danger zone on both sides of the Missouri river investigating the situation. Their statement declared that a drop of two feet in water stage, at the lower point of the gorge on the Iowa side, about three miles south of Sergeant Bluffs, Ia., had occurred in the 24 hours from Friday night to Saturday night. A recession of seven inches was noted at Dakota City, Neb., they said, the fall having occurred since this morning.

### Ice Melting

A well defined and open channel 150 to 175 feet wide has been opened on the Iowa side according to the statement and the water is flowing off freely, thus relieving the situation.

The ice is melting rapidly so that numerous open spots in the ice sheet have made their appearance.

Members of the delegation from board of supervisors who viewed the gorge, in company of the two engineers, declared that they did not order Sheriff Paul T. Beardsley to wire war department officials requesting the assistance of a fleet of airplanes to destroy the ice jam, as was stated in newspaper stories.

## BLIGH BUYER OF THIELSEN HOUSE

Theatre Man Acquires Building Where Apartments are to be Built

T. G. Bligh yesterday bought at auction the Thielsen house at Court and Capitol, where the new Capital apartments are to be built. He has contracted to remove the building within two weeks, though he announces that he will get it out of the way within 10 days, and leave the lot free for the new building operations. It is to be moved farther north on Capitol street, where he has property to hold it. The price paid was \$550.

## PROMINENT CLUBMAN IS IMPLICATED

Mysterious "Mr. Marshall" of Model Murder Case, Proves to be John Kearsley Mitchell

## SECRETARY PROVES TO BE EMINENT ATTORNEY

Wife Professes Complete Surprise When Husband Named as Defendant

NEW YORK, March 24.—Assistant District Attorney Pecora who for nine days has preserved the incognito of the mysterious "Mr. Marshall" of the Dorothy Keenan murder case, today admitted reluctantly when faced by a band of newspapermen that "Mr. Marshall" was John Kearsley Mitchell of Philadelphia, capitalist, clubman and son-in-law of E. T. Stotesbury of J. P. Morgan and company.

At the same time Mr. Pecora removed the veil of secrecy surrounding the identity of "Mr. Wilson, secretary," who accompanied Mitchell to the apartment of the Broadway hotel the night before she was slain. "Mr. Wilson" said the assistant prosecutor, was John H. Jackson, New York lawyer.

### Wife Professes Surprise

After this denouement, Mr. Pecora held a conference with Mitchell and Jackson. The pair, accompanied by Neilson O'Leary, another New York lawyer retained by Mr. Mitchell, stepped into Mr. Pecora's office after it had been vacated by "Billie" Bradford, Miss Keenan's maid, who also had been summoned for further questioning.

Mr. Mitchell, whose wife, Mrs. Frances Stotesbury Mitchell, today in Palm Beach professed complete surprise when informed that her husband had been named as the mysterious "Mr. Marshall" was called here for questioning as to whether he had any knowledge of a blackmail plot which Mr. Pecora believed existed but in which Miss Keenan refused to join. In a formal statement Mr. Pecora reiterated his belief that Mr. Mitchell and Jackson had no connection with the crime and that neither would be arrested.

### No Statement Made

Mr. Mitchell was detained in the district attorney's office until nearly 7 o'clock tonight. He refused to make any statement as he left and rushed down the elevator to the street.

After the clubman had gone Mr. Pecora said he was "absolutely convinced" that Dorothy Keenan was murdered as the result of a blackmail plot directed

## BOOTLEGGING TRADE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CAR SHORTAGE HERE

California booze grapes and the national craze for bootlegging are responsible for no small part of the fruitmen's troubles on the Pacific coast this year, according to a talk made by B. W. Johnson, of Monroe Saturday at the session of Oregon apple and pear growers at the Masonic Temple.

Mr. Johnson produces the statistics to show that, whereas a few years ago the California wine grape was hardly worth mentioning as an article of commerce, last year there were 200,000 acres of these grapes doing business, and there were 40,000 carloads of the dried product shipped out of the state. This has robbed legitimate fruit business of the Pacific car allotment, and the cars have gone into an illegitimate business of helping to violate the national Volstead act.

## JAIL INMATE ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIMSELF

Rex Shields, Paroled From Penitentiary, Says He Will Not go Back Alive

EUGENE, Ore., March 24.—Rex Shields, paroled convict from the Oregon penitentiary, who made a sensational escape from the county jail here yesterday, holding up a deputy sheriff with a revolver and locking the officer in jail, but afterward returning with his mother and giving himself up, attempted suicide in jail today by drinking a quantity of poison disinfectant fluid found in the jail. Shields had said that he would never go back to the penitentiary alive. He was in a serious condition for a few hours, but the attending physicians say he may recover.

## FOSTER TRIAL WILL PROCEED

Attempts to Tamper With Communist Jury Said to Have Been Frustrated

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Attempts to tamper with the jury trying William Z. Foster on charges of criminal syndicalism, have been frustrated, and the trial will proceed, Berrien county officials stated today.

First confirmation from an official source that an apparent effort to influence the jurors had been detected came today after publication of the details of Judge Charles White's hurried conference with lawyers for the state and with the jury after court adjourned last night.

Two men, one a local resident and the other a stranger, were reported to have been caught following one or more jurors. They were searched, questioned and then released with the warning to stay away.

Charles E. Ruttenberg, executive secretary of the Workers' party, who was on the stand when court adjourned yesterday, will resume Monday his story of the communist convention held in the dunes near here last August.

Frank P. Walsh, chief counsel for Foster, has not decided whether Foster will take the stand in his own behalf.

## CONSIDER PLANS

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Members of a commission appointed by Secretary Hoover to investigate agricultural export problems as authorized by the last congress at an executive meeting today considered preliminary plans laid down for them by Dr. Frank M. Surface, who will be the chief of its staff. Secretary Hoover acted as chairman.

## UNITED YMCA SCHOOLS OFFER EXCELLENT COURSES

One of the most interesting and instructive window displays seen in Salem recently is the one in the south window of the Commercial Book store, which was prepared by Norman Kenney local representative of the United YMCA schools.

## DEATH CALLS U. S. SENATOR NICHOLSON

Cancer of the Liver Held to be Cause—Illness Which Proves Fatal of Long Duration

## CALLS PHYSICIAN FOR FIRST TIME IN LIFE

Democrat Will Probably Fill Vacated Seat in Senate, Is Belief

DENVER, Colo., March 24.—Samuel D. Nicholson, United States senator from Colorado, died here at 9:15 o'clock tonight.

Carcinoma, or cancer of the liver, caused his death. He had been ill for nearly a month.

Senator Nicholson was unconscious when he died. He had lapsed into a state of coma shortly before the end and he did not regain consciousness before he succumbed.

The malady which caused the death of Senator Nicholson was the first serious illness he had suffered in his lifetime. In his first appeal to physicians, medical science was unable to aid him.

Nine days before the adjournment of congress, in which he had been serving his first term, the senator was seized with an illness which he at first believed to be a grippe. For the first time in his life Senator Nicholson called a physician. As a result of a diagnosis at the army and navy hospital in Washington, he was advised to consult the Mayo brothers at Rochester, Minn.

### Falls Rapidly.

On March 10 Senator Nicholson arrived at Rochester and his case was disposed of by physicians at the Mayo brothers' clinic.

It was decided that an operation was inexpedient. Falling rapidly, as the toxic poisons resulting from his condition spread, Senator Nicholson requested that he be removed to his home in Denver.

### Throughout the journey to Colorado the senator rested easily, but his strength was waning, immediately after his arrival he was taken to his home and another diagnosis indicated that his condition remained extremely critical. Hope was virtually abandoned by physicians who were unable to cope with the fatal malady, and death resulted.

### May Appoint Democrat.

DENVER, Colo., March 24.—The death of Senator Nicholson, who was a Republican, will send a Democrat to the United States senate from Colorado. The appointment of his successor rests with Governor W. E. Sweet, Democrat.

The senator's term did not expire until March 3, 1927. His successor will be appointed to serve until the general election in 1924, when Colorado, for the first time in history will elect two United States senators. One will fill the unexpired term of Senator Nicholson. The other will succeed Lawrence C. Phipps, Republican, whose term expires March 3, 1925.

Governor Sweet announced tonight that he had not considered the matter of making a successor for Senator Nicholson because "I wanted Senator Nicholson to get well."

## United YMCA Schools Offer Excellent Courses

Among the larger growers present were D. R. E. Saunders, C. R. Thompson, C. S. Stone, Thos. Grants, C. A. Canby, Noel Davis, Grants, Pass, W. E. St. John, Sutherland, Roy Yeacum, B. W. Johnson, Monroe, Kenneth Miller, Sheridan, Profs. W. S. Brown and A. B. Cordley, OAC, Corvallis, and Seymour Jones, Salem.