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## LOVETT HEARD IN PARLEY ON ROAD MERGER

Union Pacific Chairman Tells Commission its Valuations Would be Embarrassing to Big Purchasers

## TESTIMONY BOLDER THAN IN WASHINGTON

Hundred Per Cent Line to Chicago Would Tempt S. P. Says Judge

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific system, told the interstate commerce commission at a field hearing held today on the nation-wide consolidation of railroads, under the Esch-Cummings bill, that the commission's valuation on short line railroads would be "embarrassing" to larger purchasing lines.

Judge Lovett took advantage of the California hearing to get before the commission views he was unable to express in Washington against the Holden plan for the consolidation of railroads and advocated a merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Ogden route, the old Harriman combination, to compete with the Hill road consolidation advocated by Holden.

Would Tempt SP

The suggested consolidation of the Southern Pacific with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway would give the Southern Pacific a "100 per cent line to Chicago," it would be a "great temptation" for the Southern Pacific to route its Ogden gateway traffic through the Rock Island to Chicago by "short hauling" the Union Pacific by the Denver & Rio Grande railroad to Denver, the witness said.

Judge Lovett was frankly pessimistic regarding the anticipated benefits of railway consolidations under the Esch-Cummings bill and suggested that the lines should be left to follow their natural developments in acquiring extensions and feeders, subject to the approval of the commission.

Western Wants Freedom

President C. M. Levey of the Western Pacific railroad expressed the conviction that the Western Pacific should be left free to participate in the most profitable grouping under the Esch-Cummings act, but that it should also be part of a main competitive line to Chicago with connections through the Denver & Rio Grande and the Burlington road to Chicago.

The Northwestern Pacific spurned the characterization of an orphan line given it early in the day, and W. S. Palmer, its president, said it had "two perfectly good parents." The Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific, which holds the lines under joint management and ownership. Shippers who use the line supported Palmer's testimony that it should be continued under the present management.

Would Be Left Alone

The diversion of the day came from J. E. Sexton, ransy manager of the Eureka-Nevada railway, a feeder to the Southern Pacific line at Palisades, Nev., and extending 34 miles south to Eureka, when asked his wishes regarding disposition of the line under the Esch-Cummings law, Sexton said:

"Just let us alone, please. You have too many regulations now."

He frankly told the commissioners of the machinations necessary to prevent the road from earning its 6 per cent minimum, \$35,000 annually in order that excess earnings would not

## FRED CURRY NAMED STATE FAIR BOARD SECRETARY MONDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2.—Fred Curry of Portland, formerly a business man of La Grande, was today elected by the state fair board as secretary of the board and manager of the Oregon state fair.

For several months it has been considered a foregone conclusion that Curry would be elected to the place to succeed A. H. Lea, but at a meeting in Salem Saturday it was said when the meeting adjourned that the election of a secretary would be deferred for 30 days.

The board met here today with H. C. Browne, until recently a member of the board, to discuss the racing feature of the state fair. It is said the new state fair board is not in full accord with some of the rules of the North Pacific Racing association of which the Oregon state fair is a member.

Mr. Curry is a close friend of Governor Pierce and formerly was in business with him in La Grande.

## NEW CHURCH IS NEAR COMPLETION

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 2.—Delegates of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, representing more than 40 cities and towns of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, gathered here today for a three-day conference which is to be held by the exalted cyclops of those Klans. After a general "get-together" meeting, held during the afternoon, the first day's session closed without any statement made as to the results of the meeting further than that the Klansmen would "naturalize" a group of 200 candidates into Walla Walla Klan No. 3 Tuesday evening which will be attended by the visiting delegates.

The meeting, which was held in a local lodge room, was closed to the public, and it is understood to have been more of an "acquaintance" confab than anything else.

On Wednesday the exalted cyclops will draw up a "dominion" plan of thought and action which is to bind more solidly the course of the Klans in the three states.

Among the cities represented here are Bellingham, Spokane, Portland, Boise, Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett, Vancouver, Lewiston, Cle Elum, Astoria, Port Angeles and many others.

W. I. Powell, King Kleagle of the Washington, Idaho and Oregon districts, who met with the exalted cyclops today, and who presided over the first meeting, left for Seattle tonight, where he will attend meetings of the Klan in that city.

Orrin S. Smith of Spokane, who is here with a large delegation from that city stated that Walla Walla, by comparison with population, had the largest and most active Klan in the state of Washington.

A request of the local Klansmen to hold a parade in regalia on the streets of Walla Walla, was refused today by Mayor Ben F. Hill, who declared that inasmuch as a law of the state specifically prohibited anyone appearing in public in mask, the request could not be granted.

"I have no objection to the Ku Klux Klan parading without a covering on the face, however," said the mayor, "as long as the police department is cognizant in order to properly direct traffic."

## Montgomery Ward and Sears, Roebuck Prosper

CHICAGO, Apr. 2.—Montgomery Ward Co. receipts for March were the highest for any March in the history of the company, \$12,375,073, an increase of 61.55 per cent compared with March last year. Sales for the first quarter of the year total \$30,515,611 as against \$19,410,312 for the first quarter of 1922.

The March sales by Sears, Roebuck & Co., \$19,755,338, show an increase of 35.03 per cent over the corresponding time in 1922. The increase for the first quarter of 1923 is \$15,397,388 compared with the first quarter of 1922.

## ORPHEUM BUILDING BOUGHT

SEATTLE, April 2.—Purchase of the Orpheum theater building in Seattle from the New York Life Insurance company by Louis R. Lurie, San Francisco capitalist, for about \$750,000 was announced today.

## HEARST'S SON ELOPES WITH IDAHO WOMAN

Publisher's Son and Miss Wilbur Run Away From University and are Married

MARTINEZ, Cal., April 2.—George Hearst, son of William Randolph Hearst, and Blanche Wilbur, daughter of O. K. Wilbur of Idaho Falls, Idaho, eloped from the University of California at Berkeley and were married here today. Both have been prominent in college activities.

The couple appeared at the county clerk's office and applied for a license. Hearst gave his age as 21, his birthplace as Washington, D. C., and his father as W. R. Hearst. Miss Wilbur said she was 19.

The license obtained, the two hurried off to St. Catherine's church where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father F. S. Olson.

BERKELEY, Cal., April 2.—Charles Mayer, cousin of George Hearst and a fellow student in the University of California, was taken by surprise tonight when he was informed of Mr. Hearst's marriage to Miss Blanche Wilbur at Martinez today. He said he had been with Hearst most of the day and did not see how he could have got away long enough to marry.

The report of the wedding also came as a surprise to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity of which Mr. Hearst is a member.

## NEW HOSPITAL IN DIFFICULTY

Costs Increase While Management is Waiting for Pledges to Make Good

Because not nearly all those who subscribed for the Salem Hospital fund, have paid their subscriptions, and because of those who did not subscribe at all, the hospital is facing two serious conditions:

Building costs have gone up so rapidly since the work should have been finished that the building will now cost close to \$15,000 more than if the money had been forth-coming. At that, the building as it stands today is worth at least that much more than it has cost.

Pledges Not Kept

The campaign last fall for \$25,000 to finish the hospital, fell \$10,000 short of the goal, and of the money that actually was promised, not nearly all has been paid. The payments were to be in January and April 1. The deficiency runs into several thousands of dollars. This shortage will cause a total advance in the building cost of at least \$15,000, as it was impossible to protect contracts, due to the non-payment of pledges and the lack of funds. The hospital cannot incur any indebtedness that would jeopardize the possession of the property, hence it is impossible to negotiate a loan to anticipate its requirements or its pledges.

Prices Go Up

If the required \$25,000 in additional pledges, are estimated to complete the structure, had been raised last fall, the first unit of the new hospital could have been finished for that sum. Now it will require \$6,000 for the inside plaster, \$2,500 for the tiling for surgeries, toilets and lavatories, \$1,150 for hardware, \$2,250 for balance on plumbing and heating contracts, \$1,000 balance for electrical wiring, etc., \$4,500 balance on mill work, \$2,500 builders' contract balance, \$1,000 for miscellaneous labor, \$1,000 for inside painting, and \$4,700 balance on main elevator and diet kitchen dumb waiter, a total of \$26,800.

Building at Standstill

The building is practically at a standstill now because of the lack of funds, and the legal prohibition against debt. The past history of the old hospital, and the careful study of what the new one ought to give in the way of revenues, indicate that the institution could actually pay much of its own debts if only it could legally borrow money which it dares not do. The floors are finished; the partitions set in place; the plumbing and wiring done, as no other building in Oregon is served; the steps are poured, the heating plant is in service. The cost to date has been \$77,500. Of this, the public has paid \$53,235 in subscriptions, the other coming from the sale of

## SOVIET SENDS SHARP LETTER TO THE POLES

Interference With Execution of Priests Declared Unfriendly Act—Vicar General Still Alive

## BAD FAITH CHARGED IN NOTE FROM WARSAW

Flagrant Violation of Liberty and Conscience Called Unprecedented

MOSCOW, April 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Russian government tonight sent a sharp note for transmission to the Polish government, characterizing Poland's attempted "interference with Russian justice" as an unfriendly act.

So far as could be ascertained, tonight's Vicar General Butchkevich had not been executed up to this afternoon.

Bad Faith Charged

A dispatch from Warsaw last Tuesday said that when Premier Sikorski learned that Archbishop Zepilak, Vicar General Butchkevich and the other priests had been found guilty by the Moscow court he sent for Leonid Obienski, the soviet minister to Poland and informed him that the Polish government and population observed with anxiety the attitude of the soviet government toward the Catholic church, and the Polish minority in Russia. He added that representatives of the Russian government had assured the Polish minister in Moscow that the trial of the priests was only a formality, and without importance, but that the sentence of death had been pronounced upon two of the men convicted.

Liberty Violated

"Acting not only as the head of Polish government but as the spokesman of the civilized world which indignantly condemns this unprecedented act of flagrant violation of liberty and conscience, and the elementary rights of citizens," the premier added, "I direct the soviet's attention to the responsibility it would assume by the execution of the sentences."

The premier asked M. Obienski to convey his declaration to the soviet government.

## JACK BRITTON DIES BY GUN

Memphis Middleweight Killed by George Jones, Who Surrenders

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 2.—Jack Britton, Memphis boxer, was shot and instantly killed today near White Station, a suburb. George Jones, charged with the shooting, surrendered. Britton, a middleweight, was about 33 years old.

## Easter Cantata, Pleases Throng at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., April 2.—(Special to The Statesman.)—About 1200 heard the Easter cantata at the Eugene Field auditorium Sunday night. The cantata, which was the "Resurrection Story," was sung by 40 voices, 16 of whom sang solos.

A great deal of credit is due Mrs. Vida Bennett, who directed the affair. For the splendid harmony she secured from the blend of voices and for the selection of the soloists. The heaviest solos were carried by Mrs. Gordon McCall, Mrs. N. K. Hitchens, Mrs. M. G. Gunderson, N. M. Smith, Tom Korhus and Gordon McCall.

Perhaps the two most popular selections of the entire cantata were the dust by Mrs. S. Hall and Mrs. Murrell and the part taken by the women's chorus.

The stage was beautifully decorated with Easter flowers, which also added much to the Easter atmosphere. Rev. Mr. Lindset opened the evening's program with the invocation. Rev. George Henriksen closed the program with a short Easter greeting and with the benediction.

Mrs. Edison Comstalk served as pianist.

## ONE OF THESE MEN WILL BE NAMED CHICAGO MAYOR IN CITY ELECTION TODAY



Judge William E. Dever, Democratic Candidate for Mayor of Chicago, and his Republican opponent, Arthur C. Lueder. The election is today.



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## INVESTIGATION OF CAPITAL SOCIETY IS NOW DEMANDED

SPOKANE, Wash., April 2.—Petitions asking federal grand jury investigation of statements of alleged misconduct in Washington, D. C., society circles will be circulated at once in leading Pacific coast cities, it was announced tonight by H. C. Harris, chairman of a citizens' committee arranging for the petitions.

This was the latest development of the future started by newspaper articles written by Mrs. Elizabeth G. Poindexter, wife of former Senator Poindexter of this state, now ambassador to Peru, detailing gambling and drinking episodes as every day affairs in the nation's capital.

## CITY COUNCIL IN MOOD FOR MURDER

Campaign of Extermination and Regulation Inaugurated Last Night

Casting reserve to the winds at its regular bi-weekly gathering last night, the city council, assembled en masse, in a meeting which passed from the ridiculous to the sublime, under the leadership of Mayor John B. Giesy as commander-in-chief and Alderman C. Van Patton as field general, entered upon a campaign of wholesale extermination which beginning with the Alexandria apartment house as a starter ended with a parliamentary flourish against the Highland jitney bus.

Chief of Police Birchett was delegated as a committee of one to instruct the owner of the Alexandria, 1030 Chemeketa street, that unless a license was immediately taken out the place would "be closed up." This action was taken as the result of an unsuccessful effort on the part of the city inspector to convince the apartment house owner of this necessity.

A blow at the method of repair work now under way in the Murphy block; Commercial and State, was then dealt by Alderman C. Van Patton, who characterized the work as "disgraceful," suggesting that the city attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance covering the matter of repair work over \$200, to the effect that plans and specifications first be submitted to the city engineer.

This suggestion put in the form of a motion was passed by the council.

Coming as a final climax to a long series of prohibitory legislation, the ghost of the Highland jitney was thrown into the council chambers. It was contended that although it possessed a tax license it should not be permitted to "ramble at will."

Under the leadership of Alderman Van Patton who suggested that a prescribed course be mapped out for the jitney, the matter was thrown from the building committee to the band committee, from the band committee to the sewer committee and hence back to the building committee, where it finally rested.

To top the hilarity this action was followed by a verbal encounter.

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## 4 TRIALS ARE FOLLOWED TO SOLVE TANGLE

Police Expected Hourly to Arrest Man Who Formed Blackmail Plot Against John Kearsley Mitchell

## CHLOROFORM BOTTLE MOST VALUABLE CLEW

Responsibility of Case Now Rests Entirely on Shoulders of Inspector

NEW YORK, April 2.—Four trials leading to the slayer of Dorothy King Keenan, a model friend of John Kearsley Mitchell, wealthy Philadelphia clubman, were being followed tonight by detectives assigned by Police Inspector Coughlin, in whose hands rests the full responsibility for solution of the murder since the withdrawal Saturday of Assistant District Attorney Peacor.

Blackmailer Sought

One trail, leading to the discovery of the conspirator who planned a \$100,000 blackmail plot against Mitchell, and who is believed to have obtained the model's misleading Palm Beach letter written by the Philadelphia a few days before her death, was admittedly carrying its end. Detectives, it was learned, had ascertained the dwelling place of the man and momentarily were expecting to apprehend him.

Another trail led to the storage and every patrolman in the city was ordered to canvass drug stores in his precinct tonight in an effort to trace the purchaser of the chloroform used to stuff the model. The empty bottle, with the serial number ripped off, is guarded closely as the most valuable clue in the murder mystery.

Pawn Shops Visted

A third trail which had brought no results, led to pawn shops and fences, where the slayer of Miss Keenan is believed to have disposed of her jewels, valued at \$16,000. Detectives were working on the fourth angle in a roundup of close friends of the model in the hope that one of them knew her secrets and could shed additional light in the so-far baffling case.

NEW YORK, April 2.—A "Broadway butterfly" and an artist's model, Dorothy King Keenan, chloroform murder victim, had another role—that of senior member of the stock brokers firm of "King & Scott"—it was learned tonight. The revelation was made by Assistant District Attorney Thomas Geraty, who investigated the firm last summer, to Assistant District Attorney Peacor.

Albert E. Gutmares, the man in the fur coat, who was an admirer of the model and to whom she was said to have made many gifts, also was interested in the brokerage house, Geraty said.

Miss Keenan, who was known on Broadway as Dorothy "King," backed the company with large sums of money, Geraty said he was told by Gutmares. "King & Scott" he said, was affiliated with another brokerage house, "Stoddard & Sandborn," in which Gutmares also held an interest and through which he was reported to have made from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year.

The extent of Miss Keenan's holdings was not revealed. Authorities immediately began an investigation into her association with the firm. It was indicated that Gutmares acted for her in the management and that he had advanced the greater portion of the capital.

Police declare that a new angle into Miss Keenan's mysterious murder might develop from an investigation into her activities as a stock broker.

## Kathleen Vanderbilt to Marry Harry C. Cushing

NEW YORK, April 2.—Announcement was made today of the engagement of Miss Kathleen Vanderbilt, daughter of Reginald C. Vanderbilt, and Harry C. Cushing III. Miss Vanderbilt, whose mother is the present Mrs. Cushing, is the present Mrs. Cushing. Her father is the late Reginald Vanderbilt.

### THE WEATHER

OREGON—Tuesday, showers.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 57.  
Minimum temperature, 43.  
River, 4.6 ins. falling.  
Rainfall, .19.  
Atmosphere, part cloudy.  
Wind, Northeast.