

RUTHENBERG FOUND GUILTY

VERDICT RETURNED AGAINST COMMUNIST AFTER THIRD BALLOT

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., May 2.—Charles E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland tonight was found guilty of violating the Michigan law against criminal syndicalism. Ruthenberg faces a prison sentence of ten years or a fine of \$5,000, or both. The jury was out four hours and fifty minutes and took three ballots. The first two ballots stood 9 to 3 for conviction, three jurors arguing that the state had not conclusively shown Ruthenberg's state of mind on the Communist propaganda and plans at the time he attended the party's convention in this county last August and was arrested. On the third ballot the three were won over by the majority. Ruthenberg sat unmoved as Thomas Smith, a farmer arose as foreman and pronounced the one word "guilty."

WEST SALEM FIRM GROWS

Expansion of Wood Products Company Important Business Announcement

One of the most important business announcements made in Salem of recent weeks, is the expansion of the Oregon Wood Products company in West Salem. The company has been running along steadily and securely on a small capital, buying its stock and working it up, collecting its bills and making an excellent showing, but never with enough money in sight really to expand and handle the trade that comes in with tears in its eyes asking to be supplied. But now, the showing of the past year and a half has borne fruit, and enough cash has come in to give the company all the money it needs for any kind of an expansion. The company has been making broom handles and general wood novelties—tent toggles, bucket handles, mop handles, and a general line of turned work. Paper plugs and adding machine paper rolls have come to be one of the finest of the company products, from the standpoint of profit. These are made literally by the millions, the orders now in sight covering about 5,000,000 paper plugs for this year. These are of many sizes; the largest being up to six inches in diameter, each a single cut from a fast-sized tree. The broom handles are made of fir wood; the plugs are made of both fir and alder, the alder making the smoother, better finished article. Some maple is used for other products; a very large quantity of ash is to be used, now that the company has the money to expand into the hardwood business. Oak, also, is to be used in large quantities, the Oregon oak making a wonderfully good tool handle, some claiming it to be superior to the best hickory for many tool handles, including those for axes and picks. The company recently set up a sawmill of its own, that will handle logs a little more than two feet in diameter. There has been

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CHILD MAKES DECISION AS TO PARENTAGE

Judge Declares That Law in Case Is Subordinate to Wishes of Young Girl

CHICAGO, May 2.—Alice Nuttall, 12 years old, who has been the center of a battle in the courts between her real and foster mother, Mrs. James Nuttall, was today awarded to the latter by Judge Joseph B. David. The decision came after the child had been placed on the witness stand to decide between Mrs. Ada Morris, the mother who found her after 11 years' search, and the couple who adopted her. "I prefer to live with Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall," Alice said. "I think I could learn to love my real mother, but not as I do 'mother' and 'daddy.'"

And then Judge David, reversing the decision over King Solomon, declared that the law in the case would be considered subordinate to the child's wishes. "The child's welfare is the paramount issue in this case," Judge David declared, and added that this had been lost sight of by the parties concerned owing to the heat of the contest. "It is apparent that the baby, born out of wedlock," he said, "was given to the Illinois Home and Aid society by relatives of the 17-year-old mother in order to avoid scandal. The mother may be thankful that her child fell into the hands of the Nuttalls, who have given it a splendid home and upbringing."

GIRL SLAYER ADMITS CRIME

Prisoner Testifies Whitfield Confessed Murder While Confined in Jail

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—The prosecution late today produced a surprise witness at the trial of George E. Whitfield, accused of the murder of 11-year-old Anna Nosko. He was A. Roy Moore, a prisoner who has been in the county jail here with Whitfield. Moore testified that Whitfield had confessed to him on the night of April 8 last that he had slain the Nosko girl. "He told me," said Moore, "that he had met the Nosko girl on the railroad track. He seized her, he said, and she screamed, whereupon he struck her with his fist and with a sap. He then carried her into a nearby woods. I asked him why he had cut her throat, and he said she was moaning and injured and he then killed her to put her out of her misery."

Whitfield leaped to his feet at one point in Moore's testimony, shouting, "You lie," but was calmed by his attorneys. Moore is awaiting trial in jail here on a charge of participating in the robbery of the Sells-Floto circus ticket wagon here last year. (Continued on page 3)

GIANT PLANE TRYING TRIP TO SAN DIEGO

Army Lieutenants Attempt Second Flight to Coast; Hope to Attend Legion Banquet Tonight

THIRTY-TWO HOURS SET AS TIME GOAL

Squadrons of Planes Greet Aviators as Fast Flight Is Continued

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2.—Maintaining a speed of approximately 100 miles an hour, the T-2, a giant army monoplane tonight was speeding toward the snow-capped Sierra Nevadas. Taking off from Roosevelt field at Hempstead, N. Y., at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon, the plane passed over St. Louis at 1:55 p. m. tonight on a trans-continental non-stop flight to San Diego, Cal., within 32 hours.

Carrying Lieutenants John A. MacReady and Oakley G. Kelly, the plane soared over the Alleghenies, dropped into the Ohio valley and passed over Dayton, where it was greeted by a squadron of planes from the Wilbur Wright and McCook fields at 6:59 p. m.

At Indianapolis the sky voyagers were greeted by another squadron of planes from Fort Benjamin Harrison. The aviators reported that the motor of the trans-continental ship was running perfectly. Almost a thousand miles of the approximately 2400 mile journey had been left behind when the ship was swallowed up by the mists hanging low over St. Louis.

Take-Off Spectacular HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., May 2.—Lieutenants John A. MacReady and Oakley G. Kelly took off from Roosevelt field at 1:36:53 p. m. today in the army monoplane T-2 in their second attempt to make a non-stop trans-continental flight. They hoped to reach San Diego from which their first attempt was made, in 32 hours and attend a dinner of the American Legion tomorrow night. Spectators of the take-off had a moment of horrified suspense when it appeared that the heavily loaded ship could not rise in time to clear the hangars at the end of the field. The E-2 with Lieutenant Kelly in the pilot's seat, cleared the hangars by inches, however, and began making elevation.

One false start was made before the get-away. Lieutenant Kelly turning back for a longer run when he found he could not lift the plane soon enough to clear the hangars. The pilots will alternate during the trip with Lieutenant MacReady at the wheel entering San Diego, if all goes well. The T-2 has no wireless and messages will be dropped, it was said.

INQUEST OVER SKELETON IS DISCONTINUED

Coroner Halts Proceedings to Question Students Concerning Class Rush

CHICAGO, May 2.—Convinced that college hazers saw Leighton Mount die, if they did not actually kill him, Oscar Wolff, coroner of Cook county, halted the inquest over the bleached skeleton of the long lost Northwestern university freshman today to question every student who took part in the freshman-sophomore rush in 1921, which preceded Mount's disappearance. Authorities also questioned Doris Fuchs, to whom Mount wrote a farewell note before he vanished. She said she and Mount were merely good friends and that she did not know whether the note she received was actually written by him. She said he must have at least dictated it as it referred to a conversation they had the day before.

The St. Georges cup is among England's finest golf trophies and in the 35 years of its existence, it never has passed into alien hands. This evening everybody in this golfing country wants to talk about the short, stocky Oregon physician, who turned in the day's best score but nobody knows quite what to say about him because none but his partner and their caddies witnessed his fine performance. From start to finish he made the 18-hole journey unhonored by a gallery. Tomorrow when he sets forth on the last 18 holes of the jaunt around this famous course where last year Walter Hagen won the British open championship, Dr. Willing is sure to be the cynosure of holders of eyes that today chose to look on the play of the amateur champions of England and the United States, E. W. E. Holderness and Jess Sweetzer, the cards of both of whom revealed the unsatisfactory total of 81 strokes.

FARES CUT BY ELECTRIC ROAD

Rate Between Salem and Portland Now \$2—Other Reductions are Made

Becoming effective this morning, the Oregon Electric is making a considerable cut in passenger rates between some of the valley points. The old rate of \$2.50 for a round trip between Salem and Portland is cut to \$2. The rate from Salem to Forest Grove and return is now \$3.75, where it has been \$3.40; to Hillsboro it is now \$2.75 instead of \$3.10. No change is announced between Salem and Eugene, or Corvallis, or Albany; the rates stand as they have been to and from these points. The big travel, of course, is between here and Portland, where the main cut is made. It is understood that the stage lines have already reduced their Portland fare to this same figure. It has never been lower since walking went out of style because beaver skins were too bulky to carry for money.

Passenger and freight traffic on the Oregon Electric is said to be increasing rather noticeably. Especially is this understood to be the case with the passenger business. There has been enough agitation over local licenses for stage lines that operate within the cities to make a perceptible pause in the extension and consolidation of the stage lines, all of which means business for the railroads that no one seems to want to think of putting out of business. The railroad people are gaining heart over the situation as it is developing in Oregon.

ENGINEERMAN KILLED DENVER, May 2.—Two engineers were killed after 11 o'clock tonight near Woodside, Utah, when Denver, Rio Grande and Western passenger train No. 2 eastbound struck a rock slide, according to reports reaching here late tonight.

OREGON MAN LEADS ALL IN GOLF MEET STAGED IN ENGLAND

SANDWICH, England, May 2.—(By Associated Press.)—American amateur golf players tonight at the end of the first day of play in the tournament for the St. Georges gold challenge cup, stood first and second over Great Britain's performers and were tied for third place with two Englishmen. Dr. O. F. Willing, the Oregon state champion, led the field over the 18 holes with a score of 74 and Robert A. Gardner, captain of the American team, turned in a card of 75. Right behind them came Francis Ouimet, former American champion, with a card of 76, tied with Roger Wethered and Michael Scott.

RECORD CROWD HEARS SINGERS

Audience Generous in Endorsement Given Apollo Club Concert

The biggest crowd on record attended the Apollo club concert at the armory last night. It is their last appearance for the year. It was a good program, if the singers had put on a little more steam, it might have seemed a little more, in part. A big male chorus seems at its best with big, virile stuff, instead of love sonnets. They sang it beautifully, and it brought a chorus of "Oh's" and "Ah's" from all over the room—but for 50 husky men to be chatting secretively with a squirming little "Glow-Worm," about love and beauty's eyes, isn't what one might expect. If some would break in with a loud and raucous yell, and clatter a sword, or pound an anvil or rattle a fire-engine across the musical stage, that would seem "more like men's singing."

The "Sea Fever" song was splendidly done. It doesn't bow through the rigging like a typhoon, it doesn't crash like a tidal wave upon a 100-foot cliff; but it ebbs and flows with a constant far off boom like the waves of a grown-up sea. Music is nothing but noise if it doesn't tell a real story. What they told of the sea in this mystical song, was worth the whole concert. One almost wondered if the singers could swim if the ship should sink under them. "Two Rose Songs," from a cycle of compositions by Dr. John Sites, director of the chorus, were especially fine. A nose authority in Salem recently identified 100 kinds of roses, named and individualistic in their form and color, no one would wish that Dr. Sites would dedicate one of these beautiful compositions to every one of these 100 varieties of beautiful flowers. What a splendid garden it would be!

The soloist, Constance Horn of Seattle, is an excellent church or parlor singer; she has a clear, musical voice, without fire, but pleasing and well trained. It happened that the club program was grave rather than even moderately gay; and as most of her selections verged on the somber, the effect was not quite full justice to either. The lady can rise

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GERMAN NOTE REGARDED AS IMPOSSIBLE

Terms Declared "Preposterous" By French Officials; Little Hope of Acceptance Seen

POINCARÉ RESERVES COMMENT ON ANSWER

France Has Plan for Settlement of Reparations, it Holds in Reserve

PARIS, May 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The proposals contained in the German note which was delivered at the foreign office at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the German language, are regarded in French official circles for Anglo-Saxon and neutral consumption only. The terms of the note appeared "so preposterous" to the members of the French government that it was assumed there was no hope or desire on the part of Berlin that they be accepted. "The scheme amounts to the reopening of the whole question of reparations as settled by the treaty of Versailles," a high official of the government said. "The plan is aggregated by the suggestion that in case of failure of a loan, which no one here thinks can be floated successfully, the question of payment by Germany would be referred to a commission on which would be represented neutrals who are loaded up with marks and have every interest of boosting them by getting Germany off as easily as possible."

Reply in Withheld Another official said: "There is not the slightest prospect toward settlement in this proposition. On the contrary, there is an effort at a movement backward and it is impossible for the French government to consider it for a moment."

Premier Poincaré is studying the translation of the note as it is being made, and is reserving comment until he has the whole document before him, but those about him did not conceal the unfavorable impression which the note had made. They are all of the opinion that the reply will be flatly negative.

The French government has a plan for the settlement of the reparation problem, which it is holding in reserve, to bring out when the time is thought to be opportune, but it will be only when Germany has ceased resistance to the allied action in the Ruhr and has manifested a desire to reach a serious agreement.

May Boost Mark. From information at the foreign office there is belief that the reichbank will, as a sequel to the note, make a renewed effort to boost the mark, and thus convey the impression that the German proposals have had a good effect on the market, and it was remarked at the foreign office that if Germany would use its resources to begin payment of its debts it would restore credit much sooner than by endeavoring to keep up the mark while issuing paper money in trillions.

New Home Being Built On Benson Bird Farm SILVERTON, Or., May 1.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The foundation of the new home being built by Carl Benson on his pheasant farm one mile west of Silverton is now under way. The house is to be a ten-room affair and modern in every way. Freeman & Strubbe of Salem are the architects and O. Sater and W. Larson of Silverton have charge of the building.

ESTATE OF JUDGE UNRUH IS FILED

Roy Hoffman Appointed Administrator—Appraisers Also Appointed

The estate of the late Judge G. E. Unruh was filed for probate in the county clerk's office yesterday. Inasmuch as Judge Unruh died intestate and his wife, Maude Z. Unruh, and daughter Zilda Unruh are the only members of his family they are declared to be the lawful heirs of the estate. Real property is listed at \$7000 and personal property at \$8500. Roy Hoffman, brother of Mrs. Unruh, has been appointed administrator for the estate, and W. E. DeLong, Obed Fragley and Zola Birdwell appraisers.

THE WEATHER

OREGON—Thursday, increasing cloudiness. LOCAL WEATHER (Wednesday.) Maximum temperature, 54. Minimum temperature, 34. River—3 feet, rising. Rainfall—.01 inch. Atmosphere—Partly cloudy. Wind—West.

TEMPUS TODD—Tempus Receives an Explanation



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