

TODD WILL SET UP OWN CITY COUNCIL

Murder of Editor Brings Deposed Kelso Mayor Back to Regain Power

DEVELOPMENT EXPECTED

Another Distinct City Government To Be Established; Present Mayor Refuses To Give Up Position

KELSO, Wash., June 22.—A. Ruric Todd, recalled mayor of Kelso, returned to this city early today, announced that he is still Kelso's legal mayor, issued an ultimatum to the present city administration ordering it to turn the reins of government over to him, and meeting no reply from the present mayor, Nat R. Smith, announced his intention of setting up his own government tomorrow.

Before tonight tomorrow, according to present indications, Kelso will have two mayors, two sets of councilmen, two police departments, two fire departments, two separate and distinct city governments.

The murder, last Friday night, of Thomas J. Dovere, editor of the Cowlitz County News and spokesman for the Todd faction, was the cause for the ex-mayor's return. Todd, in statements today, declared that Dovere was murdered for political reasons, and that his principal reason for returning to Kelso to claim control of the city was to see that a police force was appointed that would run the Dovere murder to earth. From present indications the existing government elected at the recall election of three weeks ago, will refuse to recognize Todd or listen to his ultimatum that the city hall be turned over to him.

Meanwhile Luke May, Seattle criminologist who was employed by Sheriff Studebaker and the Cowlitz county commissioners to hunt for the Dovere murderer, has been hard at work on the case. Though Mr. May refused to discuss his progress in the case, it was learned that the detective has discovered that the editor was slugged, knocked to the ground, then shot to death as he was attempting to regain his feet. This, local officials say, shows that the killer was moved by hatred and that the killing was not committed in the course of an attempted holdup. An autopsy on Dovere's body, performed at Mr. May's direction, showed that the editor had been badly mauled before he was shot.

VETS ELECT DELEGATES

SPANISH WAR MEN GOING TO STATE CONVENTION

Delegates to the state convention at Port Orford, July 23 to 25, were named last night at a meeting of Hal Hibbard Camp No. 5, Spanish War Veterans. These are Ben Walcher, Frank Gard, Arthur Gird, Hal Patton, M. A. Estes, Percy Pugh and Clarence Miller, with John Bertelson, LeRoy Hewlett, G. T. Hegvit, Arthur Welch, Charles Huddelston, Henry Schroeder, Joseph Liff and H. G. Sammens as alternates. Commander F. M. Alley, Charles J. Lisle, senior vice commander, A. M. Hansen, junior vice commander, are delegates by virtue of their office.

Other credentialed delegates include A. T. Woolpert, past departmental commander and the following past commanders of the camp: Col. Carrie Abrams, J. H. Arnold, Arthur Artus, C. W. Brant, O. J. Hull, C. A. Murphy, N. L. Mastin, E. J. Raymond, John Seymour, Al M. Southwick and Harry W. Ross.

LAMBERT PRICE QUOTED

YOUNG & WELLS HAVE LINED UP 40 TONS OF FRUIT

Young & Wells, a Spokane fruit firm, have entered the local cherry market and are now offering 8½ cents a pound for shipping Lamberts.

About 40 tons of shipping fruit have already been lined up by Mr. Wells, who will operate the Salem warehouse during the cherry season. The firm's receiving quarters will be selected later in the week and it is quite probable that they will locate at the Oregon Electric freight depot or the old Salem Fruit Union building.

No Bing will be purchased by the company, but they will be in the market for prunes, apples and pears.

MOUNTAIN IS MADE OF POLICE STATION CASE

WASHINGTON RESIDENT HELD FOR IDENTIFICATION

E. F. Willett Blames Himself for Lack of Necessary Papers of Yakima

E. F. Willett, an employee of the Yakima Fruit Growers' association, was apprehended on the streets of Salem by Night Traffic Officer Edwards on Sunday evening, because he was driving a car with a Washington name plate and had not registered in Oregon. Then it was found that he had no driver's license; never had had one. He was detained at the police station till he could be identified, and was obliged to take out a driver's license. This is required by the laws of Washington, of Oregon and of California. That is all.

But the evening paper played up the case. Said the grip of Mr. Willett was searched, and that his 10-year-old son was given the third degree by the police. Policeman Louis Olson was the desk man at the police station Sunday evening. He says the grip of Mr. Willett was not searched; that Willett opened it himself, trying to find something by which he could be identified. He had absolutely nothing by which he could be identified. He was identified by Edward S. Blehn, Salem fruit buyer. The boy was not given the third degree, Mr. Olson says, nor treated in any way but kindly—and Mr. Olson's word is good.

Mr. Willett wanted to go on his way without getting a driver's license. But suppose this had been allowed, and he had gone down the highway a few miles and run over and killed some one? It would have been said that the Salem police let him go without a license.

The inference is that in Salem outsiders must not be bothered; even men who have stolen cars; bootleggers; moonshiners. Is that what the people of Salem want of their police officers? It certainly is not.

Though they expect of them courtesy and consideration, it was unfortunate that it took a couple of hours or so for Mr. Willett to be identified. But he did not blame the Salem police. He blamed himself, for not having something with him by which he could be identified.

US SHIPS SUFFER LOSS

GOVERNMENT VESSELS LOSE \$17,000 ON EACH TRIP

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—The 350 government owned ships engaged in foreign trade sustained an average loss of \$17,000 a voyage in the present fiscal year, former Admiral Leigh C. Palmer, chairman of the emergency fleet corporation, was advised today in a telegram from Washington.

Admiral Palmer said that the government had in contemplation conversion of fifty of the ships into the Diesel type at a cost of \$25,000,000.

The government now has one of the Diesel vessels operating between New York and the Dutch East Indies with great success, he said.

The president type boats recently sold by the government to the Robert Dollar Steamship company of San Francisco give promise of being operated at a good profit, the admiral said.

COOLIDGE DESK CLEAR

PRESIDENT AND WIFE LEAVE TODAY FOR SUMMER TRIP

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—The presidential desk was cleared today and Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge were ready for their departure tomorrow afternoon for the summer White House at Swampscott, Mass. Although expecting to be gone for two months, the president had a relatively light day, having previously disposed of practically all urgent business. His time was devoted chiefly to receiving government officers, saying goodbye, and cleaning up urgent business. Tonight he addressed the semi-annual government business meeting.

Everett Sanders, secretary to the president, and Edward T. Clark, his personal secretary, will accompany Mr. Coolidge to his summer retreat, with a corps of White House employees sufficient to carry on such business as the president finds necessary.

President Coolidge's only engagement tomorrow is with the cabinet which meets then in its only regular session probably until fall.

SHEPHERD TO TAKE WITNESS BOX TODAY

Man Charged with Poisoning Millionaire Ward Will Offer Testimony

CLIMAX IS EXPECTED

Cross Examination Will Be Severe, State Promises; Testimony of Isabelle Pope Is Scored

CHICAGO, June 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—William Darling Shepherd will have his day in court tomorrow. He will take the witness stand and deny that he used typhoid germs to slay his millionaire foster son, William Nelson McClintock, or that he ever dealt with his chief accuser, Charles C. Faiman. Such was the positive statement tonight of his counsel, William Scott Stewart and W. W. O'Brien.

"This is no ordinary murder case," said Stewart. "If it was we never would consider putting our client on the witness stand."

Cross examination of Shepherd will not be limited, and Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, has expressed the intention to interrogate the defendant on every phase of his life since his cradle days.

In his opening statement the prosecutor termed Shepherd a constitutionally lazy man and connecting Mrs. Shepherd, called them "panhandlers" who had lived for 16 years off the rich youth Shepherd is accused of having slain. Before climaxing his case by offering Shepherd's testimony, the defense will offer two or three witnesses tomorrow morning.

Stewart would not give their names, nor say what testimony they would give.

Seven witnesses, four of them medical men, were heard today. Parts of the testimony of two witnesses was used to combat Faiman's statement that the germs he says he gave Shepherd were obtained from the city health department laboratory by merely walking in, telling the boy at the information desk that he wanted the bacilli, obtaining them immediately and walking out.

Presence of Miss Isabelle Pope, McClintock's fiancée, in Billy's sick room was not objected to because she read the charts and informed the patient of his condition, but because she was a school teacher and it was believed at first Billy had influenza, testified Miss Mabel A. McClanahan, a nurse who attended the youth.

The nurse also said she had seen Miss Pope and Mrs. Shepherd praying together and embracing.

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WORTHY FAMILY LOSES HOME AND BELONGINGS

FIRE DEMOLISHES SMALL HOUSE IN SOUTH SALEM

Four Children Are in Need of Clothing; Furniture Is Also Badly Wanted

It was just a shack of a home but it was cozy and snug and clean. Yesterday afternoon, this home, located in the Salem Heights district near the Salem Heights community hall, was burned to the ground.

The burned dwelling housed a hard-working father and mother and four small children, three boys ages 18 months, four years and 10 years and a girl 11 years. All of their clothing and household goods were lost in the flames. Clothing for the children especially is needed. Also any old furniture, stoves or other furnishings to aid in establishing a new home. Bundles can be left at The Statesman office or phone your address to The Statesman and any bulkier articles will be called for and delivered to this family.

Investigation has shown that the father has been ill and out of employment for several months, but six weeks ago secured work and is trying to lift the burden of the winter's hard times. The mother has been working at canneries in the effort to aid.

CHURCH LEADER RESIGNS

BOSTON, June 22.—Lewis C. Strang, former assistant of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science movement, has resigned from the mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston. It became known here today.

ELKS' REQUEST DENIED

JULY 16 WILL NOT BE LEGAL HOLIDAY IN OREGON

Holding that the declaration of a legal holiday is a serious matter to the business interests of the state, Governor Pierce yesterday advised Ben Fisher, Marshfield, president of the Oregon Elks' association, that he would not proclaim July 16 as a legal holiday in the state.

"There are numerous conventions, some of them national in scope, to be held in Portland this season," the letter read. "Other lodges have national conventions and doubtless in attendance and importance will equal the Elks' convention. If a holiday is declared for the Elks, I must also grant the same privilege to other lodges and organizations which will hold their conventions later. I urge, however, that all business men who are Elks, or whose employees are members of the order, will endeavor to so arrange their affairs that they may attend the convention."

DEATH TAKES SENATOR LADD OF NORTH DAKOTA

ONCE PROMINENT MEMBER OF INSURGENT BLOC, PASSES

Complications Resulting From Neuritis Cause; Funeral to Be Held Thursday

BALTIMORE, Md., June 22.—(By Associated Press.)—Senator Edwin Fremont Ladd, senior senator from North Dakota, died here at 10:20 a. m. today from kidney trouble, which developed as a complication of neuritis, contracted a year ago in his home state of North Dakota.

Plans tonight were for the removal of the body to Washington tomorrow where funeral services will be held probably Thursday and interment made in a vault until Mrs. Ladd, who was seriously affected by her husband's death, is able to make the trip to North Dakota. She and two of the family of eight children were at the bedside when death occurred, as also was Douglas H. McArthur, senator Ladd's secretary. The affliction which indirectly caused Senator Ladd's death fastened upon him a year ago while he was visiting in North Dakota. With his clothing wet from passage through a rain storm, the senator traveled all day in that condition. The wetting resulted in an attack of neuritis in his left shoulder, which went later to his wrists and hands.

Physicians at Johns Hopkins hospital here, where he came for examination in March of this year, found his condition not serious, but advised against over exertion.

The senator, who showed tremendous interest in his work, was said by his secretary to have been impatient at restraints of the doctors, started on a trip to North Dakota. The trip ended at Cleveland where Senator Ladd went to visit his son, Vernon. He returned to Washington with a renewed attack of neuritis and rheumatism and two weeks ago was admitted to the Baltimore church home and infirmary.

Within a few days kidney trouble developed and his condition became serious, but was not considered critical until two days before his death. Senator Ladd was in his 66th year and had been successively, chemist, professor, collector, writer and United States senator. His high honors in North Dakota came to him by adoption. He was a native of Maine. His death, following that of Senator La Follette, was the second overwhelming loss to be suffered by the late insurgent bloc within four days.

TURKS MAY ENTER

GENEVA, June 22.—League of nations officials stated today that Turkey will apply for membership in the league at the meeting of the assembly in September. Turkey would make the fifty sixth state to join the league.

GUILTY SPEEDERS BLACKLIST SALEM

Tourists, Exceeding Limit, Spread Propaganda When Arrested Here

OTHER HIGHWAY URGED

Salem Police Court Declared Fair; Fines Assessed Only for Flagrant Disobedience of Law

Insidious propaganda to the north and south of Salem is being spread and as a result tourists are being warned to keep away from Salem and to make their route across the state follow the West side Pacific instead of the East side Pacific highway. The propaganda is not this season's vintage alone but has been spread for the last year, gaining momentum but gradually, until it is now general.

A prominent Portlander was arrested recently for traveling 50 miles an hour. He was brought to Salem and fined, as is any other violator of state and city traffic rules.

"Keep away from Salem," he advises all his friends and business associates.

Last year several automobiles bearing University of Washington students to a football game further up the valley were stopped for speeding in the city. The University of Washington Daily took up the matter, which was in turn broadcast by a Seattle daily.

"Keep away from Salem," was the cry.

Disgruntled violators, possessed of a knowledge of their guilt, pay their fines and then spread the word to "keep away from Salem."

Recently several students from a state institution of higher education were stopped for speeding. They had liquor in their possession. They were each fined \$150. Rather hard on a student, perhaps, but under the law far more severe punishment could have been meted. Their home towns joined in the hue and cry for Salem's scalp.

Recently several prominent Salem business men had occasion to drive to Eugene and back.

"We are from the south," they would tell attendants at various service stations along the highway. "What is the best way to get to Portland?"

"Follow the west side," it was the invariable reply. "It is shorter and the road is smoother. Better keep away from Salem and Albany."

Cities along the west side route are banded together and are organized into a solid front to boost traffic along their side of the river.

Word is passed that the ferry between Harrisburg and Junction City is unsafe; that they "pinch you in Salem"; to watch out for Albany and various other forms of warnings.

Salem has no speed trap. Salem does not rob out of town residents or tourists as is insinuated.

Salem HAS a traffic officer on duty day and night. Whenever the officer on duty finds a motorist speeding, he is brought into court regardless of his home city. Motorists are not arrested for traveling UNDER 27 or 28 miles an hour. Sometimes they are warned but generally ignored. Those traveling MORE than 27 or 28 miles an hour are arrested if found speeding, and brought into court. The speedometer on the police car is tested and is accurate. Motorists are often brought into court with the minimum speed charged if

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DISABLED VETS GATHER

HEROES OF WORLD CONFLICT MEET IN FIFTH CONVENTION

OMAHA, Neb., June 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—Prayer and tribute to their fallen comrades, interspersed by the swapping of stories of the late world war and reminiscences of experiences which left many with scars of that great conflict, comprised the main activity of the initial session of the fifth annual convention of disabled American veterans of the world war here today.

The tribute to the soldier dead was in the form of a moment of silence during which time wreaths were placed on the tombs of the "Unknown Soldier" at Arlington, London, Paris, Rome and Brussels.

With this tribute came the singing the "Taps" and "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, famous prima donna, herself a gold star mother.

GANGMEN KILL OFFICER AND ESCAPE WITH CASH

CHICAGO PATROLMAN FALLS VICTIM TO BANK BANDITS

Eleven Policemen Are Killed This Year, and Six in Last Two Weeks

CHICAGO, June 22.—(By Associated Press.)—Gunmen came out of hiding today and murdered Patrolman Patrick McGovern in the most brutal and daring street robbery in police history.

McGovern was the eleventh policeman shot down by gang desperadoes since January 1 and the sixth to fall in the last two weeks. His assailants escaped with \$5,000 in cash wrested from the messenger he was escorting to a bank.

McGovern and George Haney, the messenger, were walking together in a busy section of uptown Chicago when a large touring car drew up at the curb. Before the car stopped the three occupants opened fire on McGovern. Three bullets pierced his chest. He dropped to the sidewalk, feebly reaching for his gun, but died before he could remove the weapon from his holster. Two hours after the north side holdup, four men held up a jewelry firm in a downtown office building, bound and gagged the proprietor and a clerk, and escaped with diamonds and bracelets valued at \$1,000.

An hour before the McGovern shooting thirty shots were exchanged in a running revolver battle on the West Side between three bandits and four policemen. None was injured. The bandits escaped. Bernard Grant, sentenced to hang in August for the murder of policeman Ralph Souder in 1922, died this morning in the Bridgeview hospital of wounds received Saturday at the hands of his accomplice and jail mate, Walter Krauser, 19, who attacked Grant with a knife. Krauser will be indicted immediately for the murder of Grant, state's Attorney Crowe said.

TWO TRUSTIES ESCAPE

ESCAPE IS MADE FROM FLAX SHED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Two trusty convicts, working at the prison flax shed, disappeared about 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The pair was C. E. Sheldon, 23, received from Lane county December 3, 1924, to serve two years for larceny, and Ira McKenzie, 34, of Polk county, received January 22, 1925, to serve three years for rape.

Sheldon is 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, has light complexion, blue eyes and dark hair. He is a laborer. Two scars are noticeable, one on his forehead and a slanting scar near the top of his forehead. McKenzie is 6 feet tall and weighs 157 pounds, and is a logger. He has a large V-shaped scar at the left corner of his mouth and a ragged scar on the left side of his chin. A third scar is to be seen at the center of his forehead near the hair line.

Reports from Midway park, between Salem and Jefferson, early last night, indicated that the two men were seen in that vicinity, wearing the prison clothing, and going south.

MOROCCAN SEA BARRED

FRANCE AND SPAIN SIGN AGREEMENT FOR BLOCKADE

MADRID, June 22.—(By Associated Press.)—A Spanish official statement issued tonight announced the signature by Spain and France of an agreement for the blockade by sea of the Moroccan coast.

The agreement was signed by General Gomez Jordana and Senor Aguirre for Spain, and Ambassador Count Peretti de la Rocca and M. Sorbier for France.

The blockade agreement covers the Moroccan seacoast along French and Spanish territory. The blockade will be enforced by warships of both Spain and France, but each squadron will preserve complete independence and command in conformity with the general rules laid down by their respective authorities.

The blockade is intended to prevent the landing of arms, ammunition and other war materials in Morocco in accordance with international conventions, which prohibit vessels from securing access to the Moroccan coast, except at commercial ports.

DEFENDANT FREED

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 22.—John S. Davenport, charged with being leader of the bandit gang which held up the northwestern national bank here last December was found not guilty by a jury in municipal court tonight. The jury reported at 3:50 after having the case under advisement for 40 minutes.

COOLIDGE TO ASK FURTHER TAX CUT

Large Surplus at End of Fiscal Year Denotes Another Large Reduction

BOARD IS ADDRESSED

Surplus of \$200,000,000 Is on Hand Over Expected Requirements of Governmental Expenses

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—A promise that he will recommend further reduction of taxes to congress at the December session was made tonight by President Coolidge in an address at the semi-annual budget meeting.

He predicted a surplus of \$200,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year June 30, and estimated that the surplus for the coming fiscal year would approximate \$290,000,000.

Admitting there was little prospect, for several years at least, of cutting government expenditures below three billion dollars annually, Mr. Coolidge said the outlay for the current fiscal year would total \$3,035,000,000, exclusive of money applied to reduction of the public debt and operation of the postal service.

It is his desire, he added, to hold expenditures for the coming year, including the amount applied on debt reduction, but excluding the postal service, within \$2,750,000,000, or \$125,000,000, he said, less than estimated comparable expenditures for this year. Mr. Coolidge also declared he would attempt to hold estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926, to \$3,080,000,000, exclusive of the postal service. No estimates were given of the amount needed for reducing the debt and operating the postal service.

The president told his audience, made up of cabinet officials and departmental executives, that they must continue their efforts to decrease the cost of government. He gave congress credit for supporting the budget, and declared that while the tax burden had been materially lightened, it "is still with the people."

"Back of the tireless, persistent and drastic campaign for constructive economy in federal expenditure," declared Mr. Coolidge, "has been the relief of the people of this nation from a great burden of taxation. It has been successful. Taxes have been reduced. The burden of the people has been materially lightened."

"But the reduction has not yet reached the point where taxes have ceased to be a burden. It is to the reaching of this point that our efforts must be directed. The way has been prepared for further tax reduction. This I will recommend to the congress in the next budget message.

"Economy in the cost of government is inseparable from reduction in taxes. We cannot have the latter without the former. From some sources the statement has been made that this continuing drive for economy in federal expenditures is hurting business. "I have been unable to determine how reduction in taxes is injurious to business. Each tax reduction has been accompanied by a corresponding reduction in government expenditures."

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FUNERAL RITES SIMPLE

ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE IS BURIED BY MASSIVE OAK

MADISON, Wis., June 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—In an unmarked plot on a verdant hillside, the body of Robert Marion La Follette today found rest eternal. A sturdy oak stands sentinel at his grave.

The tender hands of friends laid it there after funeral services in the state house that were simple as the life he had led. A plea that that life should not have been in vain formed the text of the funeral oration, delivered by Dr. A. E. Hayden of Chicago, former pastor of the First Unitarian church at Madison.

Picturing Mr. La Follette as "the embattled prophet of a new democracy," Dr. Hayden said that to remember him "this would be 'to be true to the vision of that democracy as he was true.'"

"And here in his presence still," he added, "we may dedicate ourselves to that task." Again at the grave Dr. Hayden renewed his plea and promised in the final prayer that the senator's people would carry forward the fight of which he had in death left it off.

