

GOOD MEN ARE NOT OBTAINABLE, HELD

Prohibition Forces Unable to Secure Services of Reliable Officers

NATION IS BEING COMBED

System Will Not be in Operation Until All Vacancies Have Been Filled, Secretary Andrews States

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Inability to draw able and efficient men quickly into his new prohibition enforcement organization, has forced Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury to delay the date when the re-organized enforcement system was to become operative.

The reorganization, which was to have been made effective gradually beginning August 1, therefore, has been indefinitely postponed in order that Mr. Andrews may comb the nation for men of the caliber he wants and to permit the working out of countless administrative details.

In announcing the decision to delay the operative date of the change, Mr. Andrews declared today he felt more optimistic regarding its probable success than at any time since taking the job as prohibition field marshal. There will be no lagging in finishing the task, he asserted, although more time is available than had been anticipated at the start.

"I am convinced," he said, "that the success of the program will stand or fall by the character and ability of the men chosen as administrators. It was my intention to pick good, big men, when I arrived at a conclusion as to policy and program. My intentions have not been changed.

"It takes time to find the men all of us here feel that we must get. I won't be rushed off my feet in selecting them, because if they are not big men, capable men, then there is no improvement and no benefits from the program."

The assistant secretary reached the decision to delay the change at a conference with his "board of strategy." About half a dozen important administrative subjects were discussed, and conclusions were reached on several of these, but they required the approval of the treasury secretary. Mr. Andrews plans to submit them to Acting Secretary Winston tomorrow and later to make them public.

The assistant secretary spent an hour and a half with Attorney General Sargent discussing certain phases of the new program. It was indicated that the conference largely had to do with border problems, but was described nevertheless as an important part of the general scheme on which Mr. Andrews has been working.

As a result of the delay announced today, reports arose that the whole program of reorganization had been abandoned. There also was a rumor in circulation that the prohibition field marshal was ready to give up in disgust. He refused to take them seriously, however, saying the strain of his job was gradually growing less, and he felt he was making headway in spite of opposition known to have developed in several quarters.

Regarding the opposition, and particularly the reported pressure of numbers of congressmen on behalf of constituents who are applicants for jobs, Acting Secretary Winston voiced the opinion that thus far "the pressure has amounted to nothing."

Mr. Andrews said the applications for appointment had been arriving at a rate in excess of 200 a day, but it has been known that most of them were being dismissed with a courteous acknowledgment of their receipt.

FORGER ADMITS GUILT

WALLACE M'KAY TO HEAR PENALTY WEDNESDAY

Wallace McKay entered a plea of guilty in the circuit court yesterday to a charge of forgery, and will be sentenced by Judge Percy R. Kelly on Wednesday. McKay is declared to have victimized a prominent citizen of Lebanon, after first obtaining his signature from a hotel register, and then forging it. McKay is said to be an ex-convict.

According to records on file, McKay has been involved in forging operations before, and has served sentences for his conduct. He was arrested for his latest escapades by Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt after a search that led throughout several valley towns. He was finally captured at Woodburn.

BLOCH FOUND GUILTY OF MAKING MOONSHINE

SENTENCE WILL BE PASSED TUESDAY MORNING

Jealousy Basis of Defense; Paul Muno, Pringle Rancher, Main Witness

Harry Bloch, on trial for the manufacture of liquor, was convicted in the circuit court yesterday and will be sentenced Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock by Circuit Judge Percy R. Kelly. The jury deliberated on the case for nearly an hour.

Paul Muno, a rancher in the Pringle district, was the main state witness in the trial. According to the testimony, Bloch approached him with the proposal that he be allowed to use the Muno farm as a center of moonshine operations. Muno agreed to the arrangements, which called for a payment of \$25 for each five gallons of mash run through the still. After the still was in operation Muno admitted, he ran it himself for a considerable time, finally being arrested, and pleading guilty to a charge of manufacture of liquor.

Bloch in defense, set up the argument that Muno was actuated by jealousy. Muno is said to have continually complained of attentions paid his wife by Bloch. This, defense attorneys claimed, was the reason that Bloch was reported to the officers and subsequently arrested.

Muno, however, denied this and declared that he reported Bloch because the latter paid him for the use of the still in checks that were not covered by money in the bank. One check, he said, amounted to over \$30 and the other \$145.

Lloyd Talbot, a farmer living near the Muno ranch, stated on the stand that Bloch asked him to be permitted to operate a still on his ranch. Talbot, according to his testimony, rejected the Bloch proposal immediately.

FARM REPORT IS GIVEN

CONDITIONS BETTER FINANCIALLY THAN LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Farmers had failed to earn a fair return on the capital invested and a fair wage last year, although they fared better financially than in the preceding year, the department of agriculture declared today in an analysis of the agricultural balance sheet.

On the total capital invested in agriculture, the return for the year was estimated at 4.6 per cent, compared with 3.3 the year before. In round figures the net income for the 1924-25 season, the department said, was \$2,712,000,000 compared with \$1,992,000,000 for 1923-24.

This sum, however, did not go entirely to farmers, as they own only 79 per cent of the total capital and pay interest on the balance. The return on the farmers' unencumbered capital for the year was estimated at 4.1 per cent, compared with 2.5 per cent the preceding year, although they had to pay an interest rate on borrowed capital of 6.4 last year, compared with 5.6 per cent the year before.

"Thus," the department concluded, "as a combined return for the use of their capital and for their own managerial services, farmers received around 2 per cent less than was paid solely for the use of other capital, under conditions not requiring the lenders to take any active part in production."

TYPHOON BATTLES SHIP

SERIOUS WEATHER DISTURBANCE MET IN PACIFIC

HONOLULU, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports of a terrific weather disturbance in the Pacific last Wednesday about 400 miles from Honolulu were brought in today by Capt. Kenzo Sasaki, commander of the Reijo Maru, when the vessel sailed from Gray's Harbor bound for Yokohama. The storm, which was characterized as a "real typhoon" by Captain Sasaki, lasted 24 hours.

The typhoon struck the ship suddenly, following smooth, clear weather. The wind shifted to all points of the compass and seemed to work in a circular fashion. A deluge of rain followed. The ship was blown considerably off course but weathered the gale which subsided Thursday as it had come up. Despite a heavy deckload of lumber, some of the cargo shifted and the steamer was undamaged.

TIGER FLOWERS WINS

AURORA, Ill., July 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—Tiger Flowers, negro of Atlanta, won a newspaper decision tonight in a 16-round bout with Lou Boggs, of Bridgeport, Conn. Flowers had an easy time in every round. Both weighed 145.

SANITY TEST ASKED FOR RUSSEL SCOTT

Judge Required by Mandatory Statute to Grant Writ of Habeas Corpus

HOPE HELD BY FRIENDS

Clubwomen Exert Every Influence to Save Man From Gallows; Crowe Says Scott Not Insane

CHICAGO, July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Russell Scott, saved from the gallows twice in eight days almost at the hour set for his execution, today lost his comfortable death cell and mattress; for a stay had been granted to inquire as to his sanity. The former Canadian financier, convicted of murder, was moved this afternoon into regular quarters with less comfortable accommodations and a hard wood bed in the Cook county jail but Scott gave up his cell willingly.

A week's reprieve ordered last week, expired last night and Governor Small refused further clemency. Four hours before the execution was to take place, Judge Joseph B. David, this morning entered a stay until a test of Scott's sanity is made.

Those who have worked desperately to save Scott's life, including his wife, Mrs. Catherine Scott, and his aged and crippled father, Thomas Scott, and Detroit and Windsor, Ont., clubwomen and his attorneys, today took a rest while planning moves of the new plan to prevent his execution.

Scott was visited during the day by William S. Stewart, retained by the Detroit clubwomen to help him and who saved him from the gallows today, and by his wife and father. Scott said he now felt confident his life would be spared. He amended a statement he

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RAILROADS POST BONDS

STAY GRANTED IN RATE REDUCTION PROCEEDINGS

Railroads affected by the decree of the circuit court denying an injunction against the public service commission to restrain it from enforcing a 15 per cent reduction in grain products rates, have posted \$65,000 in bonds following a stay granted by the court.

Lines and affiliated lines and the amount of bond are: Southern Pacific, \$25,000; Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, \$25,000; Spokane, Portland & Seattle, \$10,000; and \$5,000 each by the Portland Electric Power company and the Willamette Valley Southern.

Should the higher court sustain the order the railroads agree to rebate any overcharges.

BEST PEOPLE OF CITY TO SEE "THE RIVALS"

GREAT STAGE PRODUCTION IS OFFERED TONIGHT

Brilliant Assemblage of Stage People to be Seen at Grand Theater Saturday

"Life loves to dramatize itself," the critics report. And they are right. Life does. And in "The Rivals," tonight's play at the Grand, life has.

"The Rivals," which comes to Salem today in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of its original production in Covent Garden, is not a photoplay; is not a moving picture. It is one of the greatest stage plays which has ever come to Salem. And the cast of actors who appear here in person are without doubt as brilliant an assemblage of stage people as the country affords.

There is Mrs. Fiske first of all who has carried some of the most memorable roles in two decades of dramatic history. For instance, she was an unforgettable Becky Sharp in "Vanity Fair," and as Mrs. Malaprop she will hardly leave the audience time to get breath from their laughter. Mrs. Malaprop's vocabulary is full of those ambiguities which are so thoroughly the spice of the stage.

Chauncey Olcott is so much by name that to actually see him enacting the part of Sir Lucius O'Trigger will be one of the big joys of a lifetime.

The play, which fills two hours and 15 minutes, is as uproarious as a musical comedy. But it is more satisfying. It is more filling.

Love, laughter, gold, and gain are the stuff of which the drama is made. And because life is made of about the same eternal com-

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JAP PLANES START TRIP

THE FIRST OF LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS IS UNDERTAKEN

TOKYO, July 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Two airplanes hopped off this (Saturday) morning for Moscow, Russia, on the first Japanese long distance flight ever attempted. The flight is sponsored by Asahi, a Tokyo newspaper.

The flight as first announced by Asahi in January of this year was to be from Tokyo to London divided into 14 stages. Two airplanes of European make, each carrying a pilot, mechanic and representative of the paper, were ordered. A hitch in the plans appeared when the soviet government declined to permit the flight through Russia except only as far as Moscow. The newspaper then announced that the flight would be carried out as far as Moscow with the hope that further concessions would be obtained after the airplanes reached there. The line of flight originally announced was to be across Manchuria, Russia and Europe with principal stops at Harbin, Irkutsk, Omsk, Moscow, Warsaw, Prague, Paris and London.

JACK DEMPSEY GIVES UP ART; IS QUITTING FILMS

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP WILL CONFINED SELF TO GAME

Pugilist Eludes Newsmen; Kearns Matter Is Commanding Attention

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Jack Dempsey, prominent pugilist reported missing by several dozen newspapermen assigned to meet him on his arrival in southern California today, was found at his Hollywood home early tonight, unharmed and ready to talk to Jack Kearns "may be next Monday."

Kearns announced several days ago that he would be at the train to extend the glad hand to the man he helped hoist to the peak of pugilism, but Dempsey was not on the train when it got here. He had left it at Pomona, 30 miles east, "in order to relax several scenes of my last picture," and had continued on to Hollywood by motor later.

To interviewers waiting for him when he got here the champion said he was through with acting and ready to begin training.

"I'll probably never make another picture," he declared. "As soon as I can find a likely location for my training camp I'm going to get down to work in earnest."

"If I can't find a good camp out in the country, I'll probably do my training right here in the hills of Hollywood; anyway, my workouts will begin in a week."

"My first fight will be for Floyd Fitzsimmons at Michigan City. After that, I'll attend to Wills." On the subject of Kearns, the champion had little to say other than that he would have a talk with him about their business affairs in a day or two, "probably Monday, or whenever I can get in touch with him."

STORM DESTROYS CROPS

ENTIRE COUNTY IS SWEEPED BY TERRIFIC DOWNPOUR

IOWA CITY, Ia., July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—A terrific wind and hail storm swept Johnson county shortly after 3 o'clock today. Heavy damage to corn and small grains was reported. Hail stones from half to an inch in diameter pelted down for more than 10 minutes, stripping corn, smashing shocks of oats and breaking a number of windows. More than an inch of rain fell in the first half hour of the storm.

O'HARA WINS BATTLE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 24.—A whirlwind finish tonight won for Teddy O'Hara, San Francisco lightweight, a decision over Johnny O'Donnell of St. Paul, in the 10-round main event on the American Legion's weekly card here. O'Donnell was knocked down in the second round, but later evened matters up and seemed to have a slight margin in his favor until O'Hara uncorked a burst of speed in the tenth.

APE TRIAL WILL BE HEARD IN CONGRESS

Status of L. H. Wittner, Atheist, Is Debated by Federal Officers

OATH SAID NOT TAKEN

Phrase, "So Help Me God," Declared Stricken Out by Applicant; Matter Just Now Disclosed

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Whatever may be the outcome of the effort of Loren H. Wittner to throw the evolution question into the federal courts, members of congress now in Washington feel certain that the subject will have full and free discussion in the house and senate at the coming session.

The rider to the District of Columbia appropriation bill which Wittner seized upon to bring his action in the District of Columbia supreme court is certain to be reported in the new supply measure for the Washington government and so will form the vehicle for congressional debate.

The view of some congressmen is that both the evolutionists and fundamentalists will marshal their forces for the congressional discussion and that each side will find able spokesmen among the membership. Should such be the case the issue would be fairly joined in congress, which would be called upon to determine whether the teaching of the evolution theory is in fact in conflict with the teachings of the bible.

While counsel for the government and the District of Columbia went ahead today with their preparations to meet the Wittner suit for an injunction aimed to cut off the pay of Washington public school teachers who teach biology, a flurry was created at the treasury by the disclosure that Wittner on three occasions has altered the prescribed form of the oath he was required to take as a government employe.

Examination of his employment papers revealed he had marked out with a pen the phrase "so help me God," at the end of the oath which all federal employes are required to take. Treasury officials were surprised that this could have occurred three times without having been detected by those whose duty it is to handle the employment papers.

They said off-hand that the case probably was without precedent and that there was raised immediately the question of whether Wittner had in fact taken a legal oath. The matter was referred to the solicitor of the department for a legal opinion and it may finally go to Attorney General Sargent for his opinion.

Another question that came into the consideration was if an avowed atheist such as Wittner has publicly declared himself to be could take the prescribed oath with the words "so help me God," without taking a false oath.

The case is set for Tuesday.

BARBERS GIVE SERVICE

MARRIAGE PROBLEM SOLVED BY PREACHER BARBER

PORT ANGELES, Wash., July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Barber shop service took a new turn here yesterday when Miss Ethel I. Jones, a Tacoma school teacher, and Theodore Lowell, of Tacoma, not only had their locks shorn but were married by a barber-preacher.

The couple, desirous of getting married, confided their dilemma to a barber who was cutting Lowell's hair. The barber helped the pair to get a license and a ring, and to the amazement of the two, took them to another barber shop to face Fred Her, a barber who is also an ordained minister. Her tied the knot, gave the blessing and kissed the bride. As the couple left the shop the barbers snapped to attention and called "next."

BITES EAR; FINED \$100

MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BITING PIECE FROM EAR

TACOMA, July 24.—H. E. Whitmore, who pleaded guilty to a charge of mayhem on the person of J. C. Kukue, was fined \$100 and costs by Justice of the Peace Lazell today. In an altercation Whitmore bit out a portion of Kukue's ear, the latter charged. Kukue has a \$15,000 damage suit pending in superior court.

HIGH POWER SALESMAN "WORKS" SALEM PEOPLE

BARNUM'S THEORY IS DEMONSTRATED ONCE MORE

Play to Vanity Brings Results to Encyclopedia Agent, Who Gets Pledges

Patting the prospective customer with one hand and figuratively reaching into his pocket with the other while a verbal barrage covered the attack and lulled suspicions to sleep, a super-salesman of the highest pressure type has been able, through appeal to vanity, to extract pledges of \$69.50 for "informative services" and at the same time leave the impression that a 10-volume encyclopedia was being presented, several Salem people who yielded to the spell cast by the suave book agent are wondering today just how the deal was put over. Just how many people were hypnotized is not known, but one Salem woman recovered from the trance and complained of the fast work to the district attorney.

The agent represented himself as an advance man anxious to obtain the recommendation of some influential person in the city in order that the follow-up crew might have a local angle to the sales talk. The "influential" did the work, aided by a few other descriptive adjectives, and a practical demonstration was made that Barnum, (once more and forever,) hit the nail on the head.

In return for the recommendation and a few words of appreciation of the 10-volume set, the encyclopedia would be sent free of charge. But the company, realizing the importance of the citizen in his community, offers a special "informative service" direct to the consumer, and so on and so forth (please sign here—thank you) and when the dazed victim recovers full possession of the faculties and the proposition studied more carefully it is discovered that a pledge has been extracted for the heretofore mentioned \$69.50.

Why a salesman of this caliber is content with peddling books instead of automobiles, oil fields or stock in land development concerns is not known, but the boy who can so adequately master the "fast ones" and accurately "dish up a line," no matter what the project, is assured of a good livelihood as long as the crop of "one minute" is ripe for the harvest.

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EUGENE MAN IS KILLED

O. E. PRICE, SALEM, LOSSES BROTHER IN WRACK

O. E. Price, local shoe store owner, was called to Eugene Friday morning by the death of a brother at a Eugene hospital at 4 o'clock following an automobile accident on the McKenzie highway late Thursday night. The brother, J. Cyrus Price, was the proprietor of a shoe store at Eugene.

Mr. Price was returning from a trip up the McKenzie river when his automobile skidded in some loose gravel and overturned. He summoned assistance from Eugene and when he reached the hospital walked to the operating table to have a head wound dressed. He never rallied from the anesthetic.

WINDSTORM SHAKES CITY

PLATE GLASS WINDOWS were broken, telephone wires to outlying districts blown down, many trees uprooted and crops were damaged slightly by a rain and wind storm which struck Wallace late this afternoon.

The forest lookout at Avery, 30 miles south of Wallace, reported that lightning caused a fire in the forest near Bullion mine. Wire communication to the district was cut off later by the storm.

One man was injured in Wallace when he was struck by an automobile while blinded by the rain.

BILLS DECLARED RAISED

MAN BEING HELD FOR CHANGING \$1 BILLS TO \$5

TACOMA, July 24.—M. C. Whitaker, 39, was brought to the county jail from South Bend by federal authorities today to answer a charge before the federal court of counterfeiting. Whitaker is charged, that the figure from a \$5 bill and pasted it over the figure on a \$1 bill.

It was said Whitaker had intended to have the \$5 bills redeemed by the treasury department. The alteration was so crude it was soon discovered, according to the marshal's office.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO SIMPLIFY LAW

Committee Named to Draft Legislation and Submit Plans in September

MEET IN ASTORIA NEXT

Litigation and Congestion in the Courts Will Be Investigated; Tentative Program Not Divulged

Looking toward simplifying legal procedure in the state, the Oregon judicial council in session Friday reaffirmed the resolution passed at the January meeting, which recommended legislation authorizing the supreme court to work out rules for the practice and procedure of law in the state. Judge Walter H. Evans and Albert Ridgeway, executive secretary of the council, both of Portland, were appointed to draft proposed legislation and to submit it at the next meeting of the council to be held in Astoria September 18. All recommendations of the state bar will be given consideration at this time.

Judge Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles, was chosen to prepare forms for gathering information from the circuit court clerks of the state as to the amount of litigation pending and to ascertain if possible where the administration of justice has been delayed or congested has arisen.

The tentative program of the council was not divulged, but it is expected that it will be complete in time to present recommendations to the 1927 legislature.

Justice John L. Rand, of the supreme court, was elected vice president of the council.

Judge C. M. Thomas, of Medford, also attended the meeting of the council.

DUEL MYSTERY GROWING

THIRD MAN BELIEVED INVOLVED IN FEUD

CALEXICO, Cal., July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Search for the body of a third man believed to have been killed in the feud which recently resulted in the deaths of H. Kirk and John Truden was being conducted by officers of Imperial county tonight.

Having already rejected the "affair of honor" version contained in a letter written by Truden before he committed suicide, to the effect that Kirk was slain in a duel, authorities today worked on the theory that not only had Kirk been murdered with his hands tied, but that other men besides Truden had been involved, and that one of these had been killed.

The coroner's jury investigating Kirk's shooting was noncommittal as to the credibility of Truden's "duel" letter, contenting itself with returning late today a verdict attributing Kirk's death to a bullet fired by Truden before he killed himself.

Witnesses at the inquest told of quarrels between the two men, but their testimony developed no new angle in the case. Meanwhile, investigators were looking into reports that a married woman in Imperial was the cause of the jealous hatred between Truden and Kirk.

Kirk's father and brother were expected to arrive here tonight.

SHARKEY BEATS MORAN

BAYONNE, N. J., July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Jack Sharkey, of North Bergen, 111 pounds, scored a decisive victory over Midget Mike Moran of Pittsburgh in a 10-round bout tonight. Sharkey knocked Moran down twice in the fifth round.

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