

## STERN ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON DEBTS

Completion of All Funding Negotiations Must Be Made Immediately

## SMALL COUNTRIES SLOW

France and Italy Give Assurance of Early Settlement; Other Powers Authorize Ministers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Completion of all funding negotiations with America's wartime debtors and action upon the agreements by the forthcoming session of congress is the new program of the American debt commission. Official Washington appeared satisfied today that the program could be accomplished as a result of the stern measures adopted with respect to the smaller debtors and the assurances of action already given by France and Italy, the two remaining major powers whose debts are unfunded.

Dissatisfied with the slow progress of conversations with most of the smaller nations the commission has taken a positive stand, the first evidence of which is the information that Czechoslovakia soon will send a delegation to take up a funding proposal and that the Greek government has authorized its minister here to initiate negotiations. Informal exchanges have been under way for some weeks between the commission and Minister Filip of Estonia and the Latvian minister here is near an agreement with this government.

In making the new representations to Czechoslovakia this government's view was said to be that while there may be ground for divergent calculations as to the amount of the obligation, there could be no plausible reason why the differences should not be ironed out and a funding pact arranged.

The treasury holds obligations of Czechoslovakia aggregating \$91,644,862 of which that nation already has indicated a willingness to acknowledge \$80,234,898. The debt commission now insists that the full amount claimed by this government plus interest be funded, but it has informed the debtor government that in event errors are discovered such amounts will be credited as payments under the funding settlement.

Of those powers whose debts remain unfunded only Czechoslovakia, France, Italy and Russia owe amounts greater than \$70,000,000. The Russian credit of more than a quarter of a billion dollars made to the czarist government is conceded to be worthless, but commitments of a character expected to lead to conclusion of agreements have been made by both Italy and France. There is no recognized government for Armenia, so the \$15,000,000 due from that source also is regarded by the American commission as hardly a part of its problem.

Great Britain, Finland, Belgium, Poland, Hungary and Lithuania have funded and the commission therefore is directing its new drive for new action at Rumania, Jugia, Greece, Estonia, Latvia and Liberia in addition to the pressure of the early agreements brought upon France, Italy and Czechoslovakia.

All of the nations have been informed that America is ready to take cognizance of their economic condition, but at the same time the time has arrived for them to enter into settlements of a permanent character.

## MISSING MAIL IS FOUND

POUCH WAS DROPPED OFF IN SALT LAKE BY MISTAKE

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The lost sack of mail that set investigators scurrying last night along the air route between Chicago and the Pacific coast turned up today safely in San Francisco. Upon receipt of the pouch in San Francisco today, post office inspectors learned that it had been put off in Salt Lake City by mistake. The pouch contained only ordinary mail matter. The missing mail was due to arrive in San Francisco Thursday by airplane, having left Chicago Tuesday. When it failed to reach its destination on time, San Francisco air mail officials notified all important air mail stations. Today postal officials reported that the sack had been dropped off at Salt Lake City and the ensuing delay had not been properly reported.

## FIGHT IS EXPECTED OVER DISPOSAL OF YOUNG WILL

COURTS WILL DECIDE STATUS OF DENTIST SUICIDE

Counsel for Murderer Declares He Has Been Assigned His Wife's Share

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—When Dr. Thomas Young yesterday garrotted himself with a piece of radio wire before a jury in superior court had an opportunity to declare him innocent or guilty of the charge of murdering his wife with dental gas and sealing her body in a cistern, he escaped the gallows but left unanswered the question of whether he had a legal right to dispose of an inherited share of his alleged victim's estate.

Today John S. Cooper, defense counsel for the accused dentist, notified the bank administering Mrs. Grace Grogan Young's \$60,000 estate that Dr. Young had assigned to him his share of his dead wife's property.

At the time Mrs. Young's will was filed for probate it was announced that the estate would not be distributed until after Young's trial, and that if he were convicted he could not inherit, under the California law, any portion of his victim's property.

But Young's guilt or innocence had not been legally determined when he died by his own hand yesterday, and while the district attorney interpreted the suicide as admission of guilt, defense counsel maintained it only proved the dentist insane.

Frank W. Hunt, father of Mrs. Young, announced he would oppose any attempt by the dentist's attorney to obtain a share of her fortune. In his opinion the right heir is Patrick Grogan, Jr., son of the slain woman and heir to the million dollar estate of the late Patrick Grogan, so-called California "olive king."

Should Cooper press his claim to a share in Mrs. Young's estate, Dr. Young, though dead, may have to stand trial again, in effect, in a civil court action.

Meanwhile four alienists late today contributed to the question of the dead dentist's mental status at the time of his suicide, a preliminary report on a post mortem examination of his brain.

The report, signed by Doctors Cecil Reynolds, Victor Parsons, Paul Bowers and Lewis Weber, stated that Young's brain was "healthy" when he killed himself in his cell and that he therefore was mentally responsible. They noted, however, an "anatomical lack of development in the centers controlling emotional expression."

## WOULD CURB MEXICANS

ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES TO BE STOPPED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—A program of recommendations designed to eliminate illegal and excessive migration of Mexicans into the United States was acted upon tonight at the conference of representatives of the Mexican and American federations of labor.

The conclusions of the conference which was called by President Green of the American Federation of Labor and participated in by Luis N. Maronnes, minister of industry, commerce and labor in the Calles cabinet, were withheld from publication until tomorrow.

It was assumed from previous intimations that they embodied legislative suggestions to be submitted to the American and Mexican governments and possibly an inter-federation plan of action to curb the movement of Mexican laborers into the United States.

Agreement on the program concluded the immigration conference of labor leaders which had been in session two days. Before adjournment the conference discussed in a general way the labor union situation throughout Latin America and most of the leaders attending the meeting remained in Washington for the session of the executive committee of the Pan-American federation of labor called to consider plans for expansion of labor organization in the south and central American republics.

## PRISON REPORT ABSENT

PIERCE LEAVES WITHOUT MAKING PROBE PUBLIC

Contrary to expectations, Governor Pierce did not make public the report of his special committee which investigated the penitentiary following the coroner's inquest into the death of two guards by convicts August 12.

## MYSTERY OF GIRL'S DEATH IS UNSOLVED

Police Check on Activities of Young Oakland Nurse on Day of Murder

## HEART AFFAIRS BARED

News Dealer Declares He Saw Girl After Her Reported Disappearance; Information Is Given

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Mrs. Besse Loren, El Cerrito swamp murder victim, was alive and in the vicinity of the Oakland home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ferguson on the night of August 20, almost exactly 24 hours after her reported disappearance on the night of August 19, when she parted from her mother, Mrs. Annie Ferguson at Seventh and Broadway, Oakland. Under Sheriff W. M. Veale of Contra Costa county said today this was definitely established by statements of J. P. Kofoid, Oakland news proprietor who said he knew Mrs. Loren through business dealings with her and that she called at his news stand between 8 and 9 o'clock on the night of August 20.

The news stand is only a short distance from the Ferguson home. Kofoid said Mrs. Loren called there regularly every Thursday to buy a magazine. He said she was usually pleasant and talkative but that on the night of August 20 she appeared nervous and distraught. Kofoid said she went away without the magazine when she refused to accept the small change he proffered her for a \$5 bill. Investigators marked time today, gathering together scattered bits of evidence in an effort to determine where next to turn for a likely solution of one of the most baffling murder cases that officials of the bay district have been

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## FISHERMAN IS DROWNED

HEAVY CLOTHING PROVES FATAL WEIGHT TO VICTIM

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 28.—John Havala, fisherman, age 50, was drowned in Young's bay last night when a skiff in which he was riding with George Henderson of 76 Commercial street, this city, struck a log and overturned.

The two men weighted with heavy clothing, clung to the skiff for a time and finally Henderson managed to rid himself of his boots and coat and started to swim ashore.

He said that Havala clung to the boat but apparently lost his hold and sank.

## AUTO FREIGHT FLEET IS PLANNED BY LOCAL MEN

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION READY TO FILE

Line to Operate Seven Trucks; Main Office to be Located in Roseburg

Articles of incorporation for an auto transportation company in which several local men are interested have been prepared and will probably be filed today.

The Oregon Auto Transportation company is capitalized at \$50,000 and will operate a fleet of seven freight trucks between Portland and Roseburg. A. C. Bohrnstedt is president, E. L. Bohrnstedt, vice president, and Elvin H. Young, secretary treasurer. Main offices will be opened in Roseburg.

Five of the freight fleet will operate direct between Portland and Roseburg, with one truck each on the Roseburg-Grants Pass and Roseburg-Medford lines.

Mr. Young, who has been with the Spaulding Logging company for the last year and a half, will have charge of the main office at Roseburg while Mr. Bohrnstedt will have charge of the Salem office. M. E. Widness, manager of the old transportation company, will have an interest in the new concern and will have charge of the Portland office at the auto freight terminal.

## TOWN MENACED BY FIRE

RESIDENTS OF SPIRIT LAKE PREPARING TO LEAVE

SPIRIT LAKE, Idaho, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Residents of this town were fighting desperately this evening to stay the progress of flames that had approached on two sides and were held in check only because the humidity was high enough to aid the fighters. Many had their household goods loaded on trucks and wagons, ready to beat a hasty retreat should the wall of fire leap the trench that had been dug on a front of a mile and a half.

The wind was so strong that backfiring against the blaze was impossible.

A crew of men was digging trenches around the poles of the power line of the Washington Water Power company to Newport, Wash., many of which are in the center of the blaze.

## GAS PRICE IS DROPPED

MOTOR FUEL SELLING FOR 10.8 CENTS IN KANSAS

WICHITA, Kans., Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Gasoline prices continued to drop here today, the lowest quotation being 10.8 cents to gallon. This is exclusive of the two cent state tax, prices now range from 10.8 to 20.8, the latter charged at Standard Oil company stations.

## REWARD IS OFFERED FOR ARREST OF MAIL BANDITS

POLICE SEEK GUNMEN WHO KILLED CLERK IN ROBBERY

Mail Sacks With Bloodstains Are Found; Clue Is Said Important

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—A reward of \$1,000 for the arrest or information leading to the arrest of gunmen who looted the express and mail car of northbound Santa Fe train No. 75 and fatally shot Elmer Campbell, express messenger last Monday night, was offered today by W. W. Etter, general manager of the Santa Fe coast lines.

The offer was made shortly after officers had discovered what at first was looked upon as one of the most important clues uncovered in connection with the case.

Two mail sacks bearing what investigators thought might be blood stains were found in an automobile parked on a street at Redondo Beach. After a cursory investigation, however, police there admitted that they had not been able to identify the stains as two of the trio stolen from the mail and express car. They were still working on this clue tonight and said they had by no means abandoned it as worthless.

Everett C. Lewis, Robert Leo and Pearl Anderson, who were arrested last night as suspects, continued to be held tonight while detectives checked their alibis.

## WATER MEETING CALLED

COMMITTEE TO GATHER NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

F. G. Deckerbach, chairman, has called a meeting of the advisory committee appointed by Mayor J. B. Giesy and T. M. Hicks, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to act with the special water committee of the city council, for 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Wednesday.

It is planned at this time to take steps toward obtaining an appraisal valuation of the Salem Water company plant which may be purchased by the city.

The program calls for the selection of two engineers, one by the committee and one by the water company, to make the appraisal and, if necessary, these two to name a third engineer.

## EXHIBITS ARE PREPARED

SEATTLE, Aug. 28.—The Major's association of Washington announced here today that the state will have two buildings in the Hawaiian territorial fair, opening at Honolulu Monday to run 10 days. The buildings are to be filled with Washington exhibits, including films depicting activities in the state.

## PLANES READY FOR FLIGHT TO ISLANDS

Huge Air Leviathans Are Groomed for Epoch-Making Hawaiian Hop

## SHIPS TO LEAVE MONDAY

All Precautions Taken by Navy Department to Guarantee Success of Trans-Pacific Flight

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The navy is to set the stage tomorrow for the take-off of its non-stop flight to the Hawaiian islands, which has been set for 2 p. m. Monday.

The mine sweeper Gannet will leave San Francisco at 7:30 tomorrow morning for a position off Pedro point, on the western shore of San Pablo bay, with a number of the headquarters officers of the flight aboard. The two big PN seaplanes will leave here two and one-half hours later, flying to a point near the head of the bay or about 15 miles northeast of San Francisco.

As two big motors are being placed in the PB-1, the third non-stop flyer, there is some doubt as to whether she will be able to go to the jump-off position tomorrow. She is sure to join her adventurous mates no later than Sunday, however, her crew members said today.

The three ships expect to hold a sort of dress rehearsal of the take-off some time between tomorrow noon and the actual beginning of the flight.

Wind and water conditions on the big waterway are to be put to a thorough test, so when the pilots dip into the ether on Monday they will know exactly what to expect.

At the regular take-off the ship will swing down the bay, flying low, with two PN-7 navy seaplanes flying above them to handle their wireless reports. The PN's will remain with the larger flyers until they are ready to release their own antennae, which drop down at least 400 feet from the ships. With this antennae hung out the adventurers will have established communication with the ship and shore and the radio history of the big thrill will begin.

Today the ships spent much time in compass adjustment on the "compass rose," a little patch of earth on Crissy field that is strangely lacking in magnetic attraction. On this patch of earth is a platform with the correct compass bearings for that particular locality painted on it. If the ship compasses correspond to this painted compass they do not need adjustment, but in the case of the non-stop fliers today, some little "tuning up" was necessary.

On Sunday the ships will be fueled for the flight, and early on Monday they will take up their positions at the head of the bay.

The flight officials today sent out a warning to all commercial and other non-official airplanes to "keep out of the way." It was explained that the non-stop fliers will be heavily loaded and will not be in a position to turn or dip quickly in the event of a threatened collision. Some of these airplanes actually menaced themselves and the PN ships at San Diego, the flight officers announced, and no recurrence of this incident is desired.

## ORIENTALS COME HERE

160 CHINESE STUDENTS COMING TO UNITED STATES

SEATTLE, Aug. 28.—The steamer President Jackson which is scheduled to arrive here Wednesday will bring approximately one hundred and sixty Chinese students to enter colleges and universities in the United States.

Thirty of the number are expected to stay in Seattle and enter the University of Washington.

Eighty-one of the students are from Panghai, the government university endowed by the Boxer indemnity fund, which was returned to the Chinese government by President Roosevelt, following the uprising of 1898.

## WHEAT TO BE SHIPPED

SEATTLE, Aug. 28.—Mitsui & Co., steamship operators, announced today that 12 of their ships are to load 46,000 tons of wheat for Japan, at Seattle, Portland and Vancouver, B. C., between now and January 1. The freighter Tachibana Maru of the Mitsui line, due here next Wednesday, is to load 6,000 tons of wheat at Seattle and Portland.

## CHINESE TONG MEMBERS MEET TO DISCUSS PEACE

TWO RIVAL CLANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ARMISTICE

Unfair Luring Away of Members Is Given as Reason for War Outbreak

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Delegations representing the rival Chinese tongs which were involved in the bloody flareup Tuesday and Wednesday met today in the office of Assistant District Attorney Pecora to discuss peace terms. An armistice is in effect pending the outcome of the conference which was continued from Wednesday.

Five members of the Hip Sing tong and five of the On Leong tong comprised the delegations.

Mr. Pecora said the tong war was caused by the objection of the On Leongs to alleged unfair methods practiced by the other organization in luring away its members and also to the invasion by the Hip Songs of territory which has been conceded to mbe under On Leong jurisdiction notably Boston. Having arrived at the basic cause, Pecora was confident a formal treaty would be arranged.

The outcome of the meeting was that District Attorney Banton and the chairman of the Chinese Benevolent society were appointed to act as arbitrators whose decision in the matter would be final. The truce was extended until next Monday afternoon when the arbitrators will meet to consider an existing treaty between the tongs which the On Leongs maintain has been violated by the Hip Sings.

SEATTLE, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—After an attempt by city authorities to bind leaders of Chinese tongs in Seattle to keep peace failed here today, four tong leaders agreed to post bonds of \$5,000 each to be forfeited if local members of their societies become involved in tong wars.

The conference was attended by approximately 35 leaders, who admitted that there was a possibility of an outbreak here following the recent outbreak in the east.

## IRON WORKS NOT SOLD

RUMOR ON STREETS HAS NO FOUNDATION IN FACT

There was a rumor yesterday that the interests owning the Dallas Machine & Locomotive works are about to buy the Salem Iron works.

There is no basis for the rumor beyond the point of mere conversation. There is no agreement, and no money has been passed.

The moving spirit of the Dallas Machine & Locomotive works is Karl Gerlinger, president of the concern, with W. E. Valentine its secretary. George W. Shand owns the Salem iron works.

In case the negotiations should get beyond the conversation point, and the plans of the Dallas people should be consummated, it is likely that Mr. Shand would remain as general manager of the new Salem concern, and that the scope of its operations would be very much enlarged, and new buildings and machinery added.

## FAMILY ESCAPE DEATH

S. C. PIER OF PORTLAND INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

CHEHALIS, Aug. 28.—City Commissioner S. C. Pier of Portland, his wife and daughter narrowly escaped from being killed today southeast of Chehalis when their sedan left the road, overturned and burst into flames. Persons passing rushed to the assistance of Pier and his family.

Pier suffered a dislocated shoulder blade, a badly cut knee and other lesser injuries. Mrs. Pier and daughter were bruised and badly shaken up but were not seriously hurt.

The family returned to Portland tonight.

## WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS

YAKIMA, Aug. 28.—Conference of presidents of women's republican clubs and other women prominent politically throughout the state will be held in Yakima September 17, according to a call issued today by Mrs. J. L. Hughes of Yakima, national republican committee woman.

## PLAN MOUNTAIN CLIMB

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 28.—Members of the British Columbia Mountaineering club are leaving here a week from tomorrow to climb Mount Baker in Washington state taking advantage of the long week end afforded by Labor Day. Tom Fyles, club director is the leader, with perhaps fifty followers.

## CONVICTS INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Willos Enters Plea of "Not Guilty"; Murray and Kelley Ask for Time

## ATTORNEYS ARE SOUGHT

Accused Men Are Given Until Tuesday to Make Preparations for Defense and for Arraignments

Six indictments charging first degree murder in connection with the death of J. M. Holman and John Sweeney, guards at the penitentiary, the evening of August 12, were returned Friday afternoon against Tom Murray, Ellis Worth Kelley and James Willos, convicts participating in the prison break, by the Marion county grand jury, of which two members were women. Each of the trio are held responsible for the death of each of the guards. The death penalty will be asked for all three when the cases come up for trial.

Murray, leader of the trio, was the first to appear before Judge Percy B. Kelley. He asked for an extension of time and will plead Tuesday. Murray has written Roy Shields, former Salem attorney and now counsel for the Union Pacific in Portland, to defend him. Smiling, Murray was again handcuffed and taken back to his cell at the penitentiary.

Kelley and Willos were brought to the court house together in charge of Deputy Warden J. W. Lillie and Capt. W. E. Golden, guard. Willos was left in charge of Guard Bennett in an ante-room while Kelley appeared in court. He said he was making arrangements for his defense with a Portland attorney but refused to give his name. He expressed satisfaction with the suggestion that he enter his plea Tuesday.

Willos was the last to appear, and asked that the court appoint an attorney. Ray Bassett of Salem was named. District Attorney Carson read the complaint and then suddenly asked of Willos: "Are you guilty or not guilty?" "Not guilty," replied Willos.

Similar pleas are expected to be entered by Murray and Kelley when they are formally arraigned. Less than a score of people, including court house employes and newspapermen, were in the court room when the convicts appeared.

One trial for the trio is wanted by the district attorney, but the accused men have the privilege of being tried separately.

## AUTO WRECK KILLS ONE

WOMAN DIES, TWO OTHERS HURT IN BRIDGE PLUNGE

TACOMA, Aug. 28.—One woman was killed instantly, two others severely injured and a six-year-old boy escaped unhurt when a light coupe crashed through the railing of the Dry Creek bridge, three miles north of Longmire Springs, in Rainier national park and fell 15 feet to the creek bed, according to word received here from park officials.

Mrs. L. G. Vitous, 29, of Morton, driver of the automobile, was instantly killed. Mrs. Oscar Widman, 33, 2916 Leonard avenue, Everett, suffered an injury to her spine. It is believed by the park physician that she will recover.

Mrs. J. Marsh, mother of Mrs. Widman, who resides in St. Paul, Minn., received head injuries, from which she is expected to recover, while Ermont Widman, 6, who was riding in the rear of the coupe, was unhurt.

The party was en route to Paradise Inn and was passing over the bridge at 1:30 p. m. when the accident occurred.

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