

MEETING OF COURT MARTIAL IS LIVELY

Colonel Mitchell Enters Plea of "Not Guilty" to Charges of Army

SESSION NOT LENGTHY

Little Accomplished Other Than to Enter Plea in Record; Coolidge and Davis May be Called

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The brief but lively session held today by the court martial sitting in judgment on Col. William Mitchell, charged with conduct prejudicial to military order and discipline in violation of the 96th article of war, accomplished little today beyond putting the air officer's pleas of "not guilty" in the record and denying him the "bill of particulars" he had requested.

During the time the court was in session, from 10:25 to 11:30 a. m., however, word was circulated that Colonel Mitchell had under advisement the making of a request that he be confronted in court by his accuser, meaning either President Coolidge, Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis, or both.

This report was confirmed later by his civilian counsel, Representative Frank R. Reid of Illinois, who said late tonight he still was open minded about the question and would not decide definitely until Monday, when the court is reassembled.

The court's proceedings today were enlivened by sharp passages between Mr. Reid and Col. Sherman Moreland, trial judge advocate. These were precipitated by the defense request for the bill of particulars which Colonel Moreland had indicated yesterday he would prepare, and assertions by Mr. Reid that the charges as drawn were so vague, broad and indefinite that he could not properly prepare Colonel Mitchell's defense. The recess until Monday was another surprise but was taken upon recommendation of both counsellors who wished in the interim to examine three witnesses from Texas.

Colonel Mitchell's pleas of "not guilty" were made with the officer standing, smiling and repeating firmly his negative response to each of the charges and specifications. Mrs. Mitchell sat at his side at the time. When the accused was reseated, she leaned forward, clasped her husband's hand in a grasp that remained unbroken for the while. Another

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WEALTHY FARMER DIES

A. FLETCHER LOCKWOOD VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

A. Fletcher Lockwood, owner of a farm between Salem and Turner, died late Thursday night as he was sleeping in his bed at home. He and his wife had lived together at the farm for the last six years, and although the farm had been but an average one when he took hold of it, he worked on it until now it is considered one of the finest farms in the valley. Not long ago he had erected a barn at a cost of \$7000, with steel supports, concrete and tile, and a cork floor. The farm consists of some 80 acres, mostly in prunes.

The cause of his death, while not certain, is believed to have been heart failure. He was the nephew of Andrew Fletcher, president of the American Locomotive works, and president also of the W. & A. Fletcher company, steamship outfitters located at Hoboken, New Jersey.

DRIVE IS SHORT \$300

BOY SCOUT CAMPAIGN PROGRESS SATISFACTORY

The Boy Scout campaign for \$3000 was nearly completed yesterday, according to Scout Executive Ware, but there remains about \$300 yet to go. Fred Thielsen expressed himself as pleased with the work shown thus far and stated that he hopes another day will see the remaining amount accounted for.

The outskirts of the city were reached Friday, and several of the business men passed up Thursday were visited, with the result that nearly \$1000 was subscribed and collected yesterday. Some men to be called upon have not been found in yet, and Mr. Thielsen believes that when these are seen, most of the \$300 will be taken up. It is believed that the amount received will get the local organization out of debt and assure a complete program for the following year.

FALL STYLE IN PAJAMAS DISPLAYED LAST NIGHT

HUGE RALLY STAGED BY WILLAMETTE STUDENTS

Freshman Receives Injury in Dash From Gymnasium; Fireworks Featured

A line of some 300 men, decked out in pajamas, yelling incessantly and led by three trucks on which huge buzz saws and anvils were pounded continuously with sledge hammers, paraded through the main streets of Salem last night, causing more din than a bargain sale, and announcing in no uncertain tones that the paraders, students at Willamette university, are expecting to see the Bearcats walk through the lines of the Whitman team today for a long-sought victory. The parade, which culminated in a grand rally on Sweetland field where fireworks were displayed by the rooks marked the climax of the first day of the Willamette Homecoming.

Jack Schenke, one of the rooks who was helping put on the fireworks, received a nasty cut on his lip when he attempted to dash out on the field from the gymnasium with some fireworks, and jammed up against the wire fence that had been placed around the field in preparation for today's game. He was rushed into the gym where Coach Rathbun applied first aid.

Roman candles, sky rockets, whirrigs, Chinese bombs and several other varieties of fireworks were set off by the rooks as the paraders gathered in the grandstand and yelled and sang. Buckets loaded with oil soaked waste, lighted the field, with the aid of several railroad flares. As a climax a huge W, lighted fluently with flares, was raised by the rooks, and the students yelled continually until the last flare had flickered out.

The order for today's activity on the Willamette campus will start with an alumni breakfast at 8 o'clock. In the afternoon the main event of the Homecoming, the game with Whitman, will be played, and the occasion will terminate in the evening with the presentation of the play, "You and I," presented by the Willamette chapter of the Beta Alpha Phi.

Not many alumni had registered at the campus up to 8 o'clock Friday evening, but it is expected that several of them will be on hand for the breakfast, and by the time of the game a large representation is anticipated.

REJECTED SUITOR KILLS

DISPRIZED LOVER IS BELIEVED CAUSE OF DUAL TRAGEDY

SEATTLE, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—After shooting Velma Wright, 22, to death, John M. Hubbard, 26, killed himself here tonight, police reported.

No one witnessed the shooting, which took place in the rooms of the girl's foster father. A portion of a letter written by Hubbard to his father, J. C. Hubbard of Monroe, Wash., shortly before the fatalities, indicated disappointment in love might have been the cause. "I love Velma, I love Velma. I'm going to her today for a showdown," the note read. Miss Wright had repelled Hubbard's advances, her foster parents said.

Hubbard was a surveyor. Miss Wright was a hair dresser. A bonus insurance policy found in Hubbard's pocket for \$1267, bore the scrawled words: "This will help take care of Babe and thank God I can help some."

TAX HEARING CONTINUES

EXPERT FAVORS SLICE ON RATE ON SMALL INCOMES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The house ways and means committee was advised today by Prof. Edwin R. A. Seligman, economist of Columbia university to retain the inheritance tax, to reduce rates, and to cut the income rates on low incomes rather than exempt these taxpayers entirely.

Questioned by democratic committee members, Mr. Seligman and Professor Thomas S. Adams of Yale, who testified yesterday and was recalled today, both opposed proposals to extend the period for payment of the national debt from 25 to 62 years with a view to making greater reductions in taxes now.

Mr. Adams declared it was "inconceivable that the European debtor nations will continue regularly their debt payments for 62 years any way," and thought the debts of all these nations would tempt them eventually into war against the United States.

Chairman Green announced receipt of a telegram from the Iowa state farm bureau opposing repeal of the federal inheritance tax.

SALES OF PROPERTY TO ALIENS CHARGED

Former Official, Four Aliens and Three Alien Companies Indicted

HUGE FRAUD IS CHARGED

Alleged Release of \$7,000,000 of Sequestered Assets Brings Action by Federal Grand Jury

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Col. Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, four German and Swiss citizens, and three German and Swiss corporations, were indicted today by a special federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States government.

The indictments involve the release by the custodian of about \$7,000,000 of sequestered assets of the American Metal company—representing the sale of a 49 percent alleged enemy interest—to pretended Swiss owners.

The grand jury declared that Miller, John T. King, former republican national committeeman from Connecticut, and the late Jesse Smith, confidant of former Attorney General Daugherty, arranged the transfer with the foreign defendants in consideration of payment to them of \$391,000 of the recovered assets.

King appeared before the jury and waived immunity, the statement said. Although named as a conspirator he was not indicted.

Miller is expected to appear for arraignment before Federal Judge Francis A. Winslow Wednesday. He declined to appear before the grand jury.

The following statement was issued today by Colonel Miller's

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GOBLINS WALK TONIGHT

WARNINGS ISSUED BY CHIEF OF POLICE MINTO

Goblins, ghosts and other demons to roam the streets of Salem tonight in observation of Halloween are warned by Frank Minto, chief of police, not to become too enthusiastic in their pranks. For instance, such carrying on as scribbling on windows and mutilating of property will be frowned upon and arrests made if necessary.

A quiet evening, however is expected, according to the chief, as not much mischief was propagated last year on the same occasion. Those seeking jollity for the evening are asked not to mark the windows of the police station, or to scar the fire trucks. It is suggested that a better time will be had by all if activities of the evening are confined to sheets, pumpkins and tick tacks.

KELLEY AND WILLOS TO BE HANGED JANUARY 8

SENTENCE PASSED BEFORE A CROWDED COURTROOM

Condemned Men Make Statements; Both Are Dejected and in Need of Shave

Before a crowded court room Friday morning Judge Percy R. Kelley sentenced Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, convicts, to death on the gallows Friday, Jan. 8, for their participation in the prison break of August 12 which resulted in the death of John Sweeney and J. M. Holman, guards, and Bert Oregon Jones, convict, and the serious wounding of Lute Savage, guard. Tom Murray, convict leader of the break, is under sentence to hang December 18. The three convicts were indicted and tried for the death of Guard Sweeney.

Both of the condemned men made formal statements when sentence was passed.

"I want to say that as far as the jury is concerned I have had as fair a trial as could be expected under the circumstances," Kelley declared. "But without apology I want to say that I am a victim of circumstances. I did not know Holman as the state has tried to show, and in time it will be proven that I did not kill him. That's all I have to say."

After commenting upon the fairness of the trial, Willos said: "I am not guilty of murder in the first degree. I never harmed any man during the get-away and never had the least idea of harming anyone. I am very sorry that anyone was harmed, but it was through misunderstanding. In fact I understood that no one was to be harmed, and I want to say the same thing for Jones, Murray and Kelley. I think Jones simply went wild and began shooting, making things turn out the way they did. Both Kelley and I came back to the prison without handcuffs. We said we wanted to answer to the charge of first degree murder but we did not think we would have to be hanged for it."

Both convicts appeared dejected, pale and unshaven. Neither one showed signs of much nervousness. Willos complimented Kelley upon his speech while waiting to be returned to the prison. He in turn was complimented by Deputy Sheriff Burkhardt.

Judge Will R. King, counsel for the defendants, was given until December 26 to file a bill of exceptions preparatory to an appeal to the supreme court and has until December 5 to prepare the necessary papers for an appeal of the Murray case.

GOLFERS FIGHT TAX

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—A united effort on the part of American golf clubs to bring about elimination of the federal taxes on membership and dues is under way, according to announcement today by the association of main clubs.

KID STUFF, THAT'S ALL!



PIERCE GIVES REASONS FOR WESTON'S PARDON

GOVERNOR SAYS ROBERT H. KRUG NOT MURDERED

Convicted Man Held Victim of a "Frame-Up," and Fire at Cabin an Accident

Though three separate trials had convinced 36 different men that Jack Weston was guilty of the murder of Robert H. Krug in 1919, Governor Pierce's investigations have convinced him that Weston was the innocent victim of a frame-up, and that the old recluse died and the cabin in which his charred body was found was accidentally set on fire.

The statement from the governor, given in full, is as follows: "I granted a full pardon to Jack Weston after becoming thoroughly convinced that he was innocent of the murder of Krug. Special investigations have continued over a period of nearly one year. Numerous reports have been submitted to me; I have had many interviews with Jack Weston and with various other people. Some believed Weston innocent and others believed him guilty. I interviewed Stillwell at length. I read and re-read the testimony in the various trials. The verdicts of two juries convicting Weston were set aside by the supreme court. I have no doubt that the third conviction would have been treated in like manner had Weston possessed the necessary funds for perfecting an appeal.

"These exhaustive investigations have convinced me that Krug was not murdered. He was an old recluse, living in a lonely mountain cabin, with only dogs for companions. Being an inveterate cigarette smoker, he often smoked in bed. Testimony showed that he frequently set fire to his bedding.

Stillwell's story, as told me is so improbable that I do not believe it. It differed in many particulars from his stories on the witness stand. His evidence at the various trials also varied. Weston

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M'LAREN QUITS HIS JOB

PAROLE BOARD VACANCY TO BE FILLED TODAY

The resignation of W. G. McLaren of Portland as a member of the state parole board, was accepted Friday by Governor Pierce, who announced that he would name his successor, a Portland man, today. The resignation comes on top of a 30-day reprieve granted Allen McLaren, his son, under sentence to serve four years in the penitentiary for an attack upon a Portland girl more than a year ago. Two other youths were implicated and one paroled from the bench, while the other is in the penitentiary.

Governor Pierce indicated Friday that he would at an early date name a successor to J. V. Starrett of Roseburg, state parole officer, who resigned under fire during the events following the break at the prison on August 12.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS GAINS CONFIDENCE

Settlement of Greco-Bulgar Crisis Is Looked Upon as Supreme Test

POWER TO BE INCREASED

Formation of the United States of Europe Is Suggested; Spirit of Internationalism Takes Hold

PARIS, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Internationalism as opposed to extreme nationalism—an internationalism which will be based in moments of war peril on the surrender of state sovereignty—was given new strength today by the league of nations.

Completing the work of its special session by quickly adjusting the crisis between Greece and Bulgaria, the task for which it was convoked, the council of the league, passing on to greater issues, virtually wrote the second chapter of a modern history of which the Locarno security treaties with Germany constituted the first chapter.

This second chapter is that henceforth the league of nations becomes the machinery for the settlement of all disputes and that war must cease, because, as Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary, said, if it does not, all nations will perish from the earth.

Obedying the covenant of the league, Greece and Bulgaria, by agreeing to submit their quarrel to the mediation of the council, set a precedent which, Mr. Chamberlain warned, must be followed by all. He said that any menace of war anywhere concerns all the members of the league.

The international backing given the league with two great powers, France and Great Britain, taking the leadership, has created a profound impression in Paris, and has started anew tonight talk of the formation of a United States of Europe, the idea which Mr. Lloyd George vainly tried to launch at the Geneva conference. It has also convinced statesmen that Europe's power, economically, financially and politically, working through the league, will become greater because it will be concentrated instead of divided by jealousies and rivalries.

Another feature of today's council meeting which is causing tremendous interest was the intervention of Viscount Ishii of Japan who expressed the hope that security pacts like those of Locarno will multiply in other parts of the world. There is considerable speculation tonight as to whether Japan would like to see elaborated a Pacific security pact which would include the United States and would be broader in scope than the Washington four-power agreement which replaced the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

It is recalled that inter-continental pacts were favored by the Latin-American states during the last assembly of the league. The death of the Geneva peace protocol, it is pointed out, leaves Japan with only that protection afforded by the league covenant.

BIRD CHOLERA BLAMED

MALADY BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF DUCKS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—A malignant form of bird cholera is responsible for the epidemic which is devastating countless flocks of ducks in the Tule lake country, was the opinion expressed here today by George Tonkin, United States game warden for California, and Dr. Rudolph Snyder, inspector in charge of the United States bureau of animal industry for California, following a two day inspection of the Tule lake district.

The two federal game officials estimated that there are now at least 50,000 dead ducks in Tule lake, with thousands still dying daily of the disease.

"In spite of previous investigation Dr. Snyder and myself both believe that the birds are stricken with some form of bird cholera," said Mr. Tonkin. "The symptoms indicating one of several diseases have been discarded as our investigations continued, until it is now practically certain it is cholera."

KHQ NOW ON AIR

SPOKANE, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Spokane's new 1000 watt radio broadcasting station KHQ officially went on the air here tonight with an elaborate program. Floyd B. Danskin, speaker of the house of representatives at Olympia, read a prepared address for Governor Hartley.

ARMISTICE DAY PLANS SAID "BIGGEST EVER"

FORMER EFFORTS WILL BE PUT IN SHADE, CLAIM

Parade, Dances, Shows and Football Game Are Features of Big Celebration

"The biggest ever" is the way the local Legionnaires refer to Salem's Armistice day celebration. Committees from Capitol post No. 9, American Legion, are busy with plans for an all-day affair on November 11 which they claim will outdo all former efforts.

The day's activities will start with a monster parade to be held at 10:30 a. m. Every patriotic, fraternal and civic organization in the city is expected to be represented in the line of march. Capital post drum corps and several bands will furnish music. Col. Carl Abrams has been named grand marshal.

Arrangements have been made with the managements of the Oregon, Hellig and Bligh theaters to admit the public on Legion tickets. The feature of the afternoon will be a football game between Salem and Eugene high schools. Legion tickets will be honored at the game. Two halls, Crystal Gardens and the Armory, have been engaged for the fourth annual Armistice day dance to be held in the evening under the auspices of the legion. Tickets will be issued at the dance which will permit dancing at either hall at no extra cost.

Legion tickets will be sold for 50 cents each and will be good for any one of the attractions mentioned above.

"Armistice day," said a member of the Legion committee, "is the one day in the year that we feel belongs to the World War veterans. The American Legion has always cooperated with other organizations in the observance of various events, and past experience has taught us that the public can be counted on to assist the legion in its efforts to make Armistice day a success."

Final plans will be discussed at a big meeting of the post Monday night. A big feed is promised and all Legionnaires are requested to turn out.

SNOWSTORM HITS EAST

BUREAU DECLARES SNOWFALL EARLIEST ON RECORD

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—A driving combination of snow and rain today swirled into the metropolitan area, spilling the earliest official snowstorm on record. The previous record was November 9, 1892. The storm left its trail of snow in an area extending north to southern New England and south to the District of Columbia. All New York state and New Jersey experienced abnormal atmospheric conditions. A four inch snowfall was reported at Oswego, on Lake Ontario.

A glum forecast for football enthusiasts who expect to attend scores of gridiron contests in the east tomorrow was offered tonight by the weather man. "Cloudy skies, probably rain or snow," was his prediction.

Snow fell over a wide area in Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Scranton reporting phenomenal storms for this time of the year.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Weather bureau records dating back to 1890 were broken with a two inch snowfall here today and tonight. The capital has known heretofore only a trace of snowflakes as early as October.

MAJORITY NOT OBTAINED

CANADIAN CONSERVATIVES STILL LACK SIX SEATS

OTTAWA, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The conservative party, which made decided gains in the parliamentary elections throughout Canada yesterday, still is short six seats to assure it an absolute majority in the next House of Commons. This is shown by the returns issued tonight which give the conservatives 117 seats and the liberals 67 with the result in eight constituencies still doubtful.

From present indications it is not likely that Mr. Meighen will get a clear majority. Should he fail to do so it is quite probable that the present government headed by Premier Mackenzie King, will decide to meet parliament instead of presenting its resignation.

U. S. LEGATE CHOSEN

PARIS, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Senator Victor Henry Berenger, noted French financial authority, it became known today from an unquestionable source, is soon to be appointed French ambassador in the United States, succeeding Emile Deuchner.

AMERICAN CITIZENS IMPERILED IN SYRIA

United States Demands Explanation of Bombardment by French Army

NOTE SENT TO CONSUL

No Americans Believed Lost in Bombing That Resulted in Killing of One Thousand and Natives

PARIS, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Official announcement was made tonight that the government had summoned General Sarraf, French high commissioner in Syria, to Paris to furnish a full explanation of the Syrian situation. It has also been decided to appoint a civilian high commissioner to Syria.

This announcement was made after a special cabinet council convened to consider the recent disturbances in Damascus and the general unrest in Syria.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The chagrin of the Paris government over the developments in Damascus is expected in official circles here to result in the early clearing up of the aspect of the incident that led the Washington government to make diplomatic representations respecting the imperiling of American lives without warning.

Consular dispatches dealing with the French bombardment of Damascus transmitted from Washington to Ambassador Herriot with directions that he present them vigorously in the form of representations to the French foreign office were virtually eye witnesses' accounts and are understood to have given a vivid picture of the incident, since the consulate is situated in the section of the city where shells and airplane bombs were dropped. The consulate itself presumably was not struck but there was damage in the immediate vicinity.

The reports were dispatched from the area while the bombardment was in progress and did not represent a subsequent inquiry.

The estimate that the property damage in Damascus totaled \$10,000,000 and that one thousand persons were killed is necessarily a rough calculation. It serves, however, to show the severity of the bombardment which was intended to warn and punish the natives because of aid given revolting Druse tribesmen, and to indicate that the Paris government may be faced with numerous damage claims on behalf of foreign nationals, including Americans. The question of justification for the bombardment will arise in that connection and advice received here all indicate that it was not part of a military operation necessary to repulse an attack upon the French garrison.

The American reports also show that there was looting during and after the bombardment but there is nothing to indicate that they bear out charges made in reports reaching London that native soldiery in the French garrisoning units was concerned.

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