

CITY OFFICIALS OF SEATTLE HIT HARD

Grand Jury Investigates Conditions; Evidence Found Against Mayor

IMPEACHMENT POSSIBLE

Removal of Mayor Brown Would Be Justified, Report Says; County Auditor Indicted, Arrested

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Evidence "sufficient to justify the removal of Mayor Brown from office, either by impeachment proceedings or recall," was reported by the King county grand jury today. Sheriff Matt Starwich was held responsible for laxity of law enforcement outside the city, and County Auditor D. E. Ferguson was indicted for "misconduct in office."

Mayor Brown appeared before the grand jury several times to defend his administration. Testimony concerning alleged vice conditions in the city was given by the Rev. Ambrose Bailey, who made a trip "below the line" in disguise.

The grand jury made a brief examination of the sheriff's office. Ferguson violated a statute which prohibits county officials using county employees for private gain, the indictment alleges. The charges against Ferguson resulted from the distribution of a cook book to prospective brides, for which work the auditor is said to have received compensation that he did not turn over to the county.

Ferguson was immediately arrested and released on \$1,000 bond, posted by his attorney. In addition to the indictments, the grand jury made sweeping recommendations of reform in county and city administrations.

Dance hall and road house conditions in the county were deplored and condemned, and Sheriff Matt Starwich criticized for the prevalence of lawlessness.

Mayor Brown and Police Chief William Severns were charged with failure to enforce laws.

County Auditor Ferguson's alleged collection of tribute from employees of his department and use of facilities and employees of his office for his private gain by compilation of marriage license records for a cook book manufacturer were charged.

Ferguson was charged also with refusing to accept interest for county deposits from a Seattle bank and at the same time obtaining a personal loan at a low rate of interest.

The jury charged politics was evident in the administration of council road funds and criticized the road commissioners for "laxity in keeping track of supplies and materials."

The report recommended reform of the criminal code and condemned the county jail, stockade and hospital as unfit for habitation.

Referring to the administration of Mayor Brown, the report declared "not a single felony case against vice, gambling or liquor was lodged with the prosecutor's office during the year 1925," although the prosecutor's office in numerous raids disclosed flagrant law violations.

"Apparently the only time within the last three years that there was a semblance of law enforcement by the police department in respect to vice, gambling or liquor was when Mayor Brown was in the east and Mrs. Landes, acting in the capacity of chief executive, removed Mr. Severns as chief of police and appointed Captain Bannister."

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IRRIGATION PLANS MADE

CUT OF 4,000 ACRES FROM UMATILLA PROJECT ASKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Elimination of approximately 4,000 acres of poor land from the Umatilla reclamation and irrigation project in Oregon to avoid operating long laterals for unproductive areas, was recommended by Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, in his annual report, made public today by Dr. Work, secretary of the interior.

This also would save water, he said, by preventing its unproductive use, and put an end to the trafficking and speculation in these lands.

Plans for the settlement of 8,000 acres of the Tule lake division of the Klamath reclamation and irrigation project in Oregon and California have been deferred, Dr. Mead declared in his report, owing to a protest by the water users on the settled part over the construction charge.

This charge has been fixed at \$50 an acre, he said, which is the amount needed to repay construction costs, based on present allocation of costs to the 24,200 acres in division. He proposed that 8,000 acres, for which construction has been completed, to be opened to settlement and further construction on the area be suspended until the land is occupied and the construction cost controversy is decided.

SON'S SAFETY FEARED

LAST SEEN ON SALEM ROAD LOOKING FOR WORK

Where is Ralph Crenshaw? He was last seen walking toward Salem, looking for employment and with little money in his pocket.

Formerly employed in an Albany dairy, he was looking for work. He stands 5 feet 10 inches high, weighs 125 pounds, has light complexion, and is 16 years old.

Readers of this paper are asked to furnish available information concerning him. His mother, in Corvallis General Hospital, is concerned for his welfare.

REFORM ORGANIZATIONS

CARRY ON DRY ASSAULT

CRITICISM VOICED AGAINST FEDERAL OFFICE

Coolidge Said Not to Have Given Sincere Support to Prohibition Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Criticism by prohibition organizations of the government enforcement policies was carried directly to the White House today, and the assault, which has gained momentum in recent weeks brought a reply from the administration through Secretary Mellon.

The action of the committee made up of representatives of 25 reform organizations were regarded by many as the first big effort in a fresh campaign by the dries, directed toward both the legislative and executive arms of the government, and timed in advance of an anticipated drive by the wets in the forthcoming session of congress.

Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, N. Y., chairman of the reform group which met here this week, submitted its conclusions to the White House in a communication describing enforcement results as a "joke" and a "national scandal," and saying that the president "never yet has definitely and unreservedly committed his administration to the enforcement of the 18th amendment," while this was on its way to the executive mansion, Mr. Mellon at the treasury asserted that the criticism of the reform organizations were "unfounded and unjustified," and declared that every effort was being made to correct the evils in the situation.

"Of course, the situation is bad," the secretary said, "but were there no violations there could be no need for enforcement organization."

"I have read reports of the complaint made by the organization's meeting here and I do not know what they mean," he charged, "lack of definition. They won't help us much in enforcement with such talk."

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SKEPTICS DISCOUNT CLAIMS OF DIGGERS

Reputed Discovery of Prehistoric "Buried City" Brings Forth Opinions

PROMOTION HOAX HINTED

Attempts of Excavators to Obtain Money Through Sale of Stock Causes Hail in Enthusiasm

LOUISIANA, Mo., Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Residents of Fike county tonight were skeptical and excavators were silent regarding a story being told by R. D. Burchard of St. Louis and assistants that a buried city that may be a site of a prehistoric civilization has been unearthed near here. Excavating has been halted temporarily while Burchard and his assistants attempt to obtain money through sale of stock to continue operations. He said the project already had cost \$20,000 and he had staked his life savings on the belief that he was on the "verge of making a discovery that would startle the world."

Meanwhile archaeologists at St. Louis and Columbia, Mo., were skeptical about the reported discovery. Doubt as to the accuracy of reports concerning the "buried city" was expressed by Dr. J. B. Williams, professor of geology in the University of Missouri, while Dr. H. M. Whelpley, dean of the college of pharmacy here, and a noted archaeologist, said he was "very skeptical."

"Of course, we never know what may be found," Dr. Whelpley said. But what the excavators are reported to have found is not what we would expect to find there. The apparent findings do not mean anything in particular."

Dr. Whelpley said F. D. Tucker, an "assistant of Burchard," and others had visited him four or five times in the last three years to interest him in searching for buried treasure.

"They always were within a few feet of treasure and merely needed a little more capital to realize their dreams," Dr. Whelpley said. One such project now apparently abandoned was near Pacific, Mo. Tucker also is known to have solicited others in St. Louis for financial aid without success.

Tracy Burchard, a brother of R. D. Burchard, was cited by the post-office department last May to show cause why a fraud order should not be issued barring him from use of the mails in attempting to sell "treasure locators." These were devices on the order of divining rods. The citation was dismissed after a hearing at which Tracy Burchard promised to desist.

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FORCE OF ARMS WRONG WORLD COURT WINNING

DR. N. C. COLEMAN STATES PLAN IS AMERICAN

"Monroe Doctrine Enshrines Fear in System," Reed Head Says

"America is becoming more and more convinced that no just settlement of international issues can be brought about through force of arms," declared Dr. N. C. Coleman, president of Reed college of Portland.

"America's reaction to the World Court is emotional rather than reasoning, because our forefathers have bred into us a suspicion of all European affairs. We hesitate to join the Court, yet strangely enough America created the Court."

Dr. Coleman addressed the students of Willamette university Thursday in conjunction with the school's World Court Week program.

Americans like the Chinese formerly studied in isolation. The theory was that success depended upon one student's being better than another.

But there is a new day in America as well as in China. Students now have discussion group classes with community problems as subject. Students who think there is no hope must not have read much, Dr. Coleman said.

"America is suspicious of the World Court because it appears to be a European institution. But it is peculiarly American. It was outlined 18 years ago by Americans at the second Hague conference. It was organized through the assistance of our own great lawyer, Elihu Root."

"It might have been created 18 years ago, but no method of selecting the judges could be found. The large powers feared the dominance of the smaller ones, and the smaller were afraid the large would slip something over on them."

"It took the great war to point the way, and Elihu Root crystallized the plans for selecting the judges. Two bodies, one in which the large powers predominate and

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BOY SLAYER RELEASED

YOUTH OF 15 WHO KILLED HIS FATHER, FREED

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 3.—John Schwind, 15 year old Jordan school boy, returned to his home in the hills near Jordan, Or., today, after the grand jury investigating the charge of first degree murder against him as the result of his father's death from a gun wound which he sustained in a family quarrel November 4, returned a not true bill charge.

Testimony before the grand jury was that on the morning of the shooting the father, Joe Schwind, became angry at Joe, Jr., and had him on the floor, threatened to break the boy's arm which had been broken but a month before, and had been out of a sling but a day. John ran and got a pistol belonging to his older brother, Pete, and fired blindly at his father, it was testified. Half of the bullet lodged in the man's brain which caused his death about a week after the shooting took place.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR



HUGE LIQUOR GANG IS BROKEN IN RAID

Fifty Officers Stage Greatest Coup in History; Twenty Men Are Taken

PLANS MADE CAREFULLY

Concentrated Attack Is Made on Liquor Headquarters; Alleged Leader of Ring Is Captured

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Half a hundred prohibition agents, deputy United States marshals and special patrolmen today raided the offices of a liquor ring which prohibition agents said was the largest in the history of prohibition and was "the backbone of rum row."

A syndicate which controlled 18 ocean steamers in the liquor trade, bribed coast guard officers wholesale and had its own secret service system for watching the movements of federal officers, was said to have been broken up by the raiders, whose first roundup of the day netted 20 men and whose principal captive was "Bill" Dwyer, alleged head of the syndicate.

The ring's activities were said to be responsible for the bringing of millions of dollars' worth of liquor into this country annually. Dwyer, arraigned before Judge Goddard on a specific charge of conspiring last July to bring 4038 cases of liquor into the country hidden in the bunkers of the steamship Augusta, was held in \$40,000 bail.

The raids were carefully planned. At a given signal agents went to different parts of the city where members of the alleged syndicate were gathered. The chief point of attack was a suite of offices in Times Square where leaders of the ring were arrested.

Immediately after the raid, Major Walton A. Green, chief assistant of General Lincoln C. Andrews, dispatched the following message to his chief:

"Beg to report capture of Dwyer and his principal assistants. Forty one warrants out and biggest

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DIVORCES ON INCREASE

WHILE MARRIAGES DECLINE; COUNTY FACTS SHOW

Marrriages in Marion county are decreasing, while at the same time there are marked increase in divorces, is shown by figures issued yesterday from the county clerk's office.

Number of marriages for the past four years are: 1922, 502; 1923, 509; 1924, 454; 1925 (to date), 476. Summary of divorces show: