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HAINES TESTIMONY TO BE HEARD TODAY

Charges Against Bramwell, State Bank Head, to Be Investigated

KAY SIGNS SUBPOENA

Portland National Bank President's Letter Will Not Close Incident; Board Asks For All Facts

State Treasurer Kay, in the absence of Governor Pierce and Secretary of State Koser, yesterday signed subpoena demanding that Will Be Haines, president of the Portland National bank and a number of other persons, appear before the state banking board here today and give testimony in connection with charges preferred against Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

One of the charges preferred by Mr. Haines was that Mr. Bramwell in the capacity of state banking superintendent, had discriminated against the Portland National bank by refusing to grant it a permit to act as a reserve institution for state banks.

Another charge was that Mr. Bramwell had sent letters to an unidentified bank in Western Oregon, in which he sought to purchase the institution for one of his employes on terms to be dictated by the state banking superintendent. It was alleged by Mr. Haines that had this transaction reached a successful conclusion there would have been ample opportunity for both Mr. Bramwell and his employe to derive a substantial profit.

An effort also will be made at the hearing to clear up an alleged rumor reported to the banking board by Guernsey Slocom of Portland, that Mr. Bramwell was to have shared in \$1000 that Mr. Slocom was requested to pay for a bank charter by a Portland attorney.

Mr. Bramwell has denied the truth of all of the charges and has demanded that Mr. Haines and his associates be summoned before the banking board to prove the accusations.

In a letter received by members of the banking board recently from Mr. Haines, he said that he considered the controversy a closed incident. Members of the banking board refused to agree with Mr. Haines' version of the affair, however, and have demanded that he appear here tomorrow to testify.

BAN CHRISTMAS TREES FASCIST OFFICIALS SAY CUSTOM THREATENS UNITY

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Prohibition of municipal Christmas trees by fascist officials in southern Tyrol, on the alleged ground that the present German-Italian institution threatens political unity, has provoked a storm of editorial fury throughout Germany.

"This fills the cup of fascist aggrandizement to the overflowing," says the Taegliche Rundschau.

As the German minority in the southern Tyrol is guaranteed protection by the league of nations, the Berliner Zeitung Am Mittag sees in the Italian procedure a "brutal violation" of the cultural and religious rights of the people.

Gun Club Dinner Set for Members Tonight

Officials of the Salem Rod and Gun Club announce that plates have been reserved for dinner at the Spa tonight at 7 o'clock, at which members are urged to be present. Important topics will be discussed following the meet.

BUY STAMPS



CHRISTMAS SEAL STAMPS are now offered for sale at booths in the post office, Miller's Mercantile Co., Kaffoury Brothers, Still Furniture Co. and the Bank of Commerce. Total receipts to date from booth sale: \$100.01; received in mail, \$637.

FREE CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY FOR POOR CHILDREN PLANNED

Elks-Bligh Theatre-Salvation Army Join to Spread Christmas Cheer; Tickets Should be Secured at Once

A Christmas tree party—with candy and nuts, an apple, an orange and a toy for each child present—with a program put on by the Elks, with Santa Claus and everything that goes to make up a real Christmas party, was announced yesterday, to take place on December 24, at the armory, as the result of the joint efforts of the Elks, the Salvation Army and Frank Bligh.

All poor children are invited, but urged to get their tickets immediately at the Salvation Army headquarters, 241 State street. Just before Santa Claus enters, Frank Bligh has declared his intention of giving every child present a ticket good for a free special show at the Bligh theatre on Christmas morning.

According to Captain Pitt, of the Salvation Army, F. A. Erickson, chairman of the Elks Christmas Cheer-Committee, and the Big Brothers, are unreservedly behind this Elks-Bligh Theatre-Salvation Army Party.

SCIENCE HALL AT OAC BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

\$100,000 ESTIMATED DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS

Backfire in Gas Generator Results in Terrific Blast; Firemen Hurt

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Damage estimated at \$100,000, injury to one fireman, and narrow escapes on the part of several students and faculty members resulted from fire today which gutted the central portion of the Oregon Agricultural college science hall in which the chemistry work of the campus is located.

A backfire in the gasoline line supplying the building from a gasoline generator system caused two terrific explosions which blew the meters off on every floor of the four story stone structure. Two of these in the stock room on the ground floor spread flames to the heavy stock of chemicals, starting a fire so stubborn that the Corvallis fire department was more than an hour in getting it entirely under subjection.

Walter Backus, a hoseman working near a window of the stock room, was knocked down by an explosion 15 minutes after the fire started. He was taken to the health service nearby temporarily blinded by flying chemicals. His injury was not thought to be serious.

GRAND JURY IN SESSION

REGULAR MEETING TO OPEN TODAY AT 10 O'CLOCK

The Marion county grand jury and both departments of the circuit court will be in full swing this morning. The grand jury convenes at 10 o'clock in regular session. Both Judge Percy R. Kelly and Judge L. H. McMahan will hear cases today, without juries.

The most important case to come before the grand jury during this session is that of Mrs. Anna Springer, 42, charged with contributing to the delinquency of her own daughter, fourteen years of age. Three others, Wesley Smith, 36, Charles Chittick, 18, and William Elliott, 17, have also been bound over on charges growing out of the same case.

Besides these, the grand jury will hear evidence on the following cases:

Nagel Sorhus, charged with smuggling a revolver into the yard of the Oregon state prison.

G. W. Hayes, obtaining money under false pretenses.

J. J. Kuschnick, circulating bad checks.

Laurence Tudors, charged with forgery.

L. S. Rice, arrested on a statutory charge.

John Winberg, accused of an assault with attempt to kill.

1926 OFFICERS NAMED

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS TO GIVE DANCE

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Marion Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars at their meeting at the armory last night. The veterans are planning to give a dance New Year's eve at the Crystal Gardens.

Following are the officers elected: J. S. Baker, commander; M. H. Sim, senior vice commander; Henry O. Miller, junior vice commander; Bryan Conley, adjutant; C. W. Braat, quartermaster; Bolton Hamble, judge advocate; O. G. Woelke, chaplain; W. L. Moorman, officer of the day; Carl Abrams, trustee; Dr. E. L. Ross, surgeon. Dance committee: Bryan Conley, chairman. Post Colours committee, R. L. Stanton.

EARTH SHOCKS FRIT

RENO, Nev., Dec. 16.—Two earthquakes were recorded at Fallon, Nev., and surrounding sections today, according to reports received here tonight. The first shock occurred at 10:30 a. m., and the second, the most severe at 12:30 p. m. While windows rattled and clocks stopped, no damage was reported.

SHORTAGE IN FUNDS CHARGED GOVERNOR

Len Small of Illinois Is Ordered to Account for Over \$1,000,000

FALSE LOANS MENTIONED

Governor, While Acting as State Treasurer, Is Said to Have Put State Money into Fictitious Banks

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Governor Len Small today was ordered by the supreme court to make an accounting for approximately \$1,000,000 in interest money on state funds alleged to have been withheld by him while he was state treasurer.

Today's decision in which two of the seven justices dissented, charges that he deposited state moneys while state treasurer in a fictitious bank at 2 per cent interest, later splitting profits accruing from re-loans at from 5 to 8 per cent.

Governor Small was acquitted in 1922 on a criminal charge based on the same evidence used in the present chancery action. In a formal statement he announced tonight that he would petition for a rehearing, declaring that a "great mistake has been made" and that he had all interest funds received into the state treasury.

"A secret agreement," with the fictitious "Grant Park Park," and Small's failure as state treasurer to show the source of interest moneys collected on state funds, were causes which the supreme court said were each sufficient to warrant an order for accounting.

Small, it is charged, deposited state money in this bank at the 2 per cent minimum then provided by state law and the late state senator, E. C. Curtis and his son, who owned the bank, re-loaned the money at 5 and 8 per cent to Chicago packers and then split the profits with Small.

The estate of the senator and his son, Verne, are consequently joined with Small as defendants, and with him must make an accounting.

The opinion of the Sangamon county circuit court which today's decision upheld, directed that the case be referred back for a definite statement of the amount paid.

ARICA ACTION EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—While officials declined tonight to comment on the news of the certification of the Chilean appeal to President Coolidge as arbitrator of the Tacna-Arica award, it was generally expected here that he would take prompt action.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL



CHAMBER DIRECTORS, OFFICERS NOMINATED

VOTE TO BE TAKEN AT DECEMBER 21 LUNCHEON

Committee of Three Names Three Candidates for Each Elective Office

At a meeting of the nominating committee, consisting of U. G. Shipley, C. E. Albin and U. G. Boyer, appointed by T. H. Hicks, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to nominate officers and directors for the coming year for the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the names of nominees, arranged in alphabetical order, are as follows:

President: Dr. Fred Ellis, George H. Grabenhorst, F. E. Sherwin. Vice president: W. E. Burns, Dr. Henry E. Morris, John J. Rottler. Secretary: C. F. Giese, George M. King, U. S. Papp. Treasurer: W. G. Kreuger, Ross C. Miles, W. L. Phillips. Social Department: W. W. Chadwick, L. W. Gleason, U. G. Hoyt. Civic Department: Otto A. Hartman, James H. Nicholson, John W. Orr. Agricultural department: W. T. Hickey, J. M. Rupert, George Vick. Legislative department: Dr. E. E. Fisher, D. B. Jarman, Walter T. Stoiz. Industrial department: Fred A. Erickson, Fred D. Thielson, O. J. Wilson.

According to the by-laws and constitution of the Chamber of Commerce the president names a nominating committee of three, and this committee, acting under the same authority, must name three candidates for each office. The election will be held at the Monday noon luncheon of the club December 21 and the voting will be by ballot.

Other directors of the Chamber of Commerce are King Bing of the Cherrilans and the president of the Business Men's League, Harley O. White has been elected King Bing for 1926, and the president of the Business Men's League will be elected this week.

DEATH PLOT UNEARTHED

ATTEMPT SAID MADE TO KILL GUSTAV STRESEMANN

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—A plot against the life of Gustav Stresemann, the foreign minister, has been unearthed. The police have arrested two German fascists named Kaldorff and Lorenz, who will be charged with plotting the assassination of the minister.

Kaldorff and Lorenz sought an accomplice in a Munich attorney, who they believed to be in sympathy with their plans, but he led them into a police trap. The examining judge expressed belief that the plot was premeditated.

WORLD COURT IS TO BE AIRED IN SENATE

Long Pending Proposal Will Be Debated Today Under Special Order

BORAH TO OPPOSE MOVE

"Irreconcilables" Against Adherence to World Court; League Relationship Is Declared Loose

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—The long pending proposal that the United States adhere to the world court comes before the senate tomorrow under a special order. The resolution of adherence is that of Senator Swanson of Virginia, ranking democrat on the foreign relations committee, and contains five reservations. The two principal ones are that adherence shall not be taken to involve any legal relations on the part of the United States to the league of nations and that the United States be in no manner bound by any advisory opinion of the court.

The court question would be considered "in open executive" session and will be the subject of extended debate. While two republican presidents have recommended American adherence, the administration must look to the democrats for the margin of votes necessary for ratification.

Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee, as well as the other "irreconcilables," are opposed to the adherence on the ground that the court is the creature of the league. Proponents of the court contend that the tribunal is wholly separate from the league.

Senator Swanson will open the discussion with a prepared address which will require several hours for delivery. He hopes to keep his resolution before the senate for several days.

The first proposal for American adherence to the court was made by President Harding February 24, 1923. He recommended four reservations, since known as the Harding-Hughes' reservations, which are incorporated in the Swanson resolution.

The senate took no action and President Coolidge in his first annual message in the same year urged action and proposed a fifth reservation, that holding the United States could not be bound by advisory opinions of the court. Several resolutions to carry out the recommendation were offered but it was not until last March that a definite move was made to get the matter before the senate.

WILL PENSION CITIZENS

BILL PROPOSES TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE 65 YEARS OLD

OLYMPIA, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—By a vote of 24 to 15, with three members absent, the senate today passed a measure today generally known as the "Eagles bill," providing pensions not to exceed \$25 per month for persons who have attained 65 years of age. Restrictions as to citizenship and term of residence in the county and state were fixed. Disbursement of the funds would be in the hands of the county commissioners, who would also be empowered with authority to provide money for payment of the pensions. The measure aims to keep aged persons in their present homes, rather than have them sufficient to public charitable institutions. The bill introduced by Senator Morris, Grays Harbor county, was immediately transmitted to the house for consideration.

J. C. HAYTER IS KILLED

DALLAS MAN DIES AFTER BEING HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—James Carey Hayter, for 20 years publisher of the Polk County Observer, and for the past 12 years proprietor of a book store here, suffered fatal injuries here tonight when he was hit by an automobile as he stepped out a curb. He was dragged about 200 feet before the automobile, driven by Raymond Miller, 17, was stopped. Mr. Hayter died in a hospital shortly before 12 o'clock Wednesday night.

J. C. Hayter was a brother of Oscar Hayter, ex-president of the Oregon bar association.

TWO DIE IN GALE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—Two persons were killed in a severe gale which swept Mexico City today.

BECKETT IS GUILTY

NINE MONTHS AND \$500 IMPOSED IN JUSTICE COURT

Russell Beckett was handed a resounding jolt in the justice court yesterday afternoon when Brazier C. Small, justice of the peace, sentenced him to serve nine months in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$500 following his conviction on a charge of selling liquor. Three of the nine months in jail were given on a contempt of court charge when Beckett refused to answer questions asked by Judge Small.

The trial opened in the justice court at 2 o'clock and was closed at 5. The jury was out less than ten minutes.

Beckett was arrested Friday evening by city, county and state men. With Beckett, "Deb" Day and Carrol Wright were also arrested, although no date has yet been set for their trials. Day was charged with selling and Wright with transportation of liquor.

KIWANIS PRIZE ESSAY HONORS GO TO GIRLS

PHILLIP MAYER, PARRISH, IS ONLY BOY TO SCORE

"Results of Contest Pass All Expectations," Declares Byron Wright

Lila Louise Catton is the author of the prize winning essay for the high school division of the Kiwanis club contest. High school and junior high school students wrote on the subject, "Industries of Salem."

Junior high school contestants were divided into seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Loree Barham of Parrish junior high school placed first in the seventh grade, Margaret Purvine of McKinley won first place in the eighth grade. In the ninth grade Phillip Mayer's essay was judged the best.

"Results of the contest are beyond our expectation," declared Byron Wright, member of the contest committee. "In going over the papers I was impressed with the conviction that the students who wrote them must certainly feel an added surge of loyalty for Salem."

"This was evidenced by the pride expressed concerning the advantages of Salem and the fact that it is their own city. I am sure many loyal young boosters have been developed for Salem."

The essays were judged on two main divisions, 50 points being allotted for each. Unity, coherence, emphasis, general good and English comprised one division. Subject matter and originality of thought comprised the other.

One noticeable feature of the results of the contest is the fact that the first place of every division except the ninth grade was won by a girl. Phillip Mayer of Parrish was the only boy to win first place. Out of 25 prizes awarded, 23 were won by girls.

Following is the complete list of prize winners:

Salem high school: Lila Louise Catton, first; Helen Richardson, second; Elaine Brown, third; Richard Stoiz, fourth; Gladys Hatch, fifth; Virginia Billings, sixth; Annabel Tooze, seventh; Willis Hesman, eighth; Gladys Kearns, ninth, and Madeline Geisy, tenth.

Ninth grade: Phillip Mayer of Parrish, first; Jewell Carter of McKinley, second; Ellen Forster of McKinley, third; Mary Trindle of Parrish, fourth, and Velma Ross of Parrish, fifth.

Eighth grade: Margaret Purvine of McKinley, first; Katherine Goulet of Parrish, second; Helen Rex of McKinley, third; Dorothy Ross of Parrish, fourth, and Gertrude Winslow of Parrish, fifth.

Seventh grade: Loree Barham of Parrish, first; Elizabeth Lewis of Parrish, second; Ruth Pick of Parrish, third; Ruth DaMoude of McKinley, fourth, and Lison Parrish of McKinley, fifth.

Sixth grade (grammar school division): Jane Grime of Garfield, first; Clara Ammann of Park, second; Leonard Burch of Richmond, third, and Eleanor Dale of Richmond, fourth.

OPERATORS ACCEPT

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Anthracite operators today accepted the Luzerne county legislators plan for ending the coal strike.

Earlier in the day John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, rejected it as "simply the operator's plan wrapped in a new package."

The operators were in session here all afternoon while the mayors and burgesses from the anthracite fields were in conference at Harlburg with Governor Pinchot trying to devise some scheme for bringing the employers and workers together.

MITCHELL DEFENSE SUFFERS HARD BLOW

Letter From Former Secretary Weeks Says Air Officer "Not Satisfied"

COURSE SAID "LAWLESS"

Trial Practically Ended; Severe Setback Is Given Defense When Letter Placed in Records

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Last phases of the Mitchell court martial trial were reached today, soon after former Secretary Weeks' letter, stating why Colonel Mitchell had not been reappointed assistant chief of the army air service, was introduced in evidence.

The placing of Mr. Weeks' statement to President Coolidge in the record after it had been read by Major General Dennis Nolan, deputy chief of staff, overshadowed all other developments, including even the announcements by prosecution and defense counsel that they had no further evidence to offer.

Only one more step, delivery of arguments by opposing counsel, and a decision as to whether the evidence heard shall be used by the court as a defense, in mitigation or in extenuation, remained to be taken before the tribunal closes for findings. Arguments will be started tomorrow with Major Allen Gullion leading off for the prosecution.

The Weeks' letter with the testimony of General Nolan and his assistant staff aide, Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum, constituted a heavy blow at the defense case.

The letter itself cited Colonel Mitchell in the name of his former war chief as an officer "unfit for a high administrative position" and whose "whole course has been so lawless" despite his "excellent war record," that "he has forfeited the good opinion of those who are familiar with the facts and who desire to promote the best interests of national defense."

Further blame was attached to Colonel Mitchell by Mr. Weeks for attacking not only the war but the navy department in testimony given congressional committees early this year. In one paragraph he said:

"In this testimony, General Mitchell has not only attacked the navy department, but the officers who are now largely responsible for its administrative policies. These latter officers are among those distinguished men who conducted operations on the other side, which resulted in everlasting glory to American arms and to the winning of the war."

"No more unbecomingly attack could have been made than the one that these officers are in any way jeopardizing the progress of the air service or that they are not insistent on the development to the highest efficiency."

DELAY WALDESPER CASE

THREE TIMES POSTPONED; NOW IS SET FOR TODAY

Trial of Carl Waldesper, scheduled for yesterday afternoon, was postponed. This is the fourth time the trial has been set off. Waldesper, who is up for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, has been enjoying liberty under bail for over a month, having been released October 12.

Police officials are beginning to get restless over the case, wondering when it will come up. Several of the witnesses appeared at the police station Wednesday afternoon, not knowing the trial had been postponed.

Postponement was given at the request of Guy Smith, attorney for Waldesper, according to Judge Poulsen. Smith had a case in circuit court that he was busy on yesterday. The case is a civil suit that came up, it is said, sometime after the criminal charge placed against Waldesper.

"The case will come up Thursday, I hope," Judge Poulsen said. "I am beginning to tire of these postponements. I do not believe I will accept an excuse for postponement today."

MURRAY WADE MARRIES

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—Murray Wade of Salem, well known illustrator and newspaperman, now connected with The Oregon Magazine, published at Salem, and Gladys May Mills of Salem, were married here today.