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SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

WORLD COURT ISSUE BROUGHT TO SENATE

Long, Bitter Fight Is Predicted Before Matter Is Finally Settled

LEAGUE AGAIN DEBATED

Struggle Over Covenant Recalled When Opposition Senses Affiliation; Swanson Submits Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The world court issue finally was brought before the senate today with immediate indications that the long and bitter battle of nations fight is to be renewed.

The chief point of controversy whether adherence to the court means affiliation with the league and the forces in the senate are arrayed in much the same fashion they were during the months of struggle over the covenant.

Leadership of the forces for adherence again has fallen to a democrat, Senator Swanson of Virginia, the author of the resolution of ratification with the reservations recommended by President Harding when he submitted the court proposal in February, 1923, and since approved by President Coolidge, who also has urged senate action.

Standing in the forefront those opposing the court is Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who was prominent among the league irreconcilables. Supporting him are the remnant of that group and a number of new senators on the republican side.

Debate was opened today by Senator Swanson with a prepared address requiring nearly three hours for delivery. He reviewed the genesis of the court and contended that it was wholly independent of the league, operating under its own statute. Crowded galleries, in which women predominated, followed his speech closely and gave some applause as he concluded.

If the spectators had hoped for interchanges of debate, they were disappointed. At his request, Senator Swanson was not interrupted and when he had concluded, it developed that no senator desired to question him or to answer him at the moment.

Senator Borah announced, however, that he would have extended remarks to make, but that owing to a slight cold he could not proceed at this time.

Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, gave notice that he would deliver tomorrow the first of three installments of an argument for adherence to the court.

They will be joined by Senators Johnson, republican, California, and a number of others.

The court issue may form the subject matter of the maiden senate speech of Senator La Follette, republican of Wisconsin, whose father was one of the league irreconcilables. The young senator said today he expected to address the senate on the court.

The Virginia senator, ranking democrat on the foreign relations committee, said the statesman who wrote the treaty of Versailles had furnished two means to restrain war, the league of nations covenant and the world court.

"The world is indebted for the new methods to the vision, genius, persistency and courage of Woodrow Wilson," he declared.

ELEOT LEAGUE OFFICERS

BUSINESS MEN NAME DIRECTORS LAST NIGHT

At a meeting of the Salem Business Men's League last night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, I. M. Daughton was elected president for the ensuing year, to succeed C. S. Hamilton. J. H. Willcutt was named vice president.

The five directors elected last night are George M. King, L. Reed Chambers, N. C. Kafoury, Edwin W. Cooley and Hal D. Patton.

BUY STAMPS



CHRISTMAS SEAL STAMPS are now offered for sale at booths in the post office, Miller's Mercantile Co., Kafoury Brothers, Stiff Furniture Co. and the Bank of Commerce. Total receipts to date from booth sale, \$152,92; received mail, \$650.

GOLD DEALER JAILED

MANY VICTIMS TAKEN IN DURING TWO YEARS

POCATELLO, Idaho, Dec. 17.—(Associated Press.)—Paul Loe, alias Paul Thompson, high pressure salesman, who sold four Pocatello pawnbrokers "habbit gold bricks" last Saturday and landed in the city jail as a result of business sagacity, has confessed to having carried on a regular trade of selling the Alaskan slugs for the past two years. Victims, Chief of Detectives Balderson said, Thompson told him today, include a long list of jewelers and pawn shop merchants in Salt Lake, Ogden, Tacoma, Seattle, and a score or more of smaller cities in Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

UNMASKED BANDIT ROBS STORE; MAKES ESCAPE

C. M. EPPLEY STORE IS HELD UP AT 6 O'CLOCK

Between \$75 and \$80 Is Taken When Bandit Forces Girl to Open Register

A lone, unmasked bandit held up the C. M. Eppley store at Nineteenth and State streets Thursday evening at 6 o'clock and escaped with between \$75 and \$80 in cash after having subdued two clerks, a bookkeeper and a woman customer by flourishing a revolver and threatening them. After gathering up all the money in one drawer of the cash register, the robber ran from the State street entrance around the corner of Nineteenth and is thought to have escaped in a waiting automobile. Police have been unable to find any trace of him.

The bandit, described as 25 years old, medium build, blue eyes and light complexioned, evidently waited for a lull in business and entered when only one customer was in the store and when one of the clerks and the delivery driver had left. He entered the State street door where he encountered A. M. Reed, a clerk. Pushing Reed ahead of him with the muzzle of the gun, the robber made his way to the cash register where Wilber McCune, another clerk, and Bernice Mulvey, bookkeeper, were standing. Ordering the two men not to move, the bandit forced Miss Mulvey to open the tills one by one. As each drawer was opened the man selected what he wanted, not disturbing the checks. Holding his revolver on the two clerks, he scooped the money into his overcoat pocket, backed out through the door and turned and ran around the corner.

Little was said by the robber during the holdup, but what he did say was concise and to the point, according to witnesses. Mrs. King, the only customer in the store, was near the door when the bandit entered. Seeing the revolver prominently displayed, Mrs. King held up her hands. "Keep 'em down; keep 'em down," the bandit ordered sharply. "I don't want any fuss in here."

The robbery took only a few seconds and had evidently been planned beforehand. Charles E. Eppley, manager of the store, was not in the building at the time, but believes the same man entered the store earlier in the afternoon, purchased a package of cigarettes and then walked over to the cash register where he received his change. In this manner it is thought details of the working of the tills were obtained, enabling a swift performance when the holdup took place.

LEWIS EXPRESSES VIEW

MINE WORKERS PREPARE FOR LONG SIEGE OF BATTLE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The anthracite strike has developed into a stage of siege, John L. Lewis, president of the Mine Workers, tonight told the Philadelphia Real Estate board. He added that the operators were prepared to pay a billion dollars to crush the mine workers' union and that the miners had no alternative than to accept the challenge to a finish fight.

"Knowing the operators' plans," said Mr. Lewis, "the United Mine Workers of America is now organizing the defense of the anthracite mine workers in expectation of a continuance of the present struggle to the fall of 1926 or the spring of 1927. Funds will be provided so that the hungry will be fed and the naked will be clothed.

"This statement does not constitute a threat; far from it. It is simply an expression of the unconquerable spirit of the men who labor in the collieries of the anthracite industry."

BEND MAN SUICIDES

BEND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Despondency over ill health and a recent injury to his hand is thought to have been the reason for Andrew F. Tauscher, 35, taking his own life here today.

GRAIN FIGURES GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The total volume of trading in grain futures on licensed exchanges during the last fiscal year was placed at \$1,416,196,000 bushels today.

LINEN MILL BUDGET ADOPTED BY BOARD

Dry Spun Tow Yarn Preparing and Spinning Plant Will Be Built

DELAY CHOOSING SITE

J. J. Aldred, Manufacturer of 35 Years Experience, Leaves Today for East to Study Machine Layout

At a special meeting held in the rooms of the local chamber of commerce the board of directors of the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., adopted a budget covering a complete preparing and spinning system for dry spun tow yarn, which will be used in the making of linen crash and toweling.

A complete preparing and spinning unit for wet spun yarn from the fiber is also provided for. This wet spun will be used in the manufacture of a general line of medium grade linen fabrics. There are to be approximately 100 looms, together with the necessary bleaching and finishing equipment.

Preparing and spinning machinery will be purchased in England and Scotland. The weaving machinery will be domestic. The machinery is to be complete in every detail and modern in every respect.

All of the machinery is to be housed in a building of concrete construction, size and details of the building will be determined upon receipt of floor plans from the machinery manufacturers.

J. J. Aldred, linen manufacturer of 35 years' experience, and regarded as one of the best and most practical linen manufacturers in the world, leaves today for New York, under a tentative agreement to supervise the purchasing of the machinery and the installation of the same when it arrives in Salem.

The board of directors will issue second call for payments on subscriptions immediately upon receipt from Aldred the sum necessary as down payments on the machinery.

On account of the months required to get machinery from Europe, the matter of purchasing a site will be deferred until the machinery contract has been signed.

Half a dozen sites are being considered by the board. A great deal of consideration will be given to the size of the building in selecting the site.

As soon as the annual requirement for flax for the mill is determined upon, a field department will be organized to contract with the growers. It is the aim of the directors to cooperate to the fullest extent with the farmers, and to give them as good a price as is practical.

JOHNNY MEYERS WINS

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Johnny Myers, middleweight wrestling champion of the world, defeated Bobby Bylund here tonight in straight falls.

KIMBALL SCHOOL MOVE TO SEATTLE FAVORED

USE OF NEW \$100,000 BUILDING IS OFFERED

Board of Trustees to Hear Proposal at Meeting in Portland Monday

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Transfer of the Kimball School of Theology from Salem, Or., to Seattle was recommended unanimously by 100 ministers and laymen from Methodist Episcopal churches in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho after an all-day meeting here today. Dr. J. E. Crowther, pastor of the University Methodist Episcopal church announced tonight.

The proposal will be presented to the board of trustees of the school at a meeting in Portland Monday, and also to nine district church conferences next spring.

The school would be housed in a \$100,000 educational building to be built by the University Methodist Episcopal church next spring. The educational structure is part of \$250,000 church and educational building program to be begun next March.

Bishop W. O. Shepard, resolute bishop of the Portland area of the church, presided over the meeting here today. Other prominent churchmen included Dr. William S. Boyard of Chicago, general secretary of the board of education of the church, and Dr. James E. Baker, director of the Wesley Foundation of Urbana, Ill.

Under the terms of the proposal made by the University church, the theological school will be invited to make its permanent headquarters here, paying only janitor service costs, heat, light and other incidental expenses.

No undue financial crisis is being faced by Kimball, according to Mrs. Hitchman, wife of the president of Kimball. Any withdrawal of financial support from Salem people will be more than counterbalanced by support from Seattle, now that the move is practically agreed to, she said.

The move was also sanctioned by the special committee appointed by the executive committee of the national board of education for the Methodist Episcopal church. While the committee serves only in an advisory capacity, it will recommend to the executive committee that the board still contribute to the financial support of the school if the change is made.

If the board agrees to continue

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MALADY AGAIN REPORTED

SLEEPING SICKNESS IS FATAL TO PORTLAND MAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Two cases of sleeping sickness, one of them fatal, were reported to the city health office today, the first cases the city has had in several weeks.

William A. Gorsline, 35, a farmer living on the Skyline boulevard near Linton, died today at St. Vincent's hospital after an illness of six days.

Arthur Lee Schultz, aged six, a pupil at the Thompson school, is ill with the disease. He is the son of A. A. Schultz, 967 Cleveland avenue.

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BRAMWELL CLEARED BY BANKING BOARD

No Evidence Is Submitted to Support Implied Charge of Coercion

CENSURE IS ILL PLACED

Haines States He Made no Direct Charge Other Than Discrimination Against National Bank

Frank C. Bramwell, in his official capacity as state superintendent of banks, was cleared last evening by the state banking board of inferences or charges that he abused his powers in writing a letter to the directors of an unnamed western Oregon bank, proposing that management of the firm should pass into the hands of one of his employes on terms laid down by the state banking department.

A resolution submitted by State Treasurer Kay declaring that no evidence had been presented at the hearing to give weight to the implied charge of coercion or abuse of powers on the part of the banking superintendent, and that he should be exonerated from censure, was adopted by the three members of the board.

The inference advanced at a previous hearing that Mr. Bramwell was to share in an attorney fee of \$1,000 alleged to have been offered by Guernsey Slocum of Portland for a bank charter, was dismissed at today's meeting of the banking board when Mr. Slocum said that his testimony given a week ago apparently had been misconstrued by members of the board and the press.

At the outset of the hearing Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, and member of the state banking board, said he considered the alleged activities of Mr. Bramwell in attempting to purchase the unidentified bank for one of his employes the most serious charge at issue in the controversy. He demanded that the letter containing the proposal to purchase the bank be offered in evidence and be made a part of the record.

The letter, which was written over Mr. Bramwell's signature, contained a proposal to the directors of the unidentified bank that he had an employee who would assume the management of the institution for a salary of \$250 a month, with the option of purchasing the bank within twelve months. The bank was to be paid for out of the assets of the institution.

Mr. Bramwell, in defending the letter, said that the proposal to install a new manager in the bank was the result of the precarious condition of the institution, and that the plan had the approval of the board of directors and president.

Testimony was offered by Mr. Bramwell to the effect that when an examination of the bank was made in July, 1924, the affairs of the institution were found to be in bad condition. The directors of the bank subsequently

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COLONEL MITCHELL IS CONVICTED



Found guilty before a court martial, Colonel William Mitchell, storm center of the army, has been suspended from active duty for five years as a result of his charges against the air administration. The upper photo shows Colonel Sherman Morland and Lieutenant Colonel Joseph L. McMullen, judge advocate and assistant judge advocate in the court martial proceedings. Below is a striking photo of Colonel Mitchell and Representative Reid of Illinois, his chief defense counsel.

FOUR POSTPONEMENTS SALEM IS SELECTED BY

MARK WALDESPEL CASE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ATTORNEY AWAITS RETURN OF STAR WITNESS

Hearing on Charge of Intoxicated Driving Now Booked for Wednesday

Delay again marks the trial of Carl Waldespel, to answer a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

"Come now the defendant in the above entitled criminal action and moves this Court for an order continuing the above case until Wednesday, 23rd day of December, 1925."

This is the explanation attached to an affidavit by Guy Smith, attorney for Waldespel, in which he cites reasons for seeking the postponement.

"Come now" for the fifth time, postponement of the trial. Reason given by Guy Smith in his affidavit is that he wants as witness Miss Erseal Erion, whom he claims in the affidavit, is now in Seattle. Mr. Smith states he expected Miss Erion back in Salem during the week beginning December 13. Reason for wishing Miss Erion as a witness is set forth in the affidavit.

"As I am advised, the said witness was with the defendant in his automobile at the time of the arrest and she will be able to testify positively that the defendant had not been drinking and was not intoxicated," Smith ends his affidavit by saying.

"Said motion is not made for the purpose of causing an unnecessary delay."

Miss Erion, according to record held by Judge Poulsen, was fined \$15 September 14 for disorderly conduct. According to the records, four persons were involved. Miss Erion, Anna Kunkle, and Kenneth Purdy were fined \$15 each for disorderly conduct, according to the record, and Max McLaughlin was fined \$100 and sentenced to five days in jail on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Anna Kunkle and Erseal Erion, it is said, were both witnesses for Waldespel when he was tried recently on a similar charge.

MYSTICS INVESTIGATED

SEERS AND SEERESSES ARE UNDER FIRE IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Prosecutor Ewing D. Colvin today opened a campaign against fortune-tellers, palmists and seeresses by filing in court five complaints obtained by two of his agents. More complaints will follow and several arrests are probable, he said.

The drive against the mystics was begun when it was learned that a seeress had persuaded Lief Jorgensen, an Alaskan fisherman, to allow her to invest \$1,053 for him and then tied with his money.

MITCHELL IS FOUND GUILTY

Court Martial Verdict Specifies Suspension from "Rank, Command and Duty" for Period of Five Years

LENIENCY IS EXTENDED

Military Record During World War Said by Court to Have Saved Him From More Severe Sentence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—A verdict of guilty on all specifications and the general charge coupled with a sentence of suspension for five years from "rank, command and duty" in the army, was found tonight against Colonel William Mitchell by the court martial which has been conducting his trial for insubordination since October 28.

"The military record of the accused during the World War," probably saved him from a more severe sentence. That was indicated by the court when it announced that the finding "is thus lenient."

Major General Robert L. Howze, president of the court and the nine other members closed the court at 3:40 o'clock this afternoon for findings. At precisely 6:31, or two hours and 54 minutes later, the sentence and verdict were announced in these words:

"The court upon secret written ballots, two-thirds of the members present at the time the vote was taken concerning in each finding of the guilty, finds the accused guilty of all specifications and the charge upon secret written ballots.

"The court sentences the accused to be suspended from rank, command and duty, with forfeiture of pay and allowances for five years.

"The court is thus lenient because of the military record of the accused during the world war, two-thirds of the members who were present at the time the vote was taken, concurring."

Colonel Mitchell, standing as decision was announced, with Mrs. Mitchell at his side, smiled.

Adjournment of the trial automatically transferred the Mitchell case from the old brick building near the capitol to the war department. There it will be forwarded by the adjutant general of the army to the board of review in the judge advocate general's office to be checked for inaccuracies. Later the board will pass it on to Secretary Davis, who in time will submit the voluminous trial record to President Coolidge for final review and approval.

Meanwhile Colonel Mitchell remains in the status of an officer under technical arrest, since the court's verdict can only be made effective by President Coolidge's endorsement. In view of the endorsement and the flat refusal of the accused to comment publicly concerning his future plans, until after the president has taken final action, there was some belief on the part of the Colonel's closest friends that he would quietly await the outcome, and if that failed to relieve him from the five years suspension, he might offer the president his resignation from the army.

The general charge of which the court based its finding of guilt, was that Colonel Mitchell had violated the 96th article of war "to the prejudice of good order and military discipline." The eight specifications set out in the approved charge sheets were founded on particular charges against the war and navy departments made by the air officer in his published statements of Sep-

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CARS CRASH ON ROAD

SEVERAL INJURED IN ACCIDENT NEAR WOODBURN

As the result of a collision of two cars, driven by Troy Wood and W. Cole, state prohibition officer, two miles this side of Woodburn yesterday afternoon, several persons were injured.

Troy Wood was driving a Ford coupe. He had with him John Brown and F. E. Carnes, recruiting officer for the marines. The three men had been to Portland on business and were returning to Salem when the accident occurred. They were driving along the highway when Cole, while passing a team going to Woodburn, collided with the car Wood was driving.

Injuries were not serious enough to necessitate hospital treatment. Brown had a severe cut on his forehead, requiring several stitches, and Wood had a cut on his scalp requiring two stitches. Officer Carnes received a small cut on his hand. Cole sustained a broken thumb and one of the girls in his car had two of her fingers broken.

RADIO HOAX IS SOLVED

PHENOMENON THAT BAFLED EXPERTS EXPLAINED

COATESVILLE, Penn., Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The famous Brandomore "telephone" radio" mystery, which for two years had baffled radio experts was a hoax in which Earl Davidson, a telegraph operator of the Reading company at Brandomore, near here, was involved.

Davidson tonight admitted that he had made a partial confession and that incidentally he had lost his job with the railroad. He declined, however, to explain the method he adopted to enable persons to listen in on radio programs broadcast by stations throughout this and other continents merely by picking up a telephone receiver.

Radio authorities from all parts of the country visited Brandomore to listen in on the telephone line to radio programs. At first skeptical, they finally gained the impression that some strange phenomenon was at work and some of the experts expressed the belief that they were about to discover a means of transforming radio waves into the sound units without the aid of regular receiving sets.

The Men's Glee Club of Willamette university held the first concert of the season last evening at the girls industrial school. There are 26 boys in the organization this year and a good series of concerts is scheduled.