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'SANE GAS TAX JUST', KOZER

Burden Should Not Be Allowed to Destroy Source of Income, Warns

UNIFORM LAW HELD BEST

History and Significance of Gasoline Tax Reveals Aid in Financing Highway Development

Taxation of gasoline and other motor vehicle fuels "should be limited to a rate which will preserve it as the very essential factor it has proved to be in the financing of a sane, sensible and conservative highway building program."

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"As early as 1916, it is declared, President Wilson suggested to congress that a 1 cent per gallon tax on gasoline and naphtha would yield \$10,000,000 annually at the existing rate of consumption. In 1918 the national revenue bill originally contained a proposal to levy an impost of 2 cents a gallon, it being estimated that this would produce a federal revenue of \$40,000,000."

477 MEN BATTLE FLAMES

CENTRAL OREGON FIRES ARE SWEEPING THROUGH WOODS

BEND, Or., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Four hundred and seventy-seven men were fighting forest fires in Central Oregon at 5 o'clock tonight according to forestry officials. The fires included four large ones. One on the Metolius covers an area six miles around and is sweeping over Green Ridge.

A blaze at Fox Butte in the Fort Rock section of the Des Chutes National forest burned for five miles through yellow pine and destroyed a lookout tower.

A fire near Sugar Pine mountains south of Bend has burned over 10,000 acres. High in the Cascades a fire is being fought near Cultus Lake. This is in mixed timber with considerable underbrush.

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STOCK MARKET BREAKS

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"Pig Woman" Repeats Her Story of Double Murder

Discredited Four Years Ago, State Now Counts on Tale Told by Jane Gibson, Pig Raiser, to Solve the Famous Hall-Mills Murder Mystery

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—A woman pig raiser's story, discredited four years ago, is the basis of the state's hope for indictment of three persons charged with the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, his choir singer.

That was revealed today at the first session of the hearing of Henry D. Carpenter, New York and New Brunswick millionaire, and Willie Stevens, eccentric brother of the rector's widow, arrested yesterday and held without bail. Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, the widow, is at liberty on \$15,000 bail, also charged with the double slayings.

The pig raiser, Mrs. Jane Gibson, said in a paper on the "History and Significance of the Gasoline Tax" prepared by him and read before the group conference of officials administering the motor vehicle fuel tax laws of the various states, held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 12.

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VICTIM OF BLAST DIES

JOHN LYNN, HURT NEAR SUB-LIMITY, PASSES AWAY

John Lynn, aged 39 years, died at a local hospital early yesterday as the result of injuries suffered in an explosion while blasting stumps near Sublimity. Mr. Lynn suffered two broken legs, a fracture of the arm and internal injuries. He was employed by the Dillard-Steffens Lumber company which operates in the Sublimity district.

INDUSTRIAL TOLL LOWER

COMMISSION LISTS 903 ACCIDENTS DURING WEEK

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending August 12 according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission yesterday. The victim was E. P. Murphy, log marker, of Seattle.

Of the 903 accidents reported during the week, 733 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation law, 148 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the act, and 22 were from public utilities not subject to state protection.

CHICAGO, C(R)OOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS



FLYERS TO TRY TO SPAN OCEAN

New York-Paris Flight to Be Undertaken This Month in Huge Plane

YANKEE CREW IN CHARGE

Ship Has 101 Foot Wing Span, With Three Engines of 425 Horsepower; 40 Hours Planned

(By Central Press) ROOSEVELT FIELD, Long Island, Aug. 13.—Outgrowing the hangar in which it has been built, the great Sikorsky biplane, made for Captain Rene Fonck's projected New York-Paris flight, has come out into the open, almost ready for its "shake-down" trial flights.

Sometime late in August, if the trials bear out the hopes of the designer and flyers, the huge plane will taxi down this strip-baked field and, with its three 425-horsepower motors roaring at full voice, lift off and head for Le Bourget, the airport of Paris.

Igor Sikorsky, famous Russian aero designer, and his faithful crew of Russian refugees, have brought all of their training and skill and ambitions to the job of creating this ship. If it should fall—but no one is thinking about that. The expedition's success means the assured future of men and leader. And they are confident.

Sikorsky is, with Caproni of Italy, the outstanding pioneer in the creation of huge multiple-engined planes. While this new ship is the last word in aerodynamic practice, it bears the

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RUM RUNNER BEATS GUNS

SIGHTED AT GOLDEN GATE, RUNS FROM U. S. CUTTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—(By A. P.)—A small vessel, described as a new arrival in S. S. Francisco's rum row, was fired upon late today by coast guard cutter 256 in an unsuccessful effort to bring the ship to a halt for inspection.

The coast guard vessel encountered the suspected rum runner just outside the Golden Gate. Instead of obeying an order to halt the ship started at full speed for open sea, jettisoning its cargo. Under a fire of machine guns, rifles and a one-pound cannon the fleeing ship quickly outdistanced the government vessel.

YOUTH DIES, FAMILY ILL

FATHER IS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH POISONING

LONGVIEW, Wash., Aug. 13.—(By A. P.)—William Zimmerman, 2, son of W. T. Zimmerman, is dead and his brother Eldon, 4, is critically ill, his mother, another brother Howard, 7 months, and a sister Norma, 5, are in the hospital under close observation following William's death from poison today.

Investigating officers late today took the father in custody for questioning.

New York-Paris Plane Prepares to Hop Over Atlantic Manned by Captain Fonck and Yankee Crew



All but ready to take off, the giant Sikorsky biplane, built for the New York-Paris flight, is taken out for its first "taxi-ing" on the Long Island field from which Captain Rene Fonck, the French ace of aces, and his two American companions, Captain Homer M. Berry and Lieutenant Allan P. Snody, will soon start their great attempt. Photos give some indication of the size of the plane, which has a wing spread of 101 feet and is motored by three 425 h.p. radial motors. Captains Fonck and Berry are shown in the insets.

IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS DISCUSSED BY JOHNSON

NATIONAL PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON SYSTEM, SAID

Restriction Is Also One Reason Why "World Hates the United States"

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—At a republican rally here tonight, Congressman Albert Johnson, chairman of the immigration committee of the house of representatives, said that he had "inside information" that made him believe that the Senator Reed amendment concerning "national origins" which was forced into the Johnson immigration act, by the senate, will not become effective, and that the remainder of the law will go forward as written.

He said that an amendment de-fending merchants entitled to enter the country under existing treaties, would have to be added to the law which was intended to apply to merchants in international trade only.

Representative Johnson claimed that restricted immigration and

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LEGION DRUMMERS VOTE TO ENTER EUGENE FETE

WILL FACE COMPETITION BUT TITLE NOT AT STAKE

Longview Invitation Declined Due to Conflict in Dates; Ad- ditions Planned

Members of Capital post No. 9, American Legion, drum and bugle corps, for the past two years winners of Oregon state championship, last night declined an invitation to compete at Longview on August 20, and voted, instead, to enter the competition and parade in connection with the "Trail to Rail" celebration in Eugene on the same day.

A caravan of automobiles will leave Salem at 7 a. m., carrying members of the local post, and the crack corps to the university city, where five corps will compete for honors, though titles will not be at stake. Two cups, it is understood, will be awarded as prizes.

Trophies brought back from the Marshfield convention by the title holding corps are now on display in the C. F. Breithaupt windows, and include a cup, symbolic of the state championship; a cup, awarded to the post conducting the most successful membership drive in the district; a cup, won by Raymond Bassett, for having secured the largest number of new members through his own efforts, and the first prize for the best decor-

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MOTHER KILLS DAUGHTER

CALMLY REMARKS BOTH WERE STRANGLED TO DEATH

NEWDALE, Manitoba, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Mrs. Cecil Marshall strangled her two small daughters with a piece of rope at her father's ranch near here last night, police tonight declared.

W. J. Hampton, her father, told them that his daughter came to breakfast at the regular hour today and calmly told her mother she had killed her children.

SEEKS EAGLE'S RELEASE

LIBERATION TO FOLLOW ASSURANCE OF FREEDOM

Action has been started by Col. E. Hofer, president of the Oregon Humane society, looking to the release of a large golden eagle which is housed in a cage in the Ames auto park on the Pacific highway two miles north of Hubbard.

Complaint first was filed with the state game warden who reported that the eagle was receiving good care and was better provided for than most of the birds and animals in state zoos.

Mr. Ames, who is a member of the state humane society, said he was not adverse to having the eagle liberated in event he was assured it would not be shot and killed by some rancher or trapped in another part of the state for exhibit purposes.

GAINES CAR WAS PARKED NEAR PLACE OF KILLING

WITNESS DECLARES HE SAW AUTO NEAR LAKE SHORE

Damaging Testimony Introduced; Father Charged With Killing Daughter

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—About the time Sylvia Howard Gaines, 22, was brutally slain on a lake shore here June 16, an automobile owned by her father, Wallace Cloyes Gaines, was parked within a hundred feet of the scene of her death, Henry Wurster, an automobile mechanic testified in Superior court today. Gaines is accused of murdering her.

Louis Stern, a friend of the defendant, swore that Gaines came to his home the night of the killing and told him:

"Remember what I've always told you. That if I couldn't go and come like I wanted to, and take a drink, and take as many as I wanted to, I'd kill 'em. That's just what has happened."

Stern testified that some one then knocked at the door and Gaines exclaimed:

"My God! What's that?"

Wurster was the last witness of the day. After he testified Ewing D. Colvin, prosecutor of King county, announced that the state will close its case tomorrow morning.

Sylvia Gaines' denuded and battered body was found the morning of June 17. She was a graduate of Smith College, North Hampton, Mass., and came to Seattle in September to visit her father. She had lived with her mother, Mrs. H. E. Maynard, of Lynnfield, Mass., since her parents parted 17 years ago. Gaines remarried.

The state has based its case on a theory that Gaines murdered Sylvia after she tried to terminate improper relations declared to have existed between them.

An unexpected hush swept over the court room when Stern's name was called. Gaines folded his

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ARGO RESTAURANT SOLD

A. C. HEATHFIELD WILL TAKE CONTROL MONDAY

A. C. Heathfield of Spokane, Wash., a restaurant man with wide experience, is buying the Argo Restaurant, located in the Argo Hotel, and will take charge Monday.

The present owner of the restaurant is John Loper, better known to his Salem friends as "Jack" Loper. Mr. and Mrs. Loper have successfully owned and conducted restaurants for many years. They were two years in Eugene, three in Albany, and have been in Salem for 11 years.

They have had the Argo restaurant for the last three years. They were out of business for a little while, having sold the Argo after starting it and conducting it for seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Loper will remain in Salem and will probably take a rest after their years of strenuous labor.

AIMEE, KEYES TO TAKE STAND

Sensational Developments Pending in Case of Los Angeles Evangelist

PUBLISHER IS ARRESTED

San Diego Newspaper man Charged With Mailing Obscene Matter; Startling Turn Is Promised

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, and District Attorney Asa Keyes, the county's chief mover in the investigations which followed the Angelus Temple pastor's disappearance last May and reappearance in June, were subpoenaed today to appear as defense witnesses August 23, when four men go to trial in municipal court charged with selling indecent literature. That literature was in the form of a San Diego newspaper containing what purported to be an explanation of Mrs. McPherson's absence from her temple here.

The summons marked the first move in what attorneys for the news vendors described as preparations for a "sensational" defense. They announced that in addition to the evangelist, who was first believed drowned but later walked into Douglas, Arizona, by way of the Mexican desert and created pandemonium in newspapers offices all over the country by declaring that she had been in the hands of kidnapers in a shack 20 miles from there, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, her mother and Miss Emma Schaefer, her secretary would probably be called to testify for the defense. There also was a likelihood, the attorneys added, that Deputy Joe Ryan of the district attorney's staff, who conducted investigations at Carmel, California, where Mrs. McPherson's former radio operator, Kenneth G. Ormiston made affidavit that he sojourned 10 days with a woman companion in late May, would be called.

The four newspaper sellers are Sam J. Steinberg, Harry Smith, John C. Brooks, and Manuel Goodman. All demanded jury trials when arraigned in municipal court today.

The coming trial overshadowed other phases of the McPherson case today, interest being diverted from the grand jury and district attorney's offices, where the investigations bore news fruit in

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BRAVE OLD-TIME JINX

SEVEN COUPLES LICENSED ON FRIDAY, THE 13TH

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Seven couples here today did not consider "Friday the 13th" unlucky as evidenced by the fact that they obtained marriage licenses.

"This is an unusual record" said Mr. Eastern, clerk of the license bureau, "there have been times that this office has not issued a license on the 13th."

EZRA'S CAR DITCHED

COLUMBIA HIGHWAY ACCIDENT MARS SIXTH TRIP

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Ezra Meeker, 96, on his sixth trek across the continent since 1852—three times by ox-team, twice by automobile and one time by airplane, had his first accident today when his machine went into the ditch 20 miles east of Portland on the Columbia Highway.

The accident occurred when a truck ahead applied its brakes and Meeker's car was unable to stop.

"Guess something went wrong with our brakes," conjectured Ezra.

No one was hurt and Mr. Meeker continued on to Portland where he presented a letter from Mayor Walker of New York City to Mayor George L. Baker.

Mr. Meeker will remain in Portland until Tuesday morning, when he will leave for Eugene. He will be honored on the 13th of the day at the Eugene-Klamath Falls celebration.

On the return to Portland Mr. Meeker will visit all cities in the Willamette valley.