

CHURCH ORGANIZES

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION ELECTS

Permanent organization of the American Lutheran church of this city was effected at a meeting of the congregation held Sunday afternoon. The congregation voted to affiliate with the United Lutheran church in America, which is the largest group of Lutherans in this country. Its services are conducted almost exclusively in English.

Following were elected to serve as deacons:
Victor Schneider, A. F. Homsey, R. C. Arpke, J. A. Sholseth, John Dyrland, Rudolph A. Horn, George Quesseth and Joseph E. Finden.

The property and building now used by the First Presbyterian church has been purchased, and full possession will be had by the new organization April 1. In the meantime services will be held Sunday afternoons so as not to conflict with the Presbyterian services.

By unanimous vote at the meeting Sunday, a call was extended to Rev. P. M. Erickson of Seattle, who has had extensive experience in building up congregations, and has just completed a big work in Seattle.

All of the services of the American Lutheran congregation are conducted in the language of the land which many of its members chose as one affording an opportunity to all to worship regularly each Sunday.

REBELS CAPTURE TOWNS
Federalists Defeated by Strongly Armed Insurrectionists

NOGALES, Arizona, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Dispatches to the Herald tonight relate the capture yesterday of two small towns in the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, by rebel bands after battles with federal troops.

A rebel band of approximately a hundred well armed and equipped men took possession of the Yahnalioa after a short but sharp clash with a small group of federal troops. Santo Lucia shared the same fate. No death toll was mentioned in the reports.

OLD JAP PRINCESS DIES
Toshiko Fushimi Passes Away at Advanced Age of 70

LONDON, Oct. 25.—(AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Tokyo says that Princess Toshiko Fushimi, consort of the late Prince Sadanaru, died today at the age of 70.

The emperor has cancelled the review of the Japanese fleet scheduled for October 30, and returned to the capital.

Airline Hearing December 1

Hearing of the application of the Southern Pacific company for permission to abandon 23 miles of the Airline branch in Polk county has been set for December 1 at Dallas. The hearing will be held by the Oregon public service commission at the request of the interstate commerce commission. The petition of the railroad company is being opposed by residents of Monmouth which is the location of the state normal school.

WIPER TO HEAD SCOUT COUNCIL; REORGANIZE
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and on the basis of its benefits to the physical, mental and moral life of boys over 12 years of age, men have thrown their support to it as never before," declared Mr. Oberteuffer.

"There's a first-hand kick for every boy in scout work which awards the thrill in a movie or witnessing a football game."

Mr. Oberteuffer came to Salem last night at the request of President Campbell to outline the scout movement and stir up interest for the re-organization of the council which has been practically inactive in the past summer.

FALL CONDUCTS TEAPOT DOME LEASE IN PERSON
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L. B. Eddy, another witness had told Fall that all the claims had been "closed out." The final letter could not be found in the files but Fall was quoted by this witness as saying he had no doubt it had been misplaced. Then Tallman attributed to the former cabinet speaker a statement that he was looking all the matter from the standpoint of "a case the lawyer" and was apprehensive that the claims might come into the possession of "unscrupulous persons" who might use them to the disadvantage of the government.

Arthur W. Ambrose, one time petroleum technologist in the interior department, testified Fall called him in; told him Sinclair had made an offer for leasing Teapot Dome; introduced him to the oil operator and his attorney, the late J. W. Zevly, and directed him to prepare a lease.

Referred to Fall Directly
First negotiations began in Fall's office, then proceeded in his library in the next room and

finally were shifted over to Zevly's office where the lease was whipped into final form. Ambrose said he never consulted any lawyers in the interior department about the lease, referring all questions to Fall directly.

Ambrose was present when Fall and Sinclair attached their signatures to the lease, but he did not see Sinclair deliver to Fall any of the quit claim deeds he obtained from the Pioneer company or other claimants and for which he was to have paid more than one million dollars, had the government not stepped in to terminate the lease through court action.

Throughout the negotiating of the contract, Ambrose treated the whole matter as confidential.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—(AP)

—A long drawn out and bitter legal battle with Albert B. Fall's possible course a matter of wide speculation, is developing in the oil conspiracy trial in the District of Columbia supreme court.

Those following the hearing growing out of the lease of Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair would not be surprised if Fall should undertake another dramatic move such as that in midweek when he appealed to Justice Sissons to admit evidence which he said was "vital" to his defense.

Whether Fall will elect to take the witness stand irrespective of advice of his counsel is one question generally discussed. Counsel for the former interior secretary declare that the question of their client testifying has not been determined.

Fall, who is in poor health, has been nervous since the beginning of the trial last Monday and has had apparent difficulty in sitting quietly through the sharp encounters between counsel and the hearing of testimony.

Sinclair's demeanor has been in rather sharp contrast. He has displayed little nervousness; has followed every move in the case with the greatest attention, and frequently has volunteered suggestions to his counsel. He has not decided whether he will take the stand.

Government oil counsel hope to force both of the defendants to the witness chair and with that end in view they have been successful in excluding on cross examination evidence which they hold Fall is the most competent person to give to the court and jury.

MRS. LOCKWOOD TRIAL
BEGUN IN COURT HERE
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she left the Marion hotel at about 9 p. m. and started home, going east on State street.

It will be shown, Bernard insisted, that she was perfectly free from the effects of intoxicants and that owing to converging lights at the place at which the accident occurred, and a defect in her car which was bothering her at the time, she ran into Sawyer, who

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was "jog walking" and not with the boundaries prescribed for pedestrians; otherwise he would not have been struck.

The jury left the courtroom long enough to inspect the scene of the accident near the southeast corner of the county court house grounds.

The first witness to be put on the stand by District Attorney Carson was Hugh G. Fisher, deputy county surveyor, who showed a chart to the jury demonstrating the two streets, State and Church, at the point where they intersect. This is the place where the accident is said to have occurred, and it is expected that the exact place where Sawyer happened to be at the time he was struck will have much to do with the way the case is finally decided.

Fisher was cross examined by John Collier for the defense, who asked particularly about the dimensions of the two streets and the width of the strip marked off for pedestrians at the east side of Church street across State street.

The second witness was Miss Maude Williamson, Sawyer's aunt who reared him from childhood, and who lives near Wheatland.

Members of the jury as well as the crowd smiled appreciatively as a few questions put by Carson inadvertently tended to bring out the woman's age.

"How long have you lived at Wheatland?" Carson wanted to know.

Instead of answering immediately with the number of years, Miss Williamson answered "All but three years of my life."

"And that would be how long?" There was a second's hesitation, and then, "Fifty one years," she said.

Miss Williamson produced a letter and a lock of hair. The letter she said was found on Sawyer's body at the time he was killed.

Later evidence tended to show that he was on the way to the postoffice to mail the letter when the fatal accident took place. The lock of hair she identified as having been cut from Sawyer's head. Both were introduced in evidence by the state.

Mrs. Bertha Compton, Sawyer's landlady, was placed on the stand as the last witness to testify before court adjourned for the day. She testified that Sawyer left her house at about 8:45 on the evening of his death, that he had a letter with him and that to mail the letter at the postoffice it would be necessary for him to cross State street.

Circuit Judge Percy R. Kelly is presiding at the trial.

NORRIS' NAME BROUGHT UP BY SENATORS GROUP
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den to Norris."

While not commenting upon the candidacy of Lowden, Senator Borah said he fully realized the movement for Senator Norris would cut into the strength of the former governor from Illinois.

Meanwhile beyond acceding to the movement for him in his own state, Senator Norris has made no announcement of his candidacy nor has the conference decided whether to go into other fields in his support. In fact, Senator McMaster of South Dakota, who joined the group today, said Norris is only one of several candidates under consideration by the west, which he declared was more interested in farm relief and cause than in men.

Still lacking a solution of the farm relief problem, involving opposite views on the controversial equalization fee provision of the vetoed McNary-Haugen bill, the conference postponed considera-

tion of this pending the arrival of other western senators.

Hope is held out that Senator McNary, new chairman of the agriculture committee, may have some views when he returns on farm relief legislation affording an opportunity for all western senators to unite. Senator Borah has opposed the equalization fee as unconstitutional and around this stumbling block the conference of the independent group has split so far.

"We are interested in the presidency," the statement issued by the six senators after their conference today said, "and are discussing matters relating to that subject. We are interested in farm relief and we are discussing all matters relating to farm relief. We are not attempting in the absence of many western senators to reach conclusions. There is no disagreement as to our plans and purposes, but as to details we will endeavor to reach conclusions when more of our friends are here."

The agricultural discussion was declared to have centered about freight rate and credit problems. Details of a definite farm program were avoided.

MURDER TRIAL JURY CHOSEN, PRIEST CASE
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Curtiss, Dallas; and Mr. Soehern. William W. Harcombe, district attorney of Polk county, in charge of the prosecution, and Walter S. Winslow, counsel for the defendant, questioned prospective jurors thoroughly, and each exercised almost the limit of peremptory challenge. The state's attorney appeared to favor elderly jurors.

In his opening statement to the jury tomorrow, District Attorney Harcombe will ask the death pen-

alty for Priest. Several eye witnesses to the tragedy will be called to testify as to what occurred.

The defense counsel probably will rely upon the testimony of Mrs. Priest, the defendant's wife, who, it is said, will testify that Mr. Werline endeavored to have intimate relations with her, and that her husband was justified in shooting the man for that reason.

On request of Arthur K. McMahan of Albany, associated with District Attorney Harcombe in the prosecution, Judge Walker ruled that the jury might view the premises on which the killing took place. This will be done immediately after court convenes at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Judge Walker and the court reporter will accompany the jury.

The Werline ranch, where the tragedy occurred, is 15 miles from Dallas, southeast of Independence, and it is probable that the entire forenoon will be consumed in viewing the premises.

The jurors were allowed to go to their homes after instruction by the court not to discuss the case or read any account of it in the newspapers.

Most of the witnesses subpoenaed to testify at the trial were hop pickers at the yard when the shooting occurred. As the hop pickers usually are of an itinerant class, it was necessary to transport some of them from long distances for the trial. The trial, originally set for two weeks ago, was postponed so that an important witness could be located.

The defendant Priest sat thru the questioning of jurors yesterday seemingly with great interest. Now and then he leaned over and held whispered consultation with his attorney. Priest is of a heavy build, and appears to be much younger than the 58 years he is said to be. His face is smooth,

and somewhat cadaverous in appearance as result of confinement. He was calm throughout and evinced no nervousness. Sheriff Hooker sat beside him during the trial.

Mrs. Priest appeared for the afternoon session, taking a seat alone in the rear of the court room. She was heavily veiled. She may be called to testify tomorrow afternoon. While Mr. Priest has been confined in the Marion county jail, she has lived in Salem to be near her husband.

The circumstances of the killing which have come out to date, were that Werline was shot fatally following a conversation which took place at the Werline hop camp between the two men. Priest was in an auto and Werline had been standing beside it. He died without making a statement. Priest, who gave himself up immediately after the shooting, stated that Werline had been over-familiar with his wife.

The prominence of Werline and

the sensational nature of the charges made by the defendant have combined to arouse public interest. The courtroom today was nearly full of people and the opening of testimony tomorrow is expected to draw a crowd which will overflow the courtroom.

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