

Salem and Other River Points Made a Wonderful Showing at the Hearing Yesterday for a Navigable River the Year Through The Excellent Work That Is Being Done in Manual Education Department of Salem Schools Was Described at Rotary Yesterday

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Weather forecast: Rains west and local rains and snows over east portions; fresh and strong east and southeast winds; moderate temperature. Maximum temperature yesterday 45, minimum 33, river 6.8, rainfall .03, atmosphere cloudy, wind southwest.

Two New York hunters report having seen four giant green frogs sitting on a rock in a lake near the Canadian line and say this is a sign that spring is coming. We would have more faith in this if the hunters hadn't seen these frogs so near the Canadian line.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

BOLD BURGLAR HELD; PUTTEES CAUSE ARREST

Guilty Conscience Causes Youth To Bolt; Caught After Long Chase

2 ROBBERIES CONFESSED

Admits Serving in Oregon and Missouri Reform Schools and Violating Parole From Folsom, Police Say

Puttees a few sizes too large and a guilty conscience landed Lauren Wallace, ex-inmate of two reform schools and according to his own story a parole violator from Folsom prison, California, in jail here shortly after noon Wednesday and resulted in what the police say is a confession to two bold daylight burglaries here.

It happened this way. Inspector Lou Olson of the police department was looking Wallace over casually, with no idea that any crime might be laid against the 21 year old youth. Wallace became frightened and bolted, so Olson thought the case might be worth looking into, and gave chase.

Hides in Residence
Olson found Wallace hiding under some rugs behind a trunk in a house at 1910 North Fourth street. He had induced the woman of the house to let him hide, saying the police were after him because he was wearing an elk's tooth, which was illegal because he was not an Elk.

Wallace, according to the police, voluntarily confessed that he had burglarized the J. M. Herberger home at 1160 South Commercial street on Monday between 1 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He took two suitcases, the police say, and filled them with other articles of a total value of about \$250. He also obtained a \$10 and \$250 gold pieces. Part of his loot belonged to Joe Breitch, who had a room at that house.

Puttees Stolen
Then on Tuesday between 3 and 4 o'clock, he entered the home of Paul Stage at 1330 Center street and took the puttees and elk's tooth which figured in the sequel, and also Mrs. Stage's wedding ring and \$13 in money.

As to his former record, Wallace told the police that he was once an inmate of the Missouri reform school at Booneville, and that four years ago he was hailed

SENATE ORDERS MINING INQUIRY

CONDITIONS AMONG EASTERN STATES UNDER FIRE

Johnson of California Makes Fiercy Speech Charging Capitalist Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Support for a thorough investigation into the suspension of mining in the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, was promised from both sides of the senate today as Senator Johnson, republican, California, demanded early action on his resolution proposing an inquiry.

In a two hour speech, the California senator pictured conditions in the Pennsylvania fields as "bloody warfare." He charged a conspiracy by the coal operators and railroads to break the miners' union; read a letter from Secretary Davis of the labor department blaming operators for the failure of government negotiations to end the strike; and finally read a letter from Gifford Pinchot, former governor of Pennsylvania, charging the abuse of the police power of Pennsylvania, in behalf of private interests.

Need Not Hostile
Johnson concluded, Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, promised support for his proposed inquiry. He asked for relief in the situation in the coal fields, but he urged that the senate "not jump at conclusions about causes."

The resolution of Senator Johnson is now before the interstate commerce committee and Chairman Watson has indicated the committee would hold extensive hearings on it, beginning probably next week.

KIDNAPING CASE DETAILS GIVEN

JURY HEARS GRUESOME FACTS AT HICKMAN TRIAL

Confession As Read Reveals That Marlin Parker Was Alive When Disemboweled

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The detailed evidence of the kidnaping, killing and mutilating of Marlin Parker received its initial introduction into the sanity trial of William Edward Hickman late today. The actual crime, to which the youth pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity" was laid before the jury by the first defense witness put on the stand and by reading of Hickman's written confession.

Before the day's act of the sensational drama had closed the prisoner's second or so-called "motive" confession, also was submitted to the judgment of the 12 middle aged jurors. The clear voice of Defense Attorney Jerome Wash drove into the minds of the justice arbiters the personally written and clear minded account of the killer's crime.

Gruesome Detail Bared
The confessions, the essence of which previously had been published, disclosed little that was new. One hitherto unrevealed fact was Hickman's own description of the dissection, which revealed that life, although probably without consciousness, was in the girl at the time.

Police Detective Dick Lucas, one of the officers who returned Hickman from Oregon was the first defense witness, who related in testimony the details of the prisoner's confession.

In this Lucas disclosed a sardonic, concealed trait of the kidnaper. Referring to the cashing of the first \$20 ransom note in a Los Angeles cafeteria the night of the murder, Hickman was quoted as saying: "I'd like to see that girl; I bet she got a thrill when she learned it was me."

Chief's Testimony Read
A one time benefactor and friend of the Kansas City school boy, Captain Charles Edwards, former chief of police of that mid-west city, was shown in a long deposition as "personally" believing the youth to have been insane at the time of the crime. He persisted in calling himself incompetent to pass legal judgment on the question and admitted he had not considered the "restless" youth insane until he read the newspaper accounts of his crime and confession.

District Attorney Asa Keyes (Continued on page 8)

KOZER LOSES TO O. W.

Notice of Appeal Filed; Official Opposes Refund Pica

The O. W. R. and N. company won its mandamus suit in circuit court against Secretary of State Sam Kozier when an order allowing a peremptory writ of mandamus was handed down here yesterday by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan.

At the same time notice of appeal was given by Willis Moore of the attorney general's office, which is defending Kozier in the suit.

The question under litigation has to do with refunding \$1512.02 gasoline taxes which the company paid to the state in buying a large quantity of gasoline for use in the small gasoline cars that operate over its rail lines. The taxes were paid over a period extending from August 21, 1925, to February 24, 1926.

The stand taken by Kozier was that the law requires an applicant for refund taxes in a case like the one in question to apply within a year after the tax is paid. The railroad company brought suit of mandamus against him to require him to pay the money over.

NATIONAL Y MAN HERE
Albert E. Roberts, senior secretary of the town and country department of the national Y. M. C. A., will be in this city during parts of today and tomorrow. It was announced late yesterday at local Y. M. C. A. headquarters. Roberts, who maintains his headquarters in New York City, is in the west to take part in a Y. M. C. A. conference at Portland Saturday and Sunday. He will leave here early Friday afternoon for Portland.

SMITH FLAYED BY DRY ENEMY IN OWN PARTY

William McAdoo Hurls Challenge At New York's Governor In Speech

'LAWLESSNESS' DECRIED

Breach Appears in Democratic Ranks as AI Branded Servant of Liquor Interests in Richmond Address

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 1.—(AP)—The attitude of Governor Alfred E. Smith toward prohibition enforcement was directly challenged here tonight by William G. McAdoo, in a speech sounding a rallying cry against the election of "any wet" to the presidency.

Making his first public utterance on the subject since Governor Smith's boom for the democratic presidential nomination assumed its present proportions, Mr. McAdoo contradicted some of his old rival's recent statements, declared the "liquor interests" had captured political power both in New York and in Maryland and argued that to expect prohibition enforcement from a president hostile to prohibition was "upon its face an absurdity." He said the issue was one that must be fought "to a conclusion" in the campaign of 1928.

Enforcement Demanded
"The supreme need is to put law enforcement in the White House," said Mr. McAdoo. "Attempt is being made to convince the country that no matter if a wet is elected president, the constitution and laws will be enforced. This is both unsound and untrue. . . . The White House in the hands of the liquor interests would be a veritable Gibraltar of offensive operations and the doom

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STEIWER COMPLIMENTED

Portland Chamber of Commerce Forwards Wire to Senator

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Senator Steiwer was complimented for his stand against the Jones shipping bill in a telegram sent him today by directors of the Portland chamber of commerce.

"The Jones bill," said Frank L. Shull, president of the chamber, "provides that no ships be sold without the unanimous consent of the shipping board members. It might as well say there shall be no ships sold, because that's what it means."

RITCHIE DECRIES POLITICAL 'BUNK'

BAR ASSOCIATION HEARS MARYLAND'S GOVERNOR

Hypocrisy Should Not Become Political Asset, Statement Made In Speech

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The American voter will be stirred to renewed interest in politics only when political leaders cease to regard hypocrisy and buncombe as political assets, Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland said tonight, addressing the Brooklyn Bar association.

"America cannot afford to scrap principles and institutions which have been tried and tested," he continued.

"The stability of our government and our national happiness rests upon the spirit of tolerance, but with law breeding more law and power breeding more power, one begins to wonder where the Goddess of Liberty is to find an abiding place."

The growth of centralized governmental power is an "evil not confined to America," he said, but has appeared in Europe, "where dictatorships rose as they have risen after every great war in history."

"A man's religion ought never to be a factor in his right to hold office, whether the lowest in the state or the highest in the land," he said, "but the old beliefs and the old issues are fast passing. The things which stir human emotions now are prohibition, religious intolerance and fundamentalism.

"This may be due to the growing industrialism of today, the growing urbanism of America, or the amazing change in the theory of law which the past 25 years has witnessed. But back of it all is the apathy of the people in the face of their abdication of the political essentials which made us a free nation."

"The foundation of the edifice was self-government. The living political issue today is the right

SCANS BROKERS' BOOKS

Overbeck & Cooke Records to be Audited by State Man

Henry Kisenback, special examiner for the state corporation department, was sent to Wednesday Portland where he will conduct an audit of the books and accounts of Overbeck & Cooke, brokers, who suspended business on Tuesday.

The audit was ordered following a conference between Stanley Meyers, district attorney of Multnomah county, and Mark McCallister, state corporation commissioner.

Mr. McCallister said the audit would determine whether the brokerage firm had violated the brokers commit issued by the state corporation department.

It will require several weeks to complete the audit, Mr. McCallister said.

W. C. T. U. OPENS WAR ON WETS

BLUE BOOK TO BE KEPT OF POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Every Aspirant to Public Office of Any Kind to Be Placed Squarely on Record

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A blue book of wet and dry candidates for public office was opened to entries today by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Closing their two day mid-western campaign conference national officers of the W. C. T. U. went out word that its organization lieutenants in every state, county and precinct were to place every aspirant to office definitely on record as friend or foe of prohibition.

Under the plan of attack outlined today by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, national president, a resolution will be presented to every party leader from national chairman down to ward committeeman, demanding the insertion of a plank in the party platform endorsing prohibition and pledging its enforcement through the appointment of its "undoubted friends" to power.

The crusade will be carried right up to the national nomination conventions of both parties, Mrs. Boole said.

Mrs. Boole herself will submit the dry plank to the republican national convention, while Mrs. Nellie Burger of Springfield, Mo., assistant recording secretary, will represent the W. C. T. U. at the democratic convention.

3 KILLED IN MINE BLAST

Gas Explosion Does Much Damage in Oklahoma Plant

HARTSHORNE, Okla., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Three miners were killed by a gas explosion in mine number 7 of the Rock Island Coal and Mining company, one mile northeast of here tonight.

Seventeen others, imprisoned by flames and fumes made their escape through a side entry without injury.

The dead were Frank Russell and Mike Russell, brothers, coal cutters and Frank Davis, pumper. Miners expressed belief that the explosion was caused by sparks from a drill operated by the Russell brothers. The three bodies were badly burned.

COOLIDGE GIVES SPEECH

Statue of Andrew Jackson to be Formally Accepted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—An invitation was accepted by President Coolidge today to make an address on April 15, accepting for the government a statue of Andrew Jackson erected by Tennessee in statuary hall at the capitol.

The president declared that he was a great admirer of Jackson and was glad of the opportunity to acknowledge publicly his noteworthy place in American history.

SHARP CONTEST FOR CONTRACTS HERE EXPECTED

Bridge Jobs Will Draw Bids From All Over Northwest, Now Believed

PLANS SENT TO 18 FIRMS

Construction Work Elsewhere Slack and City Likely to Get Benefit of Low Estimates On Municipal Tasks

Keen competition among northwest builders for contracts on the North 17th street and South Winter street bridges is expected to develop at the council meeting Monday night, when bids on the two projects are to be opened.

Already 18 sets of plans have been issued to applying firms, and two additional requests for plans were made yesterday.

Low Bids Expected
Business in the building line is somewhat slack at this season of the year, and it is believed that the building firms will submit unusually low bids in an effort to land the contracts.

Several local firms will submit bids and it is expected that the councilmen who feel most kindly to local bidders will attempt to swing contracts for them whether they are low bidders or not.

Local Men Favored
When bids on the South Commercial street project were being considered some months ago, Aldermen Rosebrauch, Patton and Purvine made a determined fight to have the contract awarded to F. A. Erixon, local contractor, despite the fact that his bid was \$400 higher than the successful one of Lindstrom and Feigenson.

In case of a similar situation in the forthcoming bids, they may get into action again for local interests. There is nothing in the charter which limits the discretion of the council in awarding contracts.

Lindstrom and Feigenson are expected to produce a low bid by reason of the fact that their equipment is already on the ground at work on South Commercial street, and they would be saved the expense of bringing equipment in for another project.

Among local contractors who will bid for the work are Fred Erixon, L. O. Herrold, and Samuel and Neef.

The estimate on the North 17th (Continued on page 8)

DAVIS TO HEAR OF SPAN

Former Presidential Candidate to be Appealed to, Word

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—All points raised in connection with the proposed construction of a toll bridge spanning the Columbia river at Longview, Wash., and Rainier, Ore., have been referred to John W. Davis of New York, former solicitor general of the United States, and candidate for the presidency on the democratic ticket in opposition to President Coolidge.

An opinion has been asked of Mr. Davis as to specific features of the bridge situation. In presenting the matter to Mr. Davis all circumstances involved were submitted in the way of a brief history, including the act of congress enabling the construction of the bridge, a resume of hearings conducted, and general data in which is embraced details of bridge clearances as well as contentions by various interests as to the possible detrimental effects of the proposed bridge on navigation.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS NEXT

Pan-American Conference to Consider Question Friday

HAVANA, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Social problems of the nations will come under the consideration of the Pan-American conference at a plenary session on Friday. The delegates will take up the final report of the committee on social problems in which now is complete.

LINDY ACCORDED FURTHER HONORS

FREEDOM OF CITY GIVEN NOTED AVIATION HERO

Colonial Council at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Takes Extraordinary Action

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The freedom of the city today was conferred on Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh by his fellow Americans of this little island in the Caribbean after a day of innumerable honors and enthusiastic fetes.

The honor was conferred at an extraordinary meeting of the colonial council this afternoon. As he entered the room with Governor or Evans the members rose in tribute. The American air hero, who will resume his good will tour tomorrow, replied briefly, expressing his thanks and telling the council that he always would remember the welcome which St. Thomas gave him.

During the day the colonel visited the hospital here, went to the Free Masons lodge where a special meeting was held in his honor and was presented with a silver Masonic trowel with a gold handle, attended the horse races and then rounded out the day with a sightseeing trip.

At noon the American flier also was the guest of honor at a reception by the chamber of commerce during which the Danish consul general delivered an address of welcome. The flier shook hands with all the members of the chamber who were eager to greet him personally.

The people of St. Thomas, no less eager to pay tribute to the American airman, flocked everywhere that the flier went and as he drove in an open automobile with Governor Evans to the public garden this morning, he was constantly surrounded by eager crowds, including many school children.

Colonel Lindbergh tomorrow will make one of the shortest hops of his good-will tour, taking off for San Juan, Porto Rico, only 75 miles away at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Dispatches from Havana said that four o'clock in the afternoon of February 8 is being tentatively considered as the time of Colonel Lindbergh's arrival there for the Pan-American conference. He probably will take off for St. Louis, his home on February 11.

FIRST GRADE PUPIL DIES

Gerald McCauley Believed Victim of Heart Failure

Gerald McCauley, six year old lad who started to school for the first time last Monday, dropped dead at the Park school at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Gerald had just been dismissed with his classmates and had gone to the hall to put on his wraps when he was suddenly overcome by heart failure.

Gerald was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCauley, 1095 south 14th street. His sudden death has thrown parents of children of the Park school into a state of alarm, and a number of pupils were kept home from the afternoon classes yesterday and will probably be absent for some days.

There seems to be no cause to become frightened over the incident, though, as Dr. G. E. Prime who was immediately summoned was of the opinion that the little pupil was simply a victim of heart failure. However, in order to guard other students' health, a post mortem examination of the body was decided upon early in the afternoon. Acute dilatation of the heart was found to be the probable cause of death.

There are 14 other beginners enrolled in the boy's class, the instructor being Miss Grace Allen.

BEAUTIFICATION TALKED

Robert C. Paulus and John Kluck Address S. E. Salem Club

Outdoor beautification of Salem homes was the general topic of the regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Salem Improvement club last night.

Robert C. Paulus showed slides of flowers grown in and around Salem and of homes with particularly beautiful outdoor improvements.

John Kluck, Salem gardener, explained methods used in European countries to beautify grounds, and told some of the things necessary to a well-kept lawn and foundation shrubbery plantings. He gave away 100 or more cuttings and shrubs to club members.

CHANNEL'S NEED HERE STRESSED

Salem Interests Present United Front In Asking River Improvement

VALLEY GROWTH SAID DEPENDENT

Engineers Pleased But Make No Forecasts

4 1/2 FEET MINIMUM

Effort Is To Better Recommendation For 2 1/2 To 3 1/2 Foot Channel; Expected Increase In Traffic Stressed

Twenty-three men, representing 14 different Salem interests, spoke in one yesterday in favor of an all-year-round navigable river to Portland.

Appearing before Lieutenant Colonel Lukesch, United States district engineer, in a public hearing at the chamber of commerce, these men cited facts and figures to show the need for a better channel in the Willamette, and predicted that the Willamette valley would develop and prosper much more rapidly if the improvement were granted.

It was an array of business interests, solidly in line for a common cause, such as has probably not been mustered in Salem heretofore.

Engineers Pleased
Colonel Lukesch, after the hearing, expressed himself as highly pleased at the showing made, but gave no intimation whether the engineers' former recommendation of a 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 foot deep channel, cleared of snags, would be improved upon. This recommendation was made by the engineers some time ago in line with an act of congress of January, 1927, providing for a survey of the river. The recommendation aroused the complaint of shippers at its inadequacy to meet the situation, and the hearing here resulted.

Colonel Lukesch will consider the facts obtained at the hearing (Continued on page 8)

WINNING REVIEW APPEARS SUNDAY

"PRIVATE LIFE OF HELEN" CLOSSES SATURDAY

\$1 To Be Paid for Every Amateur Criticism Used; \$10 Grand Prize

"The Private Life of Helen of Troy" ends its local engagement Saturday night at the Elsinore theater. And tomorrow we will publish the best manuscripts received.

For every amateur review we publish we will pay \$1.00 irrespective of whether or not it qualifies for a prize.

The rules are printed in this column. And as an aid to completion (Continued on page 8)

Review "Private Life of Helen of Troy" Rules

The contest is open to everyone, irrespective of age or sex, except employees of this newspaper, First National Pictures, Inc., and the Elsinore theater and members of their families.

Reviews must be legibly written on one side of the paper, must not exceed 100 words in length, and must be addressed to the "Helen of Troy Review Editor," Statesman. No review can be returned. For reviews selected for reproduction in this paper \$1.00 each will be paid. For the best review received during the period of the contest, which ends Feb. 4 a grand prize of \$10.00 will be given. The decisions of the judges shall be final. Manuscripts must be in this office before 5 p. m. each day starting the day picture opens Tuesday, Jan. 31.

