

Woodmen of the World at a Monster District Meeting Here Last Night Initiated 250; Congressman Hawley Receives High Praise "Sorrell and Son," an Appealing Story Portrayed by an Excellent Cast, Was Chosen for Statesman Green Matinee This Afternoon

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Weather forecast: Rain west and local snows and rains east portion; snow over Cascade mountains; moderate temperature; southeast and south winds at times of gale force. Maximum temperature 43, minimum 33, river 2, rainfall .26, atmosphere cloudy, wind southwest.

The Capital Journal was "scooped" on the county law library, as it appeared in this week it was scooped again on the addition to the postoffice and the new Cross building. The postal officials at Washington and Montgomery Ward & Co. are in for a tough time.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HISTORIC ROAD LIKELY TO GET FEDERAL HELP

Discussion At Y Forum All Favorable To Champeog Highway Proposal

WIDE ROADWAY PLANNED

Construction Will Cost \$100,000 a Mile, Including Bridges; Senator Stelwer Interested in Route

The proposed Champeog highway was under discussion at the "Y" forum meeting in the basement assembly room of the Salem Y. M. C. A. last night.

Dr. Henry E. Morris, president of the Champeog Highway association, led the discussion. There were a number of speakers, nearly all for the proposed highway, though some thought it a little too early, but agreed that it should be built in time.

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A Wide Highway A wide highway is proposed; 40 feet wide, and to cost \$100,000 a mile, including the bridges, the largest of which would be across the Willamette river in the vicinity of the Champeog state memorial park.

George Vick made the statement that United States Senator Stelwer recently expressed the opinion that the Federal government might be induced to pay half the cost of such a highway.

The idea was advanced that in this case, the state might make the speed limit 50 miles an hour, and charge a toll of 50 cents for each auto, and thus have the traffic reimburse the state for its share of the cost.

LIONS ACQUIRE HUNTINGTON CUP

PRESENTED TO CLUB HERE BY TILLAMOOK DEN

Emblem Has Visited 77 Dens Already; Will Be Taken To Grants Pass

The Huntington Park cup, now making a tour of the Lions club of the world, was presented to the Salem Lions last night by a delegation from the Tillamook den, guests of the locals at a banquet at the Marion hotel.

The cup left Huntington Park, California, December 5, 1925, has been to 77 dens, travelling a total of 3,562 miles. It has yet to be carried to China, England and Canada, besides to many clubs in this country and it is estimated 20 years will have elapsed before its journey is at an end.

From here, the traveling cup will be taken to Grants Pass March 3, when a charter will be granted the den there.

Lion "Chuck" Lamb of Tillamook acted as chairman of the visiting group and presented R. L. White, president of that den, who in turn gave the cup into the hands of Senator Lloyd Reynolds who made the acceptance speech for the locals.

Speeches were also made by J. W. Morrow of Tillamook, who explained why his club brought the cup here, and Lion Winslow of the coast city who presented joyfully to the Salem ladies in attendance and half-pound cartons of Tillamook cheese to the men.

Music for the entertainment was solo by Lyman McDonald, accompanied by Miss Betty Bedford, and by Eleanor Moore, with Alva Amier at the piano.

Lion C. F. Gliese passed the bucket for contributions to the convention fund, with the result that it was swelled considerably. About 25 Tillamook Lions were present, and several wives of the visiting members.

HUNT BLAMES IT ALL ON HICKMAN

FEARED DEATH IF HE DID NOT JOIN IN ROBBERY

Story Told by Youthful Defendant in Los Angeles Murder Trial Yesterday

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Fear of death as a motive for banditry was the defense offered late today by Welby Hunt for his part in the attempted holdup and cold blooded killing of C. Ivy Toms, druggist, Christmas eve, 1926.

Through his counsel in his trial with William Edward Hickman, already sentenced to hang for the Marian Parker murder, for the slaying of Toms, Hunt painted his companion in crime as a Simon Legree of the underworld, enforcing obedience to his orders on pain of death.

A. Gray Gilmer, attorney for Hunt, followed the closing of the prosecution case today with a statement to the court in which he said: "I intend to show that on the night of the robbery of the Toms' drug store defendant Hunt was forced to join defendant Hickman in that crime; and I'll show that the only reason Hunt joined in that robbery was his fear for his own life."

"Trustworthy and law-abiding," were the words used by Gilmer in portraying his client's character prior to his association with Hickman.

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The prosecution closed its testimony with the reading of a statement by Hickman describing the death raid on the Toms' store and a photographic exhibit of his diagram of events there Christmas eve, 1926.

Recalling the battle between himself and Hunt on one side and Patrolman Oliver, shooting out a "lone hand" on the other, Hickman's statement said:

"I was shooting directly at the officer. I guess Hunt was too. We were all firing at the same time."

That the drugstore robbery had been carefully planned was the evidence brought out in earlier testimony by Bruce Harrison, whose statements also contradicted Hunt's declaration that no preliminary visit had been made to the pharmacy.

Harrison said that he was in the drug store the afternoon preceding the attempted holdup and saw Hickman and Hunt come in, inquire about an apartment for rent nearby and "size up" the premises.

This testimony corroborated that previously given by Mrs. (Continued on page 5.)

MAN HAS TWO WIDOWS

Both Claim State Industrial Accident Compensation

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Two women who claimed to be the widow of Roy Cummings, automobile mechanic, burned to death in a garage explosion Oct. 8, 1927, appeared before the state industrial accident commission to claim his compensation insurance today.

Mrs. Edith P. Cummings of Richmond, Cal., said she married Cummings in Portland, Ore., in 1918, and separated from him four years ago. Mrs. Roberts Jameson Cummings said she married Cummings in Santa Ana in 1924. She resides in Los Angeles.

Examiner W. W. Britton of the accident commission said he would hold a hearing in Los Angeles on the two women's claims. The maximum compensation for Cummings' death is \$5,000.

JAP REPORT FOOLS COPS

Baffling Hieroglyphics Inscribed Upon Police Record

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The traffic bureau of the Portland police department was demoralized tonight when Wataru Takahashi turned in his report of a traffic accident.

After much contemplation and rumination, and after the services of an interpreter had been obtained, it was learned that the page of Japanese characters revealed that Takahashi was the driver of an automobile that knocked down an unidentified man at a street intersection. The Oriental symbols insisted the man was able to walk to his home unassisted.

HAWLEY LAUDED AT BIG SESSION OF W.O.W. HERE

Six Hundred Attend District Meeting in Tribute To Congressman

CLASS OF 250 INITIATED

Twenty-Two Camps in Willamette Valley Represented; Drill Team and 50 Piece Drum Corps From Portland

About six hundred members of the Woodmen of the World in this district met last night at the Fraternal temple. The meeting was arranged as a tribute to Congressman W. C. Hawley.

Ronald C. Glover, local attorney, who served as secretary to the congressman from 1908 to 1918 conveyed greetings from him, and expressed the belief that the electorate would return the veteran legislator to office for another term. He dwelt at length on Congressman Hawley's accomplishments in the national legislature, and recited the qualities which have made Hawley successful.

Among other speakers at the gathering were Judge George Rossman, of the supreme court, and C. O. Somaine, of Portland, district manager of the organization.

A class of 250 candidates were initiated, with the ceremonies in charge of Prospect Camp 140. A membership campaign among the (Continued on page 5.)

TRAIN BRINGS WOODMEN

Large Crowd Comes From Vernonia for Initiation Here

Vernonia chartered its first special train yesterday when Oregon Electric officials provided it to transport sixty members of Vernonia Camp 655, Woodmen of the World, and candidates for initiation to Salem for the big meeting here last night.

Milton A. Fuegy, of Astoria, traveling freight and passenger agent, accompanied the lodge members.

The Vernonia camp was organized in July 1926, and since that time has grown to be the largest fraternal organization in that city. Robert S. Lindsay is council commander; C. C. Dustin, clerk; and Earl O. Harper, acting drill team captain. In a recent membership campaign, a total of 57 candidates were signed up.

STORM SWEEPS THROUGH STATE

MOST OF STATE REPORTS DROP IN TEMPERATURE

Deep Snow Covers Section Around Bend; East Wind Attains High Velocity

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—(AP)—While central Oregon tonight was in the grip of a storm which threatened to spread over the mid-state country the deepest snow of the winter, other sections of the state reported high east winds and an alarming drop in temperature.

A snow storm blew into Bend, in central Oregon at 10 o'clock this morning, on the wings of a stiff east wind, following a night of unusual coldness for this season. The thermometer dropped to 20 degrees. Tonight the snow was still falling, driven by a high wind.

A heavy snowfall struck Hood River at 5 p. m., and continued tonight with indications that the mid-Columbia would be heavily blanketed before morning. There, too the chill east wind was blowing.

At Vancouver, Wash., today the worst east wind of the season attained at one time velocity approximating hurricane conditions. Snow began falling after noon, but soon turned to rain with the temperature a little above freezing.

Plurries of snow fell in Portland today and tonight, and in the outlying districts roofs and lawns were covered. Streets were slippery and traffic was slowed down.

The weather bureau predicted tonight that snow and rain would fall intermittently during the night, with temperatures near freezing.

ELECTRAGISTS CONVENE

State Meeting of Dealers on Today; 75 May Be Present

Salem electrical dealers will be hosts to the state electragists, of which there are about 75 members, in an all-day meeting today.

C. A. Vibbert of Vibbert & Todd, is president of the group and has been in charge of program for tomorrow's session. A banquet will be held at the Marion hotel at 6:30 in the evening.

I. H. Murphy of Portland will be one of the main speakers, and will urge upon the group the urgent need for inspection of electrical wiring following installation. Another Portland electrician, Berkeley Snow, northwest director for "Electrical West" will appear on the program to tell of development along electrical lines in the northwest.

George K. Kanble of O. S. C. will speak also. In the morning the members will visit the state flax industry at the penitentiary.

HUGE BANK RAID WELL ARRANGED

KANSAS CITY BANDITS SECURE SUM OF \$50,737

Robbery Conducted Just Like Trench Raid During War, Veteran Declares

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Armed with two sub-machine guns, three sawed-off shotguns and several .45 calibre automatics, a band of bank robbers, estimated at 10 to 15 in number, today shot up the City bank here and escaped with \$50,737.

R. C. Kemper, president, said the amount was covered by insurance. More than a dozen shots were fired by the seven unmasked men who entered the bank. Several of these were fired point blank at officials and clerks but it was believed the first shots were blanks fired to intimidate. No one was injured.

Later the robbers employed real cartridges, bullet marks showing at several places in the new building. A sharp shooting bandit placed six bullets with a three inch area in a post near the telephone operator, who was attempting to summon police.

The men escaped in two motor cars after a robbery conducted so systematically that police believe it had been perfectly rehearsed. The robbers rushed into the bank at 9:15 a. m. under the direction of a leader, they scattered at once to various vantage points. All entrances were covered by shotguns. The 50 bank employees, all working within plain sight of the bank lobby, and a dozen customers were forced to lie down.

Two bandits vaulted into the cashier's cages and scooped up currency and cash.

Mr. Kemper, who served in France in the World war, described the holdup as like a trench raid. "The bandits were crenching, shouting and yelling, yet the raid was perfectly staged."

Mr. Kemper said the bank was thought virtually holdup-proof. (Continued on page 5.)

TROUBLE SAID BREWING

Mussolini to Recall Ambassador to Austria, Report

ROME, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Giornale di Italia today published a special edition containing a report "insistently circulated" that Premier Mussolini has decided to recall Minister Auriti, the Italian representative at Vienna.

The newspaper says that the Italian people, while remaining tranquil, could not help feeling profound indignation at the Austrian provocations and would accept with satisfaction such a dignified measure as the recall of the minister.

Italy has been reported as stirred by the recent discussions in the Austrian parliament protesting the treatment of German "residence in the Tyrols province annexed to Italy." (Continued on page 5.)

M'ADOO AGAIN SCORES SMITH AS CANDIDATE

Al's Approval of State Anti-Prohibition Law Recalled in Article

"DRY" CLAIMS REFUTED

U. S. Supreme Court Decision Necessary to Defeat Bill After Signature by Governor of New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Resuming in the March issue of the American Review of Reviews, his long range debate with Governor Smith of New York, William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, asserts the only fundamental prohibition issue is "Shall a state be permitted to disregard any part of the constitution which it elects not to obey?"

"Police enforcement is the principal and normal function of the state governments," Mr. McAdoo says. "Deprived of the effective cooperation of the police, organizations of the states, the amendment becomes a gully. This is what happened in New York and Maryland. Although each of these states ratified the amendment and helped to put it in the constitution, they refused the cooperation; they refused obedience."

Refutes Smith's Claim The former secretary's latest pronouncement is in the nature of a rebuttal to Governor Smith who had asserted that the Volstead act was a part of the laws of New York and thus binding on state functionaries.

The governor quoted article six, section two of the constitution, which reads as follows: "The constitution and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution or the laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding."

"If that doesn't mean that the Volstead law is a part of the laws of New York state," Mr. McAdoo quoted Governor Smith as saying "Then I would like for some one to tell me what it does mean."

Mr. McAdoo, in his Review of Reviews article says that this provision has been construed by the supreme court to mean that where there is a conflict between the state laws and the constitution the federal law is supreme.

Specific Case Cited "For instance," he continued, "the New York legislature in 1920 enacted a law which Governor Smith approved, permitting the (Continued on page 5.)

McMILLAN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

LOS ANGELES DOCTOR CONVICTED OF "BACK MURDER"

Life Imprisonment Recommended Following Sensational California Trial

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Charles M. McMillan, middle aged physician accused of the murder of Amelia Appleby, today was found guilty by a jury of eight women and four men in superior court here.

The verdict carried with it a recommendation of life imprisonment. Given the case a few minutes after 11 o'clock this morning the jury returned a verdict at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

During the reading of the verdict, the doctor who has displayed no emotion during the entire trial, sat motionless and gave no evidence of being visibly affected by the prospect of life behind prison walls. Confinement in the penitentiary on this verdict will place the physician behind the bars a second time since he was once convicted of narcotic charges and served a sentence.

Date of sentence was fixed as next Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. by Judge Douglas Edmonds. Under California law the sentencing of the doctor will be but a formality, the recommendation of the jury is automatically the penalty.

The doctor was charged with the murder of Mrs. Appleby, widow of a Chicago inventor, after her body was found last December in the San Fernando valley near here, tied in a canvas sack.

Bits of canvas which the prosecution claimed were identical with that in which the body of the woman was wrapped figured prominently in the trial which started February 15.

The doctor pleaded not guilty but he did not deny the charges from the witness stand, although he had previously steadfastly protested his innocence to officers who arrested him.

TORCH KILLER AT LARGE

Slayer of Miss Margaret Brown Still Not Run Down

BERNARDSVILLE, N. J., Feb. 24.—(AP)—The torch killer of Miss Margaret Brown was still at large tonight.

State troopers said during the day that his identity was known and that he was a middle aged professional man of high social standing, but later Prospector Bergen denied that anything definite was known about the killer.

"If I knew him and where he was," said the prosecutor, "I would go out and get him."

In the afternoon Miss Brown whose gasoline soaked body was found flaming like a human torch in the Bernardsville-Morris town road Monday night, was buried quietly at Fort Lee.

Police investigation centered around clues furnished by a man and a woman. The woman told of seeing a blue sedan parked on Monday night at the place where Miss Brown's body was found and here was some hope that she might be able to help in tracing ownership of the car. The man told of being near the scene of the crime last night and being questioned concerning the killing by a man who drove up in a blue sedan.

COURT HEARS OF BLAST

First Evidence as to School House Wrecking Introduced

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 24.—(AP)—The first evidence that the Pleasant Valley school house was wrecked by dynamite last December, was introduced by the state today in its fight to send Hiram Reed, young farmer, to prison on a charge of bombing.

The prosecution claims Reed put the explosive in the stove that burst and seriously injured the teacher, Iola Bradford. The defense has indicated its doubt that dynamite caused the tragedy with which it holds Reed had nothing to do.

The state expects to wind up its case shortly with an attempt to introduce Reed's confession. Although Reed was indicted on several charges including an attempt to kill the girl, about to become a mother, he is being tried only on the bombing charge.

BERT HINKLER ARRIVES

Australian Flyer Delayed on Flight Due to Dust Storm

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 23.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Bert Hinkler, Australian flyer who was overdue on a hop from Port Darwin, arrived safely shortly after noon today at Camooweal, Queensland. He had been forced down on route by a dust storm yesterday.

STEAMER SUNK NEAR ENGLAND CREW DROWNS

Report Indicates All On Board Italian Ship Alcantara Went Down

RADIO MESSAGES HEARD

Collision Occurs in Dover Straits at Eight O'clock Last Night; Several Other Ships Stand- ing By

DEAL, England, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The entire crew of the small Italian steamer Alcantara was believed to have drowned when the ship sank following up on collision with the Russian cadet training ship Tovarisch, tonight in the strait of Dover.

The number in the crew was unknown here. An American vessel of the size of the Alcantara would have carried upwards of 17 men and an Italian ship probably a few less.

The crew of the Tovarisch, although a hole had been stove in their own ship, attempted to aid the Italians. Later it was reported that the Russian ship was not in a dangerous condition and that she should try to make Southampton.

The Alcantara was of 1682 gross tons.

Dense Fog Handicaps DEAL, England, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Serious loss of life was feared from the sinking tonight of the Italian steamer Alcantara after collision with the Russian cadet training ship Tovarisch, tonight which blanketed Dover strait of Dungeness tonight. Two other steamers were reported standing by.

The only account of the tragedy was pieced out from a series of brief messages received by Lloyd's North Foreland radio station from the British steamer Moldavia.

The Moldavia reported that after searching the vicinity of the crash for an hour and a half it had found only one man who died shortly after that, it was advised that no one had escaped alive from the sinking ship.

The messages from the Moldavia indicated that the collision (Continued on page 5.)

LINDY CONDUCTS TEST OF MOTOR

WHOLE THEORY OF AERONAUTICS REVOLUTIONIZED

Promotion Scheme Rumored Following Inspection by Airplane Experts

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Mechanics at Selfridge field were ordered tonight to fuel and prepare the monoplane of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh for a flight early tomorrow morning. At the same time the colonel sent to the supply office for maps of Ontario. It was believed Lindbergh and a party of leaders of the aircraft industry from St. Louis, who accompanied him here, planned to take off tomorrow for Buffalo, over the air mail route which cuts directly across the Canadian province from Selfridge field.

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Detroit Free Press will say tomorrow that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Major Thomas G. Lanphier today tested a new type of motor at Selfridge field which (Continued on page 5.)

"Green" Matinee At Elsinore Today Vaudeville Included

Persons who have the "green" matinee coupon and have complied with the conditions printed thereon, will be privileged to see the most talked of and praised motion picture of the season and also a good vaudeville program, this afternoon at the Elsinore theater. This picture is "Sorrell and Son." Holders of the "green" coupon will be admitted on presenting it with ten cents and a cash sales slip showing a purchase of one dollar or more, from an advertiser in Friday's green market and merchandise section.

