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WEATHER

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PANTAGES NOT CLEAR GIVING HIS TESTIMONY

Defendant in Criminal Proceedings Contradicts Self on Stand

"Mystery Room" Not Private; Locksmith Needed To Open Door

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—(AP)—After standing more than four hours on the witness stand, both to relate his version of an alleged "frame up" assertedly staged by Emilio Fringe, young dancer, and to deny much of his own testimony while under cross examination, Alexander Pantages still was being grilled at the close of today's session of his trial on a statutory charge preferred by the state.

Questioned by District Attorney Byron Fitts concerning his possession of the key to the little "mystery room" which he was accused of attacking the girl, the 54-year-old theatre magnate denied that he had a private desk or a private office in his suite of offices in which to keep such a key. He denied that the room repeatedly identified by his own employees as "Mr. Pantages' private office" was such, declaring that it was a "general office" to which all employees had access. In almost the same breath he told Fitts that he had not told Miss Fringe on August 9 that he had sold his theatres, and therefore could not book her act, because he "let no one know about my private business."

Employment of Locksmith Admitted Concerning his key, which some of his employees had testified as far as they knew was the only one in existence, Pantages admitted that when he lost it about two months prior to August 9, he had been obliged to hire a locksmith to open the door of the "mystery room."

Pantages testified that, during the trial, the little room neither he nor Miss Fringe went on the floor. Fitts confronted him with a statement he assertedly made to two policemen the night he was arrested. In it he was quoted as telling them that she disarranged his clothing in such a manner that, as he struggled with the girl, he became entangled and fell on the floor. It also quoted him as saying that he then grabbed her ankle, pulling her to the floor to prevent her "escaping and exposing us both." Asked if he did not so state to the officers, in the presence of other persons, Pantages declared: "Police Called Liars."

By Pantages "I did not. It's absolutely a false statement entirely made up by the police officers."

Telling his version of the alleged attack, Pantages denied the testimony of previous witnesses that he had taken Miss Fringe to a seat in the theatre balcony the afternoon of August 9. He said he merely took her to the door, regarding this Fitts asked him if Miss Fringe, a violinist, also had not been waiting to see him all that afternoon. He admitted she had.

"There also were other actresses waiting to see you were there not?"

"Yes, there were several people."

"Now did you put Miss Fringe in the theatre?"

"Did you put anyone else in there?"

Special Attention to Miss Fringe Admitted Pantages hesitated a moment then admitted "not that I recall."

"Now you testified you went to the theatre exit door to hunt an employer for an errand. But you know Mrs. Fowler, your secretary, was in your office?"

"Yes."

"And you knew where Mrs. Stone, Mr. Steven and Mr. Walker, all your employees were?"

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Salem Municipal Levy In 1930 To Be \$400,745.66

Increase of \$48,000 Over 1929 Estimated by Ways and Means Committee of City Council; New Bonds Cited as Reason

Salem's municipal tax levy for 1930 will amount to approximately \$400,745.66, if no changes are made in the budget as outlined by the ways and means committee of the city council when the budget committee meets October 30. A slight variation is possible when exact assessed valuation figures are made available.

The total budget is estimated at \$433,245.66, of which \$32,500 is to be met by funds to be received in the recorder's and building inspector's departments, these receipts being estimated at \$32,500.

The tax levy will be approximately \$48,000 greater than this year's levy, but any taxpayer who is disposed to growl at the increase, will have himself and the other voters as a target, rather than the tax levying body. The budget for running expenses of the city has been kept within the 10 per cent limitation, and the increase is almost entirely accounted for in larger payments on interest and principal of bonds voted by the people.

The budget for operating expenses has been set at \$197,252.50 by the ways and means committee, and the amount necessary to be raised for retiring bonds, interest on bonds and two mill levy for fire department improvements is \$237,992.16, of which \$102,089.16 is for retiring bonds, and \$135,903 is accounted for in the two mill levy for street improvements and the two mill levy for fire department improvements.

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The state board of vocational education is making the class possible, as it has also been instrumental in adding a typewriting class for the continuation students. The mechanics' group will use the regular high school equipment and will meet twice weekly from 3:15 to 4:45 o'clock on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Twelve can be accommodated in the class and nine are already signed to report for the first meeting today.

Two more students may enroll for the typing class before maximum capacity is reached. This class meets twice a week, on Thursday and Friday, for one hour, beginning at 3:15 o'clock. Shorthand has also been added for a few advanced students.

Miss Holloway announced Tuesday that the part time school will conduct the housemaids' course which has made such a hit the past two years, beginning after the holidays. Twenty students are now enrolled in the part time school, and Miss Holloway hopes to see this number doubled before too long.

Plans for a boys' achievement exposition to be staged early next year in cooperation with other civic organizations, the schools and the Boy Scout organization, were announced by J. M. Chambers, chairman of the club's boys' work committee.

The relation of vocational guidance to character development as a problem of education, was discussed by Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, speaker of the day.

Mr. Howard declared that character education is a more difficult problem than it formerly appeared to be, because it is now recognized that mere enumeration of virtues and warning against vices is not sufficient to build character. Motivation is necessary, and if young folk are able to make their choice of vocation early, motivation is supplied toward the acquisition of virtues necessary to that vocation.

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HOOVER SAILS DOWN OHIO TO VIEW CHANNEL

Ocean Signalizes Establishment of Navigation on River

Tremendous Ovarations Given President's Party on Extended Jaunt

By RAYMOND Z. HENLE Associated Press Staff Writer S. S. GREEN BRIER, Eau Claire, La., Oct. 22.—(AP)—President Hoover was steaming down the Ohio to Louisville on this trim little light house tender tonight to signalize what a speech in the Kentucky city the improvement of the river for all year round traffic from Pittsburgh to the Gulf.

He embarked at Cincinnati to the accompaniment of noisy salutations of hundreds of factory whistles along the wharves, steamers on the river and horns from automobiles of the large crowd of citizens who had come down to bid him adieu.

As the president's flag of deep blue and his white eagle was hoisted above the river craft, a stiff, biting wind swept over the valley and dashed a foaming spray across the boat's prow.

Despite Wet Weather But neither the rain nor the cold which the president was forced to contend with again as in Detroit yesterday appeared to dampen the enthusiasm of the reception and farewell given him in the Ohio city. Quarters comfortably on the Green Brier along with the president were Mrs. Hoover, his aides, Secretary Good of the war department and Speaker Longworth. The remainder of his party followed in quarter boats of the United States army engineers propelled by their own turbines. Behind in the parade steamed the Greater Pittsburgh and the Cincinnati, carrying a crowd of Ohio valley residents to the celebration at Louisville.

Before embarking on the Green Brier the president took part at Cincinnati in the dedication of a monument in Eden Park commemorating the canalization of the Ohio from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill., as in Detroit, he with Mrs. Hoover again rode through a cold driving rain in an open automobile, along practically the entire route from their quarters here to the park. Crowds that lined the

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U. S. PAGE PICKED TO HEAD KIWANIS

Dr. Fred Thompson Selected For Vice Presidency by Committee

U. S. Page appeared to have the race all to himself for the presidency of the Salem Kiwanis club for next year, when nominations were announced by the election committee at Tuesday's luncheon. No nominations were made to amplify the single slate selected by the committee. The election will be held at the first November meeting.

Dr. Fred H. Thompson was nominated for vice president, Dean R. Hewitt for trustee, T. M. Hicks for treasurer and James H. Nicholson, George M. King, T. A. Windishar and Arthur Mason for directors to serve two years.

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Senator Under Fire



Senator Hiram Bingham, of Connecticut, who admitted before the Senate Lobby Investigating Committee, in Washington, D. C., despite the fact that he knew Eyanson was being paid by the Connecticut Manufacturer's Association.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Preparing to broaden its inquiry, the senate lobby committee today employed a special investigator and attorney, John Holland, who assisted Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, in unravelling the Teapot Dome oil scandal.

The day's session revolved principally about the activities of the Atlantic Coast fisheries corporation to secure a reduction in the tariff on fish in the bill now before the senate.

F. W. Bryce, president of the corporation, said in that connection he had called upon Senator Bingham, republican, Connecticut, a member of the finance committee. He acknowledged authorship of telegrams to fish dealers urging them to wire their senators in favor of a reduction of the tariff bill.

Charles Eyanson, that officer and J. E. Wulchet, an employee of the association, will be questioned.

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CERTIFICATE FILED IN LAND GRANT CASE

The claim of the consolidated taxing units of Marion county for the payment of money on O. & C. grant lands equivalent to the 1928 taxes amounts to \$11,889. Certificate showing the segregation of the amount now claimed to be due has been made by Oscar Steehamm and will be filed today with the county court. This certificate will be transmitted to the secretary of the interior for checking, and if approved by the land office, will be paid by the treasury.

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Aviator Speeding Across Atlantic On Mystery Trip

Whole Country Taken by Surprise When Urban F. Diteman Starts East Toward London in Open Cockpit of Airplane

By The Associated Press A Golden Hind of the skies sailed over the North Atlantic Tuesday, in it a man of 30 who named his fragile craft after a staunch galleon of Sir Francis Drake, whom he regards as a forerunner—by blood and apparently, adventure.

This new Golden Hind was a small monoplane and the new adventurer, who challenged sky as well as sea, was Urban F. Diteman, Jr., of Billings, Mont., and formerly of Harborsburg, Ore., who took off without advance announcement from the air port at Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, "bound for London."

Ten minutes after the takeoff at 12:45 P. M. (eastern standard time) this Montana livestock buyer soared over Cape St. Francis, 17 miles north of the airport, and disappeared in the east where Dr. James H. Kimball of the New York weather bureau and unofficial starter for Transatlantic flights said "fairly favorable" weather awaited him.

Plover Apologies For "Improvised Lies" Meanwhile back at the airport, 100 spectators who had regarded Diteman as a retiring person using an airplane in junkets around the country to look up records of Sir Francis for use in settlement of an estate in which he was interested, learned of a brief note in which the flier announced he was "bound for London" and apologized "for so many improvised lies."

"Many, many thanks ye Newfoundlanders," he wrote, "Drake did not bring me here nor to London, albeit I am a descendant. Sorry if I hurt anyone's feeling. I meant no harm."

The note was signed "Dite." There was nothing more. From other sources, however, a tale was pieced together and it filled in the gaps and the nonchalant flier had left before he started in a tiny plane and only 165 gallons of gas on a flight of approximately 2,350 miles which had been done previously only by planes much more powerful and much heavier fueled.

Life Believes He Will Complete Trip Mrs. Diteman in Billings, Mont., seemingly was the only person besides the pilot who knew of the adventure. She knew the takeoff was planned for yesterday, and she shared the confidence of her husband in the success.

"The ship was bought and altered with the crossing in view," (Concluded on Page 7, Column 4.)

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NATIONALISTIC ARMY SUFFERS SETBACK

Advance On Hankow Looms As Government Forces Are Defeated

HANKOW, China, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Nationalist government forces today were reported to have suffered a severe setback at the hands of the Kuomintang, or people's army, which has been threatening a descent upon Hankow.

Although it was generally quiet here, there was an atmosphere of uneasiness. Nationalist supporters, however, were confident that the Kuomintang troops would not reach the city.

Dispatches tonight indicated that while the defeat was severe, it was not decisive. The Kuomintang forces were said not only to have broken the nationalist lines, capturing Sincing in northern Honan about 150 miles north of Hankow, but to have penetrated further along the Kinshan railroad, capturing Yencheng, well towards Hankow.

While information from the affected region was meagre, the reports indicated that the Kuomintang had driven the nationalists back along an east and west line 100 miles south of the Lunghai railway. As the nationalists were said to have planned to assume the offensive, it appeared that the followers of Feng Yu-Huang, long leader of the Kuomintang, had thus far outmaneuvered the nationalists.

Needless Call to Portland Is Sent For Plane Taxi

Some folk in Salem apparently are unaware that airplane "taxi" service is available here. S. V. W. Peters of Portland, here on business, wanted to get to Seattle in a hurry. He asked if he could get a plane here, and was told that he could not, so called a Portland company to send one.

After learning that such service was provided here, he tried to cancel the order, but the plane was already on the way here.

FOREST BLAZE RAGES SANDY, Ore., Oct. 22.—(AP)—A vicious fire was raging tonight in slashings on the Bear Creek Logging company's holdings near here. One hundred men were fighting the blaze, an attempt to keep it out of the Mt. Hood national reserve.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Urban F. Diteman, Jr., who took off today from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, for London, is the third solo flier to undertake the west-east crossing of the North Atlantic. The first was Charles A. Lindbergh, who won the second, was H. C. MacDonald, a Canadian, who lost.

The east-west adventure of the North Atlantic has taken 11 hours of the heavy toll in cross-sea flights. Others have been lost in the South Atlantic and in the Pacific.

Eight planes have spanned the North Atlantic from west to east, and eight have failed, one of them not even getting off the ground.

Weather conditions at the time of Diteman's takeoff were favorable, but his plane is small like the moth craft of MacDonald who was lost a year ago in a flight

from Harbor Grace to London. Outstanding in the successful west-east flights was that of Colonel Lindbergh from New York to Paris, although Captain Jack Alcock and Lieut. Arthur W. Brown eight years before flew from St. Johns to Rieland for the first time by airplane.

Other successful flights included those of Clarence D. Chamberlain, Commander Richard E. Byrd, William F. Schlee and William Brock, the late Wilmer Stultz with Amelia Earhart, the French monoplane Yellowbird with Assolant, Lefevre, Cotté and a stevedore and the American monoplane Pathfinder of Yancey and Williams.

A month before Alcock and Brown succeeded, Harry C. Hawker and McKensie Grieve were rescued at sea as the first west-east

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Instruction in Health is Found Important Part of Education of Youngsters

Editor's Note: The Statesman today presents the eighth of a series of daily articles designed to acquaint the people of Marion county in comprehensive ways with the program and accomplishments of the Marion county health department, and with the proposed manner in which the health program will be carried forward when the demonstration withdraws at the end of this year.

Teaching health is as necessary, if the child is to grow up successfully, as teaching the three R's. Marion county school directors have been quick to recognize this, and with the aid and promotion of the health demonstration, it is a part of the regular routine of the school teachers to impress upon Johnny and Mary what to eat and when, when to bathe, how to care for the teeth, how to stand and sit—in short, how to keep that physical machinery running smoothly. And it's a fact that more than one teacher has cheerfully admitted that she, too, has

learned not only to know but to practice better health habits.

In Salem three nurses devote their time to the health of school children. Miss Elizabeth Freeman has a regular route in the south part of Salem, making periodic visits at McKinley, Lincoln, Leslie, Park and Richmond schools. Miss Martha Harrison devotes much of her time and energy to guiding health of boys and girls at Garfield, Grant, Washington, Parrish, St. Vincent dePaul, Sacred Heart academy and Livingstone school pupils. The latter three parochial schools do not contribute directly to the conduct of health work in the city, as does the public school system. Miss Grace Taylor, who had the stupendous task of school nurse in Salem prior to 1925, when the school board united its health

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FALL'S ATTORNEYS MAKE LONG TALKS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Counsel for Albert F. Fall, charged with accepting a bribe from Edward L. Bohney for the Elk Hills oil lease, spent four hours today attacking the government's case and presenting a favorable view of Fall's transactions to the jury.

Frank J. Hogan, chief defense counsel, occupied the entire court day, challenging the documents introduced by the government and criticizing counsel for its representation of the prosecution. He had been expected to require about two and a half hours and the additional time made it improbable that the case would go to the jury before late tomorrow afternoon or Thursday morning.