

LEGION CHIEF IS CRITICIZED AT MEET HERE

Local Post Adopts Resolution Strongly Condemning Sid George

Salem Vets Refrain From Asking Resignation of Commander

Sharp criticism of the letter derogatory to the American War Mothers written by Sid S. George, state commander of the American Legion, and of his subsequent attempts to explain away his remarks, was voiced by members of Capital Post No. 9 of the Legion at Tuesday night's meeting, together with a general repudiation of the sentiments expressed by the state commander.

The entire correspondence relating to the affair was read, and it was brought out that the second explanatory letter given to the press Sunday by the state commander, was not written in response to the reply of Mrs. Ada V. Skiff, state head of the War Mothers, but only after Jerry Owen, editor of the Oregon Legionaire, had called his attention to the impropriety of the offending remarks.

Reply From Mrs. Skiff Ignored for Some Time

Mr. Owen was quoted as having said the state commander had given offense, which he reread it after he received the reply from Mrs. Skiff which he apparently had ignored.

"George has not yet made a clean cut apology for his statements, but has attempted to explain and has claimed to have been misunderstood and misrepresented," one legionnaire declared at Tuesday night's meeting.

A resolution addressed both to the War Mothers and to the state executive committee of the Legion was passed by the post. Amid the many criticisms hurled at the state commander during discussion of the resolution, a suggestion was made that request be incorporated in it that the commander be asked to resign. In opposition to this, it was pointed out that a Salem man was the candidate opposing George for the command last summer, and that such a suggestion coming from the local post would be inappropriate. The resolution in part follows:

"Be it hereby resolved . . . that we in this manner and hereby express and convey to the American War Mothers our deep and sincere regret that such a baseless and wholly uncalled for letter was written to their executive, and our most earnest assurances that Capital Post has always enjoyed the most friendly and cordial relations with the local organization of American War Mothers and has and bears the highest regard, esteem and love for their organization and personnel, and

"Be it further resolved that the state executive committee of the department of Oregon, the American Legion, hereby is respectfully and urgently requested at the earliest possible date to have called and convened a special department executive committee meeting and that said state executive committee forthwith thereupon in and by such meeting take such action, or cause such action to be taken, as will most positively and unequivocally convince the officers and members of the American War Mothers and other citizens of this state and of the United States that the American Legion does not approve, but to the contrary most emphatically does disapprove of, and unqualifiedly repudiate the text, contents and sentiment expressed in said letter so written by Mr. George and all subsequent explanations or attempted apologies by him pretended or attempted to be made therefor, all of which is the sense of this meeting."

Plans Made For Flower Show To Be Held June 7

Committee members for the first annual Willamette valley flower show to be held in Salem, probably at the armory, Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, were announced in a meeting of the general committee.

The show is being sponsored by the Salem Garden club and is one of the biggest events ever undertaken by the local group. The general committee is composed of Dr. Henry Morris, chairman; Ernest Iufer, Frank Doerfler, Dr. H. J. Clements and Miss Edith Schryver.

Individual and commercial flower growers, as well as seed houses, from all western Oregon will be invited to participate in the event, and to exhibit flowers and shrubs. Particular emphasis will be placed in building an attractive exhibit and to exhibition of miniature rock gardens, pools and landscaping effects.

Committees appointed last night include:

Home garden visitations—Mrs. Dan Fry, Sr., chairman; William

New Building Of 14 Stories May Be Put Up In City

Three Local Men Hope to Establish Structure Containing Offices Especially for Dentists and Physicians Here

A 14-STORY medical dental building to be erected on State and Commercial streets was outlined here Tuesday in a projected plan in which a group of local property owners consisting of George Waters, Joe Adolph and Edward Rostein propose to join to see the structure completed and tenanted.

While specifications for the new building have not been completed and leases for the tenancies arranged, detailed plans will be forthcoming within two weeks and the matter of the building need not wait on leases, according to Rostein who said his group was in the project to see it to a successful completion.

Extensive Frontage Upon Two Streets Is Planned

The building contemplated would have a frontage of 104 feet on Commercial street and 165 feet on State street, running from the structure now occupied by Bishop's to the corner on Commercial and from that corner to the State street alley.

The Building Would Rise To Two Stories Over All of the Area Except 65 Feet on the Commercial Street Corner and 82 Feet on the State Street Corner Where the Full 14 Stories Would Be Built.

According to Rostein a thoroughly modern, first-grade structure is contemplated with every side of the building faced with terra cotta and brick or terra cotta alone.

A feature of the proposed structure would be that every room would face to the outside, the elevators running in an interior well with no inside rooms provided. Unusually adequate light for the offices would be provided with large glass windows.

Latest in Modern Appliances to Be Had

Mr. Rostein laid the plans of the building's construction every modern device for a medical-dental building such as large elevator for stretcher patients, a surgery room, special building parking space for cars both of patients and of the business and professional men in the building.

Preliminary to announcement of the plans, Rostein, Adolph and Waters secured options to purchase the Bayne building on State street and the Campbell and Steiwer building on Commercial street. These properties together with the narrow property on Commercial street owned by Waters and the Adolph and Waters structure on Commercial and State streets, would all be razed to make way for the new structure.

Mr. Rostein said that the architect, Knighton and Howell of Portland, is busy preparing specifications and when these are secured, more information about the building will be forthcoming along with a sketch of the exterior.

If the building is decided upon, work will start this summer in finding suitable quarters for the present occupants of the buildings now on the locations and when the present structures are razed, new construction would begin.

Rostein estimated that 18 months would be required from the present time until the new structure was ready.

Hostesses for the evening were Margaret Jorgenson, chairman of the hospitality committee; Irene Harrington, Marion Delay and Hazel Marshall.

At the club birthday cake \$25.40 was raised to go toward the Richmond fund to send a delegate to Richmond, Virginia, to the national convention in 1931.

INJUNCTION ASKED AGAINST 'EXPERTS'

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—A suit to restrain the City of Portland from entering into a contract with Carey and Harlan company, rate experts and utility engineers, for an inventory and appraisal of the street railway system in Portland at a cost of \$18,000 to the city, was filed in circuit court today by William Isaacson, taxpayer.

Defendants named include the city of Portland, Kenneth Harlan and James Carey, Mayor Baker, City Auditor Funk and City Commissioner Pier.

The city council on March 26 voted to execute a contract with Carey and Harlan for an appraisal to be made to determine the value of the company's surface properties so that the voters might accept or reject a "service-at-cost" plan in November by purchasing these properties.

McGillchrist, Jr., Homer Smith, Frank Deckebach, Sr., Dan Larmer and Mrs. Elizabeth Putnam.

Commercial displays—Ernest Iufer, chairman; C. F. Brethaupt, Oscar D. Frosty, Olson, Mrs. H. McMahon and Mrs. Sarah Schwab.

Amateur displays, solicitation—Mrs. L. E. Weeks, chairman; and Mrs. W. B. Johnston.

Community or Garden club displays, solicitations—Mrs. W. E. Anderson, chairman.

Concessions—Chester Cox, chairman; and Ernest Iufer.

Arrangement and Classification—Miss Elizabeth Lord, chairman and Miss Kitty Graver.

Rare flowers—Mrs. W. W. Rosebraugh, chairman and Mrs. M. N. Chapman.

Decoration of building—W. C. Dibble, chairman, and Mrs. Lester Pearline.

Publicity—Mrs. W. H. Dancy, chairman; Miss Olive Hoak and Miss Ruth MacLennan.

Selection of judges—Sam Chambers, chairman; Miss Mirpah Blair and Dr. E. J. Clements.

RIGHT TO VOTE UPON BONDS IS NOW GIVEN ALL

Supreme Court Declares Recent Legislative Act is Unconstitutional

Ballot Cannot Be Removed By Mere Statute, Says Official Ruling

The so-called Eddy bill approved by the 1929 legislative assembly providing that persons voting on bond issues in Oregon shall be taxpayers, was declared to be unconstitutional in an opinion handed down by the state supreme court here Tuesday.

The supreme court's ruling in this case clears up the matter of voters' qualifications in connection with the vote on municipal ownership of the water utility here May 16, corroborating the opinion recently given by City Attorney William H. Trindle that all legal voters, and not only taxpayers, have a voice in this matter. The Eddy bill on which the court ruling was made was not the one applying to city elections, but covers the same point.

The suit was filed in the supreme court by Kelley Loe of Portland, who alleged that the law would prevent him from voting on a \$5,500,000 bond issue for the construction of a bridge across the Willamette river. A. L. Britting and other members of the election board of Precinct No. 28 of Multnomah county were named as defendants.

Wording of Constitution Is Declared Clear

"It is clear from the language of the constitution," read the supreme court opinion, "that when, as declared therein, the people reserve to themselves power to propose laws and amendments to the constitution and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the legislative assembly, the constitution was not referring to taxpayers alone but was referring to all legal voters."

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4-H CLUB FAIR WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK

County Leader Makes Demonstration Schedule Public Here

Schedule of demonstration contests for the first annual Marion county 4-H club fair to be held Friday and Saturday at the chamber of commerce, was announced yesterday by W. W. Fox, county club leader. The schedule includes all entries received up to yesterday, however Mr. Fox has indirectly word that a number of other clubs have planned to enter the contest.

Cookery demonstrations will be held Friday afternoon, beginning at 1:15 o'clock, each team being allotted a half hour and contesting in the following order: Amusements, Marching, Liberty Woodburn, Mt. Angel and Monitor.

Sewing demonstrations will begin at 1:15 Saturday afternoon and will last 25 minutes for each team, competition to be in the following order: Butteville, Fairfield, Roberts, Liberty Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Hubbard, Roberts (division one), Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Aurora and Jefferson.

Judges of both demonstrations (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Five Pairs of Twins to Put on Stunt



Here are the twins that are to stage a special feature at the annual gym jamboree at Salem high school tonight. Top, left to right, Jewell Fitzpatrick, whose twin sister June was ill when the pictures were taken; a group picture containing Delpha and Delphine Savage, Jewell Fitzpatrick, Lorita and Lolita Robinson; Vesta and Versa Antrim and Janet and Ruth McAllister; Miss Echo Balderee, physical training instructor. Lower, left to right, Vesta and Versa Antrim, Lolita and Lorita Robinson, Janet and Ruth McAllister and Delpha and Delphine Savage.

JYM JAMBOREE TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Second Annual Program of Kind Planned at Salem High School

The second annual Jym Jamboree, given by the Girls' Numerical club of the senior high school will be held in the high school gymnasium, tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The event has been arranged under direction of the club officers and the two physical education instructors and advisors of the club, Mrs. Grace Wolgamott and Miss Echo Balderee.

Officers of the club are: Jewell Fitzpatrick, president; Vera Wheeler, vice president; Dorothy Browning, secretary; Marguerite Harvey, treasurer.

The members of the Numerical club will be in the grand march which will open the jamboree, the 150 point girls to lead. Other events in order will include tumbling, twin dance, featuring the four sets of twins in the high school; Indian club, red haired girls in Highland fling; farmers dance, band playing; southern melody with mammy and pickaninny dance, pirates dance, Dutch dance, clowns, military band number and games. A special feature will be an act given by three tiny mads; Edna Leo Russell, Ann Kathleen Hug and Geraldine Wolf.

Girls who will participate in the jamboree are: Gertrude Winslow, pianist; Hazel Duncan, Helen Pierce, Dorothy Browning, Isobel Morehouse, Ruth Drake, Margaret Turner, Dorothy Burk, Eileen Moore, Agnes Miller, Irma Martin, LaVerne Proctor, Vivian Lanktree, Esther Hunsaker, Hazel Alspore, Rosella Gabbert, Lorraine O'Brien, Edith Clement, Mildred Zehner, Anoka Coates, Margaret Perevoia, Helen Keudell, Edith Clement, Elvina Kusberg, Alice Auferheide, Myrtle Burk, Lolita (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Yankee Delegates Sail for Home on American Steamer

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., April 22.—(AP)— Completely fatigued after their strenuous activities at the closing session of the London naval conference, Col. Henry L. Stimson and the nucleus of the American delegation that sailed for London in January, tonight went on board the liner Leviathan ready to sail for home at daybreak tomorrow.

The group was small compared with that which set out from New York, being depleted by vacations on the continent and early returns. Everyone was weary from the strain of the formalities in connection with the signing of the naval treaty and from the frenzy of last minute packing.

CHERRIES ACCORDED TARIFF PROTECTION

Joker Removed From Bill is Message Here From Congressman Hawley

Complete victory for the cherry growers is assured in the dispatch from Congressman Hawley received yesterday by Ronald C. Glover, Frozen cherries which through the introduction of a joker were to be admitted at the tariff rate of 2c per lb. "if unswweetened" in the text of the senate bill, will have to pay the highest rate, namely 9 1/2 cents per lb.

This was agreed to in a meeting of the conference committee and gives the cherry growers of Oregon the full protection which they asked. This is expected to make a market for several thousand tons of Pacific coast cherries which have been imported for the maraschino trade.

Here is the text of Congressman Hawley's message: "Conference committee have agreed to report cherry duties as follows:

In natural state 2c per pound.
Dried, desiccated or evaporated 6c per pound.
Sulphured or in brine with pits, 5 1/2c per pound.
Pitted, 9 1/2c per pound.
Maraschino, candied, crystallized, glazed, or frozen or prepared or preserved in any manner, 9 1/2c per pound and 40 per cent ad valorem.

This provides for frozen cherries at the highest rate."

PORTLAND URGED TO WORK UPON CENSUS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—The success of a proposed recheck of Portland's census committee depends upon the faithfulness with which volunteer workers go about their tasks during the next three days. That was the consensus of opinions expressed by leaders of the recheck movement at a mass meeting of volunteers at the public library tonight.

During the next three days the census committee hopes to add several thousand names to the totals already enumerated by the census bureau's local staff and thus raise Portland's population count to a figure in excess of 200,000 as Portland leaders are satisfied it should be.

Early returns, it was announced, are not as satisfactory as leaders believe they should be,

POWER COMPANIES PLAYED BY JOSEPH

Gubernatorial Candidate is Speaker at Armory Here Tuesday Evening

It was plainly a weary George W. Joseph who addressed a crowd of several hundred people at the armory last night. The strain of continuous speech-making in his campaign for governor was apparent, and his speech lacked the customary Joseph punch and vigor. There were flashes of the old manner however, even though the thrusters were nearly all confined to the power company and its satellites. Mr. Joseph kept away from what he referred to as the "late continuing unpleasantness" until the last of his speech when he discussed in rather general terms "freedom of speech."

He said he would not refer to the supreme judges while they were deciding a case in which he was concerned, but he did refer to the three judges "who tried to try me," and read a letter received following the verdict of the referees recommending his permanent disbarment. The writer of the letter observed that "you get life for calling a man a crook. Mannix gets three years for being a crook." That was about all his reference to the recent case against him now being considered by the supreme court.

Tom Kay Introduces Speech

Introduced by State Treasurer Kay, as a man who did not fear to fight the devil, Mr. Joseph commented that he should wear horns and tail to come up to popular descriptions of his character. He stated that he was the greatest officer the state ever had." He sketched his personal history as worker in a lumber mill, on a ranch, as sheep-herder, in the mines, as law student. Then he launched into his plea for development of the power resources of the Columbia river. This was the major portion of his speech and he is making this the basis of his plea for votes.

Numerous Attacks Recalled by Joseph

"When a member of the legislature introduced a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment giving the state or any municipality the right to generate power. From the cry that went up you would have thought I had committed murder. Papers at Newberg, The Dalles, Corvallis attacked me," related Mr. Joseph.

Then he cited the testimony before the federal trade commission (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

FRESH WIN MEET

EUGENE, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—The University of Oregon freshmen today in a free hitting baseball game downed Eugene high school 11 to 5 on the Fresh diamond.

Pipe May Be Utilized To Aid Fuel Transportation

The Salem school board has started investigation of means and costs of pumping oil used at Parrish junior high direct from the cars to the school storage tank, and if the plan is as feasible as now seems a material saving will be effected in the future years. Report to the effect was made at the school board meeting last night.

The proposed plan is the result of bids received this year on oil for the burner at Parrish. Bids from the local dealers run \$2 a barrel delivered, while bids from Shell Oil at Portland is at \$1.10 a barrel. Cost of freighting the oil from Portland to Salem would be 38 cents a barrel, leaving cost of this method of handling still 62 cents under the local bids. It is estimated now that the \$400 which would be saved on the purchase from Portland would just about offset cost of installing connections and pump at the track spur near the junior high school

Inquiry In Big Blaze Launched

Investigation to Be Resumed Today by Authorities

Conflicting Evidence Is Presented at Hearing

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 22.—(AP)—After a two hour night session devoted to further testimony of events during the Ohio penitentiary fire, Governor Myers Y. Cooper's investigating committee adjourned until tomorrow morning when the burned cell block will be examined in an effort to determine the cause of the disaster which claimed 317 lives.

COLUMBUS, April 22.—(AP)—Officers of the guard and members of the forces controlling the cell blocks in Ohio penitentiary where upward of 300 convicts burned to death last night, were unable to agree as to responsibility of prisoners in their cells, it developed at the governor's investigation late today.

Captain John Hall, in charge of the night guard at the institution, told investigators that although he was not on duty, he rushed to the doomed cell block within a few moments after the first fire alarm was sounded and ordered guards to open doors and ordered prisoners to open windows. Guard Tells Different Story to Investigators

This testimony conflicted with that of Guard Thomas Watkinson, who told the committee Hall gave orders not to open the door to the cell block so the others might assist in freeing doomed convicts from their cells.

Hall also refuted the testimony of two other guards that he was more than five minutes in reaching the scene despite the fact that he passed him in the hallway leading to the cell block. Hall told investigators he was at the cell block entrance in less than a minute after guards Thomas Little and W. C. Baldwin reached the cell block entrance to which Watkinson had the key.

BOB KRUSE KICKS REFEREE IN RIBS

ASTORIA, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Kicked in the ribs by Bob Kruse, Portland heavyweight, who defeated August Sepp of Astoria in the principal bout of the wrestling card here tonight, L. V. Harrington, referee of the show, was taken unconscious to the hospital. Physicians said he has two broken ribs, one of which may have injured the lungs. They described his condition as serious.

Ringsiders said Kruse became angered at the referee near the start of the match and deliberately kicked him. Harrington continued in the ring until the end of the card, then fell unconscious as he left the ring.

Promoters of the match said Harrington, a resident of this city, refused to referee the match until about a half hour before it started. He entered the ring with his right hand in bandages, suffering from a severe wound inflicted when Harry Demeral, who won last week's wrestling match, bit him.

Kruse won the second and third falls from Sepp after losing the first. The match was probably the roughest ever witnessed locally.

Kruse was not held nor would officials say whether they contemplated any action against the wrestler.

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Oregon Briefs

Portland Gas Price Rises

Carnera Knocks Out Rival Sunday Work Draws Fine Eugene Plant Burns Down

GAS PRICE SOARS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—The prevailing retail price of gasoline leaped to 23 1/2 cents a gallon, two cents above normal here today. Many stations, however, were selling at 21 1/2 cents a gallon, while others, few and scattered, clung to the price of 17 1/2 cents.

Service station operators declared the increased retail price resulted from wholesale boosts by two distributors.

During the recent gas war here motor fuel retailed for as low as 13 1/2 cents a gallon.

PRIMO GETS K. O.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Primo Carnera, ponderous Italian heavyweight, knocked out Sam Baker, Los Angeles negro, in the first round of a scheduled 10-round main event here tonight. Baker was down six times in about two minutes of fighting. Camera weighed 273 1/2 pounds against Baker's 248.

BARBER FINED \$10

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—A man may scrape his own whiskers off on Sunday or any other day—in fact it is expected of him. He may even cut his children's hair or his wife's, if he feels competent. But if he charges for an act of barbering performed on the Sunday he is "carrying on the business of barbering on Sunday" and therefore is guilty of misdemeanor under section 2126, Olson's Oregon laws. That was why District Judge

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TRAFFIC FATALITIES

The March report of T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic inspector, shows that seven persons were killed and 241 injured during the month of traffic accidents. The total number of accidents was 2269. Stolen cars recovered by officers of the department were valued at \$10,200. Fines aggregated \$5694.80 and fees collected \$6,844.71. The total number of arrests was 1826.

EUGENE SHOWS GAIN

EUGENE, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Representing a gain of about 76 per cent, the 1929 census gave this city a population of 18,639 as compared with 10,593 in 1920. The gain was 8,046 persons.

These figures are unofficial and may be changed after enumerators complete their checks.

Le Grand, Ore., 7,879, increase 1,057 or 13 1/2 per cent.

Baker, Ore., 7,805, increase 76, or about 1 per cent.

That was why District Judge