

14 TRUE BILLS ARE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

Baughn, Held for Murder of Robnett, may be Tried at January Term

Two Indictments Brought in Case of Fred M. Gearin, Alleged Embezzler

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William H. Baughn, murderer, Fred M. Gearin (2), embezzlement, Orin Polk, morals charge, Frank Ludany, statutory, George VanArman, non-support, Clay Cornwall, larceny, John Fitzpatrick, assault and battery, D. E. Hamel, n. s. f. check, Meiba Cheese, forgery, J. J. Susce, assault and battery, Norman Mellis, larceny, Frank Morse and R. L. Foster, burglary, John E. Moore and Charles Belgard, forgery, Walter L. Williams, passing forged check, NOT TRUE BILLS, Lawrence Imiah, false statement, James M. Arbergast, assault and battery, D. E. Hamel, obtaining property under false pretense.

Clean-up of much of the business before the present Marion county grand jury was accomplished Tuesday when the jurors reported to Judge L. H. McMahan 14 true bills, including two point charges, and three not true bills. The indictments include murder, embezzlement, morals charges, larceny, non-support, burglary and bad checks in one form or another.

One of the cases reported in yesterday, that charging William H. Baughn with murder last November 13 of Roy Robnett of Detroit, will likely come up for trial early in the January term of circuit court. Baughn has been in the county jail since his arrest the day following the murder. A large number of witnesses appeared before the grand jury in this case, including Robnett's sister, Mrs. Olive Schocker, and Henley Baughn, son of the alleged murderer, who is living with Mrs. Schocker. These two were eye-witnesses to the knife slashing which caused Robnett's death.

Two Indictments returned by the grand jury, Fred M. Gearin, for many years secretary of both the Hop Growers' Fire Relief association and the Farmers' Fire Relief association of Butteville, is accused of larceny by embezzlement of funds from the two institutions totaling around \$21,000.

This sum, said to be based on audit made of the two companies, is about \$6,000 greater than the embezzlement at first charged against Gearin. Of the total, \$14,781.34 is alleged to have been taken from the Farmers' Relief group over a period of 15 years. Gearin's bail was set at \$5,000.

The grand jury also indicted Orin Polk, former employe of a local theatre, for doing an act which manifestly tended to cause a riot at the Farmers' Relief group. This case involved a 14-year-old girl, whose testimony at hearing in justice court here a short time ago was directly opposite that of Polk's. A second indictment on morals charges was returned against Frank Ludany, accused of attacking a young girl, and women recently. The charge is attempt to commit a statutory offense.

Jurors Winding up 14 Months Service
In submitting its report to the judge yesterday, the grand jury also gave a report calling attention to the fact that it had, in the past 14 months' service, handled 115 cases, on 63 of which true bills had been returned. Forty-six were found not true and six were not returned.

State and county investigations made by the jury were mentioned briefly, and a word of appreciation for the cooperation given by County Clerk U. G. Boyer, his deputy, Walter S. Larkin, and other members of the jury, was included in the separate report.

The other cases upon which true bills were returned yesterday follow:
George VanArman, of the Abiqua country, non-support; this case created considerable interest when given preliminary hearing in the Silverton justice court.
Clay Cornwall, larceny of an automobile stolen last May from L. Doty, at Silverton, and located a few months ago in another state. A second man involved in this case is already serving time.
Norman Mellis, of Turner, now serving 10 years for larceny of sheep, accused of theft of a row

"I Am a Fugitive" No Longer Due to Governor Moore's Act



A fugitive no longer in the eyes of the law in the state of New Jersey, Robert Elliott Burns (right), of Georgia chain gang fame, is shown as he was consulted by his mother, Mrs. Catherine Burns, and his brother, Rev. Vincent Burns, after Governor Harry A. Moore of New Jersey had refused the request of Georgia officials to extradite him. The governor's decision was greeted with cheers by an enthusiastic throng of sympathizers of the fugitive who thronged the state capitol at Trenton, N. J.

BURNS RULING HIT BY GEORGIA SOLON

Deemed Judicial Insult to State; Moore Defended By Other Members

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The refusal of Governor A. Harry Moore of New Jersey to extradite Robert Elliott Burns, chain gang fugitive, was assailed in the house today by Representative Parker (D. Ga.), as a "judicial insult" and "unprecedented and unwarranted affront" to the state of Georgia.

His position that Georgia had been "glorified" was joined by Representative Tarver (D. Ga.), who said Moore's conclusions on the issue "were false." Between these two speeches, Representative Stewart (D. N. J.), defended Governor Moore as "one of the most patriotic and generous of men in his treatment of those he believes are the underdog or who have not had a square deal."

Moore denied immediately one statement by Parker. Parker said: "The governor of New Jersey has been quoted as saying: 'Robert Elliott Burns will have a haven of refuge in the state of New Jersey as long as he remains a law-abiding citizen.'"

At Trenton, the governor responded: "The statement which Parker attributes to me is, of course, untrue and made only for purposes of publicity."

School Directors Approve Raise in Fire Escape Bill

Apparently inclined to take a holiday along with the students, Salem school directors last night made the traditional motion that the bills be paid, transacted one small item of business, then adjourned. The one matter passed upon was voting an increase of \$23 in the recent \$250 appropriation for erection of a fire escape edifice for the high school gymnasium. The gym walls are so constructed that a standard chute installation cannot be used, Mrs. Roy Keene, director, pointed out.

STREETCAR BLOCKS TRAFFIC
Portland Has Large Blaze Drowning On Siuslaw Fear Lumber Mills Given Work

TURN CROSSWISE
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Traffic on the edge of the downtown business district was blocked for two hours here tonight when a street car with a capacity load of home-going passengers broke a rear axle, jumped the tracks and turned crosswise in the street.
No one was hurt.

20 COMPANIES FIGHT
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Twenty downtown fire companies were called today to fight a blaze that broke out in a two-story building in the lower part of the business district. The structure was occupied by a mission, a printing establishment and several stores.
Damage was estimated at \$18,000. Fire investigators said cause of the fire was undetermined.

BOAT SEEN EMPTY
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—State police and deputy sheriffs were searching today for Ted Fosberg, 48, of Portland af-

FURTHER STEPS FOR RETURN OF INSULL STUDIED

Appeal Planned if Laws of Greece Permit; Probe Of Case Continues

Court at Athens Finds no Illegal act; Ordinary Business Dealing

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Refusal of the Greek court of appeals to grant Chicago's extradition demand for Samuel Insull brought from Cook county authorities tonight a promise of intention to appeal.

State's Attorney Thomas J. Courtney said he would ask his assistants in Greece, Charles A. Bellows and Andrew J. Vlachos, to "make every effort to perfect an appeal if such action is possible under the Greek law."

He said his office would continue attempts to extradite Insull. "Even if this necessitates an appeal to Washington to open negotiations through diplomatic channels for the return of the fugitive."

Issue Immaterial
Says Ex-Prosecutor
A former assistant prosecutor, J. J. Hampton, who helped handle the Insull case, charged the Greek court had made its decision "an immaterial issue." He said the Athens court evidently had arrogated to itself the right to determine whether the offenses charged against Samuel Insull constituted a crime in Greece.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the U. S. bureau of investigation here, said the action would not hamper the federal investigation he has been conducting into Insull company affairs.

The government's case is expected to be completed within a few days and connected with the investigation said grand jury action was likely early in January.

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Samuel Insull ate dinner with friends tonight, a free man after a Greek court had made its decision to sanction his extradition to the United States to answer Cook county, Ill., charges of mismanagement of the funds of his utilities companies.

The court, after having permitted Insull to leave the presentation (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

WIFE-CHILD SLAYER IS GRIEF STRICKEN

HILLSBORO, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Grief-stricken at a tragedy that cost the lives of his wife and eight-year-old daughter, Aubrey Welch, 39, murmured over and over again today:

"I couldn't have done it. I couldn't have done it. I couldn't have done it."

Welch was held in the county jail here for the fatal stabbing last night of his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Welch, 52, and their daughter, Bebe Eileen, in their home at Tilgard, Ore.

Mrs. Welch, who had been married twice before, and the girl were found side by side on the bedroom floor.

The Welch family had spent the Monday holiday with Welch's foreman, Ed Quaddy of Portland. They returned to their home about 8 p. m. and were preparing for bed apparently police said, when Welch ran suddenly amok. Police said they had not yet been able to find the sharp instrument that had been employed in the tragic slaying.

Neighbors told police the couple had been devoted to each other, their only disagreement being caused by Welch's drinking, to which they said Mrs. Welch objected.

3 State Leaders Here Today for Tax Conference
An informal conference between members of the Oregon tax commission and a tax commissioner from Idaho, is scheduled for Salem today and a representative of the Washington legislature, interested in tax problems, has also been invited to attend. It was learned here late last night.

Problems of taxation mutual to the three states will be discussed, it is said. A tax on sales has been proposed in each of three states and out of the tax conference today may grow similar proposals for legislative enactment next year in Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

WEATHER AIDE DIES
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Herbert W. McManus, printer in the United States weather bureau at Portland, died at his home here yesterday. He entered the weather bureau service in May, 1914.

Martyr to Air Mail's Service



A recent photo of Claire Kinsey Vance, veteran air mail pilot, who was found dead in the wreckage of his plane where it had crashed against the summit of Rocky Ridge, near Danville, Cal. Vance started his flying career with the U. S. army in the world war. When the day and night transcontinental service was inaugurated in 1924, Vance carried the first mail from California. He was the fifth ranking air mail pilot in the United States.

WORK FOR HUNGER MARCHERS HINTED

Only Manner in Which State Funds Could be Given To Support Them

A proposal that "hunger marchers" visiting Salem next month be given food on the provision that they work two hours on some state project for each meal granted was voted yesterday at the statehouse in a semi-official source. Work, it was said, could be provided on some of the farms owned by the state.

There will be no attempt to prevent a "hunger march" through official action, it was authentically understood. The right to petition the legislature for relief is constitutional and cannot be abrogated by executive or legislative action.

State funds cannot be utilized, however, without return and state officials stated that work would be required for any and all relief granted hunger marchers who might encamp in Salem.

Twenty years ago during the administration of Governor Oswald West, a march on Salem was reported for work and that the encampment speedily broke up.

CALLIGOTTE STORY FAKE SAYS REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The story of Paul M. Calligotte, Oregon mountain guide, that he believed he innocently placed the 1916 San Francisco preparedness day bomb was described as fiction in the report of two public investigators made public today.

The report also declared the Mooney defense committee, organized in behalf of Thomas J. Mooney, serving a life sentence for kidnaping, was "exploiting" the story to collect money from the public and agitate communism.

Police Captain Charles Goff, original investigator in the bombing case, and Inspector Charles Maher, prepared the report. They questioned Calligotte in Portland shortly after he first expressed his belief he carried the suitcase which contained the bomb from Oakland to San Francisco at the direction of an unidentified man.

Late Sports
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—In a basketball contest featured by a whirlwind finish, the University of Oregon defeated the San Francisco Y. M. I. Cagers 28 to 26 here tonight.

Until the closing minutes of play the game was listless. Then with the northerners trailing 22 to 20, a field goal tied the score, followed by a whirlwind finish, sank two more shots to put his team in the lead. The Y. M. I. five tied the score at 26 all a few minutes later, Stevens, Oregon guard, tossed the winning goal just before the final whistle.

Kurtella, Y. M. I. forward, was high individual scorer with 19 points, Roberts, Oregon center, was second with nine.

COAST HIGHWAY PROGRAM MUST WAIT IS RULING

No Funds for Wilson River, Wolf Creek, Siskiyou Projects, Decided

Commission Substitutes 10 Smaller Jobs, Federal Money to be Used

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The state highway commission at its meeting here today by formal motion postponed the letting of any contracts in connection with the Wolf Creek, Wilson River and Siskiyou rebuilding highway projects until conditions change.

Although the commission has stated it is in sympathy with all three projects, its members stated the jobs would have to be removed from the active work list because they "cannot find the money" with which to carry on this work.

Need for additional economies coupled with revenue emergencies were given as reasons for the action.

While postponing the three projects, the commission approved 10 smaller jobs which it said could be completed with funds now available. These improvements will cost approximately \$450,000, using up the available federal aid money, and will conclude the contracting of the \$3,000,000 program started last September.

Maintenance Cost Will be Decreased
Highway Commission Chairman Leslie M. Scott said most of the projects will decrease fixed maintenance expense and all of them will be completed with federal money, half of which was made available through postponing the three largest projects.

The largest project will be the paving, widening and resurfacing of the Hillsboro-Beaverton section of the Tualatin Valley highway, costing \$120,000. Two projects near Ashland will cost a total of about \$100,000. These are for construction of an underpass and for grading and paving one and one-half miles of highway north of Ashland.

Tillamook Highway To be Resurfaced
Three \$50,000 jobs included: Reconstruction of the John Day River bridge and construction of (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

PUPILS INCREASE, BUDGETS DECREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The federal office of education said today reports to it indicate increased public school enrollment in many instances had come simultaneously with reduced budgets and curtailed teaching staffs.

For schools in cities of the 100,000 class, it reported figures showing: enrollment, 1.39 per cent increased; teaching staff, 2.13 per cent decreased; teachers' salaries budget, down 4.96 per cent; assessed value of property yielding school funds, down 7.5 per cent; current expense, down 5.32 per cent; capital outlay down 37.98 per cent; state aid, up 2.13 per cent.

The education office said nearly two-thirds of 478 cities in the 10,000 to 100,000 range reported curtailment or abolishment of some services, such as supervisors of music and art, kindergartens and night schools, nurse service and the like. Some, however, had increased such services as physical education, dental clinics and classes for handicapped children.

Roosevelt Horrified At Report He Favors Sales Tax; That's Out

Last of Marine Force to Leave Nicaragua Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The last of the United States marines in Nicaragua will appear as mere specks in the sky to the insurgents of the Central American republic whom they have been busy keeping in order.

Twenty-two airplanes flying for Quantico, Va., will hum the final farewell in the American evacuation to be completed Monday. Three groups of planes, carrying 22 officers and 39 enlisted men, will make the flight.

LUPER AND ARCHERD CASES NOT TOUCHED
Carson Will Bequeath Them To Successor; Grand Jury Doesn't act

District Attorney John H. Carson announced last night that he would make no move for dismissal or prosecution of the cases of Rhea Luper and Charles Archerd, both under indictment, and now in the court of Judge L. H. McMahan here. Carson's term ends this week. His announcement followed failure of the grand jury yesterday to make any recommendation on the two pending cases.

Luper, former state engineer, was indicted by the grand jury here in February and charged with making personal profits from state funds. Archerd, former grain dealer and implement merchant in Salem, was indicted for issuing allegedly false warehouse receipts.

Luper was brought up for a hearing in court here before Judge McMahan but no plea was taken and the case was continued for arraignment. McMahan fixed no time for the arraignment, claiming the matter was in Carson's hands. The district attorney, in turn, claimed the time for arraignment must be set by the circuit judge.

Newspaper criticism of the handling of both cases led Judge McMahan to ask the present grand jury, the same one which returned the indictments, to see why the cases had not come to trial.

Another report may come from the grand jury this week, it is understood, and the cases dwelt upon.

If no action is taken by the circuit judge this week the Luper and Archerd cases will hold over (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

Washington Trip For Drum Corps Being Forwarded

James Farley, democratic national campaign chairman, is taking up the matter of Salem's drum corps participating in the inauguration of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt as president of the United States. Manager Tom Hill was informed in a letter received here yesterday, from a Portland democrat. The letter from Farley stated that he was conferring with Admiral Grayson, chairman of the inaugural committee.

Governor Roosevelt, while campaigning in Portland last fall, is reported to have promised the Salem corps, national American Legion champion, that he would have them in Washington if he were elected.

Illegal Claims Against County Cited by Jurors
The Marion county grand jury, which a year ago did considerable investigating of county officers, yesterday made a presentation to Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, in which is contained the inference that a county official filed illegal claims for and received pay illegally.

The presentation, offered in John Doe terms, refers to James E. Smith, county commissioner, and sets forth specifically that he, while acting as commissioner, drew pay of \$5 a day for 20 days' attendance at meetings of the board of directors of the Hop Growers' Fire Relief association at Doon; that he also on the same days drew \$5 and more per day for services and expenses as county commissioner; and that he reported attendance in county court on seven days upon which there was actually no court.

The grand jury also set forth for the circuit judge's opinion as to the law applicable to this matter: "... John Doe took office in January, 1923, and that while acting as county commissioner he ap-

Attitude of President Elect Kills Plan This Session

Beer, Farm Relief and Budget Slash are Present Aims

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The sales tax, recommended by President Hoover and again thrust forward in congress the past few days, was virtually dismissed today as a possibility at the present session.

This was clearly indicated after President-elect Roosevelt at Albany was represented as being "horrified" by published reports that he had endorsed the general sales tax.

This attitude on the part of the next president, said Speaker Garner, "kills the sales tax this session anyhow."

Even before this, Senator Harrison of Missouri, ranking democrat on the senate finance committee, had expressed the opinion that the sales tax could not pass through his branch. This view was generally held by democratic leaders.

In both branches, however, the democrats pushed forward their attempt to balance 1934's budget, so as to avert a special session before next fall.

Federal Financing Committee
The ways and means committee of the house will begin an exhaustive study of federal financing January 3.

This is the tax-raising committee and its chairman, Collier of Mississippi, yesterday said he knew of no means of balancing the budget except the sales tax.

However, the views of President-elect Roosevelt communicated to congress have been directed largely at reduction of expenditures, and intensive work along that line is in progress. A study of fixed expenditures, which do not vary from year to year, and amount in all to more than a billion, was undertaken by a sub-committee of the appropriation committee at the request of Chairman Burns. They are to see if any reduction is feasible.

As democratic congressional leaders understand it, the president-elect would like the present session to adopt a resolution for repeal of the eighteenth amendment, pass a beer bill, cut expenditures to the bone and enact a democratic farm relief measure.

If all this could be done, Senator Harrison said today, "we could get along without an extra session until late summer."

He saw no escape from an extra session if President Hoover should veto the beer and farm relief bills.

TWO NEGROES DIE RESULT OF CLASH
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Two negroes, shot during disorders in Tallapoosa county last week, died here today, bringing to three the number killed as a result of the trouble.

Cliff Jeans, negro at whose farm home a gun battle between alleged members of the Share Croppers' union and Tallapoosa county officers took place, died in the county jail and a few hours later Milo Bentley died at the Kilby prison hospital after he had been removed from the jail.

A negro named Jim McMullen was found dead at the Jeans home after the gun battle in which four deputies were wounded. The battle followed efforts of the officers to attach livestock belonging to Jeans.