

The Weather
Increasing cloudy today, unsettled Wednesday, slightly warmer. Max. temp. Monday 48, min. 25. River 2.6 ft. North wind.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Memel Treacherable Brews as Nazis Taunt Letts

Winslow Firing Is Sustained By Commission

Charge of Discourteous Conduct to Prisoner Found Justified

McCaffery Says Winslow Stomped Stallings six Times on Face

Salem's civil service commission last night sustained Police Chief Frank Winslow's discharge of Frank Winslow, taking 35 minutes to deliberate over the three hours and 35 minutes of testimony.

"The commission finds that the order of discharge should be sustained," said Chairman Brainerd Small as he, A. A. Gueffroy and Arthur Moore, member commissioners, filed into the hearing chamber in the city hall at 12:10 this morning.

Winslow, lacking but 15 days of having served on the city police force 15 years, was discharged by Chief Minto last September 26, charging incompetence and discourteous conduct to Prisoner William Stallings on the night of September 19.

Stalling Among Witnesses
Testifying for the city were Stalling, B. L. Bradley, Frank McCaffery, Dr. Vernon Douglas, Radio Operators Claude Cross and Clive Scott, Lester F. Bartell and Assistant Police Chief Carl Chatterton.

Witnesses who testified that Winslow stomped Prisoner Stallings in the face after knocking him down on the floor of the police station on the night of September 18 included Bradley, McCaffery and Bartell. Dr. Douglas testified as to Stallings' injuries, stating he treated him about 10 o'clock that night and again in the morning before he was released.

Radioners Testify Again at Winslow
Cross and Scott said Winslow used unnecessary roughness in handling the prisoner. Scott testified how he asked Winslow to desist from his manhandling tactics and Cross testified that he tried to hold Winslow away from Stallings with his arm.

"My personal opinion was that the officer was angry about something," said Cross.

"I told him to stop," testified Scott.

McCaffery, who assisted Winslow with the prisoner after his services was solicited from a front of the fire station, said Winslow showed Stallings into the police station with force as to knock over several chairs. He said Winslow then picked him up and shoved him down again. "He went unconscious the second time Winslow stomped him as he lay on the floor," McCaffery said.

Walter Winslow, who with John Carsons appeared as counsel for the defense, asked McCaffery how many times Officer Winslow stomped the prisoner.

"He stomped him at least a half dozen times," McCaffery replied. Doctor Testifies Blood in Ears

Dr. Douglas said his inspection revealed Stallings had blood in his left ear, coming from an abrasion outside; an abrasion on the right forearm; a severe contusion of the shoulder; and an abrasion on the left side of the face. These injuries were in addition to a broken left arm Stallings had at the time of his arrest, sustained, by his own testimony, on the last day of August.

Bradley told how he had followed Winslow, Stalling and McCaffery to the police station from in front of the fire station. He said he arrived in time to see Winslow stomping the prisoner in the face and that he went up and told him to quit. Bradley said there was a blotch on the left side of Stallings' face, and he produced as evidence a picture taken of Stallings the morning after his arrest, the photo showing a discoloration on Stallings' face.

Bartell Tells Of Arrest
Bartell, grocery clerk, told of having watched Winslow make the arrest and of having followed the officer and prisoner to the police station in his automobile. He said Winslow gave Stallings several opportunities to move on but he wouldn't. Finally, he said, Winslow grabbed Stallings' right arm and started for the station. "After parking in front of the station," Bartell said, "I got to the door in time to see Officer Winslow stomping Stallings in the face."

"Chariton, who said he saw the prisoner in his cell later that night, testified that in his opinion Stallings wasn't hurt. From his superior, Minto, he brought to the commission this message: "Winslow is a good officer, particularly good on the beat," the west side of Commercial street."

"Stalling told me," said Chatterton, "that he was not on the floor of the station and that he

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Mrs. Patterson Quits Her Post



MRS. CLARA C. PATTERSON

Girls' Home Head Resigns Position After 18th Year

Mrs. Clara Patterson, for more than 18 years superintendent of the state industrial school for girls here, submitted her resignation to the state board of control Monday. The resignation is effective December 31.

Mrs. M. Wilson Savage, for 15 years an employee of the school, was named as Mrs. Patterson's successor.

Prior to becoming superintendent of the school Mrs. Patterson was employed as bookkeeper in the state department.

Mrs. Patterson refused to disclose her plans for the future but said she would remain in Salem.

Father, Son Held After Gun Scrape

Younger Man Shot Three Times in Argument About Radio

BEND, Dec. 12.—(P)—Vernon C. Johnson, 29, and his father, Albert Johnson, 67, were held today while Police Chief Everett Rambo investigated a Sunday shooting affray.

Rambo said young Johnson was wounded three times in the arms. He was held for investigation in the jail. His father, who Sheriff Claude McCauley said wielded the gun, was under technical arrest in a hospital with a bullet wound in the foot.

The father was quoted by McCauley as saying the shooting followed an argument over playing the radio, in which young Johnson struck his father. McCauley said he father declared he shot his son three times, and the fourth shot accidentally struck his own foot.

Vernon Johnson said he would not file a complaint against his father. Neither man was in serious condition.

Increase Is Asked In Truck Ratings

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—A bill to increase legal lengths, heights and load limits of trucks on highways of Oregon, to be submitted at the next session of the legislature, is designed to put the state on a par with 10 other western states that already have uniform codes, James F. Morrell, executive secretary of the Oregon Highway Users' conference, said today.

The bill, he said, would permit truck lengths of 60 feet, heights of 13 1/2 feet. Load limits would be governed by type of equipment. At present, he said, the maximum length was 50 feet, height 12 1/2 feet.

Mrs. Smith Held 'Stir Crazy' After Mayer Takes Own Life

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—(P)—Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, fighting alone against a murder charge after the mid-trial suicide of her son and co-defendant, heard her own attorneys describe her today as a "stir simple" convict who falsified confessions to the 19-year-old slaying of James Eugene Bassett.

Defense Counsel Warren Hardy and Milton Heiman were arguing for a directed verdict of innocence for 73-year-old Mrs. Smith in the sensational case which was capped Sunday by the death of De-casto Earl Mayer.

The 44-year-old life term habitual criminal strangled himself in his cell yesterday rather than face possible death by hanging for Bassett's killing.

The entire session today was devoted to arguments on the directed verdict question in absence of the jurors, who still have not been told of Mayer's death. The

George Burns Faces Charge Of Smuggling

Radio Comedian Indicted for Alleged Smuggling of \$4885 Jewels

Consideration Is Asked for Comic Because of Aid in Inquiry

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(P)—George Burns, whose air of resigned indignation at the cheerful grotesqueries of "Gracie" Allen has amused radio audiences for years, stood pale and distraught in federal court today and pleaded guilty to charges of jewelry smuggling.

Burns, the husband of Miss Allen and the "straight man" of her characterizations of a vague and "dumb" female, was released immediately without bond.

Government counsel said he was subject to possible maximum penalties of 18 years imprisonment and fines totaling \$45,000 under the nine counts in two indictments against him, despite the fact the offenses were defined in the statute as misdemeanors.

Consideration Is Asked for Comic

Assistant US Attorney Joseph V. Delaney asked consideration for the comedian because he had cooperated with the government in a broad investigation of smuggling which began with a raid in October on the Park avenue apartment of Mrs. Edgar Lauer, wife of a state supreme court justice, by treasury agents in search of smuggled Parisian knick-knacks and finery.

Burns declined to say whether he would testify for the prosecution against his accused co-defendants, Albert N. Chaperau, the "mystery man" of the whole affair, and a woman known variously as Paula Chaperau, Paula Mahoney and Paula Chaperau. She was named in only one indictment.

Specifically, Burns was indicted for the smuggling of two bracelets and a ring, valued by the government at \$4,885.

Chaperau Held Actual Carrier
Chaperau, who has described himself as a commercial agent for the Nicaragua consulate-general here, has been pictured by the government as the actual carrier of smuggled goods, escaping customs examination through diplomatic courtesy. Investigators have obtained a long list of men and women prominent in the entertainment world who were among his supposed acquaintances.

These included Jack Benny and Jack Pearl, comedians, and Wallace Ford, a motion picture director.

Mrs. Lauer, the justice's wife, was indicted Dec. 5 with Chaperau on charges of smuggling and conspiracy, and her case is pending. Chaperau has claimed his troubles arose through the malice of a German maid who was discharged by the Lauers for breaking into an anti-Nazi dinner table conversation with a denunciation of her master, her mistress and their guests.

Burns was accused of abetting evasion of customs duties and of receiving, concealing and transporting the jewelry.

License Business Back to Normalcy

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—A new state law requiring physical and mental examination for both parties to a marriage license notwithstanding, Cupid's operations approached normal again today.

After no licenses were issued the first five days the act was in effect, 19 were distributed the next five. The clerk said the number was about average.

Big Buffalo Fire Calls All Engines

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 12.—(P)—A fire which raged in a downtown business block for more than an hour was brought under control tonight after four alarms summoned almost all of Buffalo's fire apparatus to the scene.

The four-alarm fire roared through the annex of a five-story building used to store paper and damaged several small mercantile shops in the area. The blaze was discovered in a rag shop near the storage building.

For a time it was feared a stiff lake breeze would spread the flames over several blocks. One fireman was injured.

Mercury Reading Drops to 25 Spot

No, last night was not the coldest of the fall, at least as far as the United States weather bureau at the airport had recorded to 1 o'clock a. m. with a 25 degree minimum reached then. The observer said there was every probability that the 22 minimum record set last month would be passed before morning. Yesterday's north wind made the low temperature more noticeable. Increasing cloudiness, with slightly warmer temperature was predicted for tomorrow.

Gaston B. Means Dies in Prison



GASTON B. MEANS

McLean Mystery Dies With Means

Infamous Con Man Never Told Where McLean Money Went

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 12.—(P)—Gaston B. Means, 59, "mystery man" of the Harding administration, died today in federal prison here, leaving unsolved the mystery G-men have tried hard to crack—what became of the \$104,000 Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean gave him when he told her he could get the kidnapped Lindbergh baby returned alive.

Means, a justice department agent himself when Harding was president, said in 1932 before he was convicted and given a 15-year sentence for perpetrating a hoax, that he handed over the money to three men during negotiations on a railroad bridge near Alexandria, Va.

Since his imprisonment, the once pudgy-faced detective has not talked about the case. G-men tried vainly at the US Medical Center here to break through his silence.

Today Means' widow, before with the body for Means' home in Concord, N. C., said she did not have "the slightest idea" where the money might be. She talked to her husband during his last hours of consciousness.

During his fantastic career, Means told of handling huge sums as a paid agent in supplying Germans with information about shipments of the allies prior to the United States' entrance into the World war.

Press Conferees To Hear Sprague

EUGENE, Dec. 12.—(P)—Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague will be the principal speaker at the 21st Oregon press conference Jan. 19, 20, 21, Eric W. Allen, dean of the University of Oregon journalism school, said today. Sprague is publisher of the Salem Statesman.

Matters to be discussed will include the press and its relation to state government, cooperation between newspapers and law enforcement agencies, up-to-the-minute news photography, circulation problems, and national and local advertising.

A special feature of news picture transmission will be actual transmission of wirephotos on a portable Associated Press sending machine during the session.

13 Cinema Stars Are Subpoenaed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—(P)—US Marshal Robert Clark announced tonight he had received subpoenas from New York for 13 motion picture figures, ordered to appear at the trial there of William P. Buckner on a charge of using the mails to defraud. He said he would immediately attempt to serve them.

Buckner, well known in Hollywood, is accused in connection with the offering for sale of Philippine bonds.

Named in the subpoenas are Leon Errol, Frank Morgan, Bing Crosby, Herbert Marshall, Miriam Hopkins, Phyllis Brooks, Blanche Barnes, Ronald Colman, Cary Grant, Joseph M. Schenk, Nick Carter, Jean Mogilowski and Nola Hahn.

Willets Win Dog Show Ribbon, but Lose Costly Fur

TACOMA, Dec. 12.—(P)—The J. H. Willett family of Salem, Ore., gained a blue ribbon in the Tacoma Cocker club's dog show Sunday but lost a fur coat.

Two-tone Toni, a black and white pointer spaniel belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Willett, was selected as best of breed. During the bench event a thief pilfered from the Willett car a \$400 fur coat.

Watchman Is Killed

NORTH BEND, Dec. 11.—(P)—Charles Padrick, 71, oyster bed watchman, was fatally injured Sunday when he was struck by an automobile on the Coos bay bridge. The driver was not held.

Suit to Enjoin Picket Law Is Begun by AFL

Action Filed to Restrain Enforcement by Heads of Law Bodies

Complaint Says Measure Is Violation of Free Assembly Right

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—The American and state federations of labor filed action in circuit court today to restrain the Portland chief of police and the sheriff and district attorney of Multnomah county from enforcing the anti-picketing law passed at the November 8 election.

The suit, brought under a declaratory judgment law, will test the constitutionality of the measure regulating strikes, picketing and permitting members to examine union books, Kelley Loe, the organizations' public relations representative, said.

Condemned by labor in the belief it would destroy the attainments of many years of work, the bill was sponsored by the Associated Farmers of Oregon. The initiative petitions were circulated after a state-wide investigation of labor terrorism.

Green's Name Top of List

Plaintiffs included William Green, AFL president, and Frank Morrison, secretary; Paul E. Gurske, president of the Oregon federation; John O'Neill, vice-president; D. E. Nickerson, executive secretary, and the Oregon Labor Press Publishing company.

The complaint charged the measure violated the United States and Oregon constitutions on the grounds it denied free speech, free assembly, free press and other guaranteed rights.

The bill, the complaint declared, was contrary to such federal legislation as the Norris-LaGuardia injunction act, the Wagner labor relations act, the railway labor law, the social security bill and the Clayton anti-monopoly act.

Labor leaders said the action would bring all controverted provisions before the court at the same time, thus eliminating the necessity of separate tests on specific sections. They said the proposed suit would speed determination of validity.

The Oregon law, labor attorneys contended, attempted to legislate in inter-state commerce both in transportation and manufacturing.

The bill was attacked on the basis that it denied a single craft the right to redress a wrong applying to it alone and promoted racial legislation. It alleged the restriction on dues collections did not relate to other provisions and was not included in the ballot title.

The measure also was opposed on the ground that it was contrary to public policy and gave the courts injunctive process when a criminal remedy was provided for the misdemeanor defined by the act.

Anthony Eden Says "Democracies Must Defend Selves," on Visit



Captain Anthony Eden, Great Britain's former foreign secretary, in an address to the National Association of Manufacturers declared: "It is possible for believers in democracy to join in common resistance."

Eden, shown as he arrived in New York, says, his visit here is "unofficial." (Acme Telephoto.)

Commerce Bodies Seek Road Funds

Development of Highway 99 Is Object of Meet Slated at Eugene

A delegation from the Salem chamber of commerce will attend a meeting at Eugene Thursday at which further development of the Pacific highway will be under consideration by representatives of chambers of commerce and the county courts of counties which the highway traverses.

The local chamber's delegation will be headed by Clifford Harold, vice-president of the chamber. Others on the committee will include W. W. Chadwick, mayor-elect of Salem, and George Grabenhorst, sr.

The matter of this meeting was brought up at the chamber's Monday luncheon by E. L. Gray who has been conferring with interested groups along the highway. He said delegations from all affected counties would be present, though the project was receiving strongest support in southern Oregon.

Possibility of obtaining federal funds from the proposed national defense program through designation of the Pacific highway as a military route, will be one of the matters discussed, Gray said. Publicity as well as further improvement is needed, Gray said, declaring this route is getting only about half of the tourist travel in Oregon.

There will be a luncheon at the Eugene hotel at noon, an afternoon meeting and a banquet Thursday night.

Democrats Reset Patronage Plans

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—The democratic party's state central committee voted a new deal in patronage Saturday but what the deal was remained unannounced.

Howard Latourette, national committeeman, and Frank Tierney, state chairman, said their proposals followed a conference with Postmaster General Farley, national party chairman, at Chicago recently.

Latourette said at that time Farley had agreed to disperse patronage through the state committee rather than let certain individuals pass it around.

Water Supply Is Threatened By St. Louis Pumpers Strike

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—(P)—A strike called today by Local No. 2 of the International Union of Operating Engineers closed the major pumping stations of the St. Louis city waterworks.

There was no immediate crisis. Edward E. Wall, director of public utilities, said the city had enough water in reservoirs to serve consumers for not more than 36 hours—or until sometime early Wednesday.

The average daily consumption at this time of year is 100,000,000 to 110,000,000 gallons. Wall said a jurisdictional dispute of the engineers with the Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers—both affiliated with the American Federation of Labor—caused the strike. Wall also promised other engineers would be hired to replace the strikers but admitted it might "take some time."

"And in the meantime," said Wall in a statement, "to conserve the supply of water on hand, reinforced by whatever quantities may be pumped, it will be necessary to shut down the supply to all breweries and large users of water, on a few hours notice."

Shutdowns tonight, however, were not probable, Wall indicated.

Union headquarters said they were demanding four discharged men be reinstated and two who were transferred be restored to their original stations.

Water Commissioner John B. Dean notified the public "to stop all waste of water and to confine the use of water to the bare necessities of life until pumping stations can be brought back to normal operating conditions."

Versil Bell, assistant business representative of the operating engineers, said 44 engineers and 70 apprentices engineers were involved in the strike.

Garrison Ired As Nazi Gains In Diet Feted

German Party Sees Tiny Part of Lithuania on Way to Reich

Lithuanian Officer Says He'll Not Be Blamed if Clash Comes

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Dec. 12.—(P)—The rising anger of Lithuanian soldiers caused fears tonight of an armed clash in Memel between the garrison and Nazis jubilantly celebrating their victory yesterday in Memel diet elections.

Col. Andra Sinas issued a statement he would not be responsible for the conduct of his troops in Memel if the Nazis continued to insult Lithuanians.

Nazis saw the semi-autonomous territory, once a part of East Prussia, approaching reunion with the Reich as a result of the election, while Antanas Smetona began his fourth term as president of Lithuania with the troubled words:

"We small countries must be careful."

Agitation Besets Litt Premier
Agitation in tiny but truculent Memel to go "back to the Reich" and trouble from his rightist foes in Lithuania proper beset the nationalist government of the peasant-born Smetona, who has been Lithuania's chief of state with only a brief interruption since the nation became independent after the war.

(Lithuania has 55,679 square miles of which the Memel territory, formerly a part of Germany, comprises 1099 square miles.)

Without waiting to count the votes on Sunday's Memel diet election, which they were confident would give them all but two or three seats, the Memel Germans told the Lithuanian state police to get out.

Both Smetona and Memel's veterinarian "Fuehrer" Ernst Neumann, awaited word from Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler as to whether he wants Memel attached to Germany or merely German in fact but not in name.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the British house of commons Monday that Britain and France had formally expressed the "hope" that Chancellor Hitler would not annex Memel.

(France and Britain are signatories of the 1924 convention which established Memel's autonomous status under Lithuanian sovereignty. Other signatories are Italy and Japan, friends of the Reich. Memel was detached from Germany by the Treaty of Versailles.)

(In Berlin the German foreign office mouthpiece Deutsche Diplomatische Korrespondenz said "How the Lithuanian government will act toward the new expression of the will of Memel is essential for determination of future developments." It said there is no "traditional enmity" of Germans toward Lithuanians.)

Word of Hitler's position was expected to be carried to Kaunas by the German minister, Dr. Erich Wilhelm Zechlin, who now is in Berlin.

Justice Declared Innocent by Jury

Tom Justice, 30, was declared not guilty last night by the circuit court jury which heard him tried on a charge of assault upon Ruth Cole last June 13 with intent to rob her. The jury took the case at 3 p. m. and announced its verdict at 8:25.

Justice based his defense on alibi testimony showing he could not have been at the scene of the crime, the 200 block on North 12th street, at the time it occurred. The state contended he had confessed orally and in writing.

White-Yolked Egg

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—Ernie W. Huff has cracked and cooked 1,000,000 eggs in 32 years as a restaurant cook. Yesterday he opened one with a pure white yolk.

11 More days to BUY and USE

CHRISTMAS SEALS PROTECT YOUR HOME

They make available information and advice through the tuberculosis associations.