

Bowers Tells Tale of Memo

Salary Advances Noted Only in Tiny Memo Notebooks

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testified that not all of the treasury records were available for the audit and some "for some years back" were never found.

From detailed checking and re-checking of all available records, however, the auditors had ascertained, Bowers said, that \$246,572.62 should have been on hand in the treasurer's office on October 31, 1938, whereas the total of all cash and cash equivalents that could be located amounted to but \$217,052.21, leaving the \$28,520.41 shortage charged in the grand jury's indictment of Richardson and Treasurer D. G. Drager.

"Did you ever ask Mr. Richardson if there was a shortage?" queried Bowers.

"Yes," Bowers replied. "He told various stories at different times."

"Did he agree with the shortage you found?"

"Yes, he did agree with the amount," he stated the first time he knew of the shortage the approximate amount was around \$2,000."

Marsh then asked Bowers to confirm the audit report that a \$18,554.78 shortage existed December 31, 1932, and that the discrepancies increased yearly until they amounted to the \$28,520.41 sum finally alleged.

Asked if he knew Drager, Bowers said he did not know him.

"Did you talk to Mr. Richardson and ask if he knew the shortage was increasing from year to year?" Marsh wanted to know.

"He said he knew it increased," Bowers responded.

That the treasurer's office did not make the monthly statements to the county court as required by law, as far as he knew, before October 31, 1938, was declared by C. C. Ward, deputy county clerk who preceded Bowers on the stand. Only semi-annual and annual statements, showing "only the amount that should have been on hand," were filed, Ward said.

"If these monthly reports had been filed, and filed correctly, showing the true condition, would there have been a shortage if there was one?" Marsh inquired.

"Yes, assuming the fund balances were correct," Ward answered.

Two old county audits, one covering part of 1914 and the other the remainder of that year and all of 1915, were then identified by Ward and admitted to evidence over defense objections that they were incompetent.

Ward also testified that he had never been on file in his office that would lead to a suspicion of a shortage in the treasurer's office.

Reading of much of the financial record matter submitted in evidence was deferred to the time for final arguments by agreement between Marsh and Edwin Keech attorneys for Richardson.

After Judge McMahon had overruled an objection by Keech to any testimony as to matters dating before May 15, 1938, Keech with Marsh's consent took a blanket exception to all testimony, presented or yet to come relating to such matters. He argued that they were barred by the statute of limitations, which if applied to the present case would admit evidence of matters only within the three years immediately preceding the date of the indictment May 15, 1938.

Keech Addresses Jury Briefly

After addressing the jury but briefly in his opening statement, he said the defense would contend that Richardson was innocent of taking any public money and was not responsible for any shortage, if there was any.

The state's case, revolving around the "salary advances" and "peculiar" things he said were done not only as to the treasurer's office but also as to other county officers, was outlined at length by Marsh during the morning session. He cited the defendant's modest salary and equally modest mode of living, his long service to the county and his age, 75 years.

"He had no bad habits but one," said Marsh. "He was bit by a bug—the gold mining bug."

The prosecutor declared it would be shown Richardson had invested some \$7000 in a Washington gold mine and also had invested \$800 in a Grants Pass mine in which Charles Archer and Treasurer Drager were interested.

Marsh described conferences at which Richardson and Drager were both present and said they disagreed, heatedly at times, over whether or not one had advised the other of any shortages in their office. He also cited the audit assertions of evidence that bal-

Said the President to the King



Historically symbolic is this remarkable picture of a serious-faced King George as he listened to the words of President Roosevelt—symbolic of a new modern-day accord between the two great English-speaking nations of the world, which brought for the first time to the United States a reigning British monarch and his queen. The king and the president passed for this conversation as they left the St. James Episcopal church in Hyde Park, N. Y. The picture is by Associated Press Staff Photographer George Shadling.

ances had been "forced" and certain vouchers "rolled" to make year-end reports appear in order. Six men and six women remained when selection of the jury was completed. They are Leah Bailey, Carl T. Miller, Lana Beechler, Mary L. Shaffe, Mattie Keene, Lee E. Wornom, Minnie H. Beckett, Ray E. Love, Clara A. Lee, Edwin C. Hovenden, William H. Humphrey, Jr., and Marietta R. Davis.

Speaker Sees End Of Private Banks

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ing business, with losses subsidized by taxes from the business government competition is injurious, and by 20 billions of dollars in government bonds, much of which the banks hold in virtual forced loans to the federal government.

"The power to tax is the power to destroy the American banking system," Lathrop continued. "Continued unjust competition will inevitably crush the initiative of the American banking fraternity."

The association elected A. K. Parker, of the LaGrande First National bank, president, succeeding A. O. Houghlum, of Eugene.

Constructive Plan Urged by Sprague

The republican party may well rejoice at its victories of 1938, but it must take care as it looks to 1940 to make certain it offers a constructive program to the voters. Governor Charles A. Sprague said in an address before the Marion County Republican club at the Marion hotel last night.

"Looking forward to 1940, republicans should not condemn the president and denounce the new deal," the governor advised, "but we should offer a program more constructive than the present one."

The governor was introduced by Lamar Toose of Portland, who headed a delegation from the Multnomah County Republican club.

The local club will sponsor a republican picnic July 18 at a place yet to be selected, Del K. Nelderhiser, president, announced.

Boy Scouts Camp Gets new Kitchen

A new kitchen and floor for a dining hall are being built at Pioneer camp on Pine lake, summer camp for Boy Scouts of the Cascade area, by an advance crew working there this week.

J. E. Monroe, scout executive, and George Rowell of Dallas are leaving for the camp today. They will join John Day and Bob McNeil who made the trip last week. Five other scouts will be added to the crew later this week.

Money for the construction work was earned by the Scout circus on Sweetland field a few weeks ago. The project will be completed before the first Scout camp which will start July 9, Mr. Monroe said.

President Bids Farewell to King and Queen

This was the scene at Hyde Park, N. Y., as President Roosevelt bade the nation's farewell to King George and Queen Elizabeth after a tumultuous four-day tour of the east, and received their majesties' goodbyes in return. The king and queen at left are on the rear platform of their special train which carried them back to Canada; the president at right is among the crowd which saw the royal couple off.

Oddities ... in the News

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 13.—(AP)—Monthly gift payments, with a picture of the benefactor engraved on each check, will be given 13 relatives and friends and several charitable institutions under a \$500,000 trust fund set up in the will of Francis E. Thompson, beverage manufacturer.

The will provides that trustees of the fund make the payments with a special check containing "an engraved picture of me at the left-hand end," and with this message: "That this small sum may add something to your health and happiness in the hope of Frank Thompson."

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 13.—(AP)—Arizona, the copper state, will use aluminum sales tax tokens.

The reason: Copper tokens were worth more as scrap metal than as tokens and too many were retired from circulation.

Frank E. Fraser, sales tax director, said more than 1,000,000 of the copper tokens disappeared in two years.

CHICAGO, June 13.—(AP)—A cigarette shot and wounded John Castle today.

Castle placed the lighted cigarette on a window ledge beside a .22 calibre bullet he had found. Heat from the burning stub exploded the cartridge.

Physicians dug the bullet out of Castle's chest.

Murphy Takes His New Office Today

Claude H. Murphy, Albany, state real estate commissioner under a 1939 legislative enactment, creating a new state real estate department in Oregon, arrived here Tuesday to assume his official duties early Wednesday.

The new law also provides for a real estate board of five members who already have been appointed by the governor.

Hugh Earle, state insurance commissioner also acted as real estate commissioner under the present setup. William L. Graham served as deputy real estate commissioner and was in charge of the real estate department. He will return to Portland.

Graham was appointed deputy real estate commissioner early in the Martin administration.

10-Week-Old Babe Taken From Home

CLYDE, Ohio, June 14.—(Wednesday)—Police Patrolman Lester Wott said today the 10 weeks old son of Mrs. Velma Fink was taken from his cradle at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Baker, here last night.

The baby was asleep in a downstairs room when the home was entered through a side door, only a few steps from the cradle, Baker said.

Mrs. Fink and her husband, Ervin, a WPA worker at nearby Fremont, have been separated three or four months, her father said.

Salem Guardsman Is Sole Casualty

CAMP CLATSOP, Ore., June 13.—(AP)—Concentration of nearly 3000 members of the Oregon national guard here for two weeks of training under semi-war conditions was completed tonight with a single casualty.

Sgt. Gerald Simpson of Company 6, 162nd Infantry, Salem, tripped over a chair in a baggage car and cracked a rib.

The last of five troop trains reached here at 3 p. m. and two motor truck convoys bringing Portland units preceded them. Major General George A. White, commanding the 41st national guard division of which the Oregon troops are a part, was aboard the last train. He got a 13-gun salute as he entered camp where he was met by Brig.-Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, the camp and 32nd brigade commander.

The Oregon guard units here are the 162nd Infantry, the 186th Infantry, the 249th field artillery and the 116th medical regiment. Another part of the Oregon guard, the 215th, went to Fort Lewis, Wash., but will return here later.

Mahoney Is Ready To Move Petition

Senator Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, was here Tuesday conferring with state department officials relative to his initiative petition for repeal of the state milk control law.

Mahoney said the petitions would be placed in circulation within the next week.

A futile attempt was made to repeal the milk control law at the 1939 legislative session.

The completed petitions must be filed early in July, 1940, in case the initiative measure is to be the ballot at the next general election.

Tropical Blow Is Approaching Gulf

NEW ORLEANS, June 13.—(AP)—The New Orleans weather bureau reported tonight a tropical disturbance of moderate intensity, 375 miles west of Miami, Fla., at 6 p. m. (Central Standard Time) should reach the coast between Apalachicola and Fort Myers, Fla., some time tomorrow.

Caution was advised for smaller vessels in the northeastern Gulf of Mexico. Three Bloxi, Miss., coast guard planes reported they had dropped warnings to 131 fishing and pleasure boats.

Farmer Who Preached His Own Sermon Dies at Last

COATESVILLE, Ind., June 13.—(AP)—Eccentric Wade Millman, 90-year-old well-to-do farmer, died quietly here today, more than two years after he preached his own funeral sermon before approximately 5,000 friends and curious spectators at the Canaan Methodist church, four miles northwest of here.

Gestapo Head Visits Prague

Importance Is Believed Attached to Clearing up Trouble

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It was feared disorders would result when 20,000 persons, stirred by a crown of thorns sent by the Czech national union party, gathered for the services.

Czech Legion Being Formed

Organization of a so-called Czech legion in Poland—an adventurous body of men now said to number 18,000—is firing the imagination of many Czechs who are "passively" opposing German domination in the protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia.

In Bohemian circles the legion was the subject of lively discussions today following reports that Vojta Benes, brother of the former Czechoslovak President Eduard Benes, had crossed the border into Poland.

The Czechs of Prague, who admitted that Vojta Benes had been living among them quietly for several months, did not know whether he had gone on "legion" business.

But the aims of the legion men, recruited by the Czech general Vlastislav Prchal and determined to campaign from abroad for "resurrection of the Czech nation," were gaining increasing attention.

(During the World war, large numbers of Czechs and Slovaks deserted the Austro-Hungarian imperial army and fled to Russia where, with those who had been taken prisoner, they organized a Czech legion to help the allies.)

Third Term Test Vote Is Readied

PORTLAND, Ore., June 13.—(AP)—Oregon grange, labor and "liberal" leaders were reported today to be preparing a preferential test vote on President Roosevelt for a third term next May.

David C. Epps, Oregon Commonwealth federation executive board member, already has announced his candidacy for democratic national convention delegate on a "draft Roosevelt" platform.

A change in the state's primary election date from May to September was blocked when approximately 25,000 referendum signatures were filed Saturday with the secretary of state. The change also would have abolished preferential preference votes. Oregon's preferential primary law, adopted in 1911, was the first in the nation.

Pair Start Plane Trip Round World

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—(AP)—Hoping to be the first persons to travel completely around the world on regularly-operated heavier-than-air planes, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Mott, of Sacramento will take off tomorrow on the first leg of their jaunt in Pan-American Airways' orient-bound Honolulu clipper.

The trip will also commemorate the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

The Motts are scheduled to step ashore at Hongkong next Tuesday, and will leave the British crown colony on June 23 on an Imperial Airways plane which will take them successively to Bangkok, Krachi, and Marseille. They will remain in the French city from June 28 to July 9, when they will embark on a Pan-American plane for New York. The last leg of the trip to San Francisco will be made by United Airlines.

Woman Is Burned Fatally by Blast

BREWSTER, N. Y., June 13.—(AP)—One woman was fatally burned and seven other persons were sent to nearby hospitals, three of them in critical condition, when gas escaping from a huge portable tank exploded in a restaurant here.

Miss Lena Garney, 45, of Brewster, a cook, died four hours after the explosion. She was blown through a wall.

Fire which followed the blast destroyed the two-story building.

Meeting to Greet Nurse Consultant

A special meeting to greet Miss Anna Heister, northwest nursing consultant of the United States public health service, is being arranged in the county health department for Friday.

Miss Heister will consult with the county health staff concerning public health activities here. She will be accompanied by Miss Olive Whitlock, director of the public health nursing division of the state board of health. They will be in Salem Friday only.

Ask \$100 Monthly Pension for Vets

EUGENE, June 13.—(AP)—A resolution that disabled veterans drawing compensation as of March 1, 1932, and thereafter, should be placed on a flat \$100 per month rate for life was passed by Oregon disabled American veterans at their annual convention today.

King's Hat Gets Try out From 6 Gops and Jigger

NEW YORK, June 13.—(AP)—King George's resplendent pearl gray copper went AWOL and found its way to several non-royal heads at the New York world's fair, it became known today.

A high hat being about as easily handled at a lunch as a base drum, the king placed it under his chair. Then it was missing.

The hasty search led to a little group clustered outside around a dark-skinned individual who was dancing a jig, the regal headgear bobbing around on his kinky pate.

"Do you know whose hat you've got there?" an agitated officer demanded.

"Sho, ah, does 'at's the king's hat," the jigger acknowledged. Before returning it, a half dozen officers tried it on too.

Pioneer Druggist Influenza Victim

John F. Allen Funeral Is Thursday; Was Member of Drug Board

CORVALLIS, June 13.—(AP)—Death today claimed John F. Allen, 64, member of the state boards of pharmacy and health, and once named "Oregon's outstanding druggist."

Allen succumbed to a heart attack and complications resulting from influenza at his home here. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the Episcopal church with the Rt. Rev. Benjamin B. Dagwell, Bishop of Oregon, officiating.

His widow, Mary Ellen, whom Allen married at Portland in 1900, and two sons, John Frederick, Jr., and Arthur, both of San Francisco, survive.

Founded Benton Bank

Allen was born at Corvallis and was graduated from Oregon State college in 1895. He began his business career as a salesman, and later founded the Benton County State bank. In 1907 he purchased a drugstore here and operated it until his death.

He was appointed to the state board of health last May 25. Previously he was a member of the state pharmacy board, and on the health of Governor Sprague, he held the position of health officer. He was president of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, and was treasurer and founder of its educational fund.

Blind 15 Years, She Sees Again

HEMPHILL, Tex., June 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Mattie Boyett, ill of a fatal malady, prayed constantly for relief from 15 years of blindness so she might see the members of her family once more.

Awakening yesterday from the sleep that followed ten days of prayer she could see her fingers and a chair near the bed.

Quickly she called relatives in the house and when they came near she could see them too. Today her sight was even stronger.

A physician who examined 69-year-old Mrs. Boyett, said she apparently had been afflicted with glaucoma, but could not account for recovery of her eyesight. He said he had never heard of a similar case. He requested his name be withheld.

Spanish Refugees Arrive in Mexico

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, June 13.—(AP)—A group of 1619 Spanish republican refugees arrived today from France cheering Mexico and shouting "death to Franco and fascism."

Disembarking from the French liner Sinala, the refugees organized a parade carrying the standard of the Mexican communist party. They cheered President Lazaro Cardenas who granted them asylum in Mexico.

Spectators watched the parade quietly.

Mexican authorities arranged food and lodging for the group which included 400 women and 300 children.

Five Are Injured In Trolley Crash

SEATTLE, June 13.—(AP)—Five persons were injured, one seriously and about 40 others shaken up here tonight when a streetcar rammed into the rear end of another car waiting for a traffic light to change.

Grand Jury Probe Due in Branding

19-Year-Old Youth Held After Fracas Growing From Assault

BALTIMORE, June 13.—(AP)—Charges and counter-charges at a magistrate's hearing late today assured a grand jury inquiry into the branding of a Jewish junior high school student and resultant suspension of 13 of his fellow students.

Morton Rosen, 19-year-old seaman, arrested for assault as an outgrowth of two disturbances at the Gwynn's Falls junior high school, was held for the grand jury under \$100 bond after Ellis Levin, his counsel, demanded a jury trial.

Later today, the suspension of four students of City college, a Baltimore high school, was announced by Dr. Philip H. Edwards, principal. He said they had been identified as members of a group of about 40 boys who accompanied Rosen to the Gwynn's Falls school yesterday and engaged in a fight with Gwynn's Falls students.

No testimony was taken at the hearing before Magistrate George P. Weizant.

Nearly a score of students, summoned as witnesses, crowded before the bench surrounding 14-year-old Melvin Bridge, Jewish youth who accused 40 schoolmates of carving the letter "H" on his neck during a schoolground fracas.

Harry Ebberts and Carroll Phillips, classmates of Bridge, placed the assault charge against Rosen, a friend of Bridge, after a fight near the high school yesterday.

"Mounties" Guard Royalty on Tour

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 13.—(AP)—Escorted by scarlet-coated motorized Canadian "Mounties," King George and Queen Elizabeth, toured New Brunswick in a streamlined automobile today over the longest highway route of their American visit.

Leaving their train this morning at Newcastle in northern New Brunswick where they were welcomed by a crowd of lumbermen and farmers at the gaily decorated station, they drove 108 miles to Fredericton, old provincial capital.

After a two-hour stay for an official luncheon at the University of New Brunswick, a drive through the city and an inspection of a guard of honor and war veterans at the legislative building, the party traveled 63 miles to St. John, oldest incorporated city in the dominion.

Rix Is Sentenced For Triple Deaths

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., June 13.—(AP)—Pleading guilty to three second degree murder charges, Alvin Rix, 21, today was sentenced to life imprisonment on each count for slaying his parents and a brother.

Rix, who had previously admitted the triple slaying and said "I want to take my medicine," offered no defense when brought into district court. The sentences are to run concurrently.

He admitted shooting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rix, to death at their farm home near Vining, Minn., last Tuesday and fatally wounding his 13-year-old brother, Carl.

Gendarmes Search For Young Artist

PARIS, June 13.—(AP)—Police attempting to solve the theft of Watteau's "L'Indifferent" from the Louvre searched today for a young artist who had spent many hours recently copying another painting by the 18th century French artist.

Guards said a young man worked on a sketch of the other picture, "Gilles" Saturday and Sunday.

He was in the gallery, they said shortly before the alarm was sounded Sunday when the theft of "L'Indifferent" was discovered.

Police also sought a young woman seen talking with the copyist Sunday.

Franco Will Visit Il Duce This Fall

ROME, June 13.—(AP)—An official Italian source said today that Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain was expected to visit Premier Mussolini in September. This was made known as reports circulated in Rome that Spain was being pressed for a military alliance with Italy.

Italy, it was reported, wants an alliance with Spain to counter the projected British-French-Russian agreement. Some quarters said they believed General Franco already had agreed in principle to an alliance.

Work Continues In Motors Plant

Two Strikers Hurt, But Operations "Nearly Normal"

FLINT, Mich., June 13.—(AP)—Disorders broke out again today at General Motors Corp. plants where Homer Martin's AFL United Automobile Workers union has called strikes, but police said only two men were seriously injured and the corporation reported its operations were "nearly normal."

Martin conferred this afternoon with Gov. Luren D. Dickinson. After the conference, which Martin had requested, the governor said:

"He wanted me to be impressed that the members of the CIO were communists and the other fellows weren't. I wasn't impressed very much."

Three mass fist fights occurred today as members of the CIO-affiliated UAW crossed the rival union's picket lines. One fight occurred at the gates of Fisher body plant No. 1, where approximately 100 men from each side clashed. They were dispersed by police.

A short time later fighting occurred in front of the CIO headquarters, just across the street from the plant entrance.

Another fight took place at the Atherton avenue entrance of the plant, where AFL pickets attempted to halt trucks entering the plant.

High Court Holds Werline Must Pay

The state supreme court Tuesday affirmed a judgment of \$8847 in favor of William D. Sherrard, who sued John Werline after he was struck by the latter's automobile in Independence.

The accident occurred November 14, 1937, while Sherrard was crossing a street. Records showed that the car driven by Werline, 18 years old, was traveling at a speed of 50 miles an hour.

The opinion was written by Justice Rossmar and upheld Circuit Judge Arlie Walker of Polk county.

Mrs. Stipes Head For Eastern Star

PORTLAND, June 13.—(AP)—Ben H. Nichols of Corvallis selected grand worthy patron of the grand chapter of Oregon, Order of Eastern Star, at the golden anniversary session today.

Mrs. Dora E. Stipes, Beaverton, was elected grand worthy matron. Delegates representing 146 state chapters were present.

Mrs. Marjorie Simpson of Portland was chosen associate grand conductress.

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