

CONVICTS CUT WOOD TO LOWER HIGH COST OF FUEL TO STATE

With 25 convicts from the state prison at work in the prison wood camp near Mehama without a guard for the past three months, average more than a cord and a half of wood per day per man, saved, split and piled, prison officials are highly pleased with the success of the venture which was entered into in the first place as a means of overcoming the fuel shortage which threatened the state institutions at that time.

The men are paid at the rate of 50 cents per cord as an inducement to put forth their best efforts, this policy resulting in a highly competitive spirit among the men which is reflected in the labors performed. More than 1500 cords of wood have already been cut and piled at the camp and is now awaiting delivery to the prison. It is estimated that the wood will cost the state not to exceed \$3.50 per cord, including stumpage and delivery as against a minimum bid of \$8 per cord received from private dealers last fall.

Inasmuch as the prison uses some 3000 cords of wood in the course of a year the camp will result in a saving of approximately \$15,000 per year to the state while at the same time solving, to a small degree at least, the problem of employment of the convicts.

A bunk house, combined kitchen and dining room and a commissary have been constructed at the camp by the men and all are kept in perfect order at all times. The underbrush, too, is being cleared away by the men as they go, the entire camp reflecting the pride and interest which the men take in their work. It is estimated that the present contract will require some two years to complete after which other stumpage will be contracted for it is explained by prison officials, the surplus each year being sold to other state institutions.

SENATE DISCUSSES TREATY AS POSSIBLE ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN

Washington, Feb. 21.—The peace treaty as a possible campaign issue was debated at length again today by the senate, with prominent republicans made on the subject yesterday by Elihu Root in his address to the New York republican state convention.

Assailing the position taken by Mr. Root as "a crime against the American people," Senator Johnson, republican, California, an active candidate for republican presidential nomination, it was "utterly silly" to suggest that the United States should go into the league of nations and then reform it after the next inauguration.

The republican senate leader, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, interrupted to suggest that under the covenant amendment of the league would be practically impossible" and Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, again served notice that if the party did not come out against the league and the treaty he would carry his fight against ratification to the people themselves after the national conventions.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, as he apprehended no disagreement with Mr. Root's proposal among the democrats, because it was "realized on this side of the chamber that the league covenant is not perfect any more than the constitution of the United States was perfect."

"I would like to join with Mr. Root," said Senator Walsh, "in the suggestion that after we enter the league, we take steps to get the nations together to reform not only the covenant, but some other features of the treaty."

Senator Johnson read article 16 of the covenant, requiring amendments to have assent of all the nations holding membership on the council and of a majority of those represented in the assembly.

"In its last analysis," continued the California senator, "what Mr. Root says is this: 'Go into this thing that's wrong. Go into this thing that's infamous. And then, when you can't amend it, try to amend it.' I do not follow him intellectually or as a leader."

Senator Borah also assailed Mr. Root's position and declared he did not mean to give up his fight against the league even if the republican national convention endorsed ratification with reservations.

Java has complete religious liberty.

The agrarian question was the chief topic of discussion at a meeting Tuesday in Warsaw at which two thousand delegates representing peasants from all parts of Poland attended.

The Massachusetts house of representatives adopted resolutions yesterday favoring an amendment to the federal constitution which would give congress power to regulate hours of labor.

DEVELOPMENT OF SILVER KING MINES IS BEING RESUMED

Development work on the properties of the Silver King Mining company in the Lester mining district on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river will begin with the installation of machinery which is now lying at Gates awaiting transportation over the mountain trails.

For the last five years the company has been prospecting the properties which they are now developing as the Silver King mines. Several large fissure veins of quartz ore containing gold, silver, lead and zinc lie on the twelve claims which comprise the property. These veins run parallel to the river through two mountains, Mt. Henline and Mt. Edwards, and are cut by the narrow canyon of Henline creek. Three of these veins have clear-cut outcroppings in the walls of the canyon, the Queen of the West vein 130 feet wide crossing the canyon at nearly right angles. Plans at present are to develop these three veins by means of a tunnel connecting them. This tunnel is now within 50 feet of the first vein and as soon as machinery can be installed work will be continued on it.

Engineers and mining men who have investigated the property claim that there is enough paying ore to warrant operations for the next fifty years. Silver, lead and zinc are the chief metals contained although the gold in some of the ore is sufficient to pay for the cost of mining, according to C. Chappell, representative of the company, who is now in Salem.

1500 Foot Tunnel.
Entrance to the mines will be gained through the cross-cut tunnel which will be cut through 1500 feet of solid rock and will tap all three veins at a great depth. The ore will be let down to this tunnel by gravity and trucked out tram cars. It may then be run through a concentrator and the concentrate shipped out to be smelted or an electric smelter may be installed and the metal itself be removed at the mine. Shipment will probably be by auto truck down the Santiam valley to Lyons on the C. & E. R., a distance of 17 miles. There is a good wagon road over this route the greater part of which has a gravel base and which is on the river grade nearly all of the way.

Compressed air drills will be used in extracting the ore. A large compressor and air tank, and several lengths of 12-inch pipe for the power plant are now at Gates awaiting delivery. The power to operate the compressor will be generated by a five-foot Pelton wheel operating under a 150 foot head of water from Silver King falls on Henline creek. These falls which will furnish more than enough power for the entire machine equipment are not 50 feet distant from the entrance to the cross-cut tunnel.

Sawmill Erected.
A sawmill will be erected to supply mine timbers and lumber for construction purposes there being over a

million feet of sound timber standing within the property limits.

"The Silver King," said Mr. Chappell "is the most accessible property in the Lester district. We expect some of the other interests to fall in line as we get under way and the country is opened up. With the development of this mine should come the opening up of this district which is rich in mineral deposits."

The Silver King Mining company is an Oregon corporation, capitalized at \$500,000. J. J. Langmack of Portland and E. E. Williams of Albany were the organization as president and vice-president, respectively.

MOTHER IS FREED OF CHARGE OF MURDER

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Julia Mildred Thurston of Sacramento was found not guilty here today of a charge of murdering Miss Jean Kimball, a hotel cashier, on a downtown street here November 4.

The defense plea had been temporary insanity, and the jury noted this in the verdict.

Mrs. Thurston had to be assisted into court and propped up by police matrons in order to hear the verdict. She said "God bless you" to the jurors as they passed out.

Miss Kimball was shot and killed by Mrs. Thompson after she had refused Mrs. Thurston an interview regarding Frederick A. Thurston, husband of the defendant, according to the evidence.

After the jurors had left "Joey," Mrs. Thurston's little son climbed on his mother's lap and said: "Mother, can we go home now?" "Police matrons then lifted her to her feet and helped her from the courtroom, the boy clinging to her hand.

ROBBERS STEAL \$1000

Butte, Mont., Feb. 21.—Robbers early this morning smashed the plate window of the A. Delovage Jewelry store, 21 West Park street, and escaped with articles of an estimated value of \$1000. The loss is covered by insurance. No arrests have been made.

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DELAYED SHIP'S CREW OF CREW OF DELAYED

Due to the fact that his ship has not been reported to Pacific coast stations for nearly 60 days, relatives of Estill Brunk, wireless operator on the freighter Portsmouth are anxious to get word of the safety of the vessel.

Brunk, who is about 21, is the son of Thomas W. Brunk, Polk county swine man and expert. The Portsmouth docked out of Portland for the east coast in October and after arrival there, left Baltimore, December 16. The last word received by Brunk's relatives here is a card mailed from the St. Thomas Islands, in the Caribbean sea, December 23, 1919. While there is cause for worry concerning the young man, word is expected from him at any time.

When he shipped with the Portsmouth, Brunk's berth was that of chief operator. He was known as one of the youngest wireless men on the Pacific coast when he shipped on the Seattle-Alaska run in 1917. During the war he was on duty as operator with various boats under the control of the United States shipping board. He is a graduate of the Salem high school class of '16.

BELGIAN KNOCKED OUT

Monte Carlo, Feb. 21.—Georges Carpentier, champion heavyweight pugilist of Europe, knocked out Groundhoven, the Belgian champion, in the second round of their fifteen round match here today. Groundhoven was completely outclassed and took a count five times.

INDIANS FIGHT TO HOLD ADOPTED BOY

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 21.—George Dumont willingly abandoned his son to their care 12 years ago when the boy was a helpless infant but now wants him and has twice kidnaped him from the foster parents because the boy's Indian birth entitles him to a share of the tribal property, should the Klamath Indian reservation be opened, according to the assertion of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Perazzo, who today started a legal battle to retain custody of the child. The case has been set for hearing in the county court.

At a hearing before W. A. West Indian agent, Mr. and Mrs. Perazzo were awarded custody of the boy, whom they have never legally adopted. Prior to the agent's decision, they asserted Dumont had taken the child from them by force and afterward he again kidnaped him.

MEDFORD GETS NEW CHURCH

Medford, Or., Feb. 21.—Rev. J. Randolph Sannett of the Methodist Episcopal church announced today the construction of a new \$50,000 church near the business section of Medford, to be the largest church in the state outside of Portland and known as the "People's Temple". On the spirit of the church an electric revolving cross visible from every point in the valley will be erected.

An executive meeting of a local of the maulers union in Chicago was broken up by four bandits last night who escaped with \$2000.

Executor's Costs in Pittock Estate Totals \$340,829

Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—Expenditures of O. L. Price, executor of the will of the Henry L. Pittock estate, for the second semi-annual period amounted to \$340,829 out of receipts of \$374,028, according to a report filed by him in the probate division of the circuit court.

To carry on the business of the estate it became necessary to borrow \$225,000, most of which was used for paying federal income and state inheritance taxes. The largest sources of the estate's income the past six months were \$87,000 from stock dividends and \$38,000 from rents. The estate was inventoried at \$7,894,779 on March 31, 1919.

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