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PERJURY CHARGE IN MONTESANO CASE

BROTHERHOODS WILLING TO TRY NEW RAIL PLAN

Representatives of Unions Understood to Have Voted to Give Law Test in Settling Wage Demand Issue

Washington, Mar. 2.—Representatives of the railroad unions are understood to have voted today to give the new railroad law a trial in bringing about a settlement of their wage demands.

It is understood also that they decided to hold the abeyance plans to test the constitutionality of the law and not to refer the controversy to the union membership for a vote.

President Sets Stage Washington, Mar. 2.—President Wilson is preparing to set up the tribunal provided in the railroad bill for considering the wage demands of the two million railroad employees.

It was announced at the white house today that he was writing to the unions and railroad companies asking that they nominate representatives to the wage board.

Decisions of the board will be by majority vote, provided one of the majority is of the public group.

11 SUFFOCATED IN WALLA WALLA FIRE CRACKERS BLAMED

Walla Walla, Wash., March 2.—Eleven Chinese were suffocated in a fire here last night at 8:30 o'clock which was started by firecrackers set off during the celebration of the ninth anniversary of the founding of the Chinese republic.

According to the statement of persons who saw the start of the fire, two young Chinamen were standing on the second story veranda of the building setting off packages of firecrackers.

One of the men entered the building and in a flash the entire second story was in a blaze.

An immense number of firecrackers was exploded in a few seconds. It is presumed that the man inadvertently carried into the building a lighted package of the explosives.

Soldiers Relief Bill Is Cause of Heated Row In House Committee

Washington, Mar. 2.—Taking up for the first time the whole question of soldier relief legislation, the house ways and means committee got into a row today over procedure and broke up in some confusion after members had repeated charges made in the house that the measures had been sent to the committee for burial.

After heated exchanges between members the committee ordered the room cleared of the crowd of spectators, and then in executive session finally decided to continue hearings tomorrow.

Legion Head Heard. Before the sudden termination of the session Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, and Thomas W. Miller, chairman of the national legislative committee, presented briefly an outline of what the organization sought from congress.

Both declared service men were not asking for a bonus and Miller asserted that three million soldiers, directly affected, were closely watching consideration of the matter of adjustment compensation.

"An overwhelming majority of ex-service men feel strongly that this government owes an obligation to all persons who were handicapped either bodily or financially," the national commander declared, adding that disabled men wanted relief legislation "to the end that they would no longer be objects of private charity."

Recommendations for legislation were presented as follows: "Land settlements covering farms in all states; aid to encourage purchase of homes; vocational training and adjustment of compensation based on length of service for those not desiring to avail themselves of the other three features."

"The American Legion," Mr. D'Olier said, "wishes nothing in its selfish interests at the expense of the country, but at the same time does not feel that its obligation to ex-service men and women should be altogether passed by at this time and all economizing done at the expense of the ex-service men."

Washington, Mar. 2.—Seven lives are believed to have been lost when the crew of the Leyland liner Bohemian abandoned their ship as she was breaking up on the Sambro ledges this morning. Several others were injured.

The ship, which was bound from Boston to Liverpool, ran aground in a blinding snowstorm while endeavoring to put into Halifax harbor early yesterday morning. Sixty four passengers were taken off in safety in the morning, but most of the 150 members of the crew remained on board all day.

Late last night a strong swell developed and the ship began to pound heavily on the rocks. At four o'clock this morning it was decided to abandon her. Three boats got away safely but the remainder of the men were unable to take to the boats, according to the reports received here.

The tug Roebing came as close to the steamer as possible and the transfer of those still on board was attempted by life lines. It is believed loss of life occurred during this operation.

Soon after the crew had left the vessel she broke in two and sank.

Plans for a beautiful new apartment house, to be called the "Highland Court Apartments" are being drawn up by Chester G. Murphy of Portland, and the prospects are that it will be erected in the near future. The site chosen is on South Commercial street, just south of Bellevue.

Among the attractive features planned for the new building are sun parlors, sleeping porches, a 70 foot court in the rear with a lawn and fountain; bachelor apartments provided with a club room, and a garage with accommodations for 20 automobiles. The structure will be of hollow tile, for the exclusion of noise, and will be fireproof. There will be 56 apartments in the building, every room of which will have outside lights.

COUNCIL MARKS TIME IN WAIT ON WARD OPINIONS

That Herbert Hoover, who is now being urged for the presidency by many of our best citizens and newspapers, was a persistent chap and of a progressive disposition even as a boy is evidenced in some degree by an incident which occurred in 1889, or thereabout, when he was office boy for the Oregon Land company in this city, according to Tom Cronise, 193 North Commercial street.

"Bert's uncle was president of the company and the circumstances under which the boy became a resident of Salem are now generally known," says Mr. Cronise.

The company occupied rooms in the old state insurance building, at the corner of Commercial and Chemekeets street, now the property of the Y. M. C. A. The company's offices were on the first floor. My printing office was on the second floor. Running from the rear of the company's office was a hallway, and in this hallway, boxed in was a water motor from which a belt extended to the press power shaft upstairs.

"Being interested in the development of fruit lands, the company had been making experiments looking to the preservation of prunes and other fruits, and in these experiments young Hoover was much concerned. Whether he was engaged in independent experiment or not I do not know, but one day the atmosphere in the press room became so charged with sulphur fumes that to breathe was difficult. The fumes appeared to be coming through the holes in the floor provided for the belt from the motor, and a hasty inspection revealed young Hoover busily engaged with a quantity of fruit, a pan, an alcohol lamp and other paraphernalia spread upon the motor box.

"Clung Doggedly to Task. "Remember with sadness that I expostulated with him through the holes in the floor. So engrossed was he in his experiments that he gave small heed to my short-winded remarks. And then I remember this also with sadness: I directed some words to him that caused him to look up with concern on his face. The words were almost as sulphurous as the atmosphere he was creating. My companion in the press room stated that the combination was the strongest thing in his experience, and the grin on his face would have illuminated the top of the Woolworth building.

"The experiments, in that immediate locality at least, ended then and there. But I have never forgotten the look of earnestness on young Hoover's face nor the persistence with which he clung to the work he was engaged in. The same tenacity of purpose seems to have evinced itself through his whole career. Shortly after this he went to California, where his brother Tad, who got his first job in Salem in my printing office, later followed him.

"From my acquaintance with Herbert Hoover as a boy, I am convinced that he is eminently a capable and honest and possesses the mighty earnestness of sincerity. If some good fairy should put into my hands the deciding vote for president of the United States, I would cast it for Hoover and be very glad of the opportunity for doing so."

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Palmer Announces Candidacy; Stands Upon Record of Past Washington, Mar. 2.—Attorney General Palmer has declared himself as a democratic presidential candidate leading the list of aspirants for the democratic nomination in formal coming out in the open.

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PEOPLE WHO KNEW HOOVER

Fate of Members Next Two Weeks Anxiously Awaited; City Attorney Asked Whether Tenure of Office Will End March 16

Cleaning up a volume of business at their meeting Monday night the members of the city council are now marking time pending the outcome of the ordinance creating ward boundaries in the city. The decision of City Attorney Bert W. Macy, ordered by vote of the council for next meeting, March 15, explaining whether the six or seven councilmen who will be changed from wards by the new lines and automatically ousted from the council, or continue to serve, is anxiously awaited, both by citizens and the city's solons.

After much deferment the council finally passed the bill Monday night establishing the new boundaries for wards, after the date it is to become effective was changed to March 16 instead of March 15. This was changed to enable the present members of the council, if, by opinion of city Attorney Macy they are not to be retained, to hold another meeting before the measure becomes effective so they can elect successors. Following the meeting most of the councilmen met in impromptu adjourned session and discussed the feasibility and possibility of electing themselves to the positions again, only from different wards. Whether this will meet with the approval of the citizens is not known.

Macy Denies Opinion. When requested during the session to give an opinion as to what effect the ordinance would have on the status of the councilmen by Councilman Utter, City Attorney Macy said: "I have no opinion to render at this time."

"That isn't very courteous," observed Utter.

Councilman Vanderveer then voiced his intention of seeking the opinion of the attorney general. It was then that he then called ordered the city attorney to bring in an opinion next meeting.

John B. Gleesay was asked appointed successor to W. A. West, resigned councilman from ward six in a decision submitted to the council Monday night. Walter Skelton, former city engineer, was also asked to fill the same vacancy in another petition. The supporters of Mr. Gleesay declared that their part of the ward—in the city council for 10 years, Mr. Skelton is held the logical candidate for the place because of his thorough knowledge of municipal affairs and his ability to execute the duties of the office.

Bids Are Asked. The city recorder was ordered to accept bids for the construction of 1945 lineal feet of concrete sidewalk through Wilson park. The sidewalk was asked by the municipal park board in a petition submitted to the body Monday night.

Approval of a petition to grade Myers street, between Fir and Fairmount was voted by the council. It was referred to the proper committees for action.

Councilman Moore came in for a "bawlin out" during the session when he appeared with an ordinance for the connection of a sewer in the alley of block 34, Highland addition, to the city's viaducts. He asked that it be rushed through that meeting.

Moore Is Criticized. "Mr. Moore has blundered before on sewer questions," Councilman Utter said, "and I am opposed to this being railroad through like this without being investigated."

Moore defended his action by saying that the city had granted manufacturers outside of the city to connect with municipal sewers, and said he could not see why they should oppose this petition.

Church street, between Highland and Pine, will be paved as soon as plans and specifications and work can be undertaken, as a result of favorable action taken on a petition that had been referred to the street committee.

City Taxes Endangered. The vacation of many lots in Rose-dale addition at the eastern outskirts of the city limits, is authorized in an ordinance read the first and second time Monday night. The ordinance, if it passes, will take the greater portion of this addition out of the city's jurisdiction and will no longer direct the payment of taxes on it into the city's coffers.

An order from the public service effective as changed to March 16 in effect at the crossing of Capital and Union streets, was adhered to, and the city voted the needed one-third apportionment to erect the device. The proposition was detailed to designate the place where the light shall be installed.

WITNESS FOR DEFENSE DECLARES GRIMM FELL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE I. W. W. HALL AND NOT 100 YARDS AWAY

Judge In Montesano Radical Trial Holds Defense Must Prove Marchers Rushed Radical Headquarters Before Attempting To Prove Threat Evidence.

Montesano, Wash., Mar. 2.—Guy Bray, 16 years old, an employee in a Centralia dairy, was arrested on a charge of perjury today a half hour after he had left the witness stand in the trial of an alleged I. W. W. here for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice Day parade victim.

The warrant charging perjury was sworn to by J. H. Jahnke, assistant county prosecutor of Lewis county. The arrest was made by Sheriff John H. Berry of Lewis county. Bray was held in lieu of \$500 bail.

Bray, on the witness stand, testified, in effect, that he saw F. R. Vandergilder and a man whom he believed to be Grimm, in front of the I. W. W. hall on last Armistice day. He saw a large man shot, he said. He thought the man was Grimm.

The man he saw in front of the hall, he testified, was a man he had previously seen with Vandergilder. He said Vandergilder had told him the man was Grimm after he had seen them together the first time.

The man he saw with Vandergilder in front of the hall at the time of the alleged raid on the hall, Bray testified was the man, he believed, he had previously seen with Vandergilder. He said he would not swear that it was Grimm.

Arrest Follows Soon. "Do you swear that Frank Vandergilder was standing near the door of the I. W. W. hall at the time of the shooting?" asked Special Prosecutor W. H. Abel.

"I do," replied Bray.

"That is all. We shall want you a little later," said Abel. Within a half hour the warrant had been sworn to and Bray was in the custody of Sheriff Berry.

George Vanderveer, defense attorney, visited Bray in the local sheriff's office after court adjournment, and Vanderveer and Berry clashed, the Lewis county sheriff ordering the attorney from behind the railing in the Gray's Harbor county sheriff's office.

Montesano, Wash., Mar. 2.—Cautioned again by the court that he could not attempt to prove alleged threats until he introduced testimony to prove that an overt act had been committed by Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim, Attorney George F. Vanderveer today called one witness in an effort to show that Grimm was shot in front of the I. W. W. hall, and at 100 feet distant, as testified to by previous witnesses, in the trial here of ten alleged I. W. W. for Grimm's murder.

Guy Bray, 16 year old, employed by a Centralia dairy, was the witness called. He testified that he knew F. R. Van Gilder, who led the first platoon in the Centralia contingent of the parade. He said he had, one day, seen Van Gilder with a large man, had asked him who he was and that Van Gilder had replied that it was Warren O. Grimm.

Not Sure of Man. Jumping to the day of the parade, Bray testified that he saw Van Gilder and a man whom he thought was Grimm, marching at the head of the Centralia contingent as the parade counter-marched south on Tower avenue. He stood 30 feet north of the I. W. W. hall when the parade passed, he said. When the marchers halted, Bray testified, he saw two men break ranks and rush to the I. W. W. hall. He heard one shot, then many shots. He saw a large man fall into the street, wounded.

Whether the man he saw fall was Grimm witness refused to say on oath. He testified that he saw Van Gilder, near the entrance to the hall at the time the men were rushing toward it.

Bray, on cross-examination, said the man he thought was Grimm was wounded while his back was toward the hall.

SEVEN BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST LIVES IN WRECK OF STEAMER

French Railroad Strike Ended By Agreement Monday

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Musk oxen are an important source of food to arctic explorers.

Ball Club Gets Permit To Build Big Grand Stand

Permission to erect a frame grand stand on the ball park on 12th street, between Oxford and Tural avenues, was granted the Salem Baseball club Tuesday in a permit issued by Deputy City Recorder Mark Fairmont. According to terms of the permit the grand stand will cost \$2000.

A permit was also issued to Mrs. Ed Lampert Tuesday, for the construction of a brick garage on her place on High St. between State and Court. The garage will cost \$250, and will be built by J. W. Knapp.

More "Bums" Visit City, Report Says

The number of tramps, hoboes, nomads of the rail, and panhandlers visiting the city since the first of the year has increased, according to reports made to Chief Welsh by Officer O. F. Victor, whose detail comprises the handling of such transients.

Officer Victor's report, made to Chief Welsh Tuesday, for February, shows that he encountered 147 "bums" during February. The officer's report for January, made at the first of February to Day Sergeant Harry A. Rowe, when acting chief, showed that 153 were visitors at the local railroad yards during that month.

DEMOCRATS ASKED TO SIGN HOOVER NOMINATING PETITIONS

Petitions have been sent to the Capital Journal office and can be signed there to place Herbert Hoover's name upon the primary ballot as a democratic candidate for president.

The fact that Hoover has refused to state his party allegiance does not prevent the people of either or both parties from nominating him against the wishes of the politicians, and his own wishes. It is a case of the job seeking the man.

Only registered democrats are eligible to sign these petitions, but if any republican will get out similar petitions to nominate Hoover, the Capital Journal will render similar aid in securing signatures.

It is up to the people to beat the politicians to it and name the next president. If you are a democrat, sign this petition. If you are a republican, get out a petition of your own.

NOVEMBER VOTE ON PACT RESERVATION IS SUSTAINED TODAY

Washington, Mar. 2.—The republican peace treaty reservation declaring the right of the United States to decide all domestic questions under the league of nations was readopted by the senate today by a vote of 56 to 25 after repeated efforts by the democrats to amend it had failed.

Fourteen democrats voted with the republican membership for the reservation. On its original adoption last November the vote was 59 to 36, with eleven democrats voting in the affirmative.

The democrats who voted for adoption today were: Ashurst, Arizona; Chamberlain, Oregon; Gore, Oklahoma; Henderson, Nevada; King, Utah; Myers, Montana; Nugent, Idaho; Phelan, California; Pittman, Nevada; Reed, Missouri; Shields, Tennessee; Smith, Georgia; Thomas, Colorado; Trammell, Florida.

American Ship Fired On While At Vladivostok

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NEW PLANT DISEASE FOUND

Corvallis, Or., Mar. 2.—A new plant disease has been discovered, according to O. H. Goffrey, assistant pathologist in the office of truck, cotton and forage disease investigations, in a report made today. It is attacking rubarb and castor beans in various Oregon farming districts.

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WHO KNEW HOOVER?

During the period 1883 to 1891, Herbert Hoover spent his boyhood in Salem and Newberg. When he first came to Oregon, he was about nine years of age and the greater portion of the eight years of Hoover's Oregon residence was spent in this city.

The Capital Journal will publish reminiscences of Hoover's boyhood, submitted by Journal readers. Those who remember him as a young man and as a boy, are invited to furnish the Journal with any interesting biographical bits of general interest.

Undoubtedly, the boyhood of this man, who is now in the foremost ranks of internationally known personages, was replete with character indications which should be made public, not for purposes of partisanship or propaganda, but from the viewpoint of specific interest.

The older residents of the city who came into contact with Hoover are invited to take part in this work. Articles may be submitted in the writer's own style, or if difficulty is experienced in composing the story, phone the Capital Journal and a member of the reportorial staff will aid you.