



Fire Guts Business Block; Loss \$115,000

Death Concludes Long Illness Of Cardinal Gibbons

Long Career of Church Leader and Prominent Figure In Public Affairs Ended in 87th Year at Home In Baltimore This Morning; Position Long Filled

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore and primate of the American Catholic church, died at the arch-episcopal residence here today after a long illness which mainly affected his heart. He was 87 years old. The end came peacefully at 11:33 o'clock.

Railroad Proposal Attacked

Opposition of Separate Agreements Not Practicable, Jewell Declares

Mar. 24.—Negotiating working agreements of individual railroad, as proposed by the railway executives, against the railroad workers' \$6,000,000, and require more than 5000 employees, was stated before the railroad board today by B. M. Jewell, president of the Railway Brotherhood of Labor, in presence of the labor side of the conference over national rules and standards.

Income and Profits Tax Collections \$650,000,000

Washington, March 24.—Income and profits tax collections for the March 15 installment was estimated by Secretary Mellon today to aggregate \$675,000,000. To the close of business March 22, \$650,000,000 actually had been deposited from the collections, he added.

Attorney General Not To Take Hand In Rehearing Plea

Portland, Or., Mar. 24.—The attorney general will be unable to aid Portland in action toward a rehearing of the telephone rate case, according to a reply sent by Governor Ben W. Olcott to the city council's request.

Waste To Start On Pleasure Tour Is Blamed For Death

Cal., Mar. 24.—Bert Nixon, son of the late United States senator George S. Nixon of California, who was instantly killed last night, was driving his automobile on the wrong side of the road at a high rate of speed when he struck a sewer trench in the city of San Francisco, according to J. A. Cornett today. Witnesses said the front wheels of the car struck the trench and the car catapulted forward, throwing Nixon to the ground and breaking his neck. Nixon was on his way from San Francisco to take a pleasure tour to Australia on a pleasure boat. He had left his wife,

WORE TWELVE DOZEN PAIRS OF STOCKINGS London, Mar. 24.—"Dock thieving is increasing enormously in London," said Captain Noakes, superintendent of discharge for the New Zealand and Federal shipping companies. "In one case a dock worker who was stopped at the dock gates when about to go off duty was discovered to be wearing twelve dozen pair of silk stockings, valued at \$600. "The stockings were round his body and limbs so skillfully and uniformly as almost to escape detection."

Suit To Test Labor Board Power Filed

Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 24.—A test suit to determine what authority the federal railway labor board may have in backing up its ruling that railroads may not reduce wages until after conference with employees was filed in federal district court here today by Attorneys Randolph W. Walton and W. S. Pealer, representing 1200 employees of four subsidiary lines of the New York Central railway. The action is brought by Cecil E. Jewell, a member of the United States Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees of the Toledo and Ohio Central railway, and is said to be the first attempt made in the country to get the court's interpretation of the powers of the labor board.

Gasoline Tax Big. A total of 81,672,537.1 gallons of gasoline and 7,510,317.75 gallons of distillate have been consumed in Oregon in the past two years on which state taxes have been paid aggregating \$854,277, according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Koser. The peak consumption of gasoline was reached in August, both in 1919 and 1920 the figures show. A million microbes may be found on the point of a pin.

Germans Told To Pay Bill

Berlin Informed by Allies of Intention to Force Payment Due May 1 Paris, Mar. 24.—The German government was notified by the allied reparations commission today that the total amount of twenty billion gold marks due under article 235 of the peace treaty must be paid by May 1 or additional penalties will be inflicted upon Germany.

Protest Expected. Paris, Mar. 24.—Premier Briand yesterday informed the senate committee on finances and foreign affairs that he expected new German propositions in connection with reparations, particularly concerning industrial participation in the devastated regions. With reference to the question of the payment of twenty billion gold marks before May 1, and more especially the payment of one billion due yesterday, M. Briand declared that if the Germans did not pay, the treaty of Versailles would be applied to the full limit.

Realtors To Act On Phone Rate Increase

Appointment of J. A. Mills to draw up a resolution for adoption by the Marion County Realtor's association in regard to the increase in phone rates is the first action taken by any commercial body in Salem with reference to the matter. The realtors feel that the commission which allowed the increase should be dealt with by public expression from the people, and will undoubtedly go on record at their next meeting in favor of some radical action.

Another important step taken today was the selection of Hugh Magee to investigate the establishment of a cold storage plant in Salem with a 2000 ton storage capacity and with an ice making plant of 20 tons daily. Mr. Magee quoted figures in regard to machinery for the proposed plant which would cost about \$50,000 and that a two story building of needed size would cost at least \$125,000. He will be present at the meeting of the Independent Growers next Saturday to see what action they will take.

L. J. Chapin of the Salem Kings products company spoke on the cost production of loganberries per pound. In one instance he gave as the cost of a pound from one loganberry yard as \$3.42, from a second yard as \$3.35 and a third yard as \$3.52. Mr. Chapin informed his audience however that in this cost he was money invested, or for depreciating, which a larger number of farmers did not take into account in figuring the cost of producing their crops.

Million Now Available For Project Work Approximately \$1,000,000 is available for new construction work and improvement to the property of the California-Oregon Power company in southern Oregon, according to word received by the public service commission from W. M. Shepard, general manager of the company. Construction work is already in progress on the company's property in the vicinity of Klamath Falls, it is pointed out, and several hundred men are being employed and will be employed during the coming summer.

Flour Price Drops Tacoma, Wash., March 24.—Local mills announced a drop of forty cents in the price of patent flour today. It was the second similar drop this week. Standard brands are now quoted at \$9.20 a barrel, the lowest price since 1917.

Seen In The Crimelight

Toronto, Ont., Mar. 24.—John Doughty, charged with the theft of \$105,000 worth of bonds from Ambrose Small wealthy theatrical magnate who disappeared more than a year ago was found guilty by a jury here today.

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 24.—Two youths who gave their names as Harry Hottee and James Milner, each aged 17, and alleged by the police to have admitted they, with two other prisoners, recently escaped from jail in Portland, Or., were arrested here today on charges of burglary.

Road Work May Halt, Funds Short

Unless the people of the Salem district subscribe to the remainder of the \$160,000 bond issue for market roads authorized by the election of 1919, the work on such highways leading into this city will be forestalled, according to County Commissioner Hunt, who met with a group of business men last night at the Commercial club to consider the matter.

Two meetings of the business men, composed of representatives from the four Salem banks, and others interested in the improvement of roads, have failed to reach any satisfactory method of handling the \$80,000 worth of road bonds yet to be sold. Last year the banks invested heavily in the issue, but this year they state that so many farmers are in need of money to tide them over the financial depression and are depending on the banks for loans that it is almost impossible for these institutions to make such a permanent investment.

All the road districts in the county have bought their quota of bonds except Salem. Woodburn has offered to oversubscribe its amount if the county would improve more mileage leading into that city. This the county refused to do, for the election provided for a fixed sum \$850,000 to be spent in the county and apportioned among the different road districts accordingly.

The market road program includes the paving of roads in all directions for five or six miles from the city. About 170,000 worth of bonds were sold for last year's work and about double the sum spent for the election provided that for every dollar spent derived from the bond issue there will be an equal amount of tax money spent.

It has been pointed out that a large number of people who are buying bonds of foreign communities would profit by the purchase of the Marion road bonds and thus aid in the development of the county as a whole.

Entire Stock and Fixtures Of New Kafoury Bros. Store Destroyed This Morning

Lodgers In Upstairs Rooms Flee to Streets In Night Garments; Blaze Starts In Warehouse from Unknown Cause; Insurance Covers Part of Loss Fire of unknown origin broke out at 6 o'clock this morning in Kafoury brothers' women's clothing store at 466-474 State street, lapped up property valued at \$115,000 and sent lodgers of the Rex rooming house, located immediately above the store, scurrying to the street in their night clothes.

N. C. Kafoury, manager of the store which is one of two operated by the company here, estimates his damage at between \$90,000 and \$100,000, and John Hughes, of the Hughes company, owner of the building, places his loss at \$15,000. Only a portion of the ruined clothing stock, which was one of the largest in Salem, is covered by insurance. The building is said to be adequately protected. Kafoury brothers will suffer their chief loss, it was stated, on their new spring stock which was not covered by insurance.

Flames Spread Rapidly. Surprise at the speed with which the fire gained headway was expressed by spectators who saw the building become enveloped in flames within 15 minutes after a small conflagration was first discovered in a wooden warehouse directly in the rear of the store. Firemen, headed by Chief "Buck" Hutton had water on the blaze within five minutes after the alarm had been turned in by A. B. McKillop, proprietor of the Royal cafeteria, 460 State street, but it was a half hour later before the conflagration was under control.

Origin Not Known. That the fire started in the old warehouse back of the store, is the opinion of Chief Hutton who would offer no guess as to its cause. Flames did not reach the Rex rooming house and none of the frightened guests was injured. Alarmed by the shouts of "fire" several of the roomers hurried down the stairs to the safety of State street which, although well filled with early morning pedestrians, offered safety to their scantily clad persons. Mrs. L. A. Johnson, manager of the Rex, estimates the damage done by smoke and water in her establishment to be approximately \$1000. Flames crept up in the rear of the rooming house, but did little damage.

To Repair Building. Thousands of yards of cloth, hundreds of women's hats, hundreds of suits and other apparel were rendered worthless by the flames which entirely ate out the Kafoury store, and 25 clerks employed by the establishment will be temporarily thrown out of work. Repair work on the Hughes building will begin immediately Mr. Hughes said this morning. Remodeling work in the basement where an addition to the store was to be made, had been underway for several days, and these embryonic improvements are badly damaged.

Will Continue Business. The Hughes building, which was erected in 1891, and which was entirely re-finished one year ago last summer, has been occupied by Kafoury brothers since that time. Their women's clothing business will be temporarily carried on at their men's store, 416 State street, Kafoury brothers announced.

Quarantine Lifted. Washington, Mar. 24.—The entire state of Texas was released from quarantine for sheep scabbies today by the department of agriculture, the order becoming effective April 15. The quarantine continues, however, in ten counties in California and in parts of Louisiana.

German Note Answered. Paris, Mar. 24.—The allied reparations commission delivered to the German delegation here today a note replying to the German refusal to pay the one billion gold marks on reparations account which the commission had demanded be handed over yesterday.

Jail Delivery Attempt Fails

Cork, Mar. 24.—Members of the Irish republican army made a carefully planned attempt last night to break into the jail here and release prisoners under death sentence. The attempt failed, however, owing to extraordinary precautions taken by the authorities.

Auspland Starts Serving Sentence Passed Years Ago

Dr. A. Auspland, Portland physician, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a term of from one to fifteen years in the state prison, several years ago, began service of that sentence this week. Dr. Auspland first appealed to the state supreme court in 1917 at which time the decree of the lower court was affirmed. He then appealed to the United States supreme court which dismissed his appeal.

Broccoli Men Will Meet For Organization

Efforts will be made to form a broccoli growers association at a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon in the Commercial club, which is being fostered by that organization under the leadership of C. C. Russell of Wacunda who spoke before the business men at their luncheon Monday.

Former Beaver Catcher Killed In Saloon Riot

Boston, March 24.—Larry McLean, former catcher on National league baseball teams, was shot and killed and Jack McCarthy, a friend, severely wounded today in a quarrel at a near-beer saloon in the sound end. The police took into custody James J. Connor, the bartender, pending an investigation. McLean was formerly on the Portland team in the Pacific Coast league.

Settlement Is Approved By Harding

Washington, Mar. 24.—Representatives of the packing industry and its employees, who reached an agreement here yesterday to avert a threatened strike, were congratulated today by President Harding on the amicable settlement of the first big labor problem faced by the new administration. The packers and employes committees were accompanied to the White House by Secretaries Davis, Wallace and Hoover, who acted with them in the negotiations, and by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. The president thanked the entire delegation for its work, declaring it had rendered a great public service by coming to an agreement.

Gompers Satisfied. Mr. Gompers declared himself much pleased with the settlement and with the statement of congratulations made by the president. Addressing the joint committee, President Harding said: "I have asked you in solely for my own satisfaction. I have learned that you have found a way to avoid a suspension of activities in the packing industry and I wanted, in the presence of the cabinet representatives who have joined you in this matter, to express the appreciation of executive.

Arbitration Praised. "I want to say in regard to the controversy that this administration has nearest to its heart at all times any righteous helplessness that it can give in avoiding a suspension of industrial activities in this country. I have said publicly and I want to say it to you, if we can bring our civilization to a point where we can meet around the table in advance and adjust our differences righteously, we have made a long step toward tranquility."

Sir Wilfred Peek Killed In Battle With Sinn Feiners

Belfast, Mar. 24.—Sir Wilfred Peek was among those killed during the fight yesterday morning between a party of Lancans and a force of Sinn Feiners between Stokestown and Longford. He was captain of the Royal Devon Yeomanry and was born October 9, 1884. He received the distinguished service order decoration for exploits during the great war. His wife was formerly Miss Edwina Thornburgh of St. Louis, Mo., who with one son survives him.

Proctor Sues For Return of Money Donated To Wood

Chicago, March 24.—Colonel William C. Proctor, manager of Major General Leonard Wood's campaign for the republican presidential nomination and contributor of \$400,000 to the campaign expenses, today filed suit to recover \$110,000 from Major Albert A. Sprague, of Chicago, treasurer of the Wood campaign.