

WHEELER GOES ON STAND

LINEN MILL STOCK SALE LAGS TODAY

Solicitors Renew Efforts With Goal of \$200,000 Set For Thursday; Total Now Only \$154,000.

With subscriptions for a total of \$154,390 turned in by noon, determination was made at today's luncheon at the chamber of commerce rooms to redouble efforts for selling stock in the proposed \$400,000 linen mill for Salem. "We ought to be doing well up toward the \$200,000 mark by this time tomorrow," said R. O. Snelling, who presided at the luncheon.

Colonel Dartram, who was present, spoke briefly. "I see now that this thing will be an actual fact in a very short time," he said. Colonel Dartram arrived from Portland this morning. "Portland is now looking for the valley to take the lead in this proposition," he stated. "Usually the valley looks to Portland, but this time the situation is reversed. Portland is waiting to see what is accomplished in the Willamette valley before investing very heavily in the mill."

D. N. Sanson, head of Dominion Linens, Ltd., was still in Portland this noon, but announcement was made that he would arrive in Salem before night.

A delegation of 5 prominent business men from Silverton was present at today's luncheon. George W. Hubbs and L. C. Eastman both spoke briefly upon the situation at Silverton. "Silverton as a whole is very enthusiastic about this linen mill proposition," said Eastman, who is president of the Silverton chamber of commerce.

"We expect to assist you in every way we can in this drive," said Hubbs. Both men indicated that Silverton was looking to see how much money would be subscribed in Salem, and advised that the drive here be well advanced before beginning active work there. Reports brought in from other nearby points indicated that a similar situation exists at

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3 COMMUNISTS ORDERED KILLED

Leipzig, Apr. 22.—The three principal defendants of the sixteen communist members of the German "cheka" today were sentenced to death for murder and terroristic acts. They are Felix Neumann, Ernest Poegle and a Russian, Alexander Skobievsky. The thirteen other defendants were given pen sentences varying from 15 years to five months.

Neumann is a Berlin printer who claimed that in 1923 he was commissioned by Skobievsky to organize the proposed communist revolution, which, according to the charges, was to start in Saxony and then capture Berlin. Skobievsky, a Russian mechanical worker, was called the "master mind" of the revolutionary group. He is alleged to have been working under Moscow's direction.

REPORT FAMOUS RESORT BURNING

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 22.—Saltair resort on the Great Salt Lake, 20 miles west of here and nationally famous was reported after late this afternoon. Flames were visible from here and the country fire department has been dispatched to the scene.

VITAGRAPH COMPANY SOLD TO WARNER BROS.

New York, April 22.—Warner Brothers, Inc., independent motion picture producers of New York and Los Angeles, today announced the purchase of the Vitagraph company of America.

Youth Weds Age



MR. & MRS. THEODORE FORREST

Theodore Forrest, twenty-three, musician and Government clerk in Washington, has been married to Mrs. Flora Ritter Gorton, sixty-three-year-old widow, and sister of William MacC. Ritter, millionaire lumberman.

TRAIN CRASHES THROUGH BURNED BRIDGE; 2 DEAD

Miles City, Mont., Apr. 22.—Both the engineer and fireman of the Columbian, crack passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, were killed this morning at 10:15 o'clock when the train hit a burned out bridge and the engine dropped ten feet into a dry run three miles west of Railway, Mont.

As the engine plunged, the air lines burst, automatically setting the brakes on the passenger coach and behind and stopping the train. All of the coaches except the mail car remained on the tracks. Some of the passengers were badly shaken, but none seriously injured, according to the announcement of railroad officials here.

The engineer of the train was Alex A. Rusby and the fireman was Hans Stuve, both of Miles City. Late this afternoon the bodies were still pined beneath the locomotive.

PLAN AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF D. A. R.

Washington, April 22.—Action on proposed amendments to its constitution and offering the nominations for seven vice-presidents general were the most important matters before today's session of the annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Consideration of various committee reports also was on the program.

A report presented by Mrs. Alfred J. Housman, chairman of the Ellis Island committee, contained a detailed record of the society's work during the past year among arriving immigrants there and also at the Angel Island, Cal., station.

KLAMATH FALLS SWEEP BY SEVERE SNOW STORM

Klamath Falls, April 22.—A driving snow storm, far more severe than the others which have descended upon Klamath since the close of winter, blew in from the northwest this morning and was still raging late this morning. The surrounding hills were blanketed with white, while the snow was remaining even inside the city streets on the heavily traveled

SAYS SPAIN REAL LAND OF LIBERTY

Personal Privileges Less Restricted in Madrid Than New York or London Says Alfonso.

Paris, Apr. 22.—(By Associated Press)—King Alfonso of Spain is quoted by the French writers and brothers, Jerome and Jean Tharaud, as declaring to them in an interview that the tranquil conditions in Spain are proof that his country is satisfied with the government of the military directory. Only a handful of professional politicians are opposed to it, he asserts.

A question which he asserts is more important than that of parliamentary government in Spain is whether such parliamentary government will be capable of defending itself against that conception of life which the soviet government is seeking to impose forcibly upon the world.

Liberties Not Restricted. "Have you in your travels in Spain noticed that we are living in a state of siege under military oppression?" he asked the writer.

"The foreign papers I see declare our directory shoots and imprisons people and spreads terror everywhere. Have you registered such an impression?"

"Nothing has changed in our customary life and for my part I know of no country where the people are less interfering than here. You can stand in the middle of the road to talk with friends without a policeman telling you to move on. You can drink whatever you like in the cafes after midnight, which I defy you to do in New York or London—those countries of liberty. In Madrid you can sing your head off until five in the morning if that amuses you.

Outlaws Controlled. "There is only one thing changed since the directory, you can walk about with money in your pockets without fear of being attacked. There are no more strikes; our factories are at work and our employees no longer see their workmen arrive mornings with revolver in hand to assassinate them or to impose their own will. You must admit that is something."

"Oh, yes," the king added ironically. "It has to be paid for. General Primo De Rivera (head of the military directory) has put us outside the constitution and that evidently."

The king remarked that there were certainly fewer communists in Spain than in France, "but perhaps our climate makes ours more virulent."

The king spoke of the belated saying Italy has been the first country to grasp the fact that parliamentarism was incapable of resisting the effort the soviet government was making to impose its will upon the world by force. Spain had followed suit.

"Who knows," he asked, "if other nations will not be obliged to abandon legality for a time? I see the outline of the sword forming almost everywhere."

A. P. RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS

New York, Apr. 22.—The board of directors of the Associated Press today re-elected its officers as follows: President, Frank R. Noyes, Washington Star; first vice president, E. H. Butler, Buffalo, N. Y.; second vice president, C. P. J. Mooney, Memphis, Tenn.; Commercial Appeal; secretary, Melville E. Stone; treasurer, J. R. Youatt.

Kent Cooper, the new general manager succeeds Frederick Roy Martin, the retiring general manager, as assistant secretary.

The executive committee of the board consists of Clark Howell, Atlanta, Ga.; Constitution; Chas. Hopkins Clark, Hartford, Conn.; Courant; Elbert H. Baker, Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer; Frank B. Noyes, Washington Star; Adolph S. Ochs, New York Times; E. Lansing Ray, St. Louis, Mo., Globe-Democrat; and Robert McLean, Philadelphia Bulletin.

Give Bulgaria Permission to Enlarge Army

Paris, Apr. 22.—(By Associated Press)—The council of ambassadors today authorized Bulgaria to increase her armed forces by seven thousand, the permission to extend only until the end of May for the purpose of settling present disturbances.

FISTS FLY IN BALLOTING OF CHAMBER

Former Premier Herriot Elected President By Deputies; Opponents Cast No Votes.

Paris, April 22.—(By Associated Press)—Former Premier Edouard Herriot, was elected president of the chamber of deputies this evening. He received 270 votes with but a single vote against him, the opposition abstaining from voting.

The members of the Cartel, or group supporting the government, arose and cheered when the result was announced. The new president of the lower house bowed his thanks in return and the chamber adjourned. He will preside over the session tomorrow.

There was some speculation as to whether the ex-premier had voted for himself or whether he was the lone deputy who voted the other way.

Paris, April 22.—(By Associated Press)—Fist fights occurred on the president's rostrum of the chamber of deputies this afternoon during the second balloting for the presidency of the body.

When a member of the opposition, Deputy Balamat, charged that "ten deputies voted twice," two scuffles broke through the protection offered by the sergeant at arms. There was much wild swinging of arms.

One straight arm punch staggered Balamat, whose friends mixed in making the fight general on the rostrum. Suspension of the session was necessary before order could be restored.

GIRL WANTED IN PORTLAND HELD

Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt has returned from Detroit bringing with him Wilma Peterson, wanted in Portland on a charge of obtaining money by false pretense. Burkhardt found his quarry working as a waitress in a logging camp, and she told him a story of blasted hopes revolving around a touring car and a Ford coupe which resulted in the warrant being sworn out against her in Portland.

According to the woman the man she was engaged to marry in Portland owned an automobile which he kept in a public garage. He left for a trip and asked her to watch out for the car. She paid storage on it a number of months when the garage owner suggested she might trade it in on a Ford coupe, for which she expressed a fancy. She told him she didn't own the car. However, he said, she had been paying storage on it a number of months and the car was her's. So she traded, promising a money consideration besides. She paid \$20 a month for a time on the Ford coupe, but couldn't keep up the payments and gave it back.

Then the climax came, her old sweetheart, who owned the original car came back. She says her lawyers told her that nothing could be done to her and so she went to Detroit. Last night she spent in jail.

"She sang all the way from Detroit to Mill City, but when I told her she would have to spend the night in jail her features dropped and the singing quit," said Burkhardt. Portland officers were used to take her back to the big city today.

LOS ANGELES STIRRED BY NEW MURDER

Police Find Body of Unidentified Woman, Beaten to Death Follow Attack at Road House.

Los Angeles, Cal., Apr. 22.—The bruised skull and crushed body of Mrs. L. Untermeyer, comely dressmaker of the suburban town of Palme, with practically all clothing torn from it, was found today behind a roadhouse at Culver City near here.

A diamond ring and pearl necklace found on the body eliminated a theory of robbery, the police said. Several residents of the neighborhood reported that they had heard groans about midnight in the vicinity in which the tragedy was uncovered.

Surgical examination revealed that the woman had been killed with a club after being criminally assaulted. Her skull was crushed.

Earlier police reports fixed her identity as Mildred Tracy, inmate of a Culver City sanitarium, who had escaped from the institution yesterday. This identification later was proved erroneous.

The body when found was apparently clad, the greater portion of the clothing having been torn off, apparently in the struggle which the victim had waged with her attacker.

No marks of identification could be found on the clothing that remained on the body or on the articles which had been torn off and lay scattered around.

A bloodstained battered club was found nearby.

DAVIS SCORES CHURCH FIGHT ON ARMY PLANS

Washington, April 22.—Warning against "certain religious bodies" which have condemned national defense plans, was sounded here today by Acting Secretary Davis of the war department, at a luncheon at the council of chaplains, which is meeting here to study the department plans for religion in the army.

"In a sense it may be a natural reaction to harrowing experiences of the World war," Mr. Davis said, "but the very reaction, it is likely to go to extreme."

"I am heartily in sympathy with any constructive effort that is intended to do away with the tragedy of war. The church would be untrue to one of its greatest tenets if it did not do its utmost to bring about 'peace on earth,' but it will do more by promoting 'good will among men' and by creating a sentiment which shall make it possible for a man to serve his country in the army without feeling that by so doing he is acting disloyalty toward the Maeter."

"Many a good cause has found its worst enemy among its ill-advised friends. The church, like the individual, needs to be on its guard against emotional reaction."

CHAUNCEY DEPEW 91 ON THURSDAY

New York, Apr. 22.—Chauncey M. Depew, former United States senator from New York and now active as chairman of the board of directors of the New York Central railroad, tomorrow will celebrate his 91st birthday by going to work as usual at his desk in the railroad's office here.

In an interview today he discussed many topics in his usually optimistic manner. Asked whether he thought the world was getting better or worse he said: "By heckery, it is getting better! Despite the calamity howlers. "Believe in your country, your fellow man, have faith in God, be reasonably careful of your diet, and temperate in your appetite, and the rest of the problem will take care of itself."

State Insurance Clause Dropped in School Contract

A heated argument took place at a meeting of the state board of control today over the question whether the state, in its contract for construction of the new state training school, should enforce a contract which has been signed and which provides that the contractor must come under the workmen's compensation act while on that work. Governor Pierce held that the contract should be enforced, but he was voted down by State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Koser, and the contract will be altered accordingly.

The contractor, it appears, is insured with the Aetna Casualty & Surety company, and Karl Lively, a representative of that firm, participated in the discussion. It was claimed that the policy furnished by the company provides for practically the same benefits as provided by the state department. W. A. Marshall, of the accident commission, sided with the governor in the argument, which became tropical at times.

The actien taken today does not establish a policy with respect to future contracts. This is to be taken up later.

PLAN TO EXAMINE IMMIGRANTS AT FOREIGN PORTS

Washington, April 22.—Labor department plans for examining prospective immigrants abroad which immigration officials hope will eventually eliminate the need for an immigration station at Ellis Island and other ports, were up for consideration at an inter-departmental conference called here today at the instance of Secretary Davis.

The plans, which labor department officials hope may soon be put into effect, contemplate more complete examination of intending immigrants, both medical and otherwise, at American consulates abroad and possibly at ports of embarkation. They contain the further suggestion that inspectors and medical examiners conduct examinations aboard ship during the voyage to American ports.

The new program, designed to remedy what officials regard as the most objectionable feature of the present system requiring immigrants to undergo medical examination upon their arrival in this country had been submitted to the consideration of officials of the public health service and other agencies concerned prior to calling today's conference.

The Ellis Island station, which has become the "white elephant" of the labor department and where conditions were bitterly assailed a year ago in the British parliament, would be eliminated under the eventual operation of the new plan as an immigration station and used only as a concentration point for aliens held for deportation.

LYNCH WILL TRY SHEPHERD CASE

Chicago, April 22.—Chief Justice Hopkins of the criminal court today assigned the trial of William D. Shepherd, charged with the murder of his foster son, William N. McClintock, by typhoid inoculation, to Judge Thomas Lynch for trial. Judge Lynch announced that he would set the case for next Monday for preliminary motions.

"Our calendar is in such shape that it will be possible to grant a reasonably early trial," said Judge Lynch.

SHIP SALE INJUNCTION CONTINUED ANOTHER DAY

Washington, April 22.—The temporary injunction restraining sale to the Dollar interests of five shiping board vessels in the Pacific trade has been extended until tomorrow.

Attorneys for the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which now operates the vessels for the board asked for the extension so that the Pacific Mail officials could have more time to decide their future action in the case.

The governor averred that the insurance companies "hold a knife at the heart of state compensation and will kill it." Kay declared that the governor had done more than anyone else to kill it by urging withdrawal of state aid for the department. Both the governor and Kay said they were in favor of state compensation, but the governor said he favored compulsory insurance under the state commission, while Kay said he opposed it.

Koser's vote was on the basis of a precedent set when the same contractor built a wing on the eastern Oregon insane hospital at Pendleton. The contractor at that time provided for state compensation, but this provision was not enforced by the state, and it was said the contractor signed a similar contract for the training school in the supposition that again it would not be enforced.

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27 METHODIST CONFERENCES VOTE TO UNITE

Chicago, April 22.—Twenty-seven conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church have voted 2420 to 241 in favor of unification of the Methodist Episcopal church South, according to figures announced today by Dr. R. J. Wade, secretary of the general conference of the northern church.

Only two conferences of the southern church have voted on the proposition, the Cuban conference having voted unanimously for unification, while the Baltimore conference voted against it. There are 37 conferences in the southern church yet to take action.

In the northern church, five spring conferences and 78 conferences which meet next fall, remain to be heard from. Of the 27 conferences which have balloted the vote of the Wyoming conference of Pennsylvania, which acted on April 17, has not yet been received.

HEAD OF BLIND AGENCY RESIGNS

Mrs. Ella Goodin today resigned as acting superintendent of the state employment institution for the blind in Portland, effective May 15. State Senator W. J. H. Clark was elected in her place and Mrs. Clark will serve as matron. The combined salaries for the two will be \$2500 a year.

The firm of Knighton and Howell were employed to draw plans for a new wing of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, cost of the wing to be \$225,000.

Grand Jury to Probe Death of Child After Beating by Woman

Tillamook, Or., April 22.—The death yesterday of Sylvia Louise Deacamps, aged 4, at the farm home of her grandmother, Mrs. M. C. Paton, 35 miles south of Tillamook, following a beating which the grandmother admitted to District Attorney Barrick she had given the child will be investigated tomorrow by the county grand jury, Barrick announced today. The nature of charges, if any, will be determined by the findings of the grand jury, he added. Mrs. Paton is in jail here.

The girl's body was taken in charge late yesterday by Coroner Henkle after investigation by Barrick and Deputy Sheriff Lucas of reports that the child had died after receiving a beating with a strap at the hands of the grandmother. Mrs. Paton, the authori-

AUTHORSHIP OF TELEGRAM QUESTIONED

Former Secretary Doubts If Alleged Message To Oil Operator Signed By Montana Solon.

Great Falls, Mont., Apr. 22.—(By Associated Press)—Reumung the story of his connection with Gordon Campbell, Montana oil promoter, Senator Burton K. Wheeler again took the witness stand in his trial here today. He explained that he was employed by Campbell to defend a receivership case against Campbell brought by L. C. Stevenson, a rival oil man.

He said Tom Stout, former Montana Congressman, came to him in Butte in January, 1923, and asked him to take the case.

"I told Mr. Stout I was leaving for Washington soon and was not prepared to take on many cases," said Senator Wheeler.

"I also explained that I could take no case involving an appearance in land permits. I said I would have to have \$10,000 a year to take the case. Later I was informed Campbell did not have that much cash available and I agreed to accept \$4000 in cash and the rest later."

Richard A. Inaste, former secretary to Senator Wheeler, testified today that he did not believe a telegram signed by Wheeler and sent to Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, on March 14, 1923, was sent by his employer.

"The telegram read: 'Have already discussed permit with solicitor.' (Edwin S. Booth)

POLLEY GRANTED WRIT OF REVIEW

Judge McMahan of the circuit court today granted a writ of review in the case of the state against Joe Polley, a Bend, Or., contractor, who is accused with a violation of the prohibition law in connection with the seizure of a still. The case is being appealed from the justice to the circuit court.

When the case was called for hearing last Friday, District Attorney Carso moved that the justice of the peace sit as a committing magistrate and bind the defendant yore to the grand jury without hearing. The motion was granted and Polley was freed upon furnishing bail of \$250. He has returned to eastern Oregon. Polley insists on a hearing in the case, which is the reason for the appeal.

While the law provides that the district attorney may, any time before trial, move that the justice of the peace sit as committing magistrate, it is the contention of Polley's attorney that the trial was under way before the motion was made inasmuch as the jury had been drawn and witnesses for both sides were present.

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The child went out to play after the whipping, and later came in complaining of feeling ill. Mrs. Paton said she did not intend to harm the child and did not realize she was striking the child hard.

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