

# TOBACCO TAX IS ATTACKED

## LINEN MILL FUND GAINS OVER \$20,000

### Solicitors Report Total of \$175,130 Subscribed; Teams To Report Again Next Monday.

Taking a definite spurt since noon yesterday, the teams raising subscriptions for the new \$600,000 linen mill at Salem today reported over \$20,000 in subscriptions secured since then, making a total of exactly \$175,130. The teams met at the chamber of commerce rooms this noon. No general meeting will be held again until Monday noon, at which time it is hoped to report enough money raised to pass the \$200,000 mark.

"I think the situation looks very encouraging," declared Terry Hicks president of the chamber of commerce.

R. O. Snelling and a party of Salem men were scheduled to go to Albany and Corvallis this afternoon, meeting a party of local men at each of the towns and getting plans underway to stage campaigns there.

"Just as soon as Salem, Silverton and other valley points become sure of raising their quotas, Portland may be depended upon for her's," said Colonel Bortram, who was present at the luncheon.

"They have definitely assured us that we may depend upon them as soon as the proposition becomes certain here."

D. N. Sanson, head of Dominion (Continued on Page Seven)

## PASSENGERS SAY RESCUE EFFORTS LAX

### Officers of White Star Liner Criticized For Failure To Aid Crew Sinking Freighter.

New York, April 23.—Passengers who arrived on the White Star liner *Homeric* after seeing the Japanese freighter, *Rafuku Maru* sink with its 55 officers and men, expressed widely divergent views as to whether every possible effort had been made by the *Homeric's* officers to save the Japanese seamen.

The division among the passengers was about equal, some saying that everything humanly possible had been done and that it would have been suicide to launch the *Homeric's* lifeboats, other stating that they believed some lives might have been saved had the boats been launched or sails set adrift towards the sinking vessel.

Captain John Kobrick was given a testimonial signed by 123 of the 238 first class passengers.

Criticism Severe

Liston L. Lewis, New York attorney said: "I was not impressed that the *Homeric* upheld the traditions of English sailors."

Amos Pinchet, lawyer and publisher and brother of Governor Gifford Pinchet of Pennsylvania, said he saw some of the sailors struggling in the water after their ship had foundered, and added "Numerous persons expressed anger and regret that we did not stand by for a few minutes more than we did after the ship sank."

Paul E. Albert, grain and marine insurance man said: "If rafts had been launched from the *Homeric* even without seamen on them, I believe the seas would have carried the rafts to the men. There certainly was no heroic effort to rescue the Japanese."

Among those who defended Captain Roberts was the Reverend James J. Talbot of Old St. Patrick's cathedral, who prayed with bared head as the men were drowned.

## AMBASSADOR IN ENGLAND



Plymouth, Eng., April 23.—Alanson B. Houghton, newly appointed American ambassador to Great Britain, arrived here on the S. S. *George Washington* today. He was welcomed aboard the ship by the mayor of Plymouth, accompanied by Lord Astor.

Late yesterday miners engaged in a second effort to release his body, instead of encountering a mammoth rock supposed to be pinning the body, found a stone of but 75 to 100 pounds weight across his ankles.

Morsels of food, rope, chisels and hammers carried to him during the early days of his entrapment, were found by his side. Soon afterward the miners had dragged the body to safety at the foot of the shaft.

Their efforts beat possible cessation only by a few seconds, for almost immediately after the body had been withdrawn, the lateral caved in and laid a hundred feet below into a dark pit. This substantiated Collins' remarks to rescuers who crawled to him in the early days of his imprisonment that a deep pit was right behind him.

## COLLINS BODY IS RECOVERED FROM CAVERN

### Rescuers Find Only Small Rock Pinning Body Down; Deep Pit Revealed Just Behind Body.

Cave City, Ky., April 23.—(By Associated Press)—Floyd Collins' body today was free from the underground trap where he met slow death two months ago, while a nation vainly prayed and feverishly waited for word that he had been saved alive.

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## APRIL HEAT MARKS ARE SHATTERED

### Abnormal Temperatures Reported From Nebraska to New England; Omaha Has 89 Degrees.

Indianapolis, Apr. 23.—Temperatures nearly 15 degrees above normal prevailed throughout Indiana today. At noon the temperature here was 84 degrees, the highest of the year.

Omaha, Neb., April 23.—Heavy wind and rain storms over Nebraska last night and early today followed the warmest day of the year in the eastern part of the state, the temperature rising to 83 degrees Wednesday. Trees, small buildings and all telegraph lines suffered heavy damage.

Columbus, Ohio, April 23.—Heat with the mercury climbing steadily all heat records for April 23 in Columbus since 1845 had been broken at 3 p. m., when the official thermometer registered 83. The last 1885 record is 81.

St. Paul, Minn., April 23.—The heat wave that struck the Twin Cities yesterday was broken with a slight shower this afternoon after the thermometer had registered 80 degrees at noon. Two deaths in Hennepin county yesterday were attributed to the heat.

Boston, April 23.—Boston experienced its warmest April 23 in 17 years today when the mercury climbed to 80.5 degrees at 2 p. m.

Chicago, April 23.—A new heat record for this date in Chicago seemed in prospect today as the temperature mounted to 84 at noon today, equalling the record of 84 on April 23, 1915.

## Court Biased, Says Will Purdy; Seeks Change of Venue

### Will E. Purdy feels that he cannot secure a fair shake in Judge Kelly's court in his damage suit against Walter C. Winslow and S. E. Endicott, prominent local attorneys. He feels it in "his inmost soul" he admits he believes that Judge Kelly is perfectly honest, on and off the bench, but he has been informed that Judge Kelly has a great attachment for Winslow and a particular disliking for himself, and for that reason asks for a change of venue in his damage suit.

"I feel within my inmost soul that I cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the issue involved in this court. I believe just as firmly that Judge Kelly is honest on or off the bench, and that he would do what he thought to be honest and right as best he could, but I believe that the defendant Walter C. Winslow is in special favor with his honor and that this plaintiff is in special disfavor and it would not be fair to this plaintiff to have the issues involved tried out before a judge with his mind in that condition."

He asks the trial removed to the court most convenient for all parties concerned. Purdy says he attempted to serve the motion on Winslow at his office, but Winslow refused to accept such service.

Great Falls, Mont., April 23.—(By Associated Press)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler feigned the witness stand in his trial today to complete the story of his connection with Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator for whom he is accused of illegally appearing before the department of the interior in prosecution of oil land permits.

The defense has offered to rest its case providing the government will admit a stipulation showing that Washington telephone records do not reveal that a call was made on March 13, 1923, between Edwin S. Booth, solicitor in the interior department and Hayes. Hayes testified that Booth called him and arranged for him to meet Senator Wheeler.

The government thus far has been unwilling to agree to the stipulation.

New York, April 23.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, counsel for Senator Burton K. Wheeler, who is on trial at Great Falls, Mont., on a charge of illegally prosecuting oil prospecting permits, has sent a telegram to District Attorney Banton here, asking that Alexander Lehman, assistant on Senator's staff, be permitted to go to Montana as a witness for Wheeler.

"In the interests of justice, kindly release your assistant, Alexander Lehman, to attend Wheeler's trial here," read the telegram.

Mr. Lehman is ill at his home here and it was not announced whether he would go to Montana.

## REFERENDUM TO BE FILED HERE FRIDAY

### Move To Delay Enforcement of Revenue Measure Presages Special Legislative Session Soon

Oscar T. Olsen, secretary of the Portland Retail Tobacco Dealers' association, and Lawrence McNary, Portland attorney, are here today making preliminary arrangements to invoke the referendum on the tobacco tax bill enacted by the 1925 legislature. It was said that the papers will be filed with the secretary of state tomorrow and request made of Attorney General Van Winkle for ballot title.

While here today Olsen and McNary conferred with Secretary of State Koser and the attorney general. One angle of the referendum discussed was the number of names that will be necessary on referendum petitions pertaining to all measures on which the referendum is to be invoked. This question was placed before the attorney general several weeks ago by the secretary of state and Attorney General Van Winkle is expected to hand down an opinion on this today.

Heretofore only about 8000 names were necessary on referendum petitions under the law providing that those should be 5 per cent of the vote cast for justice of the supreme court in the last previous general election, but always heretofore it has happened that this vote was represented by the ballot cast for a candidate running without opposition. In the last election, however, there were a republican, a democratic and an independent candidate in the running, and if the petitions must have 5 per cent of the total vote cast for those the number will be about 20,000.

The tobacco tax act will be the third measure of the 1925 session on which the referendum is being invoked. The other two are the so-called titling bill requiring self-sustaining state activities to pay into the general state fund 10 per cent of their financial returns, and the bus bill. Completed referendum petitions must be filed by May 28 the date on which the new laws become effective or the referendum fails.

The tobacco tax and the titling bill were two of the revenue measures designed to rescue the state from a financial note caused by a shortage of available funds for the present biennium amounting to about \$1,000,000. The tobacco tax alone was variously estimated to raise from \$500,000 to \$1,225,000 and mainly depended on to relieve the state.

If the referendums are successful, and in view of the fact that Governor Pierce vetoed the measure calling for a special election next September in event any of the revenue bills were referended, the question arises, "What is the state going to do? Some speculation as to the probability of a special legislative session in the latter part of the present year is already being heard in Salem."

## REFORMERS SAY NEW YORK CITY HUGE VICE DEN

New York, Apr. 23.—New York is pictured as the modern Babylon degraded below Berlin or Paris, in the fifty first annual report of the New York society for the suppression of vice, made public today. Licentious and lascivious matter purveyed by stage, screen and book stands is held responsible.

The society advocates a state licensing law for theatrical producers and a clarification of the act against obscene literature.

It charges that the "so called dean of the theatrical profession" is the sponsor for a current play that even the blasphemous reviewers described in a manner to leave no doubt as to its objectionable character.

"What a chorus it would be," the report asserts, "if all of the theatrical producers who are at the present time exhibiting licentious shows on Broadway and all the publishers of books and magazines and pictures who are disseminating lascivious products, were compelled to stand at the entrance of their places of business and cry 'unclean, unclean, unclean.'"

## YOUTH REPENTS SAYS STEALING TIRES BAD HABIT

"I surely am going to try to break myself of that habit," was the repentant declaration of a 17-year-old Mehana boy who started to walk in from Mehana yesterday afternoon to Salem to confess to the sheriff that he had been implicated in a theft of tires from a truck belonging to a Mehana farmer. The habit he referred to was stealing the tires.

The boy started to walk, but the gods who protect all repentant boys worked out a strange freak of fate for him. These little gods sent Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith along the same road where the boy was walking. Bert drove up behind the boy between here and Stayton, noticed his footstep trail, and asked him if he didn't want to turn. The boy did. During the ride it came out the lad was headed for the sheriff's office to confess.

"I took those tires and couldn't sleep," the boy told the officers. "The theft preyed on my mind. Finally I decided the only way out of the deal was to come into Salem and tell the sheriff. I know where the tires are and will give them back."

County Judge Hunt told the boy to go home, dig up the tires and return them to their owner. The boy had no money, but he said he was acquainted with the stage driver and would have no trouble getting home.

Two other lads implicated in the tire theft have left the country, the boy said.

"Yes sir, that habit of stealing tires is a bad one, and I surely am going to try to break myself of it," he reiterated to the judge as he left.

## BROWN DEFENDS BELIEF IN TALKS

New York, April 23.—In the robes of the bishopric, Bishop William Montgomery Brown, twice convicted by the ecclesiastical courts of heresy, defended his belief from the pulpit of the community church of New York last night while outside the church police reserves held back the overflow crowd.

Bishop Brown said he was delivering the address he had prepared for last Sunday at St. Marks-in-the-Bowery. Bishop William T. Manning of the New York Episcopal diocese inhibited him from delivering it in an Episcopal church of the diocese and restrained Dr. Guthrie, rector of St. Marks from permitting Bishop Brown to speak there.

Bishop Brown explained that he had entirely abandoned supernaturalistic theology and interpreted the Bible as allegorical and idealistic expression when it dealt with events unacceptable in the light of modern scientific progress.

## DEMPSEY READY TO FIGHT WILLS

New York, Apr. 23.—Jack Dempsey arrived in New York this morning, ready for "a stage of motion picture work and then perhaps a trip abroad with his wife," the former Estelle Taylor who accompanied him here.

The heavyweight champion, looking fit and thus, said he would fight any opponent selected by his manager, Jack Kearns. He emphatically denied reports of a rift between Kearns and himself and said the two would continue to split fight purses on a "fifty-fifty" basis.

"I'll fight Harry Wills or anyone else, anywhere, anytime," declared the champion. He expressed confidence that his differences with the state boxing commission would be settled, asserting that he would rather fight in the east where he had so many friends.

In fact said that he might retire in New York when he and his wife returned from Europe.

## FORMER CONVICT BELIEVED YEGG

Medford, Or., April 23.—A master crackman thought by the sheriff's office to be Lee Duncan, ex-convict, who escaped from the Douglas county jail at Roseburg, the first of the week, by hitting his keeper in the head with a trap—early this morning cracked safes in the Plekard meat market and the W. H. Miller store at Gold Hill, securing \$250 in pennies and negotiable paper of the value of about \$200.

Suspicion is directed at Duncan, the jailbreaker, for the following reasons, according to the sheriff's office:

He is wanted by Jackson county authorities for the robbery of the M. S. Johnson hardware store in Gold Hill, he believed to have two pals in that section, and is thoroughly acquainted with the "lay" of the Gold Hill business district and surrounding country; further he is known to be headed south.

Sheriff Jennings said this noon that the safecracking was one of the most thorough and workmanlike pieces of criminal effort he had ever seen. The only damage, outside of the completely ruined safes, was a marked counter in the meat market caused by the safe being blown against it.

Telegraphic descriptions of Duncan were sent out this morning to Ashland and all northern California points.

## MAN SUSPECTED OF MURDER FREE

Los Angeles, Cal., April 23.—Freedom for one suspect held in connection with the killing of Mrs. Louise Untermyer at Culver City near here Tuesday night and the tightening of the net of circumstantial evidence about the other, was predicted here today by officers working on the case.

Luis Valdez, despite the bloodstains on his clothing is believed to be innocent of the crime, they say. Further evidence has been gathered concerning Stanley Siviere, acquaintance of the dead woman, the officers declared. They said that Siviere has been unable to account for his movements the night Mrs. Untermyer was slain.

The request of Mrs. Untermyer's body which was found yesterday morning with skull crushed and stomach completely absorbed, will be held tomorrow.

## BUTTE COVERED BY 14 INCH SNOW

Butte, Mont., Apr. 23.—Butte was under a 14 inch blanket of snow today with the storm, which started last night, continuing. It was one of the heaviest snowfalls on record here. Traffic in the city has been partially interrupted. Other parts of the state reported heavy rains which turned to snow at some points.

## DEAD VETERAN'S BOY TO BE GIVEN CHANCE WITH LEGION'S AID

Through the kind offices of June Valliant, service officer of Oregon for the American Legion, a 13 year old son of a veteran who was killed in France, will be brought up under the direction of ex-service men and given a chance by his big buddies. This lad, with another, one of a trio who escaped from St. Mary's home near Portland, was picked up at Woodburn and brought here. The third lad was lost from the trio near Monitor and is still wandering about the country as far as is known. The second lad is still at the Deaconess hospital here.

The son of the dead soldier was committed to St. Mary's home from Klamath Falls. The three lads tired of the discipline at the home and armed with a hatch saw, a skeleton key and a firm determination to make their way in the world, with the aid of the hach saw and skeleton key if necessary, they started up the valley.

After their apprehension and detention here, American Legion officers in Portland learned of the plight of their dead comrade's son and rushed their service officer here. He spent all day yesterday and three telephone calls and a telegram were required before the county court at Klamath Falls, where the boy's mother lives, would release the lad to the service men. But he was taken to Portland last night.

"We are going to do our best to make the sort of a man out of this lad his father would like to have him be," said Valliant, as he boosted the boy into his car.

The second lad's father lives in Oklahoma. What to do with this boy is more of a problem. The home at Portland won't take him back as this is his fourth escape from there and he is said to have been a repeated trouble maker. His disposition seems to be up to the county court here.

## Stranger Pursued by Visionary Sleuths is Committed to Asylum

Nine detectives are on the trail of Eskil Strang. In the back ground is the shadowy figure of a Los Angeles real estate man. In Eskil's inside pocket are \$2000 worth of bonds, in his trousers \$1500 in bills and in the bank a deposit of large sums of wealth. The toll for Los Angeles real estate. The detectives have been shadowing Eskil for months. They followed him from California to Seattle and from Seattle to Portland and Salem.

They were still on his trail last evening when Eskil was discovered by local officers pacing up and down a Salem street. Furtive glances over his shoulders, indicated to the officers that there was something on Eskil's mind. So they picked him up to ascertain the cause.

They took him before Dr. W. H. Boyd and Eskil told him the whole lurid story. How he had been a poor carpenter, hard working all his life until he invested in Los Angeles real estate. The boom came on and he said out. With a pile of money his troubles began. The detectives began to ask him out. The number of detectives at last mounted to nine. In addition policemen, sheriffs and others now and then joined in the hunt. Just what they wanted him for Eskil couldn't explain. At any rate he was taken a state hospital to be as taken and locked up. No detective need apply. Incidentally it was discovered that the \$2000 in bonds and \$1500 in currency were all fictitious. The man did have a bank book showing a deposit of \$2200 at one time, however.

## D. A. R. ENTERTAINED BY PRESIDENT AND WIFE

Washington, April 23.—A reception at the White House by President and Mrs. Coolidge for attending delegates was included on today's program of the annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## RUSSIANS FLOCK INTO CHINA, SAYS SPEAKER

Seattle, Wash., April 23.—China is being invaded by hundreds of Russians who are taking out Chinese citizenship papers today, declared Rev. Daniel McGillicuddy, Catholic missionary from Kansas, pro inc. of Kiangsi, who arrived here yesterday on the S. S. *President Madison* from Shanghai.

"I believe that this invasion is for the purpose of aggrandizement and other nations should watch this movement to protect their interests in China," said Father McGillicuddy.

The missionary was accompanied by Rev. E. T. Sheehan, director of a Catholic mission in the district of Jacobus. Both are to visit Philadelphia and then return to their stations in China.

## 2 GRAND PIANOS AND 6 MEN PLANE'S CARGO

Minneapolis, N. Y., April 23.—A biplane loaded with two baby grand pianos and carrying six men, left Roosevelt field today for Washington.

One of the pianos was consigned to Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and was to be delivered to her secretary at Bolling field at noon. The second instrument was for a Washington piano dealer.

Shepherd Trial Delayed.

Chicago, April 23.—The trial of William D. Shepherd charged with the murder of William N. McClinton, his foster son, by a typhoid germ, is expected to start about the middle of May, it was indicated today.

## PORTLAND BOXER WINS

Klamath Falls, Or., April 23.—Rocco Stramaglia, Portland heavyweight, clipped Earl Ritchie, Klamath logger, on the chin last night, and the Klamath pride was through for the night. The knock-out came in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout.