

# BULGARIAN RIGHTS CONTINUE

## WHEELER IS ACQUITTED OF CHARGES

### Exoneration and News of Birth of Daughter Are Received At Same Time By Senator.

Great Falls, Mont., April 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, late vice-presidential candidate and political storm center, basked today in the double distilled sunshine of fortune. This followed what developed to be a red letter event in the Wheeler family last night when he stood in federal court here and received two messages simultaneously, one being his acquittal of a charge of wrongfully using his senatorial influence with the interior department and the other announcing the birth of a daughter in the Wheeler home in Washington.



BURTON K. WHEELER

## FROST DAMAGE TO WASHINGTON FRUIT SLIGHT

Yakima, Wash., April 25.—Though warnings of a damaging frost were broadcast all over the Yakima valley last night this morning's check showed that there had been practically no damage, thanks to the heavy clouds that formed early in the evening and the high wind.

Wenatchee, Wash., April 25.—No damage to fruit in the Wenatchee valley was reported today at the horticultural office following last night's light frost. A strong wind blew most of the night.

Reports from Omak today said the mercury went down to 27 last night and Pogue Flats reported one-quarter of an inch of ice. Concomitantly had 25 degree above zero.

## FASTER AIR MAIL SERVICE, ORDER

Washington, April 25.—Speeding up the transcontinental air mail service was ordered today by Postmaster General New in order to cut down transit time between San Francisco and New York from 31 hours and 35 minutes to 23 hours and 56 minutes, and at the same time to advance southern California air mail practically one full day.

Departures from San Francisco will be made at 8:45 a. m., effective May 1, instead of 6:30 a. m., as at present. This will enable mail leaving Los Angeles at 6 p. m. to be placed on the transcontinental plane leaving San Francisco the following morning instead of being held there 24 hours. The change will not affect time of arrival at New York.

## PENSION CHECK CASHED; TOBIN FACING CHARGE

Representatives of the federal secret service from Portland are expected here today to take back with them Al Tobin, now in the county jail with his brother, charged with having assisted in cashing a pension check belonging to an inmate patient at the state hospital. It is alleged that Tobin's brother, E. J. Tobin, now in jail charged with assisting a patient to escape from the insane hospital, extracted the check from the patient's wall, gave it to his brother who cashed it here in Salem. It is probable both of the Tobins will fall into the federal net because of the act, secret service operatives having been here checking up on all of the circumstances.

## Drugless Healer is Tricked Into Signing Extradition Papers

Seattle, Wash., April 25.—W. A. Anderson, drugless healer, also known as Major Wellington M. Belford and Dr. Martin L. Belford, arrested in Vancouver, April 15, on embezzlement charges made in Detroit, left here today for that city in charge of Lieutenant H. J. Garvin of the Detroit police. Garvin related that he tricked Anderson into signing extradition and brought him across the international line last night.

## WESTERN UNION TO RESIST TAX

The public service commission today received a letter from the Western Union Telegraph company, signed by Francis R. Stark of New York, general attorney, indicating that the company will refuse to pay the state of Oregon a gross earnings tax under House Bill 485 of the 1925 legislature. The contention is that the act is unconstitutional for the reason that it burdens an emergency on a tax measure.

## EX-CONVICT RECAPTURED AT ROSEBURG

### Lee Duncan, Who Escaped County Jail By Slugging Officer, Caught; Admits Store Robbery.

Roseburg, Or., April 25.—Lee Duncan, who for the past three days has been a fugitive, after escaping from the county jail, was captured this morning on the banks of the South Umpqua river, about one mile south of the city limits.

When arrested Duncan was wearing clothing stolen from the J. C. Penney store on Thursday night and he gave the officers a complete account of the robbery of that store, telling them where they would find articles of clothing which he stated he had hidden.

Duncan was seen this morning by Lewis Payne, a young school boy of Alexander's addition, near where the fugitive was hiding, and a report was made to the sheriff's office and deputies succeeded in locating Duncan within a few minutes. He made no resistance and freely discussed with the officers the details of his three day flight through the woods.

## NEIGHBORS OF OBERHOLTZER GIRL WILL ACT

Indianapolis, Ind., April 25.—Residents of Irvington, the suburb in which is located the home of Miss Madge Oberholzer, were called today to assemble in a mass meeting to outline plans for assisting authorities to bring to justice the persons responsible for her death.

D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, whose home is also in Irvington, has been indicted on a charge of first degree murder in connection with Miss Oberholzer's death.

## PLAN TO CURTAIL COAST LOGGING

Portland, April 25.—Curtailling of logging operations in western Oregon and Washington as a means of stabilizing the industry was tentatively agreed on at a conference here yesterday. The Portland Telegram says today. The agreement will be put into conclusive form Monday, it is added.

## CONVICT FREED REARRESTED

Jefferson City, Mo., April 25.—James Carroll, released today from the state prison after serving a term for burglary and larceny, was taken into custody by officers from the state of Washington, where he is wanted on a charge of burglary.

## RAILROAD TO FOLLOW OUT HILL'S PLANS

### Oregon Extensions Projected By "Empire Builder" to be Pushed, Asserts G. N. Head.

Portland, April 25.—Declaration by Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway that his company in planning an extension south from Bend is aiming to carry out the plans of the late J. J. Hill, and a report by Ben Dey, counsel for the Southern Pacific that his company's Natron cut-off, has been completed 45 of the 105 miles and that the project would be finished early next year, were features of discussion at the Oregon railroad situation at the annual dinner meeting of the chamber of commerce last night.

"It is our aim and ambition to carry out the things so far as possible," Mr. Hill wanted to do," said Mr. Budd. "This has been impossible for some years. Conditions have improved and the Great Northern plans to do some building in Montana, for instance, there is need for more rail roads, and there is likely to be some building there. This may seem far away, yet the benefits will probably be reflected here in giving wider markets to Oregon products."

War Halted Plans "Plans Mr. Hill made in general Oregon were not completed at the time of his death. Up the Deschutes river a road was built that was intended to extend farther south. This war came on and delayed completion of the plan. It now appears further development in that section of the state is at hand."

"If it appears the Oregon Trunk can be extended southward, it is our belief business would be stimulated there and further development would follow. There would be more business for all interests concerned."

"The status of the road as mapped from Bend south was that the surveys made there had conflicts with the Natron road of the South Pacific company. There were places where the surveys used the same ground and the roads crossed."

## WIFE LEAVES WORD FOR TRAPPED MINER TO GET LOAF BREAD

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## PEASANTS REFUSE TO SUPPORT KING BORIS

Vienna, April 25.—(By Associated Press.)—It is reported here that King Boris of Bulgaria, in an autographed letter to M. Gheff, leader of the Bulgarian refugees in Jugoslavia has invited the members of the peasant party out of the country to return home, their representative to enter the government.

## Pioneers to See Feature Film as Guests of Honor

### A group of 15 or 20 old pioneers, who have been residents of Oregon for 70 years or more, will see "Janice Meredith," moving picture of Revolutionary days, as special guests of Capital Journal and the Oregon theater next Monday.

The picture itself features Marion Davies, prominent screen star. It is her newest screen production, and is a thrilling story of a time in history of particular interest to pioneers. "American to the core," is the way the picture is described by critics.

"Janice Meredith" began a four day run at the Oregon Theater today, drawing heavy crowds. A number of people saw the advance showing of the picture yesterday morning, and were high in their praises of it.

## MICHIGAN TAKES HAND IN OREGON SCHOOL APPEAL

Washington, Apr. 25.—The Public School Defense League of Detroit, filed a brief in the supreme court today in the case brought by Oregon to maintain its law requiring children between 6 and 16 years of age to attend public schools. Appearing as a friend of the court the league declared that should the Oregon statute be enacted a similar statute would be enacted by Michigan.

It was contended that unless states could require children of school age to attend public schools not only the schools but the state might be destroyed by private parties. If the government could compel citizens to perform military service, the league insisted, states could require children to attend public schools "for the purpose of giving education necessary to make them useful citizens and loyal defenders of the country."

## BURGLAR TRAP BAGS INTRUDER

Sacramento, Cal., April 25.—A burglar trap arranged in a drug store in the residence district here worked so successfully that E. L. Lyndon, a local resident, lies in a hospital today shot through the chest, seriously wounded.

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## FLEETS CLASH IN BATTLE OF OAHU ISLAND

### Opposing Forces Make Contact At 6:15 This Morning In War Game Conducted By Navy.

Honolulu, April 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The "battle" for possession of the island of Oahu, goal of the joint army-navy maneuvers, started at 6:15 this morning.

Contact was established when a contingent of the "blue" attacking forces rushed a fortress held by the "black" troops defending the island.

The cruisers and destroyers forming the fringes of the "blue" fleet" were sighted by observers for the "black" forces off the island in a general southeasterly direction from Diamond Head, the southernmost tip of Oahu.

The "blue" attack signaled the start of the most extensive peace time maneuvers ever staged by the United States army and navy.

For purpose of the military exercise it is assumed that the Hawaiian islands are in possession of another power and that the United States is trying to capture them. The islands are defended by military forces already there, including the territorial national guard; the attack is being made by the United States grand fleet, which also carries a landing force of United States marines.

The maneuvers will end with the capture of Oahu. It is not expected that the grand fleet will be defeated.

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## Executions Denied

Sofia, April 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The report that the agrarian leader, Frattkin, and former War Minister Monrovielt had been put to death is denied in semi-official quarters. It is stated that both men attended yesterday's inquiry into the Sveti-Kral cathedral bomb plot.

## 6 ARE KILLED IN CONFLICTS OVER NIGHT

### Earlier Report of Improvement In Balkans Contradicted by News of Fresh Disturbances.

(By the Associated Press) Bulgarian disturbances flamed up again the provinces today although earlier reports had insisted the situation was improving.

Six are dead and a number wounded as a result of several conflicts in different provincial towns, according to direct dispatches from Sofia or indirect reports coming via other European capitals.

At Plevena the city hall, library and theater were burned; at Bugas two were killed and a number wounded in a conflict between government troops and communists; in fighting at Gabrovo three communists were killed; at Varna police killed the communist leader Kassaboff after burning his house, according to these reports.

Unsuccessful attempts to destroy three bridges in the region of Varna were reported.

The former agrarian minister, Omarchevsky, swore allegiance to (Continued on Page Nine)

## COURT ASKED TO ENJOIN PAVING JOB AS AWARDED

Portland, April 25.—Suit was filed in the circuit court of Multnomah county today by Frederick DeNeefe, Portland attorney, as a taxpayer, to enjoin the state highway commission from entering into a contract with Simonsen and Hefly for the pavement with concrete of the section of the lower Columbia river highway between Astoria and Svenson.

The highway commission yesterday accepted a bid for concrete which was \$10,000 higher than the bid of the Warren Construction company for paving the stretch with asphaltum.

Defendants named in the suit are William Doby, H. B. VanDuser and W. H. Malone, members of the state highway commission. The complaint declares that the highway in this section has been paved, and that the commission is without authority to destroy the present pavement and repave the road. It is also set forth that the law requires contracts be let to the lowest bidder.

After the commission accepted the Simonsen and Hefly bid yesterday protests were made by John E. Logan, Portland attorney, and Jay Bowman, former governor. The commission proceeded to award the contract after hearing the objections.

## Federal Officials Silent on Collapse Of Wheeler Charges

Washington, April 25.—Department of justice officials had nothing to say today in regard to the collapse of their case in Montana against Senator Wheeler. The secrecy with which the jury threw the department's charge and exonerated the senator manifested unusual disappointment and chagrin and in view of the circumstance no official would predict whether the separate proceedings against Mr. Wheeler in the District of Columbia would be pressed.

Senator Wheeler's friends meantime were predicting that the case here never would be brought to trial. Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, with whom the Montana senator was a candidate on the independent presidential ticket last summer, sent this telegram of congratulations: "Great rejoicing here and throughout the country. Your friends are extremely happy that a jury chosen from the good people of Montana have acquitted you and vindicated justice."