

MOVE TO COMPEL RETURN OF BANK OFFICE

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STANDS FIVE CENTS

FOUR DIE IN PORTLAND FIRE

LARGEST STILL IN WEST IS RAIDED

MANDAMUS PROCEEDING IS STARTED

District Attorney Acting On Demand of Capital Journal Files Action To Force Return

Following a formal demand made April 6, District Attorney John H. Carson today filed in the circuit court here a petition for an alternative writ of mandamus requiring Frank C. Branwell, state superintendent of banks, to return the state banking department from Portland to Salem.

The petition is on relation of George Putnam, publisher of The Capital Journal, who made the demand to the district attorney.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, is also made a defendant in the case and the petition demands that he furnish quarters for the department in Salem.

Law Being Violated. The proceedings cite the law which requires that the state banking department to have its offices in Salem.

The new code, effective May 28, says: "The superintendent of banks shall maintain his office in the city of Salem, and the secretary of state is hereby required to furnish suitable quarters therefor."

Substitute Chaired. Since the removal of the department to Portland about March 24, the superintendent of banks has established a desk in the state house and occasionally a clerk of the department comes to Salem.

Sands Wins Again. Jacksonville, N. Y., April 29.—Workmen, of the Everglades stable, carrying top weight and ridden by Earl Sands, captured the Pajamon handicap feature of the Jamaica opening today.

Plans for Composite Athletic Field Here Submitted to Board

Plans for a new athletic field to consist of a football gridiron, a track, two tennis courts, two volleyball courts, and two of many baseball diamonds were drawn up by Floyd Seigmond, mechanical drawing teacher at the high school, in accordance with a request made by the board at a previous meeting.

Home Sought For Youthful County Ward

Nobody seems to want Paul Thompson, 15 year old boy being held by county authorities at the Deaconess hospital. He escaped with two other lads from the St. Mary's home near Portland about a week ago.

The boy at the Deaconess hospital had parents in Oklahoma at one time but a telegram sent to their address by County Judge

NEER WILL HAVE OPPOSITION SAY INSURANCE MEN

A definite statement that a candidate will be entered in the race against Frank Neer for a position on the Salem school board at the coming election was issued by local insurance and real estate men today.

The underlying cause of opposition to Neer seems to be his refusal to become involved in the controversy as to who shall get the school insurance business. It is said that at present the great bulk of business goes to Burkhart, Smith and Dyer.

GUARD ASSIGNED TO PROTECT CHAMBERLAIN

London, April 29.—(By Associated Press)—Additional guards have been assigned to protect foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain, presumably in connection with the discovery of a plot against his life.

The news of additional police protection for the British foreign secretary came from official quarters, but there was much reticence about discussing the nature of the supposed plot. It was intimated that some of the details were discovered outside of London.

GERMANY NOT TO ALTER ANY PAST POLICIES

Chancellor Asserts New Government Will Not Change Program of Foreign Relations

Berlin, April 29.—(By Associated Press.)—Germany's foreign policy will not be changed, Dr. Hans Luther, the German chancellor, declared emphatically today in an address before the annual congress of the League for German Industry and Commerce.

This declaration is understood also to reflect the view point of President-elect Von Hindenburg, with whom the chancellor conferred yesterday.

While Dr. Luther did not refer to the recent election, it is generally understood he spoke with the full authority of Hindenburg and the groups promoting the field marshal's candidacy.

Evacuation Important. In order to bring about stable European conditions the question of the evacuation of the Cologne area by the allies must be speedily settled, Dr. Luther declared.

That Germany does not desire war was a further categorical declaration by the chancellor who said great stress upon Germany's adherence to the security pact idea.

War to Be Avoided. "Germany desires to protect herself by treaty," he observed, "and as I wish to emphasize at this time, does not desire to conduct war."

With regard to the failure to settle the evacuation question, Dr. Luther declared: "The whole European policy suffers from delay on this question."

2 SALEM YOUTHS WIN IN ORATORY

Eugene, Or., April 29.—Benoit McCroskey and Ralph Bailey, both of Salem, were the University of Oregon orators picked last night to represent Oregon in two of the most important oratorical contests of the year.

McCroskey, by winning first place among four contestants at last night's tryouts, is to be representative of the university in the tri-state contest; to be held in Seattle, May 22.

First Forest Fire of Season Reported. The first forest fire of the season on lands under the jurisdiction of the state department of forestry was reported yesterday from Josephine county.

CONFISCATED DISTILLERY IS COMPLETE

Plant Near Mt. Angel Raided Yesterday Said To Be Largest Ever Seized In West

Federal operatives, working in co-operation with Deputy Sheriff Bremner of this county, yesterday afternoon captured near Mt. Angel what they believed to be the biggest illicit still ever seized in the west, and which they positively

assert is the biggest plant ever seized in Oregon. With the raiding of the still four men were captured, Joe Walker, owner of the farm on which the still was located, John Andrews, Henry Johnson and L. S. Dickson, said to be employed in operation of the place.

Although the still was operating in a granary in plain sight not over 100 yards from the road, operatives say it probably would have operated without detection all summer, but for a lucky fluke in Portland.

The still itself, the operatives declare, was not only the largest but the best ever seized in this

WOMAN EN ROUTE TO INSTITUTION HERE GETS AWAY

Hood River, Ore., April 29.—Highways in this vicinity are being watched for an automobile in which Mrs. Helen Blair, young blind matron escaped from an automobile in which she was being taken to Salem, where she was to serve a sentence in the state industrial school for girls.

The escape occurred here yesterday when the automobile in which Mrs. Blair was traveling in custody of District Attorney Moore of Bond and Mrs. Helen V. Johnson, an officer of the Women's Protective Bureau stopped at a filling station.

The woman boarded a car which stopped immediately behind Moore's car, and it drove off at a rapid rate of speed which soon put it out of sight.

District Attorney Moore said he believed the car was driven by a former Klamath Falls policeman named Jones.

Mrs. Blair was sentenced to the state school following conviction of possession of intoxicating liquor.

Sterling Again Advances. London, April 29.—(By Associated Press)—Great Britain's return to the gold standard is hailed with general satisfaction in the exchange market where the pound sterling took another step nearer parity this morning and touched \$4.84 1/4 under strong buying from practically all sources.

Girl Witness in Vice Ring Cases Refuses to Talk

The fourth girl, implicated in the recent escapades of local men who are facing charges for contributing to delinquency of minors, has been arrested in Seattle, but her case has come to an impasse, as she refuses to return to Salem.

She is now in the hands of the Seattle police department. The other three girls are all under surveillance here. One was captured not long ago at Kelso and returned to Salem by County juvenile officer, Mrs. Nona White.

Every effort has been made to locate the last girl caught in Seattle, as it has been generally stated she would be the star witness. If, by any chance, she is persuaded to return, there is no assurance, it is said, that she can be compelled to talk.

WAR MOTHERS TO OPEN ANNUAL MEET THURSDAY

A state War Mothers convention will be held here tomorrow, meeting at the rooms of the Salem chamber of commerce.

The women will convene at 10:30 a. m. A round table discussion of affairs pertaining to the organization will occupy most of the morning.

The convention is the first of its kind to be held in this state. It is expected that it will be an annual affair in the future.

Chicago, April 29.—Threats attributed to Frank Kocurek, former army butcher, that he intended to kill his wife, have led to his detention in connection with the finding a week ago of the dismembered and headless body of a woman in a catch basin on a golf course.

He was taken into custody after William Littleton, an acquaintance, told the police Kocurek had said: "I am going to kill her and when I do I'll use my army experience as a butcher and kill her in such a way that should what's left of her be found no one will ever be able to tell who she was."

Kocurek made vehement denials but admitted the body might be that of his wife, who, he said, was kidnapped by two men May 1, 1924.

DALLAS TOLD OF PLAN FOR LINEN MILL

Dallas, Apr. 29.—The proposed development of the flax and linen industry in the Willamette valley through the Dominion Linters, Limited, and the general possibilities of the industry for this territory were discussed Tuesday night in the circuit court room in Dallas by a group of Oregon men.

Col. W. B. Bartram of Toronto, Canada, speaking in behalf of the Canadian concern, attacked the criticism of the Oregon Voter recently directed against the financing plan of the proposed Salem mill.

The linen industry in Ontario, where the Dominion Linters interests center, has proved profitable, Col. Bartram declared. But its yarn shipped into the United States the largest market, pay a 21 per cent duty, with a corresponding rate on other linen products.

BULGARIAN AND REBEL FORCES IN CONFLICT AGAIN

Rome, April 29.—A dispatch to the Tribuna from its Sofia correspondent reports a renewed outbreak of fighting between Bulgarian government troops and communists.

The population of Sofia became panicky because of intermittent stifled explosions and all street traffic was stopped. A strict censorship prevailed, the dispatch adds.

Sofia, April 29.—(By Associated Press.)—The Bulgarian government is considering calling one of the army classes to the colors, as it has been unable to get the ten thousand additional volunteers recently authorized by the council of ambassadors at Paris to pacify the country.

MILLER IS HELD TO GRAND JURY

On a charge of lewd cohabitation with Louise Whitaker, George Miller had a hearing in Justice court today and was bound over to be grand jury with bail fixed at \$1000, which he did not furnish, and he is in the county jail.

Evidence in the case showed that he met Louise Whitaker, who is 19 years old, at Dreamland skating rink and that they left Salem together the next day. The girl claims she thought they were to be married. They lived together at a hotel in Portland a week and then went to Pendleton where they lived together for three weeks. They then returned to Salem to the home of the girl's sister, Mrs. James Lawson, claiming they had been married at Vancouver.

To Examine Children. The nurse service will include thorough physical examinations offered to all children in certain grades in Salem public schools.

ONE VICTIM OF BLAZE IS BLIND MAN

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