

# MINT RAISERS REAP FORTUNE

## WIERD TALE OF RESERVOIR GROWS DAILY

### Unfounded and Unsubstantiated Story of City Water Makes Triennial Appearance in Salem.

Monday—A dead body in the reservoir.  
Tuesday—A headless corpse in the same place.  
Wednesday—The body of a dead negro.  
Thursday—Bodies of a Chinaman and three children.  
With ever increasing velocity, Salem's most absurd rumor has been circulating in and about the city for more than a week.

"I heard about it definitely from the one who helped take the body out," one young lady told a reporter this morning. "You see that young man out there working on the lawn? He can tell you all about it." The young man did.

"I heard it from a fellow working in that service station down the street," he said. "He can give you the details of the case. I don't know myself, except just what I heard."

"At all the service station additional accounts were checked up," Mr. Coler said. "Some where in the laws of this country"

(Continued on Page Four)

## FEDERAL JUDGE SAYS DRY LAW UNENFORCEABLE

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 6.—Commenting on what he called a "compromise verdict" returned by a federal court jury trying two liquor law violators, Judge William B. Shepherd of Pensacola, Fla., sitting in United States district court here, yesterday expressed doubt that strict enforcement of the Volstead act is possible.

Speaking from experience, he said: "I doubt that strict enforcement is possible. Congress may in its wisdom adopt some modification which will make the law more capable of enforcement and generally more efficient for the purpose intended—namely, temperance."

"Perhaps an adoption of the methods already in force in Canada, or a limited dispensary system under federal supervision, might be the solution of this difficult problem."

Although characterizing the eighteenth amendment as legislation, granted into existence by the Anti-Saloon League and other organizations during a period of war hysteria, the jurist pointed out that "it is the law today and is entitled to as much respect as any other statute."

Judge Shephard was presiding in the case of F. D. Armstrong and Fred Wallace, accused of selling illicit liquor, when he made his remarks.

## MATCH WILLS WITH TUNNEY

New York, Aug. 5.—(AP)—An effort for a 12-round match between Heavy Wills and Gene Tunney, leading heavyweight title contenders, at the Polo Grounds September 23 or 25, was taken under advisement today by Paddy Malins, manager of Wills.

## ADOPTION OF CINDERILLA TO BE PROBED

### Alleged Girl Bought From Parents By Browning; Given All the Gowns Her Heart Desires.

New York, Aug. 6.—(AP)—An investigation by the district attorney of Queens county into the adoption of Mary Louise Spae, young daughter of Louis Grant parents, by Edward W. Browning, wealthy divorced realtor, was sought today by Commissioner of Public Welfare Coler.

The commissioner said the investigation was prompted by charges that Browning had given money to Mary's parents in return for their signing the adoption papers. He added, however, that it was a violation of long established precedent for a divorced man to be permitted to adopt a child in this city.

"It is the most unusual transaction that has ever come to my notice," Mr. Coler said. "Some where in the laws of this country"

## STATE ALIENISTS SWEAR SCOTT IS NOT INSANE

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—The state today concluded its effort to prove Russell Scott sane.

Dr. William O. Krohn, the last prosecution alienist told of his examination of Scott and his conclusion that the prisoner was sane. He repeated stories of the four previous state alienists that Scott declined to submit to an examination in the jail.

There is no appeal for Russell Scott from the verdict of the jury testing whether he is sane and should be hanged or let mentally feeble of the death penalty be his fate.

If the jury decides he is sane enough to realize, Judge Joseph B. David will fix a new date for the execution, from which Scott has twice been snatched a few hours before the death march.

Incarceration at once in a state institution would follow an insanity finding.

All the prosecution witnesses, experts and laymen, believed Scott sane, just as the fourteen defense witnesses thought confinement and two death watch ordeals had affected his mind.

Jailers related conversations with Scott and described his actions in the death cell. Four alienists, three of whom said they expected fees of \$100 a day, concluded Scott was sane after a 15-minute observation in which he was an unwitting subject.

The defense alienists based their opinions on more than ten hours' examination over three days.

## Capture Goldfish With Nugget of Gold In South Santiam

Mill City, Aug. 6.—A new kind of a gold fish has been reported as having been discovered in the south fork of the Santiam river. A prospector arriving here yesterday from the mines in that vicinity, tells that several days ago he was out fishing, catching a trout about nine inches long. When cleaning the fish he noticed that it was rather heavy and upon dissecting it, found a nugget which yielded 25 cents worth of gold. The prospector said he would be interested in raising fish of this nature.

## OFFER REWARD FOR APPREHENSION MISSING MAN

Martinez, Cal., Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—A personal reward of \$100 which he will ask Governor Richardson to increase by \$1,000 for the arrest of Charles Henry Schwartz was announced here today by Sheriff R. R. Veale.

Schwartz was at first believed to have perished in an explosion at the plant of the Pacific Cellulose company at Walnut Creek, but investigation of the police has convinced them that Schwartz is not dead but a fugitive and that the body found in the laboratory is that of some one who was slain and placed there to defraud insurance companies out of insurance of more than \$100,000.

The tracing out of many clues in an effort to identify the body has yielded no tangible results. After Joe Rodriguez, Portuguese laborer returned to Walnut Creek, furnishing unimpeachable proof that the person believed to have been murdered was not he, the authorities have tentatively accepted identifications ranging from a New York "tramp" to an unknown member of a southern California religious cult, only to find the clue disproved and the identification false in each case.

Mrs. Schwartz, wife of the chemist is preparing, her attorney said, to start legal action against the insurance companies to force payment of policies carried by Schwartz. She is satisfied that the dead man is her husband.

District Attorney A. B. Tinsling stated after conference with representatives of insurance companies today that the companies would not offer a reward for the apprehension of Schwartz, being unfavorably disposed to such a procedure as a matter of business principle.

Letters left last November by Schwartz in he opened in the event of his death are said to have expressed the wish that his three children be educated in England.

## DAWES RETURNS FROM OUTING

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 6.—Vice-President Dawes and party arrived here today after a week spent at the Wagon Wheel ranch of Colonel A. E. Humphreys of Denver.

After spending the day here the party will leave at 8 o'clock tonight for Lincoln, Neb., where the vice-president speaks tomorrow night.

While there Dawes will be the guest of Miss Ann Douglas, his cousin, and the Rev. James Dourley, who was chaplain in his army regiment during the World war.

## SALEM UPON U. S. INDEX OF HIGHWAYS

### Federal Board Selects Highways To Be Marked For System Covering Entire Country.

Washington, Aug. 6.—An index of highways for tourists in valley sections and byways of the country will be afforded in the marking of the vast system United States highways as selected by the joint board of interstate highways.

A net work of roads stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian border to the gulf embraced in the fifty thousand miles of highways to be designated with uniform markers to tell the motorist exactly what road he is on and where it will take him.

Highway Markers  
The highway markers to be used in addition to bearing the shield of the United States, the number of the road, the state and the letter "U. S." will be variously shaped and colored under a code of warning to motorists of approaching curves, railroad crossings and other road conditions.

Designation of the system, which includes every federal aid highway in the United States, involves no new road construction other than roads now planned under the federal program. The board also has no power as to maintenance or alteration of highway systems, its funds to be solely for purchase of the designating signs.

Pacific Coast Roads  
Pacific roads designated include the coast route beginning at Port Angeles and crossing the Columbia river by ferry at its mouth to Florence, Oregon, thence along the Oregon coast to Crescent City, Cal., Eureka, Ukiah, San Francisco.

## NEW METHOD OF REBUILDING USED UP TIRES

A new method of building tires, using the fabric of old worn out tires and building new treads on them, was explained this morning by Leo Jacobson, inventor of the device, who arrived in the city recently.

The principle of uniting new rubber with the old fabric by means of intense heat and pressure is used. Mr. Jacobson claims that he has establishments in every large city in the United States turning out his product. In his New York show place, he says he employs 250 men who turn out 1000 tires a day.

The old tire is first taken and scraped clean of its rubber leaving only the fabric, which is patched wherever it happens to be weak. The whole is then cleaned with gasoline, a coat of pure rubber is placed on the outside, with the strips of rubber, from which the tread is to be made, placed above the rubber gum. The whole is placed in the device invented by Jacobson, which heats by the use of steam, causing air in the tube within the tire to expand, exerting a pressure on the tire of some 150 pounds, and forcing the rubber into the special molds which harden on the rubber and form the tread.

A complete set of the apparatus has been purchased by Steinbock, well known local merchant, Mr. Jacobson states. With it he claims three can be produced to sell at less than half the cost of new products, and have a wearing capacity of 8000 to 10,000 miles.

## AUTO ACCIDENTS KILL FOUR AT EL PASO

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Automobile accidents took a toll of four lives in this region last night. Mrs. Ruth Hyatt and her five young sons, Catherine and Geneva, were killed when a Santa Fe train struck an auto near Denton, N. M.

## Kidnaped Girl Bride Freed From Order of Court

Ruby Morris who appeared in circuit court yesterday afternoon and was granted annulment of a marriage ceremony through which she went with Volle Geer at Vancouver, Wash., June 14, 1921, had one of the strangest marital experiences ever befalling a young girl according to the findings of fact handed down in the case.

According to the complaint, and the findings of Judge McMahan, the young girl was abducted when she was 15 years old, taken to Vancouver, Wash., for the purpose of committing a fraud on the laws of the state of Oregon, and was married there. When she was married, according to the findings, she did not become the wife of Volle Geer, the findings assert, because she did not understand the nature of the ceremony or the effect of it, did not consent thereto and did not know she was being married. It is further declared that following the ceremony she did not, or never has lived with Volle Geer or his wife.

## KIDNAPPING CASE PUBLICITY STUNT FOR MARY

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 6.—Further testimony in support of the defense contention that the whole Mary Pickford kidnaping case was nothing but a publicity stunt was scheduled for presentation at today's session of the trial of Charles Stephens, Claude Holcombe and Adrian Waide on charges of plotting to carry off the film star and hold her for \$200,000 ransom.

In outlining its publicity plot attack in an opening statement yesterday, however, the defense made it clear that Mary Pickford was not involved as a publicity plotter.

The men who plotted for prominent mention in the news of the day, counsel explained, were George K. Home, former chief of detectives in the Los Angeles police department, and Harry Raymond, a private detective, who planned the kidnaping case. "For the purpose of reflecting glory on themselves" and selected Mary Pickford because of the publicity value of her name.

The defendant Stephens was the first witness called by the defense. He testified that Louis Geck, later identified as a police informer, had reportedly outlined to him schemes involving the kidnaping of motion picture stars or children of nationally known persons. Geck, he said, struck a tree top and plunged into shallow water.

## AIR MAIL PILOT FALLS IN RIVER

Bloomburg, Pa., Aug. 6.—Harry A. Chandler, air mail pilot, whose plane fell into the Susquehanna river here last night, will recover from his injuries, physicians said today.

Chandler's skull was fractured when his plane, it was reported, was tangled by uncoated oats in a field from which he attempted to hop off, struck a tree top and plunged into shallow water.

The injured airman said he had lost his way on the westward flight, the last, guiding beacon he had observed being at Phillipsburg, N. J. Flying low, he alighted in the oat field near here and dropped a magnesium flare, which attracted a number of persons from whom he obtained direction. The accident attended his attempt to regain flight.

## CLOSE SEASON TO SAVE UPLAND BIRDS

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 6.—Closing down a careful survey by the game warden in this county is being discussed to a somewhat definite extent, the Walla Walla game commission announced here today that there should be no open season on California quail, Honolulan quail, native pheasant, blue-winged quail and prairie chickens here this fall. Presently, the commission had ordered the season opened on October 1.

## BIG TIMBER FIRES UNDER CONTROL NOW

### Flames Raging In Previously Burned Timber Near Mehama; Fire Fighters Kept Busy.

Forest fires which were raging yesterday in the neighborhood of Silver Creek were under control today so far as holdings of standing timber were concerned. It was reported this afternoon by officials of the Silver Falls Timber company and the Silverton Lumber company, in whose holdings the fires have been burning. The flames which started at the Silver Falls Timber company's Camp 11, located some 70 miles southeast of Silverton, doing considerable damage there, had today burned their way south in some slashings owned by the Silverton Lumber company, and situated just above Mehama. The same ground where the fire was burning this afternoon was burned over last year, and is not considered to have any great value so far as the timber is concerned. State fire fighters were attempting to check the flames.

65 Acres Burned  
It was announced today that the fire has burned over an area of some 65 acres of valuable timber since it started. Starting at Camp 11, it burned over a large quantity of logs which has been cut and were being held at the camp. Officials this afternoon expressed the fear that the damage to the logs might be considerable, making them unfit for use. Some hope was held, however, that the fire may have burned rapidly over the logs, doing only light damage.

The fire yesterday did not completely destroy the three donkey engines at camp 11. It developed today. It burned around them rapidly, destroying their runners, but leaving the machinery in repairable condition.

Trenching Holdings  
Loggers were still in the woods today, fighting the flames, but little difficulty was anticipated in keeping them from doing additional damage to standing timber. Officials of the Silver Falls Timber company, announce they have undertaken the extensive job of trenching around their complete holdings to keep the fires within check if possible. The logging

## BALLAGH TO BE FISH WARDEN

Portland, Ore., Aug. 6.—Albert I. Ross, master fish warden, is to be replaced at the next meeting of the state fish commission by Edison I. Ballagh, former mayor of St. Helens, according to report that was not denied by John Veitch, commission member.

Ross was appointed master warden when Carl G. Schoemaker left the post and the status of both the commission and of its staff entered a period of rapid change, which has continued ever since.

## MAYOR INDICTED FOR CHELSEA LIQUOR CASE

Boston, Mass., Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—The federal grand jury, which has been investigating an alleged "liquor ring" in Chelsea, today reported indictment against 44 persons including Mayor Lawrence Quigley and his brother, Thomas Quigley, police inspector. Two sergeants of police also are in the list of those indicted.

## Sympathetic Strike At Salem Hospital Looms September 1

A sympathetic strike of nurses and attendants at the Salem hospital is expected to be announced by September 1, the date set for the termination of Miss Gladys Steele's agreement as head of the institution. The work is planned as a protest in Miss Steele's case.

Some of the employees confining the strike report and admit having already made arrangements to go elsewhere. Others declare they will remain under the new management. The majority however is

## PEPPERMINT CROP BRINGS RECORD PRICE

### Fry Buys Local Pool At \$11.05 Per Pound For Oil—Yield Averages \$330 Per Acre.

D. J. Fry has just purchased the crop of the Oregon Peppermint association in the Lathal section at the rate of \$11.05 a pound for oil, by far the largest price ever paid in the history of the industry. When it is realized that \$4.10 was the top price last year and the price generally runs from \$3.50 to \$4 a pound, the magnitude of the present year's price becomes apparent.

It is estimated that the association will produce about 5000 pounds of oil which is in the process of distillation now. Peppermint produces from 20 to 30 pounds of oil to the acres, which means about \$350 an acre for the grower who has a good crop.

The enormous price paid this year is due to frosts in the east and a poor crop last year which has reduced the available supply materially.

## KIDNAP PLOT LAID TO GECK

Further testimony that Louis Geck, a police informer, was the first to mention a plot to kidnap moving picture celebrities and later deserted the alleged band to assist police, was offered here today where the man is on trial charged with plotting to kidnap Mary Pickford, screen star.

C. Z. Stephens, one of the defendants on the stand, in his own defense, declared that Geck sought him out early in 1923 and suggested kidnaping a daughter of Carl Laemmle, a picture producer, as a means of making "easy money."

The defense and prosecution frequently engaged in legal wrangles during the morning session, but the former held their ground on the contention that "we intend to show that the alleged conspiracy is an entrapment to further a publicity scheme on the part of detectives George H. Home and Harry Raymond."

## BALDWIN TELLS OF COAL DEAL

London, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—Premier Baldwin faced a crowded house of commons when he arose today to move the government's supplementary estimate of 10,000,000 pounds sterling to finance the substitution plan in the coal mining industry.

The premier traced in detail the course of the negotiations leading up to the government's intervention in the dispute between the miners and the mine owners. He declared that while the government in the dispute between the miners and the mine owners. He it was forced either to mount a strike in the coal industry that would further depress Great Britain's trade, or find a way out.

One to commit themselves saying they will wait and watch developments.

Of the four professional nurses which the hospital employs, Miss Ross, Miss Watson and Miss Mackin are reported to be considering leaving. Miss Hall, head nurse of the maternity ward, will remain in the maternity ward, she states. Of the two cooks, one, Miss Root, has already secured another position in Portland, and will leave at about the time Miss Steele leaves. Miss Root's special diet

## ARCTIC AIRPLANES SCARE ESKIMOS

Washington, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The American aviators with the MacMillan Arctic expedition are frightening the nerves of the Eskimos.

On every test flight the greatest apprehension is felt by the natives on the ground, who are unable to comprehend why the planes do not fall and who look for disaster every minute. Lieutenant Commander Byrd, in charge of the flying detachment, in a radio message today to the navy department described yesterday's activities of the expedition at Etah, Greenland. He told of the forced landing of one of the planes which apparently was accomplished without damage.

"Performance of plan landed and the maximum fuel weight, with which the planes could take off over water was 2200 pounds," he said. "That includes deadweight of plane and engine of 2500 pounds. Performance of plane in air with the load was excellent."

British Blockade of China  
London, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong says that a British blockade of Chinese ports is fore-shadowed in Hong Kong official circles if the anti-British outrages and boycott continue.