

RETIREMENT OF THOMPSON HITS PRISON PROBE

Withdrawal of Colonel C. G. Thompson, manager of Crater Lake national park, from the governor's committee to inquire into conditions at the state penitentiary, has halted the probe and the other two members of the committee, Jefferson Myers and Brigadier General George A. White, are today marking time pending the appointment of a successor to Colonel Thompson.

The committee spent the entire day yesterday investigating conditions and interviewing employees and convicts at the prison. No date has been set for resumption of the inquiry.

Inquiry of Colonel Thompson of the national game bureau as to whether he should take time from his duties to participate in the investigation brought the reply yesterday advising him to devote all of his time to the park.

EXPLOSION OF GUN IS PROBED

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 25.—A board of inquiry will investigate the explosion of a trench mortar at Camp Grant which killed eight and wounded 12 negro members of the Eighth infantry regiment of Chicago.

From witnesses only a hazy story of the tragedy has been gathered. Captain Osceola Browning, a World War veteran and one of the slain, was in command of practice firing with 3-inch Stokes trench mortars, using projectiles filled with sand instead of high explosives.

After the propelling charge of explosive in the shells failed, witnesses said, the sand filling was removed from the projectiles and in its place some of the cordite, a high explosive, was inserted. Such a shell exploded inside the gun, throwing fragments of metal in every direction and scattering the dead and injured about.

The explosion followed by a few hours the injury of eleven civilians who were burned during a demonstration.

CHARLESTON TO BE POPULARIZED

New York, Aug. 25.—The Charleston has officially come into its own, but if the Society of American Teachers of Dancing has its way, it will be a dance of dignity, connoted to win the favor of people of culture.

The contest for recognition of the Charleston nearly split the dancing masters' convention here yesterday. New England representatives especially protested because the "rhythmic swaying, clicking of heels and stamping of feet was alleged to have crept in from the Pickwick club in Boston on the night of July 3, causing the deaths of 25 persons.

It was finally agreed that the flapper and sheik mode of doing the dance was to be combated. The glorified Charleston was demonstrated. The kicks, "suggestive movements" and complex motions were eliminated. The feet must not be more than 45 degrees out of line with the body and there must be no leaning backwards.

Fifty dancing masters, haphazardly paired, were Charlestoning about when in rushed a woman who styled herself "hard hearted Hannah, from Savannah." In the name of the south, she protested against taking the kick out of that dance. But she was drowned out.

JAPANESE WOMEN WANT RIGHT TO PRACTICE LAW

Tokyo.—Japanese women would be allowed to practice law in the courts of the empire if a measure sponsored by the Woman Suffrage party receives the approval of the next diet session. Discussing the proposed bill, which would put women barristers on the same plane as the male members of the bar, one of the leaders of the Woman Suffrage party said:

"Women have proved to be good doctors and they are certainly better fitted to deal with crimes and home problems than men because they understand them better. The argument that women are too sentimental is ridiculous."

JAPS STUDY U. S. POLITICS

Tokyo, Japan.—Leaders of the three major political parties in Japan, the Kenmeikai, Seiyukai and Seiyuhontō, have decided to send to the United States six parliamentarians for the purpose of studying American political practices. The delegation will attend the international convention to be held in Washington and will subsequently visit other cities. It is hoped the parliamentarians will bring back to Japan a number of new ideas which can be applied to the modern political situation in empire.

An inventor has mounted a butcher's chopping block on shock absorbing springs to lessen the noise and make work easier.

The manufacture of artificial silk from cellulose acetate has been begun in England under the guidance of Belgian experts.

Her Husband Hissed



COUNTRESS SALM

Millicent Rogers, New York heiress, is separated from her husband, Count Salm, who is in hot with the tennis officials abroad because of an alleged insult to an opponent. Salm was hissed when he appeared on the Bernese courts.

ENDOWS CHAIR OF SCREEN ART

New York, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—The fact that eight young men who never went to college are earning an average of \$1000 a week in New York motion picture studios is one motive for the offer of Robert T. Kane, of an annual endowment of \$5000 for a university chair to be devoted to the art of the screen.

Referring to these unnamed eight, Mr. Kane said:

"Not one of them would be able to last a week if pitted against college-trained, highly specialized and seriously minded contemporaries. I have felt for years that we in the city are paying the genius prices for mediocrity. This must be curbed."

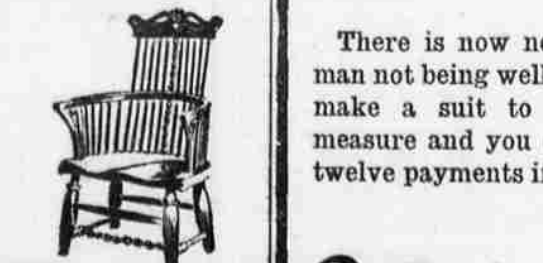
Mr. Kane's offer is limited to Yale, Harvard, Princeton, University of California, University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin and Columbia university. The first to accept the offer will receive the first \$5000.

"The paralytic scheme of attempting to reduce novels and stage plays to the screen will not do," Mr. Kane explained. "We have a new and distinct device for dramatic expression and no one seems to know what to do with it."

Mr. Kane, a producer himself, invited other motion picture magnates to co-operate with him. He offers experts to assist in practical teachings.

CHINESE OFFICER IS HOSTAGE FOR HOWARD

Harbin, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—A Chinese military officer has offered himself as a hostage for Dr. Hareey J. Howard, the American who was captured some time ago by bandits in Manchuria and is proceeding to the bandit camp. Samuel Sokolin, the American



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LAWSON ESTATE LEFT TO CHARITY

Chicago, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Virtually three-fourths of the estate of the late Victor F. Lawson, noted editor and owner of the Chicago Daily News, was left to benevolent purposes. The newspaper and other property was left to the management of the Illinois Merchants Trust company as trustee.

Specific bequests totalled \$1,775,000, of which more than one-half, or \$2,695,000 were for benevolences.

A specific bequest of \$200,000 was left to his long time friend and co-worker in journalism, Melville E. Stone of New York city, now counsellor and formerly general manager of the Associated Press.

John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Merchants Trust company, which was named executor of the will and trustee of the estate, said that the Daily News would be managed under the trusteeship in accord with the tried policies and known ideals of Mr. Lawson.

DOG SWALLOWS RADIUM CAPSULE

Vienna, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Forced to choose between paying twenty billion kronen or allowing her dog to be killed, Baroness Renoviore shed bitter tears before the court yesterday, but after a struggle, decided to sacrifice the pet.

The dog had a skin disease which veterinarians sought to

cure by radium treatment. A capsule of the precious metal valued at twenty billion kronen was applied to the affected part. The dog preferred an internal application, however, and swallowed the capsule. The court action followed.

BOMB EXPLOSION AT HOME WRECKS PORCH

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 25.—An explosion believed by sheriffs deputies who investigated to have been caused by dynamite, early today partially wrecked the sleeping porch and did other minor damage to the home of William Downs at Alta Canada, a foothills suburb near Pasadena. Downs had left his bed in the porch to investigate an odor of smoke and was uninjured in the blast.

Downs brother, Charles Downs suspended Los Angeles city councilman, is now under indictment charged with accepting a bribe in connection with a tunnel transportation enterprise.

Investigating officers declared Downs was at a loss to account for the explosion.

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