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HALTS MURRAY'S EXECUTION

BANK CLAIMS IS VICTIM OF UNFAIRNESS

Portland National Charge
Bank Superintendent
With Discrimination
Against It.

Statements relative to the administration of Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks that it is believed will lead this afternoon to a direct demand for his removal were made to the state banking board today by representatives of the Portland National bank, formerly the Broadway bank. The bank accused Bramwell of arbitrarily refusing to grant it a charter as a reserve depository for state banks and thereby discriminating against it in an unfair manner.

Members of the board pressed the bank representatives to say plainly whether they were demanding Bramwell's removal. To this, in reply to a point blank question by secretary of state Kozar, Will B. Haines, president of the bank, replied:

"If you will be patient you will soon know what we want. If you give us time we will prove everything we have said and more too before we get out of this room. There are other matters that I could bring up in the same connection, but I cannot betray the confidence of those who have talked with me on the subject."

Seek Removal
John H. Davis, cashier of the Portland bank, was asked by a newspaperman after the noon adjournment if the bank was going to demand Bramwell's removal.

"I can't talk now," he said. "You will see this afternoon."

Bramwell has not yet made his reply, but indicated that he would be able to answer the accusation of his assailants.

Mr. Haines told of an examination of his bank that was made by the state department soon after the failure of the State Bank of Portland, which had caused a small run on the Broadway bank, and said the examination was objectionable in a number of ways.

"Even if our application to be (continued on Page Nine)

DEATH LIST IN ALABAMA MINE BELIEVED 53

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—With a death list of 53 believed to have been definitely determined, rescue workers were making efforts today to remove three bodies remaining in Overton No. 2 which was partly wrecked by a gas explosion yesterday. The bodies remaining in the mine are those of two white men and one negro. Of those bodies already removed 43 are negro and seven white.

Rescue crews worked all night and continued their labors today, hoping to remove, before nightfall, the remaining bodies. The explosion was one of the worst of the 17 large ones which since 1912 have been taken in the Virginia mine disaster in 1905, have killed 716 mine workers in this state.

The Overton mine is the property of the Alabama Fuel & Iron company and is controlled by federal and state mine officials one of the best equipped in the Alabama mine field. The blast did not wreck the air machinery and this aided the rescue parties.

The cause of the blast probably never will be learned positively. Some of the mine workers believe it was caused by a miner striking a match, which is forbidden, or by a "windy" shot.

French Debt Issue
Paris, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—Finance Minister Loucheur told the financial committee of the chamber of deputies today that it was necessary to regulate France's debt to America before that owed to Great Britain.

GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC By Stoddard King

Ballade of an Occupational Difficulty.
We of the trade poetic pray
The granting of a certain boon;
We have grown old, and sad, and gray
Indicting verisimilitude.
Because it's consonant with June
We try it on our metronome
And couple it with "tune" and
"reem" and "reem."

The birds of this and every day
Weary of jig and of lampoon;
They have some lovely things to say
Of family life, but late or soon
They find their path with thorns
Is strewn;
They must fall back on "foam" and
"reem" and "reem."

Like any vaudeville buffoon—
We need more words to rime with
"home."

The home-and-mother roundelay,
The tale of baby's little shoes,
Should trip more lightly on its way
Be less laboriously woven;
But the poor poet's senses swoon—
When he negligently must comb
The lexicon from night to noon—
We need more words to rime with
"home."

Muse of the homely breakfast
prince,
The fireside and the garden loam,
Helps us to write the simple poem
We need more words to rime with
"home."

The baseball Indian never was
sentimentalized as the football
Indian was. When "Strongheart" was
running William De Mille and Robert
Edison between them had the
country convinced that there was
nothing so noble as a full-blood
halfback on an otherwise all-white
eleven.

One of our favorite paragraphs
is the one in which we pointed out
the metamorphosis of Lo, the poor
Indian into Ill, the rich Indian.
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FIVE SUSPECTS HELD FOR SHEDD BANK ROBBERY

Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—Five men were held in the county jail here today for investigation in connection with the robbery of the bank at Shedd, Or., Tuesday. Officers were also trying to determine whether the suspects had any connection with the holdup of the Troutdale bank yesterday.

The men were arrested last night at a home in Portland where six years ago three men were caught following the holdup of the Clatsop tavern.

The sheriff's office gave out the names of the men held in jail as Wallace Witzel, an ex-convict out of the Oregon penitentiary; Mike Welch, an ex-convict out of Walla Walla penitentiary; Columbus Jimmy Murray, an ex-convict out of Walla Walla; Charles I. Griffin, a former inmate of Monroe, Wash., reformatory; and Vincent Murphy.

They were arrested as the result of a report to the district attorney's office that Murphy and Murray had tried to sell \$700 of the bonds taken from the Shedd bank.

Mrs. John Humphreys Winner In Journal's Councilman Contest

Mrs. John Humphreys, 1255 South High street, was declared the winner of the Capital Journal contest for the best letters on the subject "If I Were a Councilman." In the report of the judges submitted last evening, her letter was No. 21.

Second and third prize went to Reynolds Allen, 410 North 17th street, and Mary V. Charlton, respectively, on letters 41 and 50. The first prize is \$10, second \$5, and third \$2.50. Mayor John Gray, C. E. Wilson, secretary of the chamber of commerce and J. C. Nelson principal of the high school were the judges.

The three prize winning letters in the order of awards reads as follows:

First Prize
Contest Editor:—If I were councilman—

To begin, I'd make a few down right, honest, to goodness mistakes, just like any other councilman or anyone else in the world, we all do that—make mistakes.

If I were going to be a councilman, I would first examine myself to see if I had the capabilities of a good councilman. What are the essentials of a good councilman? Well, to be progressive, interested in public welfare, honest and businesslike.

Progressive—Ready at all times to see where the city could take a step forward to better things. Better police force, better education, better traffic laws, better building ordinances, a better plumbing ordinance and a qualified sanitary

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IRISH SETTLE LONG DISPUTE ON BOUNDARY

Parliaments Of Ireland,
Ulster And Great Brit-
ian Ratify Agreement;
DeValera Opposes.

London, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—The Irish boundary question which long has been an irritation to the people of Ireland and to the British government finally has been settled under the agreement reached in London a short time ago by which the old line dividing North and South Ireland remains intact and the Irish Free State is absolved from paying Great Britain a large sum of money to aid in meeting Great Britain's war debts.

The parliaments of Great Britain, the Free State and Ulster have adopted the agreement and King George on behalf of Great Britain has given the measure the royal assent. Ulster previously had ratified it and last night in Dublin the Dail Eireann gave its approval by a vote of 71 to 20 after four days of debate.

At the final session of the Dail, President Cosgrave contended that the government for the first time had secured the good will of northern Ireland. It had done the best it could to settle the disturbing question in an amicable manner.

Eamon De Valera, leader of the republicans, remains unconvinced, likewise, the republican deputies of the Dail have expressed unalterable opposition to what they consider the partition of Ireland.

Dublin, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—The Irish republicans, whose representatives in the Dail Eireann signed a declaration last night, declaring unalterable opposition to the partitioning of Ireland, now are contemplating the possibility of securing a referendum on the London boundary agreement.

It is believed, however, that because of their numerical minority in the Dail in the senate, they will be unable to fulfill the necessary conditions.

Before a referendum is possible there must be a demand by two fifths of the members of the Dail or a majority of the senate.

ASTORIA ACCEPTS PLANS FOR ASTOR MEMORIAL

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FLAX SUPPLY AMPLE SAYS LINEN EXPERT

Proper Fibre For Fine
Material Asserts Black
After Inspection Of Local Situation.

Whether this district can grow the flax year after year to keep a linen mill in operation as proposed by the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., which has been a burning question with a number interested in the project, seems to be set at rest by the declaration of J. R. Black, linen expert, that, after investigations, there is no question in his mind but the district can furnish the flax and all that is needed each year.

Mr. Black has had time to make further investigations of the situation here, until he is fully satisfied that everything is conducive to the development of the linen industry in the Salem section on a large scale, and that all the help needed for development of the industry can be drawn from the local labor supply and educated to handle the industry as it should be handled.

"Further inspection of the fiber at the penitentiary makes me satisfied beyond any doubt that you have here a proper and a good fiber for linen requirements, and I have seen some flax at the prison that beyond a doubt will spin ad-

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DEMPSEY TO FIGHT WILLS IN JULY, CHICAGO

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—The proposed heavyweight championship match between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills, negro, will in "all likelihood" be held near Chicago some time in July. Ray Cannon, attorney for Dempsey told the Associated Press here today.

Cannon said Floyd Fitzsimmons probably would be the promoter. He met Fitzsimmons in Chicago yesterday, Cannon said, and Fitzsimmons showed him a tentative contract prepared by a Chicago syndicate, with the financial terms substantially the same as those contained in the South Bend contract with Fitzsimmons, which had been invalidated because the South Bend syndicate could not post the required forfeit.

Cannon said that while the contract offered by the Chicago syndicate was not acceptable in its present terms, it might be ironed out so as to become acceptable. He indicated the chief difficulty was in the matter of payment.

All concerned seemed to think it would be preferable to hold the fight in July rather than in September, Cannon said.

BILL FOR AIR BOARD APPEARS

Washington, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—The new congress took its first actual step toward carrying into effect the recommendations of President Coolidge's air board.

A bill by Senator Bingham, republican, Connecticut, for encouragement of civil aviation, was reported by the senate commerce committee.

The bill provides for a commerce department bureau of civil aeronautics and an additional assistant secretary of commerce to co-ordinate all government facilities for the development of civil aviation.

Provision is made for lighting airways and airports, licensing of commercial pilots, inspection of commercial craft by government inspectors and special weather reports for aircraft.

Santa Claus Asks Kiddies To Write; Fund Is Growing

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND	
Capital Journal.....	\$ 25.00
Salem Ad Club.....	10.00
Deputy Santa Claus.....	5.00
Mrs. Fanny Tracy.....	3.00
Marion-Polk County Realty Association.....	10.00
A Friend.....	5.00
Unknown.....	3.00
Total.....	\$ 61.00

How many boys and girls in Salem, who fear that Santa Claus in his regular Christmas Eve rounds may miss them entirely, have neglected to write to the old patron saint of the yuletide?

To those who have not written their letters the committee in charge of the fifth annual Christmas cheer movement of The Capital Journal and the Salem lodge of Elks, acting for Santa, today issued the following warning:

"Get your letters in early. San-

WAY CLEARED FOR DISARMING CONFERENCE

Geneva, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—The way was cleared today for the league of nations international disarmament conference with settlement of all the difficulties in connection with the formation of the preparatory committee.

The council has spent some time in drawing up the invitation, as its leaders are eager to frame a communication which will be most likely to obtain the collaboration of the Washington government. The present tendency is in favor of sending the United States a simple invitation to become a member of the league's preparatory commission. The general impression in Geneva is that league leaders, although hoping that the United States will undertake full fledged official membership in the commission, would accept any form of collaboration the Washington government felt it could extend.

In this connection it is recalled that American ministers to Switzerland have participated in the role of observers and helped to elaborate the text of the draft convention for the control of the traffic in arms and that the United States participated in the arms traffic conference.

ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY CONTRACTOR IS HERE

J. W. Sweeney, highway contractor, was a Salem visitor Friday enroute from Brookings to Portland to spend the holidays. He has the contract for a six mile section of the Roosevelt highway between Brookings and Pictou river, Curry county, and has a large force of men establishing camps, clearing rights of way through the timber and expects to complete the moving of a quarter million yards of material within the next year.

Contracts have also been let for three other six mile sections on the same road to Spokane and California contractors, meet of whom, however, have subject to Oregon contractors, among the latter being J. R. Hill, Wm. Vandenhollen and Washburn and Hall. All of them have begun work, the contracts calling for completion of the work by December 1, 1926.

BANDITS REPELLED IN DAMASCUS INVASIONS

Beirut, Syria, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—News came today that bandits had been repelled in two invasions of Damascus. A force of 200 after entering the city yesterday were driven out by policemen with motorized machine guns and the use of artillery. Seven bandits were killed. Later in the day another party of 20 men entered the city via a cemetery but were speedily put to rout.

AUTO STRIKES AND INJURES 2 AT BRUNKS

Portlanders Crashed Into
By Dallas Car As They
Are Attempting Tow Of
Stalled Auto.

W. E. Smiggs was severely injured in the head and Theodore Reuss sustained torn tendons about the left knee and leg, when a car driven by George Eberling of Dallas crashed into them while they were attempting to attach a tow rope to an auto containing two Willamette university women to pull it into Rickreall from Brunk's Corner early yesterday evening. Both the injured men are salesmen and residents of Portland.

The car in which the two women were traveling stalled near the filling station at Brunk's Corner, three miles east of Rickreall. After making considerable effort, they found themselves unable to get the machine started again. The two men, who were on business at the corner, and on their way to Portland, undertook to tow the stalled machine as far as Rickreall, using the machine in which they were traveling for the purpose.

A tow rope was stretched between the two cars, but the woman who had been driving, left on her emergency brake, with the result that the tow rope broke. Reuss and Smiggs got out to tie the rope.

It was at this time that the car driven by Eberling, traveling east, crashed into the two men.

The entire party was brought to Salem, Smiggs and Reuss being taken to a hospital here. Smiggs was still at the hospital this afternoon, his condition being declared serious, with a probable chance that the injury will not prove fatal. Reuss left the hospital this morning. At the hospital the two men gave their Portland addresses as follows:

W. E. Smiggs, 1203 Longacre; Theodore Reuss, 687 Oregon.

NATIONAL BANKS FEEL FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS

Washington, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—National banks throughout the country are feeling more and more the restrictions laid around them by federal statutes and greater freedom for them was described as imperative in the annual report of J. W. Mcintosh, comptroller of the currency, made public today. The comptroller cited detailed statistics to show an increasing exodus from the national banking system and he predicted it would continue until the national banking laws are amended.

To accomplish the needed relief, Mr. McIntosh strongly urged enactment of the McPadden bill, a measure which was passed by the house last congress but which never was reached by the senate.

Lumbering Methods To Be Shown Kiddies At Journal Matinee

"The Ancient Highway" a thrilling screen drama of the north woods, with most of the scenes taken in the timber and logging camps of Coos county, is going to supply most of the amusement for the 500 or more boys and girls of Salem who attend the special Capital Journal matinee at the Oregon theater tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Jack Holt plays the leading

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HIGH COURT GRANTS WRIT FOR APPEAL

Writ Of Probable Cause
Granted Tom Murray
Which Stays Execution
Until Appeal Acted On.

The state supreme court, just after noon today, granted a writ of probable cause to Tom Murray, convict convicted of the murder of Guard John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12 and sentenced to hang December 18, after listening to arguments on the motion of Will R. King, Murray's attorney, and District Attorney John Carson for two hours.

The writ, signed by Justice Raul, automatically stays the execution of Murray until the supreme court passes upon the appeal, which will be perfected and filed within the next few days.

The chief points argued by Murray's counsel were that the state has no authority to execute him for the murder of Guard Sweeney until he has completed service on the 20-year term he is serving in the penitentiary for bank robbery; that Murray was tried on the murder charge without being removed from the state by a writ of habeas corpus; that in the killing of Guard Sweeney he was acting in self defense, which plea was ruled out by the lower court, and that part of the testimony introduced by the state in Murray's trial was a statement made by the district attorney by Murray in the prison, and that said statement was taken without informing the defendant of his rights or telling him that he was addressing the district attorney.

Judge King also took exception to remarks made by the district attorney during the trial in the lower court, arguing that they were irregular and inadmissible as evidence, and that they tended to influence the jury against the defendant.

LIONS HEAR OF ORENCO BOND SALE SWINDLE

"With our courts of law showing a consistent apathy in the punishment of financial and business crooks, a need has arisen for a private institution of some kind to act as a referee in business relations," Robert M. Mound of the Better Business league of Portland told the Salem Lions club at its luncheon here this noon.

Telling of the recent Orenco bond issue, where a private concern, technically having been formed into a city government, sold \$50,000 worth of "municipal" bonds over and over again, Mound stated that it is questionable whether the backers of the scheme will ever be punished.

"It was really a defunct nursery company that sold the bonds," he said. "They were supposed to be for the enlargement of the city water works. The water works consist of one wind mill."

Officials of the city of Orenco dissuaded the city of Orenco itself to vote itself outside the city limits, Mound stated. With nothing but the nursery company left inside the limits of the city, company officials proceeded to elect themselves to city offices and to authorize the issue of \$50,000 worth of bonds. The \$50,000 worth of bonds had been sold in Oregon, then duplicates sold over again in Washington, and further duplicates sold in other places, he stated. "They had printed altogether between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 in bonds, and eventually would probably have sold it all. Frank Keeler, who backed the scheme, is the greatest bond crook in the United States, and is now caught red handed for the first time, but it is doubtful whether he will ever be punished."

THIS COUPON AND FIVE CENTS

Will admit any child 12 years of age or under to the special matinee at the

OREGON THEATRE

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 12

At 10:30 o'clock, as a guest of the

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