

AW LIBRARY GUT OUT BY COURT

WIDOW TELLS OF SHOOTING OF DRUGGIST

Mrs. Thoms Identifies Hickman and Hunt as Shooting Bandits

Hickman Fired Several Shots While Hunt Was Battling Policeman

Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21. (AP)—Mrs. C. Ivy Thoms, widow of the slain druggist, whom William Edward Hickman and Wesley Hunt are accused of murdering, told from the witness stand today of the fatal shooting.

The widow identified the youths as the bandits who entered the store with drawn pistols and forced her husband and a customer back behind the prescription counter with hands up. The man trying to fight, Oliver, a policeman, who was behind the prescription counter with Mrs. Thoms, repairing his flashlight. A general scuffle followed and Thoms fell mortally wounded.

"Get his gun," Mrs. Thoms testified Hunt said to Hickman as Oliver reached for his gun.

Hickman, according to her testimony, began firing while Hunt kept his gun on her. She moved and her husband dived for the gun trying to protect her. During the fight, her husband slumped to the floor and dragged himself to a rear door.

Mrs. Thoms said she did not know who actually fired the fatal shot, but testified that Hickman fired several shots at her husband and then started running out of the store as

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MRS. APPELBY KNOCKED DOWN BY M'MILLAN

Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21. (AP)—The story of a violent quarrel between Dr. Charles McMillan and his wealthy employer, Mrs. Amelia Appleyby was one of the closing blows of the state today in the murder trial of the gray-haired physician.

The quarrel as recounted from the witness stand by Mrs. J. A. Evans, a neighbor of Mrs. Appleyby, climaxed in the doctor shouting: "You, keep still, or I'll knock—out of you."

Then said Mrs. Evans, the widow "was knocked or fell" out the door of her home flat upon the porch.

Mrs. Evans testified that she had lived in one half of a duplex building in the other side of which resided Mrs. Appleyby.

On December 17, 1927, nine days before the body of Mrs. Appleyby was found trussed in a sack beside a roadway, Mrs. Evans said she heard the woman and Dr. McMillan quarreling in the driveway.

They entered the other side of the duplex and Mrs. Evans said she heard Mrs. Appleyby continuing to talk, interrupted at times by shouts of the doctor to "keep quiet."

It was then that the doctor cursed and the widow came falling out the door, Mrs. Evans said.

Mrs. Evans was a witness in the prosecution.

ASTORIA LOSES TAX REFUND

The city of Astoria is entitled, under the fire relief act of 1923, only to a refund of general state property taxes. It is not entitled to a refund of income, motor vehicle, gasoline, inheritance and corporation license taxes.

This is the interpretation given the relief act by the state supreme court in an opinion today, written by Justice Coehow.

The case was an original proceeding in mandamus by the city against the state tax commission, demanding a remission of the above enumerated taxes for the last five years.

The legislature of 1923, following Astoria's \$10,000,000 fire, passed an act whereby the city's state taxes on general property would be refunded. This passed as a sort of compromise measure after attempts had been made to have the legislature make a direct relief appropriation. The tax refund during the last five years has averaged about \$50,000 a year.

GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Upjohn

We had some pleasant instructions from home yesterday. We were told to look around town until we saw a nice looking shank from the knee down and then bring it home. We went over to that well known connoisseur of shanks from the knee down, Harry Levy, and he picked us out a nice one, without much fat on it.

Being modest and retiring ourselves we brought home the shank of an evening.

We are glad to report that there were boys at the Salem hospital last week nine children. The maternal ad-vice half of them were girls and half of them boys.

Yes, yes, the crowbar, Watson. The rest of those pumpkins are getting on our nerves. No town can exist half hick and half city.

Must it go down in the annals that that started a reform we couldn't finish? Must it be recorded we failed when a pumpkin half performed? These here pumpkins must go, and we'll fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.

That toad walled up in a Texas courthouse for 31 years got walled up there about the same time they walled up Nick Haas in the Oregon state house.

Your portrait free—exactly as shown above," says a sign in a local drug store window under a picture of Governor Cavalcade Patterson. They'll never get us looking like that.

We know a good thing when we see it and Billy Murray singing that merry-go-round song is by far the funniest we ever heard, unless our memory is failing fast. We rise to remark that those eight Victor boys are as good in their line as we are in ours.

We hear Newell Williams is about to start another vicious fight against the new incinerator site. If he makes it vicious enough, maybe he can move it over still another half a block.

The state grange has gone on record as opposed to the \$3 license fee for automobiles. That's about the hardest blow the opposition to the bill has had to encounter so far.

The county court indicated its intention to rescind the county law library order. Congratulations, court.

WORDS AND MUSIC BETTER THAN VITAMINS

By Stoddard King

Compartments placed in light-colored compartments become fat, and those in dark-colored compartments thin.—Laboratory report.

Choose carefully the paper you put upon your wall, or else your weight at taper. To nothing much as it is. Be careful what the tint is. That decks your house or flat. Least, so the latest hint is. You get unduly fat.

Wall paper, is quite able to make one small or big—So proves the modern fad. About the guinea pig; And, if the paper changes. Our various weights and shapes. What our kitchen ranges. Our furniture and drapes!

I have it! I'll convince you a good, convenient weight. One that can be relied on. And give dull care the gate. Not shell-fad handrangers. Shall spoil my day's routine—A keeps me fit though lean!

Salem Can Have Regular Air Transport Service If Class A Airport Provided

The aviation committee of Capital post, American Legion has received important information that indicates Salem may have air mail service and through passenger plane service providing they can get airport accommodations that will pass department of commerce specifications.

The committee is made up of three aviators, one from each branch of the service. Justice Brazier, G. Small is chairman. He was a naval aviation pilot during the war at San Diego and Pensacola, Florida. John Elliott with the firm of Nicholson and Wiper is another member. Elliott was an army officer during the war. Carl Nelson of Salem, a bond salesman, is the third member. He was a marine corps aviator during the war and saw service with bombing planes.

This committee met Monday following the aviation luncheon at the

REED PLEADS DEMOCRATIC PARTY UNITY

"Turn The Rascals Out" is Battle Cry of Miss- ourian in Texas

Calls For Prompt Punish- ment Public Plunderers And Bribe Givers

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 21. (AP)—In the fight for the "united and militant democracy," which he demanded here last night to bring about "the return of honesty in government," Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, set out today for Tulsa, Okla., to continue to spread his campaign.

Opening his western campaign, the Missouri democratic presidential candidate told his party that first of all it must be united. He set out the platform on which he believed the democratic party can unite and win.

"The most important question before the American people," he said, "is to drive the republican party from power; to take this government out of the hands of bootlickers, grafters and lobbyists and to place its control once more in the hands of the American people."

Emphasizing the necessity for party harmony, the Missourian declined to discuss presidential candidates "including my own," as he talked here with some of the Texas democratic leaders yesterday. With the award of their 40 votes in the democratic convention still in doubt and involved in factional strife, most of the Texans who streamed into the senator's hotel room were

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ASKS FEDERAL RESERVES BE GIVEN STATES

Washington, Feb. 21. (AP)—The ceding of 209,000,000 acres of federal public lands to western states was advocated by Representative Winter, republican, Wyoming, in an address prepared for delivery today in the house.

Declaring that the states in and west of the Rockies mountains were denied equal rights with other states in land possession, the Wyoming representative voiced his opposition to pending legislation which would place 200,000,000 acres under a grazing lease system as "a perpetual federal pasture" requiring the payment of grazing fees.

"If this is done, 450,000,000 acres amounting to 55 per cent of the entire areas of the states," he said, "will remain forever taxfree, denying new home settlements, development and taxation."

"We wish to know whether we are to be states or provinces," he said. "When we secure the land we will develop our own resources and make our own improvements, asking them only just proportion of the benefits of federal aid which are given to all the states under uniform practices of national internal improvements. Western states, so long as the government controls tax-free, more than half of their lands are compelled and have a right to ask the federal government for special aid and benefits."

SHOOTING REVEALS WORLD WIDE RING

New York, Feb. 21. (AP)—The operations of what police believe to be an international ring of lawbreakers have been disclosed by the shooting to death of an alleged member of the gang.

The victim of the shooting was found dying in the hallway of an elaborate furnished apartment in the Bronx, investigation of which disclosed drills and other paraphernalia of safe crackers, letters, telegrams and cables from Russia, France and several cities in this country.

The dead man was identified from fingerprints as William Hill, alias William Doyle, an ex-convict.

SECURED \$6000 IN POSTOFFICE ROBBERY

Yreka, Cal., Feb. 21. (AP)—Roy Martin, 23, and Frank Edwards, 32, were held for trial yesterday on charges of robbing the Mt. Hebron postoffice in Siskiyou county Saturday

Lindy Lands, St. Louis Smashing All Records For Air Mail Cargoes

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21. (AP)—Flying a big Douglas mail plane ahead of schedule, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh landed at Lambert-St. Louis field at 9 a. m. today, completing a round-trip over his old air mail route between St. Louis and Chicago in an effort to advertise the postal service.

The response of the public to his appeal was far beyond the fondest dreams of air-line operators. From St. Louis alone yesterday Lindbergh and five other fliers carried 1907 pounds and 10 ounces of mail matter. Approximately half a ton additional was picked up at Springfield and Peoria.

After a quick night with his fellow pilots in the apartment of a flier at Chicago, Lindbergh was at the Chicago flying field shortly after 5 a. m. today. At 6:12 with the cockpit of his plane filled to the top with mail, the flying colonel took the air.

He landed at Peoria at 7:25 a. m. Within five minutes the Peoria sacks had been unloaded and he was on his way again. He landed at Springfield, his second stop, at 8:05 and took off again within the five minutes provided by the postal schedule.

Just 50 minutes later he landed in front of the national guard hangar here.

In reply to questions as to his future plans, he said he intended to fly to Albany, N. Y., next week for a conference on February 29, at which a state aeronautical code would be discussed.

Thomas P. Nelson, Cleveland-New York air mail route flier, and an old-time flying mate of Lindbergh, left Chicago at 6:25 a. m. with another load of mail and arrived here at 9:20 a. m. Other pilots were held at Chicago awaiting mail from New York and the Pacific coast.

SMITH LIKELY TO STAY AWAY FROM HOUSTON

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 21. (AP)—Gov. Al Smith's big trouble just now involves the question of whether he should attend the democratic national convention next June in Houston.

He wants to go, but feels that because he is unquestionably will be one of the subjects of discussion it might be best for him to remain away.

Smith hasn't missed a national convention in a long time. He derives great personal enjoyment out of them regardless of political maneuvers. He likes to meet people, mix with them and talk with them, but he is afraid this year that he will not be able to do so.

That is his chief regret, according to those who are closest to him. His second regret is that he will not be on the scene to direct personally the forces which lined up for his nomination for the presidency. Political friends believe the New York governor has one of the most acute brains for political strategy within the democratic ranks and that his absence from the convention city may be a serious handicap to him.

FOUR MILLION OUT OF WORK

Washington, Feb. 21. (AP)—The unemployment situation was called to the attention of congress today in a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Celler, democrat, New York.

"This unemployment," Celler said, "in his resolution, 'is most keenly felt in New York, New Jersey, New England, the middle Atlantic states and the coal regions of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, and is being registered to an alarming degree in the boot and shoe, textile, automobile and lumber industries and in the building and out of door trades. Declaring estimates show 4,000,000 out of work, the resolution calls upon President Coolidge to authorize government departments to speed up public building construction so that unemployment may get work. It also asks that Governors of states be encouraged to start contemplated public works."

GOLD MEDAL GIVEN HOOVER

New York, Feb. 21. (AP)—Herbert Hoover will speak over the radio tonight as a fellow-engineer when he is presented with the Saunders gold medal for achievements in engineering.

The presentation, which is to be broadcast by the WJZ network, starting at 9 p. m., will be made at the annual banquet of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Simultaneous gatherings of engineers in 16 other cities will listen in on the program.

Accompanying the award to Mr. Hoover is a brief tribute to his work as a mining engineer in this and other countries.

"To others Hoovers is the economist, administrator and executive," says the citation, "but to miners and engineers he is the professional associate who by his insight and skill has made a brilliant technical and business success of mines, mills and smelters."

6 DEAD, 7 MISSING IN KINLOCK MINE

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 21. B—The known death toll as a consequence of a double accident in the Kinlock mine of the Valley Camp Coal company today amounted to six, with seven other miners unaccounted for.

Four of the bodies were found in the main workings, where a disastrous explosion occurred last night. Two others were located in an isolated section of the mine where five miners, uninformed of the blast went to work this morning and were overcome by gas. Three of the five, rendered unconscious, were brought to the surface by a mine maie which pulled out the car on which the victims were lying.

HOLD SINCLAIR IN CONTEMPT FOR ESPIONAGE

Oil Magnate, Burns and Assistant Found Guilty by Justice Siddons

Sinclair Gets 6 Months, Burns 15 Days, His Son \$1000 Fine

Washington, Feb. 21. (AP)—Adjudged guilty of criminal contempt for shadowing the Fall-Sinclair-conspiracy trial jury, Harry F. Sinclair was sentenced today to serve six months in jail.

Justice Siddons in the District of Columbia supreme court sentenced W. J. Burns, assistant attorney general, to serve 15 days in jail.

Henry Mason Day, a business associate of Sinclair, was sentenced to serve four months in jail. He hired the Burns detectives to shadow the jury.

W. Sherman Burns, son of W. J. Burns, and head of the Burns detective agency, was let off with a \$100 fine.

Washington, Feb. 21. (AP)—Justice F. L. Siddons ruled today that Harry F. Sinclair, W. J. Burns, W. Sherman Burns and Henry Mason Day were in contempt of court for their part in the shadowing of Fall-Sinclair jurors.

Siddons did not pronounce sentence at the same time he adjudged the men guilty. He went on reading more of his decision, in which earlier he had overruled a motion to dismiss the criminal charge.

An appeal to the district of Columbia court of appeals was to be

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CYCLOPS TELLS KLAN PLAN TO SEIZE POWER

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 21. (AP)—A picture of the Ku Klux Klan as a power grabbing octopus, reaching across the state and nation to seize political control has been drawn for Attorney General Gilliom in a deposition by Hugh F. Emmons, a former klan cyclops in a deposition, which required eight hours in the taking.

A union of the klan, the Indiana Anti-Saloon league and horse thief detective associations in efforts to elect candidates satisfactory to all of them, was charged by Emmons.

Emmons testified that at a South Bend klan meeting he was told by E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, the klan and the horse thief detective associations must "go down the line together" for Arthur Robinson who was elected United States senator in 1926.

Shumaker last night said he could not recall making such a statement. He said the Anti-Saloon league was never identified with the klan.

W. Lee Smith of Indianapolis, until recently grand dragon, told Emmons the klan was formed for the purpose of getting political control of the United States, as depicted with Valley Klan No. 53 of South Bend at the time, between 1923 and 1926.

Emmons charged the klan made lavish expenditures, held orgies at road houses, ordered hate-trainings

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TO ASK WRIT IN STATE BLOCK CASE

Portland, Feb. 21. (AP)—A writ of error will be filed with the state supreme court within a few days in which the court's decision that the state may use workmen's compensation funds in constructing a new state building, according to James G. Wilson, attorney.

Wilson represents the Eastern and Western Lumber company, one of the complainants, and Thomas Kay, state treasurer.

Declaring that the present proposal to borrow \$600,000 for building purposes did not carry with it the obligation to pay it back into the workmen's compensation fund, Wilson said:

"We do not propose to take this to the state and will take the case to the highest court in the land in an effort to prevent it."

Episcopalian Clergy Vote On Dry Issue

New York, Feb. 21. (AP)—A new nationwide prohibition poll of Protestant Episcopal clergymen has been completed by the church temperance society of that denomination.

The majority of replies received favored modification of the Volstead act. Questionnaires were sent to 5,301 ministers and 2,980 responded. Sample questions and answers follow:

Should the Volstead act be modified? Yes, 1,389; no, 673.

Is prohibition a success in your locality? Yes, 501; no, 1,304.

FULL DINNER PAIL ISSUE AT FARM HEARING

Washington, Feb. 21. (AP)—A clash between committee members over the full dinner pail or lack of it, marked the house agriculture committee's hearings today on farm relief.

While Edgar Wallace of the American Federation of Labor was endorsing equalization of farm principle, Representatives Ketchum of Michigan, republican, and Kinchloe of Kentucky, democrat, engaged in a political encounter.

The exchange was precipitated when Wallace asserted 40 per cent of labor in the United States was unemployed.

"Then you don't believe there is a full dinner pail present?" asked Kinchloe.

"No, there aren't full dinner pails now," Wallace replied.

Ketchum remonstrated that politics were being interjected into the hearing.

"Not politics but economics," said Kinchloe.

Wallace then, under questioning by Kinchloe, declared the textile industry workers were "miserably paid" and many were unemployed. He said 200,000 coal miners were jobless. Kinchloe said the textile industry was "highly protected by the tariff."

"The tariff has not helped much," declared the labor man.

PLAN TO DEPORT SALVATION LASSIE

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21. (AP)—Crossing the border from Canada in 1924 in a covered wagon, May Shipley came to this country with her father, four brothers and two sisters. Now, at the age of 18, she is a Salvation Army lieutenant, and today she was brought from Bend, Ore., by immigration officers and held for hearing on a charge that she had not obtained proper entry papers.

Her father died at Grants Pass in December, 1924 and the children drifted apart. The family's migration to this country came after divorce separated mother from father and children. The father had been a carpenter in Prince Albert, where May was born.

AUTO LIGHT TESTING CAMPAIGN BEGUN

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21. (AP)—An automobile light-testing campaign is under way in which all city, county and state agencies are participating in an effort to do away with glaring headlights, to which cause have accidents recently.

Solicitation of Money To Get Convicts Out of Pen Gets Dormitzer In

Paul Dormitzer, Coos county attorney sent to the state penitentiary last July to serve a sentence of one year on a charge of larceny by embezzlement and who was released on parole December 1, is again back inside the prison walls to serve out his full sentence.

During his previous residence in the penitentiary because much interested in the cases of several convicts ambitious to secure their release. From them he secured the names of relatives and friends who might be expected to contribute funds toward achievement of this end. Dormitzer had, subsequent to his commitment to the prison, been discharged from further practice of his profession in the courts of Oregon, but this did not deter him from soliciting these clients.

Upon his release Dormitzer started to solicit relatives of his convict friends for money to finance campaigns for their release. Among others he solicited a relative of a Mexican serving time here, asking \$150. Soon after that had been paid he sent a request for a second \$150, which aroused the attention of the relative, who made a trip to Salem to see what it was all about. His visit and the information he furnished resulted in the revocation of Dormitzer's parole.

Dormitzer was located in yesterday a few days ago and last week Guard Oscar Bradford brought him back to Salem.

While it is not known just how much Dormitzer collected through his profession in the courts of Oregon, which leads them to believe that the total amounted to several hundred dollars.

COUNTY COURT ANNULS ORDER FOR LIBRARY

Attorneys Express Them- selves as Favorable to Rescinding Order

Fees Paid by Litigants Ordered Returned; Le- gality of Act Doubted

By DON UPJOHN

The Marion county court today rescinded its order of February 9 under which a county law library was created at the expense of litigants. The original order was made under a resolution passed at the behest of the Marion county bar association. Questionnaires were sent to 5,301 ministers and 2,980 responded. Sample questions and answers follow:

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HOPE FADES FOR EARLY BUILDING OF STATE BLOCK

Whether the start on the proposed new state office building can be made this year is doubtful following a conference in Portland yesterday with State Treasurer Kay and members of the state industrial accident commission on one side and representatives of the Eastern & Western Lumber company and some other lumber companies on the other side.

They believed he could persuade the lumber company representatives not to appeal the state office building case, which was decided by the supreme court last week in favor of the state. But they refused to concede a point to Kay and it is certain that the case will be appealed to the United States supreme court on writ of error.

Counting time to file a transcript of appeal in Washington, and other regular delays, it is advanced that even should the case be advanced on the docket it could not be decided for several months. And then there is no certainty that it would be decided in favor of the state.

Even should a favorable decision come down in the early fall construction would doubtless be deferred until the spring of 1929.