

WILKINS FLIES OVER POLE

JURY ACQUITS SINCLAIR

TWISTER HITS MANY TOWNS IN SOUTHWEST

Tornado Sweeps From Texas to Tennessee Leveling Buildings

50 Homes Damaged at Memphis—Deaths and Injuries Reported

Texarkana, Ark., Apr. 21 (AP)—An under-estimated number of persons were injured, one probably fatally, and dozens of buildings were destroyed when a tornado swept through Index, Ark., and Ogden, Ark., today.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson, about 45, suffered injuries which probably will result in death when the twister hurled a tree against her home at Ogden.

Many houses, barns and trees were blown down or carried away, and a plantation owner at Index reported that 10 of his tenants were homeless and he feared lives had been lost.

Later reports were that the storm swept across Leary, Texas and Hooks, Texas, west of Texarkana before striking the Arkansas communities. A church, business buildings and houses were unroofed at Hooks, but no loss of life reported.

Memphis Tenn., Apr. 21 (AP)—More than 50 homes were damaged, hundreds of trees were leveled and many telephones were reported out of commission as the result of a (Continued on Page 8, Column 2)

GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Upjohn

CLEARING THE TRACK
"The program was dispensed with in order to enable the women to talk," says an item in the Statesman.

Christian Cowitz is a candidate for alderman from the sixth ward. We do not object to Christians in the council, but what for der cow itz in der council?

According to the probate records the Bishop boys took in over \$10,000 last year and it only cost them \$21.90 to get by. We must write to their guardian Uncle Clarence and see if he has this done. We need some such system ourselves.

WHAT PAUL JOHNSON MISSED
Portland, April 20 (AP)—In keeping with its policy of not looking upon the nose when it is thumbed, the Portland Motion Picture Board of Censors today ordered the arrest of Floyd Maxwell, manager of a local movie theater and a member of the censor board. The arrest of Maxwell, who represents theatrical interests on the censor board, was brought about by a warrant sworn to by Mrs. Frank O. Northrup, chairman. The specific charge is that the feature picture, "Sadie Thompson," contained scenes in which actresses and actors "thumbed their noses at each other."

A FRIEND IN NEED
Down at the public market confectionery a little chap came in the other day and purchased a Green River. After drinking this with relish, he ordered a strawberry soda water. While he was tucking this away another customer ordered a milk shake. It looked good to the boy but the price was a little high and he tried to dick the lady down to 10 cents. This failed, but the temptation was too strong, and when the strawberry soda was gone he ordered the milk shake. He started to drink with considerable deliberation due to an already distended stomach. When about half through he quit, put his head on his hand and meditated.

"Can't you drink the rest of it?" the lady asked.

"No," said the boy. "But you leave it alone. I can find someone who can."

So saying he rushed from the building. In a few minutes he returned with a ragged dirty urchin, who unimpeded by a previous Green River and strawberry soda made short work of the remains.

What financial consideration passed for the corpse was not learned.

WORDS AND MUSIC FIRST SYMPTOMS
By Stoddard King.

The trees put forth their earliest shoots.

The bush its bushful bud,
And there is need of rubber boots
To navigate the mud—
Sweet spring—
To navigate the mud.

In various kinds of twigs and limbs
Flow various kinds of saps,
The weather, to indulge its whims,
Enjoys a brief relapse—
More snow!—
Enjoys a brief relapse.

The hopeful gardener receives
A catalogue of seeds,
Abandons reasons, and believes
Two-thirds of what he reads—
Fear man!—
Two-thirds of what he reads.

Mechanical Voice Speaks At Banquet Of Society; Operated By Bellows

Washington, Apr. 21 (AP)—A mechanical voice spoke to the members of the American Physical Society at its annual dinner last night after a day devoted to the business of discussing recent achievements in their active field of research.

"Rather!" it said with the excessively broad "a" attributed by American comedians to countrymen of its creator, Sir Richard Paget, noted British inventor and physicist, who was a guest of the society and manipulated the device.

"Hello London, are you there?" asked the device, a little later and then exclaimed:

TERROR GRIPS QUAKE REGION OF BULGARIA

More Than 125,000 Families Homeless; 800 Injured; Industries Gone

Political Upheaval Likely as People Blame Government for Quakes

London, April 21. (AP)—A Vienna dispatch to the Daily Express today said that a political upheaval might result from the earthquake which devastated southern Bulgaria.

The people of Philippopolis, in the center of the stricken district, hold the government responsible for the disaster because, for the first time in Bulgarian history, a session of parliament was held on Good Friday, a holy day. The people are convinced that the catastrophe was punishment for this impiety.

Procession of inhabitants passed continuously around the outskirts of the ruined city chanting expiatory psalms and calling upon all to repent their sins.

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 21. (AP)—More than 125,000 homeless families in southeastern Bulgaria today endured misery, cold and deprivation in terror as intermittent earthquakes continued to rock the already devastated region.

The government and volunteer agencies devoted every effort to tending the more than 850 persons (Continued on Page 6, Column 2)

FALL DECLARES ACQUITTAL IS VINDICATION

Pasadena, Cal., Apr. 21 (AP)—"I knew that when the truth came out there were not 12 jurymen in this world who could hold either Mr. Sinclair or myself guilty of the action with which we were charged," Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, said today when informed by the United Press of the verdict of the Teapot Dome jury in Washington.

Fall, recovering here from an illness which prevented him from going to trial with Harry F. Sinclair, declared the verdict was satisfactory in every respect.

"I am glad for Mr. Sinclair's sake. It will remove a terrible blight from his life. Needless to say I am delighted because of the vindication of my name."

"Mr. Sinclair's acquittal of the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of the Teapot Dome oil lands was certain. The facts in the case, once known, made the verdict a matter of form. My only regret is that my physical condition did not permit me to go to trial with Mr. Sinclair."

NOT GUILTY IN TEAPOT CASE OF BRIBERY

Jury Holds Money Paid Fall Not Bribe, But For Ranch Purchase

Nye Says Case Proves You Can't Convict a Million Dollars of Crime

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Harry F. Sinclair today was acquitted of the charge that he conspired to defraud the government in the leasing of Teapot Dome.

A jury in the District of Columbia supreme court accepted his contention that when he paid Albert B. Fall \$233,000 in liberty bonds and \$35,000 in cash it was for a part in the ranch owned by the former secretary of the interior and was not a part of a deal through which the Wyoming naval oil reserve was turned over to him.

The jury took the case from Justice Bailey at 10:25 o'clock this morning and returned its verdict at 12:24 p. m., being out exactly one hour and 59 minutes.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered Sinclair authorized this statement:

"I have felt since the inception of the oil cases that I would be acquitted of any charge of conspiracy to defraud the government when the evidence came before a jury."

Today in the courtroom he was surrounded by his friends who poured their congratulations upon him. Mrs. Sinclair was so deeply moved that she became hysterical.

When the jury had entered the courtroom and seated itself the usual routine was performed by the court before the justice addressed it.

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you reached a verdict?" he asked finally.

"We have," replied the foreman. "What is your verdict, Mr. Foreman?" asked the clerk of court.

"Not guilty," came the reply as the courtroom strained forward.

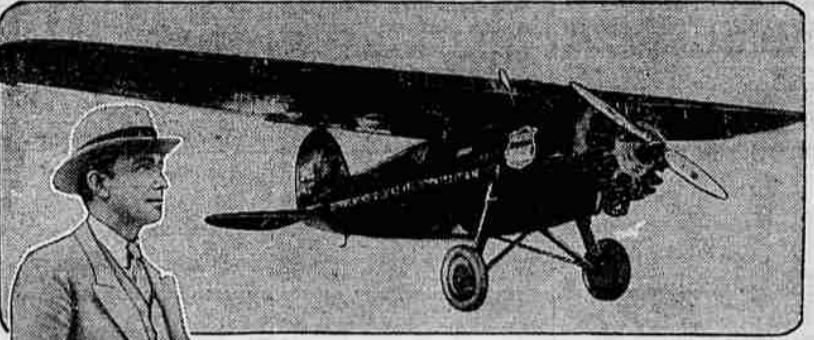
"Oh, good," exclaimed Mrs. Sinclair as she began to cry.

Friends led her into the corridor and as soon as Sinclair could force his way through the crowd he (Continued on Page 8, Column 3)

OIL PROBERS CALL STEWART FOR BOND DEAL

Washington, April 21 (AP)—In hope of getting at last the real story of the shady deal of oil men in 1921, the Teapot Dome committee has recalled Robert W. Stewart of the Standard Oil company of Indiana to appear before it April 24, Chairman Nye announced today.

Wilkins Flies In Wooden Plane Over Pole



In a monoplane made entirely of wood, (above) Captain George H. Wilkins, the Australian aviator has flown over the Arctic regions from Fort Barrow to Spitzbergen. The map shows his bases, Fairbanks and Fort Barrow and Spitzbergen. On it are traced the previous aerial voyages of Byrd and Amundsen. The purpose of the flight was the aerial exploration of the Arctic for meteorological bases.

Methodists Plan to Cut From Hymn Book Airs Of Martial Music

Martial strains of music, such as "Onward Christian Soldiers" and words which suggest battle, conflict and militarism in any way will be eliminated from the Methodist church hymn book and psalter, if steps to be taken at the general conference of the church in Kansas City, starting May 1, are successful. Many of the churchmen have long felt that the nature of some songs appearing in the official book was inconsistent with the professed purpose to bring about world peace.

Universal peace will be the keynote of the conference, it is understood. Oregon delegates to the big Methodist gathering will leave next week. Four of them are Salem residents, Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of (Continued on Page 8, Column 4)

RELIEF PLANE'S FLIGHT DELAYED THRU ILLNESS

Lake Ste Agnes, Que., April 21. (Canadian Press)—Illness of Floyd Bennett, who is confined to his bed, has caused indefinite postponement of the flight of the Ford plane to the relief of the Bremen, which had been scheduled for today.

Bennett, who was co-pilot with Bert Balchen on his flight here from Detroit yesterday developed a high fever during the night and was unable to leave his bed this morning. Both Bennett and Balchen who have recently undergone extremes of temperatures, have suffered from heavy colds.

Should it appear likely that Bennett will be unable to fly for some time, the substitution of C. A. "Duke" Schiller was being considered. Schiller has already made one round-trip by air to Greenly island and brought out Major James Fitzmaurice of the Bremen crew.

KISS PROMISED POLICE CHIEF

Chief of Police Frank Minto is walking on air, somewhat in trepidation, however, lest his wife hear of it.

For yesterday, the amiable chief law protector received a letter from a Portland woman saying that if Mr. Minto would do her a slight favor, she would, on her next visit to Salem, throw her arms around him and plant a generous kiss.

This lady wanted the chief to discover the whereabouts of a certain man here and send the correct address to her.

"If you will do this for me, it will be real sweet of you," and then followed the promise of reward.

Chief Minto turned the letter over to Sergeant Thompson with instructions to forward the desired information. Thompson is wondering now if he should not get the reward if he does the work.

SINNOTT PULLS OFF PRIMARY TICKET

A telegram announcing his withdrawal as a candidate for re-nomination as congressman was received from Representative N. J. Sinnott by Sam Koser, secretary of state, early this afternoon.

ARCTIC FLIER ENDS TRIP TO SPITZBERGEN

Wilkins Flies From Point Barrow to Svalbard Over Polar Regions

Forced Down For 5 Days on Barren Island; Crew in Fine Health

London, April 21 (AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says that the newspaper Politiken has received a message from Svalbard stating that Captain George H. Wilkins, Arctic flier, landed near the Svalbard radio station at 11 o'clock this morning.

A previous message to Politiken, also from Svalbard radio station, stated that Captain Wilkins flew from Point Barrow and landed near Doomsansoetra where bad weather stopped him for five days.

Doomsansoetra is an uninhabited island on the north side of Isfjord, about 25 miles from Svalbard. The crew of the plane was reported in excellent condition.

The arrival of Captain Wilkins near Svalbard, from Point Barrow, Alaska, represents the successful completion of Captain Wilkins' plan to fly across the polar regions and presumably across the north pole itself.

The Wilkins plane carried a radio, but despite a constant watch by radio stations, complete silence enveloped the activities of the expedition from the time that the aviator was expected to take off from Point Barrow.

Captain Wilkins, a noted Australian explorer, was accompanied by Carl B. Eielson, an Alaskan pilot. Svalbard is the name applied to the entire archipelago of Spitzbergen. (Continued on Page 8, Column 1)

FAMILY OF 7 BURN TO DEATH IN FARM HOME

Eldorado, Kan., Apr. 21 (AP)—Seven members of the William F. Overst family were burned to death at their farm home 20 miles north-west of Eldorado last night. The blaze of unknown origin, occurred about 8 o'clock but the bodies were not discovered until midnight, as neighbors who were attracted to the fire at first believed the family had left home for the evening.

Owen Overst, 37, was the only member of the family who escaped death. He had driven the family car to Florence to attend a motion picture show.

The dead: William F. Overst, 45; Elsie Overst, 41, his wife; five of their children, Dorothy, 16; Ralph, 14; Hugh, 10; Edith, 8, and Herbert, 6. All the bodies were found in the kitchen.

A coroner's jury was impaneled this morning and an inquest probably will be held.

County authorities, preparing to make a thorough investigation discovered a mystery as they tried to fathom a possible explanation of the fire's origin. There was no gas stove and no oil stove used in the house, but the home was lighted by kerosene lamps, they learned by questioning the only surviving member of the family.

AIRPLANE WINS AGAINST AUTO

Olympia, Wash., April 21. (AP)—Cars should stay on the road where they belong was the answer made in court to a suit for \$300 filed by Glen R. Bach of the United States biological bureau here against Orville Kelsey and Pete Lexague, Salem, Ore., aviators.

The suit resulted from an accident between a Waco plane, owned by the Oregon men and Bach's car which was on Olympia's new flying field.

Refusal of Bach to remove his car from the flying field caused the collision, the aviators contend, and they asked \$300 damages be paid to them instead of them paying it to Bach.

The Fitzgerald-Sherwin Motor company, a local concern, said the Waco plane to the two youths, Orville Kelsey and Pete Lexague, two weeks ago. They do not live in Salem, Kelsey is from Alturas, Cal., and Lexague's home is in Olympia. Both have just learned to fly, having taken lessons from Tex Rankin in Portland.

The two boys made a few flights here after purchasing the plane and left on a "burnstorming" tour.

WILLAMETTE SELLS HORSE HEAVEN LAND

A tract of land in "Horse Heaven" of Benton county in eastern Washington owned jointly by Willamette University and College of Puget Sound was disposed of this week to C. S. Beem, of Shelleville, Ill. The tract comprised some 464 acres and sold at about \$4 per acre.

The deal was handled by Wells Taliman, a local real estate man. About \$1000 of the sale price will accrue to Willamette.

The tract was left to the two colleges several years ago by a Mr. Amon, who died recently.

Mill City Wins First Prize In Second Club Contest, Stayton Second

Nine girls and a strapping came down from the Santiam country, 40 miles away, with a song and dance act which won the first prize for their community, last night, when the second of the Friday night community club competition entertainments was held on the stage of the Elsinore.

Picking the winners last night was no easy job for the Judges, J. Lyman Steed of the Rotary club, Adolph Nelson of the Kiwanis club, and Henry R. Crawford of the Lions club, but the colorful costumes, the pep they displayed, and the originality of their act, won the \$10 prize for the nine Mill City high school girls and the boy in their stunt. Mrs. Ethel Hickey is the (Continued on Page 8, Column 7)