

MINNESOTA SWEEP BY TORNADO

VETERANS TO SEEK REFUND OF \$371,000

Deductions from Bonus Allowances for Educational Aid Held Void

Support in Courts Would Increase State Deficit at Embarrassing Time

Legal action in behalf of Oregon world war veterans who have been required to refund allowances paid them for educational aid before being permitted to accept the benefits of the state bonus and loan act which, if successful, will increase the present state deficit by at least \$371,000 will be instituted in the courts here within the coming month, the Capital Journal is advised today.

The suit will be instituted by a group of war veterans who were compelled, under regulations promulgated by the legislature and the World War Veterans State Aid commission for the administration of the bonus act, to refund sums received for educational aid before being granted cash bonuses or loans authorized by the people in a constitutional amendment, according to Joe Minton, local ex-service man who has been engaged as one of a battery of attorneys to handle the case.

The contention of the plaintiffs will be that the imposition of the refund qualification for eligibility for a cash bonus or loan by the legislature and the bonus commission is in conflict with the constitutional amendment, and that the people in approving the bonus and loan amendment did not intend.

14 SWEEP OFF OVER DUE SHIP DURING STORM

Panama, Aug. 21 (AP)—The story of a fierce battle with sea and wind, in which 14 lives were lost, is recounted in the log of the Mystic line steamship, W. S. McKenney, which docked here last night long overdue from Seattle.

The log shows that on August 8, when the men perished, the ship near midnight, while fighting a strong gale, lost its steering control. The engines were cut down to half speed and an unsuccessful attempt was made to bring the steamer's prow to windward.

A heavy sea struck the vessel, shifting the forward deck load. The port rigging foremast was broken off, the mast crashing over the starboard side of the ship, and the whole deck of lumber went overboard.

The engines then were stopped and all hands were called on deck to cover the hatch, the cover having been washed off by a tremendous wave that sprang over the ship tearing away everything on deck from stem to stern. The windows of the upper chartroom were broken, the chart wheelhouse flooded, the doors to the saloon smashed in and the lifeboats carried away.

It was while the crew was attempting to cover the hatch that a wave washed 14 sailors into the sea, none of whom was rescued.

SAVINGS AND LOAN COMPANIES MERGE

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—A \$3,300,000 financial institution will be formed through the merger of the Union Savings and Loan association and the Federal Savings and Loan association of this city, now under negotiation.

In preparation for the merger, which will be completed as soon as the legal formalities are ended, Grant Phegley, president of the Federal Savings and Loan association, A. J. Matot, vice-president and J. R. Callahan, secretary, have been elected to the board of directors of the Union Savings and Loan association.

Aside from its size, the transaction is regarded as important in that it is the first consolidation to involve savings and loan associations in the modern trend of mergers and chain systems.

GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Ujeha

A few days before Mr. Al Faussett was scheduled to make his second canoe jump over Silver Creek Falls, we received through the mail a printed poster announcing the event. On it was scribbled the words asking us to mention the matter in our column. We don't know whether the intrepid canoe jumper sent this himself or not. But we do know we didn't mention it.

We for one are glad the second canoe jump didn't come off. Not that we are against canoe jumps. If canoe jumpers desire to get a hectic thrill by jumping in canoes, either over falls, off church steeples, down elevator shafts or even from the leaning tower of Pisa, our only advice to them is to jump if they enjoy it.

But we do object to seeing the last stands of nature being desecrated by huge gangs who go out to see canoe jumps instead of beauty. If our silence in any way helped to maintain Silver Falls as a beauty spot immune from canoe jumpers, lemonade stands, pop bottle palaces and their ilk, then we haven't lived in vain.

We hope Marion county will maintain a few places where the voice of nature is not constantly interrupted by the barking of the hot dog. We have 57 miles of state highways and 125 miles of market roads, almost every inch of which is available for hot dog kennels. And the First National bank building may be utilized for canoe jumps with a good crowd assured any Saturday night just before the movies. Let's keep Silver Falls to the uses for which the Creator designed it.

Eugene papers are bragging about two law students who received the highest marks in their courses and advise the world to "watch them." With our usual retiring modesty we may add that we, too, once received a mark in a bar examination which was a top-notch. But anyone who would trust us with their fortune in a law suit would be headed straight to bankruptcy and ruin. It's been our observation that the man who heads his class in the university is often at the tail end of the bread line in real life.

If we remember rightly the scripture enjoins that for one to attain the kingdom of heaven he must think as a little child—

The Rev. Mr. Reasoner seems to be well on the heavenly road.

WORDS AND MUSIC ZERO IN ORNAMENT

By Stoddard King

A man will do a foolish thing
Whenever he gets a chance;
He will buy mining stock, or slag,
Or wear plus-seven pants;
But no man is an utter fool
Save when he thinks he's cute,
And sits for snapshots by a pool
Wearing his bathing suit.

There hardly ever was a man
Who, in a bathing garment,
Appeared as any other than
A most unhandsome varmint;
And yet from one year to the next
By precedent unshaken,
Men prove my point (refer to text)
By having pictures taken.

With scrawny arms and bony knees
Before the lens they stand,
And send their horrid effigies
At large throughout the land.
Oh, men, be noble, stern and rough,
When danger looms, go to it;
But as for all this posing stuff,
Please let the ladies do it!

\$19,900 ROBBERY

Chicago, Aug. 21 (AP)—Five robbers held up two bank messengers in a taxicab today, robbing them of \$19,900 in cash and negotiable paper. The messengers were taking the money to the Union Trust company, a loop bank.

Searchers For Hassell Report No Plane Could Survive Late Storm

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—Commander Smith of the coast guard cutter Marion reported to headquarters by wireless today that no plane could have remained above the water more than a few hours in the storm that washed Davis Strait Sunday. The Marion is searching for the Greater Rockford.

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 21 (AP)—The Newfoundland government today instructed the steamer Susu, now on the coast of northern Labrador, to make every effort to discover the whereabouts of the missing monoplane Greater Rockford.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Danish inspection ship Godthaab, now in Greenland waters, has been instructed by the government to begin immediately a search

SCHUNKE GETS SEAT VACATED BY ENGSTROM

Council Names Darkhorse To Fill Out Unexpired Portion of Term

Thompson Resigns Because of Desire to Hold Job on City Project

It took six ballots of the city council last night to elect an alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Carl O. Engstrom of the fifth ward, and then the election fell to a dark horse—Edward Schunke, a former councilman.

After the election had been held and all other business of the council transacted, even after the motion to adjourn had been made, another vacancy was created by the sudden resignation of Alderman George Thompson of the fifth ward. It is presumed that this vacancy will be filled at the first meeting in September.

When the council convened it was believed that either Carl T. Pope, one of the candidates in the coming fall election for the aldermanic post, or Phil Eiker would be elected to fill out Engstrom's term. Had there been a full attendance of the members last night Eiker probably would have been elected on the first ballot, for he lacked only one vote of the necessary eight. Aldermen Hawkins and Johnson were absent and it is believed Hawkins would have voted for Eiker.

Eiker was nominated by Alderman Patton and Pope was nominated by Simeral. No other nominations were made. But when the first ballot was counted it was found that Eiker had seven votes, Pope four and Schunke one.

On the second ballot Eiker lost.

SALEM GETS KIWANIS MEET FOR NORTHWEST

Salem has captured the Kiwanis convention for the northwest for 1929.

This was announced at the club luncheon today by Ralph Cooley, who was called from the dining table to answer a telephone call from William Chadwick, who is at the Aberdeen convention. Chadwick said that in the official vote Salem received 93 votes and Victoria, B. C. 77. A cheer greeted the announcement.

Greover Hillman of the Cherry City Baking company was the club speaker today. His subject was his recent European tour, and he gave an interesting account of the entire journey through England, France, the Scandinavian countries, Germany and back home. While he saw some wonderful scenery, he was of the opinion that none of it could beat the Oregon country and thought if he had the choice of another trip like it or a trip through Oregon he would choose the latter.

Among the interesting things Hillman saw were a political parade in Chicago, featuring Bill Thompson's candidates; the Good Year Tire plant in Akron, Ohio, where 18,000 people are employed; New

York, Aug. 21 (AP)—Governor Smith today spiked reports that he planned to make about 20 set speeches during his campaign for the presidency and that he intended to launch his drive sometime in September with a trip across the continent for an initial address in Oregon.

"I don't know a thing about it," he told newspapermen at his daily conference just before leaving his office at the capitol to test out the radio on the east steps where he will deliver his acceptance speech tomorrow evening.

Hoover Welcomed To Village Of Birth Dines In Old Home

West Branch, Iowa, Aug. 21 (AP)—Herbert Hoover is back today in this cross-roads village of his birth, cares of the presidential campaign forgotten as he renews old friendships and revisits scenes of his childhood.

Arriving early, the republican candidate drove directly to the little frame house where he was born, to have breakfast as the guest of Mrs. Jennie Scollars, who now owns the building.

With him were Mrs. Hoover and their two sons, Herbert, Jr., who came west for the occasion, and Allan, who accompanied his parents from California. The only guest was Mrs. Molly Brown Carran, who was the first school teacher of the commerce secretary.

Mrs. Scollars greeted her distinguished guests upon their arrival after a short automobile ride from the station.

As the visitors ate in the rather small room, the crowd which had followed the automobile procession from the depot milled around outside, over-running the lawn and practically destroying the beautiful flower beds.

Still others gathered around the front porch of the two-story addition, which Mrs. Scollars added years ago to the original building. This porch had been leased to a concessionaire who did a thriving business selling pictures of Hoover and the birthplace.

Before the call to breakfast, the republican standard-bearer visited the kitchen where he once helped his widowed mother with the chores.

CHAPLIN LOSES \$750,000 ALONG WITH HIS WIFE

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 21 (AP)—Charlie Chaplin, screencomedian's famous comedian, tomorrow sits on the long end of an act that lacks all the elements of comedy but costs \$750,000.

For tomorrow his wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, will seek the final decree of the interlocutory divorce granted her on August 22, 1927, which will sever the marital relations of the two. With it goes a court award to her of \$750,000 from her husband.

This was the announcement made today by Roland Rich Wooley, attorney for Mrs. Chaplin, who said he would represent her in court at the final proceedings.

Outside of the \$750,000 and the loss of his wife, it's just another day to Chaplin, the actor said. To his wife it brings reports of her probable marriage to Roy D'Arcy, film actor.

"The day when the decree becomes final will be just like any other day to me," Chaplin said. "As a matter of fact, I hadn't even given it a thought."

Presented with the report of her contemplated marriage, Mrs. Chaplin said:

SMITH REPLIES TO CHARGES BY KANSAS EDITOR

Censures the Republican Committee for Slandorous Personal Attack

Denies Charges, Explains Character of Bills That He Voted Upon

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 21 (AP)—Democratic legislators swarming into Albany from all sections of the nation to see their new leader officially notified of his presidential nomination tomorrow night today found Governor Smith calmly waiting his hour of triumph as well as the reaction to his sweeping counter thrust at critics of his long record in the New York legislature.

Early tomorrow evening on the east steps of the capitol the nominee will deliver a speech formally launching his campaign for the presidency.

Clearing his desk for the moment, the governor made public a detailed reply to William Allen White's charges that he favored the saloon and was lenient towards gambling and prostitution in his votes on a long list of bills while an assemblyman—an answer which he said must be considered final.

Declaring his legislative record "as an opponent of immorality is fixed and secure," and that he was satisfied the people of New York state did not concur in the "slandorous attack," the nominee assailed the republican national committee for

6 COTTAGES TO BE BUILT AT AUTO PARK

A contract between the city park board and Emma Murphy Brown, whereby Mrs. Brown will construct six cottages in the city tourist camp grounds has been approved by City Attorney Williams, and his letter of approval was filed and read at the city council meeting last night.

Mrs. Brown, in this contract, takes the place of several business men, who earlier in the year proposed to construct the cottages, to be repaid out of the proceeds of the rental of the cottages. This same arrangement has been made with Mrs. Brown.

The cottages will be in a row of alternating cottages and garages. Each cottage will be one main room and will be 26 by 18 feet. Each will have sewer and toilet connection and will be a distinct improvement over the present cottages on the ground. The location is to be fixed by the park board.

There are at present six cottages on the ground and several tent houses.

IDAHO BLAZE OUT OF CONTROL

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 21 (AP)—Forced by heavy gales, the Johanna fire raging in the Clearwater national forest has gone on a rampage and is now burning over an area of more than 8400 acres.

Spreading 900 acres since yesterday, the blaze has pushed fire fighters back and has jumped several miles of trenches. Ten miles of the fire line, which would be approximately half of the area around the blaze, were reported as being held by the fighters.

Heavy rains will be needed to quench the flames which are raging in an area strewn with fallen logs and matted with new growth, forest officials believe.

The fire reported on the Pend Oreille national forest, six miles from the Canadian line, has jumped from 400 to 700 acres and is still out of control.

Pick Whiting For Hoover's Cabinet Job

Superior, Wis., Aug. 21 (AP)—President Coolidge today accepted the resignation of Secretary Hoover from the cabinet and appointed William F. Whiting of Holyoke, Mass., to succeed him.

Whiting, who has been a personal friend and political supporter of the president for many years, arrived here today and was administered the oath of office in the chief executive's room at the executive offices here. Whiting is head of the Whiting Paper company, of Holyoke, Mass.

He has never held political office but has been active in state politics, especially in western Massachusetts. He was a delegate to

200 KILLED BY HURRICANE IN SOUTH HAITI

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, Aug. 21 (AP)—Devastation was widespread today over the southern peninsula of Haiti, where a tropical storm early last week wrecked whole towns, killed 200 persons and left 10,000 homeless.

Only one of the 200 buildings in the town of St. Louis remains standing. A fishing craft, stranded three city blocks from the waterfront, is mute testimony to the force of the tidal wave that accompanied the storm.

Eighty per cent of the buildings in Grand Boucan and Petit Trou were demolished. At Aquin half of the buildings were wrecked.

The hurricane first hurled itself over an area 20 miles wide, from Cavillon to St. Louis and then to Aquin. It spread fanwise north-east and northwest across the peninsula covering an area more than 70 miles wide on the north coast from Miragane to Jeremie.

The inundation in most of the towns ranged from eight to 20 feet in depth. There was four feet of water in the Gendarmerie building at Barraderes, 20 feet above the level of the town.

Officers of the United States naval tug Woodcock which returned yesterday after a second relief trip to the stricken area, said the material loss would exceed \$1,000,000. The crops particularly the coffee crop, were badly damaged, they said.

NOT GUILTY PLEA ENTERED BY MIX

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 21 (AP)—His sense of chivalry, together with extreme nausea, led Tom Mix in a fighting mood early Sunday morning, he said today when he pleaded not guilty to two charges of assault.

"I'm not a scrapping man, but I'm not used to hearing men speaking bunkhouse language when women are present," the film star said in denying he was the aggressor in his battle with Will Morrissey, musical comedy player.

"Morrissey struck me and I just decided some one had to stop him and it might as well be me."

"I didn't hit Middle Miller. Morrissey's wife," he said to the second complaint. "It was one of her husband's own wild swings that knocked her down."

Judge Georgia Bullock set trial on the two charges for September 1.

STORM TOLL 8 LIVES: LOSS OVER MILLION

Over 100 Injured; Austin, Minn., Wiped Out; Militia Patrols Streets

Twister Doubles to North Iowa and Back Leaving Ruin in Wake

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 21 (AP)—Two tornadoes took eight lives, injured more than 100 persons and caused property damage estimated in excess of \$1,000,000 in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa late yesterday.

Austin, Minn., was the community that suffered the heaviest loss. Five were killed there, more than 50 persons were injured, and business buildings and residences were wrecked.

A sixth Minnesota casualty was near Glenville, while two women lost their lives at Twin Lakes, a resort near Rockwell City, Iowa. The known dead are: Marvin Baumgardner, Mrs. Harry Johnson, August Newbauer, and Harold Baumgartner, 17, of Austin; and Laverna Roberts of Nora Springs, Iowa, all killed at Austin.

Mrs. Chris G. Hagen, at Glenville, Minn.

Stella Powell of Tracer, and Mrs. George Steer, 50, of Bawcock, killed at Twin Lakes, Iowa.

One hundred members of the American Legion aided company H, Minnesota national guard, in patrolling the streets of Austin today as a check of the damage was

DALLAS YOUTHS FACE TERM IN MONTANA PEN

Butte, Mont., Aug. 21 (AP)—Keith Pollock and Philip Staats, 18, both University of Oregon students and residents of Dallas, Ore., faced prison terms of three years each here today following their conviction of auto theft.

The boys were sentenced in district court late Monday, the court refusing leniency which was asked on the grounds that the boys stole the car "only to remove a tire that they might continue their vacation trip through Yellowstone National Park."

Keith Pollock and Philip Staats, held in Butte, Montana, for an auto theft, were in Dallas a week ago Sunday, and supposedly left Dallas Sunday evening to return to Tillamook, where both had been working. They were driving Pollock's mother's car when they left here.

Both Pollock whose mother lives near Tillamook, and young Staats, the son of Tracy Staats of Dallas, were freshmen at Willamette University at Salem last year. They were never enrolled at the University of Oregon as they stated at Butte.

Staats' parents in Dallas did not know the boys had taken the trip to Yellowstone until word was received from Butte that they were being held there.

Mother Chained Insane Son To Floor Of Cabin For Over Eleven Years

Fairplay, Colo., Aug. 21 (AP)—A broken hearted mother saw her 45 year old son whom she had chained to the floor of a log cabin room for 11 years, taken to an insane asylum here today.

A few hours after deputy sheriffs had found Harry Beeler chattering in the corner, as he clanked his shackles, county commissioners held a hearing and ordered him confined to the state hospital for the insane at Pueblo, Colo.

Mrs. Joseph Beeler, 69, his mother, who admitted to officers that she had kept her son in chains to prevent him from being taken to the asylum, broke down and wept as her son was led away.

"Good bye Harry," she cried. "Be a good boy. I will come to see you."

The man who for more than a decade had been confined to the darkened room, stared wildly and chattered an incoherent answer. A few moments later he had been whisked away in an automobile and the mother, still crying, started back for the little cabin in the shadow of Black Mountain—her family secret now public property.

Mrs. Beeler told officers her son had become violently insane 11 years ago after his release from the Pueblo institution.

"I knew if he went back he would die. I loved him and wanted him near me," she sobbed.

Thus Beeler's period of imprisonment began. The mother and her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Evans, 30, who died recently in Salda, gave Beeler food and water each day.

The quiet, home-loving hill folk who knew of the incident, did not reveal the case to authorities until Mrs. Evans' death, when they feared