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FIFTY LOST IN FALL OF HUGE DIRIGIBLE

SWINDLE TRAP COVERS ENTIRE NATION, CLAIM

SPURIOUS STOCK TRANSACTIONS INVOLVE \$20,000,000 IS THE BELIEF OF POLICE

MARKET FLOODED WITH FAKE STOCKS

EVIDENCE SHOWS AT LEAST SEVENTEEN COMPANIES TO BE TAKEN BY SCHEME

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 24.—Spurious stock transactions involving \$20,000,000 have been carried out by the gigantic swindling organization said to have been headed by Charles W. French, "the wolf of Wall street," covering all parts of the country, according to reliable information, compiled over night by the department of justice officials. The market is believed to be flooded with fake stocks and notes to which names of prominent men and companies have been forged. The evidence shows that at least seventeen companies are involved.

Besides nearly \$2,000,000 worth of spurious securities seized when Charles W. French, "the wolf of La Salle street," and partner of John W. Worthington, was arrested, officials today started a search for other alleged fraudulent securities amounting to millions of dollars.

Details Are Withheld
The details of the huge conspiracy, said to have been revealed by Rudolph E. Kohn, who made a confession of the working of the alleged swindling gang after arrest yesterday, were withheld pending arrest of six additional alleged members of the gang for whom warrants were issued. Six of the accused leaders are already held.

Authorities indicated that the other deals, however, were to be engineered through the American Rubber company, of which Kohn was vice president. Before his arrest Kohn offered to sell \$500,000 worth of notes of the American Rubber company to Clinlin, who was then posing as "Mr. Smith," credit man for the securities company which discounted the notes in the \$30,000 deal.

On raiding French's rooms, \$700,000 worth of the American Rubber company were seized.

Leader "Genius Gone Wrong"
After using John V. Davis, a Cleveland millionaire, to the limit by selling worthless notes carrying his name, according to the theory of the investigators, the gang planned to play Kohn and the rubber company of which he was an official, as pawns in obtaining money on alleged worthless securities.

Unearthing of the gigantic swindle syndicate, according to Clinlin, started when authorities swooped down on the offices of Worthington and French a month ago.

Worthington, French and several others were arrested and charged with dealing in stolen and fraudulent securities totalling \$1,000,000. French told a sad tale to investigators, Clinlin said, in which he said he had been duped by Worthington, "the genius gone wrong."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—President Harding has sent the following nominations to the senate: Land office registers: Carl Helm, La Grande; James Donnell, The Dalles; Frank Light, Lakeview. Receivers public moneys: John Pearce, La Grande; Thomas Queen, The Dalles; Fred Haines, Roseburg.

Congress Month's Recess Scheduled To Start Tonight

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—Congress has launched its final legislative drive with a recess scheduled for tonight. Enough legislation is on hand to keep the two houses in session for two weeks longer, but the congressmen are determined to leave the city. The beer bill, which threatened to prevent a recess, was virtually abandoned today for action when congress meets a month from today. The McNary bill is now serving as a block to vacation, conference being unable to agree on the broader powers for the war finance corporation.

CLAIM SEA OF OIL LIES UNDER KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 24.—The Herald is in receipt of a special message from E. J. Murray, publisher, now in San Francisco, in which he says that he has learned from an authoritative source that geologists of unquestioned reputation consider the Klamath basin a possible oil field of the greatest magnitude.

Mr. Murray, as a newspaper man of long experience, is not likely to have been misled in obtaining the information contained in the dispatch, the text of which follows:

"SAN FRANCISCO.—I have just learned from a source that I believe is absolutely reliable that the Klamath basin is looked upon as almost certain to be one of the biggest oil fields on the coast.

A geologist of national reputation recently visited there to check up the work of seven assistants who have been investigating the field for two months, and he states that the formation is freakish and likely to be turned down unless a careful and extended examination is made.

It is his opinion that unless a geological fault has occurred to drain off the oil that the field will be a big one. There are no surface indications of such a fault.

If oil is struck it will be of very high grade and the well will be a gusher.

The information is so startling as to lead me to believe that no effort should be spared to rush the development work on all three wells.

The information checks up with the experience encountered in cementing the Siemens well, the failure of the cement to set and its elevation in the well being attributed to gas that experts say will make the field one of gushers.

E. J. MURRAY.
Local oil men declare that if there is an oil field in Klamath there is certainly one of greater magnitude in the Rogue River valley. The above dispatch is of peculiar interest, with recent encouraging developments in the local field.

MARSHFIELD MINISTER MISSING; LAST SEEN IN PORTLAND HOTEL

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 24.—Rev. Jesse T. Anderson, Marshfield minister, who stopped at the Clyde hotel here last week, and who has been missing since Saturday, has not been located today, although police are expending every effort to find him. Rev. Anderson was in poor health, it is understood by the police.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Sinn Fein reply to the British peace offer rejects the proposals but paves the way for further negotiations, according to Dublin advices.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 24.—Following are today's market quotations on poultry products:
Eggs, 43.
Hens, 25@27.
Broilers, 32@35.

At The Council Last Night



City Dads Good Listeners At Fiasco "Lie" Hearing

Council Acquits Itself as Good Listening Body; Refuse Verdict Or Official Record of Case.

The comic fiasco advertised for the city hall last night was presented to a small but interested audience of fancy chair warmers. The august body at whose dictate the show was held sat crouching before the irate plaintiff and equally determined defendant. The first business seemed to be to discover, if possible, whether the council was sitting in an administrative, judicial or legislative capacity. Mr. Staples, from the audience, occupying the position of a taxpayer, suggested that the council might get the city into trouble if it sat as a judicial body and took testimony under oath, whereupon several members offered remarks on the topic, finally deciding that the body was sitting neither in a judicial, administrative nor legislative capacity, but rather exercising auditory functions, having nothing else to do, the water bonds having been voted more than a year ago, the refunding bonds having been voted down by the people and up by the council on several decisive and specific occasions, and the new proposed one still soaking in wait for the psychological moment to arrive, when it might go through. There was nothing to do, therefore the council decided to transform itself into a simple auditory and olfactory body and look and listen and say nothing. The actors and audience should be the only ones consciously alive. So the show opened.

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things—of shoes and ships and sealing wax, and cabbages and kings."—Alice in Wonderland.

Retiterating its twice-made decision to take no official action of the case of City Attorney Briggs and Jesse Winburn, who locked wits last night in an effort to establish the lack of veracity of each, the city council has wiped its hands clean of the query, "who lied?" relegating it to the musty files of individual memory, a matter without official recognition or record. The decision came as the result of a short "talk fest" among the city dads following a three hour hearing of the two men, their agents and witnesses, conducted after the manner of a judicial court before the city council last night.

Short and Ugly Phrase Passed
Jesse Winburn charged that Briggs unjustly called him a liar at a council meeting July 12, a meeting, he asserts, which he attended at the request of the city council relevant to the installation of sewage facilities at Long's Cabin, or what is now known as Sap and Salt in the Woods. Although not making a formal charge of malfeasance in office against Attorney Briggs, the case presented by Mr. Winburn, who

was represented by Gus Newburg and F. P. Farrell, of Medford, was to the effect that Briggs, as city attorney, had used persuasion to have the sewage work at Long's Cabin given to Provost Brothers hardware store instead of Simpson's hardware store. Attorney Briggs denied the charge, stating at the council meeting of July 12, that Mr. Winburn had lied. With the hearing and cross examination of witnesses yesterday evening, both of the contending parties sought to clear themselves. Mr. Winburn at a previous meeting having requested a formal apology from the council for Attorney Briggs' statement, a request that was denied with the assertion that the matter was a personal one. **Council's Part Was Listening**
The city dads were good listeners last night. Listening to the two men was the only action they had decided on following the insistent demands of Mr. Winburn at a council meeting last week that he be heard. At the end of the three hour hearing, and in which Attorney Briggs asked that the council adopt an oral resolution clearing him of any charge of malfeasance in office. The request was refused on the grounds that no such charge had been made on the part of the attorneys for the plain-

Oregon Emergency Board Votes Aid For War Veterans

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—The state emergency board, meeting with the veterans bonus loan commission, adopted resolutions today pledging itself to back the bonus board to a \$90,000 minimum for administration of the veteran aid act. The \$90,000 appropriated by the act for the administration was deemed insufficient to take care of the handling of the loan business involving some \$30,000,000.

torney Briggs. Cross examination was waived by Attorney Briggs.

Whitehead's Testimony
L. A. Whitehead was then called to the witness stand—in point of fact, an ordinary kitchen chair. He testified substantially the same as Mr. Winburn. Briggs cross examined Whitehead in an effort to show that the latter was a "tool" of the plaintiff. The witness stated positively that Briggs had introduced Provost to Winburn. Although denials were made by Whitehead, it was difficult to determine from the statements and cross examination made by Briggs whether Whitehead was a valet, chauffeur or secretary to the plaintiff. Whitehead denied that he was employed by Winburn, stating that at the time in question he was employed by the Ashland Development corporation. The witness was insistent that the four parties named by Mr. Winburn in his testimony were the only ones present inside of the cabin during Attorney Briggs' visit. He denied that a boy named Clark Byer was in the cabin at the time. Whitehead claimed that Briggs showed a vindictive mood rather than dictatorial.

Gives Different Version
Following the testimony of Whitehead, Attorney Briggs laid his case before the council. He denied that he had introduced Sylvan Provost and the charge that he had attempted to obtain the sewage work for the latter. He stated that he had gone to Long's Cabin following the instructions of the city council to "talk over" the sewage problem at that place, which was said at that time to be the cause of water pollution in Ashland creek which supplies water to the city. He asserted that Winburn refused to talk with him. He admitted telling the plaintiff that the septic tank plans, which he understood were contemplated by Simpson's hardware store, would not be satisfactory to the city. He stated that Winburn was in a "bad mood"; made insinuations querying Briggs whether or not he personally was the "common council," and gave curt orders to Whitehead and a boy named Clark Byers, now in Los Angeles, Calif., to "stop standing around and do something." The council chamber audience had many laughs and much fun over the incident. Whitehead and Winburn both laughed.

Claimed Winburn Defiant
When the chuckles subsided, Attorney Briggs stated that Winburn had said he "did not want anything to do with the mayor, the city council or any of them." He charged that at the time of his visit to Long's Cabin the plaintiff had not applied for a permit to install the planned sewage improvements. Briggs asserted that in addition to the four parties mentioned by Winburn as present, at Long's Cabin, that Domino Provost, son of Sylvan Provost, and Clark Buyers heard the discussion. Attorney Briggs read telegrams from Clark Buyers, now at Los Angeles, Calif., affirming Briggs' statements, claiming that Winburn was rude and had said words to the effect that he "would fight it out with the city council." Buyers denied that Briggs had used his influence to obtain the sewage work for Provost. Attorney Briggs then introduced Domino Provost, who, under cross examination by Attorney Gus Newburg, of Medford, representing Winburn, bore out statements of Briggs and Buyers. Besides his own

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SHIP EXPLODES, SPLIT IN CENTER, FALLS TO RIVER

FIFTY LIVES ESTIMATED LOSS; TWENTY-SEVEN ARE AMERICANS

NEW YORK RECEPTION PLANNED FOR AIRSHIP

WAS TO HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO U. S. WITHIN FEW DAYS; HAD NAVAL CREW

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The new American dirigible ZB 2 exploded near here today, causing an estimated loss of fifty lives, twenty-one of whom were Americans.

The ship broke in half following the explosion, permitting only two men to descend safely in parachutes. The men are believed to have been rescued. Rescue workers are now combing the waters of the Humber river for the bodies of the remaining passengers.

The airship, manufactured in England for the United States government, was on a trial trip with the crew attempting to remedy defects of the big lighter-than-air machine before it should attempt its flight across the Atlantic. General Maitland, England's foremost air authority, is believed to have been on board, although the report cannot be officially verified as yet.

Spectators say that the crew of the ship had just signaled that they would attempt a speed trial before descending when the big bag broke in half, the smoke ballooning above the fabric, and the giant mass of steel, trapping many human lives, fell into the river below.

The ZB 2 was originally the B 38, an improvement on the famous B 34 which crossed to America in 1919. She was 695 feet long. Her other dimensions were: Diameter, 85 feet 4 inches; capacity, 2,700,000 cubic feet; total lift, 83 tons; engines, 6 Sunbeam "Cossack" totalling 2100 horse power; normal crew, officers and men, 30.

She had six propellers, her structure contained fourteen compartments in each of which was a giant goldbeaters skin gas bag, and she could cruise 6500 miles. Aluminum petrol tanks, water tanks, and bomb magazines lined the long steel corridors of the ship, and in the corridors were the living and sleeping quarters of the crew, who were to work in watches during the trip, just as crews of our big battleships work at sea. The crew had all been allotted their bunks. All of them had been given fur-lined sleeping bags. Nights are chilly over the Atlantic and the great ship rushing through the clouds and mists becomes freezing cold to the unprotected.

Commander Maxfield, U. S. N., had his crew of sailors trained down to the finest point. Each man had his allotted task, and each one of them knew exactly what to do when the orders were rung down from the captain's "flight" cabin, where wheels and telephones and indicators were fixed in amazing array, just as in the conning tower of a big fighting ship.

Maxwell had hoped to beat the B 34's record. Everyone who knew him here was confident that he would beat it if it was within his power. The last seen of him, he was leaning over the rails of his "bridge," waving a salute, cap in hand, to the long lines of British airmen drawn up below him.

Reception Planned
NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Preparations were complete for the reception of the ZB 2 to the United States coast on her maiden voyage from the little Yorkshire village of Howden, England.

A great fleet of seaplanes, air-

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