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MOVEMENT IS STARTED TO KEEP TWO OUT OF THE SENATE

Resolution is Offered That Would Bar Vare and Smith

COMMITTEE ADJOURNS

Investigation Committee Headed by Senator Reed Adjourns Without Decision

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—From several quarters today the senate's attention was directed to the cases of Senators-elect Vare of Pennsylvania and Smith of Illinois.

Senator Dill, Washington democrat, brought into the open on the senate floor the rumblings heard under the surface since the senate convened, denouncing both Vare and Smith, he introduced a resolution, which would disqualify both as senators and bar presentation of their credentials.

Committee Adjourns

Before Dill began his speech the Reed investigating committee, which revealed the Vare expenditures of \$800,000 and the \$400,000 fund of Smith met to consider its further procedure but adjourned without a decision.

While Dill was speaking, several democratic leaders met with William B. Wilson, unsuccessful candidate against Vare, and national committee man Joseph Guffey of Pennsylvania, to consider whether they will bring a contest to unseat Vare on charge of fraud in the election and seek to seat Wilson in his place.

Preparatory Step

Dill's move was regarded as a preparatory step in case Smith should be appointed by Governor Small of Illinois to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator McKinley.

The Dill resolution, then, is merely a threat hanging over Smith and Vare. The credentials of neither have been sent here as yet.

If Smith comes here on appointment, however, Dill is expected to seek action against him.

His move is opposed by southern democrats.

Several of them said today they would oppose any further proceedings against either Vare or Smith until they have been sworn into the senate.

VISITOR DIES HERE

Mrs. Mary Johnson suddenly passed away this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Costolo at 55 Church street.

Burial will be in Hornbrook, Cal., but funeral arrangements have not been completed.

KANSAS CITY WANTS METHODIST ASSEMBLY

Committee of Eight Sent by Heads of Church Looks Over City

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 10.—(UN)—Kansas City feels that it has a good chance of obtaining for 1928 one of the largest and most important religious assemblies in the world, the quadrennial convention of the Methodist Episcopal church, after being inspected today by a committee of eight, sent here for that purpose.

The committee would make no statements in advance of their report, which will be made next April, but they were impressed with the facilities offered here. The new Ararat Shrine temple, especially met with their approval and they declared it to be the best for assembly purposes they had seen.

Other cities being considered for the convention are Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Indianapolis and San Francisco.

Storm Takes Toll In California

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—(UN)—The southland emerged Thursday to take toll of the destruction caused by a storm which swept over southern California recently brings a steadily descending mercury.

Throughout the day repair gangs worked to patch broken telephone lines and washed out roads.

Considerable damage was reported from the harbor following the sixty mile gale that swept over that section Wednesday night.

The steamer Chiapas, destined to carry negroes to Liberia, dragged her anchor and late today was hard and fast aground near Point Firmin.

The battleship California's amphibian plane, latest type developed by the United States navy, was salvaged from the bottom of the main channel of the harbor.

The plane was badly bumped during the night and sank while being towed to the inner harbor by a motor sailer.

A scouting plane from the Colorado, which also broke loose during the storm was reduced to junk when it drifted on the shore of Deadman's island.

M. E. Edencott of Hollywood, who was believed to have been drowned during the storm was rescued 13 miles off the coast by fishermen.

Ashland Girl Is Committee Head

Miss Edith Dodge, journalism student at the University of Oregon, has been appointed chairman of the committee to raise funds for the new Fine Arts building, according to word received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dodge, this morning.

Miss Dodge will be in Ashland during the Christmas holidays and will urge subscriptions not only from all graduates and former students of the state university, but from friends of higher education generally.

HAVE IMPORTANT MEETING

J. H. MacGaregill, assistant district sales manager from Portland, Mr. McVickers and Mr. Thurlough, industrial lubricating specialists from Portland, and Earl Crow, manager of the Ashland Standard Oil company, attended a meeting in Medford last evening at which a majority of the Standard Oil employees of Ashland and Medford were present.

DOHENY SAYS HE EXPECTED A PROFIT ON HIS OIL CONTRACTS

Life Story of Successful Prospector Is Told to Young Jury

CALLS WIFE TO STAND

Attractive Wife and Crown Son Testify in Behalf of Famous Oil Man

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—E. L. Doheny, a battered old post graduate of the university of hard knocks, tell his life story of prospecting for bonanzas.

Doheny's attractive wife and his grown son both took the stand briefly in his behalf. The remainder of the day was spent in direct examination of the aged prospector. Cross examination was deferred until tomorrow.

Doheny's lawyers announced that tomorrow they will attempt to compel Secretary of the Navy Wilbur to tell the jury about the confidential navy intelligence regarding Rear Admiral Gleaves, which Doheny described today as revealing that Japan was mobilizing in 1921 and preparing maneuvers which alarmed naval officers.

On Witness Stand Through practically the whole day Doheny sat in the witness chair. His arm still was in the bright colored silk handkerchief sling, the recent carbuncle operation not having entirely healed yet.

Repeatedly he burst into vigorous and impetuous language, defending himself in the naval oil lease deals.

He told the jury in easy, conversational tones, sprinkled with the quaint lore and language of the old time western prospector, how fifty years ago, he went into New Mexico with pick and shovel, to prospect for gold, silver and lead.

He broke both legs; turned temporarily to teaching school and reading law; struck rich oil in California; moved on to Mexico, discovered the Tampico field, and became the greatest property owner in Mexico, put his oil resources at the disposal of the government during the war, then undertook as a patriotic duty the building of the naval oil tanks in Hawaii and at last obtained the lease which he expected would profit him \$100,000,000, but which in early operation showed signs of proving far less profitable.

Farmers Win Lengthy Battle

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 10.—(UN)—Hood River irrigators, after 16 years of legal battles have won out in their battle for water right, against the Pacific Power and Light company.

The United States supreme court has thrown out the company's appeal from the Oregon state supreme court holding it lacked jurisdiction, it was learned here.

The company contended that riparian rights gave it control over the waters of Hood River. The circuit court upheld the irrigators in that this contention was without basis. The supreme court upheld the circuit court, but allowed the company a certain amount of water after the needs of irrigators had been met.

JURY ABOUT COMPLETE IN OHIO MURDER TRIAL

Puttle Attempt is Made to Delay Trial for Murder of Editor

CANTON, O., Dec. 10.—(UN)—With the jury almost complete, counsel for Pat McDermott, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, crusading editor, made a futile attempt Thursday to gain a delay in his trial until an "outside examination" could be made of the special venire, not yet called.

By nightfall 13 men had been selected to pass upon the guilt or innocence of McDermott, but the Stark county laws require 13, one to serve in event that a jurymen becomes ill or dies.

E. W. Mills, chief defense attorney, moved that the court take a three day recess in order for him to investigate the persons who are yet to be called for examination to complete the jury. The motion was denied by Judge Diehl.

More Funds Are Raised For Hunt

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis., Dec. 10.—(UN)—Reports drifting in here that Erdman Olson has been located in various cities over the country are keeping up excitement in the search for him as the accused slayer of his home girl sweetheart, Clara Olson.

Authorities regard few of the reported "captures" seriously, since it appeared that every strange youth answering the general description of Olson was being picked up on suspicion.

A reward of at least \$1,000 for the capture of Olson, dead or alive, is expected to be offered by Crawford county today.

In addition another fund is being raised in the community to expedite the search.

Kozer Advocates Office Building

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(UN)—Secretary of State Sam Kozer is advocating the erection of a new office building for state departments.

Rentals in buildings in Salem and Portland now total \$36,000, according to Kozer, who explains that this would pay the interest of \$700,000, which would more than suffice for the new building.

May Reduce License Fee

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(UN)—Automobile license fees may be reduced and a new "department of automobiles" be established, if plans of the Oregon State Motor association meet with legislative favor.

This was intimated here by Joseph Dunne, president of the association in an address at a banquet.

Dunne said that the legislative program of the association was not finished, but that it was probable that suggestions looking toward a lower fee had been advanced.

BRIGGS WILL APPEAR IN COURT HOUSE CASE

W. E. Briggs Goes to Salem to Appear Before Supreme Court

Attorney William Briggs left today for Salem, where he will appear before the supreme court tomorrow in an original writ of mandamus against county Judge Hartzell, in an attempt to force him to issue the necessary proclamation in the court house matter.

This action according to Mr. Briggs will bring up all of the questions of legality in connection with the removal of the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford, and should greatly expedite matters in getting this settled.

Miracle Producer Plans New Play

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—(UN)—Morris Gest, producer of "The Miracle," is planning a bigger and better miracle, but its theme will be non-religious.

Speaking of the American theatre and kindred subjects, Gest, who with Max Reinhardt discovered the theatrical value of the cathedral and its panoply, said his new miracle "will be vast."

He expects to present it in New York some time next year. The producer was not reluctant to mention that "The Miracle" now running in Kansas City, has broken all American records with receipts of \$260,000 for three weeks.

And, in passing, Gest said he was going to produce a moving picture, "The Darling of the Gods," which he will make with the aid of Joseph Schenck, "in order to make some money."

ORMISTON MUST ANSWER MANY QUESTIONS IN AIMEE'S CASE

Probably First Question to be Asked Will be "Who is Miss X"

MAY SOLVE MYSTERY

It is Believed That His Contribution to the Case May Clear up Everything

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—Out of a mysterious atmosphere that was more spectral than real the man who has been termed the "missing answer" to the Aimee Semple McPherson riddle, emerged.

Stripped of his almost eerie cloak of latency he becomes the greatest contributor to the solution of the case that has made his name a household term throughout a nation and branded him a fugitive from justice.

With the appearance of the woman "cherchez l'homme," to invert the sex of the old French adage, became in the minds of investigators the key to the solution of the sensational "kidnaping" tale that is without parallel in its maze of conflicting circumstances and veiled purpose.

Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio operator of Angelus temple, is the man, his discovery and arrest in Harrisburg, Pa.

Ormiston has never been questioned by police, and he is faced with a multitude of questions that might run as follows:

1—Who is "Miss X"?

2—Where were you on the morning of May 18 (the day Mrs. McPherson disappeared)?

3—Did you meet Mrs. McPherson in a down town hotel the morning of that day? (Witnesses have testified they saw both enter the Clark hotel.)

4—Trace your whereabouts from May 18 until June 23 (the time elapsing between Mrs. McPherson's disappearance and re-appearance.)

5—Does this trunk (the little blue trunk found in a New York hotel) belong to you?

6—Whose clothes are these? (The trunk was crammed with women's wearing apparel.)

7—What has been your source of income during the last seven months?

RAIL ROAD MEN ARE GIVEN RAISE IN PAY

Eleven Thousand on Southern Pacific Receive Cent an Hour More

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—(UN)—Eleven thousand shop employees on Southern Pacific lines will receive a wage increase of one cent an hour, it was announced at company headquarters here today.

The increase will be retroactive from December 1, and will add \$350,000 to the company's annual payroll, it was stated. Employees had asked for a three cent per hour increase, but compromised at the lower figure.

Mechanics, helpers, apprentices and coach cleaners will receive the increase.

TWELVE TO GRADUATE FROM NORMAL SCHOOL

Many Students Will Complete Their School Work in December

Twelve students will graduate from the Southern Oregon Normal school in December, according to an announcement made from that institution today. Included in the list of graduates is Lillith B. Allen, first president of the student body. Those who will complete their school work are:

Ackert, Eva H. Roseburg; Allen, Lillith B. Baker, Bolton; Ruth G. Albany; Callick, Marie, Yreka, Cal.; Edwards, Mildred E., Grants Pass; Head, Dorothy, Applegate, Healy, Alice, Coquille; Smith, Beulah, Ashland; Smith, Yvonne, Grants Pass; Stephenson, Hazel, Central Point; Strange, Frances, Ashland; Vimont, Ben, Medford.

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Survivors said the blast was more like the explosion of a large charge of flashlight powder.

The interior of the mine was little damaged, but rescuers encountered difficulties in searching for remaining victims because of heavy fumes and smoke which clung in the level.

The dead and 26 of the injured had been brought out by noon. Five more injured, unconscious and badly burned were brought out by rescuers early tonight.

Mine officials and representatives of the state mine department were conducting an inquiry tonight to determine officially the cause of the disaster.

Precious Jewels May Adorn Stars

MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—Fascinatingly precious jewels of the Romanoffs may yet adorn the movie kings and queens of Hollywood or the maharajahs of India. Those wealthy potentates are looked upon as the most likely buyers, government officials told the United News today.

Reversing its former policy of retaining the Orloff diamond loving cup, Catherine the Second's nuptial crown and other rare imperial treasures, the soviet has decided to offer them for sale if a sufficiently interested bidder can be found. To disprove reports that three jewels are already on their way to the United States, officers charged with guarding them will place them on exhibition shortly for all American correspondents.

These dazzling triumphs of old Russian artisans, conceived for the emperors and empresses of old Russia have remained in the treasury during the past months despite reports that they already had been traded for the gold of newer countries.

Guards pace before the vaults where they are locked day and night. While plans have been discussed to exhibit them in a national museum the government never has felt that they should be kept for the public's idle gaze even though considerable revenue could have been obtained from showing them.

Law Enforcement Meeting Monday

The Law Enforcement Association of Southern Oregon will hold their regular monthly meeting on the night of December 13th, at the Holland hotel at Medford, according to Chief of Police McNabb. The meeting will start at six thirty, and due to the fact that federal court is in session at Medford, those in charge of the affair have been able to secure U. S. District attorney George Neuner as the chief speaker. Many members of the new council are expected to attend this meeting as well as local officers and others interested in law enforcement.

Game Warden Offers Protest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(UN)—State Game Warden Ed. A. Averill of Oregon, in a letter to Congressman Hawley, protested against a bill to permit establishment of game sanctuaries in the national forests which passed the senate last June and is pending in the house committee. He declares it an "entering wedge for federal game control."

The bill, as passed by the senate does not authorize establishment of such sanctuaries unless approval is given by the state legislature. Hawley is informed that the house committee has made no decision as to whether it will take up the bill.

TWENTY FIVE MINERS ARE KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

Dead Men Caught in Full Blast of Explosion And Burned

STARTING DAYS WORK

Men Had Just Entered Shaft to Start Work for the Day When Blast Occurs

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 10.—(UN)—Twenty-five miners are known to have been killed and little hope was held out tonight for the rescue alive of ten others who were part of a crew of 71 trapped by an explosion at the Francisco coal mine, number two, near here, today.

Forty-eight miners have been taken from the wrecked shaft and 25 were still in the working. Only four dead have been brought to the surface.

More than a score of injured were brought to hospitals, some suffering from serious burns. None was believed to be in a critical condition, however.

The explosion occurred as a crew of 100 miners were entering the shaft for the day's work. Only 71 had reached the workings on a 300 foot level when a huge volume of gas, belatedly ignited by sparks from an electric cutting machine, exploded.

A blinding flash that sent a solid sheet of flame sweeping through the shaft. Had the explosion occurred one hour later the entire 100 men would have been caught.

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Millions Of Trout Eggs Being Held

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(UN)—Eleven million eastern brook trout eggs are being held at the Fall river hatchery near Bend, according to an announcement by M. L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries for the state game commission, who returned to Portland Tuesday from a tour of southern Oregon.

Ryckman said they would be shipped to lakes and streams throughout the Cascade mountains as soon as the eye of the fish shows through the translucent egg. He also said that three million more eggs are being held at the Fall river plant, and will be hatched there.

Hitting The Rough Spots

