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CONFERENCE LOCKS ON JAP REFUSAL

ARBUCKLE PERJURY CASE TOPS REAL TRIAL IN INTEREST

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The sideshow that developed in the Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle trial here today almost eclipsed the "big top" performance.

Mrs. Minnie Neighbours, the defense witness, charged by District Attorney Brady with perjury as the result of her testimony on behalf of the jovial comedian, being tried for manslaughter resultant from the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, came before Police Judge Jacks for a hearing this morning. Brady won his fight for a two days continuance of the case, although the defense made a plea for an immediate hearing of the perjury case.

The state announced, after calling several rebuttal witnesses, that it would rest its case as soon as the three doctors engaged in the microscopic examination of the bladder of Miss Rappe reported to the court.

The state's witnesses testified that Virginia had always appeared in normal health.

Queer Costumes At Masquerade Of Odd Fellows

Lasting into the "wee sma' hours" of the morning, joy was unconfined at the masquerade ball of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges last night at the Odd Fellows' hall, where a galaxy of Ashland's ADon-faies and Aphrodites danced garbed in their best and their worst costumes, depicting characters that ranged from Chinamen to cowboys.

The program was given in accordance with the usual custom of entertaining on every fifth Tuesday of the month. Mrs. J. Z. Wing favored the gathering of dancers with a whistling solo, and Mrs. Sadie Walker starred as a Scotchwoman who led the Highland fling. Music was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Snyder. It is estimated that approximately 100 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs attended the masquerade.

22,000 Southern R. R. Workers To Have Wages Cut

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 30.—Notice was served today on 22,000 employees of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad company that the management intends to make a reduction in wages ranging from 12 to 40 per cent, effective December 16.

Governor Olcott Seeks Data On State Highways; County Judges Asked for Reports

SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.—State-help from the state. Those are our ments relating to the damage that is being worked by the operation of overloaded trucks or trucks traveling at a high rate of speed, and relating to legislation that is needed to conserve the highways of the state, are being sought by Governor Olcott through letters sent to all county judges in Oregon.

"Preservation of our hard-surface system is, of course, of vast importance," said the governor's letter to the county judges. "But I particularly feel that unnecessary destruction is being caused to hundreds of miles of lighter type of macadam and gravel surfaces, constructed by small road districts with but little

Snow Shakes Highway Bridges; 8 Redding Students Die In Wreck

SNOW WEIGHTS VIADUCTS; O. W. TRACKS IN PERIL

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 30.—The Columbia highway viaducts, which cost \$50,000, groaning under the weight of thousands of tons of ice and snow near Multnomah Falls, are in danger of falling over on the Oregon-Washington railroad tracks, it was learned today.

This report was made to the county commissioners by Samuel Lancaster, who designed the Columbia highway bridges. He recommended that steps be taken to remove the ice and danger some days ago, he stated. At that time the commissioners objected to the expense.

TRIPLETS BORN TO FORMER ASHLAND COUPLE IN PORTLAND

The many Ashland friends of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ewer will be interested in the news of the recent arrival at the Ewer home of triplets. Mr. Ewer used to lead the Methodist Episcopal choir in Ashland, and Mrs. Ewer, formerly Miss Laura McCormick, was a teacher in the Ashland high school. They now live at 439 Jefferson street, Portland.

The trio—all fine, healthy daughters—were born at Thayer's maternity hospital, 786 East Yamhill street, Portland, Wednesday morning.

The first, Florence Emma, weighing five and one-half pounds, was born at 1 o'clock a. m.

Miss Elizabeth Adell, who boasts four pounds, made her appearance at 2 a. m.

Third to arrive was Laura Ethel at 2:57 a. m. Her weight is four and a half pounds.

All are dark haired. Ewer is a civil engineer employed by the Southern Pacific. During the war he was second lieutenant of ordnance overseas.

The children are their first. Hovering over the brood in the immediate foreground is their proud, prouder, proudest grandmother, Mrs. Emma McCormick.

SCENIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION TO ENTER PROTEST WITH HIGHWAY COMMISSION ON TIMBER CUTTING

At the meeting held last evening at Talent of the Scenic Preservation association of Jackson county, a motion was made and adopted that the secretary send to the state highway commission a statement setting forth the destruction of timber along the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains, and urging upon the commission the necessity of taking immediate action to prevent further damage of like nature.

H. O. Frobach, secretary of the Medford chamber of commerce, was elected to represent the society in the formation of a state scenic preservation society. It was reported that the society had a number of stereopticon slides of Oregon scenery which had been purchased from Miss Mabel Russell, Ashland's well-known artist. The December meeting will be dispensed with, the next meeting being held in January, probably in Phoenix. Mr. Frobach acted as chairman of the meeting, in the absence of the president, and also as secretary. The session was held in the town hall, and the business meeting preceded by a supper served by the Talent Ladies' Aid society. Previous meetings have been held at Ashland, Medford, and other Jackson county towns.

Senator C. M. Thomas, of Medford, made the principal speech. He related how Governor Olcott had secured the passage of a law empowering the state highway commission to use a portion of the funds at their disposal for the purchase of a strip of land 300 feet or less in width along either side of the highway, wherever the commission deemed such purchase necessary for the preservation of trees or other objects contributing to the beauty and utility of the highway. The passage of this law, said Senator Thomas, was the occasion of much pleasure among the state legislators, since they were all in favor of the measure and there being no occasion, therefore, for the great activity of the governor to secure the passage of the bill.

"We have the law," asserted Senator Thomas, "and we have the money necessary to prevent the destruction of scenery along the Pacific highway and the passing into private hands of choice camp sites along this great thoroughfare. What we do not have is a state highway commission strong enough to withstand the pressure brought to bear to induce them to use all the highway money for commercial purposes. This influence comes from the paving trust, the contractors' combine and the banking interests, which, taken together exerts a most sinister and demoralizing power over our state officials. Not only does the highway commission fail to do its plain duty in regard to scenic preservation along our state roads, but the governor lacks the courage to remove them from office and replace them with men who will serve the highest and best interests of the state."

O. H. Barnhill, of Ashland, suggested that a publicity campaign would give expression to the almost unanimous public sentiment in favor of preventing the wanton destruction of tree and the private monopolization of beauty spots along the Pacific highway in Oregon. The power of public sentiment, thus expressed, would, in the opinion of the speaker, force the highway commis-

sion and the governor to take the necessary steps to prevent this desecration of our state road. The way that public sentiment, expressed through the press, had forced the disarmament conference to curtail the building of battleships, was pointed out by Mr. Barnhill as an example of the great power for good which this agency could be made to exert. This suggestion was heartily approved of by Senator Thomas and other members of the society.

F. H. Walker, city engineer of Ashland, stated that the first step in building the highway was to cut down all trees along the right of way; also that years ago he had been asked by the highway commission to make a list of the spots along the road over the Siskiyou which it was especially important to preserve, for beauty and camping purposes. This list was made, but no further action taken.

Prof. F. C. Reimer, director of the Southern Oregon Experiment station, near Talent, urged the planting of trees along the highway between Talent and Tolo and the boycotting of merchants who defaced the highway with advertising signs. An effort was made a few

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Well, of course, everybody has a right to his opinion, and always there are many sincere viewpoints to every subject. But I lack a lot of agreeing with the position taken by Mrs. Susan Smith on the hotel and sanitarium project. God, in his wisdom, took Ashland mineral waters through His hidden laboratories and mixed them into marvelous medicinal value for "the healing of the nations." If man has any reason at all to be here, it seems to me, he is here to make practical application of these life-giving natural resources and that is exactly what the tourist hotel and sanitarium bonus is being raised for. Those behind the hotel bonus proposition, I think, are working unselfishly and self-sacrificingly in the hope, not only of putting Ashland "on the map" but in the interest of humanity. I would feel just a little selfish if I lent my influence to keep Ashland back just to have a quiet place to rear my brood. There are lots of other folks here, and they all have a right to live and prosper. Besides, it is Ashland's big chance.

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AUTO BUS HITS S. P. TRAIN; FOG CAUSE OF CRASH

RED BLUFF, Calif., Nov. 30.—Eight students of the Red Bluff high school were killed, and seven injured when a large auto bus in which they were riding to school, was struck by a Southern Pacific train near here.

The crash occurred at a grade crossing and in a dense fog. The engineer declared that he did not see the bus until the engine struck it. The dead and dying were strewn along the track and piled on the engine pilot. One of the injured students died en route to the hospital.

SHRINERS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING HERE THIS FRIDAY

The autumn event in Shrinedom will occur in Ashland Friday, December 2, at the Armory. The program, subject to change, includes a business session at 2 o'clock in the afternoon; parade at 3 o'clock; first section at 4 o'clock; second section at 8 o'clock. The ladies will be entertained at the Masonic hall.

The men will eat at 6 o'clock at the Armory, cafeteria plan. After the ceremonial proper, the floors will be cleared for a social reunion and dance, following the happy plan adopted last year.

Candidates should report to the recorder before the business session. Fees are now \$75 instead of \$50 as heretofore. The 1922 cards are now ready for delivery. The ceremonial event will also incorporate a business session when officers will be elected.

German experimenters are trying to increase plant growth by the use of waste carbon dioxide from motors and furnaces, fed to the soil as a pert as experts are preparing for the final fertilizer through perforated pipes.

RATIO OF HUGHES PLAN IS REJECTED BY JAPAN EXPERTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—The naval experts of the United States, Great Britain and Japan met in secret session today for nearly two hours, failing to break the deadlock caused by Japan's refusal to accept the ratio of ten-ten-six, laid down in the original Hughes plan for reduction of naval armament.

When the meeting broke up it was learned that the experts would report to their respective delegations that no headway had been made, leaving the principal delegates to thresh out the matter.

It is understood that Admiral Kato, chief of the Japanese naval advisors, has formally demanded that the ratio for Japan be changed from sixty to seventy per cent. His proposal was rejected by the American experts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—

The diplomatic decks are being cleared for action, and a final showdown, following in the wake of recent developments at the international disarmament conference. The settlement of the issue of whether or not Japan will agree to a sixty per cent ratio as the basis for the reduction of her naval armament cannot be delayed much longer. For the first time since the disarmament conference was inaugurated, something closely akin to a deadlock exists between the delegates.

From an American official source came the positive assurance that there will be no "backing down" as far as the American delegation is concerned. The delegates and naval experts are unanimous in their contention that the American limitation program was conceived in fairness and liberality and dedicated to the cause of world peace. They will "stand pat" on the issue and are ready to approve the United States' part in limiting the navies of the world, or they are prepared to resume competitive building that will eventually lead to American naval supremacy.

From one of the chief experts of Japan came equally positive assurances that Japan cannot and will not accept the American program. National pride and national necessity, it was asserted, would never consent to Japan being relegated to a poor third standing among the navies of the world. There the situation apparently rests as the experts are preparing for the final session.

Another Leeds Weds Royalty



Young William B. Leeds with his bride, the Princess Xenia, immediately after the civil marriage in Paris at the mairie of the premier arrondissement close by St. Germain's church.