

POSTOFFICE TAKES STAND ON OBSCENE LITERATURE PROBE

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—Recent increase in the flood of questionable matter offered for transmission through the mails, has led to further tightening of the routine safeguards employed in the postal service for keeping it out and for prosecution of those violating the federal statutes in that regard.

Thousands of complaints have come to the office of the postmaster general from parents and associations asking that the department augment its efforts to protect children from obscene literature and pictures.

The close surveillance exercised over the character of matter passing through the mails, officials believe, has affected a material decrease in the number of delinquents in penitentiaries. Federal courts have discouraged the efforts of such delinquents by upholding the post office department in each instance where rulings excluding obscene matter from the mails has been challenged.

Foreign dealers, especially since the war and the return of American soldiers from Europe, have been active in endeavoring to dispose of their products in this country. In many instances foreign consignments are intercepted at custom houses. The trade of these offenders has been clipped by the postal authorities returning to senders letters addressed to all known dealers in obscene matter, by confiscating great quantities of unmarketable advertising circulars and the materials as well, and by acquainting those attempting to import such matter with their responsibility and liability to prosecution under the penal provisions of the laws.

The numerous small magazines, depending for their popularity on the pornographic material in them, are the source of continual complaint and the exclusion of many of them from the mails curtails to a considerable extent their widespread circulation. These publications have been responsible for increasing the work of the post office department's legal forces. The magazines when excluded from the mails find their way to newsstands through other channels.

Prettiest Girl at Missouri University



Miss Fritz Voss of Dubach, La., is the prettiest girl at the University of Missouri. She won a beauty contest there. The judge was none other than Cecil B. DeMille, movie director.

LUMBER DEAL IS REPORTED AGAIN

Persistent reports that the Brooks-Senlon lumber interests of Bend are negotiating with Robert A. Booth of Eugene for the purchase of the Booth-Kelly timber holdings in the Klamath Falls section are again being circulated in Eugene. Definite announcement is expected as soon as the rail controversy between the Hill lines and the Southern Pacific is settled by the interstate commerce commission.

The Brooks-Senlon people of Bend would start operations on a large scale in case the Hill lines get the authority to build from Bend to Klamath Falls, it is stated. Booth-Kelly interests, the report says, own extensive pine holdings in the Klamath region, and one of the projected surveys of the Hill lines cuts through their tract, which comprises millions of feet of timber.

This same report was made recently, at which time R. A. Booth stated that it was not founded on fact.

P. S. GAVIN MOBBED BY ANGRY CHINESE

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In a earlier report to the state department from Charge d'Affaires Mayer at Peking, who was visited by representatives of the striking student groups in Shanghai. They asked the charge for American assistance in obtaining a just solution of their troubles and were assured by Mr. Mayer that all the powers concerned were seeking that end.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES

CANTON, June 17.—(AP)—The Kuomintang people's party is reported to have decided to abolish the civil government and place the government of Canton in the hands of a commission of seven. This decision, it is understood, was taken at a meeting here last Sunday.

Regarding finances, all funds are to go through the civil treasury, the military commanders being forbidden to levy taxes. Many existing taxes are being abolished and the authorities expect to meet the expenditures without the revenue hitherto received from gambling.

All gaming houses therefore are closed, and the laws suppressing opium enforced.

The scheduled anti-foreign demonstration did not materialize here and the strike in Shanghai, the British settlement, has been postponed.

OBREGON BACKS STAND OF CALLES

MEXICO CITY, June 17.—(AP)—Congratulating President Calles upon his forceful statement in reply to that issued by American Secretary of State Kellogg, former President Obregon is quoted as saying:

"Behind Secretary Kellogg's declaration I have been able to find a shadow of the American people, but another quite different."

COAST ROAD PLANS TALKED IN SESSION

Appeals for the completion of the Roosevelt highway were made at the meeting held at Gearhart during the past week and R. A. Booth and E. J. Adams of Eugene were among the speakers who urged that construction work with the aid of the federal government be pushed, according to E. Eugene Gladwick, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, who returned last night after attending the meeting.

FLAREUP CITED

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—The recent flareup in the Mexican situation is not expected by the state department to hamper Ambassador Sheffield when he returns to Mexico City, probably this morning.

Announcement by the department yesterday that the ambassador would return to his post as soon as possible, came after reports that his plans might be changed because of the discussions through the press by Secretary Kellogg and President Calles.

President Calles replied in spirited fashion to a statement by the secretary, giving conditions under which the administration would continue to support the Mexican regime. In another statement last night the president asserted that his government's agrarian policies would not be modified.

DECISION SOON FOR PENDING OIL CASES

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—Decision affecting leases valued at millions of dollars in the south half of the Red River oil field, on the Oklahoma-Texas border, is being prepared by Secretary Work and his assistant, John H. Edwards, and will be made public about June 1. Many oil companies with thousands of the stockholders in all parts of the country are interested.

There are 178 applications for permits and leases involved, only 16 of which are not conflicting. A hearing of claimants occupied nearly two

Brownsville Woman Dies Near Irving

Mrs. Katherine L. Doak of Brownsville died this morning at the home of Mrs. George L. Diess near Irving. She was 55 years of age.

Besides her widower, I. N. Doak, she leaves three sons and a daughter, as follows: Kermit Doak, Wayne Doak, Aaron Doak and Mrs. Hazel Roberts, all of Brownsville. She is also survived by three sisters and four brothers.

Mrs. Doak was a member of the Rebekah lodge of Joseph.

Funeral services will be held from the Veatch chapel Thursday, June 18, at 2 o'clock p. m. The funeral service will be delivered by the Rev. E. V. Silvers, pastor of the First Christian church of Eugene. Interment will be in the Malkey cemetery.

SNOW BATTLE IS STAGED AT MEET

Bishop Mead declared, "As the boy of today becomes the man of tomorrow, the problem of giving to the boy a right spirit becomes the most important problem of the time."

"It is infinitely better for society to expend \$50 for a boy in properly supervised recreational and character-building programs in Cleveland than to maintain him at the expense of \$1000 a year in the state penitentiary."

"To neglect to work with the boy in to invite disaster."

"The business man who has no other interest is not the kind of man who raises the tone of business; Canon Elliott said.

Harrisburg School Election is Quiet

HARRISBURG, June 17.—(Special)—The annual school election for the local district, number 42, proved to be a very quiet affair. It was held Monday afternoon at the school house. John W. Owen, who was elected a year ago to the one-year term of Dr. D. G. Clark, resigned, was unanimously elected a director for the next three years. W. E. Wadsworth, clerk for the last year was likewise given a whole vote for that position for the ensuing year. The annual financial report was read and accepted and other minor business attended to during the course of the meeting.

Scientists Speak Of aid to Forests

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—How science is helping the solving of the forestry problems of the country formed the general subject discussed today at a meeting of the Pacific division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is being held at Reed college here.

Among the speakers today were A. W. Cooper, Portland, secretary-manager of the Western Pine Manufacturers association; Hugo Winkler, dean of the college of forestry, University of Washington, Seattle; C. G. Rates, director of the Rocky Mountain Experimental station, Colorado Springs, Colo.; E. P. Minecke, forest pathologist, United States bureau of plant industry, San Francisco, and J. M. Swaine, Ottawa, Canada. Dr. E. Gransky, of San Francisco, president of the Pacific division, will address a meeting tonight, his subject being "The Climate of the Ice Age."

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AMERICANS SIGN Protocol on gas

GENEVA, June 17.—The American delegates today signed the protocol outlawing poison gas and bacteriological warfare at the closing session of the International conference for the limitation of traffic in arms and munitions.

The drafting committee worked all last night to complete the text of the protocol. Representative Theodore D. Burton of Ohio, head of the American delegation to the conference and Harold Gibson, American minister to New Zealand, were the first signers. They were followed by the British and other delegates.

Germany signed the protocol against the use of poison gas and bacterium in war and signed another document paving the way for her subsequent adherence to the general arms limitation convention.

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HOLLEY.—At the home, 1788 Columbia street, June 14, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holley, a daughter, Jeanette Augusta, weight 10 1/2 pounds.

months and was the longest in the department's history.

When the field was taken over as a result of a Supreme Court decision declaring it public land, many of the claimants already had begun drilling wells. The department's findings will hinge largely on whether the applicants are equitably entitled to permits and leases by virtue of possession and expenditures on the land prior to February 25, 1929, when the government assumed control. Nearly \$3,000,000 realized from production in the disputed area since the government took hold is being held up pending the outcome of the case.

Local boy Drives First car Across McKenzie to Bend

Gordon Goodpasture, son of R. F. Goodpasture of Eugene, has the distinction of driving the first automobile making a non-stop trip across the McKenzie pass.

Other cars have completed the trip, but had to be pulled out of mudholes, while the young man drove his father's Buick six coupe the entire route on its own power, it was stated today. He was accompanied by William Powell of this city.

E. V. Knox of Portland, drove his Buick roadster across the pass on the same trip. He is a representative of the Howard Auto company. The party left Eugene at midnight Monday night, and arrived at Bend at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. After having breakfast, they left for Eugene again at 9 o'clock a. m., arriving at 2:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

"Although the road is still muddy in spots, it is open for automobile travel, reports Mr. Goodpasture. The highway leads through a deep cut in one snowdrift that reaches above the top of the automobile, he says. Snow is melting rapidly, however, and in a week or two, or by the time of the Oregon convention at Prineville, it will be fairly passable.

Blachly Couple are Married 52 Years

Mr. and Mrs. William Blachly of Blachly, Oregon, will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on July 2. They were married July 2, 1873 at the old Sovereign home four miles south of Junction City. Mrs. Blachly having been Miss Melissa Sovereign before her marriage. They have resided at their homestead near Triangle lake since 1881. Mr. Blachly at 81 years and Mrs. Blachly at 71 years are both hale and hearty. A son, W. B. Blachly and two grandchildren, Lyle and Dean, reside on the old homestead with them.

SOCIAL WEDNESDAY

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Mr. Hartley Likes To Hear "Howls"

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 17.—(AP)—Declaring that the "howl" of those whose selfish schemes have been thwarted and of those whose hands have been stricken from the people's pocket, "was music to his ears," Governor Ronald H. Hartley issued a pointed arraignment here this morning of the "carping critics," whom he asserted "have seized upon every pretext and sought every opportunity to discredit any effort to save the taxpayers money."

Back of every such criticism, the governor said, was to be found the invidious hand of special privilege seekers, fighting to maintain privileges enjoyed in the past.

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