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HOMES AND LUMBER MILLS TOLL OF FIRES

Forest Flames Rage Over an Area of 140 Square Miles Cause Millions Damage

SCORES OF OTHERS BURNING

Logging Trains and Engines Destroyed in Sweep

SLASHING FIRE IS COSTLY

Cameron-Hogg Sawmill a School House and Several Farm Homes Destroyed in Fire Which Sweeps Through Gulches Near Corbett

SEATTLE, May 31.—Forest fires, five of which were burning over an area approximately 140 square miles to the south of North Bend, and nearly a score of others in various timbered sections of Western Washington had caused damage estimated tonight at between $1,000,000 and $2,000,000. Late tonight the wind had changed from the east to the south, removing danger to the Seattle power plant at Cedar Falls but threatening the town of Kerriston, which has been cut off from communication throughout the day. First refugees from the burning district arrived here tonight, having been brought in trucks and automobiles.

William Houstein, at first believed to have perished at Camp No. 5 of the city power plant on the Cedar river made his way to the town of Barneston late tonight. He was badly burned and exhausted. Fifteen families who lived at Camp No. 2 owe their lives to an inspection chamber in a dam on the Cedar river. They remained in the protection afforded by the concrete walls the greater part of the day while the conflagration raged above their place of refuge.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—The probable death of two more forest fire victims was indicated in reports coming in from the fire swept areas of the state late today. William Houstein, cook at camp No. 5 of the Irving Lumber company near Cedar Falls, and Mrs. Paul Hensell, who resided with her family on a ranch near Alder, Wash., are the individuals whose lives, it is feared, have been sacrificed in the fires that are sweeping the wooded districts of western Washington.

Twenty-five families from the town of Cedar Falls, which was razed by the flames are homeless and destitute tonight. Fifteen families at camp No. 2 near North Bend, at a late hour tonight were said to be imperilled by the flames. Six high school students from North Bend attempted to reach the camp in a truck, and for a time were believed lost, but after having been cut off by the fire on two sides managed to get back to North Bend.

BEND, Ore., May 31.—Fighting a fire which yesterday destroyed a logging train of fifteen cars and damaged an engine and other equipment at the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company, several men in a group of four hundred were singed yesterday by the flames. Damage of $50,000 was caused by the fire, according to an estimate by C. J. Meister, logging superintendent of the company.

When the flames threatened the camp the men sent their families away, covered their household utensils and began fighting the fire. In spite of their efforts, however, the fire surrounded the logging train and swept more than 2,000 acres of timber.

Logging Camp Wiped Out

ASTORIA, Ore., May 31.—The logging camp of the West Port Lumber company, on the Kerry railroad, south of Kerry, was wiped out by a forest fire yesterday, according to word received here today.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—The Cameron-Hogg sawmill, a school house and several farm homes were destroyed, hillside crops were laid bare and a few lives endangered for a period of time in a severe brush fire which swept through the gulches about four miles southeast of Corbett, Tuesday night and today. Tonight the fire was less than a mile from Corbett and buring briskly, although it was thought the little settlement on the Columbia highway was not in danger.

Toward the west the fire swept at a rapid rate, sometimes more than a half mile in width down two gulches. Residents had time to save their furniture and other belongings before being forced to flee from the path of the flames. The district school house at Egypt, near where the fire started, was burned to the ground. None of the contents was saved. The homes of Philip Van Hee and Louis Gould, are a total loss. The barn of the Frank L. Knapp home was burned late in the afternoon.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 31.—In the path of the forest fire, raging in Skamania county, north of the Underwood district, are large orchard tracts and settlers are fearing that their orchards and homes will be swept away by the flames or devastated by the heat. The fire is said to be gaining rapid headway on account of the dry condition of the woods and the hot weather.

The forest fir in Klickitat county, Washington, is said to have abated and from the color of the smoke it would appear that it was under control.

Fanned by a strong east wind, the fire is traveling in a westerly direction.

The fire south of Orchards, which burned a barn belonging to J. L. Bersch and 250 acres of wood, is now under control, it was reported yesterday.

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CHANG ARRIVES AT MUKDEN

GENERAL IS SEEKING TO RE-ESTABLISH HIS AUTHORITY

(By the Associated Press)

PEKING, May 31.—General Chang Tso-Lin, the Manchurian military leader, has arrived at Mukden and is making hurried efforts to reestablish his authority. He has ordered 7,000 troops to proceed to the Chinese Eastern railway which is in the hands of mutineers.

The city of Harbin, which is controlled by sympathizers of General Wu Pei-Fu, who holds the military ascendency at Peking, is expected to resist General Chang's forces.

Disorders are reported at Kukden where it is said that unless Chang regains his prestige a number of high military officials are likely to join Wu Pei-Fu.

The Japanese officials here denied today the report that 3,000 Japanese troops had been sent northward from Mukden. These officials said the policy of non-interference would be rigidly observed in Manchuria.

TUMALO PROJECT ASSURED

RECLAMATION OF 11,000 ACRES TO PROCEED

BEND, Ore., May 30.—Reclamation of the remaining 11,000 acres of the 16,000 acre Tumalo irrigation project was made certain last night when the directors of the Tumalo district awarded the contract to a Portland firm at a bid of $317,751.75, a cost of virtually $29 an acre. Bonds will be taken in payment.

C. M. Redfield of Bend, for many years engineer for the Central Oregon Irrigation company, has been named district engineer and work will be started on the diversion dam across the Deschutes river within the city limits of Bend, and on a canal to carry surplus flow of the river which would be insured by storage at Crescent Lake, to the Tumalo feed canal.

FAMILY QUARREL IS FATAL

JOHN BANGERT DEAD AND WIFE'S SISTER IS SHOT

SALEM, Ore., May 31.—John Bangert, 26, is dead and Clara Greunfelder, 17, his wife's sister, is in a hospital with three bullet wounds in her body as a result of a family quarrel at the Bangert home six miles northeast of here early tonight. The shooting, it is alleged, was done by Bangert who is reported to have wounded himself near the heart after the girl had been shot. Bangert died after being taken to a hospital.

It is said the girl fled from Bangert in an automobile and he overtook her on the road where the shooting took place. Bangert leaves a widow and child.

GATES REPLIES TO OLCOTT

IS NOT SURPRISED OVER OUSTER FROM FAIR BOARD

MEDFORD, Ore., May 31.—Mayor C. E. Gates, ousted from the state fair board by Governor Olcott Monday, today wrote the governor as follows:

"Your letter of May 29th, received, and I assure you it was no surprise to me. I accept it with the realization that politics makes queer creatures out of the best of men. I sincerely hope you will not be disappointed in the additional support you expect to gain by this act. I shall never forget at least, the many compliments you paid me for valuable services rendered during the holding of the last fair, while now I am dismissed for the good of the service."

WELSH PRINCE BREAKS UP

CARGO OF STEEL AND LUMBER CRUSHES HULL OF CRAFT

ASTORIA, Ore., May 31. — The British steamer Welsh Prince, lying in the channel of the Columbia river, 10 miles above here where she was in collision Sunday night with the American steamer Iowan, broke in two amidships last night, according to a report received here today from marine men engaged in an investigation of the accident.

The Welsh Prince was loaded with steel and lumber and the weight of the steel was believed to have caused the hull to break. Plans were made yesterday to remove the steel and dump it behind a jetty.

OSER IS ACCUSED OF MERCENARY MOTIVE

Mrs. Edith McCormick, Mother of Mathilde, Opens Legal Fight to Prevent Marriage

DAUGHTER TOO YOUNG, PLEA

Girl Might Become Victim of Designing Creatures

CHARGES MAX COVETS COIN

Judge Declines to Grant Restraining Order to Prevent the Marriage of Miss McCormick to Swiss Riding Master

CHICAGO, May 31.—A determined battle to prevent the marriage of Mathilde McCormick, prospective heiress of millions, to Max Oser, Swiss riding master, was begun in court today by Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, the 17-year-old girl's mother and divorced wife of Harold F. McCormick, millionaire head of the International Harvester company.

Asking a restraining order of probate court to prevent the marriage, Mrs. McCormick declared that because of her "tender age," Miss Mathilde might "become the subject of machinations and intrigues of designing persons." She added that Oser, being a poor man, desired the marriage "primarily" because he believed "in so doing he will secure large sums of money and financial gains."

The motion was made in Mrs. McCormick's answer to the application of her daughter for appointment of Mr. McCormick as her legal guardian. Under the Swiss law, consent of the guardian or both parents of a minor is necessary for marriage.

Declines to Grant Order

Judge Henry L. Horner, however, declined to grant even a temporary restraining order, but continued the hearing of the motion until June 3, meanwhile ordering that letters of guardianship be drawn up for Harold F. McCormick under bonds of $20,000.

Mr. McCormick's counsel, Edwin H. Cassell, agreed, however, that the guardian's consent to his ward's marriage would not be given before the hearing.

Charles H. Cutting, attorney for Mrs. McCormick, indicated that he would use every legal means to block consent of the international marriage by which the granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller would become the bride of the former cavalry officer, who was her riding master for many years during her residence in Switzerland.

Neither Mrs. McCormick, Miss Mathilde or her father were in court.

Points Set Forth in Answer

Mrs. McCormick's answer set up briefly these points:

That Mathilde is a minor child, having reached her 17th birthday only last month.

That Mrs. McCormick believes that the sole object of seeking appointment of a guardian is to permit him to give his consent, pursuant to the requirements of Swiss law, to the marriage of Mathilde McCormick and one Max Oser, a citizen of the confederation of Switzerland.

That Mrs. McCormick does not approve of the contemplated marriage.

Objections to Oser were listed as his age, his Swiss citizenship, that he is "without a regular and certain income" and that Mathilde's marriage to him might involve her in machinations and intrigues."

He was also declared to be "without sufficient funds of his own to adequately support" Mathilde if he married her.

Calls it Unheard of Proceeding

Attorney Cassell announced the petition for an injunction as an "unsuccessful and unheard of proceeding." He argued that Mrs. McCormick admitted her former husband was a fit person to act as guardian, yet declined to consent without giving sufficient reason. He declared that without proper evidence of unfitness there was nothing for the court to do but grant the request for appointment of Mr. McCormick.

The question of marriage and similar personal relations is not in the same category with education or other more legal matters," declared Mr. Cassell. "This court ought not to interfere with the guardian except under very grave circumstances."

"These are grave circumstances," interrupted Attorney Cutting. "This girl will lose her American citizenship. This girl is also the heir to millions and that is believed to influence Oser.

Holds Poverty No Objection

Mr. Cassell interjected a remark that it was the first time he knew of that poverty was made an objection in a case like this."

"Here in America," he added, "we believe it is a commendable thing for a wealthy woman to marry a poor man. Citizenship and poverty surely are no objections.

"Only the gravest circumstances should be reason for granting this motion."

Judge Horner stated that he "agreed unalterably" to that statement and added that unless such grave circumstances did arise, he would take no action. He then stated that the petition should not have been presented in the relation of Mrs. McCormick to Mathilde's application, but should be made in a separate motion which he set to be heard June 3, meanwhile directing that the letters of guardianship be issued to Mr. McCormick.

STRIKE VOTE PLANS MADE

MAINTENANCE OF WAY HEADS AND SHOPMEN MEET

DETROIT, Mich., May 31.—Grand officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railroad Shop Laborers spent today perfecting plans for a strike vote among the 478,000 members of the organization and approximately 85,000 non-union men, who would be affected by a walkout.

E. F. Grable, grand president of the organization, today reiterated his belief that other railroad brotherhoods besides his own would send out strike ballots.

CLUBWOMEN ARE STRONG FOR MILLAGE RETENTION

APPLAUSE GREETS RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF TAX

Resolution Also Commends Will H. Hays in Holding Up Roscoe Arbuckle Movie Films

TILLAMOOK, Ore., May 31.—(Special to the Register.)—That the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs in convention here will go on record for retention of millage tax for support of higher institutions of learning, was indicated this afternoon.

Applause of undeniable intent greeted the resolution introduced this afternoon by Mrs. Alexander Thompson, chairman of the legislative department as "opposing the movement on foot to repeal by initiative enactment the state millage tax for higher education." Mrs. Thompson introduced another resolution favoring removal of all property qualifications from voters, and a third resolution indorsing a bill now before congress, which provides that the appointment of prohibition enforcement officers be taken out of politics and the employes be placed under civil service rules.

Would Change Convention Time

Another resolution would change the time of the convention session from spring to fall.

The club women are asked to indorse the Johnson immigration and naturalization bill, which gives women independent citizenship, in a resolution by Mrs. E. K. Matthews, of Oak Grove.

While this is not election year the excitement and thrill of a contest are here nevertheless. This is manifested in an undercurrent of feeling which will receive expression when the scholarship loan fund comes up for discussion tomorrow or Friday.

Both sides are holding back until the matter is before the convention, neither wishing to disclose any hints as to suggested changes in the method of controlling the fund. The discussion, when actually on the floor of the convention, is expected to enliven the whole session.

Resolution Commends Hays

The club women will vote tomorrow or Friday on resolutions, introduced today, "commending the action of Will H. Hays, in holding up the distribution of the Roscoe Arbuckle films."

"It is hoped that this will be made a permanent policy in regard to any films in which Arbuckle or any actor of like character takes part," continues the resolution.

Delegates motored from Tillamook to Lake Lyttle for the afternoon session, at which Miss Anne Shannon Monroe spoke on "notable writers of Oregon."

The Tillamook women entertained the visitors with a banquet tonight at the Lake Lyttle hotel, after which the delegates returned by automobile to Tillamook.

BRITAIN ADHERES TO PACT

FACTS OF THE IRISH SITUATION PUT BEFORE COMMONS

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON, May 31.—The facts of Irish situation were presented in a statement by Winston Churchill, secretary for the commons, in the house of commons today but the fate of the treaty which serves to bridge the difficulties between Great Britain and Ireland cannot be determined until after the Irish elections, when those chosen at the polls will be put to the test of a treaty oath.

Mr. Churchill, in the commons and Lord Chancellor Birkenhead in the house of lords, announced Great Britain's position as rigid adherence to the treaty, which the pact entered into between Eamonn de Valera and Michael Collins is declared to have menaced.

(By the Associated Press)

DUBLIN, May 31. — Winston Churchill's speech in the house of commons today was published by the late editions of the evening newspapers. It was well received, the general opinion being that it shows an intention to stand by the treaties.

GAS BAGS FLIT ACROSS SKY

TWELVE GIANT BALLOONS ENGAGE IN DRIFTING RACE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 31. — Twelve gigantic gas bags tonight were sailing through endless uncharted areas of upper air as participants in the thirteenth national balloon race which started here this afteroon and ends for each navigator whenever and wherever it becomes necessary to return to earth. Thirteen pilots took balloons into the air, but the sky pilgrimage for one Roy Donaldson, of Springfield, Ill., ended almost as soon as it began. His bag was unable to hold its gas and when Donaldson saw himself headed into Lake Michigan he came to earth at Bayview, in the southeast section of the city, after a four mile journey. The landing was made within a few hundred feet of the lake.

Of the 12 participants soaring through the air, only eleven are contestants, for one of the naval bags, filled with helium and carrying a recently invented radio device, is flying as a non-contestant.

WARD'S STORY HELD TRUE

NO EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY IS FOUND SAYS PROSECUTOR

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 31. — "We found nothing which would tend to make us believe Ward's story false." This was the way District Attorney Weeks summed up the results of a search made today of the New Rochelle home of Walter S. Ward, wealthy baker. The search was made to determine the accuracy of a newspaper report that Clarence Peters, ex-navy man whose body was found about two weeks ago near the Kensico reservoir, had been shot in the Ward home, with another man, instead of on the country road, as stated by Ward when he surrendered with the assertion that he had fired in self-defense.

Seeking wood-work punctured with bullets or carpets stained with blood, a searching party combed the house from top to bottom today, pulling up rugs and removing books and pictures. Nothing of importance was found.

APPROVAL IS VOTED SOLDIER BONUS BILL

Measure Revised But Retaining Provision for Bank Loan is Adopted By Committee

EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGED

Time Advance From October 1 to January 1, 1923

FORFEITURE IS ELIMINATED

Reclamation Plan Substituted for the Provision Giving Preference to Veterans in Making Entry on Public or Indian Land

WASHINGTON, May 31. — The house soldiers' bonus bill, amended in several important particulars, but with the much discussed bank loan provision retained, was approved today by the senate finance committee by a vote of 9 to 4. Chairman McCumber proposes to report the measure to the senate within a few days and said he hoped to get action on it before the passage of the tariff bill.

The important alterations made in the house measure were:

The changing of the effective date of the legislation from next October 1 to January 1, 1923.

Removal of the time limitation on the filing of applications by World war veterans for adjusted service compensation.

Abandonment of the reclamation plan and the substitution of a provision under which veterans would be given preference in making entry on public or Indian lands when opened to entry.

Forfeiture Provision Scrapped

Elimination of the forfeiture provision, under which veterans failing to repay loans made by banks or the government on adjusted service certificates, would have forfeited their claims.

Under the amended bill such veterans could reclaim their certificates at any time before their maturity, 20 years from the date of issuance upon payment of the sum they were in default, plus interest at 4½ per cent compounded annually.

Approval of the amended house measure, commonly called the McCumber plan, was voted by the committee after rejection, 8 to 5, of a measure offered by Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking committee republican, proposing paid up life insurance in lieu of all other forms of compensation. In addition to its author, senators supporting the Smoot bill were Calder, New York; Dillingham, Vermont; Frelinghuysen, New Jersey, and McLean, Connecticut, all republicans.

Senator McLean Breaks Tie

On the vote for the McCumber measure, Senator McLean broke the tie that had existed among the ten republicans of the committee as between two propositions.

Besides Mr. McLean, those supporting the amended house bill were McCumber, LaFollette, Watson, Indiana; Curtis and Sutherland, West Virginia, all republicans, and Simmons North Carolina, Walsh Massachusetts, and Gerry, Rhode Island, democrats.

Senator Simmons, ranking minority member of the committee said the democrats supported the McCumber plan, not because they favored it, but to obtain quick action on bonus legislation.

Harding's Views Not Discussed

Neither President Harding's views with respect to the bonus nor methods of financing the legislation entered into the committee discussion, senators said. Leading proponents of the McCumber plan expressed the belief that this plan would prove not unacceptable to the executive since it called for no heavy expenditures during the next three years that would require either new taxes or any large drafts on the treasury.

Chairman McCumber said that after the first three years, the necessary funds probably could be supplied from interest on the refunded foreign debt.

Present plans for calling up the bonus bill in the senate are indefinite The bonus bill is certain to lead to a long fight in the senate. The democrats express themselves as not at all pleased with its present form and have indicated that they will have a number of amendments to offer.

Bonus Foes Arm for Fight

Opponents of a bonus in any form, who include Senators Borah, Idaho; Moses, New Hampshire; Wadsworth, New York, republicans, and Williams, Mississippi, and Meyers, Montana, democrats, are preparing for a determined fight on the bill. Bonus proponents are confident, however, that bonus legislation will be enacted before this session of congress ends.

Under the bill as the senate will receive it, the amount of compensation credit for veterans will be computed on the length of service, less the $60 bonus paid the men at the time of their discharge from the service, but would not exceed $500 for those who had only domestic service and $625 for those who saw overseas service.

A cash bonus would be paid only to those veterans whose total credit did not exceed $50.

Have Right to Picket

SALEM, Ore., May 31. — Striking union laborers have a right in Oregon to station pickets in the vicinity of a place of business where a strike is in progress, and they may carry banners, but they must be silent, according to an opinion of the Oregon supreme court today in the case of the Wright Sample Shoe shop of Portland against the Portland Central Labor council. The opinion is a modification of a former opinion which held that the pickets might speak to prospective patrons of the places of business, informing them that the place was unfair to organized labor.

GERMANY IS GRANTED MORATORIUM FOR 1922

REPARATIONS COMMISSION APPROVES REPLY TO ULTIMATUM

Commission in Letter to Chancellor States That Several Points in Answer Need to Be Cleared

PARIS, May 31.—The reparations commission tonight fully approved the German reply to its ultimatum and definitely decided to grant Germany a provisional moratorium for the year 1922.

The text of the commission's letter to Chancellor Wirth and also its decision were issued about midnight. The decision was unanimous.

The action taken by the German government to put its finances on a sound basis and eliminate as much as possible the wholesale printing of paper money constitutes a "serious attempt to meet the commission's requirement," the decision says.

In its letter to Chancellor Wirth, the commission states that in view of the importance of an immediate decision on the question of postponement of payments, the commission felt justified in taking prompt action notwithstanding the fact that on several points Germany's answer requires further elucidation.

Matters Dealt With Later

The commission informs the German chancellor that these matters will be dealt with in another communication in the near future, but it indicated that these matters are of minor importance.

In making decision to grant partial postponement of payments in 1922, beginning June 10, the commission says:

"The commission recalls that the postponement now confirmed remains liable to be canceled at any time in accordance with its previous decision if the commission is subsequently shown that Germany has failed to carry out the conditions laid down."

The commission further reserves its right to cancel the postponement if at any time it becomes dissatisfied with the progress made in the settlement of matters still outstanding, or failing to carry through the arrangements in regard to the floating debt specified in the chancellor's letter of May 28, or because of inability to obtain assistance of a foreign loan, Germany does not make alternative arrangements satisfactory to the commission for dealing with the budget and the floating debt.

LONDON, May 31.—With Germany undefiant, Premier Lloyd-George had planned to make a brief statement on reparations in the house of commons this afternoon, but when John Robert Clynes, labor member, opened the debate and attributed the present difficulties to the German government's election pledges of 1918, the prime minister launched into a lengthy defense of the reparations commission and the treaty of Versailles.

CROP OUTLOOK IMPROVES

MONTH OF MAY FAVORABLE TO YIELDS FROM FARMS

WASHINGTON, May 31. — Steady improvement in the indicated yield of the principal agricultural products was the outstanding feature in the economic developments of the country during May, according to the monthly summary of business and financial conditions, issued tonight by the federal reserve board.

Improvements in the prices of cotton, grains and other products was also a feature of the month while business insofar as dependent upon current agricultural products, showed steady improvement.

General improvement in the manufacturing industry was noted while prices were said to show stability.

Financially the month was reported as one of stability with foreign trade showing a distinct tendency to improve.

ENTER "NOT GUILTY" PLEAS

TWO WOMEN HELD FOR PERJURY IN MAURICE CODD CASE

SPOKANE, May 31.—Pleas of not guilty were entered in superior court today by Mrs. Beatrice Sant and Mrs. Rose Fagan, indicted by a county grand jury on charges of perjury in connection with their testimony in the trial of Maurice P. Codd, acquitted of a charge of murder.

Superior Judge J. B. Lindsley denied a motion for dismissal of the indictments, offered by counsel for the women on the ground that a stenographer had been present in the grand jury room. It was brought out by the state that the stenographer was sworn as a deputy prosecuting attorney and Judge Lindsley ruled that it was proper for the prosecutor to be informed as to testimony given before the grand jury.

HEDRICK SLUGGED, ROBBED

ALGANA MAN, BANDITS' VICTIM, MAY RECOVER

SEATTLE, May 31.—James Gordon Hedrick, of Algana, near Marshfield, Ore., who early today was slugged and shot by bandits, who robbed him of $1,100, has a chance of recovery, according to physicians. Hedrick was found unconscious in a downtown alley at 1:30 o'clock this morning and later recovered sufficiently to give details of the attack. He formerly lived in Logansport, Ind.

Hedrick told officers he recently sold a small grocery store in Algana and set out for Los Angeles, but later decided to visit Seattle before proceeding south. He is suffering from a fractured skull and a bullet wound in the head.

MOST POOLED WHEAT SOLD

ONLY SMALL PART OF THE 1921 POOL REMAINS UNSOLD

SPOKANE, Wash., May 31—Slightly more than 14,000,000 bushels of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana wheat, valued at more than $20,000,000, were sold through the offices of the Northwest Wheat Growers, associated, during the fiscal year ending tonight, Walter Robinson, manager of the Washington-Idaho wheat growers, associated, announced today. Only a small part of the 1921 wheat pool remains unsold, he said.

Trustees of the association will meet in Portland Tuesday to outline policies for handling the 1922 crop of its members.

PICKFORD DIVORCE DECREE SUSTAINED

Supreme Court of Nevada Rules That Star's Action Against Moore Was Regular

UNANIMOUS OPINION GIVEN

Authority of Fowler to Start Proceedings Denied

MARY HAPPY OVER VERDICT

Two Weeks After Her Divorce from Owen Moore Miss Pickford Married Douglas Fairbanks, Also Motion Picture Star

CARSON CITY, Nev., May 31. — Mary Pickford's divorce from Owen Moore was sustained today by the Nevada supreme court. In a unanimous opinion and order written by E. A. Ducker, junior associate justice, the court late today held that Attorney General Fowler had no authority to institute proceedings to have the divorce annulled and set aside.

The supreme court's decision was an affirmation of the award of District Judge Frank P. Langan quashing service of summons in an action brought by the attorney general to set aside the divorce decree.

Miss Pickford was granted a divorce from Owen Moore at Minden, Nevada, March 20, 1920. Fowler's action to have the decree set aside was based on the contention that Miss Pickford had not lived in Nevada the period required by law. When the district court in which the divorce was granted held that the action had been regular in every particular, Fowler appealed to the state supreme court, charging that the divorce was obtained "through fraud and collusion" on the part of Miss Pickford and that the Minden court had no jurisdiction.

Court Sets Forth Findings

In an opinion of 15 typewritten pages, the supreme court today said, in substance:

"Until the legislature acts and empowers the attorney general, or other officers to represent the state's interest in divorce suits, the duty must remain where it has always exclusively reposed, in the court hearing the case."

The divorce of Mary Pickford, motion picture star, from Owen Moore, also a screen favorite, at Minden, Nevada, March 20, 1920, precipitated an action by the state for the dissolution of the divorce decree on the ground that Miss Pickford's residence in the state had not covered the period required by law. The district court in which the divorce was granted, was asked to review its decision and reverse itself but held the action had been regular in every particular and that the decree should stand.

Fowler Appealed to High Court

Attorney General Fowler then appealed to the state supreme court, charging the divorce was obtained through "fraud and collusion" on the part of Miss Pickford, and holding that the Minden court had no jurisdiction.

The defense answered that the state was not an aggrieved party and therefore had no authority under the Nevada law to prosecute the action. Arguments were heard at Carson City January 30.

Two weeks after her divorce Miss Pickford married Douglas Fairbanks, also a motion picture notable.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31. — "I am very, very happy, more happy than I can express," said Mary Pickford when informed of the decision of the Nevada supreme court upholding her divorce from Owen Moore, according to her counsel, Gavin McNab, who telephoned the news to her in Los Angeles.

Gavin McNab, counsel for Miss Pickford, commenting on the decision by the Nevada supreme court tonight, declared positively that it ended forever the attempt to set aside the divorce decree of the screen star.

Attack Definitely Ended

"This definitely ends the attack upon Miss Pickford and establishes for all time the legality of her divorce," said McNab. "We based our contention solely on the point that the attorney general had no right to intervene in the proceedings. We held that only one of the parties to the action could ask that the decree be set aside."

McNab explained that he had met the action of the attorney general by moving to quash the summons served by publication and in person on Miss Pickford and Owen Moore.

Mr. McNab continued:

"The unanimous decision of the supreme court upholds orderly procedure in America. This case is the first instance of its kind in jurisprudence and by the judgment of the supreme court of Nevada, will be the last. Had the decision been otherwise the finality of judgments would always have been open to question."

YELLOW PERIL IS FEARED

FARMERS OF WEST WOULD CURB THE WILY JAP

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 31. — A resolution declaring "Japanese farmers in the West are rapidly gaining a strangle hold on the agricultural industry and by reason of a lower standard of living are underselling American farmers" and memorializing congress to enact legislation "to alleviate these conditions" was unanimously adopted here today by the Western States Agricultural Representatives, composed of directors and commissioners of agriculture in eleven Western states.

The Western directors are said to represent more than 2,000,000 farmers.

The resolution was introduced by Senator F. L. French, director of agriculture of Washington state, following an address by State Senator J. M. Inman, president of the Japanese Oriental Exclusion League of California.