

FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS UPHELD IN LIBEL SUIT

CHICAGO CANNOT GET PAPER FOR KNOCKING REGIME

\$10,000,000 Asked From Tribune For Alleged Attack Is Denied By Supreme Court

(By The Associated Press)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 18.—Fundamental principles of freedom of speech and freedom of the press were soundly affirmed today by the Illinois supreme court in holding that a city cannot sue a newspaper for libel in the \$10,000,000 suit brought by the city of Chicago against the Tribune. A letter written by Justice Thompson of Rock Island, reiterated the opinion that a free American citizen may lambast his government to his heart's content, so long as he does not advocate destruction of that government by violence or the violation of any established law. The city asked \$10,000,000 from the newspaper, which it charged, was the material damage done the municipality by certain alleged libelous statements appearing in the Tribune in the gubernatorial campaign of 1920, in which the Tribune supported John O'Sullivan and the city administration supported Small. It was alleged by the city that the newspaper published "false, scandalous and defamatory matter" which, it was charged, resulted in injury to the credit of the city and led many persons to believe it would be dangerous to invest in city bonds.

Truth Not Fanned on.
The court did not pass upon the truth or falsity of the statements published but decried the history and tradition of freedom of speech finally concluding that the system of government is founded upon the fundamental principle of government that the citizen is the foundation of all authority. In conclusion, the court said: "It is better that an occasional individual or newspaper that is so perverted in judgment and so misguided in his or her civic duty should go further than citizens put in jeopardy or impairment of economic well-being, than their venture to criticize an inefficient or corrupt government."

QUAKE ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED IN FRISCO

SPLENDID REBUILT CITY NOW SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD

Monter Parade Highlights Need of Fire Protection—Old Ship Burned at Lagoon

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Memories of the days when San Francisco was shaken by a rough seismic hand, and every house of flames, from the old East street docks to the sprawling mansions of Nob Hill, were vividly revived today, the 17th anniversary of the great disaster. A parade that started from the reconstructed East street, now more euphemistically known as the embarcadero, passed through the heart of the city, which was also the heart of the great fire area, with its desert of dead walls, truck heaps and ashes. Army and navy bands blaring and the shining red trucks of the fire department in orderly file, emphasizing the necessity of fire prevention measures, swung along between the deep walls of the splendid new city. The crowning event of the day was the burning of the old schooner Minero in the bay off the lagoon, her occupation gone as an ocean-going vessel, was stuffed with inflammables and burned to the water's edge as another lesson in fire prevention through exposition of fire's quick destructiveness. Although no holiday was proclaimed today, the streets were crowded with curious and reflective thousands to see the parade pass by, and thousands more saw the sensational destruction of the old Minero in the bay.

EXTRA GAUGE GREAT BOON

FORESIGHT MADE POSSIBLE GREAT AIR RECORD

(By The Associated Press)

DATON, Ohio, April 18.—Forethought of Clyde Hertz, army air service mechanic, who groomed the monoplane T-1 for its record-breaking cruise, flight of 15 hours, five minutes and 30 seconds, in placing an extra gasoline gauge in the ship, made possible replacing of a broken one, and eliminated possibility of disastrous John A. MacReady and Oakley Kelly being forced down on that account. In giving The Associated Press a detailed account of the flight today, Lieutenant Kelly said:

"Once when changing seats, I broke a large gasoline gauge and the fuel came streaming into the cabin, and had it not been for the foresight of Clyde Hertz, our mechanic, we might have had serious difficulty. He, however, had provided an extra gauge and had fired this while I piloted the plane."

Blossom Day Week Late
SALEM, Ore., April 18.—Although official blossom day is set for Sunday, May 6, people from other districts who wish to see the Willamette valley orchards in full bloom will have to come to Salem next Sunday instead. The trees are so far along that the blossoms will be gone by the official date. The date cannot be changed, however, because it was fixed to conform to the shrine ceremonial to be held here Saturday night, May 5. Ordinarily it has been found necessary to postpone blossom day from the date originally set to await the full blooming of the trees.

Prune Crop Shortage
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TEN STARVING ON ISLAND

AIRMEN WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE FOOD TO GROUP

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 18.—Nine men and a woman are slowly starving to death on Fox Island, in Lake Michigan, 18 miles off Northport, Leelanau county, and are unable to reach the mainland on account of huge ice floes in the lake. Word of their plight was received here tonight from Gillman Dame, former state food and dairy inspector, who appealed to the Grand Rapids Herald by telephone to obtain an airplane for their rescue.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., April 18.—An army airplane will leave Selfridge Field at daybreak Thursday in an attempt to carry food to the 10 persons reported starving on Fox Island, according to Lieut. S. G. Frerson, speak-

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BIG FILMS ARE COMING

MANAGER MCKEE OF HELIX BOOKS HEAD LINES

Manager McKee of the Helix theatre yesterday announced the booking of a number of big films to be shown at his playhouse during the next few weeks. Some of these are among the very best ever produced in the United States, said the manager.

The first of these big ones is William Fox's production of "Nero" which comes this latter part of this week. "Nero" is in 12 reels and was made in Rome, Italy, by J. Gordon Edwards, and is undoubtedly the finest production of his kind ever made.

Harold Lloyd needs no introduction; suffice it to say that his new comedy, "Safety Last," is undoubtedly his best, and moreover, the most thrilling film ever made.

Still another outstanding film triumph, which comes soon, is H. A. Snow's "Hunting Big Game in Africa," which has taken the country by storm. It is acclaimed the greatest sensation in screen history. In nine reels of wondrously clear and detailed photography, Mr. Snow brings before us the dark continent, its monsters, fascinations and perils. This is the original African hunt film secured under the auspices of the Oakland museum of natural history, and whose great New York triumph has encouraged a flock of imitation productions.

Other offerings coming to the Helix soon are: Lupine Lane, the Hired Hand of England, in his new roaring feature lengthy comedy "Friendly Husband."

Another comedy of special interest is Ben Turpin in "The Shriek of Araby."

Other film offerings which have just been released and by their eastern premiers won their places as outstanding pictures of the year are Warner Brothers' production of Fitzgerald's "Ernie," William Fox' "The Town That Forgot God," Reginald Denny in Jack London's "The Abysmal Brute," "Hax the World Gone Mad" which is just now creating a furore in the east, the new melodrama of the Mexican border "Quickhands" with a cast of 20 stars, Charlie Ray in "The Girl I Loved" which brings him back to us in the fascinating coun-

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

Information of G. W. Hubbard desired—information concerning the whereabouts of G. W. Hubbard, said to have been a resident of Eugene, is desired by the Red Cross chapter of Hot Springs, Arkansas, according to word received at the office of the Lane county chapter of the organization.

Returns from Salem.—George Melvin Miller, secretary of the Central Oregon highway commission, has returned after attending a meeting at Salem where he conferred with state officials and several residents of Eastern Oregon who were in attendance at the reclamation session at the state capitol. Miller discussed the Oregon highway with the Eastern Oregonians.

University to Co-operate with Pruners.—The University of Oregon is to co-operate with the officials of the Oregon State Master Pruners' association in the framing of a program for the annual meeting of the state organization which will be held in Eugene Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, according to local members of the state association who are planning the entertainment arrangements for the visiting delegates.

Three Women Go South.—Miss Florence Alden of the physical education department of the university, Florence Jagger, president of the Women's Athletic association, and Georgia Benson, recording secretary of the western section of athletics for American college women, will leave Sunday to attend a joint conference of the western society of college directors of physical education and western section of athletics for American college women at Stanford university April 17 and 18.

World Peace Lecture Is Here.—On a tour of the world in the interests of international peace, Mrs. Agnes J. Gaher, of Seattle, is here and will lecture in this city next Friday evening. Mrs. Gaher for the past 15 years has been connected with uplift work and has been interested in the peace movement since the close of the European war. World peace will be the topic to be discussed by the visitor here who is meeting with several people of this city who are interested in the movement for peace among nations.

THE PRAYER MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL LADIES' AID SOCIETY will hold a musical tea at the home of Mrs. David Graham, 452 Ninth avenue west Friday afternoon from 2 to 5:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY wishes to thank the people for their generous donation of cookies.

AT THE IRVING GRANGE meeting Friday night the women are asked to bring sandwiches and cake.

DIVISION NO. 4 OF THE LADIES of the G. A. R. will hold a silver social at the home of Mrs. C. J. Harbrite Friday afternoon. Everybody is welcome.

CANTON AUXILIARY NUMBER 1 will hold a miscellaneous cooked food sale at the public market Saturday morning. 4-19-1

THE PATTERSON PARENT-Teacher association will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock. M. M. Boney will give an informal talk on the value of the milk bottle in the school.

THE WEST SIDE DIVISION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL LADIES' AID SOCIETY will hold a musical tea at the home of Mrs. David Graham, 452 Ninth avenue west Friday afternoon from 2 to 5:30.

THE PRAYER MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL LADIES' AID SOCIETY will hold a musical tea at the home of Mrs. M. M. White tonight, will be held in the church instead.

DIED
WESCOT—At the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank J. Fox, 294 Blair boulevard, April 18, 1923, Mrs. Julia Wescot, aged 77. She was a member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Wescot came from Blomark, North Dakota, last October. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Veatch chapel at 2 o'clock from the Veatch chapel. Dr. J. W. Walters officiating. The remains will be sent to Howard, South Dakota, for interment.

PERSONAL MENTION

H. M. Butler, ex-Governor, was a visitor here yesterday. Mrs. R. A. Brodie has returned after a visit at Portland. E. E. Potter, of Waterville, was a business visitor here yesterday. Mrs. Frank Reimer, 531 Tenth avenue west, is reported ill at her home.

H. H. Koopman, a former resident of this city is here from San Pedro, Cal.

Joe Whisman, who is engaged in logging on Lake Creek, is home for a few days.

Mrs. Charles Murray and daughter, Patricia, are Portland visitors for a few days.

Rex M. Cooley and Loran Beatty arrived in the city from Penn yesterday and are at the Speed.

George W. Carpenter, local lumberman, is to leave today for St. Louis on a business visit.

BOLLY
MILLER—At the home at Coburg, April 18, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Miller, a son, weight 11 pounds.

Elks dance Saturday night, April 21.

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