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SEATTLE MAN IS RETURNED LICENSE FEES

L. H. GRAY GETS CHECK FROM SAM H. KOZER TO SETTLE DIFFICULTY

MUCH PUBLICITY RESULTED

Grants Pass Was Given Much Adverse Newspaper Comment As Result of Incident

After many columns of adverse publicity for Grants Pass and Southern Oregon had resulted from the act of traffic officers in forcing L. H. Gray, of Seattle, to purchase an Oregon license while traveling through the state, the \$34 paid for the license was returned to Mr. Gray by Sam H. Koser, secretary of state. A large amount of correspondence was entered into between Mr. Gray and the traffic department and between the Chamber of Commerce here and the department. An investigation into the affair was made by the traffic department, through T. A. Rafferty, chief of the traffic division. Several conflicting reports were made.

The matter was taken up by the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce on the morning after the incident occurred. The trend of the argument was that the matter would result in a large amount of unfavorable publicity for the state, which is just now entering into an extensive advertising campaign. The whole thing arose over the fact that Mr. Gray was forced to buy an Oregon license, having been apprehended here by Officers J. J. McMahon and G. Max Flanery. He was traveling with a 1923 Washington license and according to Mr. Gray's story, he offered to show proof that he had ordered a new Washington license. The officers, on the other hand, maintain that Gray did not and could not show evidence of having sent for his new license plates. All parties were agreed, however, that Mr. Gray's car was held in a local garage until the Oregon license was applied for.

The effect that such incidents have is seen in the following paragraph taken from a letter written by Mr. Gray: "I am financially interested in several concerns in Oregon. One in particular that will probably spend several hundred thousand dollars and unless this small sum of \$34 is returned to me, I will commence to take the necessary steps to withdraw all my interests from Oregon and request other concerns and individuals to do likewise." Mr. Gray has cooled down considerably now and states that he does not hold any revengeful thoughts against the state. The matter was taken up by the Oregon State Motor Association and by the Automobile Club of Washington. The incident now appears to be closed with everybody happy, Oregon having collected the money for a compliance with the traffic laws and Mr. Gray having regained the fourth effort to draw the tourists to this city.

BRITISH SEA CAPTAINS WITHOUT CRUISES FOR MONTHS, NOW FACING FINANCIAL CRISIS

Liverpool, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Two thousand British sea captains, who haven't been to sea for months are facing a crisis.

Savings of seamen are rapidly being exhausted, and some are even now existing in a state of semi-starvation.

Thirty thousand mariners, below the rating of captain, are out of work and are drawing unemployment benefits.

The Mercantile Marine Service Association, in a survey of conditions due to the slump in shipping, finds that captains, who have had contracts for salaries from \$2,500 upward a year, are now trimming lamps and swabbing decks as able seamen for \$600 a year.

UNITED STATES IS NOT TO PLAY WITH HONDURAS

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—The United States today severed diplomatic relations with Honduras, because of the failure of the three political factions in Honduras to reach an agreement to restore constitutional government peacefully.

INDIANS IN FAVOR OF BRITISH LABOR REGIME

London, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—India looks with favor on the new labor government, according to Sir Nihal Singh, foremost Indian publicist. The laborites, he said, have decried the folly of embittering India and advocate the right of self-determination, he declared, and India looks to them to "help her realize her ambition of being mistress in her own home."

CARTER QUILTS OPERATIONS

Discoverer of King Tut's Tomb Is Peeved at Government

Luxor, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Howard Carter announced today that because of the discourtesy of the Egyptian public works department in refusing permission for the wives of the excavators to visit the tomb, he had closed Tutankhamen's tomb and has abandoned his operations.

DAUGHERTY MAKES DENIAL

Immunity Not Promised in War Fraud Cases, He Says

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Attorney General Daugherty denied in a communication sent to the senate today that the department of justice made any settlement in the war contract cases by which immunity from criminal prosecution was promised, provided all civil liability was met.

PENNSYLVANIA TOWN SELLS JAIL FOR LACK OF BUSINESS

Corynhamtown, Pa., Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Inasmuch as there hasn't been an arrest since Corynhamtown was made a borough, 23 years ago, the town "jail" has been junked. At the time the borough was established a large steel cage was purchased for \$250 to be used as a "lock-up." Not a single prisoner has graced the interior of the cage since.

U. S. MODEL TREASON LAW STARTS BULGARIAN ROW

Sofia, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—A treason law, patterned after America's treason and sedition laws, is being bitterly debated in the Bulgarian National Assembly. The law, designed to counteract the activities of the communist and agrarian parties, has the support of a coalition of five other parties opposing the communists and the agrarians. Bulgarian newspapers have been waging the campaign by printing the American law and comparing it with the proposed Bulgarian law.

\$34 which he spent under protest. The attitude of local citizens is against a repetition of the affair, however, as Grants Pass is putting

NAME OF LATE PRESIDENT IS LINKED TO OIL

NEW YORK BANKER WILL BE SUMMONED BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

SALE OF STAR IS MENTIONED

Says That Two Young Men of No Standing Purchased Newspaper for Over Half Million

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—The name of the late President Warren G. Harding and the circumstances surrounding the sale of the Marion Star were brought into the oil lease scandal today by Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker. Mr. Vanderlip will be summoned before the investigating committee tomorrow to explain his speech last night at Ossining, N. Y.

Ossining, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Frank A. Vanderlip, who in a speech said, "A certain Marion newspaper was bought by two young men of no financial standing," for \$550,000. He declared today his object was to "encourage the investigation of gossip concerning the dead president which is outrageous if untrue."

JAPANESE GIVEN BIG LOAN

Government Borrows \$150,000,000 From American Capitalists

New York, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Financing of a \$150,000,000 Japanese government refunding and reconstruction loan in the United States was announced last night by J. P. Morgan & Co., who with Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City company and the First National City bank will head a nation-wide syndicate which will offer the issue later in the week. Sale of the bonds, bearing interest of 6½ per cent and maturing in 30 years, will be made at 92½ to yield approximately 7.10 per cent. Simultaneous offering of 25,000,000 pounds of Japanese government bonds of the same tenor, except that the coupon rate will be 6 per cent and the maturity 35 years, will be made in the English market. Part of the American issue is to be placed in Holland and part in Switzerland by banking groups in those countries. No formal issue of the loan in continental markets will be made except as a part of the American issue.

Sale of the Japanese loan marks the largest financial operation for a foreign government since the floating of the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan in 1915, and is the largest piece of long term foreign government financing ever undertaken in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fishback, Jr., of Tacoma, were among the visitors in the city today.

HOLY LAND NEEDS CASH



Archbishop Panteleimon Athanasios, who has arrived in this country from Jerusalem with a plan to raise money for the preservation of the sacred places in the Holy Land.

AGED RECLUSE WITH BIG BANK ROLL DIES OF COLD

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—With \$5,000 deposited in a number of banks here and deeds in his possession showing that he owned property valued at \$35,000, Alexander Boyd, a ragged recluse, was found dead in his unheated home here, a victim of exposure and self-denial of medical attention. Boyd, 78 year old, was formerly a prosperous commission merchant, but retired many years ago and started peddling lemons and pretzels. An acquaintance told police Boyd never rode in a street car, preferring to walk rather than spend the fare.

BRITISH AIR MINISTRY ADOPTS NAPIER MOTOR

London, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Claimed to be the largest in the world, the 1,000-horsepower Napier aero engine has been officially accepted by the British air ministry, after a strenuous test which included running on the bench for 53 hours.

STATE IRRIGATION COMMISSION TO MEET

Salem, Ore., Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Members of the state irrigation securities commission will meet here this week and pass on the application of the Teal Irrigation district for the certification of bonds for approximately \$1,250,000. The bonds, if certified, will absorb a block of securities for \$339,000 previously issued but not redeemed because of financial reverses. The Teal district is located in Umatilla county, and includes some of the best land in eastern Oregon. The cost of the land under irrigation as calculated by engineers, will be \$129 an acre.

COON IS OUT FOR OFFICE

Will Again Run for County Clerk. Intentions Announced Today

F. L. Coon, the present incumbent of the office of county clerk, has decided to again run for that office and today made his formal announcement of candidacy. So far, Mr. Coon is the only avowed candidate for the position which he has held for the past three years.

Mr. Coon is a registered Republican. He was elected in 1920 to the office of county clerk and has efficiently fulfilled the duties of his office. No other candidates for public office in the county have yet appeared to contest offices for which a candidacy has been announced. It is expected, however, that the campaign will begin to warm up within a week or two.

RADIO DEBATE IS PLANNED

Oregon and California Universities Will Hold Unique Contest

One of the most unique events in radio broadcasting history will be staged on Friday night, February 29, when the University of Oregon debates the University of California on the Bok peace plan. The Oregonian station, KGW, will broadcast the Oregon side of the debate from the Oregonian tower. The California debaters will transmit their debate by telephone to the station of the Oakland Tribune, KLX, and it will be released from there. The debate will start at 8 o'clock, with Oregon opening.

Every listener-in will be asked to act as a judge in the debate and send in a card bearing his decision, either to the Tribune or the Oregonian. Ten days after the contest, the results will be announced. The two schools expect to have the largest audience that ever listened to a debate, as the broadcasting stations have a radius of several thousand miles. The idea was worked out through the extension department of the Oregon school and R. V. Haller, of the Oregonian radio station. The California school immediately lent its support to the plan with the result that radio fans of the coast will have an opportunity of hearing the first radio debate.

TEAPOT DOME TIP GIVEN OUT TO OFFICIALS

OIL COMPANIES KNEW WEEK IN ADVANCE THAT LEASE GOING TO SINCLAIR

MORE EVIDENCE IS OFFERED

Denver Man Has Material Which Will Be "Sensational" Is Belief—Will Be Called to Testify

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—J. Leo Stack, Denver oil man, testified today before the senate oil committee that Pioneer Oil Company officials told him confidentially a week before the Teapot Dome was leased that Harry F. Sinclair was to get the lease.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Earl C. Schuyler, Denver attorney, telegraphed to Senator Walsh today that he has correspondence which he thought the senate oil committee should have. Walsh said that he would be summoned. At the same time Walsh received a telegram from D. F. Stackelback, of the Denver Post, saying that he had good reason to believe the correspondence in Schuyler's possession was "sensational."

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—A prediction that public opinion will force President Coolidge to remove every official connected with the oil reserve leases was made today by Senator Robinson, democratic leader, replying to the president's refusal to accept the senate's advice and will immediately ask Secretary's Denby's resignation.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—The senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Dill, democrat, of Washington, calling upon the state department for copies of all diplomatic correspondence in connection with the senate's ratification of the Colombian treaty, which was urged by former Secretary Fall. A second resolution by Dill, calling for similar reports from the state department as to communications concerning oil concessions or leases in nine other countries was also adopted.

17 BAVARIANS ARE KILLED

Separatist Warfare Breaks Out Again At Pirmasens

Berlin, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Fighting between the separatists and inhabitants of Pirmasens, in the Bavarian Palatinate, last night, resulted in the killing of 17 persons and the wounding of 20, according to dispatches today. The casualties occurred during fighting for the possession of a government building, which was eventually set on fire. Of those killed, 14 were separatists.

PRETZELS EVERY DAY



Representative William M. Croll of Reading, Pa., is known as the pretzel-eating congressman. He represents a district where pretzels are made by the thousands and he eats a daily lunch consisting, in great part, of pretzels.

TEXAS LAND FRAUDS ARE TO BE SUBJECT OF PROBE

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—An inquiry into the charges of fraudulent land operations in Texas were ordered today by the senate, in adopting the resolution offered by Senator Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama.

IRELAND PLANS TO GIVE BONUS TO HOME-BUILDER

Dublin, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—With Ireland facing a housing shortage, the Dail is planning to grant a bonus to home builders. From a \$1,500,000 fund it is proposed to grant subsidies of \$300 for three-room houses, \$400 for four rooms and \$500 for five rooms. Local authorities throughout the free state are planning to grant bonuses not greater than those of the free state offers, as well as to pass legislation spreading payment of the building and land costs over a period of 19 years.

AGED MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Medford Couple Found Dead—Sister's Death Causes Hanging

Medford, Ore., Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Miss Mina Hausman, aged 72, and Carl Stelburg, her half brother, aged 82, were found dead in their little home on Talent court Tuesday morning. The woman was found stricken in bed, her half brother had committed suicide by hanging himself in his workshop. Indications point that Miss Hausman had died from natural causes, after a long illness, and that the man, depressed by the tragedy, had taken his own life in a fit of despondency. The bodies were discovered by Mrs. W. H. Merritt, a neighbor, and had, it is said, a disquieting investigation.

In a box with a hidden drawer, and a secret button, disguised as a sock box, was found \$1073 in dollars and half dollars. The aged couple had been residents of the neighborhood for ten years, shunned their neighbors, and had, it is said, a distrust of banks.

The man had hanged himself by driving a nail in the door sill, and pulling on a rope. When found his toes were barely grazing the floor.

The coroner said the pair had been dead approximately 48 hours. An inquest will be held some time today.

ROSEBURG WILL VOTE UPON LIBRARY BONDS

Roseburg, Ore., Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Voters of this city will be called upon on March 19 to decide upon the proposed issuance of bonds in a sum not to exceed \$18,000 for the purpose of providing a public library. Two sites have been proposed and one will give the city a library and rest park in the center of the business district for about \$12,000 and the other a fine library building about two blocks from the center of town for \$18,000.

The voters will either approve or reject the bonds and will express themselves regarding the site to be obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sloan have arrived from their home at Eureka for a visit here with friends for the next two weeks. They are former residents of Grants Pass.

TELEGRAPH INVENTOR SPEEDS UP SENDING AND RECORDING TO 1000 WORDS A MINUTE

London, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Striking evidence of the advancement made in invention during 1923 is found in the recent exhibit of telegraphic and other instruments at the British Imperial College of Science and Technology. The most notable development is in telegraphy; delay in submarine cabling has been largely eliminated by utilizing the action of light on selenium, which responds so rapidly that the signal sent out is recorded even before the full current has passed over the wire.

A magnetic telegraphic drum recorder is shown, capable of speeding up messages to 1,000 words a minute. This is effected by the current

VARIED TOPICS ARE TAKEN UP BY PRESIDENT

POLITICAL AND ECONOMICAL AFFAIRS ARE DISCUSSED BY COOLIDGE

CRIMINAL ACTION PROMISED

Will Deal With All Those Involved in Oil Deal Regardless of Their Politics, He Says

New York, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—National and international political and economical affairs of the present time were touched on by President Calvin Coolidge in an address delivered here last night at a meeting of the National Republican club in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday. The recent disclosures in the investigation of the government oil land leases, the present Mexican situation, the proposed soldier bonus, the tax bill now before congress and proposed legislation designed to aid the agricultural interests of the country were the main subjects touched on by the president.

"No one would deny," the president said, "that industrially we are very flourishing. But agriculture has only partially revived. Its position, however, has improved and the returns for the year are nearly 30 per cent in excess of two years ago. "The farm is one of the chief markets for the industries of the nation. You have a direct economic and financial interest, you can no longer prosper with that great population and that great area in distress," Mr. Coolidge added in this connection that he would not discuss in detail any remedial measure designed to aid the agricultural interests, as he had done that fully in his recent address to congress, and that his suggestions already had been embodied in bills brought before congress.

In reviewing the tax situation, Mr. Coolidge pointed out that the amount of income tax paid by the people to the federal government was considerably smaller than the amount paid to the state and local governments. The tax burden placed upon the people during the war, Mr. Coolidge said, had been greatly reduced due to measures of economy adopted in all departments of the federal government.

The discussion of the tax question led to a mention of the much-discussed soldier bonus and the president emphasized that in his opinion the payment of such a bonus would not only result in increased taxes, but could not be considered a commensurate and adequate remuneration for the patriotic services rendered by those who served their country during the war.

Their services, said the president, were prompted by patriotism and patriotism could not be remunerated with money. In addition, he said, many of the ex-service men themselves were opposed to the payment of the bonus. President Coolidge then turned again to the Mellon tax plan, which he defended against the attacks of those who insist that the

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