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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
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of Our Readers.

The Port of Astoria grain business for the year 1929 showed an increase of 311 cars, or approximately 44,000 bushels, over the previous year.

Cattlemen from the Fife country report an outbreak of blackleg among cattle in that section. The young stock is being vaccinated by many of the ranchers.

Mrs. Clara Swearingen, an elderly woman living south of Brownsville, died from burns suffered when her nightgown caught fire, presumably as she was building a fire.

The snowfall at Roseburg was the heaviest ever recorded since the establishment of the weather bureau station 40 years ago. The total depth on the ground was 7.5 inches.

W. P. Calhoun, Bend resident, was baptized in the Deschutes river at Bend after a hole was cut through ten inches of ice. The baptismal service was in charge of the Pentecostal mission.

Through the efforts of Deputy Game Warden Brown several tons of scratch feed has been delivered to sportsmen and rod and gun clubs in Columbia county for feeding birds and game birds.

Washington county again leads Oregon counties with the largest number of potato growers engaged in producing certified seed potatoes, according to the report of County Agent McWhorter.

Rev. R. L. Payne, pastor of the First Baptist church at Salem, was arrested charged with attempted assault upon Virgil O'Neill following the annual meeting of the board of deacons of the church.

Game birds of Linn county are receiving rations of grain spread by Perry Stelmacher, deputy state game warden. The feed will be put out as long as the need for it lasts, Stelmacher said.

Newberg firemen battled a blaze which for a time threatened the storage tanks of the Shell Oil company there. The fire, which destroyed an abandoned box factory, assumed spectacular proportions.

Every town in Linn county but one will enjoy a reduction of taxes, according to Grant Froman, county assessor. Sweet Home, which paid a total tax of 52.8 mills last year, will pay 64.3 mills this year.

Milo Starr, 33, dropped 250 feet to his death in a shaft of the Oregon Copper company near Keating, when the cage in which he was riding broke loose from the cable and dropped to the bottom of the Balm creek shaft.

T. E. Meriwether, 57, prominent Gold Beach man, was drowned when his motor boat was swamped at Two-Mile riffle on Rogue river, between Agness and Ilabe. His wife, who was on the bank of the river, saw her husband die.

Criminal cases in the state of Oregon have nearly trebled since the year 1917, while other court actions have increased in smaller proportion, according to a report prepared by Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the state supreme court.

After several years of discussion and experimentation the Douglas county court has adopted a new system for road maintenance work, grouping several districts under one supervision. This will reduce the number of supervisors from 24 to 24.

The Boy Scouts of Roseburg are getting ready to observe the 20th anniversary of scouting. Invitations are being given to the Scout troops of nearby communities to participate in a program during anniversary week, beginning February 10.

THE MARKETS

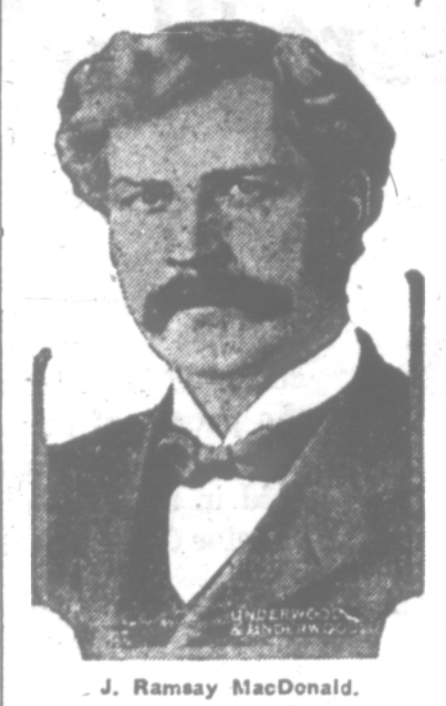
Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.34; soft white, western white, \$1.23; hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.20.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$23.50@24 per ton; valley timothy, \$20.50@21; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23@23.50; clover, \$20; oat hay, \$19; oats and vetch, \$20@20.50.
Butterfat—35@39c.
Eggs—Ranch, 33@37c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@11.50.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$9@10.75.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$11.50@12.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.23; hard winter, western red, northern spring, \$1.22; bluestem, \$1.24.
Eggs—Ranch, 29@31c.
Butterfat—39c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$10@11.
Hogs—Prime light, \$10.85@11.10.
Lamb—Choice, \$11.50@12.
Spokane
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Hogs—Good, choice, \$10.50@10.75.

SEES MANY DIFFICULTIES



J. Ramsay MacDonald.

New York.—In a radio address carried over the air by the National Broadcasting company, Prime Minister MacDonald, speaking particularly to the American public, declared that while he felt certain of the success of the present naval reduction conference, there are numerous difficulties to be overcome.

TEN KILLED AS TRAIN WRECKS SCHOOL BUS

Fourth Similar Accident in
Ohio Within Three Weeks.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Unsuspecting the deadly danger of an on-rushing New York Central mail train, nine children and the driver of a school bus in which they were riding were killed near Berea, Ohio, 15 miles south of here, as they rode across a railroad track in its path.

The heavy locomotive ripped through the light bus, scattering bodies and wreckage for 500 feet down the track.

Those killed were John Taylor, thirteen, the bus driver, and the following nine school children:
William Davidson, ten, and his brother, Vernon, seven; Rita Zelinski, nine, her sister, Dorothy, eleven, and her brother, Vincent, six; William Pastork, ten; Evelyn Kallenback, seven; Jacob Walter, twelve, and his sister, Juanita, nine.

Ethel Mae Davidson, twelve, the lone survivor, was unable to say what happened. She escaped with a broken leg.

The crossing, although guarded only by an ordinary "railroad crossing" sign, is not obstructed in its visibility except when more than one train approaches. There are four main tracks and two switches across the highway at that point. The road was not slippery and weather conditions were good.

Taylor, the bus driver, approached the crossing, stopped and waited for a passenger train to pass. Then he drove ahead, taking himself and the children to death beneath the wheels of the mail train.

The train was traveling about 45 miles an hour, bound for Chicago. It hit the bus squarely in the middle and was 500 feet down the track before the engineer could stop it.

Passengers and train crew rendered aid to the injured and dying. Trucks and automobiles took the injured to a hospital, where two of them soon died. Then the bodies at the crossing were gathered together and identified by friends, parents and teachers.

The young victims were pupils from the first to the sixth grade in the Brook park village school, a Cleveland suburb. Thirteen students at Berea high school had left the bus just a few moments before the crash.

It was the heaviest death toll of a crossing accident in Ohio since the tragedy at Bellevue, a year ago, in which 21 persons were killed when a bus was hit by a trolley car. The Berea accident was the fourth bus tragedy in Ohio within three weeks and ran the toll of these accidents to 20 dead and more than 30 injured for this brief period.

Cheese and Milk Co-ops Get Farm Board Loans

Washington.—The federal farm board announced it would advance loans of \$450,000 to the National Cheese Producers' association of Plymouth, Wis., and \$500,000 to the Virginia Milk Producers' association of Harrisonburg, Va. One-third of the amount to the Wisconsin organization, under the arrangements, is to be used for "effective merchandising of its products" and the other two-thirds for advances to its producer members. The milk co-operative is to use its loan for expansion of physical facilities and is secured by a first mortgage on all the organization's present property.

Lipton Grooms New Yacht

Portsmouth, England.—Sir Thomas Lipton has arranged that his new yacht Shamrock V shall sail her first race at the Southern regatta on May 21. She will begin preliminary cruising in April.

Texas to Parole 2,000 Convicts
Austin, Texas.—About 2,000 paroles will be issued soon by Gov. Dan Moody to relieve crowded conditions at the state penitentiary and the prison camps.

U. S. BUSINESS NEAR NORMAL, HOOVER TOLD

Figures for Industry Show
Marked Improvement.

Washington.—Evidences of growing activity in the general business situation throughout the United States were reported to President Hoover by the executive committee of the national business survey conference, Owen D. Young, Thomas W. Lamont, and Lewis E. Pierce, of Chicago, were among the 18 members of the executive committee which called upon the President following a closed meeting.

"The figures for industry presented at the meeting showing the status of production and consumption up to mid-January were all encouraging," the committee stated in a formal report. "It was the consensus of all the members of the committee that the situation had become so far normal that no unusual methods need be considered for the stimulation of business beyond the policies of progress which ordinarily mark American industry."

"The facts are now available for the last quarter of 1929 and the opening weeks of 1930. A canvass of these facts shows that in the last months of 1929 there was, as is known, a recession of business, more than seasonal, from its previous high level of activity. This recession, due to causes other than those involved in the business structure, has left no major problems to be solved. There are now evidences of growing activity and the current situation is favorable."

The members of the committee, including some of the best known bankers and industrial executives in the country, refrained from discussing the business situation individually, either prior to or following their meeting. Mr. Pierson presided as chairman of the committee in the absence of J. H. Barnes, chairman of the conference.

As the committee was finishing its deliberations, Secretary of Labor Davis issued a statement supporting with the latest reports available in the Labor department, President Hoover's statement a few days ago that the employment situation was on the up grade. The statement apparently was intended as an answer to attacks on the President's appraisal of the employment situation made recently in New York by Frances Perkins, New York state industrial commissioner.

Secretary Davis said his figures were based on reports for January 6, on which date, he said, the first tangible evidence of returning employment was shown. He also asserted that a preliminary survey for January 19 showed the automobile industry as gaining 3.5 per cent in employment in the previous week.

Formulation of a policy on the part of business interests toward the federal farm board was in progress at a meeting of the agricultural service department committee of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

The question at issue was whether the organization will back up the criticism of farm board policies which was expressed recently by Julius H. Barnes, grain exporter and chairman of the board of the chamber. Grain exchanges have been up in arms over the policy of the farm board with respect to loans on grain and other matters which have been held to be so elastic. Resolutions by the Kansas City board of trade and other grain exchanges denouncing the farm board have been forwarded to the chamber of commerce.

Alexander Legge, chairman of the farm board, and several other members were lunch guests of the agricultural service department committee and discussed the entire situation.

Federal Farm Board to Loan \$8,000,000 on Wool

Del Rio, Texas.—Judge Roger Gillis of Del Rio, member of the National Wool Co-operative Marketing association, has been notified that the federal farm board has agreed to make the association a primary loan of \$8,000,000 as a preheating advance on sheep and angora goats. The rate is \$1 a head on the basis of twelve months' wool. Judge Gillis said that in southwest Texas, where two shearings a year are the practice, the allowance per head on goats and sheep would be 50 cents. The \$1 advance applies to goats and sheep sheared only once a year.

Canada Sends \$20,787,000 Worth of Liquor to U. S.

Ottawa.—Government figures released a few days ago, show that \$20,787,000 worth of alcoholic beverages were exported from Canada to the United States during 1929.

This figure is approximately \$2,500,000 less than the value of liquor exports from the United States in 1928.

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Selection of River Ice
Washington.—Secretary of War Hines, at the request of Senator Hiram and Governor Emmerson, ordered an investigation of the ice flows on the flooded Wahash river at Palestine, Ill., which has caused hundreds of residents to be marooned, without food and their lives in danger.

Sing Sing's Population 2,023
Ossining, N. Y.—Sing Sing's census has reached 2,023, Warden Lawes announced, the largest in 15 years.

PHENOMENAL GAIN IN TRUST SERVICES

By JOHN G. LONSDALE
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Association

SO phenomenal has been the increase of trust business that statisticians are unable to keep a true record of its advancement. There are now something like 3,500 active trust departments in banks in America, while in 1900 only 165 active trust departments had been established.

In becoming the custodian of the guardians of the property of savers, bankers as John G. Lonsdale, some what has been fittingly described as one of the "most exalted human relationships created by law." They become at once a big brother, a big sister, an adviser, or a confessor, sworn so to conduct themselves that clients will be won to them by their ability and integrity.

Thousands of little children have received an education and have been started off right in life through the trust department's safe keeping and guidance of the family estate, numerous widows have been protected from merciless stock swindlers, many thousands of business men have been saved from the ruinous details in the conduct of their business through the creation of a living trust and still others have safeguarded their business enterprises through life insurance trusts.

The favorable reaction of the public toward trust department service is not accidental. It may be traced jointly to the growing intelligence of the American people in financial affairs and to the increasing importance of the conduct of their business through the use of a living trust, a service which is necessary, a power that has been accomplished much good for humanity.

Among the detailed services rendered by a trust department the one that seems to be winning favor the fastest is the life insurance trust. Life insurance is the quickest known way of settling an estate. In reality it provides the means for the opportunity of setting up a positive monetary safeguard for his family and then paying for it on the installment plan.

A married man is not fair to his family if he fails to carry life insurance. I would say to the young man, "Buy insurance before you buy the ring," and to the young woman I would say, "Marry no man so thoughtless as to neglect life insurance."

MODERN EDUCATION REVERSES OLD IDEAS

Business Institutes Use the Plan
of Getting People to Think
Rather Than Merely
to Learn

There is one general principle at the basis of all good teaching and it is that a person learns more readily by assimilating the experiences with his own mind than by rote. In any other way, says Harold Steiner, National Educational Director of the American Institute of Banking, "The Institute is the educational section of the American Bankers Association through which 55,000 bank men and women are receiving scientific instruction in their chosen business."

The most advanced people in teaching today are emphasizing the importance of activity on the part of the student. "In the school-room of former days we often heard such phrases as, 'Be still,' 'Learn by heart,' 'Don't do that,' 'What does the book say?' The newer education asks, 'What do you think?' 'What was your reaction to that experiment?' 'What did you discover?' 'What reasons have you for your answer?'

"The 'expressing' school is taking the place of the repressing and listening school. The classroom is becoming an open forum, a studio of self-expression, a place of mental growth. The modern concepts of education are personal experimentation, individual investigation, critical discussion and creative self-expression. The pupil really learns only as he is able to assimilate the new meanings of facts and principles with his previous experiences. Activities therefore constitute the pivotal factor around which are grouped the new factors in education. The primary responsibility of the teacher is to furnish a constant stream of activities which will afford the stimulating urge to mental growth."

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"Education is a process of experience. Through this we develop the art of thinking. Thinking has been described as the ability to handle experience and to bring it to bear on a problem. Effective thinking arises when we are presented with the choice of conduct. Our previous experiences become helpful as we marshal them and bring them to bear upon the matter of our choice."

The students in the American Institute of Banking by reason of the fact that they continue to go on about their employment in banks while taking the banking association's study courses have an opportunity to combine learning with practical thinking and action.

MEXICO AND RUSSIA AT PARTING OF WAYS

Soviet Minister Recalled;
Communist Acts Cited.

Mexico City.—What is considered tantamount to the severance of diplomatic relations between Mexico and Soviet Russia is seen in the announcement by the foreign office that the minister from Moscow with his entire legation staff has been withdrawn. Acting Foreign Minister Estrada in delivering the statement declined to further discuss the episode.

The statement charges that recent Communist demonstrations before Mexican legations in various parts of the world, such as Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Washington and Detroit have been "directed from Moscow."

Mexico places no blame for these demonstrations on the different nations where they have taken place. "The first Russian reply to the snub of the Mexican government states: 'The Mexican government knows perfectly well that such propaganda charges we have used (meaning Bolshevik manifestations abroad against Mexico) is contrary to our institutions and our national revolutions as prepared and directed in Russia. The Mexicans also know that Communist groups do not and cannot act independently, because any political organization of that country is subject to Soviet government supervision.'"

The Mexican statement explains why the Mexican government issued instructions several days ago for the Mexican minister to Moscow to leave that capital.

The statement declares that "recent Mexican revolutionary governments had agreed to maintain friendly relations with Soviet Russia in accordance with Mexico's international policy of respecting all foreign sovereignty, so that the sovereignty of Mexico also would be respected by other nations. As proof of the liberal and worthy attitude, in face of the knowledge of the risk that was being run and the criticism that on some occasion had been directed toward Mexico because of this stand, Mexico had desired to give proof of its affection for other peoples who had traditionally suffered much for the cause of liberty."

"Unfortunately," the statement continues, "this praiseworthy conduct has not been justly appreciated by Russia. who on some occasions has spread studies in the way of our nationals and at other times has spread anti-government propaganda in Mexico among nationals and foreigners. On other occasions Soviet agents have committed acts of discourtesy and insolence, or have directed manifestations contrary to our government policy, and in various countries have created such situations which are no longer decorous or possible to continue tolerating with the calmness which Mexico previously has shown."

Ask Britain, Norway to Rescue Byrd From Ice

Washington.—Acting Secretary of State Joseph P. Cotton has called upon the governments of Great Britain and Norway to aid the United States in rescuing members of the Byrd South pole expedition, now marooned on the Great Ross ice barrier without means of returning prior to the opening of the winter season. Unless relief measures are expedited, Mr. Cotton advised the two governments, the Byrd party may be forced to spend the winter in the Antarctic without a sufficient food supply. In asking the help of the State department, Admiral Richard Byrd reported that several of his men would not be able to survive another winter on the barrier as the food supply already is virtually exhausted.

In notes addressed to the two governments, Acting Secretary Cotton asked them to use their good offices in inducing Norwegian and British whaling vessels, now in the Antarctic, to push immediately to the Byrd base at Little America and bring off the members of the expedition. He advised that to assure success a relief party should be on the way by February 5 and safely out of the danger zone by February 15.

Senate O. K's \$6,000,000 for Southern Farmers

Washington.—The senate authorized loans amounting to \$6,000,000 to farmers and stock raisers in the flood and storm-stricken areas of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The measure has yet to be passed by the house of representatives. Funds are to be made available for the purchase of seed, stock or fertilizer in a manner similar to the provision made last year. A separate appropriation of \$1,000,000 was authorized to aid Alabama to restore federal aid roads recently destroyed by floods. This state must match the federal loan provided.

Zepp to Fly to South America

Friedrichshafen, Germany.—The Graf Zeppelin will fly to South America in May. Commander Hugo Eckener announced, sailing from his home port here to Seville, Spain, to Pernambuco and Rio de Janeiro.

Fifth Prison Rioter Hanged

Folsom Prison, Calif.—Eugene Crowley, alias James Glasgow, the fifth convict to be executed as a ringleader in the Folsom prison riot of Thanksgiving day, 1927, was hanged here.

ON HOUSE COMMITTEE



Rep. Katherine Langley.

Washington.—For the first time in history a woman, Representative Katherine Langley of Kentucky, has been selected for membership on the Republican committee on committees in the house. She succeeds John M. Robison, who is now a Kentucky senator. This committee selects the Republican members for the regular standing committees in the house.

U. S. 1930 BUILDING TO COST 7 BILLIONS

Commerce Secretary Reveals
Department's Figures.

Washington.—Almost \$7,000,000,000—a record figure—will be spent for construction and maintenance of public works and by public utilities during the present year.

Secretary of Commerce Lamont so announced, on the basis of statistics compiled by the department's new construction division.

This total does not include residences, commercial and industrial structures, which last year totaled more than \$3,000,000,000.

Complete returns from the governors of twenty-six states, combined with conservative estimates based on partial returns from the remaining states, indicate probable expenditures for public works, including federal construction, of \$3,325,000,000 during the year.

Programs for betterments to plants and equipment announced by public utilities, railroads and telegraph companies represent an expenditure of \$250,000,000.

The designated expenditures for both types of construction are in excess of all previous records in times of peace, according to Dr. John M. Gries, chief of the construction division.

In reporting the figures to Secretary Lamont, he pointed out in connection with public utility construction that large amounts will also be spent for maintenance of existing plant and equipment. This sum is estimated at \$410,000,000 for the electric, gas and street railway companies alone.

These enormous expenditures will go far toward keeping industry and business on an even keel, in the opinion of officials.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS

A tax refund of \$127,542 to the Tobacco Products corporation for 1917-18-19 was announced by the Treasury department.

The senate resolution providing an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for hurricane relief for Porto Rico was passed by the house.

The house received a recommendation from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that issuance of the \$2.50 gold piece be stopped.

The Washington community chest campaign for 1930 was started at the White House, where President Hoover made a contribution.

The light cruiser Chicago will be launched on April 10, at the Mare Island (Calif.) navy yard. It was announced by the Navy department.

Representative Romjue, Democrat, Missouri, introduced a resolution to abolish the electoral college and to elect the president by direct vote of the people.

American visitors to the Free City of Danzig after February 1 will no longer need visas, the United States and Poland having reached an agreement to that effect.

Ralph H. Booth, Detroit publisher, has been appointed by President Hoover as American minister to Denmark. He succeeds H. Percival Dodge, resigned.

House Passes \$125,000,000 Road Bill
Washington.—The house passed the bill to increase the annual federal highway aid appropriation from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000 for the fiscal years 1931-32-33. The measure now goes to the senate.

American Bar to Meet in Chicago
Asheville, N. C.—The executive committee of the American Bar association announced that the annual convention of the organization would be held in Chicago next August 20-22.

NEW ARMY RIFLE FASTEST OF ALL

Fires Ten Times and Reloads
Automatically.

Washington.—A new model semi-automatic rifle, which can be fired three times as fast as the old Springfield service rifle with which the doughboy is armed, has been developed under the supervision of the War department. It has been disclosed. The weapon is referred to as model T-3 Garand, and was invented by an employee of the ordnance department.

On the recommendation of the semi-automatic board, which has been testing out the merits of nine German, Belgian, Czechoslovakian and American rifles during the summer, the War department has ordered the construction of twenty of the Garand rifles for extensive service tests. The board liked the performance of the Garand rifle better than that of any of the other weapons presented.

It recommended, however, against adopting any semi-automatic rifle as standard prior to completion of the service tests of the Garand and the Pedersen semi-automatic rifle, which until recently was regarded as the best weapon of its type.

The Garand is a .276 caliber weapon as compared with the .30 caliber Springfield. Despite the fact that it is a semi-automatic, the Garand weighs slightly less than the Springfield, a circumstance that surprised the board members. The Garand fires ten times a minute, as compared with the Springfield which is to do so in pull the trigger for each shot and insert a new clip when the ten cartridges have been fired.

According to officers who followed the tests at the Aberdeen proving ground, the Garand can be fired ninety times a minute, as compared with thirty times a minute for the regular service rifle.

Wayside Peddlers Ruled Off California Road

Los Angeles, Calif.—Cleaning up and improving the appearance of highways is being made more effective by California through a law prohibiting fruit, vegetable and other peddlers from using state roads for the sale of their wares.

The statute represents an advance in the campaign to "clean up and beautify highways" initiated and being carried on by the Automobile Club of Southern California. It is pointed out.

Since the rights of way of state highways in almost all cases extend well beyond each edge of the surfaced or utilized roadway, it is evident that this new law will eliminate from those main thoroughfares many transient peddlers.

A regulation prohibiting the posting or erection of advertising signs of all kinds or sizes on the state highway rights of way has been in effect for a number of years in California. It is observed by the automobile club, and state highway commission employees are instructed to remove such signs, billboards or other displays wherever found along the state's roads.

Cheating Gum Delays Reds' View of "Chicago"

Moscow.—The American stage success "Chicago" is scheduled for early production this season by the Moscow Art theater, where it is now being rehearsed.

Russian actors meet curious obstacles in following the stage directions of this play. They were greatly puzzled by instructions to one of the characters to light a match on his trousers. Experiments showed that it could not be done with Russian matches and arrangements are being made for importing a few boxes of the American variety.

The Art theater directors were also amazed by the amount of chewing gum which figures in the stage directions, and that item, too, will be imported.

Letter Asking Jars Goes 45 Miles in 17 Years

Petersburg, Mich.—Seventeen years ago Miss Leo Lowe of Detroit needed some fruit jars, so she dropped a postcard to her mother to that effect. The card reached its destination in excellent condition several days ago with no marks to indicate what delayed its 45-mile journey. Meanwhile Mrs. Lowe died and her daughter, now Mrs. William Hersbeck, no longer needs the jars.

Denies He Was Robbed; Other Admits Robbery

Milwaukee, Wis.—One hears of denial of robbery by the accused and the insistence of the deed by the accuser, but when the tables are turned—That is the question which grew out of the case in which Bruce Spence, confessed narcotic thief, figured here recently. While he was charged with six thefts, Spence asserted he had robbed the office of Dr. H. C. Ladewig, Milwaukee physician. Doctor Ladewig was firm in his denial of the robbery. Spence was equally insistent that he had committed a felony. The judge held the case open to determine whether the prisoner was a drug addict.