

JURY CALLED FOR INVESTIGATION OF HOFF'S BOOKS IS MEETING TODAY

Judge Percy Kelly Instructs Special Probe Venire on Charges of Mishandling of Public Funds.

EXPERTS ARE CALLED

Attorney General Brown Summons Accountants to Scrutinize Records of the State Treasurer's Office.

SALEM, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—The special grand jury called by Governor Olcott for the purpose of investigating the books of State Treasurer O. P. Hoff has been drawn and instructed by Judge Percy Kelly regarding the charges of mishandling of public funds.

The court said that in the case of public funds the intent of the official was not material if it was shown that the statute had been violated in any way and that the state had been injured.

It is not believed that actual investigation of the books by the grand jury will commence right away until after experts employed by Attorney General Brown have gone over the records. The Marwick, Mitchell, Peat company has been engaged for this purpose and will conduct a most minute and careful survey of all the books in the state treasurer's office.

The charges against Hoff are that he allowed a Portland bond company to sell the state bonds at a higher figure than the market price of the securities. The action is the result of a campaign carried on by the Portland Telegram which exposed alleged sales of bonds to state where it charged a private firm of brokers in Portland was made a present of a large sum of money.

Final results of the investigation may result in a special grand jury being called in Multnomah county to consider the case from various angles there. Hoff has denied that there exists any irregularities in his books and courts the investigation which is being made.

TOWN GUTTED BY CONFLAGRATION

GRANDVIEW, Texas, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—The entire town of Grandview is in ruins from a fire which destroyed seven business blocks and two hundred residences. The loss will run from a million and a half to two million dollars. One thousand persons are homeless. There was no loss of life.

New Classified

FOR SALE—1918 Chevrolet touring \$650.00, Good as new, tires and chassis in excellent shape. Pacific Garage. Phone 168-R. 77

FOR SALE—1916 Chevrolet touring \$400.00. In fine condition and a bargain. Call at once, Pacific Garage, Phone 168-R. 77

WANTED—Male Stenographer. Steady job. Inquire Albany Round House. Albany, Oregon. 77

RAISE YOUR PRIERS—Owing to crowded conditions, I will sell a few hundred leghorn cockerels one month old at \$2.50 per dozen. Phone 77-F-11. W. W. Stuart, Albany, Route 1. 82*

WANT A USED FORD—We want to exchange a piano for a good used Ford. Woodworth Drug Co. 77

FOR SALE—Heifer calf, fifteen-sixteenths Shorthorn. E. J. Knapp, 1389 East Front St., Albany. 75*

FOR SALE—Fordson tractor, plough and disk. Good condition. Call 53-F-3, Albany, Oregon. 82*

FURNITURE WANTED—We want all kinds of furniture, stoves, ranges, etc. Will buy any quantity and pay highest cash price. See us if you have anything to sell. Albany Furniture Exchange, 415-417 West First St., Phone 75-J.

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SUPREME COURT GIVES NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO TEST THE DRY LAW

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—The supreme court has granted New Jersey permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the prohibition amendment.

YOUNG BOY HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Dick Gilbert Burned by High Voltage Wire

Dick Gilbert, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Gilbert of Albany was severely burned Saturday through accidentally coming in contact with a guy wire on a telephone pole that was carrying a high voltage current. He was knocked unconscious by the shock and his hands and feet badly blistered.

The accident occurred at the intersection of the Corvallis and Tangent roads. Gilbert touched a guy wire that accidentally became crossed with one of the high tension cables. He was knocked into the ditch by the force of the shock and discovered in an unconscious condition by William Riley, who was passing in a car. Riley brought him to Albany where he was given attention and restored to his senses.

REGULATION ON LAND BILL OUT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—The production of royalties ranging from thirty-three and a half percent to twelve and a half percent on lease of government oil lands under the claims relief section of the land leasing bill are prescribed in a regulation of the department of the interior.

CONVICTED I. W. W. ASKING NEW TRIAL

Defendants Acquitted Taken to Centralia to Answer Other Charge

MONTESANO, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—Britt Smith, O. C. Bland, Ray Becker, James McInerney, John Lamb, Eugene Barnett, and Roy Lamb were found guilty of murder in the second degree in the armistice day case by the verdict rendered late Saturday and will be held in the Grays Harbor jail pending the application for a new trial.

CHARLES FOX DIES IN ALBANY TODAY

Charles James Fox, aged 88, father of Addison Fox of 739 East Fifth street, Albany, died at his son's residence at 1:15 this morning, following an illness extending over a period of two months. The deceased is a resident of Rushmore, Minn. and was spending the winter in Albany with his son.

NEW INFLUENZA CASES REPORTED

Two new cases of small pox and 10 cases of influenza were reported today by the Health Bureau in Albany. The epidemic reached a low mark last week when only two cases were recorded at one time.

RESERVATION OF REPUBLICANS TO ARTICLE TEN OF COVENANT PASSED

New Reservation Drafted by Republican Leaders Adopted in Senate by Vote of 56 to 26; 14 Democrats Favor.

OTHERS ARE REJECTED

Taft Substitute Voted Down; Bill of Frelinghuysen Also Meets Defeat at Hands of Senators.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—The new reservation drafted by the republican leaders to deny the obligations of article ten which was substituted in the senate today was adopted by a vote of 56 to 26. There were 14 democrats supporting the measure on the final vote.

After a struggle that has lasted all day a final vote on the reservation to article ten to the league covenant came at a late hour this afternoon, after a number of substitute reservations had been rejected in turn by the senate.

Senate Rejects Measures

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By A. P.—Preliminary to a final vote on the reservation to article ten of the league covenant, the senate today rejected an amendment of Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey proposing a summary disavowal of all obligations under the league of nations.

The reservation worked out between party leaders but not agreed to by the bi-partisan conference was also rejected by the senate. The sub-reservation worked out by former President Taft was similarly rejected.

State Department Lacks Head

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—The state department is technically without a head since Frank L. Polk's temporary appointment has expired. Under the Overman act the president can assign another official to act until Colby's appointment by the senate has been acted upon. No selection has been announced. No passports are being issued today as a result of the vacancy.

TRUCK GOES TO THE SILVER KING

Clarence Collins left this morning in a Nash Quad truck for Gates from where he will haul about 40 tons of machinery and supplies to the Silver King Mines. The supplies have been taken by train and truck to a certain point and Collins will cart them the rest of the way.

Carl N. Anderson, engineer for the company, and officers of the Silver King were in Portland last week making further purchases and left for Salem Saturday night, going on to the sculp base Sunday. This is the first time this year that a truck will have made the distance to the mines. Collins and Anderson made the trip to the mines in a Nash Six a few weeks ago.

Thoroughbred Stock Arrives

D. C. McClure, of Beauty Spot Farm of Benton county, was in this city this morning and states that he is still adding to his stock of pure bred stock and poultry. His latest purchase, which arrived last week from South Eastern Kansas, was a thoroughbred Chester White pig. A short time ago he received another pig from the same firm.

DANES PREFER GERMAN RULE

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—The Schlesmig plebiscite unofficially is reported almost four to one in favor of German control.

REVENUE HEAD IS APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—William Martin Williams of Alabama succeeds Roper as commissioner of Internal Revenue.

"GIRL VAMP" SEEKS TO KILL HER "SOUL MATE" IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, March 12.—The above picture flashed over the wire shows Mrs. Frances Jamrocks, shortly after saying good bye to her lover, Arthur Frederickson, who is believed will die from gunshot wounds inflicted by his "soul mate." Mrs. Jamrocks declared she shot him because she loved him but admits he was abusing her when she fired. She compares her case with that of Ruth Randall the "Poet Vampire" who recently murdered her lover and took her own life, leaving behind sheaves of poetry, testifying to the passionate affection she held for her "man".



VETERAN BURIED AT SCIO TODAY

Member of Famous 91st Laid at Rest After Months Of Suffering

Funeral service of Matheo Polasek, war veteran, who died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Chille of Scio on Saturday were conducted this afternoon and interment made at Franklin Butte cemetery. Pall Bearers were all ex-service men and members of the local post of The American Legion.

Polasek was 23 years of age and came to this country in 1911 from Bohemia. He was residing in Portland when the first indications that his adopted country would become involved in the war came. He immediately signed up with the National guard in March 1917. A few months later with the declaration of war he was transferred to Camp Lewis and became a member of the famous 91st division. He belonged to Company G of the 162d infantry.

While the division was in the Argonne, Polasek was badly gassed and sent to a hospital in England. After the armistice he was brought back to America and sent to a hospital in Denver. Failing to recover from his lung infection he was granted a discharge and was granted a 100 per cent disability because of his condition. He came to Scio to live with his sister and gradually grew weaker until the end Saturday. He leaves a mother, four sisters and a brother in Bohemia besides his sister here.

MINING COMPANY PRESIDENT HERE

J. J. Langmack, of Portland, president of the Silver King mining company of Gates, and A. E. Bean a mining expert, were in Albany last night, on their way to Gates to look after the development work of the mines. A big supply of modern machinery has already been shipped in and more is to follow. The officers announce that development will be pushed this season with a large force of men.

PLEA TO SUPPORT MEET GIVEN OUT

Director At College Asks For Cooperation of Schools in Contest

Official announcement of the Interscholastic track and field meet to be held in Albany during May and a plea to all the high school of Linn county to support the event is contained in a letter sent to the various institutions of the county today by Professor R. W. McNeal, director of Athletics of Albany College.

McNeal voices an earnest request for hearty co-operation in making the meet a success and points out that because the larger institutions of the state have abandoned meets this spring it is the duty of the smaller schools not controlled by the conference to keep up the interest in these Athletics.

Full list of the event which are scheduled to take place during the contest are stated in the communication which reads as follows:

It is with pleasure that we invite your attention, as well as that of your student body, to the coming of our Linn County Interscholastic Track and Field Meet to be held, as usual sometime during the early part of May.

This meet, as you probably know, is held annually under our auspices for the schools of Linn County. The primary purpose of the meet is to promote a spirit of friendly rivalry between the schools and also to build up a desire on the part of the students in the smaller schools to keep themselves more "fit" physically. By so doing the student builds up a solid foundation upon which he can depend during the years of study ahead, during which period so many of our young men find themselves handicapped on account of a weak body,—in many cases being forced to abandon their education, either temporarily or permanently.

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REVOLUTIONISTS AND GOVERNMENT FORCES REPORTED TO HAVE AGREED

Unconfirmed Rumor Says That Ebert and Provisional Regime Have Averted the Railroad Strike.

SOUTH AIDS EBERT

Saxon troops Support Noske; Socialists Proclaim Soviet; Bloodshed Occurs in Frankfurt.

BERLIN, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—Unconfirmed report has been given out from Berlin that the revolutionists have reached an agreement with President Ebert to avert the railroad strike. It is reported that the generals of South Germany and the Saxon troops are adhering to Noske, minister of the defense under the former government.

The independent socialists and communists of Mannheim have decided to proclaim a soviet government according to further advices. One of the first acts of the new government was a request for recognition from the Allied commissions in Germany which was ignored without reply.

Prussia appears to be the strong hold of the revolution. Strong opposition to it has developed in other parts of the country especially in the south of Germany. Bavaria, Wurttemberg and Saxony have announced loyalty to Ebert. Fatal fighting has taken place between the troops and the workmen at Frankfurt. Many are reported to have been killed. It is announced that France will double her forces on the Rhine.

Americans Not to Advance

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By A. P.—While technically under Marshal Foch, American troops on the Rhine would not participate in an advance in Germany without specific orders from President Wilson, it has been announced.

Agreement Substantiated

PARIS, Mar. 15.—By A. P.—A Berlin despatch this evening states that an agreement has been reached between Chancellor Kapp and Noske and that the crisis has ended. A new government for Germany will be constituted under agreement.

VICK BROS. TO USE OWN NAME FROM NOW ON

Beginning today the Albany Tractor Company will be known as Vick Brothers, the company having formally announced their own name.

Thirteen years ago Vick Brothers moved from Falls City, Ore. to Salem. For some time they conducted a real estate business, but later began selling Ford automobiles. They then dropped real estate and enlarged the automobile business, taking on other makes of cars. In 1917 they were made state distributors of the Fordson and last year erected a large building in Portland to care for their business. They sold their retail stores in Salem and Eugene and devoted their time to the wholesale business. This year Ford decided to take over the marketing of his product by his own concern and Vick Brothers immediately sought another line, taking on the Samson line of the General Motors Corporation, for which they are distributors for seven counties. Albany promises to become a leading distribution point and the erection of a large building here may not be a remote possibility.

GERMANS SOLVED AMERICAN CODE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—By Associated Press.—Rear Admiral Sims today told the senate investigating committee that the Germans were enabled to attack the first convoy of American troop ships because the department used a code which the Germans intercepted and deciphered. He stated that the announcement of the sailing of the craft was printed in Berlin four days before the vessels in question reached Queenstown.