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COLONEL WILL PROVE HE IS NO DRUNKARD

Defense in Libel Suit Seeks Refuge Behind Fact That Iron Age Was not Asked to Retract Story of Roosevelt's Drinking.

Say Tale Was Mere Repetition of One Many Times Repeated—Newspaper Men Testify for Roosevelt.

Roosevelt mint juleps. How they are concocted.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 28.—"One lump of sugar, one teaspoonful of liquor and the mint leaves stirred in with the liquid."

"This, according to a recipe left by the late Henry Plinkney, Roosevelt's factotum, was the way the former president got his mint juleps when the white house "fine mint bed" was utilized. Real southerners are shocked at the recipe. They say that if the leaves are stirred in they would be bruised, and that, if so, the drink is not a mint julep at all.

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 28.—Assurance to the court which is trying Colonel Roosevelt's \$10,000 libel suit against Editor Newett of the *Isabeping Iron Ore*, here, that the former president "never mixes his drinks" was one of the contributions to the trial of John Callen O'Loughlin, a newspaper man, when he took the stand today.

O'Loughlin declared he had accompanied Roosevelt to Europe, and described in detail his travels abroad and at Washington, including many banquets. He said: "Not only did I never see Mr. Roosevelt under the influence of liquor, but I consider it absolutely silly that any one should bring such a charge."

The witness insisted that Roosevelt's custom of serving wine at white house banquets did not differ from that of his predecessor in the office of president.

The defense indicated today that it expects to prove that Newett, in publishing the charges against Roosevelt, merely repeated stories which were currently reported and generally believed. In a long argument Attorney Belden demanded the right to show that Newett's publication of these stories was not malicious, and declared that Roosevelt had demanded no retraction.

The court finally refused to allow Belden to cross examine O'Loughlin regarding Roosevelt's row with the vatican over visiting the Pope.

Gilson Gardner was then recalled and testified briefly after O'Loughlin had finished.

In cross-examination of O'Loughlin, Attorney Belden, for Newett, attempted to drag in Roosevelt's row in Rome over his visiting the pope, but the court summarily ordered Belden to cease. O'Loughlin hotly asserted that every reputable newspaper man knew the rumors that Roosevelt drank to excess were lies.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 28.—President Lambert of the St. Louis Aero club today wired Colonel Roosevelt at Marquette offering the ex-president the use of a moving picture film of the Roosevelt-Hoxsey aeroplane flight here several years ago. He declared it corroborates Colonel Roosevelt's denial that he was drunk here on that day.

WISCONSIN PASSES BILL TO LEGALIZE BOXING

MADISON, Wis., May 28.—By a vote of 53 to 35 the state assembly today suspended the rules and passed a bill to legalize boxing. It is patterned after the Frawley law in New York.

J. Ham Lewis is "Whip." WASHINGTON, May 28.—At a caucus of democratic members of the senate today it was decided to appoint Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois as "whip" to see that the party always keeps a majority of its members on the floor.

HILL TO SPEND MILLIONS FOR BETTER OREGON

Jim Hill, Through Banking Connections, Perfects Plans to Take up Municipal Bonds in Oregon and Encourage Development.

Railroad Men to Tour State—At Bend Today—Full Significance of Visit not yet Apparent.

PORTLAND, May 28.—James J. Hill, through his large banking institutions in St. Paul, the First National bank and the Northwestern Trust company, stands ready to furnish millions of capital needed in the legitimate development of resources and industries in Oregon.

This information was brought here by James J. Elliott, manager of the bend department of the Northwestern Trust company, and Edward O. Rice, in charge of the credit department of the First National bank, who arrived here from St. Paul as guests of Louis W. Hill, chairman of the executive board of the Great Northern railway. They will tour the state with Mr. Hill, and become acquainted with conditions first hand as a preliminary part of placing money for the large concerns they represent.

Another member of the party is P. L. Howe, manager of the Imperial Elevator company of Minneapolis, manufacturers and dealers in lumber and grain and one of the largest concerns of its kind in the Twin Cities. The party arrived at Portland yesterday, and will probably leave for Central Oregon this evening to go by auto across the state from Bend. After this trip they will return to Portland and go into the Willamette valley as far south as Eugene.

"Mr. Hill owns every dollar's worth of stock in the Northwestern Trust company," said Mr. Elliott, "and the institution is ready to furnish capital on good security at reasonable rate of interest. We are in the bond market and will furnish money for municipal or state projects, but in making smaller loans, prefer to place them against farm properties as we believe strongly in the development of the agricultural resources. I don't know yet what connections we will establish here but this will be worked out. But we will have money running into the millions ready to invest."

TWIN SISTERS LOSE LIVES IN RIVER

JAMESTOWN, N. D., May 28.—Claudia and Bernice Ripley, 18 years of age, twin sisters, and Mabel Matchie, their 17-year-old elum, are dead here today as the result of the year's first drowning accident. The three girls were bathing in the James river when Claudia Ripley fell into a deep hole near the shore. Her sister and Miss Matchie leaped in to the rescue, but were both caught in the death struggle of the drowning girl and all three sank together.

MULTNOMAH OFFICIALS DEFEND BUYING PLAN

PORTLAND, Ore., May 28.—County officials on the stand today in the case of the state against the Portland Daily News and its editor, Dana Sleeth, charged with libel, testified to the effect that all purchases of supplies and provisions for county use have been purchased only after investigation of prices. This testimony is being offered by the state in rebuttal. The examination of witnesses will probably be concluded this afternoon.

Editor Sleeth was on the stand yesterday afternoon in his own defense and stated that the object of the articles in the News which resulted in his indictment was published for the purpose of forcing a legislative investigation of the conduct of county affairs.

GALLO NAMED AS LEADER OF BUNCO GANG

Man Who Lost Life Savings Dramatically points to Michael Gallo as Man Who Took It—Large Crowd Fills Court Room.

Seek to Prove That Police Protected Gold Brick Artists—Foida Tells Story to Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 28.—Before a crowd that packed every bit of space in the court room, Assistant District Attorney Brennan outlined the prosecution's case against Detective Frank Esola, on trial here for sharing in the theft by bunco men of \$2100 from Charles Foida, a farmer. Brennan started speaking at 10 o'clock and continued for half an hour.

The first witness was Charles Foida of Medesto. He told the jury of how he had been swindled of his life savings by bunco men. Attorneys for Esola asked Foida to identify the accused man but when Esola stood up he admitted he had never seen Esola before. A few minutes later, Michael Gallo, a bunco man, was brought into the court room.

"There's the man who took my money from me," shouted Foida from the witness box. "He ought to go to jail for life."

Through Foida the prosecution attempted to establish that Gallo and Musin committed grand larceny in robbing Foida and an agreement existed between Esola and the bunco men by which they were to be given police protection in return for a share of the plunder.

Police Sergeant Layne testified regarding assignments, showing that Esola served on the bunco detail. Captain of Detectives Mooney corroborated Layne's testimony. He was still on the stand when court adjourned at noon until 2 o'clock.

WALLOWA AND UNION COUNTIES STORM SWEEP

LA GRANDE, Ore., May 28.—From the remotest corner of Wallowa county to the most eastern point of Union county, lightning, hail, wind and dust storms, alternating with downpours of rain, have left in their paths the corpse of one woman, washed out bridges, flooded lowland farms, burned houses and damaged orchards, according to reports reaching here today.

Rains starting Monday afternoon have been falling almost constantly over much of the territory and in some instances have been akin to cloudbursts.

Mrs. Harlow Thomas, living near Flora, Wallowa county, was struck by lightning while hanging out clothes and died from burns several hours afterward.

Lightning struck a residence on the outskirts of La Grande and it was destroyed by fire.

Dust storms, followed by a downpour, hit North Powder, Imbler and Elgin, lightning putting the telephone service out of commission at the latter place.

At Union water undermined a bridge in the heart of the town and caused its collapse. The new county bridge near there is closed to traffic and, while the water is not rising today, it was within two inches of running into the local theater last night.

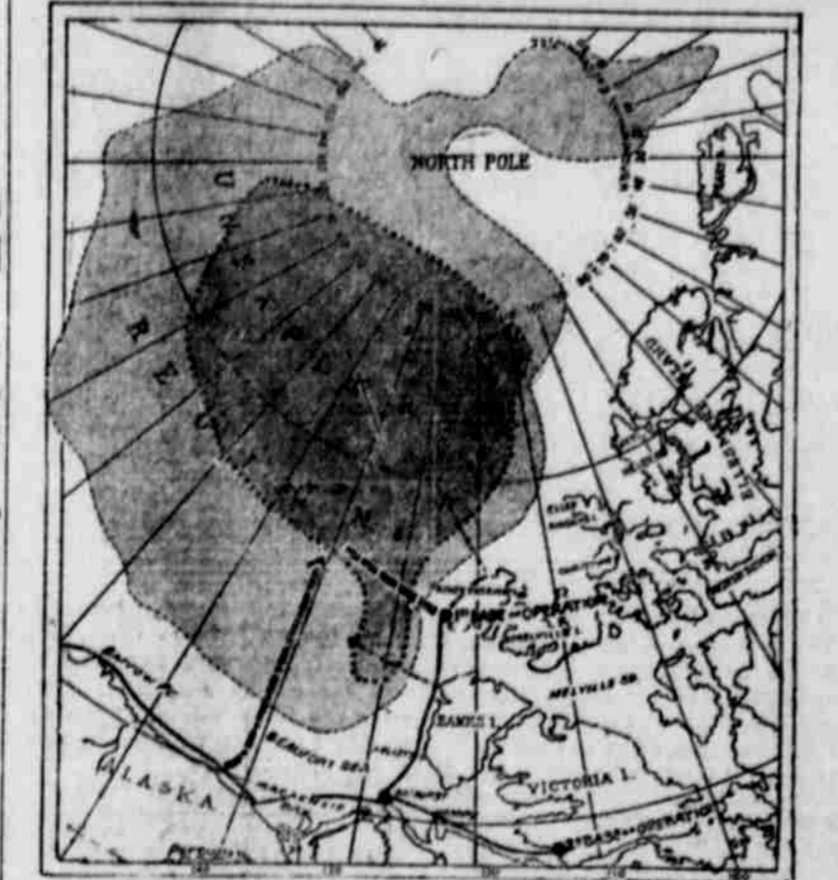
Damage by the storm, the most severe in years, is reported from all parts of the two counties.

FIRE AT CENTRALIA DESTROYS SHINGLE MILL

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 28.—Fire today totally destroyed the shingle mill of the H. H. Martin Lumber company, located a mile north of Centralia.

The loss is estimated at \$12,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

VALDEMAR STEFANSSON GOING INTO LAST UNKNOWN LAND



The dotted line running north indicates the route Stefansson will take if he finds clear water, and he can sail into the unknown. The line running from "first base of operations" westward indicates the route should the ice drive back his vessel.

The lightly shaded portion shows the whole unexplored Arctic region. The darkly shaded portion is the supposed location of the Arctic continent.



VALDEMAR STEFANSSON, CAPT. "BOB" BARTLETT, Who will captain the ship on which Stefansson's expedition sails.

BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY BEFORE IDAHO FLOODS

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 28.—The waters of the Clearwater and Snake river continued to rise today and should the present warm weather continue, serious damage is threatened.

The false piers of the Northern Pacific bridge over the Clearwater river at Spalding have been swept away and another bridge at Kamiah is out of line.

Efforts are being made to relieve the strain on the Spalding bridge caused by hundreds of cords of driftwood lodging against it. Dynamite is being used to break up the jam. The bridge has been closed to traffic. The Holbrook Island bridge at Lewiston is expected to go out momentarily.

ASLEEP ON TRACKS MAN LOSES BOTH LEGS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 28.—An unidentified man was run over by a switch engine in the terminal yards early today and both legs severed above the knees. Little hope for his recovery is entertained.

The man had evidently fallen asleep on the tracks.

BI-STATE MEET TO MAKE PLANS FOR HIGHWAY

County Court and Siskiyou County Highway Commission to Complete Details for Highway Which Will Dispose With Toll Road.

Californians to Come Here June 6 When Good Roads Dinner to Further Bond Issue Will Be Held.

On June 6 the members of the county court will meet the members of the Siskiyou County Highway commission and Engineer Bedford, California highway engineer, at the Oregon-California border and go over the route of the proposed highway being surveyed by Engineer Howard for Jackson county and complete details for the construction of state highways on both sides of the border which will dispense with the present toll road.

In the evening the Californians will be brought to Medford, where, with the county court, they will be guests of the Medford Commercial club at a good roads dinner at which representatives from all sections of the county will be present and a campaign will be launched for road bonds.

The new Oregon state highway engineer, Major Bowby, as well as Governor West, Secretary of State Ben Olcott, State Treasurer Kay, who comprise the state highway commission, and Sam Hill, will be invited to attend.

REAL MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

PORTLAND, Ore., May 28.—Deprecating the fact that most school children look upon Memorial day as a holiday rather than a time to do honor to the nation's heroes, L. B. Alderman, state superintendent of schools, today urged that students properly observe the occasion.

"The great danger is that our young people will grow up without knowing what our institutions have cost in loss of life and other sacrifice," Alderman said.

WISH PRESIDENT NAMED BY PEOPLE

WASHINGTON, May 28.—President Wilson's support was sought today by Congressman Britten of Illinois in connection with his bill for a constitutional amendment providing direct presidential nominations and elections.

It was asserted that the president emphatically approved of the bill, but did not give it his specific endorsement. President Wilson called Britten's attention to his record as governor of New Jersey, where he came out in favor of presidential primaries.

M'CARTY'S MONEY TO WAITRESS WIFE

FARGO, N. D., May 27.—Representing Mrs. Luther McCarty, widow of the champion puglist killed in Calgary, attorneys left here today for Chicago to claim McCarty's estate of about \$65,000. Mrs. McCarty was advised by a firm of Chicago lawyers that her husband's estate would reach that figure and at once arranged to claim it as his lawful heir.

Wagon Injures Aviatrix. VERSAILLES, France, May 28.—Baroness De Laroche, an aviatrix was seriously injured here today when her automobile collided with a delivery wagon.

GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD ROADS HERE

Jackson County to Get First Federal Road in Northwest—Uncle Sam Gives \$10,000 and Will Build and Maintain County Roads.

County Court Appropriates \$20,000 Additional Today—Engineer Burrell is Now Here.

The Jackson county court Wednesday signed a contract with the federal government appropriating \$20,000 for the construction and improvement of fifty miles of rural free delivery routes as selected by the office of public roads and approved by the postal authorities. The government appropriates \$10,000 for the work and takes full charge and control of construction and maintenance for an indefinite period. It is the first federal road work to be undertaken in the northwest.

The appropriation was secured for Jackson county through the recommendation and co-operation of Governor West, with whom County Judge Touvelle took the matter up as soon as elected. It is Oregon's share of the \$500,000 appropriated for postal highway improvement under the Bourse bill. Conditions have all been complied with and formal contract now signed.

Government Engineer Here. Last February B. H. Burrell, senior engineer of the bureau of public roads, of Washington, D. C., made a tour of the postal roads of the valley with County Commissioner Leever and selected the route upon which the work is to be done. He was greatly pleased with natural conditions in the valley, which he pronounced ideal for the work contemplated, and he asserts that in no section is better material available for highway construction.

Engineer Burrell returned to Medford this week to await the contract, which he received Wednesday. A meeting of the court was called for the afternoon and the contract signed and formalities complied with.

Highways to Be Improved. The route to be improved is as follows:

(a) The road running from the northern city limits of Medford in a general westerly direction to the intersection of the old stage road; thence along the old stage road to Gold Hill; thence following the star route to Sams Valley postoffice; thence following the star route to the intersection with Central Point R. F. D. No. 2; thence along Central Point R. F. D. No. 2 to its intersection with Medford R. F. D. No. 3; thence along Medford R. F. D. No. 3 to the eastern city limits of Medford.

(b) The road running from the eastern city limits of Central Point in a general easterly and northerly direction along Central Point R. F. D. No. 2 to the intersection with Medford R. F. D. No. 3.

(c) The road running from the western city limits of Central Point in a general southwesterly and westerly direction along Central Point R. F. D. No. 1 to the intersection with

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ALIEN LAW STIRS NIPPON POLITICS

TOKIO, May 28.—Political capital is being made here today out of the passage in California of an alien land law.

After a conference with Prince Katsura, who is recuperating from a recent illness, the executive committee of his new party declared the present cabinet could not be relied upon to settle the California alien land ownership question, and that the party had decided to adopt its own propaganda with regard to the dispute. Other opposition parties also are using the California problem to discredit the Yamamoto ministry.

Because of the exterior economies and administrative reforms that the Yamamoto cabinet has brought about, however, it is strong with the public.