

ETHERIDGE IS CAPTURED IN MINNESOTA

Absconding Portland Banker Arrested in Minneapolis— Will Be Brought to Portland for Trial—Audit Indicates Half Million Loss for Many Investors in Coast States— Crooked Deal Uncovered.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Two deputy sheriffs left here today for Minneapolis to bring back John L. Etheridge, former president of the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., who was arrested there late yesterday on a warrant against him in connection with his operations in Edmonton bonds.

Affairs of the bond house today in charge of W. D. Whitcomb, temporary receiver appointed by Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton, following the filing late yesterday of a petition asking that the company be declared insolvent. According to a statement filed with the petition, the company had issued interim bonds to the amount of \$2,966,000 as receipts to purchasers of the Edmonton bonds. Assets of \$1,495,315 were reported to have been found. The audit was continued today under the direction of Receiver Whitcomb.

Creditors by score. According to the statement on file with the court, the company has a number of thousands of creditors. Many will not be known until the audit now in progress is completed. They include country banks in many Oregon towns, almost as many in Washington and a number in California. Individual investors by the hundreds in Portland and scores in smaller cities, throughout the Pacific Northwest and California appear in the list of creditors.

Most all of the creditors are holders of interim receipts covering purchase of investment bonds for delivery when received by the Etheridge house and only about one-third of the approximately 2,000,000 of outstanding interims are secured by possession of other municipal bonds than those specifically bought. Holders of unsecured interim receipts will share only in the general assets, which will fall far short of paying off the obligations, it was said.

When a replevin suit of P. E. Hale of Silverton, Ore., against the bond house to recover \$5,500 par value of City of Edmonton bonds, bought but undelivered, came up in Circuit Judge George Tazewell's court today, it was stipulated between Franklin Korell, Hale's attorney, and Wirt Minor of the law firm representing the receiver, that immediate investigation be made to learn the status of the Hale claim.

New Charge Filed.
An additional charge of larceny, on which \$75,000 in bonds were seized by the sheriff, was on file against Etheridge today.

According to District Attorney Walter H. Evans, Etheridge used a bookkeeping trick to transfer \$100,000 worth of bonds to Mrs. Etheridge's account last February.

Of this total \$25,000 in bonds were recovered in a safe deposit box here, he said. The remaining \$75,000 block was seized at an express office last night, after their arrival from Tacoma.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Anaconda Copper Mining company today passed the dollar quarterly dividend it has been paying since May 26, 1919.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 27.—Robert Lyons, vice president of the Stewart Fruit company of San Francisco was drowned in eight inches of water last night when his automobile skidded and overturned in a mud muddle near Fairfield.

ENGLAND FAVORS CURTAILING NAVAL EXPENSE, WITH AMERICA AND JAPAN

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Calls for United States, Great Britain and Japan to curtail naval expense by mutual agreement were featured by a number of London newspapers this morning. In following this course the journals give expression to the anxiety which has prevailed here since the receipt of reports of the new American naval program, an anxiety which may be traced to the assumption that if the United States builds a big navy, Great Britain must do likewise.

The Morning Post laments that American politicians have chosen a moment when the war fellowship of the American and British navies and

REFORMERS AFTER HIGH HEEL. DECLARE IT AS IMMORAL AS ALCOHOL

TACOMA, Dec. 28.—A state law prohibiting the sale or wearing of shoes with heels more than an inch and a half high, will be asked from the coming state legislature, the State Osteopathic association announced here today. Women's clubs and other civic bodies will be requested to join in urging the measure. If passed the bill would not become effective for five years to permit merchants to clean up present stocks.

The wearing of high heels is as immoral as the excessive consumption of alcohol," the association's statement declares.

"Race suicide is distinctly aided by high heels. All women who wear high heels become deformed in the feet, knees and back, and they are pre-disposed to tuberculosis."

FRESNO GANGSTER PLEADS GUILTY TO CRIMINAL ASSAULT

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Francis J. Enmick, alleged leader of Fresno gangsters, pleaded guilty in superior court today to an indictment charging assault by force and violence on a 16 year old girl. At the same time Franklyn ("Hank") Silva and Charles ("Chuck") Mutchler, accused of the same offense, pleaded not guilty.

Carman Blackett, 15 years old Eureka girl will appear before the Fresno county grand jury tomorrow to tell a story of criminal assault that will involve two men already under indictment for a similar offense, the district attorney announced here today.

At the time of the alleged offense the girl was attending a convent school in Fresno.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Cross examination of Miss Jessie Montgomery, complaining witness against James Carey, third alleged San Francisco gangster to be tried on charges of criminally assaulting young women, was conducted here today.

Miss Montgomery was less hesitant about talking today than yesterday when her mother, father and baby brother were in the court room. She repeated her story of assaults and declared Carey drove an automobile which transported her and Miss Jean Stanley, her companion to a house where they were attacked.

MARKET FOR OREGON APPLES IMPROVING

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 27.—After six weeks spent at Washington, D. C., New York City and other eastern points in the interest of the apple growers association, A. W. Stone, executive manager of the organization has returned home optimistic over the ultimate outcome of the marketing of the 1920 crop as well as the general future outlook for the industry. Mr. Stone, who visited various eastern warehouses where the association has apples stored, said today that the demand for the larger sizes is good. The foreign demand will take care of the most of the smaller sizes he says.

the "chivalrous courtesy of American seamen" have united the naval services of the two nations "to declare in effect that the British navy is a potential menace to America."

Another plea for agreement between the United States, Japan, and Great Britain is voiced by the Daily News which urged that the interval between the present moment and the inauguration of President-elect Harding should be utilized by statesmen of the three countries to educate the public.

The Express maintains that an agreement between the three powers should "assure prosperity as well as peace."

DRY FORCES ADVANCE ON BOOZE TOWN

Company of Armed Prohibition Agents Start March on Hurley, Wisconsin, Where Bootleggers Reign Supreme—38 Saloons Running Wide Open—47 Citizens Are Hailed to Court.

HURLEY, Wis., Dec. 28.—More than half a hundred federal prohibition agents from Chicago surprised thirty-five open saloons in Hurley this morning, making 47 arrests and seizing quantities of liquors of all sorts. The federal agents were armed but not a shot was fired during the first hour of operations. Many prominent citizens were among those arrested.

The raid followed a wild night at Hurley during which liquor had been sold at bargain rates, ranging from 35 cents for moonshine whiskey to 75 cents for well known brands it was said. Among those arrested were lumberjacks too paralyzed from liquor to realize what was happening.

Reports had reached prohibition enforcement headquarters at Chicago that prohibition agents would be shot if they attempted to make arrests in Hurley, a lumbering town of about 3500.

Although telephone messages from Chicago inquiring whether the raid had been made reached Hurley just ahead of the officers, the saloon men appeared not to have been warned. The liquor men were swept up very quickly. Some residents of Hurley said that the larger dealers had concealed some stocks and were believed to have their liquor locked in safes.

Raid Soon Over
The raid was executed every rapidly, cleaning up most of the accessible places in less than an hour.

This camp town has been the center of anti-prohibition feeling for several months. Many of the lumberjacks are foreigners.

The smoldering resentment toward prohibition broke into flames in a battle here October 9, when prohibition operatives encountered bootleggers who lost contraband whisky, estimated to be worth \$85,000. One man was killed in the fight and another was seriously wounded.

Since that time, it is said, prohibition agents have avoided Hurley, waiting until complete preparations could be made to raid in force.

The whole district in this part of the north woods has been regarded by dry officials as a law-defying community. Reports that dance halls, saloons, gambling rooms and bootleg joints flourish openly—each one selling a load of liquor obtainable from moonshine whiskey to Italian wine—have been numerous.

Opposition to any encroachment from outside took definite form, however, after the ambush in October. It was asserted that the bootleggers organized and issued a deft that the first prohibition agent to show himself in Hurley would be shot. They vowed, it was said, to keep Hurley "a man's town for real men."

Home brewing has become a prominent industry, according to residents of the town. Kentuckians driven from the hills of their own state by revenue agents are said to have migrated to this district and set up their stills.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Forty-eight armed prohibition agents, headed by Joseph Callahan, chief of staff to Major Dalrymple in his Iron River, Mich., liquor raid last spring, were en route to Hurley, Wis., this morning, to clear the town of alleged bootleggers. The party carried thirty-eight warrants with instructions to arrest every man named, by force if necessary.

The town of Hurley is alleged to be one of the "wide open" spots in the north woods. It is a logging camp.

It was near Hurley that John Chippusio, an alleged liquor runner, was killed last fall in an encounter with Leo J. Grove, prohibition agent in upper Michigan, whom Wisconsin authorities now are seeking to extradite for trial. Grove made the complaints that caused Major Dalrymple, the former prohibition enforcement agent for the central states, to lead his expedition to Iron River.

Landis Issues Order.
The expedition to Hurley was ordered at the instance of Federal Judge Landis. After reports had reached him that alleged moonshiners had threatened to shoot any

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EDWARD KIDDLE, STATE HIGHWAY COMMISS'NER, PASSES AWAY AT HOME

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 28.—Edward E. Kiddle, member of the state highway commission, died early today at his home in Island City, Ore., after two hours' illness of acute indigestion. He returned a few days ago from Washington where he went in the interest of the McArthur road bill with Governor Ben W. Olcott, State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn and L. E. Bean.

Kiddle was for years active in business and in state politics. He was a republican member of the state senate in 1916. He was prominent in the Masonic order and past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Oregon and past worthy grand patron of the Eastern Star of Oregon. He retired from the presidency of the Pioneering Flouring Mill company just before taking office as highway commissioner last summer. The funeral will be held Thursday.

LEAGUE'S DEAD AS FAR AS U. S. IS CONCERNED

Senator McCumber, Republican, Supporter of Wilson Covenant, Falls in With Harding's View—Form Independent League.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 28.—United States Senator Porter McCumber of North Dakota, the only republican member of the senate who voted for ratification of the Versailles treaty and League of Nations without reservations, today advised President-elect Harding to go ahead with his proposition for formation of an association of nations independent of the league. He considered the league dead so far as the United States is concerned.

Senator McCumber said he did not recommend any definite plan for an association of nations, but urged the formation of some sort of an international tribunal to which nations could submit questions of differences for arbitration before going to war.

John J. Maher of Lincoln, Neb., one of the organizers of the American Legion discussed the soldiers bonus proposition with the president-elect.

Mr. Maher asked that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt be appointed to some cabinet position or given an assistant's position under one of the cabinet officers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, republican leader, will leave tomorrow to confer with President-elect Harding at Mr. Harding's request. He said he probably would discuss matters pertaining to an extra session to be called after March 4.

LABOR CONDEMNS IRISH POLICY

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The labor commission which recently investigated affairs in Ireland, it became known today, in its final report declared "a thing is being done in the name of Great Britain which must make her name stink in the nostrils of the whole world. The honor of our people has been gravely compromised."

The commission charges the crown forces, among other things, with burnings, destruction, looting and floggings.

U. S. AVIATORS MAY LAND IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—American aviators flying from the northern frontier of Mexico toward Panama may land on Mexican soil, if necessary, official permission being given yesterday. This permission was in response to a request from the United States government, it was announced at the foreign office.

KAHN VIEW DENIED BY STATE DEPT.

Govt. Officials Declare Japan Has Not Withdrawn Its Opposition to California Land Law as Stated by Senator—Statement Given Out After Interview With Ambassador Morris.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—State department officers today stated that Representative Julius Kahn of California who conferred yesterday with Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Japan, was mistaken in his impression that Japan had withdrawn opposition to the California anti-Japanese land law adopted in the November elections in that state.

Officials said abandonment of the position Japan had assumed was not to be expected, at least until after the close of the negotiations now in progress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Preparations on the part of the United States government for the negotiation of a treaty with Japan defining the property and other rights of Japanese nationals in the United States have been broadened to include consultation with leaders in congress. The suggestion that congressional leaders be called into conference is understood to have been made by state department officials with a view of insuring approval by congress of various provisions of the proposed treaty.

Roland S. Morris, the American ambassador to Japan, who has been conducting the treaty negotiations, with Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador here, conferred yesterday with Representative Kahn of California. Ambassador Morris had consulted previously with Senator Johnson of California the only member of the senate foreign relations committee from the Pacific coast states, and with Representative Johnson of Washington, chairman of the house immigration committee and it is understood conferences with other members of both the senate and house are contemplated.

Representative Kahn after his conference at the state department with Mr. Morris said he had reason to believe that Japan had withdrawn opposition to the California law as ratified by the voters of that state in the November election, prohibiting Japanese from acquiring title to real estate. The California representative added that he had called a meeting of house members from his state for tomorrow to discuss a proposal that the California legislature be asked to enact a substitute statute which would prohibit any alien from acquiring land in California. He refused to say whether the reported withdrawal of Japanese opposition to the present law had been made contingent on enactment of the substitute. The understanding here has been that the negotiations between Ambassador Morris and the baron have not reached the stage of actual drafting of the proposed treaty and this understanding was said by Mr. Kahn to have been born out of the impressions he had received in his discussions with Mr. Morris. Satisfactory progress, it is said, has been made in the negotiations, however, and a mass of material in the shape of reports is understood to be about ready for submission to the Tokio government and to the state department.

PRESIDENT CELEBRATES HIS 64TH BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson today celebrated his 64th birthday receiving numerous messages of congratulation. Two of the president's daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, were with him for the occasion. Tonight Mrs. Wilson and the president's daughters expected to attend the wedding of Miss Marjorie Brown, cousin of President Wilson's first wife.

Among the messages of congratulations received by the president was one from King George of Great Britain.

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 24.—The railway workers of southern Austria today gave the government 24 hours in which to promise to take measures to reduce the cost of living. Otherwise the workers threaten to strike.

CANDY CO. FORCED TO PAY \$19.86 PER TON FOR \$7 JAVA SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The Continental Candy company of Chicago must pay \$19.86 per hundred pounds for 1250 tons of Java sugar which sells on the market today for \$7.00 per hundred, Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe of the United States district court here decided today in declaring valid a contract signed last May by the company. The candy company sought last month to repudiate the contract made on a rising market with the California Hawaiian Sugar Refining company here. Judge Bledsoe in making the oral decision, said the candy company should fulfill its contract "like a sport," even if it meant bankruptcy. More than \$300,000 over the present market price was involved in the contract.

SECRETARY COLBY FACES ROUND OF OFFICIAL GAITIES

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 28.—Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state who arrives here today, faces a varied program of entertainment which will continue until Friday night. A ball by the American colony, a dancing party by the Uruguayan club and a banquet by the municipality are features of the entertainment program. Elaborate police arrangements were made to control the throngs at the dock.

Immediately after landing a series of formal calls and interviews will begin.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28.—Immediately after the arrival of Secretary of State Colby in this city Saturday he will be received by Senor Torello, acting minister of foreign affairs, who will accompany him to the office of President Irigoyen.

A popular welcome is being arranged by various organizations and a number of vessels have been chartered to meet the secretary's ship at the entrance to the harbor.

OREGON MILITARY SHOWS A SURPLUS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—The state military department will finish the biennium with a surplus instead of with a deficit which was threatened last spring, according to the biennial report of George A. White, adjutant general of the state which has been submitted to the governor.

The adjutant general says \$5,000 will be turned back to the state, but no part of this amount will come from the national guard funds, which were sufficient only to bring the guard through the biennium.

ROOT BEER CHRISTENS THE ROSEBURG BRIDGE

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QUESTION OF OPEN SHOP PRESENTED TO KANSAS' NEW INDUSTRIAL COURT

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 28.—The question of the "open shop" is before the Kansas court of industrial relations, it was announced today. Application of the Fort Scott Sorghum Syrup company of Fort Scott for abrogation of its contract with the local union of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers is the first case brought by employers under the industrial court act. The industrial court act specifically recognizes the right of labor unions to bargain collectively, but also recognizes "the right of every person to make his own choice of employment and to make and carry out fair, just and reasonable contracts of employment."

The Fort Scott company stated that it desired to operate only one of its five boilers and to man it with the chief engineer and his assistant, but that the union insisted the company must retain its regular firemen.

FIUME IS OCCUPIED BY ITALY

Premier Giolitti Declares That Regulars Have Entered City—d'Annunzio Now Reported Wounded, Not Dead—Struck in Head by Shell Splinter—Mayor of Fiume Asks for Peace Parley.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—There is reason to believe Fiume is occupied by regular troops, Premier Giolitti of Italy declared at a press conference at Rome last night, says a Central News dispatch from that city.

TRIST, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—News confirming reports that Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian insurgent leader at Fiume, had been wounded in the recent fighting between his legionnaires and General Cavaglia's regular troops was received here today. No details were given, however.

Later advices said that d'Annunzio was struck in the head by a piece of shell while conversing in the palace, but that the wound was slight.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Newspaper reports received here declare that the wound suffered by Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio at Fiume was caused by a fragment of shell which fell on the palace in which d'Annunzio has his headquarters.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The mayor of Fiume has asked General Cavaglia, commander of the regular forces, for a suspension of hostilities, says a Fiume dispatch today. General Cavaglia stipulated two conditions, one of which already has been accepted. It is expected that in an interview arranged for today between the mayor and General Ferrario, commander of the blockading force, the terms of capitulation will be agreed upon.

ANCONA, Italy, Dec. 27.—Italian troops attempting to dislodge legionnaires at Zara were hindered in their work by women of that city, according to soldiers who have arrived here. As the troops advanced toward the barracks where the legionnaires were stationed, many women formed in line in front of them, screaming "kill us first and then you can exterminate the voters."

A few hours later the legionnaires surrendered and were brought here as prisoners.

SNOWFALL REVEALS A N. Y. LABOR SHORTAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—New York, which today was removing from its streets the first snowfall of the year, discovered a shortage of laborers, notwithstanding reports of unemployment in the city. A call for 8000 snow shovelers with \$5.20 for an eight hour day, at noon had brought comparatively little response.

EDITH CAVALL MOVIE WITHDRAWN IN CUBA

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 28.—Official protest against the exhibition of a moving picture film portraying the execution of Edith Cavell who was put to death by the Germans in Brussels October 15, 1915, was made here yesterday by Dr. Franz Karl Zittmann, German minister to Cuba. As a result of his protest to the state department the film was withdrawn.