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Minimum today 43

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MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1921

NO. 305

YEGGS BLOW TALENT BANK GET NOTHING

Safe Door Blown Off, But Burglar Proof Compartment and Vault Baffle Early Morning Robbers—\$70 in Pennies Are Disregarded—Place Badly Wrecked.

Bank robbers made a raid on the Talent state bank during last night, used explosives in an ineffectual attempt to gain entrance to the vault, blew the lower door of a large safe, but did not try to get into the burglar proof upper part where the bank's money was kept, nor did they bother to take \$70 in pennies which was in the lower safe compartment, and in their haste to get away apparently fearing that the noise of the muffled explosions might have been heard, scattered the pennies right and left over the floor.

The burglary was not discovered until this morning when the bank opened for business. There is no clue to the yeggs, who it is believed, traveled in and out of Talent by auto.

First they broke into the irrigation district warehouse to obtain the quilts and comforters with which they muffled the noise of the explosions. They then visited the railroad section house where they obtained picks and hammers to force an entrance to the bank and for work on the outside of the vault and safe. The service station was also broken into and 15 to 20 gallons of gasoline for their car taken.

After knocking the combinations off the vault and safe and drilling holes into them for the explosives they blew both. Entrance was gained to the outer part of the vault, in which none of the bank's money was kept. The clock in the bank stopped at 3:27 a. m., indicating that that was the time of the explosions. Both the safe and outer compartment of the vault were badly wrecked.

IDAHO MAN SLATED I. C. COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Appointment of Frank Hagenbarth of Idaho, president of the National Wool Growers' association, as a member of the inter-state commerce commission, is expected to result from the action of western senators and representatives in requesting President Harding to put a western man on the commission.

The task of settling upon one candidate among the several men put forward for the place from western states was left by the president to the western members of congress and they are understood to have agreed upon Mr. Hagenbarth.

Wm. Lawrence Dead BOSTON, Mar. 17.—The death of William Lawrence, who succeeded Denman Thompson as uncle Jesse in the Old Homestead, and played the part 3000 Homes, was announced today. He had been ill four days, having collapsed while playing here last Saturday.

Dr. Gonsauls Dead. CHICAGO, March 17.—Dr. Frank W. Gonsauls, noted editor, preacher and writer, and since 1892, president of the Armour Institute of Technology here, died suddenly at his home here today.

ALLIES AGREE TO POSTPONE PAYMENTS FROM AUSTRIA AND AID STARVING

LONDON, Mar. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The reply of France, Italy, Japan and Great Britain to the appeal of Austria for assistance has been prepared. The four countries agree to postpone payment of the sums to which they are entitled under the treaty of St. Germain, and also payment of the capital and interest on advances made to Austria since the armistice in order to avert starvation in that country.

G. Britain Resumes Battleship Building; Admiralty 'Explains'

LONDON, Mar. 17.—(By Associated Press.) Four capital warships of the Hood type will be laid down within a year, Sir James Craig, parliamentary and financial secretary to the admiralty, announced in the house of commons today.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—Lord Lee of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty, declared today that his reference to the United States in his discussion of the naval matters at a meeting of naval architects here yesterday had not been quoted correctly. What he really said, he asserted, was:

"We see the naval committee of the United States senate laying down the principle that America shall maintain a navy at least equal to that of any other power. That is a claim to equality which this country never has accepted in the past and never would accept save in connection with the great English-speaking nation which sprang from our loins and ever holding a great place in our regard and confidence."

"The difference between our formula and America's is too slight to be made the subject of controversy, still less of friction or hostility."

L. GEORGE LEASE COSTA RICA OIL IS REPUDIATED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—The Costa Rican congress has repudiated large oil and other concessions granted in June, 1918, to Amory and Sons through an agreement entered into between the Costa Rican minister of foreign affairs and the British minister, according to advices received today by the state department.

The concessions, consisting of seven thousand square miles of land while ostensibly granted to an American company were largely controlled by British interests, including the son of the British premier, Lloyd George, according to information at the state department.

The position of the United States has been that the agreement by granting water rights along the Nicaraguan boundary to British interests would give the concessionaire a foothold for the building of an inter-ocean canal.

The Costa Rican congress acted to repudiate the concession on March 7, the vote being 24 to 10.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Mar. 17.—Opponents of the Acosta government of Costa Rica are criticizing the administration for terminating hostilities between this country and Panama following intervention by the United States.

Exciting scenes are occurring in congress, many members denouncing the government as "favoring Panama and endangering the independence of Costa Rica."

United States warships are reported to be watching the Costa Rican and Panamanian coasts.

2 JAP SCHOOL BOYS TO WALK S. F. TO N. Y.

TOKIO, Mar.—Kiyoji Ikuta, a student of Waseda university and Hiroo Deguchi of Meiji university, two well known marathon runners of Japan, are planning to cross the American continent by foot. The two runners are leaving Yokohama on March 18th by the steamer Korea Maru for the United States.

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HAMON CASE TO THE JURY AT 5 P. M.

Defense Makes Fervid Plea for Acquittal of Clara Smith—Defendant Pictured As Poor Country Girl Wronged by Millionaire Oil Man—Spectator Interrupts Address.

ARDMORE, Okla., March 17.—(Flash.)—Clara Hamon acquitted after 15 minutes' deliberation.

ARDMORE, Mar. 17.—S. P. Freeling, state attorney general in charge of the prosecution began the final argument in the trial at 2:53 p. m. During the noon recess the defense brought from the hotel suite occupied by Hamon and Clara Hamon, the chair with which it is alleged the colored struck the defendant when she was shot.

Mr. McLean took the floor at 1:25 p. m. He began by explaining the law of "heyan declarations," saying that they should be accepted with great caution.

He said on only one point had he and the court differed, that of keeping out all girls and boys under 16. "I think every child able to understand facts should hear this trial."

"My contention is that God Almighty took a hand in this affair. When a man deserts a pure wife and a boy and girl, as that man did, he ought to be killed."

He pointed to young Jake Hamon and said the father had set the worst example possible for a noble son. "Gentlemen of the jury they always lay it on the woman," Mr. McLean said, continuing that "never in the world was a woman to blame for her downfall as the result of forced association with a man."

Mr. McLean took the chair brought from the hotel, brandished it and had Sheriff Buck Garrett point at him the pistol with which Hamon was shot, in an effort to show the method of Hamon's wounding.

Defense Opens Joe Ben Champion, brother of the judge, opened for the defense.

Mr. Champion referred to the participation in the case of Attorney General Freeling as a high state official "sent down here to prosecute a poor, innocent country girl for shooting a millionaire."

Clara Hamon's eyes filled with tears and she sat with downcast face. "When Jacke Hamon met her," Champion said referring to Clara, "she was a brown-eyed girl; when he lured, coaxed, wooed and won her, he was a powerful lawyer of forty years, a master mind."

"He took her, an innocent college girl, educated her, sent her to college, not that she might serve him as stenographer but that finally in the end she might yield to his brutal passions."

L. C. Mullen, a friend of Jake Hamon, sat within three feet of the speaking attorney, leaned over and took Mr. Champion's arm and tried to stop him when he referred to J. S. Mullen, his brother, as having been one who "countraenced ten years of open and notorious adultery in the life of Jake Hamon."

Sheriff Buck Garrett reached over and took Mullen by the shoulder. "Here, here, you must cut that out," the sheriff warned.

Champion took Mathers before the jury, laid him on a table and used a law book for a pillow.

"Jim, you are Jake, I'm Clara," he said to Mathers. "You've been drunk all day."

Always Acquitted He took the pistol and illustrated his idea of the shooting as gained from state testimony and which he said was impossible.

Clara and her mother cried when Mr. Champion paid a tribute to his associate, Mr. McLean, for having rebuked an attorney for the prosecution who referred to the mother as "an old woman."

"If the grave could open up and the dead man have a reproach of conscience, he would tell you that he is the one most to blame," Champion shouted to the jurors.

"Girls like this have ever been acquitted; girls like this ever will be acquitted so long as the spirit of God lasts," Champion said in closing, after having asked if "breathed in a man who would say this little girl should pay for her life."

Mr. Mathers charged the Hamon millions, allied with the millions of business associates, were centered on Clara Hamon, and asserted "it is an unequal fight."

Andrew Bonar Law Quits Cabinet, Says Ill Health Cause

LONDON, Mar. 17.—(By Associated Press.) Andrew Bonar Law, lord of the privy council, today resigned from the cabinet. Ill health was given as the reason for his resignation.

Mr. Bonar Law also retired from the government leadership in the house of commons.

Announcement of Mr. Bonar Law's retirement was made in the house of commons by Mr. Lloyd George, who was deeply affected.

Mr. Bonar Law had been absent from the house of commons the whole of this week but he was reported to be improving in health and his resignation of leadership of the house came as a complete surprise.

PETITION CITY TO BUY P & E TERMINAL SITE

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Urges Purchase of 19 Acres for Extensive Camp Grounds—Ideal Location for Camp.

A resolution, calling upon the common council of the city of Medford to immediately purchase the Pacific & Eastern Terminal grounds, was unanimously adopted by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

This tract of land, consisting of approximately nineteen acres and is located in the heart of the city, therefore making it an ideal location for an auto camp ground and public park. Considerable of this land extends to the west of Bear creek, which is now being used as the temporary auto camp.

These nineteen acres may be purchased at a very reasonable cost and at terms within the reach of the city finances. The board of directors also recommended to the common council that they proceed as soon as possible to acquire an entrance to this property from Riverside ave.

The members present at the forum yesterday unanimously endorsed the purchase of this property, because it provided the necessary features to make it an ideal auto camp as well as giving exceptionally wonderful opportunities for landscaping for a public park.

BAN ON BONDED WHISKEY LIFTED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—The ban prohibiting withdrawals of whiskey from bonded warehouses insofar as it affects retail druggists will be lifted April 1, under an order issued today by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer.

Modification of the order stopping withdrawals was not extended to wholesale liquor dealers.

Co-incidentally Mr. Kramer announced that wholesale dealers must go out of business about May 15. He said also that plans of the bureau provided for the completion of regulations based on former Attorney General Palmer's opinion as to wholesalers to be effective about the same date.

HARDING TALKS WITH JAP AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—President Harding continued his conferences with foreign envoys, receiving Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador at the White House. The discussion is understood to have had to do with several international subjects of mutual interest to the United States and Japan.

J. J. Jusserand, the French ambassador, was received yesterday by Mr. Harding.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 17.—Delegates from all parts of the state began arriving here today for the state convention of Daughters of the American Revolution, which will be in session in the hall of representatives in the state capitol Friday and Saturday.

GRAND JURY B. B. RECORD WAS STOLEN

Theft and Corruption of Chief Witnesses Forces State to Drop All But One of White Sox Graft Cases—Seven Players Are Given Unconditional Release.

CHICAGO, Mar. 17.—Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, announced late today he would go before the Cook county grand jury tomorrow and seek re-indictment of the Chicago White Sox baseball players whose cases were dropped by the state today.

CHICAGO, Mar. 17.—Concerning the alleged stealing of the grand jury records Judge Charles A. MacDonnell, who ordered the original investigation and today there was no doubt that the theft had been committed, President Charles Comiskey has formally notified each of the seven suspended Sox players of his unconditional release.

"Additional information received since your suspension," said Comiskey's letter to the seven, "has convinced the belief that your actions have been highly detrimental to the reputation of the club and entirely inconsistent with your obligations to it."

CHICAGO, Mar. 17.—The state today dropped the cases against all of the former Chicago White Sox baseball players indicted for the alleged throwing of the 1919 world series except Chick Gandil.

The action was taken after Judge William E. Devore had refused to grant a continuance of more than sixty days in the case. The state demanded six months on the ground that it would take that length of time to gather new evidence which would give the prosecution a chance of conviction.

Immediately after the action had been taken, Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney announced that an attempt would be made to gather new evidence and that new indictments would be sought against the men. The players, whose cases were dropped were those who had surrendered and gave bail, namely Claude Williams, Joe Jackson, Oscar Fetsch, Swede Risberg, Eddie Cicotte, Fred McMullin and Buck Weaver.

Corruption Charged The cases of Gandil, Hal Chase, Rachel Brown, Joseph J. Sullivan, Abe Attel and Bill Burns, were stricken off the court call by Judge Devore. They were charged with being the men who arranged the alleged conspiracy. Taking the cases off the call prevents calling them up again for six months.

Mr. Crowe in his announcement that the cases were dropped said that he "was convinced that a crime had been committed but that corruption of the state's principal witnesses made it impossible to go on with the cases."

"Joe Jackson, Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams, the men who confessed to the grand jury have been convicted," he declared. "Without their evidence our case is hopeless."

Case Not Finished. "This case is not finished, however, and these men have not escaped punishment," Mr. Crowe continued. "We are going right after the evidence that will convict and we know where to get it."

"When this evidence has been procured, I shall personally go before the grand jury and seek new indictments. And there will be no mistakes next time."

"A peculiar conspiracy has stripped the state of its three chief witnesses. I don't know just how this conspiracy came about, but I know it existed and that through it the testimony given by Jackson, Williams and Cicotte was lost to us."

"Also a news syndicate in some underhanded way, obtained copies of the grand jury testimony and offered it for sale. Thus, it has become plain that the defense was in full possession of all of our evidence and to proceed would be useless."

HOLD HIGHWAY COM. MEETING, MEDFORD

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 17.—The three members of the state highway commission and Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, left Salem yesterday for an inspection trip of the state highways to the California line.

While in Roseburg the commission will confer with the county court relative to the Roseburg-Cross Bay road. Highway affairs also will be discussed in Medford.

U. S. Administration Troubled by French Recognition Mexico

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Recognition of the Obregon government in Mexico by the French government was reported as "imminent" in dispatches from Paris received here. Recognition of Mexico by France would cause some surprise at the state department because of the informal understanding that has existed for several years between the principal European governments and the United States that the relations of those governments with Mexico would be based largely upon the attitude assumed by the American government.

One immediate effect of the recognition by France might be, it was explained, the serious disturbance of the agreement entered into by the chief bank-ers of the world not to loan money to Mexico unless such action were concurred in by all the banks party to the agreement.

The report that France has prepared a letter replying to that of President Obregon and that it is worded in such a manner to constitute recognition is regarded as an indication that the French government has decided not to adhere longer to the somewhat vague understanding.

FINNISH REFUGEES FROM SYSTERBAK REPORT THE BOLSHIEVIK ARE MAKING EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW ATTACK ON KRONSTADT, FOUR ARTILLERY DIVISIONS, WITH 48 FOUR-INCH AND SIX-INCH GUNS BEING CONCENTRATED BETWEEN SYSTERBAK AND PETROGRAD.

Last night there was a violent artillery duel between the fortresses at Kronstadt, Krasnaya Gorka and Oranienbaum.

FAILURE JAPANESE BANK CALIFORNIA RILES AUTHORITIES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The Nippon Bank of Sacramento, a Japanese owned and managed bank with Japanese depositors and having a paid up capital of \$116,000 failed to open its doors without authority to do so and a searching investigation has been started, it was announced today by Charles F. Stearns, state superintendent of banks. He declared the incident was a sample of general results where Japanese have engaged in the banking business in California.

"Its called report of February 21, sworn to by the officers of the bank," he said, "does not disclose any condition that would warrant the bank in closing its doors; this action comes as a surprise yet unexplained."

He said: "The bank is heavily involved in rice loans to Japanese farmers. Over a period of 12 years the mortality among domestically organized Japanese banks devoted to the financing of agriculture ventures by Japanese has been practically 100 per cent. The present incident is part and parcel of the highly unsatisfactory results, economic as well as social, where this alien race has extended its influence over the soil of California either as operators or through financing operations. The matter will be given prompt and vigorous treatment in an endeavor to protect the depositors of the bank regardless of their color or race."

There have been reports of an anti-bolshevik uprising at Urktal and other points west of Lake Baikal and it seems probable that the occupation of Kiakhta and Troitskosavsk may forestall an attempt on the part of General Semenov's followers to join forces with elements in Siberia which are opposing the authority of the soviet government in Moscow.

Bolshevik officials are not permitting traffic toward Russia beyond Omak and the reason given for this attitude being "the heavy transportation of provisions within Russia."

HARDING APPROVES ST. PATRICK BAN

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Action of army and navy officers in refusing to permit American troops to participate in an Evacuation Day parade at Boston of which Irish freedom advocates are in charge was formally approved today by President Harding after a conference with Secretary Hughes of the state department and Secretary Weeks of the war department.

Declaring that the Obregon government had failed to protect life and property of Americans, members of the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico last night went on record against American recognition of the southern republic until "absolute assurances of protection for American interests are forthcoming."

Forty oil men, representing nine companies with holdings in Mexico, attended yesterday's conference. "It is not an oil question," Guy Stevens, a director of the association

U. S. OIL MEN CONDEMN OREGON GOV. FOR NOT PROTECTING AMERICANS

GALVESTON, Texas, Mar. 17.—and spokesman of the conference, asserted that the Obregon government "is a Mexican question," he added, "and the question is whether Americans are going to lie down or stand erect. We want nothing from the Mexican government, but what is reasonable; nothing that might not be expected from any other government."

Oil men attending the meeting, among whom is Edward L. Doherty, president of the Mexican Petroleum corporation, declined to discuss the business of the conference.

KRONSTADT CAPTURED BY LENINE

Fortress Held by Revolutionists Reported Taken by Bolsheviki Wednesday Night—Heavy Fire by Soviet Batteries Start Fires—Sign Polish Treaty Friday.

RIGA, Mar. 17.—(By Associated Press.) The Russian mission here asserted that the bolsheviki captured Kronstadt from the revolutionists Wednesday night.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 17.—The bolshevik batteries on the Karelin headland opened a strong fire against Kronstadt yesterday, says the Helsingfors correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende today.

The bombardment caused four extensive fires along the coast toward Petrograd. The warships at Kronstadt participated in the bombardment, the correspondent adds.

Finnish refugees from Systerbak report the bolsheviki are making extensive preparations for a new attack on Kronstadt, four artillery divisions, with 48 four-inch and six-inch guns being concentrated between Systerbak and Petrograd.

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Sign Polish Treaty WARSAW, Mar. 17.—Polish, Russian and Ukrainian delegates will sign the treaty between soviet Russia and Poland Friday it is announced here.

Negotiations on the treaty, which will establish peace between Russia and this country have been completed at Riga where signing will take place.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 17.—French and Turkish forces in Cilicia, have been engaged in renewed fighting there, it is said in advices received here. Further uprisings against the bolsheviki in Kuban, Terek and Daghestan are reported.

PEKING, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) Occupation of the two towns of Kiakhta and Troitskosavsk, located on the frontier between Mongolia and Siberia by General Baron Michael Ungern-Sternberg, chief lieutenant of General Semenov, is reported here. These towns are about 125 miles south of Verkhnje-Udinsk, through which runs the trans-Siberian railway.

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DEBS CASE TO BE REOPENED

WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Harding has asked Attorney General Daugherty to review the case of Eugene V. Debs, socialist presidential candidate in 1920 and now serving a sentence under the espionage act in Atlanta penitentiary.