

I. W. W.'S SCORN PAROLES SAYS GOVERNOR HART

Washington Chief of Executives Declares He Has Offered Paroles to Wobblies Sentenced for Syndicalism, But They Refuse to Accept.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Members of the I. W. W. now serving sentences for syndicalism in the state penitentiary have been offered paroles and refused them, Governor Louis F. Hart announced this morning, and will be treated no differently than any other prisoners in the penitentiary eligible for parole.

Eight other prisoners convicted of murder who are also members of the I. W. W. will receive no more consideration than prisoners belonging to other organizations, the governor declared.

The governor's statement in full follows:

"At the regular quarterly meeting of the Washington state penitentiary parole board held in June, 1923, at

the penitentiary at Walla Walla, in the regular and ordinary course of business of the board, there was brought before it separately four inmates of the institution that were sentenced for violation of the syndicalism laws of the state of Washington. Each of these prisoners stated that they did not wish a parole until such time as all 'wobblies' were released from the penitentiary.

"These prisoners are treated no differently than any others in the prison and no different rule will be established for their benefit. Whenever they feel that they are in a frame of mind to go out into society and accept the action of the board, they will be given an opportunity so to do and I have every reason to believe that the board's action would be determined as it is in every other case. And I have no doubt that they would already have had their liberty by action of the board of parole if they would accept the same.

"As far as prisoners in the penitentiary convicted of murder are concerned, it does not matter to what organization or society they may hold allegiance, each case must be decided upon its own merits and the facts."

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 18.—There are five prisoners in the state penitentiary convicted under the criminal syndicalism laws for short terms and several of them have been eligible for parole but have refused such release, preferring to either secure a pardon or serve out their terms, according to the statement of prison officials.

They are: F. A. Brown, Thomas Nash, W. F. Moudy, Dan Curtin and Fred Nash.

In addition there are eight of the Centralia convicts, sent up for from 25 to 40 years for second degree murder. They are: Bert Smith, O. C.

Bland, Jim McInerney, Bert Bland, Joe Lamb, Roy Becker, Eugene Barnett and Loren Roberts, the latter being held as criminally insane and therefore requiring jury action before he could be released.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Appeal for the release of 113 prisoners serving sentences in California, Washington, Idaho and Oklahoma penitentiaries after conviction under anti-syndicalism laws was made to governors of those states today by the I. W. W., Harry Feinberg, secretary of the general defense committee of that organization announced.

Telegrams sent to the state chief executives pointed to President Coolidge's release of Federal I. W. W. prisoners and urged Christmas pardons for men in state prisons.

California has 101 prisoners, release of which is asked by the I. W. W.; Washington has 13, including eight serving terms of second degree murder growing out of the Centralia disturbance; Idaho has three and Oklahoma two.

DELEGATION SENT TO INSPECT OIL, DISCOVERS NONE

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Leo Koretz, missing promoter of an alleged Panama "oil bubble" was indicted here today on a charge of operating a confidence game. The true bill was returned several days ago after the grand jury had heard testimony of Samuel Richman, who claimed he was swindled out of \$32,000 by Koretz.

The committee which Koretz sent from New York on Thanksgiving day to "inspect" the "oil properties" in the Bayano river district of Panama returned home today, crestfallen and perplexed, for they found no trace of the Bayano River Trust company nor any indication that Koretz had been known there or had ever visited Panama.

Among several anonymous letters received at the state's attorney's office from persons purporting to tell of Koretz's operations and his relations with women, was one from Davenport, Iowa, expressing faith in Koretz and declaring he was in Chicago last Sunday and attended a sermon delivered in a theater. This letter, written on stationery of the Hotel Dempsey, Davenport, declared that if given a chance to liquidate, the losses would be nominal.

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LUMBER CASE IS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF COMPLAINANT

The present list of jury cases closed Saturday afternoon with the case of Smith vs. Bertleson.

This case involved a claim on a note given for the purchase of certain merchantable timber, then standing in the Evans creek section. The defendant claimed that he purchased a certain number of thousand feet, but that upon cutting it he found that the amount was 100,000 feet short of the amount agreed to be delivered.

The plaintiff was represented by Gus Newbury and the defendant by Frank DeSousa. The plaintiff was awarded the decision involving about \$350, including costs.

Court will be in session for general court matters, commencing Tuesday. The court will be in Grants Pass for a few days preparing matters for the January term there which commences January 2. If the work in Josephine county is completed by January 21, a special jury will be drawn in Jackson county to dispose of the remaining civil and criminal matters.

It is expected that the grand jury will reconvene about January 7th to take up the prohibition cases.

The civil cases set for January 21, providing Judge Thomas finishes at Grants Pass by that time are: American Soda Fountain Co. vs. Medford Grocery Co.; Pratt vs. Calhoun; Medford National bank vs. Butler.

DECLARES BOOZE IS BEING SOLD, SEATTLE STORES

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3 LIVES LOST IN HOTEL FIRE HOUSTON TEXAS

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—The bodies of three men were recovered by firemen from the ruins of the Capitol hotel, in the center of the business section which was destroyed by fire today. The bodies were burned virtually beyond recognition.

Firemen continued their search through the ruins. It was believed that another person had been burned to death. A check of the guests of the hotel could not be made.

Property damage is estimated at \$300,000.

The flames for a time threatened the entire district. Originating in the hotel building, the fire spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings.

A falling wall crashed to the roof of the adjoining building, occupied by the W. C. Munn company, a department store. The fire was checked later but all stores on that side of the block were damaged by water.

CHRISTMAS PAROLE GRANTED SLAYER

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—A parole was granted to George Pepoon, serving a life sentence at Walla Walla penitentiary by Governor Louis F. Hart today. While actual pardon cannot be made for about a year, Governor Hart announced that he had no doubt it will be confirmed at that time.

A belief in Pepoon's innocence of the murder of his wife, of which he was convicted May 31, 1916, was expressed in a mass of correspondence received by the governor. Sheriff W. H. Graham, who arrested Pepoon, Prosecutor H. G. Kirkpatrick, the trial judge, members of the jury that convicted him, and hundreds of citizens of Stephens county have petitioned Governor Hart to act, he said.

300 Russian Refugees Sail for United States

CHERBOURG, France, Dec. 18.—A party of 300 Russian refugees reached Cherbourg late in November only to be told the Russian immigration quota to the United States was exhausted, and a number of them decided to settle down here and wait until next summer when the new quota should become operative. Now they have received the unexpected news that the bars against their admission to the United States had been lifted and they were taken on board the liner Aquitania, sailing for New York today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Plans have been made to avoid a trial of the Rev. Lee W. Heaton, Fort Worth rector, on a heresy charge for challenging the doctrine of the virgin birth. Rev. Ernest M. Stiles, rector of Saint Thomas' church in this city and a fundamentalist partisan, announced today.

Bible Thought for Today

THE POWER OF THOUGHT.—As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.—Proverbs 23:7.

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PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Cattle steady; receipts 193. Beef steers, good grade \$7.48; medium \$5.50; common \$4.25; hogs steady; receipts 98. Medium to good and choice 160 to 200 lbs., \$7.67; 200 to 250 lbs., \$6.50; 7. Sheep nominally steady; receipts 64.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Eggs steady; pullets 35¢; mixed colors, 35 and 36¢; hennessy 40¢; delivered Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Butter steady; extra cubes, city, 45¢; 45¢; country 44¢; Undergrads, 42¢; 44¢; prints 40¢; curries 50¢. Butterfat steady; best churning cream 50¢; 51¢ lb., f. o. b., Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Poultry receipts heavy, nominal; no demand yet. Heavy hens 21¢; light 16¢; springs 21¢; 22¢; ducks, colored, 14¢; 15¢; white Pekins 17¢; 18¢; turkeys, live nominal; dressed nominal at 26¢; 27¢.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Potatoes slow \$1.12.5.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Wheat bids: Hard white, bluestem, haart, western white, soft white \$1; northern spring, western red, hard winter 96¢.

Today's car receipts—Wheat \$7; flour 5; corn 10; oats 1; hay 10.

San Francisco Market.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—(U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics)—Eggs, extras 48¢; extra pullets 45¢; butterfat f. o. b., San Francisco 57. Poultry unchanged.

Liberty Bonds.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Liberty bonds closed:
3½'s 99.30; first 4's 98.11; first 4½'s 98.14; second 4½'s 98.11; third 4½'s 98.9; fourth 4½'s 98.13; U. S. Government 4½'s 99.17.

FORKER FILING LARGE
ORDER AIRPLANES FOR RUSSIA

COPENHAGEN.—Forker of Holland has been working for the past month on a large order for Russia of modern Forker airplanes, equipped with Napier-Lion engines of 450 h. p., says the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet. It is believed that 500 have already been sent to Russia, being one-third of an agreed delivery of 1500 machines.

In the summer the soviet government bought 700 airplane engines and recently purchased several thousand machine-gun barrels. It is now reported that the soviet is negotiating with the Swedish Bofors works for the purchase of 1,000,000 army helmets.

Valuable Furs Stolen.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Furs valued at \$30,000 were reported stolen today from the Roberts Fur store here. Entrance was gained by tunneling through the wall from an adjoining vacant store.

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