

PARK TO PARK CONVENTION IS OPEN, DENVER

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 11.—The initial convention of the national park-to-park highway association, with nearly 100 delegates in attendance, opened here today with a program calling for congressional aid for the 12 most westerly states in raising \$100,000,000 for hard-surfacing the 5600 miles of dirt roads that serve as connecting links to form the national park-to-park highway. The convention will last three days.

Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service, officials of the American automobile association, the Rotarians, optimists and other western organizations, are participating. The national park-to-park highway association will be put on a permanent organization basis, and state and local branches formed in 12 states and 100 cities of the west.

Congress will be memorialized to make this a federal highway, roughly circling nine western states, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, and New Mexico and connecting 11 national parks.

Representatives of the governors of these states, as well as Utah, Nevada and Texas, are attending the conference, which marks the close of the official tour dedicating this American motor way, with the start and finish in Denver. The trip required 75 days, noon and night meetings being held in towns on the route to arouse the west to a greater appreciation of its scenic, industrial and agricultural possibilities.

This wonder highway in the form of a larval loop embraces an area greater than continental Europe, touching in the course of its scenic running nose, Mesa Verde, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone, Glacier, Mount Rainier, Crater Lake, Lassen, Yosemite, Sequoia, General Grant and Grand Canyon national parks. A branch road will some day connect Zion national park in Utah, Cheyenne, Great Falls, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver are on the route.

Minister's Address Will Interest the Masonic Fraternity

William Wallace Youngson, distinguished minister from Portland will be in Klamath Falls Friday evening and will be tendered a reception at the Presbyterian church at 8:30 p. m.

Local ministers are giving the reception, assisted by the officers of the several Masonic bodies of this city. Mr. Youngson holding high rank in that order. He is the grand prelate of Knights Templar of Oregon, as well as holding the same office in the grand encampment of the United States.

The Rev. Mr. Youngson is on his way to Lakeview, where he will assist in laying a corner stone for the new Methodist church there.

The reception to be held here will be a public affair, although Masons and their families are especially invited, as the address by Mr. Youngson will be of especial interest to them.

Town Closed and Quiet to Keep Armistice Day

Practically the entire town, with the exception of the restaurants and drug stores is closed today in observance of Armistice day, which has been set apart by the governor's proclamation as a state holiday. Very few people could be found on the streets this morning, but toward noon they began coming out to spend the day. A large number had planned on spending the day out of town, but the unexpected snowstorm of last night made the roads so bad that a good many trips were abandoned.

SIMS OVERLOOKED IN THE PASSING OUT OF MEDALS

NEWPORT, R. I., Nov. 11.—Announcement at the navy war college of awards for notable naval service during the war contained no mention of honor for Admiral William Sims, president of the college who commanded the American naval forces in the war zone.

A general strike of chorus girls caused the Paris opera to suspend recently.

Armistice Day Kept By Crowds in 3 Capitals of World

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—The second anniversary of the signing of the armistice was celebrated by the navy and marine corps today by the distribution of nearly 2,000 medals and letters of commendation for services rendered in the world war.

Impressive ceremonies were held in London and Paris, celebrating the second anniversary of the closing of the world war and paying tribute to the men who sacrificed their lives in the titanic struggle.

The body of an unknown British soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey, King George, many cabinet members, government chiefs and relatives of missing soldiers witnessed the interment.

In Paris the body of a French soldier was taken from a nameless grave at Verdun and laid to rest beneath the Arc de Triomphe. President Millerand and Marshals Joffre, Foch and Pétain officiated.

SINGS PRAISE OF THOSE WHO GAVE THE CASH

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—Governor John U. Calkins, of the federal reserve bank of San Francisco, on behalf of the treasury department, addressed the following open letter today to residents of the 12th federal reserve district in connection with the Armistice day celebration:

"It seems fitting that the federal reserve bank of San Francisco, as fiscal agent of our government in the 12th federal reserve district, should call the attention of the people of the west on this day, which we so properly celebrate, to the great part played in winning the war by the thousands of our citizens who bought Liberty bonds, Victory notes and War Saving stamps to provide the sinews of battle. It was a homely, unassuming and unobtrusive service yet an effort involving, in many instances, great sacrifice by our people.

"No Armistice day would be complete in its celebration of our victory without such consideration of the men and women in all walks of life who so readily lent their life savings, and in thousands of cases mortgaged their future earnings that America might be strong. We should keep in mind too that the great majority of these men and women are lending their treasure to our government by holding the securities they bought and by continuing to buy more. We cannot stress too strongly this latter service as the war has left us with a burden which must be supported by a strong, unflinching spirit of national and individual thrift, now and for some years to come.

"Indeed, thousands of our citizens are privileged to march today with full honors of citizenship beside the men who shouldered guns in defense of America in the great war."

BLAMES BOMB ON LABOR FEUD

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The Evening World has just made a report of its independent investigation of the September bomb explosion in Wall street and says it finds that it was a plot of labor men or labor sympathizers directed against Robert P. Brindell, president of the building trades council and his men who were employed in tearing down the stock exchange building annex. The report states that a wagon with the bomb was dispatched to the stock exchange where Brindell and his contractors and men were working, that the wagon became tied up in the traffic and that when the driver stepped to a telephone the bomb exploded.

"BOURGEOISE OF SPA" NEW TITLE FOR MARSHAL FOCH

PARIS, Nov. 11.—Marshal Foch has added to his collection of titles and decorations that of "Bourgeois of Spa," voted him by that Belgian municipality. His right to so call himself is attested by an illuminated manuscript.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Friday, fair in north, rain or snow in southern part; warmer tonight.

The Most Pathetic Figure In Laberee Will Contest Is Most Unconcerned of All

Clad warmly, a mackinaw his overgarment, his cap jammed close upon his ears, a sturdy six-year-old boy stood upon the steps of the city hall last night, while the first skirmish in the Laberee will contest was drawing to a close and advised passers not to "go in there, they'll make you deaf if you do."

"That's why I am out here," the lonely little figure added naively. "They make an awful lot of noise in there."

"In there" attorneys for opposing side had joined in the close of the first skirmish of what promises to be a long drawn out engagement, in which the circuit court, the state supreme court and perhaps the United States supreme court will become successive battlefields.

The success on one side meant that the little boy on the steps, David Laberee, affirmed by the defense to be the son of Oscar G. Laberee, contractor and speculator, a spectacular figure of the earlier northwest, and Anita Laurence Laberee, would start life with all the comforts and protection that Victory's possession gives.

Victory for the other sides meant that he must relinquish the \$100,000 estate of the late Oscar Laberee, or at least that his mother, upon whom Laberee in his will said he fully relied to care for their child's welfare, must give it up to David's half-brother, Ben Laberee, and half-sister Gladys, now Mrs. Tom Kelly.

But what to his elders was a grimly earnest battle of wits—the clash of some of the most brilliant intellects of the northwest—to ease David was but a deafening din to be avoided. And so he slipped away from his mother and stood alone on the steps.

Blameless little David, whom C. J. Ferguson, attorney for the defense, in an eloquent argument called "the most pathetic figure in the trial." Life looms uncharted before him and God grant that the sins of the fathers in this instance are turned aside and descend not to be visited upon the children.

And when it all was over, the last volley fired, and Judge Runnell said he would take the matter under advisement for a short time before rendering the decision that is bound to be appealed twice and perhaps three times, David stopped departing newspaper men in the corridor and asked if anyone had a "stick of gum."

Fortunately one had and promptly a penny was proffered from an outstretched little hand—typical act of the honest man who pays as he goes. He yielded politely and accepted the gift when the coin was refused, and one reporter at least carried away the conviction that the mother who had instilled such glowing traits of manliness in that young mind could not be utterly bad, no matter what shameful things they say of her.

Loving, trustful little David—truly his defender spoke aright when he styled him "the most pathetic figure in the case." The world's judgments in such cases are hasty and cruel but let us pray that for once the world will meet a fair bargain in a fair way and David's trust and confidence will be repaid with kindness and trust, whether he grows up as the heir of \$100,000 fortune, or starts life without the Laberee money, but possessor in his own right of the priceless gift—the heart of a man and a gentleman.

Augustine Donovan, counsel for the plaintiffs referred in his share of the argument to one of the details—the making of the will three days after the marriage of Laberee and his second wife, truly, he said, a queer honeymoon action—as one of the "strange things among the thousand and one other strange features of this strange case."

It is a strange case that has been tried during the past week in the council chamber of the city hall. It has recreated episodes in the career of Laberee and his two families as dramatic as any imaginative conception of the scenario writer.

sons was a fair day's average attendance. The lurid trail of a novelist's pen never followed a more thrilling track across the pages than did the pencil of the court stenographer who took down the testimony from day to day. The court record contains the tale of a young man and woman, Oscar G. Laberee and Rose, his first wife, struggling with hardships on their Washington farm. Then came the rise of the northwest. They moved to Spokane and he went into the contracting business. He made money. It is said that at least three times he had—and lost—a million dollar fortune. He built the government railroad to Seward, Alaska. He built railways in Canada and it is alleged that when one of these projects collapsed that a Canadian bank went down in the wreck with the loss of three million dollars.

Another "cut back" in the record pictured a Seattle poker game in which Laberee won \$75,000 in a sitting—won it probably to lose it again later, but it gives an insight into the plunging temperament of the man. On a few hands in cards he won nearly as much as he had altogether when death called for inevitable show down and he left behind \$100,000, two families and a will bequeathing all, except \$5 to each of his children, to Anita Laurence Laberee.

In the final argument last night, John B. Winters and C. J. Ferguson speaking for the defense and Judge O. C. Moore and Augustin Donovan for the plaintiffs, both sides clearly indicated that they expected a long drawn out fight and appeal to all available courts.

The plaintiff's maintained that Laberee, when he divorced his wife, married Anita Laurence and made the will, was acting under duress, that he feared his relations with Anita Laurence had given her and her mother a hold on him that would send him to prison if they used it, and that to save his family from disgrace he yielded everything that Anita and her mother asked.

Letters were read into the record, written by Laberee to his first wife and family while the divorce was pending and afterwards. They were affectionate and considerate, but mostly denied requests for money on the ground that he was broke.

In one letter he said he feared "the old woman," Mrs. W. C. Hill, Anita's mother, "I'm broke," "I'm clear down," "I'm sick and heart broken and I wish that I might die," were some of the expressions he used.

Some of the letters recall former gifts to his son and to his family. In one letter, after he had come to Bly and was building a home for his bride, he answered Ben's request for money to build a home for his wife—Ben having recently married the niece of the wife of Senator George Turner of Seattle. He told Ben he could let him have no more money, that he too was building a home but living in a tent while so doing, and with a trace of sarcasm advised that Ben might "write to his step mother and see if she would let him have the money."

This letter, written after the will was made, is construed by the defense as the expression of a father's wornout patience over repeated failures of the son to make good when he had been given financial starts and the rejection of a mercenary offspring.

From the plaintiffs' viewpoint it simply shows the extent to which a senile helpless old man was under the thumb of the woman that they say had unduly controlled his actions for years.

The defense maintains that all of Laberee's actions—his subterfuges regarding David's paternity and all—were the logical course for the man to take. They assert that he was of sound and disposing mind when he made the will and afterwards, while the plaintiffs argue that long before the will was made Laberee was incapable of any rational act.

Defense counsel claim: that in the years of his affluence Laberee had lavished luxury upon his family, had made a settlement upon both son and daughter when they came of age and a settlement upon their mother before she was granted a divorce, in other words that he had provided for them and was conscious of it when he made the will. And so, when he left all to Anita Laurence, whom he said he trusted to protect the future of their son, he was doing a logical thing, acting as a rational person would act, and making a tardy act of reparation to the

First Speeder in the Net Levied Upon for \$10

A stranger who gave the name of John Doe was arrested last night by Officer Wynn for speeding. He was taken before Police Judge Leavitt at once and fined \$10. The whole thing, from the time of his arrest to his exit from the chambers of Judge Leavitt minus his ten dollars, required only 20 minutes time. Officer Wynn says he was in a Studebaker car, and he followed Mr. Doe from the White Pelican hotel to the top of the hill on Ninth street before arresting him.

"Did you put a stop watch on him to see if he was exceeding the speed limit?" Wynn was asked. "Stop watch nothing," he said. "When you have to stretch out like a greyhound in a big Studebaker car to catch some one running on these asphalt streets, I guess it isn't necessary to put the stop watch on him to know that he is exceeding the speed limit."

Officer Wynn is keeping close watch of all auto drivers, and anyone who gets caught going faster than 15 miles per hour will have to "tell it to the judge."

WILL OBSERVE FIRST LANDING OF PILGRIMS

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Women's Library club celebrate with an appropriate program the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. They are prepared to give an interesting entertainment and hope that all persons who are interested will be present to share it with them.

Three discussions are prepared for the afternoon, the first by Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg, "A Review of the Causes which Led the Pilgrims to Seek a New Home," second, by Mrs. E. P. Lawrence, "Personal Remembrances of Plymouth Rock and Historical Spots," third, by Mrs. G. A. Krause, "The Purport of the Pilgrims."

An instrumental solo by Mrs. Fred Cofer will follow the talks. The following program will be given by the local schools.

- 1.—Landing of the Pilgrims. Chorus—Riverside Boy's and Girl's Glee club.
- 2.—Indian Drill—Constance McWilliams, Edna Dunbar, Alta Becket, Ethel Carlson, Letha Dodge, Anna Thorson, Ida Selts, Dorothy Banta, Ditta Auten, and Dorothy Dunham.
- 3.—Indian Lullabye—W. R. Cowles—By Margaret Cummings.
- 4.—Gobble Song—Roland Ulrich, Armand Ulrich, Howard Edmonds, Herbert Graham, Rex Davis, Jack Elliott, Barnette Bean.
- 5.—Chorus—Harvest Song.
- 6.—Thanksgiving dance and song—Gaynor—By Evelyn Amick, Helen Beckett, Constance MacWilliams, Eva Anderson, Mildred Knight, Blanche Ward, Aileen Loomis, Carrie Brookfield, Mildred Lawrence, Mary Louise Hudson.

BOY SCOUTS MEETING

The Boy Scouts will hold their regular meeting tonight at the Methodist church. After the meeting there will be a party for the Scouts at the Presbyterian church.

woman he had wronged and her child.

The sordid side of the case has been presented during the trial—it will not be rebashed. The case is a blending of pathos from all sides. The deserted wife is a pathetic figure, and regardless of by what act or acquiescence of her own the second wife was placed in the situation she occupies as the central figure in an illicit romance—despite it all and her attitude toward it, whether it be the brazen effrontery of an adventuress as one side would have the world believe, or the bravery of splendid womanhood that in innocence has loved unwisely and now faces the world repentant but uncowed as the other side would picture it—still she holds a pitiful position at the best.

But the outstanding figure of pathos in the case is David—David Laberee, David Laurence or "Just David," view it as you will. The high lights of publicity that have turned upon the contest have touched David but little. Let us hope that in the years to come the world will forget and repay in kind the friendly trust of the "most pathetic figure in the case."

BOOTHS OPEN FOR RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

Red Cross membership booths were opened this morning in the postoffice, Pelican and Hall hotels, and the Rex cafe. Tomorrow workers will be stationed in the banks and other places in the business districts that are closed today. The workers who are at their posts today expect heavy subscriptions. Special interest is being shown in this year's Roll Call because of the peacetime program which the local chapter intends to adopt if sufficient funds can be raised.

This program contemplates the extension of Red Cross aid to all persons in need of help and an active health campaign. In other words the chapter expects to do general welfare work throughout the county, the type of work that is usually undertaken by the Associated Charity organizations in our larger cities. This work will necessitate the employment of two full-time workers, a public health nurse and Home Service worker. The nurse is expected to report for duty about the middle of December. The salary of this worker is to be paid by the state bureau of nursing but the Red Cross is to assume the operating expenses. This will include the purchase of a Ford car in which the nurse will make the rounds of the county. The salary and expenses of the welfare worker will be borne by the Red Cross and it is expected that the two workers will cooperate throughout the county as the work of one supplements the other.

A budget for the coming year has been prepared which calls for at least \$2000 to be used for home service alone. This includes a relief fund of from \$1500 to \$1500, salary of worker, car and office expense. In addition to this amount a reserve fund of at least \$1500 must be kept in the general chapter treasury to take care of emergencies and to pay general operating expenses.

In order to secure a sum sufficient to carry on this program it will be necessary for the chapter to ask for a special donation in addition to the yearly membership. There are five kinds of memberships this year: the annual dollar membership, 50 cents of which is sent to national headquarters, a contributing membership of \$5, one dollar of which goes to the national organization, and also a sustaining membership of \$10, of which \$8 may be retained by the local chapter. In addition to these three memberships there is a life membership of \$50 and a patron's membership of \$100. The full amount of these two memberships goes into the national sinking fund.

It is expected that persons who can afford these memberships will also make a substantial donation to the local chapter. All donations may be kept by the local chapter. For instance, if a person wishes to contribute \$10 to the Red Cross he may buy his yearly membership of \$1 and donate \$9; or he may buy a sustaining membership. In one case the local chapter receives \$9.50 and the national organization \$0.50; in the other the chapter retains \$5 and the national Red Cross gets \$2.

The committee wishes to point out that there is no limit to the number of memberships that any one person may buy nor to the size of their donation. It is expected that the industries which employ large numbers of workers and the labor organizations will contribute generously, as experience has shown that most of the application for help come from industrial workers. Most of the persons applying for aid from the Klamath Red Cross have been both honest and industrious and under normal conditions are able to care for themselves. They live, however, on the margin and when sickness and trouble come upon them they must look to someone for aid. It is the aim of the Red Cross to put such cases back on their feet instead of pauperizing them with promiscuous giving.

Portland Boxer Wins From Arizona Man

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—Jimmy Darcy, Portland middleweight, won a ten-round decision over Kid Palmer of Bisbee, Ariz., last night. Muff Bronson of Portland and George Eagles of San Francisco, lightweights, boxed a six-round draw.

Roy Sutherland, Los Angeles welterweight, knocked out Frankie Crites of Portland in the second round.