

MURDERED U. S. MEN OVERSEAS, BORAH'S CHARGE

Senator Would Hold General Semenoff Responsible; Russian Is in Jail

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17.—A new complication over the presence of General Gregorio Semenoff in this country arose today when the senate labor committee sought to subpoena in its investigation of the case, Boris Bakhmeteff, the last accredited Russian ambassador to the United States, and found its right to do so contradicted under the practice of "diplomatic immunity."

At the same time, Senator Borah, who began his committee investigations in an endeavor to develop whether General Semenoff should be deported, telegraphed New York authorities, asking whether there was any way to punish the former Cossack chief "for the murder of American soldiers in Siberia."

To United States District Attorney Hayward at New York, Borah sent this telegram: "Is there any possible way by which Semenoff, now in Ludlow jail, can be held responsible for the murder of American soldiers in Siberia? The evidence seems very clear."

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17.—Suggestion that General Semenoff, now in all in New York, was en route to Paris to meet the Grand Duke Nicholas to plan a counter revolution against the soviet regime in Russia, was made by Immigration Inspector Zurbick at Vancouver in a report of his examination of Semenoff.

LEGION PLANS DANCE

Two Orchestras Will Provide Music Wednesday Evening

Two orchestras will provide music for the American Legion ball to be held at the Scandinavian hall Wednesday evening, April 19. A number of musical specialties will also be staged.

The Legion has made ambitious plans for the affair, which promises to be one of the most successful of the season.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

Informal Session Held to Straighten Out Paving Question

An informal meeting of the city council was held Saturday evening in order to facilitate the paving question which will come before the regular meeting tonight when a contract will be awarded. The two bidders are W. D. Miller, local contractor, and the Warren Construction company.

While Miller submitted the lowest bids, technicalities arose which made it possible for the award to go to the Warren company. Both bidders were represented by legal counsel, and the matter was discussed at some length.

GRAND CHANCELLOR OF PYTHIANS IS VISITOR

Lief S. Finseth, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, who is making an official tour of Oregon lodges, arrived last night to visit the local lodge. A special meeting will be held tonight to receive the grand chancellor.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric pressure has been rising steadily since 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and at 2 p. m. today the Cyclic Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registered 30.60, the highest point touched in over five weeks. Conditions are more favorable for settled weather than they have been at any time during that period.

Forecast for next 24 hours:—Fair; continued cool, with moderate winds. The Tyco's recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:—
High 42
Low 13

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS ON BLACK SEA IS REPORTED IN LONDON

LONDON, April 17.—A great fire and massacre of Christians at Samoun, on the Black Sea, coast of Asia minor, were in progress nine days ago when the Italian steamer Barbita left there, the steamer's officers reported on reaching Patras, Greece, says an Athens dispatch to the London Times.

WAR ON WESTERN PINE BEETLE WILL BE OPENED TUESDAY

Two Camps to Be Established for Training of Trainers and Cruisers

War on the pine beetle will start tomorrow, when two camps will be opened for the training and instruction of cruisers and spotters who will search virtually every acre of timbered lands in this territory for "bug trees."

One camp will be opened at Long Lake by J. F. Kimball, head of the Klamath Forest Protective association, the organization which will have direction of the project. The other camp will be established by the Indian service near Algoma, where men will be trained who will work under that department and under the U. S. forest service.

Fallers will probably not be sent out before May 1, according to J. F. Keene, entomologist, who is connected with the office.

A. J. Jaenicke, U. S. forest service entomologist, arrived here recently to assist in the work.

FROST SURVEY MADE

Growers Facing Problem as Result of Recent Damage to Trees

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., April 17.—Problems confronting citrus growers of California are the frozen condition of trees and interest grafting on diseased trees, according to a preliminary survey of citrus orchards by W. R. Schoonover of school of agriculture of the University of California at Berkeley.

The survey showed that damage by the recent frosts varied greatly but was confined almost entirely to three or four year old trees. Many of the trees are frozen down to the roots, according to Schoonover, and the problem is whether to attempt to save these trees, or replant.

COUNTIES SEEK FUND

Land Settlement Colonies Proposed for Northern California

REDDING, Cal., April 17.—A state land settlement colony for each of the five northeast counties—Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity, Modoc and Lassen—will be the aim of the Northern California Counties association if the \$3,000,000 land settlement bond issue carries at the November election, according to Dudley V. Saelzler, president of the association.

Old Law Brings Storm Wife Owned by Husband

LONDON, April 17.—Discovery of an ancient Saxon law, technically known as "the doctrine of coercion", under which a wife is virtually the property of her husband, has precipitated a storm in both houses of the British Parliament.

Lady Astor has formally introduced a bill in the House of Commons to amend the offending statute and Viscount Ullswater strongly pressed for a similar measure in the House of Lords.

Parliament took note of the act when a member of the commons pointed out that it had been resurrected to secure the acquittal recently of the wealthy Mrs. Peel, who was concerned with her husband in betting frauds, while the husband himself was sent to prison.

The old law, Viscount Ullswater explained to the Lords, was founded on the assumption that a wife would not dare to contradict her husband; "but if we want to maintain respect for the law," he said, "it must be strictly in accordance with our lives and our social relations. Whatever the legal presumption may have been in the olden times, there can be no such presumption today."

GERMANY-RUSS PACT SURPRISE TO CONFERENCE

Nations Re-Establish Diplomatic Relations on Equal Basis

GENOA, April 17.—A treaty between Germany and Russia was signed at Rapallo Saturday, the signatories being the foreign ministers of the two countries, Cichorin for Russia and Rathenau for Germany. The treaty nullifies the Brest-Litovsk treaty and re-establishes diplomatic relations on an equality basis. Each nation renounces its claims for nationalization of property, and the treaty expressing the friendly hope that other powers would do likewise.

Announcement of the treaty signing proved a surprise.

GENOA, April 17.—Premier Facta of Italy, president of the economic conference, issued a sudden summons for a conference this afternoon to adjust by consultation the attitude of the allies toward the Russian question.

BABY BORN IN FIRE

Firemen Requested to Make as Little Noise as Possible

OAKLAND, April 17.—Firemen arriving at the home of Mrs. J. S. Brown today to put out a blaze were requested by members of the family to "please make as little noise as possible." On learning the reason, they complied. The fire was soon extinguished, and as they boarded their engine to return to the firehouse, a nurse came to the front door and announced "Mother and son are doing nicely, thank you."

WARD STAYS IN JAIL

Man Held on Drug Charge Unable to Give \$750 Bond

Hobby Ward, well known local waiter, arrested Friday charged with possession of and transporting narcotics, will be given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas on Tuesday, April 25. He is being held in jail in lieu of \$750 bail.

Ward had in his possession morphine valued at \$16,000, according to the police, as well as a quantity of yensheo, a Chinese drug. No further arrests have been made in connection with the case.

OVER-DEVELOPMENT OF MINES DECLARED AGAINST SETTLEMENT

Russell Sage Foundation Holds Mine-ers Can Work Only 214 Days Under Present Conditions

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Russell Sage Foundation, in a lengthy report on "The Coal Miners' Insecurity," made public today, holds that no satisfactory agreement of a permanent nature on wage rates can be reached between miners and operators in the bituminous coal industry until steps have been taken to curb what the report describes as "the over-development of many more mines than are required to supply the country's needs." This over-development, the report declares, has resulted in giving an average of only 214 days of employment annually to the 600,000 men employed in the industry, thus nullifying the advantages of wage increases.

In giving out the report, the Foundation states that it investigated the coal situation in connection with its study of human relations in industry, and that it has analyzed data on irregularity of production and employment in bituminous mining extending over a period of 32 years. The data, the report adds, include the most recent statistics on annual earnings and kindred subjects compiled by the United States Geological Survey, the National Coal Association, the United Mine workers, the United States bureau of labor statistics, and various state bureaus of mines.

ARREST STORE HEAD

President of Pacific Co-Operative League Is Indicted

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—Ernest O. F. Ames, president of the Pacific co-operative league, which operates a chain of grocery stores in western states, was arrested here on a telegraphic warrant from El Paso resulting from a grand jury indictment. Another man is being sought here. Receivership for the company recently was asked by Ames, who said the company was not insolvent, but that bankruptcy proceedings were necessary to settle internal affairs which had interfered with the operation of stores of Ames obtained a writ of habeas corpus returnable Wednesday.

LONG RIDE ON HORSE

School Teacher Journeys From Fort Klamath to This City

Miss Elsie Trimberger, Fort Klamath teacher, rode to this city from Fort Klamath on horseback Saturday, making the 43 miles between 5 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. She left yesterday morning on the return trip.

ROBBERS BLOW THEATRE SAFE, MAKE BIG HAUL

Negro Night Janitor Bound and Gagged in Dressing Room; Get \$3,500

PORTLAND, April 17.—Between \$3,000 and \$3,500 was stolen from the Pantages theatre here early this morning by robbers who held up, bound and gagged the negro night janitor.

The office and safe were wrecked by an explosion of nitro-glycerine. The janitor was found in a dressing room this morning. No trace was found of the robbers, who escaped in an automobile.

VETS HOLD REUNION

Success Attends Annual Gathering of Spanish War Soldiers

Success attended the Spanish war veterans' annual reunion and banquet at the White Pelican hotel Saturday evening, at which were present the following: Fred A. Baker, J. H. Carnahan, Sam P. Dehlinger, Frank Frannford, E. C. Koppen, A. R. Morrison, G. N. Sanders, J. L. Simons, Chas. F. Stone, J. B. Vollmer, R. B. Wilcox, Arthur R. Wilson.

Judge Stone presided and reminiscences and stories filled the evening. It is believed there are at least 25 veterans in Klamath county in addition to a number whose names are not known.

U. S. WINS SUIT

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17.—The government today won in the supreme court a case brought by the United Shoe Machinery corporation and others to have set aside a restraining order prohibiting them from using certain lease clauses in contracts for the rental of patented machinery. The supreme court affirmed the decree enjoining the corporation under the Clayton act.

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SALMON LAW UPHOLD

PORTLAND, April 17.—The state law prohibiting the possession or sale of salmon taken outside of three mile limit or in state waters by purse seine, was upheld today by Federal Judge Bean, who held that the legislature had the right to enact a measure to protect fish.

THE SEASON IN FLORIDA CLOSES



FORMER AUSTRIAN CONSUL ALLOWED TO RETAIN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

PORTLAND, April 17.—Joseph Woerndle, former Austrian consul here, retaining his American citizenship under a decision today by Judge Bean in proceedings instituted by the government for a cancellation on the ground that Woerndle permitted Hans Boehm, a German spy, to use his passports before the United States entered the war.

PLAY PROMISES TO BE BEST PRODUCED HERE THIS SEASON

High School Students Will Present "Mice and Men," With 33 Characters and Four Acts

As a part of the program for senior week, the graduating class of the Klamath county high school will present the play "Mice and Men" at the Star theatre on the evening of May 2, and on the afternoon and evening of May 4.

The play "Mice and Men" is written by Madeleine Lucette Ryley and is of a much heavier variety than is ordinarily undertaken by high school pupils. Although a comedy in nature, there are many elements of tragedy throughout. Under the direction of Miss Mary Craig of the English department, however, it promises to be one of the best amateur productions seen in Klamath Falls this year.

The plot of the play is based upon a quotation of Robert Burns: "The best laid schemes of mice and men, gang aft a-gley."

The story is that of Mark Embury, a man of 45 years, who believes that the education of women is all wrong, and who adopts a girl from the orphan's home that he might educate her in accordance with his own ideas and that he might eventually make her his wife. The girl, however, falls in love with a renegade nephew of Embury's, which fact Embury does not learn until shortly before the day which he has set for his own marriage with her. He keeps his own counsel, however, and proceeds as if nothing had happened, and on the wedding day makes the sacrifice of substituting the nephew for himself.

The play contains four acts and will consume three hours in its production. There are 33 characters taking part as follows: Mark Embury, scholar, scientist and philosopher; Wilmet Sandham, Roger Goodlake, his friend and neighbor; Harold Wortley, Captain George Lovell, his nephew; Martin Adams; Sir Harry Trimblestone; Henry Gerber; Kit Barnizer, a fiddler and a professor of deportment; Chester Shriver; Peter, Embury's servant; Frank Peyton; Joann Goodlake, wife of Goodlake; Frances Humphrey; Mrs. Deborah, Embury's housekeeper; Inez Willett; Peggy, "Little Britain"; Dorothy Deizell; Matron of orphan's home; Albertina Nitschelm, Superintendent of orphan's home; Lloyd Cox; Molly, kitchen maid; Esther Calkins.

The ten orphans are: Vera Thompson, Eve Dillard, Mary Smid, Ruth Dixon, Esther Calkins, Jo Upp, Grace Elliott, Anna Collins, Dorothy Deizell and Helen Wirtz. Daners in a ballroom scene. The seniors have been working on the play since January.

WOULD EJECT STRIKER

Head of Algoma Lumber Company in Suit to Dispossess J. W. Vernon

Mat Egan of the Algoma Lumber company on Saturday brought suit in the justice court to dispossess J. W. Vernon from a cottage on company property at Algoma, charging that he has requested Vernon to leave and that Vernon has not complied with the request. Egan said Vernon had been employed by the company up to the time of the strike and that he has occupied the cottage ever since. A decision in the case will be handed down tomorrow.

JAPANESE WORSTED

One in Hospital, Other in Jail Following Fight With Deputies

ST. HELENS, Ore., April 17.—Sakujuri Shematami, a member of the engine room crew of the steamer Kulan Maru, is in a hospital seriously wounded, while Makaku Toyata, another member of the crew, is in all as a result of a knife and gun battle last night with three deputies of Columbia county. The officers said Toyata drew a long knife when the officers flashed stars while trapping the two Japanese in a deal for the purchase of two bottles of liquor. The shooting followed.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, April 17.—Cattle 25c higher, choice steers \$8 to \$8.50; hogs, 25c higher, prime light, \$11.50 to \$11.75; sheep and eggs steady; butter 3 cents higher, extra cubes 35c, prints 38c.

MANY DIE WHEN TORNADOES HIT CENTRAL WEST

Damage in Illinois, Indiana and Kansas Estimated at Millions

CHICAGO, April 17.—Tornadoes in three states last night and this morning were believed to have killed eight persons, injured dozens and to have left scores homeless. The tornadoes caused damage probably of millions in Kansas, Indiana and Illinois where it touched southern Illinois relieving the brunt.

CENTRALIA, Ill., April 17.—Seven persons were killed and about 35 injured, some seriously, in a tornado which struck this section early today, according to unverified reports. One woman was reported killed at Lake Centralia.

McNEALY IS HONORED

Is Appointed Vice President of Nature Lovers' Club

Notice that he has been made an honorary vice-president of the Oregon Nature Lovers' club today was received by Wm. W. McNealy from C. E. Graves, secretary of Hood River.

The purposes of the club are to perpetuate the natural scenic attractions of the state, encourage the planting of trees along highways, and to advertise the state through distribution of pictures at a club house to be constructed near the Columbia Gorge hotel on the Columbia highway. The building will be a two-story concrete structure and will house a museum and library. It will be open to travelers who will be encouraged to study the exhibits. Maintenance will be through memberships and sale of pictures.

Other officers of the club are: President, Stanley G. Jewett, Portland; honorary president, Governor Ben W. Olcott; treasurer, R. E. Scott, Hood River; honorary vice presidents, A. R. Sweetser, University of Oregon; Mrs. Ida B. Callahan, Corvallis, president State Federation of Women's clubs; Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian; Charles Hall, Marshfield, state senator. McNealy has been an active member of the Klamath Sportsmen's association since its inception and probably owes his appointment to his work in this organization as well as his efforts toward the inclusion of Diamond lake in Crater national park.

IT WAS A LOVELY PARTY

Until Someone Used Ax

The details of a party in which moonshine was said to have figured came to light late Saturday when Gus Spang waived hearing before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas on a charge of tampering with the Volstead act. On the evening of April 8, it appears, Spang was at home with his friends at 611 Jefferson. Liquid refreshments were served. All went well until one of the guests, in lieu of 500 or some equally polite form of entertainment, decided to show what could be done with an ax when properly wielded. The party ended with Charles Anderson in the hospital for repairs and Spang in the city jail. Spang expects to visit federal authorities in Portland in the near future.