

8-HOUR DAY IS UPHELD

PROBE OF KLAN IS ON; KLEAGLE GETS GRILLING

Responsibility for Killing Placed on Secret Order by Coroner's Jury

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—N. A. Baker, alleged klan leader of the Ku Klux Klan sought as the leader of the fatal Inglewood raid, appeared at the district attorney's office today for an examination. He was escorted by Ku Klux Klan officers.

The coroner's jury which inquired into the facts surrounding the killing of Constable M. B. Mosher, slain by another officer while the constable was participating in a raid of masked men Saturday night, returned a verdict that Mosher came to his death while a member of a masked mob, "presumably instigated and directed by members of the Ku Klux Klan."

The verdict said:

Melford D. Mosher came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Marshal Frank Weerner in pursuit of his duty while Mosher was acting as a member of an illegal masked and armed mob, presumably instigated and directed by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

"We recommend the district attorney convene a grand jury of this county to investigate the case further and take the necessary steps to prosecute the perpetrators of this crime."

Facts Sworn To

The verdict followed testimony in which these facts were sworn to:

The raid was made upon a family of Spaniards who conducted a winery under federal license, but who were asserted by members of the mob to be bootleggers.

Plans for the attack were made Friday night at a meeting held in the undertaking chapel at which today's inquest was held.

CRATER L. PROBE ON

Parkhurst Warned Against Continuation of Present Conditions

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 27.—Acting Secretary Finney of the interior department has served notice on A. L. Parkhurst, who conducts the hotel at Crater Lake park, that "the present situation will not be allowed to continue," and has demanded respectfully a wire from Parkhurst in response to a letter asking what he proposes to do. Copies of the letter have been received by members of the Oregon delegation.

Finney calls attention to the long dissatisfaction of the department over the management of the park resort, and says that it has been demonstrated that Parkhurst cannot finance the betterments that are required. These include entire re-equipment of the transportation line and a new hotel. It is pointed out that negotiations between Parkhurst and Eric V. Hauser and his associates have so far produced no results.

Parkhurst is warned that unless he can show progress toward meeting the requirements for service at the park his contract will be cancelled.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclone-Stormgraph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows little change in barometric conditions during the last 24 hours, except for a sharp drop between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock this morning. The probabilities are that a moderately high wind will occur this evening.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Continued fair, with variable winds. The Tyco's recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:—
High 62
Low 21

JACKSONVILLE BANKER CONVICTED ON CHARGE OF FALSIFYING REPORT

MEDFORD, April 27.—R. D. Hines, former vice president of the defunct bank of Jacksonville, was convicted last night by the jury on a charge of making a false report to the state bank examiner. The case will probably be appealed.

28 STUDENTS HOPE TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL SOON

Elaborate Program Prepared by Senior Class for Commencement Week

Twenty-eight Klamath county high school seniors hope to receive diplomas on the evening of May 5 when graduation exercises will mark the close of commencement week, which starts April 30. Announcement yesterday of the program for the coming week reminded both pupils and teachers that the school term was almost ended.

The complete program for the week, upon which the seniors have been working since January, follows in full:

Sunday, April 30, 7:30 p. m., at the Presbyterian church. Sermon to the graduating class by the Rev. Mr. Simmonds.

Monday, May 1, at Worum bay. Junior-senior picnic.

Tuesday afternoon, May 2, at the high school auditorium. Class day exercises.

Program

Solo, Dorothy Elliott; Salutatory, Dorothy Dezell; Class Poem, Harold Wertley; Class History, Vera Thompson; Class Prophecy, Martin Adams; Class Will, Jo Upp; Valedictory, Frances Humphrey; Solo, "Bedouin Love Song," (Pinsuti) Delos Mills.

Wednesday evening May 3, Thursday afternoon and evening, May 4, at the Star Theater, "Mice and Men," senior class play.

Friday, May 5, 8:00 p. m., at the Presbyterian church, graduation exercises.

Program

Music.....High School Orchestra
Priests March from Athalia—(Mendelssohn)
Cavatina. (Rak)
Baritone Solo.....Delos Mills
Bedouin Love Song. (Pinsuti)
Graduation Address.....
Prof. Edwin L. Reed of O. A. C.
Music.....High School Mixed Chorus
Blue Danube Waltzes. (Johann Strauss)
Old Folks Medley.
(Arranged by W. C. Sheridan)
Song.....High School Girls' Chorus
Kiss Waltz. (Luigi Arditi)
Presentation of Diplomas.....
Judge Robert Bunnell.

The members of the 1922 class who expect to graduate are:

Ether Catkins, Anna Collins, Ruth DeLap, Dorothy Dezell, Ruth Dixon, Vivian Elliott, Grace Elliott, Frances Humphrey, Albertina Nitschelm, Dorris Reed, Mary Smidl, Vera Thompson, Kathryn Upp, Jo Upp, Glenn Fouch, Henry Gerber, Robert Goetz, Norman Hanson, Victor Kos, Robert Milam, Wilmet Sandham, Chester Shriver, Harold Wortley, Inez Willett, Helen Wirtz, Eva Dillard, Martin Adams and Lloyd Cox.

LAND NOT TAXABLE

Settlers on Reclaimed Areas Are Permitted First to Prove Up

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 27.—A decision of importance to settlers on reclamation projects who acquired lands by homestead entry is one just handed down by Chief Justice Taft. It reverses the United States district court of Arizona, which held that such lands are taxable by state and local authorities from the date of completion of requirements of the old homestead act.

COAL DEALERS ORGANIZE

PORTLAND, April 27.—Oregon coal dealers organized an association today, declaring the object would be to lower the cost of fuel to the consumer rather than a hoisting of prices. About 40 were present.

Conciliation Board Finds In Favor of Employees; Increase of Hours Held Unjustified

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STATE BOARD OF CONCILIATION.
By WM. F. WOODWARD, Chairman;
OTTO HARTWIG, Secretary;
J. K. FLYNN.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, April 27.—The state board of conciliation in its report after reviewing the hearing at Klamath Falls makes the following findings, signed by Chairman Woodward, Secretary Hartwig and J. K. Flynn.

"Investigation by the board has not borne out its satisfaction the contention that the pine industry of Klamath county cannot function profitably under the eight-hour day plus a reasonable wage schedule in accordance with living costs. After carefully reviewing the testimony offered, the board believes that at this time it would be a serious mistake to recommend or endorse an increase in the working day from eight to nine hours. It concedes unusual conditions attaching to the pine industry in Klamath county; that it operates under a handicap, by virtue of its location with competition, calling for careful and sympathetic co-operation by employer and employe alike. The entire willingness of the employes to accept a reduction in their wage scale evidences this attitude on their part.

"It is clear from the evidence submitted that the present scale for unskilled labor will admit of no reduction, with living costs as they are at present, below a minimum wage of \$3.00 per day, and it is clear that unskilled labor should not be penalized in the same ratio as applies to the skilled and higher paid worker. On this point both operators and employes were agreed.

"The board does not concur with the operators' statement that it would be impossible, or even difficult, to secure sufficient unskilled labor on the eight-hour schedule, at wages which would necessarily attach thereto, nor that the men would seek competing plants in Northern California, where the longer day in some cases reflects larger earning power.

"Further statements by the operators that the lumber industry is facing at this time a depression likely to continue, is not conformed by trade reports.

"The board concedes that occasions may arise in any industry where strict adherence to the eight-hour day becomes at once impractical and an injustice alike to both employer and employe. Extra, or over-time, as it is usually termed, may be a necessity, and in this event entered into with due regard for the increased relative compensation or penalty which should follow the extra hour or hours or service, usually time and one-half.

"The board is deeply conscious of its responsibility to this commonwealth by wisely exercising every granted power in compromising industrial disputes. It realizes that local conditions may arise in different callings wherein the general interests of the state may well be regarded as secondary. It cannot, however, subscribe to the contention that an institution so vital to our material interests which has established, first as a war necessity and later retained as an enlightened step in economic progress, a basic working day of eight hours, should now be the cause of local conditions which might undo a work which has engaged the sympathetic attitude of capital and labor alike—the creation of a status which makes for better citizens and homes, a finer and greater degree of efficiency by the worker.

"To acknowledge that the eight-hour day is a mistake, that labor cannot efficiently function nor industry be maintained on this basis, is to concede an error by a majority of the industrial leaders within our state and nation.

"If the exigencies of war made possible an eight-hour day with increased efficiency, why change in days of peace?

"We believe the issue at Klamath Falls can and should be settled without an increase in the working day, mutual concessions in the matter of the wage scale constituting the true remedy for conditions as set out."

MISSISSIPPI R. BURSTS LEVEES, TOWNS FLOODED

Refugees Escape in Boats; Six Communities in Path of Waters

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 27.—Flood waters of the Mississippi river, pouring through a rapidly widening crevasse in the Wecoma levee this morning reached and entered the town of Ferriday, La., four miles from the break. Six other towns are in the path of the rising water. Throughout the Concordia and Catahoula parishes today the only means of communication was a boat. The last train left Ferriday last night with the flood refugees.

MURDER TRIAL OPENS

Pendleton Man on Stand Charged With Killing Hermit

PENDLETON, April 27.—The defense opened today in the trial of Charles Vonderahe on a charge of murdering Matt Jepson, a Government mountain hermit, last summer.

The defense contended that Vonderahe was innocent, and that Fred Patterson, who had been arrested and held in the Umatilla county jail for several weeks after Jepson's body was discovered, was guilty. Patterson was released when the state failed to connect him with the crime. Vonderahe was arrested March 11 of this year, following several months' investigation by special detectives.

Members of the sheriff's office and former Chief Deputy Ridgeway testified for the defense today.

HARDING HITS KLAN

Tells Medford Woman He Disapproves of Secret Organization

MEDFORD, April 27.—Following a recent declaration here by a speaker describing himself as a representative of the Ku Klux Klan, that President Harding was friendly to the organization, Mrs. Frank L. Applegate of Medford recently wrote to the president asking concerning the truth of this statement.

Today she received a reply from Geo. R. Christian, secretary to the president, "heartily disapproved of the organization and has repeatedly expressed himself to this effect."

MAN HURT IN STRIKE

Second Case of Violence Occurs in Longshoremen's Walkout

PORTLAND, April 27.—The second report of violence since the beginning of the Longshoremen's strike Sunday, was made today when M. J. Robinson, 42, told the police he was attacked by four or five men as he was crossing a bridge to work unloading a ship. Emergency hospital physicians said the injuries consisted of scratches and cuts about the head.

FRED MORLEY STRICKEN

Stricken with what was believed to be paralysis while walking down town this morning, Constable Fred J. Morley was found near Fourth and Pine by John Irwin and rushed to his home. An examination by a doctor later brought the opinion that no serious results would follow.

DAIL KIRKANN STORMY

DUBLIN, April 27.—Stormy scenes were enacted in the dail eireann today when De Valera challenged a statement by Arthur Griffith as a "lie."

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, April 27.—Cattle and hogs steady. Sheep \$1 higher. Spring lambs \$13 to \$14. Eggs and butter weak.

WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF POISONING HUSBAND WITH SALAD

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., April 27.—Mrs. Ruth Plumley, charged with first degree murder for slaying her husband, withdrew her plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty in the superior court today. She confessed to putting poison on the salad. Under the law Mrs. Plumley must be tried by a jury. Regardless of the plea, the jury deciding whether she shall be hanged or sentenced to life imprisonment.

ALBERT MOORLAND MADE PRESIDENT OF H. S. STUDENT BODY

Installation of Officers to Take Place This Afternoon; Program to Be Given

Election of student body officers was held at the high school yesterday. The final count of votes showed that Albert Moorland was elected president. Letha Miller secretary, John Kuykendall first vice president and Elizabeth Graham second vice president. Installation of officers will take place this afternoon.

The afternoon session at the high school today beginning at 3 o'clock will be given over to the installation of student body officers elected yesterday, after which a short program will be given commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of General U. S. Grant.

The program will consist of music by the high school orchestra and addresses by Roland Cantrill and W. Dezell.

NEWBY HEADS ORDER

Elected Excellent Grand Master of Knights Templar at Conclave

NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—Leonidas P. Newby, of Kingstown, Ind., today was elected Most Excellent Grand Master of the Knights Templar at their 25th triennial conclave.

Judge Leonidas Perry Newby, who has been active in Masonic affairs for many years was born on a farm in Henry county, Indiana, April 9, 1856, and has lived in Knightstown, Ind., since 1872. He has held various public offices as a republican, serving as president of the state senate eight years and as acting lieutenant governor four years. He has been an officer of banks in Indianapolis and elsewhere, and director in sixteen corporations.

Newby arranged in 1919, as special commissioner for the grand encampment, Knights Templar, for the adoption by the encampment of 500 French war orphans, and also entered into an agreement with the Knights Templar of England for the rebuilding at Jerusalem of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which was constructed by the order in the tenth century. He is the author of "Sidelights on Templar Law," which has been adopted generally throughout the grand encampment.

Newby married Miss Mary Elizabeth Breckinridge in 1876. They have a son and a daughter.

Cause for Damage Action

Old Pipe Left in Court

That a damage action of no small import was likely to be filed in the circuit court this morning, as a result of extreme carelessness on the part of William Ganong, local attorney, who is now stopping at the Imperial hotel, in Portland, was evidence by the following "rush" telegram sent to Ganong this morning, collect:

"Your pipe found in court house. Employes all nervous and threaten damage action. Is it loaded? Wire instructions prepaid."

The wire was signed by Lloyd De Lap, circuit court clerk, but a very strong rumor was current that Judge Stone might have been the author of the message. An interview with the judge, however, brought no acknowledgement of guilt in the proceedings.

125 MEN WILL FACE TREASON MURDER CHARGE

Results From Disorders Involving Thousands of Miner Sympathizers

CHARLESTON, W. V., April 27.—Treason murder, and conspiracy head a list of charges against 125 men whose cases are set for trial today in this little county east of the easternmost county of the state. Here juries selected from an agricultural community, quite unlike the mining regions further west, are to seek the true facts on disorders that involved thousands of coal miners sympathizers last and September, almost 250 miles away.

The charges grew out of the march of miners across Boone county, just south of the center of the state, to the border where it adjoins Logan county, one of the great non-union coal fields of the state. Along the mountains and creeks that mark the county borders of Logan county forces of deputy sheriffs, state police and citizens from many of the southern counties, including not a few from the state capital, Charleston, met what they considered an invasion, and a six-day fight ensued, ending only with the disarming of the marching forces by federal troops, who sent them to their homes.

Then followed numerous indictments in the Logan county courts, and in Kanawha county, in which the capital is situated, until the number of men against whom charges were lodged, grew beyond the possibility of strict accounting. The 15 indictments brought at different terms of courts in the two counties contained a total of some 1,500 names, but as many of these were duplicated where several charges were brought in different indictments against the same men the number of defendants actually is much lower. A petition for a change of venue at the last term of the court in Logan county resulted in transferring the cases of 125 of the union officers and members to Jefferson county. It being claimed that a fair trial could not be obtained in Logan county.

Fifty-four men are charged with treason, the number including many of the district and sub-district officers of the United Mine Workers, with Frank Keeney and Frank Mooney, president and secretary respectively of District 17, among the most prominent. In the indictment it is alleged that the defendants raised an army and waged war against the state of West Virginia in an attempt to overthrow the martial law in force in Mingo county, on the other side of Logan, and toward which the march was said to be directed.

It is a coincidence that another famous treason trial was held in the same court house in Charleston, that of John Brown, the abolitionist, who was found guilty after his raid on the government arsenal at Harpers Ferry, five miles away, had failed. The building has been remodeled since that famous trial in 1859, but although the court room is now on the second floor, while then it was on the first, and the interior has otherwise been changed, the walls are the same which heard the ringing denunciations and defenses of the famous anti-slavery fighter.

WORDEN RELEASED

Dave Worden was released from custody this morning when his father, W. J. Worden, Lee Rowe, C. W. Potter and G. S. Rowe went on his bonds in the sum of \$5,000. Worden has been held in jail since his indictment at the last session of the grand jury on a statutory charge.