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## SAYS FLORIDA WIRE WAS NOT USED BY FALL

### Editor Sheds Little Light on Matter; Copies of All Messages Destroyed

WASHINGTON, March 1.—John J. Burgeon, managing editor of the Washington Post, questioned by the oil committee today about the private wire E. H. McLean installed between his office here and Palm Beach could throw little light on the matter, John F. Major, author of most of the McLean telegrams, testified that copies of messages sent on the private wire were destroyed each night.

Major described them as private messages concerning McLean's newspaper and other business. He said the purpose of the leased wire was to keep McLean in daily touch with events in this country and Europe. He said to the best of his recollection Fall never sent or received messages over the private wire.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The New York World, in a copyrighted story, publishing a paragraph of code messages sent to McLean says one of the messages revealed William J. Burns, director of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, as informant of McLean of developments in the oil inquiry.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—William J. Burns will be summoned by the oil committee to explain as to whether code messages sent to McLean's employes in Florida were in the cipher used by department of justice secret agents. Burns today denied he had any communication with McLean in Florida.

Burns will be asked whether McLean, himself, is not carried on the books of the department as a secret agent at a nominal salary.

Mary Duckstein, formerly secretary to Burns, and now on the department rolls of the secret agents, will also be called by the committee and asked whether she signed code messages sent to Florida over the signature of "Mary."

One of the code messages so signed and placed before the oil committee was addressed to W. O. Duckstein, one of McLean's confidential men. He is the husband of Mary Duckstein.

Burns said today he understood the code employed in this message was used at one time by department of justice agents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Attorney-General Daugherty was charged in the senate today by Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, with responsibility for use of a department of justice code in messages sent to Florida on behalf of McLean. He added that he would like to ask the president himself if he had any communication with those people in Florida.

The attorney general did nothing to help fathom the crookedness of public officials, said Caraway, but he lent a positive hand by turning over the secret code of the department of justice so that criminals in Florida might communicate with criminals in the department of justice.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Resolution for investigation of attorney general Daugherty's administration was adopted late today by the senate, following two days' debate. A committee is to be elected by the senate. Brookhart is to be chairman.

A request for a copy of the justice department code was made upon the department today by senator Walsh.

## New Lumber Plant to be Erected Here

Erection of a new, modern saw-mill in Klamath Falls will commence with completion of the organization of a company and final settlement of details. The plant will be built on a 12-acre tract adjacent to the Straborn railroad and east of Sixth street bought from the Enterprise Land & Investment company, just outside the city limits.

Marion Nine, of Nine Brothers Lumber company, who is interested in the new project, said other local men would be interested as well as several from elsewhere, but the company was not ready to make public their identity.

The plant will be of the bandmill type with resaw, shogun feed and every modern appliance, with a capacity estimated at between 60,000 and 70,000 feet daily. A log pond will be excavated.

This is one of the largest lumbering projects to be announced here recently and will add appreciably to the local payroll. The company has timber holdings on the Straborn line from which the log supply will be drawn.

## 8 DIE, SCORES HURT IN BLAST

### Entire Family Wiped Out as Nitrate Explodes; Shock Felt in New York

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 1.—Eight were known killed, twelve more were believed dead and about 100 injured in an explosion which destroyed the storage building of Amintre company, on the property of the Nixon nitrate works, at Raritan, early today. One entire family near the building were killed. The shock was felt in surrounding towns as far as New York City.

The building in which the explosion occurred contained 1,000,000 gallons of ammonia nitrate in storage, also 15 tank cars holding 9,000 gallons each of ammonia nitrate in process of crystallization.

## BURGLAR ALARM BRINGS ARRESTS

ALBANY, Ore., March 1.—Aroused by a burglar alarm, a posse of 12 men met at Peoria, surrounding the Lamar & Lamar store late last night and captured Stanley Thompson and Warren Wilkins, whom officers reported were found in the building. A car in front of the store, officers declared, contained articles stolen from a garage at Tangent.

## BONUS BILL IS TAKEN UP TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The bonus bill was taken up today by the house ways and means committee. They will start a three day hearing Monday after which they will redraft the bill. It is expected to report the bill next Saturday.

## POST OFFICE AT KIRK RAISED FROM FOURTH TO THIRD

KIRKFIELD, March 1.—(Special) Kirkfield postoffice has been promoted to a third-class office from a fourth class and people in the camps near here are now able to buy money orders and also receive and send C. O. D. orders. This office is expected to do more business this coming summer than any office this side of Weed, except Klamath Falls.

## FORBES TAKES BOLD STAND ON FRAUD CHARGES

### Accusations in Indictment Called "Hell Engendered Conspiracy"

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans' bureau, declared today he welcomed the indictments returned against him yesterday at Chicago. He said he looked upon them "with a clear conscience because they will permit me to present my case before a fair court of justice and jury of my peers."

Forbes characterized the accusations at a "hell engendered conspiracy against my honor and integrity."

Forbes' attorneys made plans today to summon about 40 witnesses, including Mrs. Carolina Votaw, sister of the late president Harding. He would not indicate what they sought from her.

Charges that government funds were used for speculation by a government official and that certain sums of money were paid to certain members of congress were contained in special grand jury reports.

## ELKS TO ELECT NEXT THURSDAY

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected Thursday, March 6, by the H. P. Q. E. Installation of officers will be APRIL 3 and it is planned to give an inaugural ball April 4, according to announcement today.

Leslie Rogers for Exalted ruler and Byron Hardenbrook for esteemed and leading knight are unopposed. C. S. Curran and Oliver S. Spiker are candidates for esteemed loyal knight and a lively contest is expected.

O. L. Larson is the only nominee for esteemed lecturing knight. H. E. Momyer and Tom Delzell are nominees for secretary with Bill Bonfield and S. A. Goddard contesting for tiler. Austin Hayden and James Swanson and candidates for trustee.

The custom of holding an inaugural ball immediately following election is general, and April 4 will doubtless witness the most elaborate affair of its kind ever staged in Klamath Falls since it will be given in some time, in the opinion of prominent Elks.

## HENLEY PARENT TEACHERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

HENLEY, March 1.—(Special) The Henley Parent Teachers association met at Henley school Thursday for the purpose of reorganizing the association. The following officers were elected for the term ending September 10, 1924.

Mrs. H. E. Bradbury, president; Mrs. R. U. Reeder, vice president; Mrs. Alice McC. Miller, secretary; and O. A. Schultz, secretary.

Regular meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month from 3:40 to 4:40. All adult members of the community are eligible for membership.

The Lincoln essays for Henley high school were judged by the Rev. C. C. Hulett, Mr. Arnold and Miss Walton of Merrill. The Lincoln medal which is on display in Gluever's jewelry store has awarded to Richard H. Bradbury.

## Describe Kirk Star



Roy D. Moore (left) and Louis H. Brush, present owners of the Kirk Star, told the senate investigating committee of details of sale of the newspaper to the late President Harding. They defended the purchase and said not a cent of the money was obtained from the oil interests.

## FIVE MEN, WOMAN ARE INDICTED FOR AUTOMOBILE THEFTS

PORTLAND, March 1.—Five men and one woman today were indicted by the federal grand jury which has been investigating automobile thefts. Five cars were stolen recently, their numbers changed and the cars disguised.

## RAIL WORKERS BACK ON JOB

### More Than Half of Men Who Went Out on Strike Have Returned

KIRKFIELD, March 1.—(Special) More than half the workers at the Carlton & Fetters camps at Lake Odell, who went out on strike recently, are back at work again.

The road north of here is in too bad condition to haul the steam shovel, which is now at the end of the track nine miles north of Kirkfield. According to the steam shovel men, it will be impossible to move any of the heavy machinery to Odell lake camps before May.

## LOW OUT FOR SECOND TERM

Lloyd L. Low today announced his candidacy for election on the republican ticket to a second term as sheriff of Klamath County. Low was elected to office in 1920, taking office January 1, 1921. He is aged 35 and a native of Klamath county, having lived here all his life except two years spent in France with the A.E.F.

J. F. Morley, J. H. Colman and Bert Hawkins are others who have announced their candidacy for the office.

## 820 FINES LEVIED

Lawrence Hayes and A. Lamarach were both arrested last night for being drunk and this morning pleaded guilty and were both fined \$20. Hayes was returned to the jail and Lamarach paying his fine, was released. R. W. Laurien, charged with improper parking, was dismissed.

## THE WEATHER.

The Cyclo-Stormograph at the Underwood pharmacy today is registering a downward trend of barometric pressure and a continuation of unsettled conditions is indicated. Forecast for next 24 hours: Cloudy with moderate temperatures.

## FIRST LOGS ARE SENT FROM KIRK

### Shipment Made to Klamath Falls From Camps of Shaw-Bertram Co.

KIRKFIELD, March 1.—(Special) The first log shipment of the season left here Friday for Klamath Falls. The logs came from the Shaw-Bertram camps.

The Lamm Lumber company camps, four miles south of here, are expected to start operations for the season within the next few days.

## HUSKIES, BEARS PLAY FOR TITLE

SEATTLE, March 1.—University of Washington and University of California will play next week for the basketball championship for the Pacific coast, it was announced today upon receipt of a decision that the games of University of Montana were to be counted in figuring standings in the northern section of the conference.

Decision eliminating the Oregon agiles as a possible contender in a tie with Washington was reached at Los Angeles by the Pacific coast basketball conference.

## OIL PROBE HOLDS UP APPROPRIATION FOR PINE BEETLE

Unless the federal pine beetle appropriation for 1924 is passed upon before April 1, the federal pine beetle operations in this county will cease, according to information from the pine beetle office. Since the first of the year the pine beetle office in the courthouse has been maintained from other funds.

It is understood that the appropriation is being held up in Washington by the oil investigation now in session and that no other business will be transacted until that is disposed of.

## SCHOOLS OBSERVE LONGFELLOW WEEK

During the past week Longfellow week has been observed by the children of Central school. Poems of the famous American poets were memorized and appropriate exercises held. Several poems were dramatized.

Children of the city grade schools are showing considerable interest in the athletic badge tests that will be given this spring, according to Superintendent J. P. Wells. The tests are divided into six parts, three for the boys and three for the girls. As soon as the children qualify a badge is sent far and presented to the girl or boy who have passed the test successfully.

## WHEAT PRICES.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 1.—Hard white wheat, \$1.01; Western red, 95c.

## WOMAN CONVICTED OF MURDERING STEP DAUGHTER BY POISON

FRESNO, Calif., March 1.—Mrs. Eliza Potogian charged with murder of her step-daughter Margaret, by administering poison, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury after several hours deliberation today. Imprisonment was recommended.

## WAR ON FAKE DIPLOMA MILLS

### California Takes Steps to End Abuses Practiced by Unlawful 'Colleges'

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 1.—A program of legislation designated to protect California against the abuses of the so-called diploma mills which are said to be flourishing in a number of states, including a law banning the use of the prefix "Dr." among practitioners of the healing art, is recommended by a committee of the state board of medical examiners in a special report filed with Governor Richardson.

The report lists several California institutions to show how easy it is to incorporate without showing evidence of physical equipment, education, personnel or financial responsibility as a guarantee of a satisfactory operation of the institution.

The institutions thus named are: American University, Los Angeles; California College of Drugless Physicians, Los Angeles; the United States National University-College of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco; and the Pacific Medical College, Los Angeles.

Dr. Pinkham said a representative of the American University was recently reported in Italy advertising the sale of "doctor" degrees. He also stated the Pacific Medical college, as shown by court records in Los Angeles, discontinued in June, 1918.

## SEASON CLOSED FOR TRAPPING

Trapping season closed yesterday. No fur-bearing animals can be trapped until next November. The season lasts four months, from November 1, to the last day of February.

"This does not apply to the trapping of predatory animals," explained game warden Marion Barnes this morning. "There is always an open season for them. There has been some talk that one does not need a license to fish for catfish." Barnes continued. "This is not so. One needs a license for catfish as much as for trout."

## M'NARY URGES FARMER RELIEF

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Gravity of the agricultural situation necessitates immediate steps toward relief of farmers, Senator McNary declared today in reporting the McNary-Haugen bill proposing creation of a corporation to export surplus farm crops.

## ANNOUNCE SALE OF ELECTRIC COMPANY

Sale of the Link River Electric company by Mrs. R. J. Sheets to W. Butler of this city and E. A. Smith of Bend was announced today. Butler has been employed by the company several months and will be general manager. Smith, who is superintendent of the Bend Power, Light & Water company, plans to come to Klamath Falls later and take active interest in the company.

## AUTO SHOW IS GREAT SUCCESS OPENING NIGHT

### Crowds Come to View Latest Creations of Motor- dom on Display

Opening night at the 1924 Klamath Falls auto show was a success. From 6:30 when the doors at Ninth and Klamath swung open, a steady stream of visitors poured into the building.

On every side sparkling new models of standard cars were on display, 18 in all, with experts by each to point out their merits.

Interesting displays of mechanical features of their cars were also displayed by some dealers.

New spring models just received were given particular attention, and around each stall all evening groups of visitors kept the attendants busy.

The show was formally opened at 8:15 with an address by Mayor A. R. Wilson. He felicitated the American Legion on the spirit that actuated it to sponsor the auto show and stated that as an organization they had always shown a commendable community spirit and a willingness to partake in any progressive community movements.

During the entire evening an orchestra played and Mrs. Marjorie McClure Gallagher sang several delightful selections. Coffee and doughnuts were served by the auxiliary.

The show room is decorated by red, white and blue streamers stretching from wall to wall, augmented by artistic decorations at the various booths.

Owing to the popularity of the show last night and to a number of requests that have been made, it has been decided to conduct the show tomorrow afternoon as well as tonight.

Makes of automobiles represented were: Two Buick models, the "six" and sport roadster, and the "six" wire-passenger touring car with balloon tires.

Two 1924 Chevrolet models were placed on exhibition, the sedan and the touring car, by the White-Pellanc garage.

A Franklin demi-sedan created interest, as well as a Hickenbacker "six" sedan. Both were exhibited by the Peterson Motor Car company.

The Dunham Auto company had two cars on display, the Studebaker special "six," and the Overland "four."

Two models of the Maxwell were exhibited by the Howie garage, local representatives. The models were the sedan and the touring car.

A Nash touring car was exhibited by William Williams, agent for the Nash in Klamath Falls.

The booth where membership in the Safety Drivers' club was sold was well patronized. The legion reported that 60 members were obtained.

Close Customs Lines Early to Check Smuggling