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## WHEELER FOUND NOT GUILTY OF FRAUD

### Jurors Acquit Montana Senator on First Ballot at Great Falls

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 25.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, late vice presidential candidate and political storm center, basked today in the double distilled sunshine of fortune. This followed what developed to be a red letter event in the Wheeler family last night when he stood in federal court here and received two messages simultaneously, one of his acquittal of his wrongfully using his senatorial influence with the interior department and the other announcing the birth of a daughter in the Wheeler home in Washington.

The verdict was returned two hours and 13 minutes after the jury had retired to deliberate, and out of this time it took one hour for dinner. But one ballot was taken.

In spite of an admonition to spectators by Federal Judge Frank S. Dietrich that there must be no demonstration in the court room, there was a rush for the senator when the verdict was read. In his hand he held the telegram announcing the birth of a daughter. But court was in session only two minutes and his delighted followers were let loose without delay. He strode over to the jury box and shook hands with each of the 12 men who passed on his case. Then District Attorney John L. Slattery, who prosecuted him, approached him and shook his hand.

"I hope both the daughter and verdict get along all right," said Slattery, smiling.

Senator Wheeler later issued a statement in which he declared the verdict was what he expected and thanking Senator Walsh for his services. He also said in the statement that his concern for Mrs. Wheeler was greater during the trial than was his anxiety over his case.

**Indicted Last Year**  
Senator Wheeler was indicted here April 8, 1924, by a federal grand jury on a charge of accepting a fee of \$4000 from Gordon Campbell, Montana oil promoter, for appearing after his election to the senate before the department of the interior permits for his clients. He branded the indictment as "palpably a frame-up" and blamed the department of justice, which was investigating at the time.

Next day the senate started an investigation of the case and in the verdict wholly exonerated him.

Trial of the case started here April 16 after many delays.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Department of Justice officials had nothing to say today about the collapse of their case in Montana against Senator Wheeler, the celebrity with which the jury threw out the department's charges and exonerated the senator, manifestly caused disappointment and chagrin and in view of the circumstances no official would predict whether the separate proceedings brought against Mr. Wheeler in the District of Columbia would be resumed.

**La Follette Rejoices**  
Senator Wheeler's friends meantime were predicting that the case here never would be brought to trial. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, with whom the Montana senator was a candidate on the independent presidential ticket last summer, sent this telegram of congratulations.

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## HAROLD M'CORMICK SERVES AS JUROR

CHICAGO, April 25.—Harold McCormick, the harvester manufacturer, yesterday said: "Thank you for having been allowed to work for \$3 a day."

He was given \$36 for two weeks' service as a juror in the juvenile court, and in addition was voted a "regular fellow" by the rest of the jurors. "I am grateful to have had the chance to serve," he said, as he was given his check. "The juvenile court is one of Chicago's most helpful institutions."

## Shufflin' Feet Resound Within Church Edifice

Jazz music to the accompaniment of shuffling feet poured out of the doors and windows, animated conversation, banter and verbal pyrotechnic, was clearly heard, and all sounds, from the outside indicated that a good time was being had by all last night at the Episcopal church.

Each beat of the drum, screech of the saxophone and strumming of the banjo was another death knell of the church for within the next few days the brick building on Seventh and High will be scrapped. The dance, given last night by the Lorenz Plumbing company, was the last thing in which the church was used.

Several days ago the Episcopal church departed from the building, moving all of its holdings and taking temporary quarters on Payne Alley. The Lorenz Plumbing company, successful bidders for the building, took possession. Suggestion of a dance was promptly favored. Then the question of a ball which brought the question of "When is a church not a church?"

Some time spent in considering the ethics of the problem resulted in the unanimous verdict "not a church," so the dance was held.

## BURGLAR ALARM WORKS; PROWLER BADLY WOUNDED

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 25.—A burglar trap arranged in a drug store in the residence district here worked so successfully that E. L. Lydston, a local resident, lies in a hospital today shot through the chest, seriously wounded.

Lydston, he told police, crawled through the broken skylight, clambered down a rope and just as he neared the floor a foot struck a wire attached to a rifle and the weapon was discharged.

Francis R. Evans, proprietor of the store, said his place was robbed weeks ago and he had left the skylight broken and also the rope in position before placing the rifle.

## Revolutionists Are Dominating Honduras

MANAGUA, April 25.—Reports received here state that the Honduran government is dominating the revolutionary movement in that country, Ocotepo, a village fifty miles from San Salvador, which was captured by revolutionists April 20, has been retaken by government forces. Attacks on other towns also have been repulsed by government troops, it is stated.

## SCOUTS TO MAKE LAVA BED TRIP

### Cars Needed to Transport Boys on Excursion Sunday Afternoon

An all-day outing is planned for Sunday for the Boy Scouts of Klamath Falls when a caravan of automobiles will carry them to the Lava beds. A number of the scouts will be accompanied by their fathers, who will assist in handling the cars. This trip is considered one of the most interesting that can be taken and much constructive education will be gathered by the scouts. It is planned also for a number of scouts who have qualified for certain tests to take cooking, signaling in semaphore tests during the day.

I. D. Howard, who has made an extensive survey of the Lava beds and is thoroughly familiar with the entire country, will act as guide and instructor for the scouts for the trip. The scoutmaster is desirous for as many of the scouts' fathers who have machines to join the party as is possible for a number of machines are needed to transport the boys.

## FUGITIVE WILL BE RETURNED TO DETROIT

### Drugless Healer to Stand Trial for Victimized Woman of \$50,000

SEATTLE, Wash., April 25.—W. A. Anderson, drugless healer, also known as Major Wellington M. Belford and Dr. Martin L. Belfort, arrested in Vancouver April 15, on embezzlement charges made in Detroit, left here today for that city in charge of Lieutenant H. J. Garvin of the Detroit police. Garvin related that he tricked Anderson into waiving extradition and brought him across the international line last night.

Yesterday Garvin said he appeared before a Vancouver magistrate and requested that extradition proceedings be dropped. The judge continued the case until today and Garvin suggested to Anderson that they take an automobile ride. Anderson, agreeing, signed "papers" to be released from the jail for the drive. The papers were an extradition waiver, and before he realized it, Anderson was on the American side of the line, where he was placed aboard a Seattle train.

Entered at first, Anderson soon became amiable and loquacious. Commenting on women, according to Garvin, he said: "Women are the biggest fools in the world and when I get out of this mess I'll go right on having a good time with them."

The detective said Anderson had defrauded Detroit women of over \$50,000.

Belford declared that Ruth Renick, an actress at Oakland, Calif., had hired a good American lawyer to fight his extradition from Canada.

## CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JUNE 3

### Reclamation Projects of West to Be Taken Up at San Francisco

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Chairmen of four house committees with jurisdiction of legislation affecting reclamation will assemble on June 3, in San Francisco to begin a two months investigation of various projects in the west.

In the groups will be Chairman Crampton of the Appropriations sub-committee which drafts the interior department supply bill; Chairman Sinner of the public lands committee; Smith of the irrigation committee and Representative Leavitt, of Montana, slated for the chairmanship of the Indian affairs committee. They will be accompanied by the ranking democrat of each committee. Representative Smith accompanied by Leavitt, taking with him to the white house Dr. Hiram Newton Savage of Berkeley, California, who recently completed a survey of reclamation possibilities in Indian and Egypt.

## GERMANS WILL VOTE TOMORROW

### Von Hindenburg and Marx Leading Candidates for Presidency

BERLIN, April 25.—Former Chancellor Marx, choice of the Weimar coalition or republican bloc, and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, champion of the parties of the United right wing, today were on the last stretch of their race for the presidency of the German republic with neither expected to have walk-aways in tomorrow's polling. Political leaders say the result is fully as problematic as was the contest in the United States between Charles Evans Hughes and Woodrow Wilson in 1916.

With no tangible figures or other data available, speculators are occupying themselves with guessing at the whereabouts of the stay-at-home vote, and the extent to which Von Hindenburg will profit by ballots cast for complimentary or sentimental reasons.

## Local Man to Observe 99th Anniversary

Ninety-nine years old and still going strong. That's the life record that will be set up tomorrow by James Lear of 1285 East street, this city. Ninety-nine years ago Mr. Lear was born on a big Kentucky plantation, April 26th, 1826. He was 35 years old when Lincoln called for volunteers and for the next four years he saw active service in the rebel army.

"They talk about the awful things in modern warfare" said Mr. Lear this morning, "but I want to tell you that war is war, and the harrowing scenes that I saw then and took part in, the privations and hardships I endured and the terrible hell of the whole thing make me feel that one war is just about on the same plane, insofar as human suffering is concerned, as any other war. I had hoped to live to see the day when there would be a thing of the past. Our boasted twentieth-century civilization is a sham and a farce until this is an accomplished and accepted fact among all civilized people."

**Once Store Owner**  
Mr. Lear has an interesting story, but one does not get it in a single conversation. The writer has known him intimately for ten years and it is only by catching him "off guard" as it were, from time to time, that he "opens up" and gives a little inside picture of the many interesting things that have happened in his century life. His father was the owner of a large plantation and owned large numbers of slaves. When the young man attained to his majority he inherited the home and for a long time was known as the "Massa." He still feels kindly to the old blacks that served him so faithfully and while he realizes that Lincoln was right about slavery he still wonders whether freedom has improved their condition.

Mr. Lear was seven years old and remembers distinctly the time the "stars fell" in 1837.

**Falling Stars**  
"It was about midnight" said Mr. Lear. "We heard the blood hounds baying and setting up a terrible racket. The slaves all ran into their cabins and could not be prevailed upon to come out. They thought sure the end of the world had come. I remember getting out of bed and running around outside trying to lay hold of one of the millions of little 'stars' that were everywhere before my eyes. It was the most wonderful sight I ever saw."

These who have read about this famous event will recall that it was afterwards found out that the earth had passed through the tail of a flying comet, giving the impression that the stars had descended on the earth.

Mr. Lear is living with his son, Ben Lear, associate of the Golden Rule store corporation, and will be the guest of many family friends at a birthday dinner tomorrow. His wife, aged 88, is also living.

## RAILROADS PLAN EXTENSION HERE AT EARLY DATE

### Aims of Hill Lines Told to Portland Business Men at Banquet

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—Declaration of Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway, that his company is planning an extension south from Bend is aiming to carry out the plans of the late J. J. Hill, and a report by Ben Day, counsel for the Southern Pacific that his company's Natran cutoff has been completed 45 of the 108 miles and that the project would be finished early next year, were features of discussion of the Oregon railroad situation at the annual dinner meeting of the chamber of commerce last night.

"It is our aim and ambition to carry out the things so far as possible that Mr. Hill wanted to do," said Mr. Budd. "This has been impossible for some years. Conditions have improved and the Great Northern plans to do some building. In Montana, for instance, there is need for more railroads, and there is likely to be some building there. This may seem far away, yet the benefits will probably be reflecting here in giving wider markets to Oregon products."

**Work Delayed**  
Plans Mr. Hill made in central Oregon were not completed at the time of his death. Up the Deschutes river a road was built that was intended to extend farther south. The war came on and delayed completion of the plan. It now appears further development in that section of the state is at hand.

## NEWS FLASHES

### DIES FROM HEAT

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 25.—Oscar Williams, negro laborer, died today as a result of having been overcome by heat, according to attending physicians. He was stricken yesterday when the thermometer reached 87 degrees.

### FUGITIVE CAUGHT

ROSELAND, Ore., April 25.—Lee Duncan, who for the past three days has been a fugitive, after escaping from the county jail, was captured this morning on the banks of the South Umpqua river, about one mile south of the city limits.

### POLICEMAN FINED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 25.—Because Patrolman Phillip Duff left his beat to have his trousers mended, the police board today fined him \$50. While he was in a nearby tailor shop last March 3, the Mound City Trust company was robbed of \$35,000. The burglar alarm sounded but by the time Duff could get his trousers back on the robbers had escaped.

### CONVICT IN CUSTODY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 25.—Jefferson Carroll, released today from the state penitentiary after serving a term for burglary and larceny, was taken into custody by officers from the state of Washington, where he is wanted on a charge of burglary. Carroll has served two terms in the San Quentin, California prison and one in the prison at Salem, Oregon.

### VOLCANO ACTIVE

NAPLES, April 25.—After eight months of comparative rest Vesuvius is in eruption again. The volcano offers a fantastic spectacle, especially at night when incandescent lava flowing from the southwest side of the crater casts a glow over the area. The present activity occurs periodically and is caused by the collapse of a section of the rim of the crater.

### PRISONER SHOT

SACRAMENTO, April 25.—W. G. Stevens, committed to Folsom state prison from Alameda county was shot and probably fatally wounded shortly after noon today during an attempt to escape from Deputy Sheriff R. M. Whaley. The shooting occurred at an auto service station at Thirty First and M streets on the Folsom road. Whaley had Stevens in custody and was taking him to the prison.

### KILLED IN RAID

MONETTA, S. C., April 25.—Sheriff Henry H. Howard of Aiken county was shot and killed, Anna Lowman, a negro, was killed and her daughter Bertha, was probably fatally wounded today in a shooting affray when officers attempted to search the home of Sam Lowman, the dead woman's husband, for liquor. Deputy Sheriff Robbins of Aiken was injured when struck in the face with an axe by Anna Lowman before she was shot to death by another deputy. Sam Lowman was shot and slightly wounded.

## MINERS BATTLE WAY TO SURFACE

### Fourteen Men Trapped in Hecla Shaft Subdue Fire and Escape

WALLACE, Idaho, April 25.—Fourteen miners, who subdued a fire on the 2000 foot level of the Hecla silver-lead mine at Burke, squared miles from here and escaped by their own efforts late yesterday afternoon, after being trapped in the mine for more than 12 hours, are the heroes of Burke today and many stories are being told of their bravery and resourcefulness in the face of the danger which threatened their lives.

After battling smoke and flames for several hours the men reached the main shaft and calmly ran for the cage. They were hoisted to the surface, hungry and tired from the strain forced upon them, but otherwise unharmed.

ZOUJI, Korea, April 25.—Two hundred Korean emigrants perished in a snow storm in the Primorsk region on Tuesday.

## IRRIGATION LEADER HELD

### O. E. Snider, Butte Valley Farmer, Arrested on Serious Charge

(Special to The Herald)  
YREKA, April 25.—With the arrest of O. E. Snider, president of the Butte Valley Irrigation district, on a technical charge of profiting from purchases made by the district, and threats of recall of the district's directors by the Snider and the anti-Snider factions, the newly completed \$600,000 project's affairs are in an uproar and the promised litigation will provide one of Skiyon's greatest sensations. The standing and the future of the project will not be affected, it is declared by both sides, but a bitter fight is under way.

Snider was arrested April 15 on a complaint sworn to before Justice of the Peace S. K. Adams at Macdoel and signed by J. W. Skaggs, a director in the district. He immediately gave bonds of \$1000 and the arrest was kept secret until today. Trouble started to brew late last year and it was brought to a head early in 1925 when E. O. Bissell was elected as secretary of the district and Rev. K. M. Davis was elected in his place. Bissell is said to have sought revenge and with him are said to have been W. S. Holbrook, S. K. Adams, R. J. Young and others who declared that Snider as president had seen to it that purchases of construction material for the district were made from the store he maintains in competition with that conducted by Holbrook at Macdoel and it was under a clause in the California irrigation laws prohibiting officers or directors from profiting from contracts that the criminal charge was brought.

Snider's group declared that recall proceedings will be brought soon against Skaggs as a director, while the anti-Snider faction's announced that Snider and H. L. Nelson, the other directors, will face the recall. Snider's friends deny any irregularities in Snider's transactions. Owing to the part he has taken in the arrest of Snider, Adams is said to have disqualified himself to sit as a committing magistrate and District Attorney Charles E. Johnson, who will prosecute the charge when it comes up for preliminary hearing at a date not yet set will have another justice of the peace take the testimony.

### DEATH REPORT DENIED

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 25.—The report that the Agrarian leader Prutkin and former War Minister Mouraviev had been put to death is denied in semi-official quarters. It is stated that both men attended yesterday's inquiry into the Sveti Kral cathedral bomb plot.

### TURN CLOCKS BACK

NEW YORK, April 25.—More clocks will be turned ahead one hour tomorrow morning at 2 a. m. when daylight saving goes into effect, than any other year since the World War, the Merchants' association estimated today.

### GAMES PLANNED

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 25.—The Whitman college baseball squad left for a four-game trip to Seattle, Forest Grove, Eugene and Corvallis. Two catchers, three pitchers, four infielders and four outfielders were taken.

### ATTACKER SENTENCED

Circuit Judge Announces Penalty Against Convicted Man Early This Morning

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—Circuit Judge McCulloch, of Baker, set a court precedent here when he sentenced a man at 5 o'clock this morning. The prisoner, Jesse W. Collins, who received a term of 15 years, was convicted half an hour earlier of an attack upon Mrs. Basile-Weiser, a neighbor.

### DIRECTORS OF ROTARY CHOSEN

Seven directors of the Rotary club were elected yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the civic club held at the chamber of commerce. The directors who, for the ensuing year, will consider policies and recommend projects to the club are J. A. Gordon, president of the First National bank; J. F. Kimball, local Weyerhaeuser representative; W. E. Lamm, lumberman; the Rev. A. L. Rice, Presbyterian minister; Mele West, lumberman; John C. Boyle, division manager of the California Oregon Power company.

The directors will meet next week to choose a secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms from the personnel of the club.