

BETTER WORK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS PLAN OF BOARD

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 7.—Improvement rather than expansion of the course of study in the elementary and high schools of Oregon is the purpose of the state course of study commission, appointed by Governor Pierce by authority of the 1925 legislature, and which held its first meeting here last night.

The members are Dr. G. H. Alden of Willamette University; Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland, and Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg. Alden was chosen chairman and Smith secretary.

Appointment of the commission was a result of a fight made by Senator Eddy in the legislature against J. A. Churchill, and the teachers organizations of the state. Eddy contended that the courses of study in high schools failed to impress fundamentals sufficiently. He fathered a bill to change the system but this was beaten in both the 1923 and the 1925 sessions. After the defeat of his bill last session he introduced a resolution providing for appointment of the commission.

At the meeting last night arrangements were made for the assembling of data from other states and from Washington, D. C., that may have a bearing on legislation to be introduced at the 1927 session of the legislature.

Another meeting of the commission will be held in Portland on January 9.

A BLUE-BLOODED RADICAL! Countess Karolyi, Born Aristocrat, Chooses Poverty to Aid Masses

PARIS. — What sort of woman is this Countess Karolyi? Born an aristocrat of the most blue-blooded strain in the world, and trained from the cradle, as she put it, "to be ornamental but never useful," she has distinguished herself for seven years by becoming one of the outstanding democratic leaders of Europe.

So extremely liberal are her views, in fact, that the American State Department now refuses to let her come to America, fearing she is too radical.

Whether this exclusion was justified or not, the fact remains that she is probably Europe's best known woman. In addition, her life since the war has had enough thrills and romantic adventures packed into it to furnish material for a dozen novels.

Living as the first lady of the land one day and reduced to pawning her last necklace the next; trailed across Europe by a monarchist spy and living in constant fear that she and her famous husband would be assassinated; smuggling gems across the Hungarian border so that she would not starve to death; taking a turn at running a motor boat for tourist parties and learning to be a chauffeur so that she might earn her own living—these are a few of the incidents that have marked her career since the World War ended in 1918.

Married in 1914

And she is barely 30. In addition, she is vivacious, talented and beautiful.

She was born the Countess Catherine Andrassy, and in 1914, just as the World War broke out, she married Count Michael Karolyi, the one aristocrat in all Hungary who dared to be a democrat. He is nearly 20 years her senior. She eagerly threw her sympathies with him, and since then has stood by his side in all his struggles against reaction and despotism.

The famous "Karolyi curse" became a part of her life, too. Many years ago the first Countess Karolyi led the Hungarian army against the Austrians and was slain in battle. His mother thereupon pronounced a curse on the house of Hapsburg and prophesied ruin for its members. And in 1918 the latest of the Karolyi had the satisfaction of seeing this curse fulfilled, with the fall of the Hapsburgs forever.

Count Karolyi and his wife had opposed the war from the start. After the armistice Karolyi was turned to as the one man who had Hungary's confidence, and was made first president of the short-lived, Hungarian republic.

This lasted for 6 months. Then a wave of bolshevism swept the country and Karolyi went out of power. A short time later Admiral Horthy led the aristocrats back to power and the Karolyis had to flee for their lives.

Prior to this their fortune was estimated at \$30,000,000. When they fled the country it was confiscated, and they had only one pearl necklace, as the remnant of their fortune. To get this out of the country, Countess Karolyi had to swim across the Danube with it and bury

it in the sand, sending a friend to get it later.

They went to Italy, only to be expelled by the government there on the request of the Horthy regime. Then they found a haven in Yugoslavia for a time, and later in England. After that the Countess went to America on a lecture tour, and her husband followed shortly.

Not a "Red"

"I am not a 'Red,'" she explains, "but I do think that social conditions in my country are wrong, terribly wrong.

"I was always hoping for the betterment of the peasantry of my country—in fact, I named my first children Adam and Eve as a symbol of my hope that they would live to see a new race under new conditions.

"Adam is seven, Eve is nine. I still hope that they will live to see Hungary as peaceful and as prosperous as America."

Countess Karolyi was not brought up to these democratic ideas. Far from it. All through her youth she was taught that people of her social class were separated by an impassable gulf from every other class in the world.

"My first perception that there was anything in the world different from the ideas under which I had



Countess Karolyi as she looked when visiting America a year ago.

been brought up came before the war and before my marriage, when I met some equal suffrage leaders," she says.

"Then I met Count Karolyi. He had been to America and had seen what wonderful men our Hungarian peasants could become in a free country. And we both thought what a wonderful thing it would be for Hungary if they could have the same opportunities there they had in America."

Oddly enough, Count Karolyi was not widely known either as a democrat or as a forceful leader until after his marriage. Apparently the inspiration under which her husband rose to fame.

During their wanderings after their expulsion from Hungary, the countess did all sorts of things to earn a living. For a time she ran a motorboat on a little lake in

Europe for tourists. But it ran on a rock and sank. Then she tried to learn to be a chauffeur. Her American lecture tour of last year came as a Godsend, as far as funds were concerned.

Medford High Defeats Salem In Fast Game

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 7.—In a brilliantly played and fiercely contested football game here Saturday Medford high school, champions of southern Oregon, defeated the Salem high school team, champions of the Willamette valley, 16 to 13, before 5,000 people.

Both teams scored a touchdown and failed to convert in the first half. In the third quarter Medford scored a field goal, and Salem a touchdown, which they converted. In the final quarter Medford scored and converted a touchdown on a thirty yard forward pass.

The Salem team, which outweighed Medford approximately 15 pounds to the man, depended on line bucks for yardage. They made nine first downs and Medford 26. Medford completed four forward passes, and Salem one. Medford gained 302 yards and Salem 98 from scrimmage.

Salem was penalized twice for unnecessary roughness and twice for stalling.

The fast Medford backs gained most consistently around Salem's right end tackle, and outgeneraled their heavier foe in the last half.

Salem's first touchdown was scored when Lang got away on a line buck and their second on straight line bucking after being held twice for downs on the Medford one yard line.

Medford scored a touchdown from its 15 yard line when its tiny half-back Conrad, tore around right end. The next score came when Conrad kicked a field goal from the 35 yard line. The winning touchdown was made in the last quarter when Dunn threw 30 yards to Singler, who caught the ball behind the goal line. The play in this quarter was fast and furious.

In the last two minutes of play, Moore, Medford half, electrified the crowd by running 65 yards, on a fake criss-cross of right tackle, the game ending with the ball on Salem's three yard line.

Children Are Ill With Trichinosis

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 7.—The severe and critical illness being suffered by the three small children of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rice, residents of Dillard, was today identified as trichinosis when the state board of health made its report on a sample of meat taken from the store of home cured pork at the Rice home. The shoulder from which the sample was taken was said by the state board of health to be heavily infected with trichina spiralis cysts and it is believed that the illness is the result of eating this meat insufficiently cooked.

At the PINE TREE

Stampeding farce comedy, sprinkled with pathos—that's Buster Keaton's latest picture, "Go West," which plays at the Pine Tree theatre tonight. It is the biggest scream the frozen-faced comedian ever has done and sets a new record in elaborate laugh-provoking photoplays.

Buster portrays a role ideally suited to his inimitable brand of sardonic clowning. He is a drifter who encounters all sorts of adventures while touring the country in a box-car, finally winding up as a cowboy in the great open spaces. The mirthful predicaments that he gets into when he pilots thousands of cattle through the streets of a big city top the fast and furious comedy. He fills up assorted lot of villains, wins the rancher's daughter (Kathleen Myers) and ends his wanderings in a blaze of glory and laughs.

At The LIBERTY

"Lorraine of the Lions" is the feature picture now playing at the Liberty theatre. So completely free from any plot ideas ever utilized before and so filled with unusual incidents, the story was made into the big release of the current season.

With thrills, heart-thrills, and delicate comedy interwoven; the story is declared to be one of the strangest and most original ever written for the screen.

LIQUOR CHARGE TO BE PRESSED AGAINST PAIR

A charge of at least possession of intoxicating liquor will be pressed against W. E. Johnston and R. E. McAlpine, alias W. A. Smith, alias W. A. West, who were picked up Saturday night in the Holland House by police, District Attorney E. L. Elliott said this afternoon.

Police were led to believe that the two men had stolen articles in their possession and perhaps a stolen car, but later investigation has not served to unearth sufficient evidence to prefer charges.

In the possession of the two men was a pint of alleged moonshine whiskey.

TOBACCO MAGNATE DIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. — Percival Hill, president of the American Tobacco company, died suddenly at his Fifth avenue home.

CHILDREN ASPHYXIATED

LEMGO, Westphalia Germany, Dec. 7.—Seven children, aged from one to three, were found asphyxiated in the children's hospital. Death was caused by coal gas.

Just because you were married in a church is no reason for staying away from the place now.

Man Stricken By Meningitis Second Case Reported To Medical Director Of Unit

A second case of spinal meningitis was announced early this afternoon by Dr. G. E. Newson, medical director of the Klamath County Health unit. The victim is a homesteader of the Bonanza district who has been ill for the past few weeks. He is being confined in an isolated ward in a local hospital.

The Bonanza homesteader has been ill for several weeks, but just within the last few days consulted a physician. It was immediately suspected that he was suffering from meningitis. Dr. Newson was informed of his condition Saturday. Specimens were sent Saturday to the state health office and early this afternoon Dr. Newson received word that the specimens showed that the patient was suffering from the dread malady.

Things could be worse. If this month was February you would have to pay a month's rent for 25 days. A rich man's son has a hard time. Has to get his marriage annulled in the newspapers.

JURORS CONVICT SLAYER OF WIFE

Omar W. Murphy Found Guilty of Manslaughter in Medford Court

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A jury in the case of Omar W. Murphy, charged with manslaughter returned a verdict of guilty, Friday afternoon, after five hours deliberation. Six ballots were taken, according to reports, standing 10 to 2 for conviction on all but the last.

Murphy, an old time resident of this city, was accused of having severely beaten his wife, following a family quarrel, March 32, last, from the effects of which she died May 22. The defense held that the assault was a "spanking with the open hand."

MOSCOW — Leon Trotsky thinks American equipment for a new power plant will enable Russia to cultivate "electro diplomatic relations with the United States." Also "electricity plus Russian socialism" will "enable us eventually to dispense with the present Soviet system."



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TED LEWIS IS NOW FUGITIVE

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reported to have kept under lock and key in the dresser of his room. But Lewis last week grew tired of his surroundings. Prud officials—mainly state officers—had made it unpleasant for him, and to friends he had confided he was through with Klamath Falls.

Gathers Up Cash

He is reported to have sold his notorious Three-Mile house last Thursday. The consideration is said to have been \$1800. A new owner was in charge of the roadhouse yesterday when officials went there to look for Lewis.

On one of his frequent jaunts to Klamath Falls from his county

hospital "prison," Lewis is said to have gone to one of the local banks and withdrawn his account, amounting to something over \$1000.

Sometimes after dark Saturday, Lewis left the county hospital and has not since been seen. The woman who said she was his wife also has gone.

In official circles no blame attaches either to Health Officer Newson or Matron Fryrear of the county hospital, for the escape of Lewis.

Examined by Newson

When Dr. Newson first learned of Lewis' malady, he directed the sheriff to see that Lewis was given his own plate and knife, fork and spoon, in order that no other prisoner might use them by mistake.

Then, when the county jail prisoners protested so vigorously against their unwelcome fellow prisoner, Dr. Newson agreed that the man should be isolated at the county hospital.

"But I told Sheriff Hawkins right off the bat that I would not be responsible for the man's deten-

tion, and had nothing to do with his being kept a prisoner," said Dr. Newson. "Justice of the Peace Kendall made the order transferring Lewis to the hospital after he had given the man a severe lecture and threatened to prosecute him vigorously if he made or attempted to make an escape."

In Unlocked Room

After Lewis appeared before Justice of the Peace Kendall he was then in the custody of Sheriff Hawkins, who, according to Matron Fryrear, put the convicted bootlegger on his honor not to escape from his pleasant and unlocked room at the hospital.

After Lewis had taken French leave, Mrs. Fryrear yesterday made a thorough search of his room but found no empty gin or other liquor bottles. If the report of liquor being smuggled into him is true, he undoubtedly took his empties away with him when he climbed into his car and bade Klamath a fond farewell.