

STATE WITNESS DESCRIBES FATAL FIGHT

President-Elect Will Order Investigation of Prohibition F. MORLEY CASE UNDER WAY TODAY

COURTS OF LAW ALSO INCLUDED

Next Executive Agrees With Senators That Probe Is Necessary

EDGE, JONES CONFER WITH MR. HOOVER

Mr. Hoover Believes That Various Features of Prohibition, and Courts of Law, Should be Investigated With View of Possible Reform.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16, (AP)—President-elect Hoover is to appoint a special commission soon after March 4th to investigate prohibition and general law violations as well as court procedure, and to make recommendations looking to improvement of the whole situation.

This developed today after a conference between Mr. Hoover and Senators Jones of Washington and Edge of New Jersey, respective leaders of the senate wet and dry forces, who advised the next president of their decision to abandon their resolutions to authorize a prohibition inquiry.

The senators said Mr. Hoover agreed with them that legislation was unnecessary at this time and that all that would be required in any event would be a measure appropriating money for the expenses of the commission. This will be offered at the special session of the new congress to be called in the early spring. The Jones resolution would have ordered a congressional inquiry.

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Jan. 16, (Special)—With a per capita wealth of more than \$645, Lake county lays claim to being the richest county in the state, if not the union. The quarterly bank statements reveal that Lake county's 5200 persons have more than \$3,000,000 in four Lake county banks. In Lakeview's three banks there is more than \$3,000,000 on deposit and at the Paisley National bank there is about \$250,000.

The last year has been the best business year Lake county has ever enjoyed, bankers and merchants report and 1929 holds prospects of exceeding its forerunner.

STRAYER, S. KOZER SQUABBLE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16, (AP)—When Sam A. Kozer, state budget director, appeared before the ways and means committee last night and undertook to go through the ponderous state budget, explaining it to the members item by item, he found himself, after talking about an hour, enmeshed in a tangle of questions fired at him by the skeptical legislators.

A tilt between Kozer and Senator Strayer, in which most of the tilting was done by Strayer, was the first clash of the first committee meeting of the session. Strayer's sharp eyes fell upon a recommended appropriation which appeared to be in a lump sum rather than in classifications.

Strayer roared, "Don't you know, Mr. Kozer," roared Strayer, "that the Oregon legislature for the last 10 years to my knowledge has been trying to get away from this sort of thing, and I can't see that you have any business to come thrusting it back at us."

PUBLIC SHOULD TRUST PLANES

"Development of aviation in the United States is far in advance of public trust and confidence in air transportation," said the opinion of G. A. Krause, head of the Klamath Lumber and Box company, and chairman of the aviation committee of the chamber of commerce, who, with Mrs. Krause, has just returned from the east where he visited friends and relatives. Mr. Krause inspected several of the leading airports of the United States and conferred at some length with a high official of the National Air Transportation committee.

"Day by day airplanes are being improved; hardly a week passes but what some major betterment is effected," Mr. Krause continued. "They are building faster, better and safer planes and reducing the accident hazard to a minimum. Yet the public appears to lag in conferring its confidence, particularly in regard to passenger service. Perhaps one reason is that any airplane accident in the world, however remote or whatever the circumstances, is reported sensationally on the front pages of every newspaper in the United States, creating an erroneous impression of the safety factor."

Mr. Krause has called a meeting of the chamber aviation committee for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at which steps leading towards the selection of a Klamath Falls airport site will be discussed. Members of the committee include Mr. Krause, Bruce Donah and R. E. Geary.

SHORT-HAUL LINES TO BE ABANDONED

Rumors That Railroads Will Acquire Bus Services, Heard

COMPETITION WITH MOTORS TOO STRONG

Hill and Harriman Lines Reported to Be Seriously Considering Junking All Branch Lines, Including Oregon Electric, and Buying Bus Lines.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16, (AP)—Abandonment of the Oregon Electric railway, which operates between Portland and Eugene, the abandonment of other local lines in the state and the substitution of motor transportation lines in their place are said to be involved in plans of the Hill and the Harriman railroads to reach consummation early this year.

TOURISTS ARE MISDIRECTED

"Somebody is either deliberately or unintentionally misdirecting tourists," said O. F. Blay, Crescent, who operates a service station in the northern Klamath community.

"Tourists and commercial travelers are being warned to not use the Dallas-California highway on the ground that it is closed by snow. Well, you and I know that the highway is in excellent condition and that the Sand Creek summit is certainly passable and smooth."

"Apparently the misinformation is coming from Spokane road bureau and chamber of commerce. Something ought to be done about it; somebody should advise them of the true facts."

Lumber Industry In Klamath Assured Of Successful Future

With demands for lumber steadily on the increase, with prices good and raises expected in the near future, Frank T. Horan, manager of the Forest Lumber company, one of the most experienced lumbermen in the industry today, painted 1929 as a banner year for Klamath county when he addressed the chamber of commerce forum luncheon on "Lumber Industry of Today" this noon.

"Only one danger lies ahead, that of over-taxation of the timber interest, which has already been the ruin of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana," Mr. Horan stated. "It is of paramount importance that we guard against this danger in the West."

"No better pine stands are found in the world than right here in the state of Oregon. With the mania for substitutes past, lumber is again coming into its own. The world will be looking to the West and Oregon for the finest lumber available."

Going back into the early history of the lumber game in the southland, where he was raised, Mr. Horan pictured the work of a saw mill.

"Back in those days, thirty years ago, or longer, work in the woods was different from what it is out here," he said. "Logging was then done in the winter."

Auto Drivers Who Have Not Ordered Licenses Are Warned

Traffic officers of Klamath Falls will start a vigorous campaign, beginning Monday, January 21, against all operators of motor vehicles observed operating upon the streets and highways without 1929 licenses or legal temporary licenses.

This announcement came from the office of Keith Ambrose, chief of police this morning.

REDUCTION OF LICENSE IS FAVORED

Senate Committee Get to Work On Proposal for Lower Tax

DECREASE STUDIED BY OREGON SOLONS

Proposal of Highway Department for 25 Per Cent Reduction Is Adhered to Generally by Legislative Discussing Important Question.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16, (AP)—The special state senate committee that has been studying automobile license reduction for several months got definitely to work today with the adoption of a tentative schedule of decreased fees. This was the tentative adoption in part only of a schedule submitted by the state highway department.

For cars weighing 1700 pounds or less the schedule calls for a flat fee of \$10. For those weighing 3000 pounds or more it proposes decreases under present fees but an increase over the schedule submitted by the highway department sufficient to offset the difference between the \$10 flat fee on light cars and the fees proposed in the highway department's projected schedule.

Benefit the poor man was the keynote of the deliberations, and efforts are directed to giving him the most consideration in the reductions. As far as a schedule reducing fees according to age of cars is concerned, however, it was the opinion that such legislation will require a constitutional amendment, which would necessitate a special election, and the committee does not look with favor on a special election.

Officials for District Off for Portland

J. L. Jacob, veteran president of the district board of the Klamath Irrigation district, and A. M. Thomas, secretary of the board, left last night for Portland where they will spend several days transacting district business.

Suzanne Lenglen Leaves Fiance's Home Suddenly

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16, (AP)—The whereabouts of Suzanne Lenglen, French tennis star, her mother and Baldwin M. Baldwin, all of whom departed suddenly from the Arcadia estate of Baldwin's mother, Mrs. Anita Baldwin last Thursday and from Los Angeles Monday, was a complete mystery.

AMERICA HELD NOT CIVILIZED

CLEVELAND, Jan. 16, (AP)—Silk stockings were cited as proof of a non-civilized America by Channing Pollock, author of 32 plays in 22 years in a lecture here last night.

"There is no civilization in the United States," he said. "Since 1900 murders have increased four times over; since that time sex crimes have increased 700 per cent, and silk stockings have gained in sales by 25,950 per cent. Think of that!"

"Culture is composed principally of mores, companionate marriages, divorce courts and automobiles," in the playwright's view. He said savagery had joys in contrast to the horrors of American civilization, as native habits went but a short way beyond fishing, sleeping in the sun, and fishing again, until American industry brought them work, cinema, and songs like "You Gotta See Mama All De Time."

NOTED SHERIFF VISITS COUNTY

Fifteen years ago J. W. Connell, Hillsboro, closed shop—"shop" happened to be the sheriff's office of Washington county—and vowed that he was through. And for 15 years he kept his word.

But last November Washington county voters took matters into their own hands, went to the polls and unanimously elected Mr. Connell for another term. The veteran law enforcement officer arrived in Klamath Falls this morning with Lou Boyd in custody. Boyd had been subpoenaed to testify for the state in the Morley murder trial now in progress.

When he was first elected sheriff Connell was the youngest man to ever hold the office of sheriff in Washington county—23 years of age. He served two consecutive terms and then dropped out, presumably too good.

"But I'm back again because my friends saw fit to elect me, in spite of myself," he smiled.

Sheriff Connell said liquor laws were enforced with an iron hand in his county. So-called "pink" cases often brought the limit, a \$500 fine and six months in jail.

F. MORLEY CASE UNDER WAY TODAY

Jury Selected, Opening Statements Made and Two Witnesses Called

BIG CROWD HEARS WITNESSES TESTIFY

V. B. Goodin, State Witness, Tells of Altercation Between Two Men on November 30 Which Led to the Death of J. H. Randall From Fractured Skull.

Sensation in the trial of Fern Morley, charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of J. H. Randall in Bly, November 30, developed this afternoon when V. B. Goodin, eye witness to the tragedy, told of the altercation between Morley and Randall, during which Morley is alleged to have fatally wounded Randall with a blow over the head.

Goodin told how Mr. and Mrs. Randall and he, stepped out of the Bly dance hall on the evening of November 30 "for a drink."

Mr. and Mrs. Morley, who approached, "There's the Goodin" quoted Morley as saying, "Randall put his hands in his pockets and stood still. Mrs. Randall walked to Mr. Morley and said, 'Let's don't have any trouble.'"

Morley then picked up something, the witness said, and approached Randall.

In the meantime the two women had engaged in a fight. Goodin said he did not see Morley strike Randall but a few minutes later saw Randall unconscious on the ground bleeding from the nose. He left Mrs. Randall with her husband while he went into the dance hall to get some water.

Frank Z. Howard, engineer, was the first state witness. He explained a map drawn of the scene of the alleged homicide. M. O. Wilkins, an attorney for the defense; T. R. Gillenwaters, deputy district attorney, is conducting the case for the state.

The jury is composed of the following: S. R. Rodkey, Hugh D. O'Connor, Vincent Jellack, W. C. Bailey, Harry Vaughn, George W. Agen, Carl Schubert, R. R. Darr, John C. Cleighorn, A. J. Hickman, Albert Westfall, Ed Lovelady.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE

NEW YORK, Jan. 16, (AP)—Six members of one family lost their lives in a fire that swept a five story tenement in East 112th street last night, a few hours after they had moved into the house.

Aunt Het

"I never done nothin' I was ashamed of but once, an' that was one time when Pa slammed the door while I was still talkin' to him an' I kicked the cat."

Poor Pa



"Ma says I'm so sympathetic that my heart goes out to all outsiders that I see havin' as hard a time as she has."

Uncle Sam Will Leave Enforcement To States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16, (UP)—Prohibition enforcement has definitely entered a stage of watchful waiting in which the federal government will continue to fight smuggling and diversion of industrial alcohol but will leave the real test of actual suppression of bootleg traffic more and more squarely up to the states.

GIGANTIC WAVE KILLS ONE AND HURTS SEVERAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 16, (AP)—One cook was killed and several other members of the crew were injured by a gigantic wave that surged over the bow of the White Star liner Mauretania on the crossing completed when the ship docked here today.

MERCURY DROPS DOWN TO NINE DEGREES ABOVE

Klamath people shivered, turned up heavy coat collars and beat numbed hands together early this morning, with the thermometer hovering around 9 degrees above.