

W. J. Bryan Found Dead

Leader of Democratic Party for Decades, Found Dead in Bed by Chauffeur in Dayton, Tennessee—Burial to Be in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia; Worked Hard for Christianity in Evolution Trial.

DAYTON, Tenn., July 27.—William Jennings Bryan, democratic candidate for president of the United States in three campaigns, and for years the power that ruled in that party, was found dead in bed yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by his chauffeur.

The silver-tongued orator had just returned from a lecture in Chester, Tenn., an hour before and lay down to nap for a few minutes, leaving orders to be called.

When Mrs. Bryan sent the chauffeur-servant to his room at 4 o'clock to awaken him, Bryan was dead.

Doctors diagnosing the case at first believed it to be apoplexy, but later it was learned that heart failure was the cause of the death.

Plans are nearing completion for burial of the democratic leader in Arlington National cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

William Jennings Bryan died at the age of 65 years, shortly after the climax of his recent spectacular victory in prosecuting the evolution case against John T. Scopes at Dayton, Ohio.

It was just one of the high lights of his interesting career which has held him up in public eye for more than three decades.

He was three times unsuccessful democratic candidate for president of the United States, and yet in spite of his defeats he was one of the outstanding leaders of his party.

He was also an orator, journalist and lawyer. His speaking ability won for him the name of "The Silver-Tongued Orator of the Platte."

At the democratic national convention at Baltimore in 1912, he was the most conspicuous person was a middle-aged man of medium height. His hair was much thinner than it was sixteen years before, and it was fringed with gray, but he was easily mistaken for the same man who was democratic candidate for president in 1896.

That was perhaps the climax of his career. He fought his way through bitter opposition at that time and succeeded in finally dominating it, forcing the nomination of the presidential candidacy to Woodrow Wilson.

After the writing of the party platform after his own desires, his domination Wilson was nominated before the convention was written—an action without precedent.

When Bryan first became a national figure he was 31 years old. He had just been elected to the house of representatives from a Nebraska district, and his fame as an orator had spread. Here he was given the unprecedented honor of chairmanship on the ways and means committee.

He was born on March 19, 1856, at Salem, Illinois. He was a member of his class when he graduated from Illinois college at Urbana, in 1881, and he attended a Chicago law school from 1882 to 1883.

The next year he married Miss Mary Estlin, who later graduated at the same time to whom he publicly gave frequent advice on both political and personal questions.

He practiced law in Jackson, Neb., for four years, then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he became a leader of the popular democratic organization of the first Nebraska congressional district—normally a republican stronghold, sent him to the state legislature in 1891, there was considerable good-natured comment at the time. But Bryan was a hard worker and he forced recognition upon himself in the discussion of the free silver.

His advocacy of unlimited coinage of silver led to a ratio of 16 to 1 found no support with his republican constituents. He refused to elect him for term, and who also defeated a candidate for United States

convention at Chicago, and became a member when the regular delegate could not serve. He wrote a free silver platform, and during a heated debate which lasted seven hours he swept the convention off its feet by a great oration, which won for him the nomination for president.

He was defeated, but was chosen the democratic candidate again in 1900. Again defeated, he did not seek the nomination in 1904. The democratic candidate that year was Alton D. Parker of New York, who so badly defeated that the nomination was again placed on his shoulders in 1908.

His influence in bringing about Wilson's nomination in 1912 brought about his appointment as secretary of state in Wilson's cabinet. He was unable to agree with Wilson on a foreign policy during the world war, and as a result he resigned June 1, 1915.

From that time he continued to be a strong influence in his party, being an outstanding figure in the last two democratic national conventions.

MONTESANO, Wash., July 25.—Fred Lomax, charged with first degree murder for the death of Elizabeth Crisp, was released on bonds of \$20,000 by Judge W. E. Campbell today.

\$1,000,000 Copper Concern At Baker About To Operate

Concern Backed By Baker And Spokane Capital Files Papers

BAKER, July 25.—Details of the organization of a new Baker copper company by Baker and Spokane capital were announced today by Nichols, Hallock & Donald, local law firm which completed the legal papers for the organization, to be forwarded to Salem Monday.

An authorized capitalization of \$1,000,000 covers 420 acres of property, which the company owns. The incorporators are: Robert Betts, Baker; W. John Semple, Baker, and E. F. Cartier, Vandessel. Of 13 stockholders 11 are from Spokane and two from Baker.

Mrs. Cunningham Is Given Life Sentence

Slayer Of 3 Children Must Go To Pen Jury Decides After Deliberation

CROWN POINT, Ind., July 25.—Mrs. Anna Cunningham, "poison widow" of Gary, Ind., crouched in her cell here tonight under sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of her 10 year old son Walter.

When the jury, after 24 hours deliberation, brought in its verdict of guilty and life sentence the black garbed woman dropped her worn Bible and broke into hysterical sobbing. The defense attorney filed an appeal and asked that a stay of sentence be granted until they could go before a higher court.

Judge Martin Smith granted a stay and the appeal will be filed within 30 days.

Mrs. Cunningham is charged with killing three of her children, although she was tried for Walter's death only. In a confession made shortly after her arrest, Mrs. Cunningham said she gave arsenic to the children so they could "join their father who died several years ago." Later she repudiated the document.

David Cunningham, 21, also poisoned shortly before his mother's arrest, three months ago, tonight reiterated belief in her innocence.

HENDERSON HAS FAIR SUCCESS IN OWENS VALLEY

Owens Men Have Difficulty In Getting Prices Asked Of L. A.

First communication from C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agricultural agent, who is in Owens Valley, California, interesting the ranchers of Bishop in the Klamath country, was received yesterday by Lynn Sabin, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

According to Henderson he has discussed the situation with more than 30 representative farmers and business men and all show a keen interest in the Klamath country. A large number of the ranchers are now negotiating with the city of Los Angeles and all state that they are planning to give the Klamath section a try before purchasing more land on the coast.

Henderson continues in his letter to discuss the manner in which the Owens Valley ranchers are handling the critical situation. The city seems, according to the agent, to be following the plan of buying all lands under a given ditch, which means that the buying of this land will be rather drawn out over a period of time.

The farmers under the different ditches have formed pools in order to deal collectively rather than individually with the city agents.

Will Take Time. The city of Los Angeles, according to Henderson, seems to object to the prices asked by the farmers as the result of the water fight in the valley. The present aqueduct will not carry all the water in the valley and another of equal capacity is necessary. This means that one half the valley will not be purchased at this time or until the city plans an additional aqueduct.

Future plans for the Owens Valley ranchers seem to be uncertain, said the agent in his letter, and practically all of the residents are willing to sell if they are able to obtain their price.

Henderson is endeavoring to get a meeting of all ranchers and farmers in the valley to be held at Bishop. The situation is more than favorable, according to Henderson, and he forecasts a number of future residents in the Klamath district from southern California.

"Planted Booze" Santry's Alibi After Discovery

"The Spring" Resort Owner Declares Whole Affair Was A Frame-Up

Declaring that his arrest was a "frameup" engineered by an unfriendly railroad officer, Eddie Santry, arrested on a charge of possessing liquor, was released on a cash bond of \$1,000 late yesterday afternoon. Santry's trial will be held August 10.

Santry will remain in Klamath Falls until Monday before returning to his store near Odell lake. He hopes to have his bail of \$1,000 changed to bonds for the same amount.

According to Santry's story, the raiding officers seized three bottles of mild ginger ale and substituted a more potent fluid to be presented in evidence.

His preliminary hearing was held before County Judge Bunnell late Saturday afternoon.

Local officers declare Santry is known to officers of both Klamath and Deschutes county as a "bootlegger king."

When arrested Santry had in his possession about \$1300, \$800 of which was in currency, the remainder in checks.

LIQUOR GRAFT IN ILLS. PROHI DEP'T IS MONUMENTAL

\$15,000,000 Graft Found To Exist Implicating Big Prohi Chiefs

CHICAGO, July 25.—A liquor conspiracy involving \$15,000,000 with ramifications that extended to the very topmost office of prohibition enforcement in Illinois, was exposed by the government today in the indictment of Major Percy Owen, director of prohibition enforcement for the state of Illinois.

Owen, with eight alleged confederates, was indicted by a federal grand jury with accepting bribes and being party to a conspiracy to extort money from dealers in sacramental wines.

By using the loophole that permits sale of sacramental wine for religious purposes the conspirators organized fictitious Jewish congregations and handled \$15,000,000 worth of wine in their names, the government charged.

Directors Suspended. Major Owen was automatically suspended as prohibition director with the returning of the indictments and will remain suspended pending his trial. The eight men indicted with Major Owen are: Ralph Stone, Owen's predecessor; George R. Bruce, former Illinois assemblyman; Dr. Louis Quabari, proprietor of a wine company; Morris Zimbroff, a sacramental wine dealer; Harry Schlaub, proprietor of a sanitarium; Albert Bennett, Louis Abelson and Bernard Rump, former prohibition agents.

The amazing conspiracy which netted the prohibition officers at least \$1,000,000 through bribes, was outlined by the government as follows:

Bennett and Rump, acting under advice from Stone, organized fake Jewish congregations. They obtained from Owen application blanks for the withdrawal of wine from government controlled warehouses. Fictitious names were signed to the applications by Bennett and Rump and they were taken to the prohibition office for official endorsement.

Gigantic Bribes. Major Owen placed his signature on wine permits and they were turned over to Abelson and Zimbroff, who acted as "go between." They called on wine dealers, showed them endorsed permits and told them it would be easy to use them and thus obtain wine for general use.

But there was a price on the permits. They were worth \$300 each, Abelson and Zimbroff told their prospects. Buyers were plentiful at that figure and the money was distributed between seven of the conspirators. The other two, Quabari and Schlaub, received their profits through sale of wine that they could not have disposed of had there been no fraudulent permits.

WAR DEP'T ASKS A LARGER ARMY

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The war department has challenged President Coolidge's economy program. It has informed Director of the Budget Lord that the cut in the next appropriation desired by the President is impossible without reducing the size of the army, which should be increased.

In submitting tentative estimates to Lord, the department has raised certain figures, where reductions were demanded.

Taking the position that the war department is thus spiking the president's program for economy and tax reduction, Lord is determined to force the army to take its share in financial retrenchment to prevent unfair pinching in other federal departments, it is said.

This conflict between the war department and budget bureau has reached such serious proportions that both sides will appeal to President Coolidge. In a similar fight last year, the president sided with Director Lord, but was won over by the last moment by the personal plea of his close friend, Secretary Weeks.

Certain budget officials claim there was a tacit understanding between Coolidge and Weeks then that the department would take its proportionate cut this year without objection.

With Weeks ill and his resignation anticipated, army officials fear their side of the argument may not get a full hearing at the summer white house.

Third Man Involved In Desert Duel Is Believed

IMPERIAL, Calif., July 25.—A report that a third man was involved in the desert "duel" of Henry K. Kirk former San Francisco orchestra leader, and John Truett, in which Kirk was killed, was branded as untrue tonight by Chief of Police J. H. Harris.

"We have carefully investigated the report, even made another trip to the place where the two men were supposed to have fought it out, and we have been unable to find any evidence to substantiate the rumor," Harris said.

Officials working on the case tonight continued their search for an Imperial county woman, who they believe, may be able to throw some light on the mystery. The woman, whose name was not revealed, is understood to have been on friendly terms with both Truett and Kirk.

After the alleged murder of Kirk, Truett committed suicide, according to the findings of a coroner's jury.

Chicago Bandits Get \$22,900 Last Night

CHICAGO, July 25.—Three bandits tonight held up Emil Denemark, owner of an automobile agency and "Laddie" Komorus a customer, and escaped with \$22,900 in diamonds, jewelry and cash. Neither of the victims was harmed.

VANDERBILT GIRL MARRIED IN POMP

NEWPORT, R. I., July 25.—A daughter of the Vanderbilts was married today in all the splendor, the wealth and social position of her family and presence of leaders of American society could furnish.

In the drawing room at the Bench Mound, overlooking Bailey's beach in this most fashionable of eastern resorts, Muriel Vanderbilt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt became the bride of Frederick Cameron Church, Jr., of Boston.

Roosevelt Highway In Tillamook County Will Be Finished At \$700,000

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 25.—The completion of the Roosevelt highway in Tillamook county was made certain today in a tentative agreement reached by the state highway commission and the county court. To finish the improvement in the county it is estimated that the cost will be \$700,000.

To provide this sum the state will contribute sixty per cent, and the county forty per cent. The county's share, \$280,000 or \$260,000 of the Mohler overhead crossing is included, will be paid in three installments, \$50,000 the first year, \$75,000 the second, and the balance the third year.

This arrangement makes provision for the completion of the entire highway with the exception of the gap between the north boundary of Coos county and Newport, for which no funds are in sight at present.

State Federation Of Labor Convention Is Urged Strongly Here

Local Union Workers Ask Aid Of Organizations Here To Land It

The state labor convention in 1926 will be held in Klamath Falls if efforts of the local central labor union are successful.

A resolution adopted by the Klamath Falls central labor union calls upon all lodges, orders, associations, clubs and the chamber of commerce in Klamath Falls to assist in securing the state convention here in 1926.

The resolution will be presented to the city council Monday evening. George J. McHenry, representing the Labor Press, the official magazine of the state federation of labor, is in Klamath Falls assisting the central labor union in its attempt to make Klamath Falls the convention city in 1926.

Advertise Klamath. The convention will be held in Marshfield this year on the 24th of August. E. F. Duffy of the central labor union, Charles McMullan of the culinary alliance and C. D. Long of the carpenters' union will advance the bid of Klamath Falls for next year's meeting at the Marshfield convention.

The local delegates will receive the backing of the Labor Press in their efforts to obtain the 1926 convention.

The Oregon Labor Press will give Klamath Falls a special publicity section in its big Labor day number now being prepared.

LAW VIOLATED

CHICAGO, July 25.—Writs were being dispatched tonight for 155 furniture manufacturing companies and individuals charged with violating the Sherman anti-trust laws. The defendants manufacture bedroom and dining room furniture.

25 Injured When Cyclone Hits Tent

SYDNEY, Ohio, July 25.—An audience estimated at 1,000 in a Chautauqua tent scurried to cover late this afternoon when a cyclone struck the city.

Between 20 and 25 persons were injured, one boy seriously, when the tent blew on top of them. The wind tore the roof off the Baltimore & Ohio station and the American Steel Scrapper company, doing damage estimated at between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

The wind tore down trees and telegraph and electric wires.

The storm struck the city at 4 o'clock. It was started by rain and the wind and hail was general throughout the city.

No serious damage was reported by other cities in this vicinity.

Squaw's Skull Is Probed By Newsom

"Cap" Healy, in charge of dredging operations for the dyke road to Weed, brought a human skull to Doc Newsom's office for examination late yesterday afternoon.

The skull was found by men on the dredging gang who thought it might be that of a white man secretly done away with.

Newsom, however, believed the skull was that of an Indian who died many years ago without benefit of clergy.

30 Families Flee As Big Oil Train Burns

HASKELL, Okla., July 25.—More than 30 families were forced to flee their homes today when a 40-car oil train plunged into the ditch and caught fire.

Flames from the exploding cars of gasoline threatened the whole residential district of Haskell.

COAL BLAST INJURES TRIO NEAR REDDING

REDDING, July 25.—Three miners were injured today in a coal mine on Clover Creek when a blast exploded prematurely. Ronald Shaw suffered a compound foot fracture while two other men were treated at a hospital and later released.

then became editor of the World-Herald, which continued to advocate free silver. Bryan was an alternate to the democratic national bell today.