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## SCHUYLEMANN LIBEL CASE ON TRIAL

Charged With Publishing an  
Advertisement Derogatory to  
United Wireless Company.

IN THE OREGON JOURNAL

John L. Schuylemann, the Defendant, Tells Some Interesting Facts About the Wireless Controversy—Says There Are Two Sides to Every Question.

The preliminary examination in the case of the State against John L. Schuylemann, charged by Fred A. Stewart, of the United Wireless Company with the crime of libel, is being heard this afternoon before Judge Webster. The libel is alleged to consist in the publication by the defendant of an advertisement in the Oregon Journal derogatory to the business of the United Wireless Company, and the case is attracting considerable attention. The state is being represented at the hearing by Deputy District Attorney Winslow, and the defendant is being represented by the law firm of Carson & Brown.

Schuylemann Talks.  
"There are two sides to this wire-

less controversy," said John L. Schuylemann, when interviewed with relation to his side of the case this morning by a representative of the Capital Journal, "and so far the public has been given the impression that I am the offender.

"Eastern financial magazines of unquestioned standing," he continued, "such as the United States Investor, of Boston, The Financial World, of New York and the Denver Times, of the West, have for months ridiculed the representations made by the United Wireless crowd, and have repeatedly raised their voice in warning to the investing public.

"In 1907 I was induced, upon representations made to me, to take up the sale of the United Wireless stock, and it was then selling at about \$10 a share. I was led to believe that the United Wireless owned 51 per cent of the English Marconi Company, and had an income from commercial business sufficient to pay 7 per cent supposed to be guaranteed on the preferred stock. I can produce a number of witnesses who will testify to similar representations made to us by George H. Parker, the principal promoter of this enterprise on the Pacific coast, besides letters and circulars, in which similar claims were made."

"In 1909, at the solicitation of several people who invested in United Wireless through me, I made a trip to New York, and found that things had been misrepresented to me. I was informed that the company was not even earning its operating expenses; that the consolidation with the English Marconi Company was a mere myth; that wireless instruments were sold to the United States government in competition with other companies, and that the United Wireless

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## AT LEAST 200,000 HOMES HAVE BEEN RENDERED UNINHABITABLE IN PARIS

Spectacle Afforded by the Spreading River is Even More Awful Inspiring than When Darkness Fell Last Night--The Loss Throughout France is Estimated at \$18,000,000.

Paris, Jan. 26.—The Chamber of Deputies this afternoon went into a special "calamity" session, following the receipt of reports which indicate that the city is face to face with a terrible catastrophe which it is feared will result during the night from the rising waters.

The towns of Nogent and Saint Maur are completely inundated.

The cabinet this evening estimates the loss throughout France from high water at \$180,000,000, with strong probability of it reaching \$250,000,000. The Seine, roaring in its fury, increased hourly by the great weight of water coming down on it from above Paris, tonight, threatens to tear all barriers, and send its floods sweeping through the great city.

The people are preparing to flee, and almost every citizen has collected those valuables for which he cares most, holding himself ready for any emergency.

The situation is one of such terror and anxiety as seldom has been known except in a city about to be sacked by an oncoming army.

With the flood of the rampant Seine rising rapidly and threatening dozens of villages above Paris, the military today were compelled to resort to actual cannonading in their battle with the oncoming waters, to save the little town of Lux from immediate destruction.

The dyke was bombarded and great holes torn in its structure with cannon balls to permit the swollen waters of the river to spread over the surrounding lowlands.

This expedient may have to be resorted to in order to save other towns similarly situated.

A new danger arose today from an unexpected quarter, when the encroaching water made its way toward the great gas plant in the Granale quarter of west Paris. Nearly the entire city uses the gas supply furnished by this plant for lighting and cooking.

Should the waters reach it the city will be almost without this form of fuel upon which the people depend for the preparation of their food and for light during the night as well as during many hours of the present dark days.

An enormous trunk sewer broke at Clichy today, setting loose a vast flood of vile sewage, which turned the national road into a filthy canal.

The entire trunk sewer system of the city is in grave danger of collapse.

The basement of the city hall this afternoon contained eight feet of water. Although men are working valiantly with pumps, the flood beneath the building is rapidly rising and much apprehension is felt for the safety of the walls.

The authorities declared today

that a further rise of two feet in the river will force the waters to the Pantheon in the Berley quarter of east Paris. This section contains many large wine warehouses, which already are deep in water.

The water stands five feet deep in the Hotel Continental.

The foreign office on the Quai d'Orsay is entirely surrounded by water, but is abandoned before the flood shut it in and no one was imprisoned there.

The flood will reach its highest point tomorrow morning, according to hydrometer estimates. It is then that the danger to the city will be the most critical.

At noon today the Seine at Pont Royal registered twenty-eight feet. This is nineteen feet and eight inches above the normal level.

The greatest danger will lie in the breaking of walls along the river. This great embankment in many places, already has crumbled before the rising waters.

The authorities who put forth their utmost efforts yesterday are at their wits ends today and are using every remaining emergency measure to prepare for the situation tomorrow.

With the entire garrison of Paris, and nearly the whole standing army of France at work, and with the officials engaging themselves, in all sorts of actual relief work, the people still face the worst day of peril since the floods began.

The tenseness of the situation may be understood when it is realized that any moment some bulwark may give way and send the roaring waters into the portions of the city where people still remain in their homes.

The constant immediate danger has kept the most of the men and women of Paris up day and night since Sunday, and the whole population now is working up to such a pitch of fear and nervousness that many are engaging in aimless pursuits such as are marked after a great disaster such as at the earthquake at Messina.

Thousands of volunteers who have manned relief bodies, have worked valiantly without rest day and night, in bringing stricken families to places of safety.

The gendarmes and the soldiers have forced those who shrunk back, to do their share and the emergency character of the work has placed the city under almost the same situation as if it were besieged by an army.

In some ways the attack of the furious waters is worse than that of an army, as the men of Paris are pitifully unable to cope with it, as they would be able to face a battle upon an equal footing with a force of invaders.

## SALOON DON'T HAVE SPECIAL ELECTION DAYS

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 26.—District Attorney Brownell, in a written opinion, holds that the saloons in Clatsop county cannot be compelled to close next Friday, when a special election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of establishing a port of Astoria.

In his opinion Brownell says: "The election to be held on next Friday is not an election of state, county or municipal officers, and therefore does not apply."

Presidential Nomination.

Washington, Jan. 26.—President Taft nominated Robert Elwell today as receiver of the public moneys at Olympia, Wash.

Emily H. Cunningham, aged 71 years, a respected citizen of Corvallis, died Monday morning.

## Y.M.C.A. MEN ATTEND A BANQUET

A fine hot lunch was served at noon, and about 100 Salem business men were present. Fred Smith was introduced in a felicitous manner by Chairman W. L. Staley, of the board of trustees. He expressed surprise at the large number out in the middle of a busy day. The men present could make Salem another Seattle. He had traveled 50,000 miles a year for the past ten years, and had never been in a railroad wreck. All had a responsibility for the Y. M. C. A. work. He spoke of the importance of

the silent influences. This was not a home for tramps or a gospel meeting. It was a scientific method of promoting religion. It was not confined to mere rescue work. The main thing proposed was to give young men better environment. He spoke of the importance of unity in politics and business. It was also coming in religion. Much of our denominationalism was cheap and petty affectation. The Y. M. C. A. was a unifying movement. It was the putting of the best personality of the best men in this community back of it to make it a success. Any man who would put his heart into some such work would live ten years longer. If the men here present would get behind this work it would screw up the morals of the young men of this town about ten per cent. His address was received with enthusiasm.

## REMOVING BODIES FROM SNOWSLIDE

Butte, Mont., Jan. 26.—The third body, that of an unidentified foreigner, was removed today from the mass of earth, snow, ice, boulders and trees that slid across the Great Northern Railway tracks near High Gate, in northern Montana, yesterday.

The slide is the greatest in the history of the road and working crews are endeavoring to clear the line to relieve tied up traffic. It was announced today by Great Northern officials that the track would be cleared this afternoon.

It is not known how many persons have been caught in the land slide but it is possible that the workers may come upon other bodies under the mass that remains to be cleared away.

## DRAWING CROWDED HOUSE

Ballinger-Pinchof Controversy  
Exciting Much Interest at  
National Capitol.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The actual probing of the famous Ballinger-Pinchof controversy began today, when L. R. Glavin, who was removed from the office of the field division of the land office by an order of President Taft, was called by the joint committee of congress to begin his testimony.

The great public interest was shown by the enormous crowd which thronged the committee room and all adjacent halls, anxious to hear a word of testimony or see the leading participants of the affair which has caused so much confusion in high places.

It is not expected that all the evidence can be obtained and the report submitted before the next congress. Scores of witnesses have been subpoenaed. After the taking of evidence will place in the record the most minute details of the manner in which the public lands has been made under the direction of Ballinger, and every phase of the famous Cunningham Alaskan coal cases, with a vast amount of detail regarding other cases, closed, proposed and pending.

In addition to the hearing of the evidence here, the committee will make a trip into the West next summer, and will go to Alaska, where they will actually investigate, first hand, the charges that the government is being defrauded of the most valuable coal deposits.

It is believed the investigation will progress slowly at first, as the committee evidently intends to go into the matter systematically, with the purpose of clearing up every phase under discussion before passing on to the next feature.

Attorney George Phepper, of Philadelphia, appeared as counsel for Gifford Pinchof, the removed chief forester, former Assistant Forester Price and former Law Officer Shaw, of the forestry service.

The public expects that Pinchof will appear in person and give evidence.

## THE PIERCE FAMILY AIRS TROUBLES

Unless Reconciliation Can Be  
Brought About Judge Threatens  
Judicial Spanking.

TOO MUCH MOTHER-IN-LAW

Wife. Accuses Mother-in-Law of  
Making Things so Tropical That  
She Cannot Live in the Same  
House With Her—Second Time  
Case Has Been in Court.

"Unless the parties to this case can arrange matters so that they can become reconciled I shall have to let this case go to issue and give them a judicial spanking," said Judge Galloway this morning in commenting on the case of Olive T. Pierce against her husband, LaRonda M. Pierce. The case was argued at length yesterday afternoon on a demurrer interposed to the complaint of the wife by the defendant husband and the judge delivered his remarks in rendering a decision in which he overruled the demurrer thereby allowing the husband the right to answer and bring the case to an issue.

Too Much Mother-in-Law.

The case has been in the court before and the cause of the domestic troubles of the parties according to the remarks of the judge this morning and the complaint filed by the parties seems to be the important part the mother of the husband is playing in the case in controlling the actions of the husband towards the wife. At some prior term of the court the husband brought suit of divorce against the wife and Judge Galloway then after investigating the case dismissed it and admonished the husband to not insist on having his wife reside with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Parish, but to take her to a home of his own even though it be but a tent. The husband, according to the complaint of the wife, who is now suing for divorce, seems to have paid but little heed to the advice of the Judge as the wife now says that her husband's mother is dominating him to such an extent that life with him is no longer bearable and asks for a dissolution of the marriage bond and her share of the property.

Scolded for Whispering.

The list of grievances alleged by the wife in her complaint is long and diverse in character. Her husband's mother, Mrs. Mattie Parish, she says is of an ungovernable temper and on one occasion her mother-in-law, she says, protested against her mother coming to visit her and also informed her that it cost too much to keep her—that is the wife—that she was a useless expense and took up the husband's time. Upon another occasion the mother-in-law rushed into the room after the husband and wife had returned from a buggy ride and humbly getting down on her knees before the wife, asked her if she might take a ride with her own horse and buggy; and on still another occasion she alleges while her husband was reading one evening, she whispered to him that she was tired and was going to retire and this so angered the mother-in-law that she scolded her and accused her of being ill-mannered. The husband evidently coincided with the mother-in-law in his views of the matter as the wife says that he wanted her to go and apologize to the mother-in-law for having whispered to him and it is because of these and many other things that she wants a legal separation and wants her share of the property which consists of a tailorshop in the city and some real property.

Mrs. Pierce is represented by Attorney McMahon and Mr. Pierce by attorneys Kaiser, Pogue and Hartzel.

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