

SCHOOL PROBE WILL CONTINUE

Dr. H. B. Learned Comes From California as Witness.

THURSTON HITS BOARD Asserts Wood Case Could Have Been Settled by Himself.

The Senate committee investigating District schools recessed yesterday until Tuesday, when Dr. Henry B. Learned, member of the school board, will be called as a witness, although Superintendent of Schools Thurston has not concluded his testimony.

There will be no meeting Monday because of the absence of Senators Walsh, Sherman and Dillingham.

The committee arranged to hear Dr. Learned Tuesday so that he might return to California to fulfill his lecture contract with the Leland Stanford University. He came across the continent in response to a telegram from Dr. Van Schaick to appear before the committee.

Superintendent Thurston told the committee yesterday that the Wood case need never have gone to the Board of Education but could have been settled by himself. The case came to the attention of a board member, Mr. Lerner, first, he said, and Dr. Learned requested him to investigate and report at the next meeting of the board. After taking it up with the board, said Thurston, he considered it out of his hands. The board could very properly have referred it back to the superintendent, he said, in answer to a question.

Subcommittee Criticized. Senator Walsh criticized the work of the subcommittee, composed of Thurston, Mrs. Gerry and Dr. Learned, which was appointed to investigate the Wood case, for not bringing in findings of fact instead of merely outlining the charges against Miss Wood.

Superintendent Thurston then took up the charges of Mrs. Cook that he had been timid and slow to act in the case of Miss Moten, principal of the Minor Normal School. He said the majority of the members on the school board wanted Miss Moten removed, and that he had received complaints from other sources.

After an exhaustive investigation, however, he reported to the school board against her removal.

"That session is what I consider the stormiest session of my career," he said. "Although charged with being a timid superintendent, I stood by my recommendations, although some of my friends intimidated it might cost me the place."

Miss Moten Praised. Thurston paid a high tribute to Miss Moten, saying she had been in the school system since 1882 and that, as principal of Minor Normal, a great deal of credit for what education the colored race in Washington has received should go to her because nearly all the colored teachers were taught under her.

Taking up the matter of allowing Assistant Superintendent Bruce to sit in the board meetings, Thurston said he had no objections to the two assistant superintendents attending the executive meetings, but thought, under the law, they were not entitled to a seat at the table with the board. In reply to a question, he said he thought the action of the board in granting this permission was occasioned through personal feeling.

Had Ordered System. Replying to charges made by Mrs. Cook that he had been slow in installing the plan system at the Mott School although one was established in a white school, Thurston asserted that he had ordered the installation of the system in the school, but that plan had not received the support of the colored parents or the assistant superintendent, and he hesitated to jeopardize the efficient working of the plan by forcing it against their objections. He said, however, the system will be installed at the beginning of the next school year.

ARREST OF MARIENS TO BE MADE SHORTLY

All arrangements for arrest of L. C. A. K. Mariens, "Soviet ambassador" to the United States, on a deportation warrant, have been completed by the Labor Department, officials said yesterday.

Mariens' counsel expected to accept service for him after Mariens is released from custody of the Senate Committee which is investigating radical propaganda.

The warrant for Mariens was originally issued by the Labor Department and then forwarded to the Justice Department. It has now been returned to the Labor Department.

SEEK WILD EYED MAN FOR DOUBLE MURDER

New York, March 27.—Police were still without definite clues today that might clear the mysterious murder of Dr. Vincent Campbell, who was found dead with an unidentified man in a Brooklyn rooming house. The physician had been stabbed to death. The unidentified man had met death by strangling.

Detectives sought a man, described as "a disheveled, wild-eyed Sicilian," who was seen near the scene of the murder on Thursday.

One suspect taken into custody was released today.

Plunge Through Flames Brings Sailor Citation

Joseph F. Morris, first-class machinist mate, U. S. N., has been cited by Secretary of the Navy Daniels for heroism displayed on January 12, when he waded through a sheet of flames on the U. S. S. Herbert and rescued a comrade after a gasoline explosion.

Charles Morath, chief machinist mate, was caught in the explosion of vapors in a tank and Morris, at the risk of his life, jumped in the tank and rescued him.

West Virginia Woman Chosen For G. O. P. Advisory Council



MRS. LIVIA SIMPSON POFFENBARGER.

Most influential woman of the State of West Virginia—that is the position of Mrs. Livia Simpson Poffenbarger, of Charleston, W. Va., recognized regardless of political preferences. Mrs. Poffenbarger's latest political step is her appointment as a member of the advisory council of the National Executive Committee of the Republican party. She has long been considered a most important leader in State Republican forces and frequently has been the "will of the troubled waters" in party faction disputes.

She was the first woman in the State named as a four-minute speaker during the war, and later she became chairman of the four-minute women. She toured the entire State, making speeches for the various Liberty loans, in her capacity as chairman of women of the State.

MINERS CONFER ON NEW SCALE WANTS VERDICT BY FULL BENCH

Union Leaders Hope to Reach Early Agreement With Operators. Representative Brand Urges Replacing of Disqualified Justices.

New York, March 27.—Coal miners of both bituminous and anthracite fields will confer with employers here next week in an effort to draw up new agreements covering wages and working conditions.

Mine operators and workers of the three anthracite districts of Pennsylvania have been in conference here since March 8, in an effort to effect a new contract. They meet again Tuesday.

The bituminous conference which will open on Monday will be between eight miners and eight operators of the four central districts, taking in the fields of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

LIBRARY EXHIBITS PICTURES OF BIRDS

An exhibition of paintings of birds in their natural colorings is being held at the Public Library.

Louisiana Leper Came to D. C. For Pension; Will Be Sent Back If Officials Find Way

Because of the high cost of living Willard Centlivre, 21 years old, fugitive from the Louisiana leper home, may not remain in Washington, where he was "recommended" to ship lepers out of the District.

Dr. Fowler spent yesterday burrowing among law books and consulting with officials of the Public Health Department in an effort to find legal authority for sending Centlivre back to Louisiana.

PALM SUNDAY RITES TODAY

The Services at Catholic Churches Will Begin Holy Week Observance.

Franciscan Monastery at Brookland to Conduct Realistic Services.

Beginning with the observance of Palm Sunday today, special services commemorative of the sacred events of Holy Week will be held in all Catholic churches in the city, culminating in the celebration of Easter next Sunday.

The Catholic Church considers Easter as beginning on Holy Saturday, rather than on Easter Sunday. Accordingly, the services on Easter Sunday are of less significance from a religious standpoint than those of the preceding day.

The only distinctive features of the services Easter Sunday will be in the music and the decorations of the altars.

The most complete and realistic observance of Holy Week in Washington will take place at the Franciscan Monastery at Brookland station.

Other services will be held according to the following program: Holy Thursday—Ceremony of the mandatum, or the washing of feet; 8 p. m., the hold hour. From the end of the mass until 9 a. m. Friday there will be continuous prayer in the office of the blessed sacrament at the repository of the holy sepulchre.

Good Friday—Singing of passion, veneration of the cross, mass of the presanctified; the way of the cross (contabernation); 3 p. m., solemn benediction.

Holy Saturday—5 a. m., blessing of the new fire and the Easter candle, singing of the prophecies; 8 p. m., the resurrection service. Easter Sunday—6, 7 and 8 a. m., mass and communion in the holy sepulchre; 3:30 p. m., solemn benediction.

SOLDIER DEAD FUNDS ASKED

Baker Requests \$21,549,000 More to Complete Removal of Bodies.

About 50,000 bodies of American soldiers who died in France will be returned to this country, Secretary of War Baker estimated yesterday.

In his communication submitting the estimate, Secretary Baker said: "It is estimated that about 50,000 bodies will be returned to the United States, and that this will involve an expense of approximately \$500 per body."

"To which should be added the segregation of the remains of 25,000 bodies in permanent American cemeteries in France, involving approximately \$200 per body."

TWO FIRES DAMAGE LINER PHILADELPHIA

London, March 27.—Two attempts to destroy the American line steamship Philadelphia by fire today are believed to have been the work of plotters among the crew.

The fact that the steamship New York, of the same line, was recently damaged by mysterious fires has convinced officials of the line of the existence of an incendiary plot.

Purse Stolen from Garage Can. Mortimer L. Price, 501 K street northwest, a dealer in old paper and rags, laid his pocketbook, containing checks and bills amounting to \$12, on a garbage can in the rear of 1412 Chestnut street northwest yesterday afternoon. Price left to make change. When he returned the pocketbook was gone.

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