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WAR-TIME FRAUDS CHARGED TO HONOR MEN

ATHLETES OF WEST FINISH YEAR VICTORS

Review of Sports Shows Pacific Coast Men Are Superior To Easterners In Most Departments.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Western athletes were supreme in various branches of sports during the year just closing. In football, boxing, track and field, wrestling, tennis, automobile racing and baseball the men from the far west continued high up among the leaders, several of them holding championships.

Probably the west's best known athlete is Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxing champion. Colorado-born and Utah-bred Dempsey now resides in Los Angeles. Although he did little this year in the ring, it was only because a capable opponent could not be found.

World honors also came to the west in wrestling when Ed ("Strangler") Lewis of San Jose, Cal., won the heavyweight title from Stanislaus Zbyszko to whom he had lost it earlier. Lewis formerly was a resident of Kentucky

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FRENCH ASSERT GERMANY SEEKS TO AVOID PAYING

Paris, Dec. 30.—France has made an intensive study of the reparations question for the last four years and is convinced that Germany does not want to restore her financial stability if such a step means payment in full of a reasonable war indemnity. Such is the authoritative though unofficial comment on the speech of the American secretary of state at New Haven last night.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Disclosure by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven speech last night of the belief of the Washington government that an international commission of financiers, including Americans might well be called in to recommend a method of settlement for the reparations crisis, apparently leaves the next move in the hands of the allied premiers.

The American suggestion, Mr. Hughes specified, was offered as an alternative in the event that the premiers at their Paris meeting next Tuesday fail to find a basis for adjustment of their views "among themselves."

LOCAL GARDSMEN TO GET GARRISON CAPS

Members of Salem company F, Oregon national guard, will soon be wearing the new garrison caps, which are to be issued by the war department.

Another step towards unifying the uniforms of national guards is indicated in the order recently issued by George A. White, adjutant general, calling upon all unit commanders to send in requisitions for the new garrison caps, authorized to be distributed free to national guard troops. The order was just recently received from the war department by General White.

It is thought that the supply for the 90 members of Salem company F will arrive within ten days or two weks. The cap is made of olive drab cloth, with a brown leather visor, with the United States coat of arms on a round disc, placed in the front center of the cap.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON IS OFF

There will be no luncheon Monday noon at the Chamber of Commerce. The next luncheon will be Monday noon, January 8. Robert Duncan, secretary, says that for the January 8 luncheon, the speakers will be F. N. Clarke and E. A. Clarke,

Mellon Urges Passage of Capper Rural Credit Legislation by Senate

Washington, Dec. 30.—(By Associated Press) — Enactment of the Capper rural credits bill together with legislation extending the powers of the war finance corporation for nine months, rather than the Lenroot bill which heretofore has borne the administration stamp was urged by Secretary Mellon today before the senate banking commission.

SAYS SHERIFF STOLE BOOZE

Iowa Officer And [illegible] Accused of Purloi[illegible] Confiscated Liq[illegible] Worth $30,000.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. [illegible] Warrants were issued today [illegible] the arrest of Winfred E. [illegible] Polk county sheriff until J[illegible]ary 1, and his brother, Deputy Sheriff George Robb, in connection with the theft of $30,000 worth of liquor from the Polk county jail liquor room last Wednesday night. Both are in custody.

The charges against Sheriff Robb were filed by William McMurray, Polk county jailer, after McMurray had been locked out of his own jail under the sheriff's orders and after McMurray's son had been arrested by orders of Assistant County Attorney Seeburger for alleged complicity in the liquor theft.

McMurray charged that on August 8 Sheriff Robb sold more than 7 quarts of whiskey to L. S. Hill, proprietor of the American Printing and Lithographing company and prominent democratic politician.

"Its an atrocious lie," said Hill.

He admitted, however, that he had tried to obtain liquor from the sheriff's office, but he declared he had been unsuccessful.

Mr. Hill declared he knew no reason why Jailer McMurray should name him in connection with such a liquor transaction.

TOOZE MAY GET LAND OFFICE JOB

Walter L. Tooze, Sr., after reading the morning dispatches from Washington, D. C., in which it is stated that he is slated for the job of register of the land office at Portland, says that it is evident the two United States senators are about to recognize his nine years of service to the Republican party.

While Mr. Tooze knew nothing of his proposed appointment as register of the land office, he says he has had the assurance of both senators that his party services for the past 35 years would be recognized.

Alex Sweek, whose term of register of the land office will expire next August, is an old time friend of Mr. Tooze. In fact, it was 40 years ago when Mr. Tooze was teaching school at Tualatin that he boarded with the parents of Mr. Sweek.

FORMER RESIDENT OF WACONDA IS CALLED

Word was received here today of the death of Mrs. Mary Bassett, 65, former Brooks and Waconda resident, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Hulse at Halfway, Oregon, December 19. Mrs. Bassett was born in Brooks, located about nine miles north of Salem near the Pacific highway on March 1, 1857. On January 24, 1880, she was married to Cyril Bassett. Mr. Bassett died in 1916. There survive three daughters, Mrs. Joe Hunsaker, Mrs. John Buchanan and Mrs. L. C. Hulse, all of Halfway; four sons, John, Henry, Arthur and Albert Bassett, also of Halway; also three brothers and one sister, Alex LaFlemme, living in Montana, Joseph LaFlemme of Portland, George LaFlemme of Newberg and Josephine Shepard of Waconda.

BILL MINUS BORAH RIDER IS APPROVED

Naval Appropriation Measure Carrying Sum Of $125,000,000 Goes Through Senate.

Washington, Dec. 30. — The $125,000,000 naval appropriation bill was passed late today by the senate.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, did not offer his amendment for a world economic conference and the senate did not discuss nor change the house provision requesting the president to negotiate for a further naval limitation agreement.

Y. M. OPEN HOUSE ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED

Everything is in readiness for the big annual New Year's open house at the Y. M. C. A., according to C. A. Kells, secretary. Throughout the entire afternoon and evening a program of interest will be in progress. The attendance of the total day last year, estimated at 2000, is expected to be broken.

One of the very special attractions of the program for those that enjoy watching an athlete perform will be the tumbling and high bar exhibition given by "Duggie" Douglas Burroughs, former Salem high school student and now champion all-around O. A. C. athlete.

The complete program is as follows:

10:30 a. m.—Boys' hare and hound paper chase.

2:30 p. m.—Music and reception in the lobby.

2:45 p. m.—Mass games and drills by boys in gymnasium.

3:45 p. m.—Two basketball games between Y. M. C. A. club teams.

4:15 p. m.—Swimming exhibition by women of the Y. W. C. A. under the direction of Mrs. David Wright.

5:15 p. m.—Music and songs in the lobby.

7:00 p. m.—Volley ball game between the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

7:30 p. m.—Wrestling exhibition by Chemawa Indian school wrestling team. High bar and tumbling exhibition by Douglas Burrows.

8:15 p. m.—Basketball game between Commercial league teams.

9:15 p. m.—Men's swimming meet.

9:30 p. m.—Literary and musical program in lobby.

Continuous refreshments will be served by the women's auxiliary of which Mrs. J. B. Littler is president.

HUNDREDS EXPECTED TO SEE ELK SHOW SUNDAY

A packed house is expected to greet the Elk's New Year's show to be given at the Grand theater tomorrow night. Indications are that the midnight matinee will prove unusually popular.

At 10:30 the doors will be thrown open and the overture will be held a few minutes later. Following the 11 o'clock ceremonial eight acts of Vaudeville will be shown.

Art Wallace, Paul Stege and I. R. Smith comprise the Elks' committee in charge of the show.

MANY EDUCATORS ARE HERE

County superintendents from all over Oregon are meeting in Salem today for their annual conference at the call of J. A. Churchill state superintendent of public instruction. It is expected that all of the superintendents will be here by Tuesday when the business of the annual session will be taken up. Grading of examination papers is also an incident to the annual gathering of the superintendents here.

Nation's Finances In Good Shape at Close Of Year, Bankers Say

New York, Dec. 30.—(Yearly Financial Review by the Associated Press.)—Stock and bond prices generally close the year at materially higher levels, which is not only a reflection of the marked improvement that has taken place in business and industry during the last 12 months but also is construed by conservative New York banking interests as an indication of still further progress in the coming year.

The year closes with conditions favorable for a further increase of commodity and security prices, in the opinion of the financial community. Unfavorable and unsuspected developments in the political and economic situation abroad are generally considered as the only probable obstacles to arrest the improvement in the business and financial world, which began in the summer of 1921 and has continued, with few temporary interruptions, until the present time.

Improvement Forseen.

The prediction of further business prosperity is based on several well known facts. Foremost among these is the easiness of the money market and the huge sums available for commercial credit. In addition, most stocks of merchandise are low, railroad traffic is close to record levels, exports are increasing, the principal exchanges are heading back to par and the European economic situation shows signs of improvement.

Exports are increasing and unfilled orders for railroad equipment are the largest in years. Other favorable signs are seen in the

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POLICEMAN AND THUG KILLED IN RUNNING BATTLE

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A policeman was killed and one of three men who accosted and fired upon a party of high school students, slightly wounding a girl, was fatally shot here early today in the ensuing pistol fight with police.

The high school students were returning home from a dance. One of the trio was said to have accosted Minnie Finkelstein, 17, the wounded girl, who resented his remarks. The man's two companions joined him and he then was reported to have begun firing.

William J. O'Malley, probationary policeman, was shot as he gave chase to the men. A companion shot one of the running men. At the hospital the man said he was John Reeves of Harvey, Ill. He died in the hospital.

BANDITS SECURE TWO PAY ROLLS

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Armed bandits today held up the paymaster of the Perry Cap & Screw company and escaped with the $20,000 weekly payroll. The paymaster, just returned from a bank with the money heavily guarded by an armed escort, was caught off his guard by the sudden raid.

A second payroll robbery was staged half an hour after the Perry company holdup when two robbers halted an automobile carrying the Buick Automobile company paymaster and a clerk, threw the two men out and escaped with a $7000 payroll.

RUSH FOR LICENSES IS ON

The eleventh hour rush for motor license plates of the vintage of 1923 is on at the state house today. Belated applicants for the new blue and white tags have been standing in line in the office of Secretary of State Kozer all day, hundreds of licenses being issued over the counter in addition to the usual daily grist that goes through the mails. Based on estmates at noon today fully half of the more than 135,000 motor vehicles now in the state will be without hte new tags when the new year opens.

Suits Against Federal Government for Liquor Edict Cannot Be Tried

Washington, Dec. 30.—The federal government in a brief filed in the supreme court today held that the appeals of the foreign steamship lines against the recent prohibition decision of Judge Hand at New York had failed to show that the United States had consented to be sued and that the cases could not therefore be prosecuted.

'WALT MASON' OF OREGON IS SALEM GUEST YESTERDAY

Bob Pressey of Bandon, one of those rare imitators of the Walt Mason type of verse whose work favorably compares with Mr. Mason's jingles, was a visitor in Salem yesterday. Mr. Pressey's rhymes, done in prose form, are published exclusively in weekly newspapers of the United States. They are now read in every state in the union.

Writing verse, however, is more or less of a sideline with Mr. Pressey, who is the owner of the Dew Valley dairy, near Bandon, where he raises purebred Guernsey cattle. He is generously proportioned and a dairyman of considerable ability.

For years Mr. Pressey has been a correspondent for Western World and other journals and has always been drawn by newspaper offices.

Recently, he said yesterday, he has found it necessary to devote a large part of his time to verse writing.

Mr. Pressey is about 35 years of age. After spending a short time visiting newspapermen in Salem, Mr. Pressey left for Corvallis where he will spend a short time.

YODER FAILS TO MAKE BANK PAY

Judgment was given in favor of the State Bank of Hubbard in the suit of Amos Yoder against the bank, in which Yoder asked that the bank pay him the sum of $1615, dce to the fact that the bank endorsed and cashed a check payable to Amos Yoder, the bank acting under the instructions of a brother of Yoder.

The court held that Yoder in accepting part of the money paid for a farm sold by his brother, had ratified his brother's act when the bank was instructed to endorse a check payable to Amos Yoder in payment for the sale of a farm. The court also held that the act of the bank was ratified when Amos Yoder instituted suit against the bank.

The dispute arose from the fact that Amos Yoder, living in Montana, had authorized his brother, N. J. Yoder, to sell his farm near Hubbard for not less than $3400. The farm was sold for $4500 and a check in payment for the farm, payable to Amos Yoder, was forwarded to N. J. Yoder . In order that a mortgage against the farm might be paid off and the deal closed, the brother, N. J. Yoder, authorized the bank to endorse the name of Amos Yoder on the check. It had formerly been agreed between the brother that N. J. Yoder should close the deal.

The sale was closed in March of 1921, and no action was taken by Amos Yoder until June of 1922.

WARM RAINS ARE FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 30.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: Pacific states — Occasional rains; temperatures near normal.

TURKS SEND TROOPS INTO OIL DISTRICT

Force of 6000 Dispatched Toward Rich Mosul Area, Over Which Envoys Wrangle.

Athens, Dec. 30.—The Turks are sending reinforcements in the direction of Mosul, the rich oil district, the ownership of which is in dispute at the Lausanne conference, according to advices to the Central News from a reliable source.

A division of 6000 Turkish troops, it is stated, has already left Van for Mosul.

Armenian Home Planned

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—(By Associated Press)—Plans for an Armenian national home, financed by a possible $20,000,000 appropriation by the United States congress or a popular loan in America in addition to funds from other countries were presented to the Near East conference today by the American delegation.

Slow Progress Made

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—(By Associated Press)—The Lausanne conference completes its sixth week today with a solution of the Near Eastern question still in the making and with the allied and Turkish delegations still at odds over the important issues.

As Ismet Pasha and his associates awaited further instructions gora, it seemed certain that a settlement of even one of the troublesome problems on the agenda could not take place this year.

Action by the allies on the Armenian plea for a national home in Turkey was expected today.

DEATH SUMMONS SALEM PIONEER

Mrs. Lily L. Folkes, a pioneer of Salem, born here 67 years and 11 months ago and residing here continuously, died yesterday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. Lindsay, who lives on the Fairgrounds road. Mrs. Folkes was apparently in good health in the afternoon as she came down town to attend a funeral of a friend. There survive besides the daughter a son, Henry S. Folkes of Salem and two sisters, both residents of Red Bluff, California.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning, January 1, at 10 o'clock from the Webb & Clough chapel. Concluding services will be held at the City View cemetery.

BOOZE FOUND ON ARMY TRANSPORT

Honolulu, Dec. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Prohibition enforcement agents and customs officials today seized 132 bottles of liquor abroad the United States army transport Meigs, which has just arrived from Japan. Custom officers said two of the ship's officers would be examined in connection with the seizure.

ACCIDENT FATAL TO BOY

Everett, Wash., Dec. 30.—Alfred Oveson, aged 20, of Everett was fatally injured here yesterday afternoon, dying late in the day, when he struck an automobile driven by Mrs. Sam Gulick of Seattle. Oveson was riding a motorcycle and is said to have attempted to pass another car when he struck the Seattle woman's machine. A companion on the motorcycle escaped injury.

Licensed to Wed.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Albert D. Couchman of Camas, Washington, a logger, and Sybyl Alice Bryngelson, of 252 N. Cottage street, Salem.

Restaurant Men Want Solons to Eat Down Town

Local restaurant men who are protesting the operation of a restaurant in the capitol building during legislative session have asked for a conference with Secretary of State Kozer for this afternoon when the matter will be threshed out.

The restaurant which was first operated during the session of 1921 was authorized by a senate concurrent resolution passed by the session of 1919 partly as a protest against prices charged by down town eating houses and partly as a convenience to the legislators who object to trudging through the rain for the six or eight blocks necessary to reach the business section in order to get a bite to eat for lunch. It is handled the same as other concessions permitted in the capitol building for the convenience of the legislators and their small army of assistants and involves no expense to the state.

The restaurant will occupy space in the basement of the state house and the concession has already been granted to Levy Balmer and Johnny Jones, both Salem men.

POLYGAMIST GIVEN YEAR

Man Married to Two Up Before Circuit Judge; Others Are Arraigned; Crow Says Not Guilty.

One year behind the walls of the Oregon penitentiary was the sentence imposed upon Louis Hollweg, indicted by the Marion county grand jury on a charge of polygamy, when he pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Percy Kelly this morning.

Hollweg, according to the indictment, married one Mary Black while yet the husband of Gertrude Hollweg. He will be "dressed in" at the penitentiary immediately.

Three others were arraigned before Judge Kelly this morning. Lewis Mathews, charged with larceny at the home of Mrs. Paul Bardley at Silverton, pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced next Saturday.

M. N. Crow of Salem, accused of assaulting with an dangerous weapon Roy Rowland, a Salem taxi driver, was arraigned but elected to enter his plea next Tuesday.

A plea of not guilty was entered by William P. Clemens, charged with forgery. His trial, it was announced, will be held next Saturday.

Eleven other men, against whom true bills were returned by the grand jury yesterday, but yet to be arraigned. They are Sam Witty, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses; Alfred H. Berg, charged with unlawfully connecting pipe to a gas main; William L. Bryant, charged with indecent exposure; Paul Schindler, charged wtih wanton damage to milk; Martin Dietrick, charged with rape; James W. Rozell, charged with larceny; Wayne Dimmick and Ernest Crabtree, charged with assault and robbery; Fred Bartow, charged with burglary; B. A. Cain on a charge of forgery; and Clarence Clement, charged with larceny.

2 FINED ON BOOZE CHARGES

Two men paid fines assessed yesterday by Police Judge Earl Race. They were accused of violating the prohibition laws.

Luther Bartlett, charged with being intoxicated and with possessing liquor, was fined $25.

T. Weaver, accused of being intoxicated, was fined $10.

Both men were arrested by the police Thursday night.

PHONE WORKERS TO GATHER

Employes of the telephone company will meet this evening in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. These meetings are held monthly and are devoted to lectures and discussions of special interest to employes, and of value to them in improving the service of the company.

TRACE GRAFT TO $1 A YEAR EMPLOYEES

Former Assistant Secretary Of War Is Also Indicted For Alleged Irregularities.

Washington, Dec. 30. — (By Associated Press)—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under the Wilson administration, and six "dollar a year" men associated with the council of national defense, were indicted here today by the special grand jury investigating war frauds on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war time army camps and cantonments.

The others indicted are: William A. Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemens W. Lundoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons, Jas. A. Mears.

Conspiracy Charged

The indictment charges a conspiracy to maladminister existing laws and regulations; to control the giving of contracts to friends, associates and clients under the "cost plus" which it is charged resulted in a loss to the government of millions of dollars and reduced the morale of labor.

The indictments are the first big salvo in Attorney General Daugherty's attack on many war time contracts which the department of justice holds after exhaustive investigation to be fraudulent. Others are expected to follow, and it is estimated that the amounts involved when the attorney general's full program is under way will run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

Charge 47 Overt Acts

Today's indictments came as the result of consideration by the grand jury of a mass of evidence which the attorney general has been gathering for 18 months. It was presented by former Representative McCulloch of Ohio, now a special assistant attorney general.

The indictments, charging 47 overt acts and applying to all named alike, charge that contractors, their agents, engineers, architects, and officers of the government entered a conspiracy to set up a system profitable to the contractors and prejudicial to the government and to control the giving of contracts to friends, associates and clients, past and prospective.

Penalties Heavy

It is further charged that during 1917 and 1918 the alleged conspirators held daily meetings to play and carry out the details of the alleged conspiracy and even secured the removal of other officers of the government who hindered the carrying out of the plans.

Specifically, those indicted are charged with violation of section 37 of the United States penal code which provides a fine of $10,000 or two years imprisonment or both; of various other sections of the revised statutes; of certain army regulations and sections of the army appropriation bills of 1916 and 1917.

One of the many charges contained in the indictment is that after the end of the war—Armistice day, November 11, 1918—the defendants obligated the government for $80,000,000 more new cantonment construction work, of which every thing over $11,000,000 was on the cost plus basis.

ASKS FOR FORECLOSURE

Harriet L. Scobee has brought suit against Carl Abrams and J. R. Hendricks in the Marion county circuit court for the fore closure of a mortgage, given as security for the payment of a note for $2000 dated March 17, 1920, and payable in three years.

The plaintiff alleges that the interest on the note due Sept. 17, 1922, amounting to $70 remains unpaid, and that according to the terms of the mortgage, the entire amount is now due.

The property mortgaged and on which the plaintiff asks foreclosure is located on Cottage street.