

Wheeler to Ask That Blair Coan Appear at Trial

Failure to Summon Former Republican Committee Employee Called Attempt to Hide Political Aspects.

By The Associated Press. Great Falls, Mont., April 12.—Reports that the government would subpoena Blair Coan, formerly an employee of the republican national committee, to testify against Senator Burton K. Wheeler in his trial here next week caused the Montana senator to announce tonight that he would recommend that Coan be summoned as a deverse witness.

Although District Attorney John L. Slatery and Special Assistant Attorney General R. P. Stewart, Wheeler's prosecutors, could not confirm the report that they could not call Coan, they admitted that he had not yet been subpoenaed as a government witness.

Branding the apparent failure of the prosecution to call the former republican committee employe as an attempt to conceal the political aspects of the case, Senator Wheeler said he would recommend to Senator Thomas J. Walsh, his chief counsel, that Coan be required to testify in the trial.

"Since the matter rests entirely with Senator Walsh, I will not positively say that Coan will be summoned," said Senator Wheeler, "but I shall ask that this be done."

Coan testified before the senate committee which investigated the indictment of Senator Wheeler that he was sent here by George B. Lockwood, of the republican national committee, to investigate Wheeler and "another senator" with the view of obtaining publicity material for the republican campaign. Coan was in Great Falls when the grand jury that indicted Wheeler was in session.

Senator Wheeler declared that Coan's references to a meeting in Great Falls hotel between Wheeler, Gordon Campbell, Montana oil promoter, and Clyde Glosser, Campbell's secretary, are wanted by the defense as a part of the case. Glosser is said to have declared that in the hotel meeting Wheeler asserted that Campbell's oil prospecting lease application before the Department of the Interior "would be taken care of."

The whereabouts of Coan are unknown.

Senator Wheeler was indicted for accepting money from Campbell in appearing before the Department of the Interior in connection with the latter's applications for oil and gas prospecting leases in northern Montana. It is alleged that Wheeler did this after being elected to the senate. It is a violation of the federal statutes for a member of congress to accept fees for appearing for a client before a government department.

PHONE OPERATORS GET HERO MEDALS

Lincoln, April 11.—Miss Marjorie Twiss, chief operator and manager of the telephone exchange at the town of Louisville, and her assistant, Miss Lydia Gutsch, were the guests of honor Friday evening at a banquet in Louisville, at the conclusion of which they were presented with bronze medals and citations for heroic conduct in helping save the lives of residents of the town during a flood on the night of September 23, 1924.

COTTON REPORTS MEET DISFAVOR

New Orleans, La., April 11.—The American Cotton Manufacturers Association today adopted resolutions asking that the bureau of crop reports be discontinued during June, July and August the semi-monthly cotton crop forecast on the ground that such reports disorganize the stability of values and react unfavorably on the textile industry.

The resolution, one of many adopted at the closing session of the association's annual convention here, said the summer semi-monthly reports which were inaugurated last year in compliance with an act of congress, furnish forecasts of production that are not reliable enough for legitimate trade and are used largely for speculative purposes.

2ND ELECTION TO END CONTROVERSY

A second election of school trustees of McClelland, Ia., will be held April 27, as the result of a contest over the election held on March 9, it was decided Friday at a hearing on the controversy.

SCIENTIFIC PARTY IS REPORTED SAFE

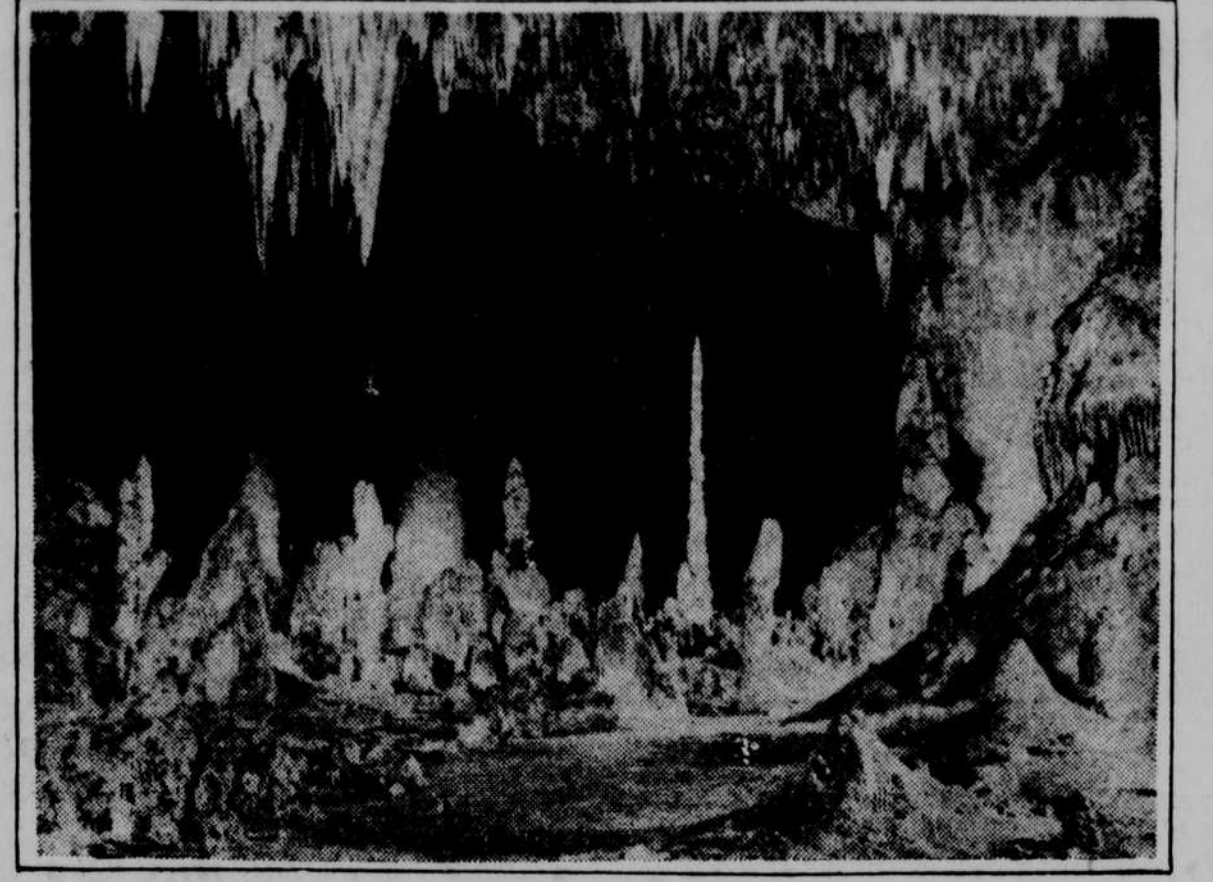
Washington, April 11.—The steamer Arcturus, bearing a party of distinguished American scientists in search of the mysterious "Humboldt current," is safe in the South Pacific ocean, according to a radiogram received here tonight by the naval intelligence bureau.

The vessel was located by the navy department off the Galapagos Island, Ecuador, after relatives of the scientists appealed for aid.

Visitors Pencil Easter Finery Parade

Los Angeles, April 11.—More than 5,000 southern Californians gathered here today to attend a picnic given by the state societies of New York, Washington, Rhode Island and Connecticut. This afternoon picnic was also held by members of the South Bend, Ind., and St. Joseph county, Indiana, organizations.

U. S. Cavern 600,000 Years Old, Scientists Say



Geologists estimate that the recently explored Carlsbad cavern in New Mexico is between 500,000 and 600,000 years old. A flashlight photo shows the beauty of the stalactites—nature's totem poles—in one massive chamber of the subterranean wonderland, now being called the most wonderful cavern in the world.

Chapman Plans for Legal Battle

Appeal Papers to Be Filed Tuesday Will Allege That Exhibits Unjustly Entered.

New York, April 11.—Gerald Chapman is not going to the gallows without the bitterest sort of fight. The condemned criminal's three attorneys, Frederick J. Groehl of New York, Nathan O. Freedman of Hartford, and Charles W. Murphy of Danbury met in the New York office of the former yesterday and decided to exhaust every legal expedient before they permit the black hood to be drawn over Chapman's face at one minute after midnight the night of June 24-25 next.

Freedman came to New York almost directly from the solitary cell of the inmate in Wethersfield prison, near Hartford, and he bore this message from Chapman:

"We've got a chance. Let's make the most of it. If you fellows keep your nerve we shall be able to convince the court of appeals I never killed that poor cop and I didn't get a fair trial."

Mr. Groehl told the Universal Service that appeal papers would be filed on Tuesday with the supreme court of appeals of Connecticut. The appeal papers will set forth as a basis of a request for a new trial exceptions taken to the conduct of the trial and admission of evidence alleged to have been prejudicial to the defense by Superior Court Judge Newell Jennings.

It will be charged that State Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn, in his eagerness to convict Chapman, illegally introduced such exhibits as shotguns, electric drills, revolvers, two bottles of nitro-glycerin and other paraphernalia of safe blowers, stickup men and burglars, and thereby created such an atmosphere that Chapman, the "criminal trade mark" of Chapman, alleged murderer of Police-Master Siskely, was on trial.

After filing of the appeal papers events will move swiftly. Within a fortnight the court of appeals will set a date for argument. This will probably come in May.

A decision will be rendered—probably in May also. A noted Connecticut lawyer may be retained to argue the appeal.

AMERICANS FIND ANCIENT CONDUITS

Washington, April 11.—Conduits which supplied the fountain of Glaucus, erected to the wife of Jason, the Argonaut, in ancient Corinth, have been rediscovered by an American expedition party.

Several pieces of stannary and pottery in excellent condition also have been unearthed, the Hellenic information service announced today, while more important finds are expected from the operations of a second party at work "at the site of the Argive Heraeum, near Mycenae in Argolis."

Both expeditions were financed by a gift from the estate of the late J. C. Hoppin of Boston.

Spruce From Canada for English Planes

Vancouver, B. C., April 11.—England renewed activity in building airplanes has resulted in the placing of the largest order for spruce from British Columbia for the construction of planes since the world war.

It was announced here. The contract placed by Vickers, Ltd., English airplane manufacturers, with a local lumber company, calls for the delivery of 2,000,000 feet of spruce during 1925.

The spruce will be logged on the Queen Charlotte Islands, off the coast of British Columbia, and milled in Vancouver.

American Families Show Big Increase

Detroit, Mich., April 11.—American families in moderate circumstances are shrinking rapidly in size compared with those of their immediate forebears, according to A. W. Frye, supreme commander of the Maccabees in an address here.

Snowstorm Blights Easter Finery Parade

Ogdensburg, N. Y., April 11.—A snowstorm, sweeping across the St. Lawrence river on the wings of a chilling northwester, tonight blasted the hopes of owners of new Easter finery that they would be able to display it in the annual Easter parade here tomorrow. A white blanket covered the ground tonight.

"AK" WORKERS TO HOLD RALLY

Majors, captains and workers in the ranks of Ak-Sar-Ben will meet for a big rally at Hotel Fontenelle Tuesday evening at 6:30.

Workers who will be present should notify Samson in the Ak-Sar-Ben office at the courthouse, so that places will be saved for them.

A good meal has been planned. W. F. Gurley will speak. The Kiwanis quartet will sing.

5 Naval Officers Face Rum Charges

Wilbur Approves Court Martial Order After Liquor Is Found on Ship.

By Universal Service. Washington, April 11.—Charges against the captain and five other officers of the navy transport Beaufort, in connection with the discovery by the captain of the yard at Norfolk, Va., of a quantity of liquor on board, have been approved by Secretary Wilbur, it was announced today.

The officers who face court-martial, most of them, are Commander D. W. Fuller, commander of the Beaufort; Lieut. (junior grade) R. D. Hill, Lieut. F. M. Rohow, medical corps; Lieut. C. W. Baker, supply corps; Machinist E. M. Hendricks and Chief Pay Clerk J. P. Gallagher.

The liquor was discovered in a raid on the vessel which it docked at Hampton Roads, Va., on February 2, following a cruise in the Caribbean. The case was investigated by a special board of inquiry, on whose report to the secretary the charges are based. Commander Fuller will be accused of negligence, and the other defendants of illegally possession liquor.

Final papers in the case will be ready Monday or Tuesday, it was announced. The trials will be held at the naval operating base, Hampton Roads. Each officer will be given a separate trial, but all will probably be heard by the same court.

JUDGE DISMISSES 4 BOY PROWLERS

Four Council Bluffs boys, charged with breaking into the Squire residence at Third street and Worth street, were brought into juvenile court Saturday. The boys are Henry Ault, 14, 219 South Nineteenth street; Oils Reason, 11, 1822 Sixth avenue; Hubert Davis, 11, 2419 Fourth avenue, and Lawrence Papp, 10, 2717 Second avenue.

The youths admitted their presence in the vacant house and were dismissed following a lecture from Judge J. L. Blanchard.

According to information given by police Saturday, the old Squire residence has been broken into several times by gangs of boys, evidently in search of the relics which belonged to the elder Squire. The home is owned now by Lew Squire.

Undraped Knees Banned by Pastor

Minister Turns Pale as He Finds Chorus Practising Dance for Church Frolic.

Washington, April 11.—Undraped feminine knees are all right in their place, but a Presbyterian community hall is not the place for them.

When the pastor dropped in to see the rehearsal, he gasped. Eleven pairs of shapely knees, some of them unmistakably dimpled, twinkled at him as the owners went through the intricate steps of a dance featuring the number, "Muddle Days."

Rolled-down stockings and rompers formed a combination that shocked the sensibilities of the pastor. He immediately gave notice that the girls must be "properly clothed," or the performance be given elsewhere.

"Properly clothed," the pastor made plain, means knees concealed by stockings. The sponsors of the show lake issue with him and have invited all the elders of the church to pass upon the propriety of the moot costumes.

KIWANIS CLUB TO HOLD EGG HUNTS

An Easter egg hunt will be held at the public and parochial schools of Council Bluffs at 3 Monday afternoon, under the auspices of the Kiwanis club.

A number of Easter eggs, each bearing the letter "K," will be hidden for the children to find. Every student who finds an egg hearing that letter will be awarded a prize. In addition, a large chocolate egg will be given to every student.

Members of the Kiwanis club are asked to report at the various schools to aid in the festivities. The organization of the hunt will be arranged by principals and teachers at the schools. The hunt will be confined to students in the kindergarten, first and second grades.

INSURGENTS LOSE AT SAINTS MEET

Independence, Mo., April 11.—By a vote of more than two to one, the general conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints voted down here late today a document aimed by insurgent delegates at centralization of diocesan control in the church presidency.

The document, signed by about 200 delegates at a meeting last Sunday, opposed a plan presented by Frederick M. Smith, president of the church, who has been seeking through a week of often acrimonious debate, adoption of his plan for a centralized church government.

Curtis Promise of Half Billion Tax Cut Ridiculed

Treasury Officials Estimate \$200,000,000 as Maximum Amount of December Cut.

By ROBERT S. THORNBERGH, International News Service Staff Correspondent. Washington, April 11.—A sharp difference of opinion arose today between congressional leaders and the treasury as to the extent of next December's tax reduction.

With Senator Curtis, republican of Kansas, leaving the capital with the promise of \$500,000,000 cut in the tax bill of the American people, Secretary Mellon's advisers insisted that such a slash is out of the question if the government is to continue its normal functions.

Treasury officials estimate that \$200,000,000 can be cut off the tax bill with safety. A reduction greater than this figure would be dangerous, in view of the estimated receipts and expenditures for the next two years, they held.

Preparation of statistics which will be considered by congressional committees in drafting the new tax legislation started at the treasury today. It was declared that the surplus for the year ending June 30, 1925, will exceed \$50,000,000, against the earlier estimate of \$58,000,000.

Postal Raise Lowers Surplus. The treasury now estimates the 1925 surplus, upon which the next tax reduction will be based, at over \$250,000,000, but it was explained that the figure may vary widely. Already congress has provided for a \$50,000,000 increase in salaries to postal employees, part of which must be absorbed by the treasury, and has lowered the pay of its own members as well as other officials. These additional expenses were not contemplated in fixing the 1925 surplus.

Officials also said the government would exceed the estimated \$3,533,000,000 expenditures for the year ending June 30. Collection of income taxes is expected to exceed the \$1,550,000,000 estimate by about \$38,000,000. Collections from July 1, 1924, to April 9, were \$1,308,000,000, and for the remainder of the fiscal year are estimated at approximately \$400,000,000.

Payroll Cuts Impossible. Estimates of expenditures for 1926 are \$3,267,551,000, about \$267,000,000 under governmental cost for next year will be a saving of \$69,000,000. Net payments from the \$485,000,000 of 1925.

Unless there is a drastic reduction of payroll and other expenses it was said to be unlikely that the government can keep within the 1926 estimate. Treasury officials said that material cut in personnel are apparently impossible excepting in the War department and veterans bureau, where additional clerks were employed to carry out administration of the soldiers' bonus. With the rush of getting the bonus certificates virtually over these departments will be reduced.

MAN MADE BOOZE TO THWART WOLF

George F. Hooker, 2113 Sixth street, sentenced by District Judge Wheeler Saturday to serve five months in the county jail on a liquor nuisance charge, told the court that he had been forced to depend on a dogskin still to save himself and family from starvation.

Hooker said he moved to Council Bluffs three months ago, and, being unable to obtain employment, started to manufacture whiskey for a livelihood. He said he was formerly employed as a road worker in Mills county.

FRIEND TEAM WINS IN STOCK JUDGING

Lincoln, April 11.—The high school livestock judging team of Friend ranked highest in all classes of the annual state judging contests, it was announced today. The team scored 1,682 points out of a possible 2,100.

Leonard Webber of Friend was high ranking individual, both in judging all classes and in judging swine. Walter Johnson of Weeping Water was high individual in judging sheep. Twenty-three high schools were represented and more than 325 students participated in the contests, which were held Thursday and Friday at the agricultural college.

MENERAY ESCAPES HURT IN CAR CRASH

W. E. Meneray, 502 East Broadway, Council Bluffs, had a miraculous escape from a death Saturday afternoon when a light truck was driving, ran wild down Logan street hill and at the foot of the street crashed into two automobiles parked in front of the Mercy hospital.

Flight Plans Made. Rome, April 11.—The proposed flight of Commander Francesco de Pinedo, chief of the Italian air staff, from Italy to Australia and Japan, will be made in a hydro airplane in 30 hops, covering a total distance of 55,000 kilometers (approximately 34,155 miles). Pinedo will start from Rome probably about the end of the month.

Bequest Refused.

London, April 11.—In accordance with custom the king of England has refused a bequest of a £250,000 left him by the will of Winifred Countess of Dunsford. The estate will be turned over to charity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Funeral Notices. 1

SHELOCK—Louisa M., widow of the late Charles Sherlock, April 12, at 11:30 a. m. of her daughter, Mrs. Orla E. Jones, 315 S. 24th St.

BEANS—David T., age 75 years, died April 10 at his home, 2339 15th St. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the chapel of the First Congregational church. Inquiries may be addressed to the Burket chapel, H.A. 4989.

IVERTSON—Howard, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd F. Ivertson, died April 10, at his home, 1115 S. 25th St. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 4:30 p. m. at the Burket chapel.

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