

MAYOR IN CLASH OVER OUSTED EMPLOYE

Bank Robber for Love Sent to Prison

WOODMAN IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO DEE

Friends Fail to Get Civil Service Secretary Back in Old Place

At a heated conference in which Dr. John R. Haynes, Dr. Frances B. Kellogg, of the City club, and one or more clubwomen, demanded that Mayor Woodman order the reinstatement of F. M. Dee, Jr., as secretary-examiner of the civil service commission, the mayor flatly refused to take such action.

Shaking his finger at Dr. Haynes, Mayor Woodman is said to have plainly indicated that Mr. Dee had been dismissed summarily by the commission "for the good of the service" and that he had no intention of interfering with the judgment of the commission.

Dr. Haynes and Dr. Kellogg insisted that two members of the commission—Louis M. Cole and W. F. Craig—had opposed the dismissal of Dee and had fought it to the last with the other three members solidly aligned against Dee. The mayor is said to have replied that he had heard sufficient concerning Dee and the action of the civil service board, and that unless the agitation were dropped, the board might suffer one or two changes in personnel.

Mayor Woodman said he appointed commissions and expected them to do their best, without interference from him. He declared the working majority of it—had found that great friction in city departments had been caused by the alleged arrogant actions of Dee. And after great difficulties, and against the opposition of Cole and Craig, the other three members had ordered Dee to resign—and he had resigned. The mayor plainly informed his visitors that he hadn't the slightest intention of changing the situation.

L. A. Man Goes East on U. S. Mission

In connection with a matter that is considered of vast importance by the United States government, O. F. Brant, vice president and general manager of the Title Insurance & Trust company, has been called to Washington, D. C., by the federal officials. It is considered possible that Mr. Brant may be sent to Europe before his mission with the government is completed.

PLAN NATURAL GAS CONFERENCE SEPT. 1

President Fulton Lane of the public utilities commission, Chairman O. P. Conway of the city council's utilities committee and City Attorney Stephens today began plans to invite State Railroad Commissioner E. C. Edgerton to a conference Saturday morning on the natural gas situation in this city.

One of the subjects for discussion, it was stated, would be a request that the gas rate question be reopened. Another feature will be an appeal for a rate for straight natural gas for this city. Edgerton, it is understood, intends to leave here tomorrow for the north, but every effort will be made to have him stay over until Saturday afternoon, in order that the gas situation may be fully considered.

Student Navigators Plan Maiden Cruise on Yacht Parra

Members of the first class in the government free navigation school at San Pedro will take their first cruise tomorrow. Nearly two weeks have been passed in class room work and a beginning will be made in practical application of the things learned.

The yacht Parra has been loaned for the cruise by Baron Long. Other cruises will be made at frequent intervals.

New quarters for the school have been obtained in the Fifth street school at San Pedro. It is expected that these will be occupied after this week. New students will be admitted next Monday.

Nation Wide Probe of Milk Business Will Start Soon

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—A nationwide milk investigation will be the next activity of the food administration, it was learned here this afternoon. The work will be conducted by George M. Haskell, chief of the dairy division, and will embrace an inquiry in the cost of production, profits of farmers, middlemen and retailers and to just what extent the consumer is being imposed upon.

Would Stop Sending Negro Soldiers South

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The war department was informed that "it is the sense of the house that the policy of sending negro soldiers to the south is detrimental to the best interests of the country and should at once be abandoned, that there may be no recurrence of the horrible crimes so recently perpetuated at Houston." This resolution, introduced today by Representative McLemore of Texas, was referred to the military affairs committee.

Steam Trains Used in Bay City Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—Steam trains are now being operated by the municipality to relieve the condition caused by the strikes of the car men here. The trains are being run over the Ocean Shore railroad and are routed from a large industrial district to make connections with car lines. The city council appropriated \$5000 for immediate operation of auto bus lines by the city.

Refuses to Exempt Medical Students

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The wide-spread appeal for exemption of medical students called in the draft was answered today by a ruling of the President that they can escape this service by joining the enlisted reserve corps. Secretary of War Baker announced that the President will not at this time determine what industries will be a basis for exemption.

Lawn Mower Severs Pomona Boy's Finger

Seven years old Charles Lawrence, of Pomona, was cutting the lawn at his home today, when a stick stopped the blades of the lawn mower. The boy reached down, took out the stick and started the lawn mower in motion.

But the whirling blades of the mower clipped off the boy's middle finger.

WOMEN FOR MEN'S JOBS DRAFT PLAN

May Refuse Plea to Have Morticians and Conductors Exempted

Women may be given an opportunity to run the street cars of Los Angeles.

Employers who ask exemption for men in industry may be told that "man power" is to be conserved for the army and that women should be trained for industrial positions.

These questions were being considered today by members of the district board of appeals. Tomorrow the board will adopt a policy regarding the exemption from military service of men engaged in industrial pursuits.

This policy may make it plain that no men are to be released from military service where there is any chance of women taking their places.

One request for the exemption of several hundred street car men has already been made to the board. This may be turned down flatly. Heads of the street railway systems may be told that women can take the places of conductors immediately and that they can easily be trained for positions as street car drivers.

SAYS WOMEN CAPABLE
"I think a woman can collect tickets just as well as a man on a street car," was the opinion expressed by Joseph Scott, chairman of the district board of appeals.

Henry W. Wright, chairman of the committee that will pass on industrial claims for exemption, is today formulating the skeleton of the policy that will be adopted by the board tomorrow. He intimated that women may be asked to do their part in winning the war by taking the places of men in industrial pursuits and releasing the men for the army.

The board today adopted an "open door" policy for dependency appeals. All persons whose claims for exemption were denied by the local board in the district where they were examined, will have five days from today to make an appeal to the district board.

This policy was decided on at the request of Joseph Scott, chairman of the district board, and head of the committee passing on dependency claims. Many men had lost the right of appeal because the time limit in their cases had expired, he said. In view of the new orders of the President, these men should have additional time, Mr. Scott said.

TO GET EQUAL CHANCE

"We must act justly and we must not shoot a man into the army by declaring that the time limit for an appeal had run against him, when new grounds for appeal had been promulgated by the President in the meantime," said Mr. Scott.

"We must open the door to all men who have just cause for appeal. I would ask the board to establish that as a policy."

Henry W. Wright and Seth Brown, the other members of the board present, agreed with the "open door" policy as expressed by Mr. Scott.

Under the ruling, any man in any district in Los Angeles, Orange or San Diego counties who applied to his local board for exemption and was turned down, still has five days to make an appeal from the decision of the local board. The appeal, if made on the grounds of dependents, must be filed with the local board first, and by the local board transmitted to the district board.

A policy to govern exemptions in industrial cases will be formulated by the board tomorrow.

Reports that Chairman George J. Denis and Robert M. Shearer were not working in harmony on the board in district 17 were emphatically denied today. Both stated that reports of a wordy encounter between them over a claim for exemption were much exaggerated.

"We did not view the claim from (CONTINUED ON PAGE ELEVEN)

LOOTS TO WIN GIRL; LANDS IN CELL

Roy De Hoog, Westlake Bandit, Sentenced for One Year to Life Imprisonment

Writing the first chapter in the vivid career of Roy De Hoog, who looted a bank to win the love of a girl, Superior Judge Gavin W. Craig today sentenced De Hoog to San Quentin penitentiary. Under the indeterminate sentence law De Hoog's term is from one year to life imprisonment.

De Hoog, dashing in the middle west, who came west seeking adventure, fell madly in love and held up two men at the point of a revolver to get money to spend on the girl he loved, may spend the remainder of his life behind the prison bars.

De Hoog was found guilty by a jury in Judge Craig's court two days ago of having robbed the Westlake branch of the Home Savings bank on February 14. The bank robbery was a daring one. Three men broke up to the door of the bank and a machine, held up two attaches and escaped with about \$2200 in cash.

De Hoog was captured in St. Louis and brought here for trial after he had been indicted by the county grand jury for the bank robbery. His younger brother, Edward, will be tried in the juvenile court at an early date on the charge that he was associated with his brother in the bank robbery.

Throop Military Teacher Sent to Colorado College

An order from the war department today transferred Captain Louis R. Ball from the Throop college of technology at Pasadena to the Colorado state college at Fort Collins.

Captain Ball supervised the installing of a special course in military tactics and science at Throop. He will be given similar duty at the Colorado college at Fort Collins. Captain Ball originally planned to supervise an officers training school at Throop, but the war department determined that all officers should be trained at San Francisco.

Sues Santa Fe R. R. for \$30,000 Damages

Declaring that a freight car on which he was working had not been properly inspected and that as a result a "grab iron" broke, precipitating him to the track below, George M. Lucas, a switchman, filed suit in the superior court today against the Santa Fe Railroad company for \$30,000 damages.

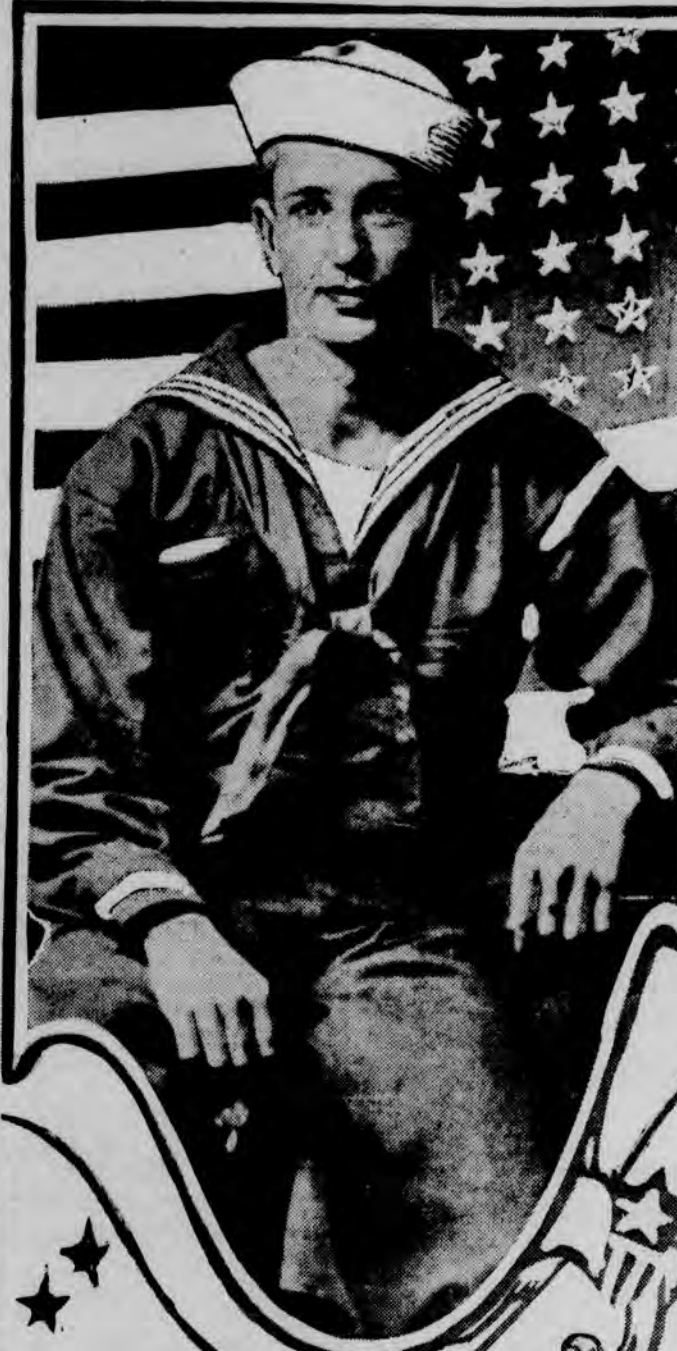
Lucas alleged that when he sought to climb to the top of the car by means of the ladder in the course of his occupation, the "grab iron," technically known as "grab irons," came loose. The accident occurred June 17, last.

Larceny and Draft Evasion Are Charged

Frank Smith, held in the city jail on suspicion of larceny, according to the authorities, was today arrested by Deputy Marshal Smith on the charge that he had evaded registration for the draft. He was held in the county jail in default of bail and was scheduled to be arraigned late today before United States Commissioner Hammack.

Raymond Devlin, who pleaded guilty to charges of draft law evasion, was scheduled to be sentenced by Federal Judge Trippet late today.

PARENTS OF SAILOR HERO OF L. A. ARE TOLD OF BRAVERY



William A. Reider, Los Angeles sailor who rescued companion.

Former Local Athlete Is Praised for Saving Drowning Mate

William A. Reider, a Los Angeles boy who is powder man on the U. S. S. San Diego, has been publicly commended by Secretary of the Navy Daniels for saving the life of a shipmate who was drowning.

On July 16 young Reider leaped overboard and rescued his drowning mate, but until The Evening Herald informed his father, Jerome H. Reider, of 1951 Raymond avenue, the relatives had received no word concerning the young hero's exploit.

"We are mighty proud to hear this about our boy," said Reider senior, when told of the rescue and the honorable commendation which Secretary Daniels had publicly given his son.

"Bill always was a brave boy. He was a good shot and an all around athlete and never hesitated when he was called on."

Young Reider is twenty years old, having enlisted in April. He will be twenty-one, April 12. Just three months after his enlistment he was put on the destroyer, where he was soon promoted to second powder man. He attended the Berendo Intermediate and Washington street schools here.

People's Council Agent Arrested by Federal Officers

GARY, Ind., Aug. 30.—James H. Dalsen of Chicago, an agent of the people's council for democracy and peace, whose proposed peace meeting here was forbidden by the mayor, was arrested this afternoon by federal agents.

Seventy-five police will be assigned tonight to the peace meeting at the Turn hall.

Dalsen was arrested while distributing advertisements of the meeting. Hasting Thomas Maurer, "United States senator and president of the American Federation of Labor," as one of the speakers. The bills were printed in Croatian.

Morris H. Leiberman, Socialist candidate for mayor, was questioned by federal agents, following the arrest of Dalsen.

PROBE GERMAN PLOT IN DESTRUCTION OF 170,000 GAL. OF OIL

What is believed by officials to be a plot of alien enemies to damage the citrus industry of Southern California was discovered today when 170,000 gallons of oil, stored in a huge tank at Ontario were destroyed.

The oil and the tank were owned by the Ontario Citrus Fruit association. The oil, valued at several thousand dollars, was stored for use in smuggling next winter to save the fruit from frost.

FLOODS ON GROUND
The valves of the huge tank were broken open and the oil allowed to flow on the ground. Ninety per cent of the oil was wasted.

The authorities began an investigation to determine if the waste of oil was the work of alien enemies. Positive evidence that the breaking of the valves was the work of men who plotted to waste the oil, and not an accident, was laid before the authorities.

PASTOR ASKS \$10,000 FOR ARREST

Declaring his arrest a year ago in Hanford on a charge of obtaining property under false pretenses was the result of malice, Rev. Lucius M. Pitzer, pastor of the Fraternal Brotherhood of Spiritualist Churches in this city, filed suit for \$10,000 damages in the superior court today against a garage company, the manager of which, H. V. Brenton, was alleged to have sworn to the complaint.

To obtain his release, Rev. Pitzer employed Attorney Ray E. Nimmo of this city to defend him and he was acquitted, following a trial.

The arrest was the result of a dispute over the ownership of an automobile while Rev. Pitzer was preaching in a branch church in Hanford.

Government Answers Impeachment Case Held for Irregular Entry Into U. S.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 30.—Governor Ferguson today filed with the state legislature his reply to the charges of impeachment brought against him. He declared that none of the acts which a prosecution brought forward in the house of representatives' preliminary hearing constituted a violation of his oath of office, the constitution of the state or of its laws.

No Uniforms Ready for Drafted Army

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Practically all the drafted men will undergo their first inspection at the divisional cantonments as civilians today. Many national guard recruits also will not get uniforms for weeks.

BLUE LAWS LOSE FIGHT WITH WAR NECESSITY

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 30.—After a most bitter fight in the senate and house recently a bill finally became a law giving the state railroad commission authority to suspend, when necessary during the period of the war with Germany, the existing prohibition of operating freight trains in Georgia on Sunday.

Came 6000 Miles to Be Drafted

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 30.—Thomas P. Patterson, 27, traveled 6000 miles to register and be drafted. Today he is a certified member of the national army and will go to the first war camp.

Quarrel at Candy Counter is Aired

Patterson is seeing America for the first time since he was 5 years old. He was born in Cleveland, and when 6 his father, A. V. Patterson, took him to France, where he was sent to school. Later he lived in Portugal, but after his education had been completed his father took him to India.

Wife Pleads Vainly with Alleged Thief

When Ellis Goldberg, 424 West Breed street, was arrested today on a charge of shoplifting, his wife told police officers that she had pleaded with him not to take the articles, but that he seemed to be a kleptomaniac. Goldberg, it was alleged, stole articles valued at \$5 from a downtown department store. He was arrested by operatives of the Nick Harris detective agency.

He was in India when the United States declared war. He started immediately for Cleveland and arrived here three weeks before registration day.

When we went into a confectionery store, my husband picked up a piece of candy and put it in his mouth," testified Mrs. Braun. "I remonstrated with him and he took another piece from the counter. He thought it was funny. I thought it was dishonest." The incident, Mrs. Braun said, led to a quarrel which was renewed four days later in their home and he finally ordered her to leave.