

REED ATTACKS SAPIRO IN LIBEL SUIT AT DETROIT

FORD'S LAWYER TURNS GUNS ON "WHEAT KING"

Pictures Chicagoan as Exploiter of Farmers.

FIERY SPEECH

Court Rules Missouriian's Opening Address Was in Order.

FEDERAL BUILDING, DETROIT, March 18.—An amazing story of financial success, by which Aaron Sapiro, so-called "wheat king," exploited American farmers for his own profit, was told the jury today in the million-dollar Ford-Sapiro libel suit by Senator James A. Reed (D) of Missouri, while outlining Henry Ford's defense.

Defending the attacks on Sapiro, published by Ford's Dearborn Independent, Reed declared the wheat king had gone far and wide through the country organizing farmers and charging them tremendous fees for his services.

A fortune rolled into Sapiro's hands, Reed showed, by listing fees in nine states alone that totalled more than \$300,000.

FEDERAL BUILDING, DETROIT, March 18.—Hurdling a series of legal obstacles, Senator James A. Reed (D) of Missouri, today pictured Aaron Sapiro, so-called "wheat king," to the Ford-Sapiro libel jury as an exploiter of American farmers and wrecker of farm associations.

This scathing attack on Sapiro came only after Federal Judge Fred S. Raymond ruled that Reed's opening speech to the jury was in order. Counsel for Sapiro vigorously protested and noted an exception to the ruling to be used as the basis for an appeal to higher courts if the verdict ultimately goes to Ford.

After this technical victory, Reed declared that one after another of Sapiro's cooperatives failed, causing great losses to the farmer members. In each instance, Reed insisted, Sapiro first got his tremendous fees for having organized the association. The court's decision came when W. H. Gallagher, chief of Sapiro's attorneys, objected to Reed's attack on the handling of the Burley leaf tobacco association in Kentucky. Reed charged Sapiro got \$48,500 out of this association and its subsidiaries.

Sapiro's Attorney Objects.

"This association was under the influence of Mr. Sapiro," said Reed. "It will be shown that Mr. Sapiro was paid a fee of \$100,000 for just organizing the association, and a further fee of \$12,500 for organizing the subsidiary warehouse association. It will further appear from the evidence that Judge Bingham and Ralph Barker (warehouse owner) tried to get him a \$100,000 fee but they found there was some objection so they agreed on \$36,000 and they put it over at the meeting of directors."

Gallagher objected to the words "put it over." He argued that Reed was stating an argument to the jury and not outlining what Ford expected to prove. The court upheld him. A moment later Reed attempted to read a statement attributed to a George C. Jewett of Spokane and Gallagher again objected. Again the court upheld him, Reed saying he would waive it.

Gallagher Reads Opinion.

Gallagher read to the court a lengthy opinion by the Michigan supreme court setting forth the limits of an opening statement. The opinion declared the reading of letters or speeches was out of order.

"The court has frequently called the attention of counsel that they must not state arguments to the jury," Judge Raymond said.

"The opening statement should state only the substance of what will be proved. I hoped to get counsel to agree to eliminate all other matters. Counsel for the plaintiff, however, opened the door in his statement for the defendant's counsel to violate the rule. In a spirit of fairness I think I'll let counsel proceed with the understanding that the rule will be borne in mind."

"I note an exception," said Gallagher.

In rapid order, Reed pictured Sapiro's activities among the tobacco growers in Kentucky, potato growers in Minnesota and Idaho, wool growers in the northwest, tomato, prune and citrus growers in California.

In Minnesota, said Reed, the cooperative failed "in less than a year," but Sapiro got a fee of \$7,500. He had asked for \$17,000, Reed added.

DEATH ROLL

Joseph Zettie, 73 years old, of East End, died last night in the City hospital, after an illness of heart disease. He was employed by the Mining and Milling company. He is survived by one daughter in Germany.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Sturgis funeral home, West Fifth street, in charge of Rev. F. G. Fowler, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Burial will be in River-view cemetery.

29 ABSENTEES AS OHIO HOUSE OPENS SESSION

During Call Demand is Made That Fines be Assessed.

MANY EXCUSED

Six Bills Passed Before Recess is Voted.

COLUMBUS, March 18.—Efforts to fine absent members enlivened today's session of the Ohio house of representatives. The senate recessed over the week-end late Thursday.

When the house reconvened shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, Rep. Frank H. Ward, Monroe county, Democratic floor leader, demanded a call of the house. Roll call disclosed that 29 of the 136 members of the house were absent, 111 being recorded present.

When Representative Martin Dodd, Toledo, Republican floor leader, moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, Minority Floor Leader Ward demanded a roll call, which resulted in the defeat of the motion, by a vote of 44 to 67.

During the roll call, quite a number of the house members indicated their desire that the house proceed immediately to fine each absent member \$10, as provided for by the Ohio constitution.

"Proper Reprimand" Urged.

After a number of absentees had been excused by the house because of "illness" and "important business," Representative Perry L. Green, Portage county, moved that the house excuse all absentees but that the speaker administer "proper reprimand." Green's motion was not acted upon.

Taking the house members to task for alleged failure to "get down to business," Ward urged the house to proceed to fine absentees.

The house, however, disposed of the situation by adopting a motion by Representative Dodd postponing further consideration of the matter until next Tuesday.

After passing six house bills, all of which will be messaged over to the senate, the house recessed over the week-end.

The house and senate will reconvene at 7:30 p. m., Monday.

Bills Passed by House.

By Representative C. E. Black, Adams county, requiring that before a woman shall be eligible for a mother's pension, she must have legal residence in the county four years, if she moves from another state, or one year, if she moves from another county in Ohio.

By Representative T. R. Stevens, Dayton, providing for sale of the city of Dayton of the abandoned Mad river feeder canal.

By Representative C. J. Flitt, Butler county, decreeing that, when the owner of property seriously delays proceedings involving foreclosure of a mortgage, a receiver may be appointed.

By Representative D. S. Ingalls, Cleveland, providing for construction and repair of bridges by county commissioners.

By Representative Harry Ball, Scioto county, providing for certification of probate court judgments to the common pleas and be placed on the term docket before becoming a lien on property.

By Representative F. A. Brown, Ross county, authorizing the governor to convey to the city of Chillicothe certain real property owned by the state in that city.

Narrow Resolution.

HORACE S. KERR HONOR GUEST AT LIONS' MEET

Ohio Organization Chief Speaks at Dinner.

LADIES ATTEND

District Convention Will be Held in Toledo.

Horace S. Kerr, Columbus attorney and president of the Ohio Lions, was the honor guest at a ladies' night dinner of the East Liverpool club in the banquet hall of the Y. M. C. A. last evening.

Kerr, who is making a swing through the eastern part of the state, came here from Warren. He was introduced by Attorney Harry Brokaw, president of the club, who, with his brother, G. L. Brokaw, were his classmates at the University of Cincinnati law school.

He likened the model service club member to the player on the defeated football team, who never loses heart, and is willing to go into the game again full of confidence that his team will win.

He also discussed the Cloverbrook farm, an institution for blind children near Cincinnati, founded by a sister of Helen Keller. The Braille magazine which has been adopted by the Lions organization, is published by the inmates of this institution.

Kerr called attention to the district convention which will be held at Toledo, May 26 and 27, at which William A. Westfall, Mason City, Iowa, international president, will be the principal speaker. He also urged members of the club to observe Lent.

Two dance numbers were rendered by Miss Mae Joseph. A violin solo was given by Kenneth Martin, with Miss Gladys Larkins as accompanist. Music was rendered by a panatrope furnished by the Smith-Phillips Music company. Thirty-five members of the club and their wives attended the meeting.

Kerr went to Youngstown where he will be the guest of the Lions' club tonight.

FLOOD SWEEPS MICHIGAN TOWN

Pickford Isolated as Snow and Rains Cause Damage.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., March 18.—Several streams swollen by melting snow and recent rains have isolated the village of Pickford, 25 miles south of here. Bridges today are five feet under water and are being threatened with destruction by floating ice.

Residents of the north side of Pickford today were unable to reach their business places and high school. Automobiles became stalled in water as they were driven across bridges. Horses working up to their shoulders in water were used in extricating the mud. Others are hopelessly mired in mud.

There is no indication that the flood is subsiding.

Blame Handshaking For Straining of President's Wrist

WASHINGTON, March 18.—An X-ray examination showed that President Coolidge strained a tendon in his right wrist, Dr. James F. Couper, White House physician, declared today.

The picture also revealed the presence of a fluid and it is necessary to keep the wrist bandaged tightly to force down the swelling.

It is believed the president's wrist was strained as a result of excessive handshaking.

Colonel Roberts, Of Salvation Army, Here Over Sunday

Colonel and Mrs. Herbert Roberts and Ensign Samuel Hepburn, of the Cleveland Salvation Army headquarters, will conduct services at the Salvation Army over Sunday.

HONEYMOON AS QUEEN'S GUEST



The marriage of Mrs. Edward Russell Thomas, above, widow of wealthy New York publisher, to Colonel L. G. Ament, former chief of investigation for the U. S. Veterans' bureau, has been announced. Colonel and Mrs. Ament are now honeymooning in Roumania as the guests of Queen Marie, with whom Colonel Ament became well acquainted while in charge of the Hoover relief work in that country shortly after the World war.

"Safe-Sane" Fourth

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from Fifth to Sixth street, was laid over for two weeks.

Street Improvements Asked.

A petition from property holders in Crook alley from Fifth to Sixth street and Diamond alley from Market to Washington streets, asking for the improvement of the thoroughfares with reinforced concrete, was referred to the ordinance committee. Another petition seeking the improvement of Orchard Grove avenue west of Smithfield street was turned back when Service-Safety Director Moore stated that two petitions must be prepared, one for grading and another for surfacing.

The ordinance committee was instructed to prepare legislation granting permission to the Potters' Supply company to enlarge its ware house in First street. Attorney R. G. Thompson, who filed the request for a long term lease, said that the company employs from 100 to 140 workers and that additional factory space is needed to keep the plant in operation.

Spokesman for the Litten Motor Sales company requested the severing of Tanyard run along West Eighth street near its filling station. The company offered to pay one-half the cost. Council will view the place before the next meeting when action will be taken on this request.

Dr. Joseph T. Williamson appeared in behalf of a movement for the widening and resurfacing of Vine street. He was advised to bring in a petition.

West Sixth Street Paving.

Farrall reported that the request for hospital treatment for city employees had been rejected by the hospital trustees. Council's committee, made up of Farrall, Kelly and Hughes, will meet with hospital officials to hear an explanation of the finances of the institution.

Another committee consisting of Hayes, Hughes and Goodbalet will meet with Henry Goodwin to discuss the improvement of West Sixth street between Monroe street and the street car viaduct.

The ordinance committee was ordered to prepare an ordinance accepting an East End plot of ground for street purposes offered without cost by the Supply Land company.

Councilman Kelly called council's attention to the need of a dog catcher to round up stray canines, which, he claimed, were ruining lawns, flower beds and gardens. The clerk was instructed to communicate with a Steubenville man experienced in this line of work.

A letter was read from J. T. Crook, chairman of the board of health, explaining the board's stand in the food handlers' examinations for restaurant, bakery and candy shop workers. On motion of Kelly, the clerk was instructed to request representatives of the health board to attend the next meeting of council to discuss the ordinance.

Request of Howard Scott, city hall janitor, for an increase in salary was tabled without a dissenting vote. Scott's present salary is \$120 per month.

TODAY

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"Scurrilous and opprobrious, indecent and libelous criticism of God, the Scriptures and the Christian religion," was the charge against him. If he was guilty, the punishment is deserved. You have no more right to hurt the religious feelings of others than you have to hurt their bodies.

The United States postoffice definitely forbids sending the "Decameron," by Boccaccio, through the mails. That is another wise decision which should not have been postponed so long. Mailing or selling that book should carry with it a sentence to prison.

WESTFIELD, N. J., will handle a mad dog scare by shooting all unmuzzled animals anywhere they may be found. That will hurt the feelings of those that love "man's best friend," the dog; but in Westfield three animals have died of rabies in a week, seven children have been bitten, and that, presumably, hurts the feelings of parents.

In Russia rabies spread by dogs among packs of wolves is spreading so rapidly that the Pasteur institute cannot treat one-half the patients. Within a year, it is said, 342,000 persons have developed hydrophobia.

Great Britain solves the problem by first wiping out hydrophobia at home; then allowing no dog to come in without thorough quarantine.

THIS world will be better off, a safer place for human beings and the animals will be happier when all life except human life shall have vanished from the elephant in the jungle to the typhoid germs in drinking water.

If there were no crocodiles there would be no sleeping sickness. If there were no mosquitoes, there would be no yellow fever, no malaria. If there were no cats or dogs, many diseases would disappear. Children get them from the fur of "pets." If there were no rats or ground squirrels to feed fleas, no fleas to bite humans, there would be no bubonic plague, and if there were no vermin spread by lack of human cleanliness, there would be no deadly typhus.

DR. A. A. BRILL, studying strange suicides and other queer actions of young people, says the trouble is "the mystery of adolescence." Dr. Brill, who is a disciple of Freud, says parents should help their children through the storms and stress of youth "with understanding and advice."

The trouble is that many parents have children that they don't in the least understand, and many children of the modern day have parents in whose understanding they have small confidence.

The trouble with American children is lack of discipline and a good example in early youth: not discipline with a beating one day and foolish indulgence the next, but the steady discipline of a regular life, regular duties and a consistent example.

Two More Names Listed as So-called Student Suicides

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 18.—The student suicide wave struck New Orleans today, when Harold P. Bergeret, 27, a student at Tulane university, arose from his bed and shot himself to death.

The student's body was found in a bathroom, a pistol gripped in his right hand and a bullet hole through his head.

E. J. Bergeret, brother of the student, said he believed the suicide was caused from a nervous breakdown, the result of overstudy.

GALESBURG, Ill., March 18.—The name of Earl Main, 17, Williamsfield High school junior, today was added by authorities to the list of student suicides.

Main, who was said to have been moody at times, was found shot to death, a .22 calibre rifle beside his body.

DR. COOK MAY FACE FEDERAL COURT IN OHIO

Cleveland District Attorney Will Press Old Indictment.

OIL DEAL COUNT

E. Liverpool Residents Alleged to Have Been Victimized.

CLEVELAND, Mar. 18.—U. S. District Attorney A. E. Bernstein today sent a telegram to the warden of the Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, federal prison, requesting that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be held for federal authorities here, on an indictment returned in 1923, charging Cook with using the mails to defraud.

Cook and twenty-three associates are charged with alleged mail frauds perpetrated in the sale of stocks in Cook's Petroleum Producers' association, to residents of East Liverpool.

Cook was convicted at Fort Worth, Texas, on a similar charge, in connection with oil deals.

At Fort Worth he was sentenced to serve 14 years and nine months in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth. He is now eligible for parole and official announcement of this was made yesterday at Fort Worth, though he was not immediately released.

Bernstein plans to have Cook brought back here upon his release from the Kansas prison.

Oberlin's Cagers Defeat Toronto in Class B Tourney

COLISEUM, COLUMBUS, O., March 18.—Oberlin's rangy team romped in with the first victory in the Class B Ohio basketball tournament semifinals here this afternoon when they allowed the Toronto team but two field goals and marked up a score of 25 while the eastern boys scored 12.

The Toronto team seemed overawed from the start, and did not score a field goal until the third quarter. Gaines, the giant Negro of the Lorain county team, scored six field goals and three fouls for a total of 15 points.

Oberlin is now to play a bye game at 6 p. m. Friday with Wilmington.

Rev. Bona Fleming Concludes Campaign Here Sunday Night

Rev. Bona Fleming, Ashland, Ky., evangelist will conclude a two weeks' evangelistic campaign at the Church of the Nazarene, Sunday evening. He will tell the story of his conversion Saturday night.

George Ward rendered a 15-minute piano program preceding last night's meeting. He and E. B. Marsh rendered a vocal duet, "You Must Walk With Him Here If You Walk With Him There."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy manifested during the recent bereavement of our dear husband and brother, J. Barney Brice. Especially do we thank Rev. Father Walsh and singers, the B. P. O. E. and those who so kindly donated their cars, floral and spiritual offerings.

MRS. BARNEY BRICE, BROTHER AND SISTERS.

HIGH SCHOOL TO BE CROWDED HERE IN FALL

Board of Education Will Use Central Building Rooms.

TO EQUIP SEVEN

Additional Accommodation for Elementary Pupils Required.

Enrollment in the high school will pass the 1,000 mark when the schools reopen next September. Superintendent C. S. McVay told members of the board of education last evening.

The high school enrollment now is 784. Of this number approximately 140 will be lost by graduation. The incoming freshman class numbers 366, making a total of 1,010 which does not include those entering from the parochial schools or tuition pupils from outside the school district.

In order to make room for the increased enrollment, four more rooms must be equipped in the Central building. Three rooms are now being used in this building for high school purposes but next year seven rooms will be occupied.

Additional rooms for the elementary schools will be opened at the Sixth street, Washington and West End buildings. Two more rooms for seventh and eighth grade pupils must be furnished to relieve the congestion in the East End schools, McVay said.

The board selected Rev. B. R. Johnson as the baccalaureate speaker. The service will be held in the high school auditorium on the afternoon of Sunday, May 29. The commencement speaker has not been chosen.

Schools will close Friday, March 25, for the spring vacation, resuming on Monday, April 4.

EAST END MAN IS FINED \$25

James Davis, who resides in Railroad street near Ralston's Crossing, was fined \$25 and costs by Municipal Judge J. C. Hanley today when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

He was arrested by Patrolman James Haley, while, it is alleged, he was demolishing furniture and dishes in his home.

Good Will Flies Off for Bahia.

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 18.—The United States army good will planes hopped off from here at 6:49 o'clock this morning for Bahia.

Shanghai's Fall Looms

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The Cantonese may take weeks. The defection of three Sun Chuan-fang generals from the cause of the northern cause the severest reverse the An Kuo-Chun forces have suffered in some time. By virtue of these defections the nationalists were able, virtually without the loss of a man, to push on to within gun range of Changchow, where they are threatening to cut the communications of the northern armies.

The Shantungites, sensing the treachery of the Sun generals on Thursday, evacuated the rail point, retreating toward Nanking.

The nationalists this morning were within cannon range of Changchow, an important strategic base where approximately 1,500 rebellious soldiers have been quartered since the retreat from Yisheng.

Labor Terrorists Kill Two.

General Chang Tsung-chang, commander of all the northern forces, today wired from Tsinan to Pi Shou-chen, his field commander, that adequate reinforcements are being rushed to Nanking.

Nevertheless, the officials at Shanghai and Nanking are facing the greatest crisis of recent months, on account of the imminent collapse of the resistance to the Cantonese.

Labor terrorists in Shanghai today killed their twenty-ninth and thirtieth victims, both employees of the Tobacco Production corporation, an American company.

LONDON, March 18.—The victorious Cantonese armies have captured Hsing on the west side of lake Taihu, and are now pressing on toward Changchow, according to a Central News dispatch today from Shanghai. The northern army under Chang-Tsung-chang is reported to be in full retreat toward Changchow and Wushih. All telegraphic communication west of Nanking has been suspended.

THE FIGGERS FAMILY



No Fear While Ted and Rusty Are 'Round.

By VEP