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SERVICE MEN TESTIFY ON MORE HANGING

Tales of Soldiers of Late War Disagree with Records

MORE EXECUTIONS THAN WERE TRIED

Five Men Said to Have Witnessed Shooting Down of "Runner" in His Tracks by Officer.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Declaring that he saw "ten or twelve" executions at Is-Sur-Tille, France, while transporting German prisoners by truck in that vicinity, Herbert L. Cadenhead, of Greenville, Mississippi, former service man, testified today before the committee investigating the Watson charges. He said he did not know whether they were hanged without trial. The war department records previously submitted showed that two soldiers were hanged at Is-Sur-Tille for convictions, making a total of eleven executions in the expeditionary forces after formal trial.

Opie on Stand.

Near the close of the session late yesterday, Maj. H. L. Opie of Staunton, Va., commander of the third battalion, 116th infantry, overseas, went on the stand to enter emphatic denial of charges by former service men that he had shot down some of his soldiers in cold blood on the battlefield. He was asked, however, to step aside until other witnesses testified against him, meanwhile being given the right through counsel to cross-examine them.

Grayson H. Withrow of Baltimore, still in his early 20's, testified that he saw the officer seize a gun from a private and fire at a man in his command. Shells were falling, he said, and there was tremendous excitement but Withrow swore that from his retreat in a shell hole he saw the man fall as the major's gun barked. But he could not say whether Opie had killed him, declaring that the latter, standing out in the open, was within arm's reach of half a dozen officers when the shot was fired.

Five Saw Murder.

As Withrow left the stand William F. St. John of Lynchburg, Va., suffering from nervous trouble resulting from services overseas, accused the Virginian of shooting down a "runner" at the front, because he failed to heed after twice being ordered to halt. Four other men saw the killing, he declared, but he refused to give their names on the ground that he had not been able to confer with them and that it should appear and "not back up" his charges. One, he said, had "developed cold feet" and was unwilling to come.

Reminded by Chairman Brandegee that the names must be submitted, St. John complied, mentioning first the cousin of one of Major Opie's counsel. It was while St. John was being cross-examined by John A. Cutchins of Richmond, Va., Major Opie's counsel, that he lost control of his shattered nerves and shouted he was dealing with a bunch of fanatics who "were trying to prove I am nutty." Mr. Cutchins disclaimed such intention. Seeing that the young man was worn out by excitement, Senator Watson, Democrat, of Georgia, whose charges of illegal executions are under

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UNION SOLON DISCUSSES THE SESSION

Declares That Portland Press Was Unfair and That Many Portlanders Were Against Gas Tax.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—Editor Observer:—As I have been absent from Union county since the extra session of the legislature closed, and as I believe the people of Union county have a right to know what their representative thought of the proceedings of the special session which have brought on such a fight in the state permit me to express myself through the Observer.

As all know a call of the members of the legislature was made by the governor for the purpose of referring to the people of Oregon a tax measure to finance the 1925 exposition in Portland, also to enact laws regulating auto bus traffic for hire in the state as well as to protect the state highways from damaging truck traffic.

The Portland press seemed to me unfair to the legislative members, outside of Portland, on the fair program. The newspapers there did not publish the opposition's side of the fight.

Lonely Multnomah. From the beginning of the session it was evident the county members, commonly called up-staters, did not want the property tax to finance the fair. I think I am safe in saying the Multnomah county members in the house stood almost alone in their desire to finance the fair by property tax.

Speaker Benn had a bill in for an income tax to finance the exposition, which was to be in effect for three years. This bill seemed to be loosely drawn and weak in many ways, as there was no way of anticipating future incomes of the state people. It also provided for taxing dividends which would cause dividend corporations to declare a three-year holiday on earnings by paying interest at the end of the three-year period. The income tax was opposed by the Multnomah county delegation as it was argued, that judging from federal income reports, Portland would pay about 80 per cent of the fair tax on an income basis.

The poll tax was popular with up-state members for financing the show, but again the Multnomah county members objected to this way of financing, as this would be unpopular with a large number of non-taxpayers of Portland and therefore would be defeated at the polls. The inside fact is that Portland does not want to oppose the non-property taxpayers of Portland as they want their support in order to get the support of this class of voters in the recent election of Portland which put over the two million dollars tax on Portland and carried the city charter amendments.

Portlanders Oppose Gas Tax. These things being thrust out there was only one way left to finance the fair, and that was the gasoline tax. The extra session of the legislature of 1919 passed a one-cent per gallon tax for highway maintenance of the roads, and again in the regular session of 1920 added another cent to the gasoline tax for the same purpose. The Portland interests got busy with the highway commission and arranged to turn over this two cents per gallon tax and adding another cent as provided in the Fletcher bill to finance the exposition. In all the public hearings before the roads and highways committee this was agreeable to the highway commission, if the legislature would release the balance of the bonds to the full bond limitation, the remaining portion being \$1,600,000, and which at this time and under present con-

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O. A. KRATZ IS ELECTED CITY MANAGER

Ontario Man Noses Out Local Man by Vote of One Commissioner

GRANDY REELECTED TO PRESIDENCY

Resignation of Present City Manager Goes Into Effect on Thirteenth of Month.

At the meeting of the city commission last evening Oscar A. Kratz, of Ontario, was elected city manager for the year 1922 to succeed George Garrett, who handed in his resignation last night to accept a similar position in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Mr. Kratz was for a number of years connected with various departments of the city of Portland, being for several years in charge of purchases for construction work and for the past several years he has been engaged in the private practice of civil engineering. He has had supervision of the reservoir work here during the past summer.

The only other candidate nominated was Dan McClellan, nominated by Commissioner J. D. McKennon. Kratz was placed in nomination by Commissioner David I. Stoddard, President W. D. Grandy and Stoddard voting for him and McKennon for McClellan.

Mr. Garrett's resignation becomes effective at five p. m., January 13. R. J. Kitchen was elected to succeed himself as municipal judge for the current year and President Grandy was also elected to succeed himself for another year, no opposition candidate being nominated in either case.

Commissioner Stoddard was authorized to represent the city at the convention to be held in Spokane Saturday to discuss the auto tourist park situation.

An audit of the city books was ordered, the bid of Perry Olney for the work being accepted.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Wheat was \$1 to \$1.60 today.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Cattle were steady today and hogs steady to 10 cents higher. Prime lights were \$8.50 to \$8.75. Sheep were steady, ewes weak and butters steady.

IRELAND WILL BE PRODUCER OF FOODSTUFF

Greatest Possibilities of Her Industrial Development Lie in Manufacture.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Ireland's future prosperity lies primarily in supplying food to the great industrial centers and consuming markets of Great Britain and the continent, the National Bank of Commerce says in the January number of its magazine, Commerce Monthly. Ireland's advantage is in agriculture, and the greatest possibilities for industrial development lies in the manufacture of foodstuffs from home-grown materials.

"The predominance of agriculture is indicated by the fact that in 1913, the last year for which values of Irish exports are available, 61 per cent of the total was made up of articles of an agricultural character, while agricultural products of indubitable domestic origin formed approximately half the total," the bank points out.

Stock Raising to Front. "Live stock raising is by far the most important industry in Ireland and live animals the greatest single item of export. For the most part the stock are raised for the English market and are exported alive. But it should be possible to export cattle in a much more profitable form than that of animals on the hoof. The fact that all this live stock is slaughtered abroad means the loss to Ireland of the profits of the slaughtering, packing and related industries, and of the important such as tanning, which depend upon the great industry for their raw material. Moreover, approximately half the cattle exported are in the lean state, despite the fact that Ireland has some of the richest pastures in the world, so that the profits of preparation for market as well as those of slaughter are lost.

"There has recently been an attempt to develop an Irish meat trade which, unfortunately, through lack of sufficient capital, has not been able to continue. As far as operations were carried on, with the limited resources at the disposal of the pioneer large-scale company, there was every indication that the meat and by-products of cattle slaughtered in Ireland could be sold profitably in Great Britain and other markets. A development of this meat trade seems to offer the most favorable opportunity of any plan yet offered to strengthen the industrial structure of the country and at the same time benefit the agricultural interests.

Irish Bacon Good. "The situation of the sheep trade is much the same. In the case of pork products the development of a meat trade has proceeded much further. Concerted action by the bacon curiers has resulted in great

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Portland Telegram Asked to Send Representative to Interview Rank and File in Union and Willowa Counties

FAMINE IN RUSSIA IS INCREASING

(By Associated Press)

MOSCOW, Jan. 5.—Russia is beginning the year facing unspeakable famine horrors. At Tharasin, Saratoff, Samara, Ufa, Orenburg and Kazan frozen bodies are stacked high awaiting their burial in trenches which workmen cannot prepare fast enough for the victims of famine, exposure and typhus.

The situation is getting worse every day. The American Relief workers said that ten million may die. The typhus epidemic is the worst ever experienced in Russia. Three relief workers died and several others are ill.

Bill for Funds to Repair Hatcheries Signed by Governor

Exact Promise from Fish Commission Not to Ask for More Money in Future for Hatchery Purposes

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Jan. 5.—The governor today signed the house bill appropriating \$64,000 for the repair of damage done in the fish hatcheries during the November storm. The governor's action followed receipt of a written statement from the fish commission promising that it would not appear at future legislative sessions asking for appropriations for the hatchery department.

Injured When Arm is Caught in Rock Crusher of County

Louis Axon Catches Arm in Gears While Straightening Cable and Crushes His Hand.

(Special to The Observer)

ISLAND CITY, Jan. 5.—Louis Axon of Union was severely injured this morning while working on the county rock crusher. He was running the lift, and in attempting to straighten the cable his arm was caught, crushing it badly. He will not lose his hand and is expected to recover fully from all effects of the accident. His home is in Union.

Portland Publication Attacking State Senate Offered Assistance in Getting True Sentiment of the People of Eastern Oregon on the Exposition Tax Measures; Telegram's Opinions of Eastern Oregonians not Representative.

In its endeavor to discredit the "Faithful Fourteen" senators who voted against the Portland exposition gasoline tax bill in the special session of the legislature the Portland Evening Telegram is selecting a few people from different communities, many of whom are for exposition tax, and stand practically alone in their communities in the matter, yet the metropolitan newspaper uses their interviews as reflecting the sentiment of the community in which the selected ones reside.

For instance, in last evening's issue of the Telegram a signed statement was printed from Hon. Walter M. Pierce of Union county in which Mr. Pierce criticizes severely the action of the state senate. This does not reflect the sentiment in Union and Willowa counties at all, it only states Mr. Pierce's personal view of the matter.

Another man quoted was William Hanley of Burns. It is commonly known that William Hanley is for the fair tax and everything else that Portland asks him to be, and it is also commonly known that Mr. Hanley, although personally a delightful gentleman, does not in any way represent the wishes of the people of Harney county in this exposition tax matter, for Harney county people are opposed to the whole Portland scheme.

In order to assist the Portland Telegram, which is owned by Wheeler Brothers, the following message was wired them today:

Evening Telegram, Portland, Oregon.—To Wheeler Bros., Owners.—As one of the "faithful fourteen" senators who opposed the property tax and the gasoline tax for financing the Portland 1925 Exposition, and as one who wishes to assist you in your compilation of sentiment both for and against the Oregon State Senate, I wish to respectfully invite your representative, Mr. Henry Hanson, writer of the exposition propaganda, to come to Eastern Oregon and personally interview the rank and file of voters on this important question.

He shall be my guest and I will furnish him a car to call upon farmers and other voters in this section. In this way you will obtain sentiment as it really exists and your published interviews will not be confined to a selected few in each community, many of whom are known to be for the exposition tax, but they are also known to be out of step with their communities on the question.

Other members of the "faithful fourteen" senators in Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon, Willamette Valley and Coos Bay will no doubt gladly extend to you the same courtesy in order to settle this Oregon family row and give Portlanders first hand information on the condition of up-state people who are opposed to any further tax whatsoever.

I not only issue this to you as an invitation, but in the belief that you desire to be just and when once you know the exact sentiment in the state you will be convinced, I make it a request.

(Please Publish) BRUCE DENNIS, Senator from Union-Willowa Counties, Member of the "Faithful Fourteen".

VOLLEY BALL GAME TUESDAY

The "Y" officials are making arrangements for a game of volley ball between the business men's class and the young men's class. The game, if arranged, will be played on Tuesday evening, January 10. S. D. Corve is captain of the business men's squad and Claude Cooper leads the young men's team.

CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE SETTLED

The interclass basketball championship will probably be settled either this week or next. The Specials and Seniors were to play the deciding game but the Specials were forced to drop out of the series on account of the fact that two of their men are unable to play. As it now stands the Seniors will play the Juniors for the championship as only the Specials defeated the Juniors. The Juniors gave the Specials a hard tussle and the game is sure to be fast and interesting.

Walsh Predicts the Defeat of Treaty With Great Britain

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—The Daily Eireann was still deadlocked this afternoon when it adjourned to a private session tomorrow to hear the report of the committee trying to find a basis for an agreement on the treaty.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Dublin dispatch quoted J. J. Walsh, a Daily member, saying that the treaty would be defeated by at least two votes.

It's the lessons learnt from failures that teach you how to succeed.

London Newspaper Representative Is Spirited Away

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—A message from Cork late this afternoon said that Kay was enroute back to Dublin.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—A. B. Kay, correspondent of the London Times, was kidnaped from Dublin yesterday and taken to Cork. He may be released shortly, and a message from Cork to Desmond Fitzgerald, minister of propaganda.

Recall Petition Is Not Filed With Commission

The recall petition which it was reported was to be filed with the city commissioners at the meeting last night was not filed nor had it been filed with the city recorder, the proper official to receive it, early this afternoon. According to reports the number of names on the petition was anywhere from 600 to 1500.

In order to obtain action on the petition, which would mean an election, 25 per cent of the legal voters at the last general election would have to sign the petition. This would be, approximately, between 700 and 750 and as usually many names appear on the petition that cannot be verified on comparison with the registration books, somewhat over that number would be necessary to insure the recall.

Following the failure of the petition to appear last night at the meeting of the commission, rumors were circulated that it would be filed early this morning but no action has been taken by the promoters of the recall.

Weather

Tonight and Friday rain in the west and snow in the east portion of the state. Warmer weather in the east portion and strong southerly gales along the coast and strong winds in the interior are also expected.

Fire Chief Makes His Annual Report on Fires

The following report has been 1921 than in 1920. The number of fires in 1921 was 14, the number in 1920 was 13. Total loss for the year of 1921: Total loss for the year of 1920 was \$489,500, which 38 were by telephone, 16 by box and 2 verbally. The amount of insurance carried on buildings was \$19,835 and on the contents \$28,615, making a total of \$48,450. The amount of insurance loss on buildings was \$2,859.65 and on the contents was \$4,205.55, making a total of \$7,065.20. The valuation of property at risk was \$147,500. The amount of insurance at risk was \$48,450, and the amount of insurance paid was \$7,165.20. There was \$168,400 more insurance at risk in 1921 than in 1920 and \$1,152.01 more insurance paid in 1921 than in 1920.

IF THE PROFITERS RUN TRUE TO FORM

