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SAW WOMAN LEADING REBELS IN IRELAND

Countess Reported to Have Shot Six Followers for Disobedience

New York, May 15—Dr. Cecil D. McAdam, of Melbourne, Australia, who was attached to the Royal Medical corp of the British army during the Gallipoli campaign, and who was besieged in the Melbourne hotel in Dublin, Ireland, during the recent rebellion there, arrived here on the steamer Philadelphia from Liverpool.

Dr. McAdam said he saw the Countess Markievicz, attired in man's garb and wearing a brace of revolvers, leading the Irish rebels. He was informed he added, that she had shot six of her followers because they refused to obey her orders.

Kelly Calls on Tidings

The following article appeared as an editorial in the Ashland Tidings, May 15:

"KELLEY'S VISIT"

Prosecuting Attorney Kelly paid the Tidings a call Friday. Word preceded him that he was coming to "clean out the Tidings office." The Tidings editor called him by telephone and told him he hoped he would not attempt to introduce any "ruff stuff" on the occasion of his visit. The Tidings editor is not looking for personal trouble with anyone, but he stands responsible for what this paper says and he does not intend to be "cleaned out," if he can help it. We do not believe in physical encounters and in no case will indulge in one unless forced to do so in self-defense. This we informed Mr. Kelly, and after threatening the life of the editor, in the presence of half a dozen witnesses, he withdrew without cleaning out the office.

This is the method of a double-fisted attorney who appears to believe more in physical force, while he is prosecutor, than he does in the efficacy of the law. He would fit better as prize ring master than prosecuting attorney.

Boy Held on Charge of Stealing

Salem, Or., May 15—Truxton Beck and Ernest Ross, two young boys were arrested here today on a charge of stealing an automobile of Councilman Huddleson and driving it to Woodburn. It is alleged that they stole the machine while the councilman was at church.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Moving Picture House Fined

Canyon City, Or., May 15—A United States revenue officer paid an official visit to this city Friday, with the result that Henry Guernsey was fined \$28 for operating a moving-picture theatre here recently, without a license. He had the Orpheum leased from Henry Kuhl, the owner, and conducted the show for just about two months.

Fruit Trees Damaged

White Salmon, Wash., May 15—Weather of all kinds prevailed in the White Salmon valley the past week and fruit trees, which were in blossom were damaged. Two inches of hail fell at Mountain Brook and on Burdoin Heights. In the districts around town the moisture was in the form of cold rain. The vegetables on the flats below town grown by Japanese were frozen.

Claude Tucker Wins Auto Race

Marshfield, Or., May 15—Claude Tucker won the 20-mile auto race here yesterday in 27 minutes, 15 seconds, running at the rate of 44 miles an hour. He won the \$100 purse. R. E. Knowles was second and Merle Holden third.

A Gloomy Outlook

The report a week ago was that the inhabitants of Metz were evacuating that city. The natural conclusion is that the Germans are preparing, if this last drive fails, to withdraw their forces from around Verdun to occupy the works of Metz in anticipation of a concentrated drive upon the battlements around Metz. Should that prove true, then the situation that has ruled at Verdun for weeks will be reversed; the allies will be trying to break the German front, the Germans will by wholesale be mowing down the allies. Is there no great-brained and great-hearted man who can propose a means of settlement which will induce those infuriated nations to stop and consider? The war has become a horror to the civilized world.

T. W. Fulton returned Monday to his home in Yreka, Cal.

THE TELEPHONE RATES

Public Service Commission Refuses to Allow Toll Charges, Penalties, Extra Charges for Portable Phones etc

The Public Service Commission of Oregon has handed down its decision in the telephone matter which was heard at Medford, April 5, as follows: In everything concerning the subscribers in this city and environs the application of the telephone company has been denied but it is allowed to raise its rates to Farmer lines out of Medford, Rogue River and Gold Hill, as the former switching charge at these points were considered too low.

The report and order of the Commission is rather lengthy, comprising 7 pages of typewritten matter and treats the matter at considerable length. Briefly, the application is summed up in six propositions:

1. The inauguration of a penalty for non-payment of bills within a specified time.
 2. An increase of farmer line switching rates at Medford, Gold Hill and Rogue River.
 3. Installation of a toll charge between Medford and Jacksonville.
 4. Imposing an additional charge for portable or desk phones.
 5. Charging 50 cents for reconnecting when service is discontinued for non-payment of bills (this is in nature of a penalty.)
 6. Establishing of a local exchange switching rate for non-subscribers.
- Considering these propositions in the order named the commission finds that the company has already in its hands an efficient method of enforcing collection of its bills and until such time as the company can show it has exhausted all the remedies it now possesses, the Commission will not sanction the imposition of a cash penalty for failure to make prompt payment of bills. The penalties proposed do not bear appropriate ratio to the rates on which they are applied and are unjustly discriminatory. The increase in rates requested by the company which would operate as a penalty for non-payment of bills within a specified time is found to be unreasonable and unjust, and the petition so far as it applies to this feature should be denied.
- Regarding proposition 2, the Commission finds that the following rates for switching service on farmer lines are just: Medford residence, \$7.40 per year;

Student on Trial for Girl's Death

Chicago, May 15—The trial of Will H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, on a charge of murdering Marion Lambert, Lake Forest high school girl, opened at Waukegan today with the selection of jurors. Evidence to be presented, it is said, will be largely circumstantial, and the question for the jury to decide is whether the girl took the poison which caused her death or whether Orpet administered it to her.

Sawmill Plant is Sold

White Salmon, Wash., May 15—The Swan-Hanan Lumber company's sawmill was sold last week to J. W. Dickey and J. W. Millsap. Sawing operations will be rushed to take advantage of the water supply for fluming the lumber down the mountain to the railroad tracks. The mill will turn out a large quantity of fruit boxes this season.

Rabies is Spreading

Canyon City, Or., May 15—Four dogs were recently killed in the Long Creek vicinity, which were afflicted with rabies. The rabies epidemic in that neighborhood is becoming a serious matter, making it necessary to keep a close watch upon all animals.

Gold Hill, residence \$6.00 per year business \$10.00 per year, Rogue River, resident \$6 per year, business \$10.00 per year.

The imposition of a toll charge between Medford and Jacksonville would cause the segregation of these exchanges into separate units. With 1894 subscribers in Medford and 136 in Jacksonville, this would manifestly result in unjust discrimination in rates against Jacksonville, if present schedule were continued. Moreover, the Commission in prescribing the present rates for these two cities gave due consideration to the free service between them, and to now eliminate such free service would call for the readjustment of both the Medford and Jacksonville exchange rates. An adjustment of these rates to a just, reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory basis under the conditions which would result from abolition of the free service would result in diminished revenue for the company. From a consideration of all facts in the premises the Commission finds the imposition of a toll charge such as asked for, to be unjust and unreasonable and the petition insofar as it relates thereto should be denied.

The installation of an additional charge of 25 cents per month for portable phones, is denied.

Proposition 5, asking for the installation of a reconnecting charge of 50 cents when subscribers are cut off for failure to pay their monthly bills, and proposition 6, providing for a 5 cent charge within, and 10 cent charge for calls without the various cities served, when such calls are made by non-subscribers, are dismissed without prejudice, as there is not sufficient evidence to show the reasonableness of these charges.

Discussing the claim made by the company that its revenues were insufficient to pay interest on its bonds, the Commission points out that the value of the plant used as found in an earlier proceeding is \$121,791, and it is not surprising that the revenue from the useful portion of the plant not meet the interest on the \$200,000 bond issue based upon the entire plant. The Commission suggests that the company bear in mind that the conditions which now obtain are largely the result of its own action. It engaged the field with its eyes open and carried on a ruthless competitive war. Uncontrolled by regulation, it engaged in practices which could end in but one way, and since it has seen fit to bring about such a condition it should not now be heard to complain if it becomes necessary for it to carry part of the burden imposed upon itself and the community it serves.

The Commission suggests economy in the management of the company and cites for instance "prudent management would seem to indicate that the Jacksonville exchange be placed in a private residence and operated in the manner other exchanges of like character are operated in many communities similarly situated."

"With the increase of rates allowed under this order, and with the adoption of modern economic methods of administration, this utility, under the circumstances, should have no further reason to complain."

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

May 15, Eugene has called for bids on \$21,000 school building.

Roseburg—Ice plant of 200 tons daily capacity starts operation.

Estacada—R. C. Deming starts cannery here.

Portland—Portland-Alaska Steamship Co. starts line of steamers from here to Alaska.

Two ships leave Columbia with 5,000,000 ft. of lumber for China and Australia.

Hood River—\$45,000 bonds sold for new school and addition to high school.

Portland shipyard has contracts aggregating \$4,000,000 and will employ about 1000 men in the near future.

Some newspapers want everything done as it is done in Australia. Why not move to Australia?

Grants Pass—Work started on construction of new planning mill.

Marshfield—Dollar logging camp on Bear creek opens with 40 men.

Roseburg—Cinnabar properties in this section are being actively worked.

Astoria—Contracts aggregating \$161,330.81 for permanent improvement on Commercial, Duane and Eleventh Sts. with a bitulithic hard surface pavement have been awarded.

Portland—Inman-Poulsen mill cutting 300,000 ft. of lumber in 10 hours.

Actual construction work on Teel irrigation project in Umatilla County to commence, financed by Canadian Co.

Bundon—Lumber shipments for April totaled 3,853,184 ft.

Coquille—Fourteen cheese factories form association in Coos and Curry counties.

Astoria—On opening day of salmon season 1000 boats were at work.

Springfield—J. C. Dimm & Son of Eugene have taken over Lane County News of this city from W. A. Dill publisher of the paper for the past two years.

The three new ships, contracts have been let to the big new Portland ship yard, will all fly a foreign flag.

State press riddling some of the new boards and commissions created by the legislature and indications are no more of these obstacles to industry will be tolerated.

Gresham—Latourelle & Son will build brick garage here.

Ashland—Hotel Oregon remodeled at expense of \$20,000.

Astoria—County Court awards contract to build four wooden bridges on Columbia river highway, price \$6796.

Bend—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company takes over local phone system.

Marshfield—Meetings for \$362,000 road bond issue being held in Coos county.

Toledo—Western Union establishes direct telegraph line between Portland and Newport.

Electric Sparks

(From Off Our Wireless)

South America should hurry up and finish its job of pacifying Mexico.

Perhaps a bad man from Egypt is managing Germany's submarine policy.

Speaking of preparedness, congress is always prepared to talk things over. Preparedness would look mighty good if we had it now.

Justice Hughes might at least draw the silent vote.

All that General Pershing wants is a bad man from Chihuahua.

It is time for the nation to know all the facts in the submarine affair.

In time of peace, according to "pork" congressmen, prepare for postoffice!

Capt. Von Papez seems to have been lucky in getting found out only by degrees.

This country should be well content without a war, if it could have peace, with honor, but only with honor.

America is about to receive its diploma from the correspondence school of diplomacy.

In the matter of diplomatic notes this country believes in "acrap" but not in "bales" of paper.

Alaska Smashes Records

The value of the mineral production of Alaska in 1915 amounted to \$32,844,229—\$13,738,532 more than the value in 1914 and far more than that of any previous annual output during the 36 years that mining has been carried on in the territory. The collection of mineral statistics of Alaska for 1915, just completed by Alfred H. Brooks, of the United States Geological Survey, shows that the value of the gold produced during the year amounted to \$16,702,144 copper \$15,131,219, and silver \$543,393. Lead, antimony, marble, gypsum, and a small amount of petroleum and coal being the total value of Alaska's mineral products to \$32,854,229.

Since 1880, when mining first began in Alaska, the Territory has produced gold, silver, copper, tin, and other minerals to the value of \$909,954,751, the gold production alone to the close of 1915 amounting to \$399,858,943. Of this gold, \$186,192,992 worth was produced by the placers, the rest being derived from lode deposits.

Bids Fair to be Large Industry

The flax industry, which has been laid waste in Europe by present conditions, bids fair to be transplanted to the northwest states, and when it is once firmly established will be a great wealth producer. It has been demonstrated that Oregon soil and climate are well adapted to the culture of flax, and while Marion county is now the leader, Lane county will in the near future be a close second, as plans are made to plant 150 acres there this season. With the production of flax fibre in large quantities there will follow linen factories, which will give employment to an increased population, which will mean better times for all classes.—Lebanon Express.

Sale of National Forest Timber

Announcement is made by the Forest Service that the District Forester, Portland, Oregon, has just approved the contract for the sale to Brown Bros. of Hubbard of 3,900,000 feet of timber on the Crater National Forest in southern Oregon.

The timber is located on Crystal Creek on the west side of Klamath Lake and consists mostly of western yellow pine, although there is some sugar pine and other species. The prices paid for the timber are \$3.20 per M feet for the yellow pine and sugar pine and 50 cents per M feet for the other species.

The timber will be towed down Klamath Lake and sold to Klamath Falls mills.

Race Across Continent for Aeroplanes is Planned.

New York, May 15—A transcontinental aeroplane competition for which prizes amounting to \$100,000 probably will be offered, has been decided upon by the Aero Club of America. The route for the transcontinental flight and the date will be announced later.

Reports regarding Villa's interment possibly mean merely that he has dug himself in.

As the heated term approaches Justice Hughes andiced drinks become more and more popular.

Even Bryan could not make Nebraska take water.

All the Nebraska Ford owners' peers to have voted for him.

Germany will observe that we are not too proud to write.

The "Rep" after Congressman Jim Mann's name probably stands for "Reprobate."

Germany may be in straits, but bringing her to bay is something else again.

Evidence continues to pile up that Mr. Hearst hasn't any cattle ranches in Germany.

"England will laugh last," says a London paper. That's what the English have always been famous for.

President Wilson was overwhelmed with telegrams of endorsements of his stand taken in his submarine controversy with Germany. They poured into the White house from every part of the country. Then the German propagandists got busy and they fired a few thousand telegrams at Congress opposing war. The pro-German telegrams were nearly all alike, showing that they were framed by the hyphenated society and passed on to the Bernstein-Copperheads to send to Congressmen.

Of course, a thousand stereotyped telegrams exactly like each other had a lot of weight with Congress.

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