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TWO ESCAPE FROM GOLD HILL CAMP.

Red Rupert, Bank Robber, and Forger Hardy.

Portland, March 17.—Clyde J. (Red) Rupert, Multnomah club athlete and special lobby guard of the Northwestern National bank, who attempted a sensational theft of \$19,500 worth of Liberty bonds from the bank in December, 1917, and who was later convicted in the circuit court and sentenced from one to three years in the state penitentiary, escaped in broad daylight from the lime quarry at Gold Hill, near Grants Pass, yesterday. Rupert was a trustee and was working without guard. No one saw him leave the quarry. Warden R. L. Stevens was visiting at the camp when Rupert made his escape. Details of the break have not been received in Portland. Search for him is being vigorously prosecuted.

Rupert has served a few days over a year of his time, having been admitted to the penitentiary March 6, 1918.

His arrest in connection with the stealing of the bonds came when Alfred S. Rix, a shipbuilder, came to the bank with five \$1000 bonds. When asked where he had obtained them, Rix answered that he had purchased them from Rupert. Rupert was immediately questioned, but refused to make any statement.

Rupert is about 35 years old, has red hair and is heavily built.

John P. Hardy, a fellow prisoner, who was serving a sentence of from two to twenty years for forgery, escaped with Rupert. Hardy began his sentence February 12, 1916.

U. S. Airmen will Attempt to Fly to Britain Soon.

New York, March 17.—Rear Admiral D. W. Taylor, chief of the naval bureau of construction and repairs, announced today that the navy would be ready to attempt the flight by heavier than air craft across the Atlantic ocean with in a month.

"I do not believe that Great Britain will beat us across," he said, "if the attempt is made with heavier than air craft."

"We are under the impression in Washington, however," he continued, "that a dirigible trip will be undertaken by England."

A NEW AMERICAN LONG RANGE GUN



Auto Bandit Robs Pe Ell Bank.

Chehalis, Wash., March 15.—A lone robber entered the bank at Pe Ell and held up the young woman clerk, Miss Baxter, took \$3500, walked out of the bank, climbed into a Ford automobile and made his escape. All roads were guarded at once, and the sheriff's office in Chehalis notified. The robber is described as a man of 30, heavy set, and clad in a checkered mackinaw. A second man, also in a machine, is thought to have been an accomplice, as two machines were seen driving out of town at the same time. The Pe Ell bank is a private institution, owned and operated by C. W. Boynton.

Four Week's Nap Finished.

Fort Worth, March 17.—Lieutenant Clark Wright of the 345th field artillery is awake after a four week's sleep.

Physicians who had failed to arouse him agree that either an attack of the influenza or too close study in the army caused the long sleep. He appears to be in fairly good health.

SLEEPING ILLNESS PUZZLE.

New York Reports Second Death Among Forty Cases.

New York, March 18.—Belief that at least half of New York's 40 cases of "sleeping sickness" are sequels of Spanish influenza was expressed last night by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city health commissioner. Investigation by the health department, Dr. Copeland said, indicated that there were two forms of "sleeping sickness" in the city—one a sequel of influenza and the other the disease known as encephalitis lethargica, or epidemic coma.

The second death in the city from "sleeping sickness," that of a baby of 10 months, was reported yesterday. The child had not suffered from influenza, Dr. Copeland said, but both its parents had.

North Bend Lumber mill to open with minimum wage scale of 40 cents per hour for common labor instead of 45 and 50 cents. New scale acceptable to L. L. L.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Bids Called for Two New Highway Projects.

Salem, Or., March 18.—Two more highway improvement projects have been added to those on which the state highway commission will receive bids at the meeting in Portland on March 26. Both are for paving contracts. They are: Oregon-Washington highway, Umatilla county, from end of Wild Horse pavement to a point two miles east of Athena, nine miles, and Columbia River Highway, Wasco county, from The Dalles to Seufert's Section, two miles. Ten thousand tons of asphalt and 50,000 barrels of cement will be used on the two projects.

Walport Roused Over Oil.

Toledo, Or., March 18.—Ord Castle, county surveyor, recently returned from the Walport county and brought with him samples of paraffin, asphalt and other oil indications. He says the people about Walport are much excited over the prospects for oil.

One well has been drilled to a depth of about 3000 feet and it is understood that the operators have struck a gas flow. The company recently ceased operations and placed a guard on the property. No stock is offered for sale as yet, but the company is trying to lease other land available. Three other companies are taking leases.

Persons who recently sold their timber land to the government have reserved the oil rights.

Yaquina Bay Mill is Sold.

Toledo, Or., March 18.—The old Yaquina bay sawmill, the electric plant and Miller's logging road were sold recently to Mr. Story of Seattle and August Fisher of Corvallis. The new owners are rushing the repair of all equipments and hope to have the saw mill in full operation by the 25th of the month.

On account of rush orders, the resaw and planers are being operated seven days a week, logging operations are in full swing, and more help is needed in the mill.

The Robert tie mill resumed operation the first of the week and is loading out a car a day of railroad ties.

Road Survey in Progress.

Hood River, Or., March 18.—C. C. Hutchins, secretary of the White Salmon Commercial club and good roads advocate, while here yesterday, announced that a crew of engineers was engaged in Klickitat county making a survey of the North Bank highway east from the White Salmon river toward Lytle. The highway, except for a stretch between Cooks and Carson, in Skamania county, has been graded.

Corvallis Girl to be Worker in Near East.

Corvallis, Or., March 17.—Miss Alice Moore, of Corvallis, a graduate of the college in 1917, is on her way to do relief work in Turkey under the American committee for relief. This is a private organization with which the Red Cross and other organizations are co-operating.

Clatsop Will Appeal to Vote of People.

Salem, Or., March 17.—Citizens of Clatsop county will invoke referendum against senate bill No. 23, introduced in the legislature by Senator Norblad, of Astoria. The enactment provides that all territory in any incorporated city or town shall be within one school district. A similar bill was vetoed by the governor two years ago. The office of the secretary of state has received a letter from G. C. Fulton, of Astoria, asking as to the number of signatures necessary to refer the enactment to the people. Deputy Secretary of State Koser has informed Mr. Fulton that 9213 names are necessary.

Farmers Have Good Reason.

Toledo, Or., March 18.—Some eight or ten carloads of potatoes, worth \$30 per ton, have been fed to stock in the Siletz valley this year because of lack of roads over which they could be hauled to market. Naturally these farmers are interested in the new market road and to be referred to the people in the June election. All Lincoln county will poll a large vote in favor of the measure.

ALCHISON BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

Ex-Oregonian Advances With Commerce Commission.

Washington, March 14.—Clyde B. Alchison, former chairman of the Oregon State Public Service commission, on which he served as a member for eight years, tomorrow will become chairman of the interstate commerce commission. The commerce commission is soon to assume greater importance than ever before by reason of proposed new legislation providing for the return of the railroads to private ownership and the restoration of all powers possessed by the commission prior to the enactment of the wartime federal control law, together with greatly enlarged powers.

Mr. Alchison was the youngest man ever appointed to the commission and is likewise several years younger than any of the other distinguished men who have presided over the deliberations of this body. Well known men who have occupied this place are: Thomas M. Cooley, Martin A. Knapp, now on the United States circuit bench; Charles A. Prouty, present director of valuation for the commission; the late Judson C. Clements; Secretary of Interior Lane and Winthrop M. Daniels, former professor of political economy at Princeton university.

MEXICO MAY PROTECT OIL.

British Ownership Brings Carranza to Terms.

New York, March 18.—Word received here yesterday that a majority of the Mexican deputies who will discuss the petroleum question at the forthcoming session of congress, were in favor of guaranteeing the property rights of foreigners in the oil lands, to the extent of holdings already obtained, was taken as the most favorable omen that has developed in the controversy since the passage of the Mexican constitution, more than a year ago.

The foreign holders of property in Mexico have been waging an intensive campaign ever since then against what they called the confiscatory measures proposed by Carranza. Recently Mexico has been trying to straighten out financial tangle by seeking aid here, and found that there was little welcome for Mexico's proposals while the oil question and several others, vital to foreign investors, were unsettled.

The direct interest of the British government in the oil lands, through its holdings of Royal Dutch, which recently purchased a big block of Mexican Eagle stock, may have been another factor to bring Carranza to terms. It is one thing to override private owners and quite another to tamper with the holdings of another government, especially one as strong as Great Britain.

West Bank of Rhine to be Test Question.

London, March 17.—The test question for the German delegates at the peace conference will be the west bank of the Rhine, says a Berlin dispatch to the Mail. The delegates will be authorized to break negotiations if this matter is enforced upon them, and in this case the cabinet will support the delegation and will resign if the national assembly takes a different attitude.

Aviator Flies 136 Miles per Hour.

Aberdeen, Wash., March 18.—J. S. Waugh, Aberdeen merchant now in New York, encloses in a letter an account of a flight of Major Reuben F. Fleet, of this county from McCook field, Mincola, Long Island, to Dayton, Ohio, in 4 hours, 35 minutes.

The trip was made in a DeHaviland battleplane equipped with 400 horsepower engines, and the flight was made at the rate of 135.8 miles an hour. The trip was made in stormy weather and the machine was blown about 100 miles off the regular course. Most of the distance was covered at a height of 10,000 to 12,000 feet.

Albany firm gets contract for \$40,000 school building at St. Helena.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Mar. 17.—North Portland Over \$250,000 of business was handled during 1917 by the Live Stock State Bank which handles part of business of factories and livestock interests here.

North Portland—The new factory of the Stay Bound Silo Co. for manufacturing silo grain bins and other farm utilities is now in operation.

Work starts on Aurora-Salem highway.

Oregon should exceed every state in Union in wool growing and woolen goods manufacture and it is up to our farmers to see that wool production is increased.

Oregon to get \$1.25 per 100 rate on potato starch to ease this year. Factory to use 5000 tons cull potatoes heretofore wasted.

Eugene starting fund of \$100,000 to be raised for woman's building.

Portland will expend \$23,000 on buildings for annual livestock show.

Portland—Standier Shipbuilding Co. says peace will boost that industry on coast.

Portland needs 4000 to 5000 new houses to meet 1919 growth.

With co-operation on the part of the state in propagation of young salmon, Oregon can greatly increase its salmon pack to the enrichment of the whole state.

Roseburg—Douglas county has issued lateral road bonds for \$277,000.

Bandon offers free site for shipyards 10-9 by 800 feet on Coquille river.

East Portland gets two-story garage to cost \$12,000.

Silverton—Work started overhauling Silver Falls sawmill.

Portland lumber mills reopen employing thousands.

Salem to have a half million dollar paper mill. Building to start soon.

Florence—Grenge in Western Lane county promoting co-operative cannery.

Southern Pacific Co. will assist building state highway from Cottage Grove to Walker and cut out four dangerous grade crossings.

Hood River—English capitalists to build front warehouses here.

Hood River—Apple and fruit crop 1918 totaled \$2,210,900.

Marshfield firemen to erect \$5000 dance hall.

Lebanon cannery shows net profits for 1918 of \$22,647.

Oregon Highway board letting contracts for 299 miles paving.

Portland Gas & Coke Co. will double capacity of plant.

Bond—Improvements planned for city this year total between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Pilot Rock wants a new high school.

Lebanon men to set out 200 acre prune orchard.

Salem—Mitoma hop ranch to increase acreage to 120 acres this season.

Amity has cheese factory turning out fine product which is good seller.

Astoria contemplating erecting new Junior High School.

Portland—Rabbit cannery proposed for this city.

Vale—Warm Springs Irrigation dam structure now under way.

Monmouth—Reconstruction act passed by legislature and to be submitted to vote of people, carries \$130,000 appropriation for Monmouth Normal.

Monmouth farmers urged to raise more berries for canneries of Willamette valley.

The Dalles—11 inches of rainfall injures wheat crop in Wasco county.

The Dalles—Wasco county urges hard surfaced loop highway around Mount Hood.

Eugene cannery will enlarge plant and build cold storage warehouse.

Pendleton—\$100,000 hospital planned for this city.

Silverton, now assured of \$20,000 armory.

German Helmet from France.

Lebanon, Or., March 17.—J. C. Mitchell, of this city, a few days ago received by express a German officer's helmet, sent to him by his son, Roy Mitchell, who is located on the Meure river in base hospital No. 46.

Cotton Goods Cheaper:

Apron checked Gingham 25c pr yd.
Fancy Gingham 30c pr yd.

Lewis Ulrich

General - Merchandise

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