EX-GOVERNOR ON STAND AT BAKER

Hard Fight Made Over Introduction of Testimony in Suit Due to Raid.

UNSIGNED LETTER BARRED

Cross-Examination of ex-Mayor of Copperfield Leads to Tilt Between Attorneys and Judge Has to Call for Order.

BAKER, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Ex-Governor West was on the witness stand an hour today in the Baker Circuit Court in the $4500 damage case against him by William Wiegand, a saloonkeeper at Copperfield at the time Mr. West, then Governor, sent Fern Hobbs ahead of Colonel Lawson and the state militia to the little town.

Little progress was made in his testimony because every inch of ground is being closely fought by both sides. The courtroom was crowded, with many standing, when he took the stand at 4:10 P. M., and there was craning of necks to see him. His every word was listened to.

Frank H. Collier, his attorney, at once began the submission of letters written by himself and others, to prove the contention that Mr. West was justified in sending the militia to Copperfield and declaring martial law January 2, 1914. The first letter was one from Copperfield to the Governor dated December 17, 1913. It was in a woman's handwriting, but unsigned.

Anonymous Letter Ruled Out.

In his objection Attorney Nichols paid his respects to the "cowardliness" of anonymous letter-writers. "It is on just such stuff as this that the Governor based his order for martial law," Mr. Nichols said. The letter was promptly ruled out. The defense then merely submitted letters and documents for identification and Judge Anderson will rule tomorrow morning whether the letters will be admitted.

They include communications from Copperfield citizens, conspicuous among them being two from Sam Aklin, the general storekeeper, who figured prominently in troubles of Copperfield at the time of the Hobbs visit, and Mr. West's acknowledgment of them. Another was a petition signed by Stanley R. Dimick and 51 others, affidavits from Copperfield people and a letter from Attorney Nichols. Mr. West spoke plainly when he identified one letter which he said was from "C. T. Goodwin, District Attorney, on a letterhead of Nichols & Goodwin," the two being law partners at one time.

Reason for Raid Given.

Mr. West testified that his action in sending the militia was the outgrowth of letters, other evidences and to talks with people, among them being Mrs. Ada W. Unruh, head of the Women's Christian Temperance Union; H. L. Sheldon, then head of the Anti-Saloon League; traveling men who had visited Copperfield, and to a letter from an official of the Oxbow project, near Copperfield. The letter, he said, he had thoughtlessly destroyed and the objection to admitting it as testimony was being argued when court adjourned for the day.

Other witnesses today were Wiegand, who told of being engaged in business under state license and the taking of his stock of liquor and saloon fixtures under force of arms. He told of Colonel Lawson receiving the injunction and of the latter replying that Governor West had told him to go ahead in spite of the injunction.

City Recorder Testifies.

R. E. Clarke, City Recorder and police judge of Copperfield at the time of the raid, substantiated Wiegand's testimony. He admitted his salary was fixed by the Council of seven, four being saloonkeepers. Attorney-General Brown took part in the cross-examination.

H. A. Stewart, Mayor of Copperfield at the time of the trouble, testified to the advent of Fern Hobbs into Copperfield.

Mr. Collier in cross-examination asked the witness question after question concerning his own duties as Mayor and the conducting of gambling games in Copperfield. These questions were objected to by Attorney Nichols, the objections being sustained. Finally in exasperation, Mr. Nichols declared, "You are asking the witness to convict himself."

"Are you afraid he will?" countered Collier.

"I certanly am not," was the reply.

The bickering of the attorneys drew a rebuke from Judge Anderson, who requested that the trial proceed in a more orderly manner.

BRITISH PUT IN CELLS, TOO

Germany Retaliates on Officers for Treatment of Undersea Men.

LONDON, April 13.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam says:

"The German government has decided to make reprisals against British officer prisoners for the treatment that is being accorded the prisoners of German submarine boats in England. For each prisoner of a submarine crew and for the duration of his harsh treatment, which it is contended is contrary to international law, it has been resolved by Germany to treat likewise a British officer without distinction of person.

"Accordingly today (Monday) 39 British officers were imprisoned in the military detention barracks."

FIRING AT SEA REPORTED

Naval Engagement Believed to Be Taking Place in North Sea.

LONDON, April 12.—Reports are current here that heavy firing is taking place at sea off Scarborough.

It is indicated that some kind of a naval engagement is in progress. The Admiralty refuses to give out any information.

HUERTA WILL STAY HERE

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him and being in turn embraced. As he came down the gangplank two Mexicans, standing nearby, lifted their hats and exclaimed, "Viva Huerta."

Among those at the pier was Captain George J. Head, of the Texas National Guard, the man who delivered to Huerta in June, 1913, the ultimatum of Governor O. B. Colquitt, of Texas, that if a single Texan was harmed by bullets coming over the border his generals and commanding officers would be held to personal account. Captain Head said that he was here to meet General Huerta simply as a friend.

To all appearances Huerta has changed but little since he left Mexico. While he is credited with having a fair command of English, what little talking he did was through an interpreter—even to the answering of the questions propounded by the immigration officers. Through the interpreter he warmly thanked the photographers and reporters for the interest displayed in his arrival.

No Special Instructions Given.

Pressed for an interview, he said:

"It is a pleasure for me to be again in the United States and it gives me an opportunity to admire once more the greatness of the American people, whom I salute through their press. It is nothing strange that on stepping on United States territory it should be my first duty to salute this great Nation, as many of its citizens have been and are my personal friends."

Immigration and customs officials said that they had received no special instructions from Washington regarding the landing of General Huerta. He took his place in line wtih other passengers in the salon on the Antonio Lopez, passing the Government officers and receiving the same consideration granted to all.

BOND ELECTION ORDERED

ROSEBURG TO PASS ON $500,000 ISSUE FOR RAILROAD JUNE 4.

Effort to Rescind Action on Aid for Line to Coos Bay Defeated by Vote of Five to Three.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—By unanimous vote the City Council tonight authorized the calling of a special election to ballot on the proposition of floating municipal bonds in the sum of $500,000 with which to help Kendall Bros. construct a standard gauge railroad from Roseburg to the line of the Cascade forest reserve on the North Umpqua River. The election will be held on June 4.

The bonds are to be voted contingent on the carrying out of Kendall Bros.' contract to the effect that they will construct the railroad and erect a sawmill in this city. The railroad and sawmill will represent an expenditure of approximately $1,250,000.

By a vote of five to three the Council refused to adopt a resolution offered by Councilman Hamilton rescinding bonds in the sum of $500,000 which were voted some time ago to assist in the construction of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay. The Council chamber was crowded during the proceedings and several spirited speeches enlivened the occasion.

Effective Sentiment.

All the sentiment in favor of good roads is worthless unless such sentiment is expressed at the ballot box. Whatever your other duties are, don't fail to vote tomorrow for good roads.

LOCKS DEED IS TAKEN

OREGON CITY CANAL IS ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENT.

Plans for Improving Works on Willamette River Will Be Asked of Colonel McKinstry Soon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 12.—Secretary of War Garrison, on recommendation of the Chief of Engineers and Attorney-General, today formally approved and accepted the deed to the Oregon City locks. He directed the Chief of Engineers to arrange, through Colonel McKinstry, for the payment to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company of $375,000 for the property.

Colonel McKinstry probably will be advised by letter to close the purchase, take over the canal and locks and arrange to open the Willamette River to free navigation.

Colonel McKinstry will also be asked to submit for approval plans for improving the locks in accordance with the general plan which he has already outlined. When the detailed plans are approved by the Washington office they will be advertised, and if favorable bids are received the work will be done by contract under Colonel McKinstry's supervision.

The total cost of purchasing and improving the locks is $675,000, of which amount $300,000 was appropriated by the State of Oregon.

10 OF 2 COMPANIES LIVE

TWO GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO TAKE WORKS FAIL.

After Carrying First Line of Trenches, Disregarding Death Toll, Volunteer Force Is Annihilated.

PARIS, April 12.—There has been given out in Paris a description by an eye witness of the attempt made by the Germans, April 8 and 9, to retake a small fort at Beausejour held by the French.

Two companies of volunteers led in this attack. They showed an absolute contempt for death, but, nevertheless, they were stopped by the fire of the French artillery and infantry. Only a few of them escaped.

Another attack, in which the Germans paid a heavy price, was successful in capturing the first line of trenches. These positions were held by two companies until April 9. The Germans were so thick in the trenches that they crowded each other and interfered with the freedom of operations. Into the mass of men the French artillery fired.

Those who escaped the shells were mostly bayoneted by the French infantry. Only ten men survived.

SPANKED CHILD IS SUICIDE

9-Year-Old Girl Takes Poison After Punishment by Mother.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 12.—Nellie Spratling, nine years old, daughter of a farmer in Salt Lake County, killed herself with poison last night as a result of grief over punishment administered by her mother.

The child quarreled with an older sister and was spanked for it.

Boy Accused of Postoffice Robbery.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Willie Jones, 15 years old, was arrested this morning at Worden by Deputy Sheriff Low, charged with the theft of $17 from the postoffice at that point. The boy is accused of prying open the general delivery window and putting his arm through into the drawer. He will be examined by the Juvenile Court tomorrow for delinquency.

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LINER MINNESOTA STRIKES ON ROCKS

Biggest Steamship Under American Flag Is Wrecked Off Japanese Coast.

ALL ON BOARD ARE SAFE

Hole 120 Feet Long Torn in Side of Great Northern Vessel of Seattle—Course Is Lost During Storm, It Is Reported.

KOBE, Japan, April 13.—The biggest steamship under the United States flag, the Minnesota of the Great Northern Steamship Company, struck on the rocks off Uwajima, near the southwest entrance to the Inland Sea, Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock, and tore a hole 120 feet long in her side. It is reported the vessel was driven out of her course by a storm.

One hundred and thirty-five first-class passengers, mostly Americans; 22 second-class and 44 third-class passengers were aboard the vessel. These and the crew of 122 were safely transferred to another vessel, probably the steamship Oanfo of the Blue Funnel line, which speeded to the aid of the steamship in response to the wireless distress signal.

The Minnesota had sailed Sunday morning from Nagasaki for Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle, her home port.

The Japanese cruiser Yakumo also went to the aid of the American vessel on hearing her "S. O. S." The Minnesota crew was desperately working the pumps to keep the water from swamping the steamer.

A Japanese pilot, taken aboard at Nagasaki, was aboard when the Minnesota struck, it is said, and the passengers had just finished dinner.

The passengers likely will be brought to Kobe by the Oanfo today.

Among the Americans aboard the vessel were Mrs. Francis B. Harrison, wife of the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, and Captain Archibald F. Commiskey, military aide to Governor-General Harrison. They were en route to Japan.

The vessel struck on the rocks south of the Yamguhi prefecture, regarded the most dangerous waters of the inland sea.

A salvage vessel has started from Moji in response to a request from Captain Garlick, in command of the Minnesota.

SISTER SHIP WRECKED NEAR

Minnesota Accident Recalls Loss of Liner Dakota in 1907.

The wreck of the Minnesota recalls the loss of her sister ship, the Dakota, which ran on a rock off Shirahama shortly after 6 o'clock the night of March 3, 1907. F. S. Dornbecher, Mrs. Dornbecher and their daughter, Ada, and Dr. Archibald Van Cleve, now a practicing physician, all of Portland, were among the passengers.

The two steamships were of 10,000 horsepower, were 622 feet long and 73.5 beam. They were built principally for freight, with passenger cabins amidship. Too large to dock in Japan, they had to undergo the expense of lightering as well as the advanced wages demanded for an American crew over the wages of Orientals on the Japanese liners.

The Dakota was completed in 1905, a few months after the Minnesota, and cost about the same. She was valued at $4,000,000. The short lives of the big Hill trans-Pacific steamships marks a tragedy in American shipping on the Pacific Ocean. Next in size to the Minnesota on the Pacific are the liners Mongolia and Manchuria, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which ply between San Francisco and the Orient.

JITNEYS HAVE FREE REIN

TACOMA OFFICIALS REFUSE TO ENFORCE STATE LAW.

Chief of Police Declares City Will Not Collect Fees and Taxes When All Goes Elsewhere.

TACOMA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—Chief of Police Loomis issued orders today to motorcycle policemen to pay no attention to jitney buses as to whether they have obtained bonds, as required by the state law, which went into eject April 10, and to make no effort to learn whether automobile and motorcycle licenses are renewed. The police have waged a campaign lately against drivers who have allowed their renewal of state vehicle licenses to lapse.

"The state is trying to hog the whole thing and take all money for licenses and bonds," said Chief Loomis.

"Commissioner of Public Safety Mills and I have talked it over and we are tired of their grabbing and we do not intend to do their work for them. If they want licenses renewed or bonds put up they will certainly have to see to it themselves. The people of Tacoma are not going to pay for it."

About 20 Tacoma jitney operators thus far have arranged for bonds under the new state law.

NEW COUNCILMEN SEATED

Eugene Members Ignore Charge of Fraud Filed Against One.

EUGENE, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Ignoring a protest alleging error in the election of C. A. Burden, Councilman from the Fourth Ward, the City Council tonight formally seated four new members, C. O. Peterson, W. Polders, C. R. Mosher and Mr. Burden. It also witnessed the oath of office taken by W. A. Bell, Mayor, and Fred G. Stickels, Treasurer.

The protest against the seating of Councilman Burden was filed by E. E. Quimby, defeated candidate, who alleges that Mr. Burden is not a citizen of the United States.

The City Attorney held that the certificate given Mr. Burden following the count of ballots is prima facia evidence of his eligibility and that the matter must be carried to the courts. Mr. Burden denies the charge that he is an unnaturalized citizen. He was born in Canada.

Appointment of W. L. Cheshire, City Health Officer, ends a long controversy between the medical profession and the City Health Officer. Mr. Cheshire is also County Officer. Mary Cox, police matron, was not reappointed. All other city officials were renamed.

POSTAL PETITION IS SENT

Mr. McArthur Forwards Plea Against Station Consolidation.

Representative C. N. McArthur forwarded to the Postmaster-General at Washington, D. C., a petition signed by 300 business establishments and citizens of the East Side protesting against the proposed removal of Station A, branch postoffice on Union avenue and East Alder street, and its merger with Station E, on Fifth and Glisan streets.

Mr. McArthur, in his communication to the Postmaster-General, set forth numerous reasons why Sub-Station A should be left in the central business district, on the East Side, in order to accommodate the large number of people in that part of the city.

KRONPRINZ HAS 20 CATS

Captain Refuses to Kill Any Living Thing and Saves Sailors' Pets.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 12.—(Special.)—The Kronprinz Wilhelm, which came into port here yesterday, had 20 cats aboard. It was a rule of Captain Thierfelder that no living thing should perish on any of the ships he sent to the bottom, and in every case but one all of the seamen's pets were saved.

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GAIN REPORTED, HOWEVER

Enemy's Capture of Height 996 on April 9 Also Is Conceded by Official Russian Communication. Austrians Are Attacking.

PETROGRAD (via London), April 12.—The following official statement from general headquarters was issued tonight:

"To the west of the middle of the Niemen there were isolated engagements yesterday. Near Ossowetz and in the region of Edvabno and between the Pissa and Omuleff rivers there were artillery duels. An attack by the Germans against the village of Szafranki failed.

"In the Carpathians, in the direction of Rostoki, on April 10, we repulsed by our fire at short range large forces of the enemy which were repeatedly attacking us. We made some progress and in so doing developed a violent battle in the region of Uzsok Pass, which the enemy still holds. We captured here three guns and about 700 prisoners.

"In the direction of the Stry River we repulsed attacks on the Rozochacz-Oravozli-Koziouwanka front, inflicting enormous losses on the enemy.

"The enemy have held height 992 since April 9, but Koziouwka and the adjoining positions remain in our hands."

Centralia High Grades Above 80.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—The grades of high school pupils for the third quarter of school, ended March 30, announced by Principal Frank Drake, Jr., are the highest ever obtained by Centralia High School students. No student received an average below 80 per cent, while more than half of the grades were between 90 and 100. This exceptional record is attributed to a "no-failure" movement recently inaugurated in the high school.

Asotin Carnival Association Meets.

ASOTIN, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Civic League and Rose Carnival Association of Asotin was held at the Courthouse Friday. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. Banmeister; vice-president, Mrs. William Day; treasurer, Mrs. E. Matthes; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Florence; board of directors, Mrs. L. H. Jurgens, Mrs. K. L. Thompson, Mrs. Charles Fulton, Mrs. C. H. Baldwin and Mrs. L. A. Closint. A meeting will be held Friday to plan for and set the date for the Rose Carnival.

Press Club to Entertain J. K. Bangs.

Following his lecture at the Lincoln High School tonight, John Kendrocks Bangs, the famous author and humorist, will be entertained by the newspapermen at the Portland Press Club. All members and friends of the Press Club are invited to meet Mr. Bangs at an informal gathering, beginning at about 11 o'clock.

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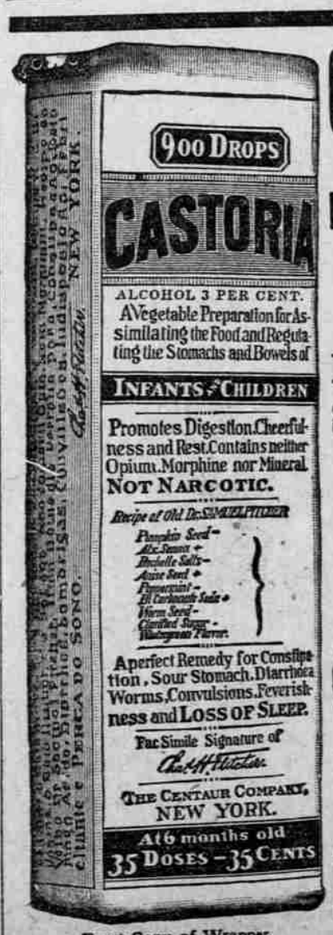

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