

# CREEL WOULD STOP CENSORING OF NEWS

Head of Publicity Bureau Recommends Leaving Matter in Hands of Newspapers.

## CONGRESS REJECTS LAW

Chairman Takes View That, Lacking Authority, Committee Should Not Attempt to Supervise Publication of War News.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, has recommended to President Wilson and Mr. Creel's committee associates that no further effort be made to organize or conduct a voluntary press censorship. This means that Mr. Creel proposes that the Government abandon all connection with passing upon the propriety of publishing news dispatches relating to the war, leaving to the newspapers and press associations themselves the matter of determining whether certain classes of war news should be published.

In taking this course, Mr. Creel has asked in effect that the committee on public information be relieved of the duty of issuing press dispatches.

His recommendation is the outcome of a series of incidents that led to misunderstandings and ill feeling between the Creel committee and the press.

**Voluntary Censorship Assumed.**

There is no censorship law. Congress having refused to enact a press-censorship statute because it became suspicious of the persistent attempts of the Attorney-General and other administration officers to incorporate in the measure having to do with spies and traitors a section that would have given the Government authority to imprison persons connected with newspapers on the slightest pretext.

After both houses had rejected the several press-censorship provisions offered, newspapers adopted the practice of asking the committee on public information if there was any objection to the publication of this or that item of news relating to the war.

**"New Rules" Pronounced.**

So many arbitrary decisions were rendered that misunderstanding grew frequent and it became apparent to observers that the censorship could not be maintained under present conditions. It is in recognition of this condition that Mr. Creel has recommended that the committee on public information be relieved of any connection with censorship matters.

Yesterday the committee issued "new regulations" outlining the classes and character of news that the Government thought should not be given to the public in this time of war. Mr. Creel's statement on the subject acknowledges that the Government had no authority to enforce any of the suggested rules.

In his recommendation to the President and the junior members of the committee, Mr. Creel takes the ground that as the Government is without authority to make a press censorship effective it should not attempt to exercise any such authority. The publication of press dispatches, and to this end should decline to advise or admonish newsmen concerning the use of news matter relating to the war.

If President Wilson should approve Mr. Creel's suggestion the committee on public information will abandon its division of view as an active branch. Newspapers would then be obliged to decide for themselves whether news items should be printed, but the committee of public information would expect them to conform to the rules contained in the statement given out yesterday by Mr. Creel.

## JAILBREAK IS FOILED

Prisoner Picks Medford Prison Lock on Eve of His Release.

MEDFORD, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Jess Allen and Joe Perkins, two bootleggers serving a three months' sentence, escaped from the jail corridor tonight into the outer office when C. F. Walters, of Medford, whose jail sentence ended tomorrow, picked the lock with the aid of a case knife.

The two men walked directly into the arms of Sheriff Ralph Jennings and Deputy Paul Anderson, who, from a peephole in the jailer's room, had witnessed the entire proceeding.

Walters, who was arrested for running an employment agency without a license, will probably be examined as to his sanity.

## YOUTHS CONFESS THEFTS

Boys Rob 26 Stores in Month of Numerous Articles and Cash.

The career of Charles Frainey and Jack Rhain, both 17, as burglars, was brought to a sudden close yesterday, when they were arrested by City Detectives Goltz and Howell. They confessed to robbing nearly 26 business houses in Portland in the past month.

Much of the loot, from chewing gum to clothes, was found in their rooms. They also confessed to taking nearly \$200 in cash.

The boys have served terms in the State Reform School and were turned over to the Juvenile Court.



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## 14 DANCES MERRY

Gay Crowds Contribute to Third Oregon Ambulance.

## MANY VISIT ALL HALLS

Affair Arranged by Auxiliary of Army and Navy and Carried Out With Aid of United Artisans Is Without Any Expense.

Fourteen orchestras in 14 halls, with dancers twirling and whirling to a variety of melodies, were at the "ambulance dances" given last night for the aid of the Third Oregon Regiment, under the sponsorship of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Army and Navy, ably aided by the United Artisans.

That dance had a catch-phrase worth remembering. It was "With best wishes," and it blessed every half-dollar that clinked into the ambulance fund, and it marked every statement of expense, from the paper and printing bills to the tunes that enlivened waits, schottische and three-steps.

The affair was remarkable in two ways. First, it was a concurrent carnival that held forth in 14 halls at one and the same time, in every part of the city; and second, it was planned, promoted and projected without a single cent of expense. The bills all came receipted, and the musicians smiled at the chance to trade tunes for an ambulance.

**Auxiliary's Sponsors Idea.**

There was talk of the need of the Third Oregon for an ambulance of the same that the state's sons should be permitted to enter action without the best that can be found to make the bitter lot of battle easier. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Army and Navy chanced upon the plan which was carried out last night, and the United Artisans became their chief of staff.

Benjamin R. Perkins, of the order, was assigned to preparations, while Mrs. Doris Patti, treasurer of the auxiliary, attended to the wide distribution of tickets, of which 15,000 were printed.

The dancers gathered betimes, almost before the sun had sloped away to usher evening in, and there wasn't a hall among the whole 14 that did not have its attendant young folk, and there wasn't a ticket retailer who wasn't forced to make change with the facility of a popcorn vendor at the circus.

But some trails were favorites, and that which leads to Council Crest and the open-air dancing pavilion was long the most popular. At Council Crest the Girls' Honor Guard were in charge, and to that pleasant perch above the lights of Fortland came dancers by the many hundreds. Most of the downtown halls were well patronized, while the dances in the suburban districts were "home" affairs, where the young people of the neighborhood gathered, and everybody knew everybody.

A tour of the halls to terpsichore became one of the popular games of the evening. As each ticket admitted to all halls, motor parties fled from one dance to another, gleaming new friends and dances wherever they tarried.

**Ambulance to Cost \$3700.**

The 14 halls of the ambulance dance were Council Crest dancing pavilion, Girls' Honor Guard in charge; Bohemian Hall, Bohemian Gym Club in charge; Grebe's Hall, Montaville, United Artisans in charge; Neighborhood House, Council of Jewish Women

in charge; Moose Hall, Moose Lodge in charge; M. W. A. Hall, Fran Assembly, United Artisans, in charge; Women of Woodcraft Hall, Mount Hood Circle in charge; Christensen's Hall, Advance United Artisans in charge; W. O. W. Hall, Oregon Assembly No. 1, United Artisans, in charge; Colliton Hall, Ladies' Auxiliary of Army and Navy in charge; Hibernia Hall, Knights and Ladies of Security in charge; Argus Temple, United Park Assembly, United Artisans, in charge; Rose City Park Clubhouse, Rose City Park Club in charge; Firemen's Pavilion, Arieta, United Artisans in charge.

The design of the sponsors was to procure funds for a complete ambulance equipment and maintenance. The ambulance itself costs approximately \$3700, but a considerable fund is desirable for maintenance.

## EDMONSTONE CASE UP

COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS MOVE TO OUST ENGINEER.

Members Opposed to Mr. Barbur's Proposal, but Right May Be Governed by Responsibility.

Whether George S. Edmondstone, engineer for the city on the O.-W. R. & N. grade crossing elimination project, will be relieved of authority over the work will be decided by the City Council at its session this morning.

While it is known that every member of the City Council is against Mr. Barbur in his move against Mr. Edmondstone, the outcome of the controversy is not decided.

The main question is where the responsibility for the project stands. If Commissioner Barbur personally is responsible as he is claiming, some of the other Commissioners are doubting the wisdom of overruling him. If, however, the Council as a whole is responsible for the success of the work, Mr. Edmondstone will stay. This question probably will be threshed out thoroughly.

The ordinance which will be before the Council this morning calls for the placing of the grade project in the hands of R. E. Kremers, chief of the bureau of highways and bridges, retaining Mr. Edmondstone only in an advisory capacity. Mr. Edmondstone has informed the Council that he will not stay if authority over the work is taken from him.

## DOCTORS ARE ACCUSED

DR. FRANK E. SMITH MADE DEFENDANT IN ASTORIA.

Mary Morrison Alleges That She Was Coerced Into Signing \$5000 Note for Operation.

ASTORIA, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—An action to set aside a promissory note for \$5000 and a real estate mortgage was filed in the Circuit Court today by Mary N. B. Morrison against Dr. Frank E. Smith and others, of Portland. The allegation is that the plaintiff's signature to the note was obtained by coercion, intimidation and fraud.

The complaint avers that last Spring the plaintiff went to the St. Johns Sanitarium for treatment. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Smith, she engaged Dr. Frank C. Hart to perform a surgical operation. Last May, a short time after the operation, says the complaint, Dr. Hart informed her that her lung must be removed to save her life, but that Dr. Smith would not perform this operation or permit it to be done

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until after she signed a note for \$5000 to pay for the previous operation.

Dr. Hart stood over her bed for from one to two hours, the plaintiff avers, threatening and frightening her by saying the second operation was absolutely necessary if she hoped to live and insisted that she sign the note. He refused to summon the plaintiff's attorney, it states, and finally the plaintiff, completely exhausted, signed the note, which she says was given entirely without consideration.

Youths Take Auto.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Jack Shannon, M. B. Wed-

kind and Carl Melvin, all giving their ages as 17, were arrested today for stealing the automobile of G. W. Lindsey, of the Oregon Packing Company. They were apprehended near Troutdale when they attempted to sell a new inner tube.

**FREE PHONE HEARING TODAY**  
Public Service Commission Doubts Legality of Plan.

SALEM, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The Public Service Commission today

issued notice that it will investigate the proposal of ex-Governor Oswald West as receiver of the Home Telephone Company to allow free three months' installations of Home telephones from and after August 1. Hearing will be held tomorrow at Portland on the question.

The Commission declares that there is doubt as to the legality of the proposed new tariff under the Commission act and that a question is raised as to whether such free installations as proposed are discriminatory.

**Hudson Car Found.**  
VANCOUVER, Wash., July 31.—(Spe-

cial.)—A Hudson automobile bearing Oregon license 28,957 was found at Stapleton by Deputy Sheriff Johnson today. It was left there by a party of two men and two women, who were seen to stop the car and board a street-car for Vancouver.

**Offense Against Girl Alleged.**  
EUGENE, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Earl Southard, wanted at Ridgefield, Wash., for an alleged offense against a 15-year-old girl, was taken into custody at Tillamook today. Sheriff E. B. Bleeker, of Clarke County, took the prisoner north tonight.

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