

BENCH WARRANT OUT FOR WOMAN WITNESS

Mrs. Edna Dibbern, in Accident Commission Probe, Missing.

ATTORNEYS PRESS ACTION

Lawyers Contend Settlement Out of State Fund for Killing of Husband Illegally Effected.

Where is Mrs. Edna Dibbern? This important witness in the impending investigation of the state industrial accident commission has dropped from sight since Monday, and her failure to respond to a court order yesterday led to a bench warrant being issued for her arrest by Circuit Judge Gaston.

Her deposition is sought in the suit of Attorneys Leroy E. Keeley and Chester A. Sheppard, who ask a fee of \$1500 for instituting a damage action which she settled out of court for \$4000. The lawyers contend the money was paid her out of state funds by the industrial accident commission illegally. They preferred charges with Governor Olcott against Harvey Beckwith and B. W. Marshall of the commission and the governor has indicated that he will appoint a committee of nine to conduct the probe.

Mrs. Dibbern Disappears.
Mrs. Dibbern's deposition concerning details of the money settlement was sought a month ago by the attorneys who brought suit, but Attorneys Carey and Kerr, representing her, procured a delay pending argument on a demurrer. The demurrer was overruled by Presiding Judge Stapleton last Saturday and she was ordered to appear in court at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The woman is said to have disappeared from her apartments Saturday, though seen in Portland Monday. On February 5, 1919, Adolph George Dibbern was killed by a 28-foot fall into a hatchway on a ship which had been launched from the Grant Smith-Porter yards. Retaining Attorneys Keeley and Sheppard, Mrs. Dibbern filed a libel in admiralty, seeking damages in the United States district court. The point was raised, for the first time in this state, that an accident occurring on the navigable waters of the state does not come under jurisdiction of state laws and cannot be compensated through the state industrial accident commission. The case was heard by United States District Judge Bean and has not been dismissed. It comes up for argument Monday.

Settlement Is Effected.
In the meantime the Grant Smith-Porter shipyard and the industrial accident commission effected a settlement with Mrs. Dibbern for \$4000. Attorneys Keeley and Sheppard demanded a fee of 40 per cent, or \$1600, for their services. This fee was agreed upon in a contingent contract, they say in the suit brought in the circuit court to enforce payment.

While bringing their action in the circuit court and continuing the case in the federal court on the point of law involved, the attorneys filed with Governor Olcott 25 charges against two members of the industrial accident commission. Mrs. Dibbern and supporters of the industrial accident commission have made charges against Mr. Keeley calling him "ambulance chaser" and accusing him of soliciting the suit before Mr. Dibbern was buried. The attorney declared yesterday that the deposition was desired to get at the truth concerning charges Mrs. Dibbern is said to have made personally and to uncover circumstances of the settlement.

RUTH GARRISON TO TESTIFY

Girl Goes as Witness at Trial of D. M. Storrs.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 4.—Ruth Garrison left the state penitentiary here yesterday morning for Okanogan to testify at the trial of Douglas Storrs. She was taken by way of Yakima and Ellensburg, thence by automobile to Okanogan.

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CODE CRITICISM WANTED

CITY COUNCIL ASKS OPINIONS ON HOUSING ORDINANCE.

Builders, Property Owners and Architects Invited to Offer Suggestions for Changes.

An invitation to present any criticism against the present housing code to the city council, in order to secure amendments of any provisions which are now operating as hardships against property owners, building owners and architects will be extended by the city council to the realty board, Portland Builders' association and the Portland chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Each organization will be asked to appoint a committee of three persons to formulate a written discussion of what is believed to be improper provisions in the housing code. For several months past considerable criticism has been directed against the present housing code, but according to Commissioner Barbur, in charge of the department of public works, this criticism has not been in concrete form and the department has been unable

to work out any recommendations for amendments.

David Williams, a Portland architect, yesterday appeared before the council and urged that steps be taken to amend the present code. Mr. Williams made no specific recommendations but as a result of his suggestion Acting Mayor Bigelow ordered that criticism be invited from the various bodies directly interested in the housing code.

Not a Soldier Not Dead.

EUGENE, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Eugene Christian of Noti, Lane county, who was at one time reported in the official casualty list of the army in France as being dead, has arrived home and is now on the farm of his father, John W. Christian. He was with an engineering regiment during the war and at one time became lost when he got ahead of his regiment. He was missing for some time and was reported dead.

Burglary at Gold Hill.

GOLD HILL, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—M. D. Bower's pharmacy in Gold Hill was entered by burglars Sunday night. The estimated loss is \$200, consisting principally of watches, jewelry, cutlery and flashlight supplies. They failed to open the safe that contained several hundred dollars.

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BIGELOW AND FUNK CLASH

ACTING MAYOR AND CITY AUDITOR IN LIVELY TILT.

Statement on Transfer of Employees Evokes Warm Retort—Salary Increase Granted.

A lively tilt between Acting-Mayor Bigelow and City Auditor Funk arose at the regular council meeting yesterday when the council was urged to increase the salaries of various employees of the city auditor's office. The duties performed by the two men transferred into other city departments where they received higher salaries than were paid in the auditor's office. The duties performed by the two men transferred were absorbed, he said, by two employees in his department, and no additional help was obtained.

He explained that inasmuch as the money paid to the two men transferred was not being used, it should be utilized in giving small increases to employees in his department. Mr. Bigelow told Mr. Funk that if he

had not allowed the transfer of the two employees it would have saved the situation of having extra work performed by several members of the auditor's staff.

"Why did you allow them to go to other departments?" asked Mr. Bigelow.

"Thank God, I'm not so small as to stand in the way of any employee who has an opportunity of bettering his condition just to help myself in my work," hotly retorted Mr. Funk.

The increases granted will affect 13 city employees, all of whom will receive increases of \$5 and \$10 monthly.

HIGH WATER SIGNS TOLD

Cottonwoods Shedding Their Bloom Not Regarded Altogether Creditable.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—A phantom snowstorm, an annual event here when the cottonwoods that grow so rankly along the Columbia lowlands shed their blooms, prevailed yesterday and numbers of the local weatherwise declare that high water of the Columbia has reached its crest for the year.

The snow was off Mount Defiance. The drifts still appear well down on the side of the mountain. I predict the Columbia will go a good bit higher yet."

DAIRMEN TO TAKE TESTS

Southwestern Washington Association Completes Organization.

ILWACO, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—Through the leadership of O. W. Nelson, county agriculturist, the Southwestern Washington Cow-Testing Association has been organized. The association comprises 500 cows, and

embraces the peninsula, the Bear river and Nasel river valleys.

A. L. Gile of Chinook, owner of the famous Chiconia farm and breeder of pure-bred Guernseys, is president of the association. Ed Simmons of Nasel is vice-president. Directors are A. L. Gile, William Fredenburg, A. B. Hathaway, J. W. Timmen, O. D. Day, J. E. Timmen and Ed Simmons.

Umatilla Postoffices Filled.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 4.—Grace E. Garrett has been appointed postmistress at Helix and Mrs. Betty Miller at Holdman, both in Umatilla county, Oregon.

If you would be cheerful and happy keep your bowels regular. Proper diet and exercise is usually all that is required. When a medicine is needed you will find that Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect.