

TESTIMONY HEARD BY MINING BOARD

Session of Relief Commission Opens at Medford.

22 CLAIMS ARE PRESENTED

Hearings Will Be Conducted in Spokane, Baker and Portland by Members of Body.

MEDFORD, Or., July 28.—(Special).—The city is full of miners tonight from all parts of Oregon and northern California who came here to present their claims before the war minerals relief commission which began hearings in the federal building this morning.

The claims varied from \$100 to \$52,000, the latter being made by a Tacoma syndicate that operated a chrome claim in the Lake creek district during the war. No awards were made, merely testimony being taken. The awards will be handed down after thorough investigation by the department of the interior.

There were 170 notices sent out by the commission for hearing in this district but only 55 have been scheduled and it is believed the work of the commission will be closed Friday or Saturday.

Thursday night Phillip N. Moore, mining expert from St. Louis, a member of the commission, will leave for Spokane, ex-Representative M. D. Foster, another member of Olney, Ill., will leave for Baker, Or. to conduct hearings in those two places, while ex-Senator John F. Shafroth, chairman of the commission, will complete the work here and then leave for Portland, where hearings will be held.

Ex-Senator Shafroth and the other members of the commission were taken on a tour of the valley this evening, the guests of Dr. J. F. Reddy, former mayor and well-known mining man. All members were enthusiastic over the country and interested in the orchards which are now loaded with pears and apples.

The senator's chief interest, aside from the mining claims, however, is in the league of nations and the present situation in Washington.

"I am a staunch believer in the league of nations," said he, "and hope it will be promptly ratified by the senate. Its ratification will mark an epoch-making event in the progress of world civilization."

FRUIT ACREAGE IS SIGNED

Eight Thousand Acres Listed by State Organization.

EUGENE, Or., July 28.—(Special).—The Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, recently organized, has signed up 8,000 acres of fruit alone, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, who is a director in the new organization, work to that effect having been received from R. C. Paulus, general manager of the state body.

The Eugene association has signified its intention of marketing the prune and apple crops of 1920 through the state body, so it may be said that a larger part of the fruit acreage in Lane county is intending to operate through the state association after another year.

Professor C. L. Lewis of the horticultural department of O. A. C. now is directing the organization work of the state body.

CURRY LAMBS ARE SOLD

1000 Head of Young Sheep to Go to Eastern Range.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 28.—(Special).—A large purchase of lambs was made in Curry county, below Fort Orford, by William Conner of Tappan, Wash., who bought about 1000 head from ranchers near Corbin. The lambs have been sheared. The price paid for the lambs was \$1.50 per head, and they are to be delivered at the railroad station in Myrtle Point. The herd, which consisted of 1000 head, was shipped to the Yakima country for range and maturing.

The ranchers of Curry county have in recent months been disposing of sheep as fast as possible, fearing the ravages of coyotes, which have become numerous in the past few years.

PORTLAND LAD DETAINED

Alleged Forged Checks Found by Officers at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., July 28.—(Special).—Donald Kelley, a 19-year-old boy from Portland, was arrested last night as he was endeavoring to pass a check for \$17.50 which the police say he afterwards confessed was a forgery.

The lad had a check book from the Hartman & Thompson Bank of Portland. He had filled out three of the checks in the sum of \$17.50 each, payable to Gordon C. Conner, cashier at E. J. Hunt. The police say Kelley admits forging the checks, but claims he had not cashed any of them. He is being held until his parents may be communicated with.

S. & H. green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co., Main 353. A. 353. Blockwood, short slabwood. Rock Springs and Utah coal; sawdust—Adv.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Dorothy Gish as a wild west gunman boarding housekeeper in "Nugget Nell" at the Peoples.

INSTEAD of Bill Hart or Doug Fairbanks this time it is "Pep" Gish who has taken to two-gun play and the "Wild West" films. After all the her movies, Dorothy Gish has decided to become a "shero" and as such provides an hour or so of mirth in her latest appearance in Portland at the Peoples in "Nugget Nell."

When it comes to handling a gun, performing acrobatics on a horse and playing the "stick-up" game with bandits, Nell is there with the goods. The film is a burlesque on the popular forms of western fiction. The star has the part of the ferocious leather-aproned boarding-house keeper, who falls in love with a fashion plate hero from the east.

Ruth Roland, known far and wide as the heroine of many successful Pathe serials, is the first serial star to head her own producing company. To use her own words, she is now an "Inc." being the mainprings of Ruth Roland Serials, Inc.

L. Anderson Reed, lieutenant adjutant, infantry, U. S. A., recently released from the service and back at his office in the Metro studios, completed a pair of continuities since his return and then wrote the original story of "A Favor of a Friend," in which the bewitching Emmy Whelan is to star, following her production of "Poos and Her Money."

Betswood, where the Benetton pictures are made, was once the home of John F. Betz, the brewer. Now that the thirsty first of July has gone this idea might be passed on to other manufacturers.

Selah Attendant Awarded Cross.

YAKIMA, Wash., July 28.—(Special).—Second Lieutenant Leroy G. Cronkite of the Selah has been awarded a distinguished service cross for extraordinary heroism in action. He is the second Selah lad to win distinction on French battlefields, Frank Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sherman, having received the cross de guerre.

Christ's Episcopal church, at the corner of Twelfth and Flower streets, Los Angeles, which has for some time past been the center of mortgage tangles and wearing apparel at random—a hat from this girl, and shoes and stockings from the next—emphasizing her demands with the threatening muzzle.

Some entertaining Porto Rican pictures and a weekly accompaniment the feature film.

Screen Gossip.

Wesley Barry is rapidly making a name for himself as one of the leading screen actors of the silent drama. This boy, barely 12 years of age, has been engaged as one of the leading supports for Blanch Sweet.

Known as the "freckle faced boy," this is hardly a device of the screen but knows the clever work of this boy with Miss Mary Pickford in "Daddy Long Legs," and he was specially engaged by Mr. Hampton for an important part in "A Woman of Pleasure," the famous James Willard London melodrama, in which Miss Sweet is to star.

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Imagine one man wearing out 14 dress suits and 12 business suits in five months. Not only that, but here's a woman who in the same length of time ruined 12 dresses, innumerable hats and shoes in fact, demolished a wardrobe which would have kept the average woman well dressed for years.

The two culprits are James Corbett, former world's boxing champion, who has just completed starring in "The Midnight Man," and Miss Kathleen O'Connor, his leading woman.

"A Mite of Love," written by Rachael Crothers, is the fifth of the serial of 12 motion pictures made under the auspices of the Stage Women's War Relief, the proceeds of which are to be used in the upkeep of the soldiers' shelter at debarcation hospital No. 5 in New York.

Tom Moore, the debonair Goldwyn star, who has just completed "Heart's Ease," with Harry Beaumont directing, is spending the days between pictures at his beach home. He is quite a swimmer and goes in several times each day. He owns an array of surf implements, including surf boards, air mattresses, buoys and other sport paraphernalia. He is now trying to fit a motorcycle engine to a board so he can ride far out and then coast in on the big breakers.

Not satisfied with having Robert C. Bruce away on his annual trip under the orders of Vice-President of the Harmonious of the Educational Films Corporation of America announces that a new camera party has left New York this week, destination and route to be kept a dark secret, for the purpose of making certain new film, which is to be produced here with the cooperation of the educational organization.

The Catalina line aereo "Sea Gull" plane of the Syd Chaplin Aircraft corporation, which arrived in Los Angeles July 1, was christened by Miss Edna Purviance, noted film star, who broke a bottle of California orange juice over the "Sea Gull's" bow at 10:20 on the morning of July 4, at the municipal dock, Los Angeles harbor (San Pedro).

Believing that a woman is more efficient and by her sympathy is capable of getting more out of his players, John William Kelleter, director of the Paramount-Briggs comedies, has engaged Miss Gene Warren as his assistant director. Miss Warren is now at work with the Briggs company in their enlarged quarters in the Ideal studio, Hudson Heights, N. Y.

Many of the friends of Bessie Love

CARRANZA IS CALLED CIVILIZATION'S FOE

Misled, Correspondents Gave False Data, Is Charge.

GERMAN MONEY SAID PAID

Baltimore Scientist Gives Startling Testimony Regarding Actual Mexican Conditions in Hearing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—Misled in their investigations of conditions in Mexico, William Bayard Hale and Lincoln Steffens in turn misled President Wilson in believing that President Carranza was the "peoples' champion." The House rules committee was told today by William Gates, an archeologist of Baltimore. The committee is holding hearings on a proposition for an investigation on the Mexican situation.

Gates, who toured Mexico in 1917 and 1918, described Carranza as "an enemy of his own people first, the United States second, and then all civilization."

Mexican President is Anti-American. The Mexican president, the witness said, is more anti-Saxon than anti-American, hopes to set up the supremacy of the Latin races and desires to drive American and British capital from his country. Gates said that after their investigations in Mexico for the president, Hale and Steffens were employed by the Germans.

The American people are not well-informed of affairs in Mexico, the witness said, because the American press has received Carranza propaganda. "Who prepared the propaganda?" asked Representative Snell, New York. "It was written by Carranzistas and handed to the Associated Press and if they did not send it out they would be given 24 hours to leave the country."

Carranzistas Are Real Bandits. Gates said there were "very few actual bandits other than Carranza soldiers, who are usually headed by their officers." He added that five revolutionary bands exist, "and that in districts under their control, he felt safer than in Mexico City."

Conditions in Mexico, he testified, are "steadily getting worse," because the Carranza government is "simply a military government, where officers and men are unrestrained."

He told of seeing the ruins of a farmhouse which had been burned, "with a sick woman" in the ruins. "Gates declared he never knew of a bandit being prosecuted."

BOY'S FATHER PAYS RANSOM

John West Thompson Acts Upon Advice of Government.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Acting upon the advice of the Mexican government, John West Thompson, an American ranchman living near Mexico City, has paid the 1500 pesos ransom demanded by bandits for the release of his 14-year-old son, the state department was advised today. The Mexican authorities said they feared the bandits would murder the boy unless they received the money.

Secretary Lansing said the Mexican foreign office had agreed to refund the amount of the ransom and to take measures for the capture and punishment of the bandits.

The kidnaping took place last Thursday at the Thompson ranch, 30 miles from Mexico City, and the boy was released on Friday.

LEAGUE MEETING SUCCESS

President of Gooding College Is Among Lecturers.

GOODING COLLEGE, Gooding, Idaho, July 28.—(Special).—According to the report of President C. W. Tenney, who was one of the lecturers at the Epworth League convention which was held at Island City, Or., July 17-20, the meeting was an unqualified success.

Devotional meetings, round-table discussions and inspirational addresses

Advertisement for Zerolene motor oil. Features a man in a suit and cap holding a chart, surrounded by logos for various car brands like Jordan, Buick, and Oakland. Text includes 'Let the Chart be your guide' and 'Correct Lubrication with Zerolene will mean better performance and longer life for your car.'

consolidation in Lewiston orchards. One of the larger operating companies is the West End Orchards & Land company, which has just taken over the holdings of the East End Orchards company, for a consideration reported to be around \$100,000. The purchase covers more than 500 acres, half of which is chiefly apple orchards.

Notice to Subscribers

Under authority of the Postmaster General, on account of recent increases in wages to employes, totaling for the State of Oregon upwards of \$225,000.00 and for the City of Portland \$152,000.00, certain changes in exchange rates have been approved and made effective July 29, 1919, for the State of Oregon.

The changes in rates apply particularly to residence service, changes having been made in the principal business rates May 1, 1919.

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