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Legislature Urged to Curb Masked Raiders.

NUISANCE NOW SPREADING

Action Against Ku Klux Klan Demanded—Eight Cases Reported in Last Ten Days.

DALLAS, Tex., July 20.—Appeals from various parts of the state to the legislature, now in special session at Austin, for an investigation of the reported widespread activity of masked bands in Texas, were supplemented today by the circulation of a petition by Representative Patman, aimed at the Ku Klux Klan asking the government to prohibit the present legislative session making it a felony to wear a disguise in public.

Since April 15 or 20 cases of masked activity have been reported, and eight have come to light within the last ten days. The latest occurred today at Lufkin, where Sherwood Vinson was seized at the railway station by four masked men, whisked away in a motor car and 40 minutes later was dumped out in town with a coat and feathers covering his body. It was the second attack there within the last 18 hours. Last night Ben Wiley, 30 years of age, was taken from town and later dumped into a street filled with theater crowds following an assault.

No prosecutions of alleged members of the masked organization have resulted except at Waco, where a tar-and-feather episode resulted in the arrest of four men. Three have been bound over by the grand jury on charges of whipping and the fourth was released.

Knights of Ku Klux Klan have contributed \$500 to the support of Hope cottage here, dedicated to the care of homeless children. The money was mailed to a local newspaper yesterday with a letter saying a number of infants being cared for by the institution "are directly in line with enforcement of the law," a condition "which must be met."

MOB VICTIM AGAIN WARNED

Tar and Feather Episode Likely to Be Repeated.

BEAUMONT, Tex., July 20.—Doctor J. S. Paul, a victim of a tar-and-feather episode two months ago, today informed the Beaumont Journal that he had been warned again to leave this city by Saturday. The warning, he said, was brought by R. F. Scott, former United States marshal, and himself a victim last Saturday of masked men. Scott told Paul the men who tarred and feathered him were a message delivered with a warning that if Paul did not take heed he would be forced to undergo another episode. Paul, who is under a doctor's care, is indicted jointly with Scott on a statutory charge, declared he would not leave Beaumont.

VICTIM RELEASED IN CROWD

Hundreds Jeer Man Wearing Tar and Feather Coat.

LUFKIN, Tex., July 20.—Ben Wiley, about 30 years old, was seized here last night by masked men, given a coat of tar and feathers and taken from an automobile on a prominent corner as the evening show patrons were passing. Wiley ran through the business streets to his automobile and left hurriedly for his home in Diboll, about ten miles from here. Wiley, who is a victim of a tar-and-feather episode, was jeered by hundreds of persons as he ran through the middle of Main street. He was seized by a mob before the tar and feathers were applied.

TAR COAT FOLLOWS BEATING

Victim of Clan to Lay Case Before Authorities.

NAOAGODOCHES, Tex., July 20.—J. W. McKinnis, a victim of a tar-and-feather episode last night, was beaten and tarred on his clothing, but not on his body. He was brought to his home here about daylight this morning by a brother. McKinnis said he planned to lay his case before federal authorities in the hope of securing protection. Sheriff Woodland of this county, was informed today that threats were made to Timbison against other residents of Naoagodoches. An oil man from this county was whipped near Timbison several weeks ago.

PIONEERS ARE ORGANIZED

CLACKAMAS ASSOCIATION IS FORMED AT CHAUTAUQUA.

Harvey C. Cross of Gladstone Selected as President—History of Settlers to Be Compiled.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—Organization of the Clackamas County Pioneers association was effected at a barbecue dinner at the Gladstone Chautauqua today. This meeting, attended by 250, was the largest held here against any organization on the grounds. At the election of officers, Judge Harvey C. Cross, of Gladstone, was chosen president; David Cauffield, Oregon City, vice-president; E. C. Hackett, Oregon City, secretary; E. G. Crawford, Oregon City, treasurer, and Molly Barlow Wilkins, historian. As a coincidence, the date also marked the birthday of Oregon's first pioneer, Dr. Owens-Adair was the oldest pioneer on the grounds at the dinner, her badge proclaiming her arrival in the state in 1843. At the "love feast" following the dinner, Mally Barlow Wilkins presided, and toasts were responded to by Gilbert Hedges, M. C. George, Harvey G. Starkeweather and George C. Holmes, curator of the Oregon Historical society.

It is planned to compile a history dealing with the lives of the pioneers of this section. The Oregon Four, provided both the afternoon and evening entertainment. The address on "Who is an American" by J. F. Jenness, scheduled for the afternoon, was not given due to the illness of the lecturer. The members of the quartet are: Samuel E. Glasse, first tenor; Paul E. Adams, second tenor and accompanist; Wil-

PHONE RATE OUT

VALUATION BASIS IS HIT

Depreciation Costs and Payment of 4 1/2 Per Cent to Parent Corporation Declared Unfair.

PROPOSED MEDICINAL REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED.

Case Expected to Be Made Unit of Prescription Unless Action Is Taken by Congress.

BEER DRINKING TO BE MADE

AUTHOR LECTURER HERE

PLANES CAN'T SINK CRAFT

Ex-German Is Hit 13 Times by Bombs, but Still Flies.

HOSPITALITY IS PRAISED

Dentists Return From Post-Graduate School in Canada.

FILM CENSORS TO CONFER

National Movement is Launched for Uniform Regulations.

TIDE LANDS TO BE PROBED

State Officials Carry Investigation to Clatsop County.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—Prohibition Commissioner Blair today announced that he would issue regulations covering the use of beer as a medicine within the next few days unless it appeared prohibitory action would be taken by congress in the meantime. Efforts to bring the Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill to a vote in the senate were blocked today by opponents.

The new regulations for the manufacture and use of beer for medicinal purposes are understood to make the case unit for prescriptions, but set no limit to the number of prescriptions which may be written, obtained, on the theory that Attorney-General Palmer held that the quantity of beer or the number of prescriptions might be written on one both. Regulations for the use of wine as a medicine are understood to permit two quarts to be prescribed at one time.

Formal proposals by Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, for final disposition of the measure early next week were thwarted by Senator Broussard, democrat, who refused to enter into a unanimous consent agreement.

Wayne R. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league today issued another statement urging prompt action on the bill, which he said, would prevent brewers from making "real beer" in a day or two after the regulations are issued, as they are likely to do.

Mother Goose and the "Auntie of the American Expeditionary Forces" in Portland.

Mother Goose and the "Auntie of the American Expeditionary Forces," a number of children, author of children's stories and lecturer, arrived in the Ladies' Home journal. A number of them also were published at the Sunday Oregonian several years ago. She is now lecturing on a Chautauqua circuit where she appears in the costume of Mother Goose and tells many tales to the hearts of the youngsters. Her interpretation of the stories is also made in phonograph records for the same purpose.

While she was entertaining the overseas forces in France she asked her nephew was a soldier in the American Expeditionary forces.

ON BOARD THE DESTROYER LEARY, en route to Norfolk, Va., July 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Aircraft carrier, the Leary, is being used to test the effect of the German battleship Otranderland, in the opening of the final phase of the joint army and navy bombardment of the German coast to determine the effect of air-planes attacks on capital and other important targets.

Dropping a total of 52 bombs, 33 of 250 pounds and 19 of 500 and 600 pounds, navy, marine corps and army aircraft carriers, the Leary, and practically all of the others in the water close by. About all the bombs had no effect, but one was taken to the upper decks and superstructure, immediately around the spots where the projectiles struck.

Mr. Tomlinson declined the offer of any percentage to the parent company was not fair to the telephone company as a whole. He said that the gross earnings in this state, as a whole, are not as high as in other states, and that the parent company, reflected in increased rates, means more money to the parent company.

The whole purpose of this case is in the interest of the American Telephone & Telegraph company. The more that we are injured and, in fact, the more that the local company is injured, the better it is for the parent company.

This is shown by the fact that when this hearing opened the New York to aid the parent company in retaining its Oregon profits.

Mr. Tomlinson pointed out in the decisions from various states that have refused to allow the 4 1/2 per cent on the ground that such an arrangement is not scientific or justified. Some of the commissions, he stated, have apologized for so doing.

Corey's Statement Doubtful. Commissioner Corey interrupted the speaker at this point to say that the Oregon commission had in reality allowed the parent company less money from Oregon than did other commissions.

Mr. Tomlinson did not agree, holding that the commission had included the interest on the advertising and the capitalization of the Oregon company and had allowed the parent company 55 cents for each telephone in addition.

"What we want is to see a fair rate of rental established and nothing more," he explained. "For we contend that the Pacific company is still paying the parent company 4 1/2 per cent on the gross earnings of the parent company, as a subsidiary organization to the American Telephone & Telegraph company, should be considered in connection with establishment of Oregon rates, according to Mr. Tomlinson. He said that inasmuch as the Western Electric company was selling goods at a profit and that the local company was forced

to purchase its materials from this company, the American Telephone & Telegraph company was collecting 4 1/2 per cent of the gross earnings of the parent company, in addition profits derived through sale of goods by the Western Electric company.

"It should be borne in mind by this commission," he stated. "That New York tells the Oregon officials when to spend the money, and they authorize the expenditure of \$5,000,000 the valuation of the company is asked. Commissioner Corey, he said, authorized the expenditure of 4 1/2 per cent, and the parent company is also profiting by the sale of goods through sale of goods by the Western Electric company.

Attorney Tomlinson urged that the commission continue the investigation inaugurated in the Oregon telephone case. He said that the city had only three months in which to make its probe and that the field is not exhausted.

Mr. Tomlinson said that the commission should keep its pulse on the utility by establishing a rate which would force the utility to practice economy to the very limit.

"This commission," he argued, "is not bound by the rate base. The parent company any returns. It is shown that the company is not operating economically and if there is an over-valuation of the rate base, the commission should not be bound by it."

"How can you say, off hand, Mr. Tomlinson, that the rate base is overvalued?" asked Commissioner Corey.

President's Words Quoted. "I am not prepared to demonstrate the fact at this particular time," answered Mr. Tomlinson, "but we will prove to your satisfaction that my contention is correct and based on fact."

Mr. Tomlinson read an extract from the 1920 report of the president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, in which he wrote that the telephone industry was a national organization and the finances of the company could not be understood unless they were merged into one.

He argued that national control of the telephone utility should be urged the commission to take the fact that the telephone is a national organization and that it is a utility arriving at a rate of charges for Oregon.

Chairman Williams asked Mr. Tomlinson if he approved of government ownership of railroads in face of the fact that the wartime control of the lines.

Mr. Tomlinson said he did not necessarily advocate government ownership of railroads, but government control.

Chairman Williams persisted in inquiring into the matter of the national control of telephones with government ownership. He said that finally Attorney Tomlinson insisted that railroads are not very pertinent in a number of days.

Requests for Data Ignored. A number of requests to the telephone company by the city had not been heeded and Mr. Tomlinson requested the commission to compel the company to supply the data, including lists of telephone subscribers who had moved since the last census, since March 1, the number of telephones actually returned since that date, the number of new installations made in the city since that date, general maps and the names and addresses of subscribers connected on our lines.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that if the telephone company could not supply the data requested above that received prior to March 1 was necessary to give adequate service, the commission should place the telephone lines upon one line, business telephones and possibly one line; in other words, place the surplus telephones upon a separate line, some monetary benefits from the use of the telephones, and not upon residential telephones which are simply for emergency and infrequent use.

Presentation of evidence to support the local rate base on a telephone hearing will begin tomorrow and probably will continue throughout Friday.

War Contract Held in Force. Charges made by Attorney Tomlinson that present telephone rates are based in part on a standard contract adopted by ex-Postmaster-General Burleson in 1919, were denied today by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, the parent company, opened up an argument in which the commission was asked to nullify as counsel for the telephone company.

After lengthy argument, it was developed that the standard contract had never been signed by officials of the Pacific Telephone company, but that it was a contract entered into by Shaw, the original contract entered into many years ago, with amendments and additions covering the telephone company's business.

It was developed also that the contract under which the parent company and the Pacific company operate, although entered into many years ago, was not in the records of the company in previous cases, although it had been explained the situation fully to the commission regarding these contracts at hearings in the past.

The contract subject came up during the time when Greenbaum, a drygoods merchant, was on the stand. He had testified that as a member of the Salem city council he had made an investigation into the methods of operation employed by the telephone company and had found that the company had three sinking funds.

The first of these funds, he held, was for replacement of the wire in its own right, well on the tension, which the witness believed subscribers should not be called upon to pay. The second fund covered redemption of bonds. This he thought was not a regular procedure.

Payments Are Criticized. The witness then expressed the opinion that no company could be successful if it paid 4 1/2 per cent on its gross earnings to a parent company. He said that the telephone company had done this.

Chairman Williams handed the witness a copy of the telephone rate order, informing him that the commission had in reality allowed the parent company 4 1/2 per cent of the company's earnings, and that a copy of the contract existing between the two companies could be found in the order.

It was at this point that Attorney Tomlinson entered the case, presenting a by-product of the hearing from the state training school for boys, was filed in the circuit court here today with Judge Kelly. Complaint against Spiker was made by Gale & Co.

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