

5-CENT FARE ASKED IN PORTLAND

Housewives' Council Files Complaint in Salem.

ACTION SOON IS LIKELY

Public Service Commissioners Are Expected to Take Up Matter at Meeting Next Week.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special).—“Eight cents fare is too much for a 5-cent ride,” according to the Housewives’ Council of Portland which today filed with the Oregon public service commission a complaint asking that the fares in effect on the traction lines of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company prior to January 15, 1918, be restored.

The complaint was signed by Mrs. Josephine Othius, Mrs. Rose Young and Mrs. E. M. Siminton, officers of the council. The council, according to the complaint, is a voluntary association of women, devoted to the study and investigation of social, civic and economic problems and the enhancement of the interests of its members and the public in all things affecting their daily life, and particularly in relation to the high cost of living.

Fare Declared Too High.

“The charge exacted by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company from the complainants’ members and from the public for the transportation of passengers throughout the city of Portland is unreasonable, excessive and unjust and therefore unlawful,” read the complaint.

“In conducting its transportation operations the defendant uses almost exclusively the public streets and highways of the city of Portland, and franchise contracts voluntarily entered into by the defendant carrier and the city of Portland providing for a fare of 5 cents and no more as part consideration for the use of the city’s streets for its transportation business have been wilfully ignored and repudiated by the defendant without the consent of its co-contractor, and no compensation consideration provided for the privilege appropriated.

8-Cent Fare Discussed.

“The exaction of a street railway fare of 8 cents by the defendant is a discredit to the city of Portland and to the state of Oregon, tends to belittle the efficiency and spirit of its citizens and prevents the use and enjoyment of public transportation facilities by many persons as freely as would be possible at a reasonable rate of fare. The war is over; 8 cents is too much for a 5-cent ride.

“The accounts and financial statements of the defendant corporation are kept in a misleading manner, and show fictitious results, and undue financial burdens are placed upon the street railway lines by reason of the arbitrary and unjustified apportionment of expenditures as between various activities and operations of the company.”

WOMEN’S FIGHT LONG ONE

Effort Made to Arouse Sentiment Against Higher Charges.

Demand for a return to a five-cent fare in Portland, made yesterday in a petition filed with the public service commission by the Housewives’ council, follows work on the part of members of that organization for several months.

“Now that the war is over, eight cents is too much to charge for a five-cent ride,” declare the petitioners in an appeal for a return to the old fare.

The street car fares in Portland were increased from five to six cents on January 15, 1918, and later this fare was increased to eight cents. A storm of protest followed the first street car fare increase, although the second was placed in effect with comparatively little protest.

The Housewives’ council, however, has made a persistent effort to arouse sentiment in favor of a reduction of street car fares.

The officers of this organization are: Mrs. Josephine Othius, president; Mrs. Rose Young, secretary, and Mrs. E. M. Siminton, treasurer.

VICTIM FOUND IN RIVER

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down from behind while he was either driving or while he was riding with someone at the wheel was driving the death car. Whether or not more than one person had a hand in the crime the sheriff would not venture to say.

The time of the crime was fixed by the deputy coroner, who after an investigation, declared that the man had not been dead for more than 12 hours. As the body was found in the afternoon it was believed that the murder had been committed some time after midnight.

The deputy coroner also declared that from all appearances the clothing of the victim had been removed after death and that those of the murderer had probably been substituted.

Gold Teeth Are Clew.

The only marks on the body that might lead to an identification were a gold bridge in the teeth and some gold teeth. These notations will be used also by the sheriff in his search.

The victim appeared to be about 30 years old, was about 5 feet 3 inches tall and had dark gray eyes. The body was attired in khaki trousers, a blue striped shirt and dark gray coat. On the feet there were white socks, but the shoes were missing.

Various Theories Offered.

The fact that there was some grease under the fingernails of the

murdered man was discounted by the sheriff, who is desirous to indicate his position in life. The sheriff said that, although this might indicate that the man had been a mechanic, it also was possible that he had been working on an automobile shortly before he fell under the blows that were rained on his head by the slayer.

Several theories as to the murder were advanced here. One was that the victim might have been the owner of the automobile in which he met his death and that he may have been waylaid and attacked. Discounting this theory, however, was the fact that he doubtlessly had been struck down from behind. It was not thought probable that if he had been halted by some person or persons along the road that this method would have been used.

The slayer evidently had crept up on his victim or had struck him while he was riding in the same machine, it was said.

Crime Theories Given.

There also was the theory that the man might have been a member of a party of several and that he was riding in the automobile with the slayer. In that case it would have been easy for the murderer to carry out his plans, and then for him and accomplices to dispose of the body.

Another version of the crime was that there might have been only two men involved in the quarrel and that the slayer merely had waited his chance. That the murderer had used a blunt instrument of some kind was taken to indicate that the crime had been committed on the impulse of the moment.

The sheriff plans to make a search of the city of Portland for the scene of the actual killing. That it was near where the body was dumped into the river was his belief.

U. S. BUDGET BALANCED

PROSPECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1933 “NOT GOOD.”

Under-Secretary Gilbert Declares Deficit Is Estimated as High as \$485,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—The government balanced its budget for the fiscal year, ended today, an accomplishment described by Under-Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert as “no mean task.” Prospects for the fiscal year 1933, “are not good,” with a budget deficit estimated as high as \$485,000,000, he said.

Final treasury reports for the closing fiscal year will not be available for a day or two, but Mr. Gilbert, who has charge of the government finances, declared that expenditures for this year were less than \$3,300,000,000, or \$500,000,000 less than was estimated as necessary by the spending departments at the outset of the year, and that there would be a small surplus of receipts.

As to the coming year, the under-secretary pointed out the possibility of a deficit greater than already estimated as, he contended, appropriations for next year have not yet been passed.

The total gross debt of the United States was about \$22,350,000,000, a total reduction of more than \$3,800,000,000 since its peak on August 31, 1919, he explained.

For the future, he asserted, liquidation of the public debt will have to be accomplished chiefly from surplus revenue receipts.

Enough has been accomplished, Mr. Gilbert said, to assure the success of the treasury’s plans for refunding the \$7,500,000,000 short dated debt, consisting of victory notes maturing in May, 1933; treasury certificates of indebtedness and war savings certificates.

HUSBAND IS ARRESTED

Family Auto and Family Revolver Taken to Police Station.

The family automobile witnessed and sheltered another criminal altercation last night when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Craig of Front and Yamhill streets were arrested for possession of the family revolver, according to a police report.

Pedestrians in the vicinity, hearing a woman’s screams, rushed to investigate. They reported that Craig had the revolver and so they called the police.

The family, the family revolver and the family automobile were taken to police headquarters. Craig, who is 26 years old and a salesman, was jailed on a charge of threat to kill. Mrs. Craig was permitted to return home after she had been instructed to call at headquarters this morning to swear to a warrant for the family husband’s arrest.

POLES, GERMANS CLASH

French Also Reported Involved in Battle in Silesia.

BERLIN, June 30.—(By the Associated Press).—Polish bands attacked the town of Hindenburg, upper Silesia, but were repulsed by a German self-protection company, with some losses, says a despatch today to the Berliner Zeitung Mit tag.

The despatch added that when French occupation troops heard from the Poles that the Germans were occupying the northern part of the town a violent combat ensued with fatalities on both sides. French reinforcements were then attacked by self-protection patrols and renewed street fighting occurred, after which the French retired to their barracks. The newspaper recorded 13 Germans killed.

State Societies to Picnic.

State societies of Portland representing ex-residents of 17 states, will join with the overseas war veterans in holding a big picnic at Crystal Lake park, Milwaukie, July 29. Proceeds will go to the veterans’ benefit fund. The joint picnic was decided at a meeting last night of the state societies at central library, J. R. Greenfield, president, in the chair, and George L. Mac Gibbon, secretary, present. It had been planned, earlier, each organization to hold separate picnics, but it was decided last night that the two outings would be merged.

Oregon Towns to Be Filmed.

BEND, Or., June 30.—(Special).—Tumalo, Bend’s nearest neighbor town to the north, will be immortalized by the cinema camera as a result of the work which the Educational Films Corporation company, under the direction of Robert C. Bruce, expects to do there during the next few days. Bruce declared today after visiting Tumalo that admirably suited his purpose for the western town to be pictured in “Mixed Trails.” Bend’s railroad yards and other local scenes will be used in “While the Pot Boils,” the five-reel picture which the company is producing.

PICKFORD DIVORCE FINAL

NEVADA SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO REOPEN CASE.

Attorney-General’s Petition for Rehearing of Action Against Mary Denied.

CARSON CITY, Nev., June 30.—The state supreme court of Nevada here today denied a petition of Attorney-General Leonard B. Fowler asking for a rehearing of his action attacking the divorce granted at Minden to Mary Pickford from Owen Moore, both motion picture stars. The supreme court recently upheld the divorce.

As letters in the bag showed that she was known by the First National bank of that city, the bank was advised by wire today of her condition.

Oceanside Road Near Completion.

TILLAMOOK, Or., June 30.—(Special).—Work on the new road from Happy camp at Netarts, to what is known as Oceanside, formerly known as the Maxwell farm, will be completed by the end of the week and ready for motor travel. The new road is built up Falls creek and then turns north, coming out at the side of the hill just before reaching Oceanside. It will be a good road, enabling people to reach Oceanside without having to wait until the tide goes out.

Salem Gets New Postmaster.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special).—John H. Farrar, recently confirmed as postmaster here, to succeed August Huesten, will assume his new duties tomorrow. Mr. Farrar has acted as assistant postmaster for a number of years and prior to that time was employed in other capacities in the local post-office.

ANGLO-SAXONS DECLINING

Other Foreign Stock in United States Shows Increase.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—The number of persons included in the “foreign white stock” of the country’s population whose mother tongue was reported as English or Celtic—including Irish, Scotch and Welsh—decreased from 9,380,000 in 1910 to 9,725,000 in 1920, or about 2 per cent, according to census figures of the latter year announced today by the census bureau. Those classified under foreign white stock include immigrants and persons born in this country, one or both of whose parents were immigrants.

With the exception of the German linguistic stock, which showed a decrease in the ten-year period from 8,646,000 to 8,164,000, or 5 per cent, all the others showed an increase. Of these the highest increase, from 2,335,000 to 2,465,000, or 5 per cent, was reported for the Italian mother tongue group, while the Polish increased from 1,684,000 to 2,426,000, or 44 per cent, and the “Yiddish and Hebrew” from 1,664,000 to 2,043,000, or 22 per cent.

7 FATALITIES IN WEEK

State Commission Gets Reports of 475 Accidents in Period.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special).—There were seven fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ended June 25, according to a report prepared here today by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: James P. Anderson, powderman, Elk City; Fred Butterfield, blacksmith, Marshfield; Sam Stanoff, choker-setter, Astoria; John J. Phillips, glazier’s helper, Portland; Grover Darnelle, lineman, Medford; John Beckman, fireman, Astoria.

Of the total of 475 accidents reported to the commission, 453 were subject to the provisions of the compensation act; 13 were from firms and corporations that had rejected the law, and two were from public utility corporations not subject to benefits under the compensation act.

AUTO INJURES AGED MAN

Machine Runs Wild and Destroys Air Station for Cars.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special).—Alva Myers of Stayton is in a local hospital tonight suffering from a broken leg and internal injuries received when he was run down by an automobile driven by J. M. Bigler, of this city. Mr. Bigler was driving in the business district when he lost control of his machine. The car grazed a passing machine, plunged over the curb and after destroying an automobile air station struck Mr. Myers.

At the time of the accident Mr. Myers was putting a new tire on his automobile, which was parked in front of the air station. Mr. Bigler is 84 years of age and had driven a car only a few weeks.

UNION SCHOOL WANTED

Petitions for Institution Are to Be Distributed.

CANBY, Or., June 30.—(Special).—New petitions pertaining to the establishment of a union high school in Canby will be distributed out by County School Superintendent Brennon Voder, these to cover 12 districts.

Heretofore when similar petitions were distributed 14 districts were included, but two have been dropped by the county school superintendent. This is owing to the fact that number of the residents did not desire to sign up for the proposed institution.

BONUS FILINGS GAIN DAY

Applications for Cash Good Up to Midnight of June 23.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special).—Applications for cash bonus received by the world war veterans’ state aid commission up to midnight, June 23, 1932, are being approved and payment by the commission, according to a legal opinion given here today by J. H. VanWinkle, attorney-general.

Previous to receiving the attorney-general’s opinion the commis-

sion had operated under the impression that June 31 was the final day on which applications for cash bonus could be filed.

“PAUPER” CARRIES \$3000

Apparently Penniless Woman Is Found to Have Plenty of Cash.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—An elderly woman who said she was hungry and who, apparently penniless, was found wandering aimlessly about the Southern Pacific station in Oakland, was brought to San Francisco and fed by the Travelers’ Aid society.

When officers of the society looked into the basket she carried they found about \$3000 in cash, including several bags of nickels. They also found papers identifying her as Elizabeth McGuire of Mitchell, Ind.

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PHONE JACK HELD COSTLY

PHYSICIAN WANTS SERVICE CHARGES ABOLISHED.

Hospitals Said to Be Victims of Exorbitant Rate Upon Needed Equipment.

Dr. A. E. Rockey, noted Portland physician, yesterday addressed a petition to the Oregon public service commission, asking that service charges on telephone jacks be abolished. Beside telephones in hospitals have become almost a necessity, Dr. Rockey said, but the exorbitant “service charges” of the telephone company makes them prohibitive.

“For the uses described herein,” the petition reads, “telephone jacks may be used frequently, or only on very rare occasions, and it is contended that the regular rental charge under the name of service is unjust, for the reason that no service is rendered.

“It is admitted that the cost of installation, and the cost of the jacks should be paid by the subscriber. It is also admitted that repair charges, if any, should be paid by the subscriber.

“It is contended, first, that when properly installed, repairs are seldom required; second, that their installation in hospitals or in residences are matters for emergency convenience, in which the rare or occasional use does not justify a service charge. A service charge of 25 cents a month, regardless of use, is now demanded by the company.

“Only occasionally are telephones required in rooms. It is desirable to have them accessible, and for that purpose the hospital is willing to pay for the equipment, just as it pays for its wiring. It is desired now to install at the Good Samaritan hospital about 40 telephone jacks, and in the near future prob-

AUTO CRASH IS FATAL

Seattle Woman Dies of Injuries Received While Touring.

HOLLISTER, Cal., June 30.—Mrs. George Russ of Seattle, Wash., died in a hospital at Gilroy today from injuries received last night in an automobile accident on the highway ten miles north of here. She and her husband had stopped to change a tire when their car was struck by another machine driven by J. Martelli of Salinas. Martelli was slightly injured.

Four persons were injured in another accident early today on the highway at Betabel, nine miles south of Hollister. All of them were from Seattle and were taken to the Gilroy hospital, but were not with the Russ party. They were: S. A. Jones, broken shoulder blade; Mrs. Lolee Griffin, bruised shoulder, and Mrs. Mary Johnson, mother of Mrs. Griffin.

TIMBER WORKER KILLED

Laborer’s Hand Caught in Drum Winding Steel Cable.

HOQUIAM, Wash., June 30.—(Special).—While operating a strew line drum over which is wound the lighter cable from the donkey engine at Wynoochee Timber company camp, No. 4, Friday afternoon, John Ulaokovich, 35, got his hand caught on the cable and it was drawn in between the cable and drum.

Before help could reach him his arm and head had been drawn under the cable and crushed against the drum killing him instantly. He is survived by a widow and small child who live on a ranch in the Wynoochee valley.

Presidents Inspect Harbor.

The Presidents’ council visited new terminal projects in the Port of Portland yesterday. Leaving the foot of Washington street at 2 o’clock, on the tug Portland, the party first inspected the new pier of terminal No. 1. The new terminal yards also were inspected. Then it proceeded to terminal No. 4. The dredges Columbia and Tualatin were viewed.

Timber Fires Under Control.

BEND, Or., June 30.—(Special).—Timber fires reported near Bachelor mountain and in the Le Pine section yesterday were under control today. For the most part the fires were in lodgepole pine, of no commercial value.

RAIL MERGER IS FOUGHT

LINKING OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC HIT.

Intensive Publicity Campaign Begun in National Capital by Agent Whose Employer Is Mystery.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 30.—An intensive publicity campaign in opposition to any grouping of western railroads by the interstate commerce commission which would retain the present relations between the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads is being carried on here in Washington.

Correspondents of outside newspapers have for several days been supplied with publicity matter which was labeled “from the headquarters of the shippers and producers of the Pacific coast.”

Because of the fact that letters and petitions reaching senators and representatives from the Pacific coast states indicate an overwhelming opposition to the separation of the two roads, inquiry was made today at the office from which the “producers and shippers of the Pacific coast” operate in the Munsey building, to ascertain the name of some officer or individual identified with the organization.

The person in charge of the office, one of the most successful publicity men in Washington, but who, however, does not carry the name of the “producers and shippers of the Pacific coast” on his office door, apologized for not being able to disclose any of the personnel of the association which he pretended to represent. He said he expected to be able to give some information of that character within the next few days.

The associated name, “Producers and Shippers of the Pacific Coast,” was used by fruit and vegetable

NEW TODAY!

“ONE CLEAR CALL”

New Thrills! New Throbs! New Smiles! New Tears!

This splendid John M. Stahl production has so many remarkable angles to it that it is hard to pick the best—for it is ALL good—from end to end. The splendid cast—the story—the direction—make for the perfect picture that you expect to see and that you WILL see. Rarely is a feature of this calibre released in the summer and the Columbia is all prouder up over securing it—An exceptional feature—a cool theater and the best music in Portland—all in the middle of the summer. It can’t be beat!

THEN, THERE’S A COMEDY, “RAPID FIRE,” THAT’S A KNOCKOUT

Knowles’ Picture Players

Portland’s Coolest Theater (Truthful Advertising)

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