

MR. HOYT RIDICULES ROW OVER GAS BILL

Commissioner Thinks Fuss Is
Due to Misunderstanding.

USE OF AUTOS EXPLAINED

Board Must See Great Amount of
County Work if It Is to Pass on
It Properly, He Says.

"If it were not so absurdly ridiculous it might be considered humorous," was comment of Ralph W. Hoyt, county commissioner, business man and former mayor of Portland, when asked for a statement in relation to the allegation of county funds having been improperly used in purchasing gasoline for county official use. That the policy of the county commissioners was adopted as a means of saving money for the people of Multnomah county, and that such is the result, was the assertion of Mr. Hoyt.

But he said that out of consideration for the public that was being misled by statements that were being circulated, it was only fair that he should say something of the work that devolves upon a member of the board of county commissioners.

Cars Used for Official Work.

Mr. Hoyt said that the policy of the commissioners to use oil, gasoline and tires paid for with funds from the county treasury, because the principal use of the cars and these essentials in their operation is devoted to the service of the county. Speaking personally, it is his intention to continue this plan unless it is declared illegal to do so. He said that the cars are operated for about 3 cents a mile, whereas other records show that the cost of operating cars owned by the county cost from 7 to 10 cents a mile.

"If the county is obliged to purchase cars for officials, such as the county roadmaster, school superintendent, the county physician and others, of whom there are a number, the cost to the county as nearly as it can be estimated would be increased between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a year.

Care Used for Fire Call.

"Friday, when the fire occurred on the Base Line road, I was notified and went out immediately on the Base and Section Line roads and that vicinity, and while on the trip made investigation of a bridge which had been reported unsafe in that locality. Returning home to dinner at 5 o'clock I was telephoned by the sheriff who sought permission to hire some men, and immediately after dinner I left for the scene of the fire and remained directing work there until the fire was practically under control at about 10 o'clock that night.

"It is my policy to make a personal investigation of every road matter that comes to the board, before it is referred to the roadmaster. For I deem it best to understand the details of these important matters before any attempt is made to decide them. The reservoir for the water supply at the Vista House, under construction, and now almost completed, has been visited an average of three times every week.

Books Considered Cheaper.

"In regard to the purchase of gas books, the fact is that it was merely a good business move for the county. Being advised that the price of gasoline was to advance, the books were purchased to obtain the estimated quantity of gasoline that would be required at the then prevailing price. If the price had gone down the county would have rebated to the county the difference between the market price and the rate paid.

"However, as all users of gasoline know, the price has advanced a cent and a half a gallon. In case the price should be below the level when the books were purchased the county will refund whatever the difference may be. In that instance it was a case of saving money for the county by reasonable foresight.

Attack Is Regretted.

"It is a matter of regret to me that anyone should cause the necessity for saying anything on the subject. It is only because the public is entitled to know something of what the commissioners are called upon to do, that I speak now. There is a large amount of work in progress that requires visits to different parts of the county. Some of the roads are in bad condition and it has several times happened that to see some of the work under way or being considered it was necessary to use the light cars of the road supervisors. It was impossible to make the entire trip in a heavy car.

"It is in an effort to overcome these conditions of roads that the commissioners are striving to keep constantly in touch with the progress and learn what is necessary. Instead of devoting an hour or two a day to official duties it is my experience that it requires full time, and an average of probably 10 hours a day.

Work Must Be Seen.

To prepare a proper budget it is absolutely necessary that the commissioners acquaint themselves fully with the road requirements for next year. Work will necessarily close down with the coming of the rainy season, and then it will not be possible to study road conditions. We are now engaged in an effort to work out a comprehensive plan of road work for all of the improvements deemed essential in the different parts of the county. In December this will all be worked out to make up the estimates for the budget required by law.

"Multnomah county is a large business institution. Next to the State of Oregon, it is the biggest public enterprise that Oregon people are called upon to administer. It represents property investments amounting to about \$5,000,000 and the county commissioners are entrusted with the handling of time property as well as the responsibility for expenditure of the funds provided under the annual county budget.

"When one contemplates the magnitude of private business organizations that handle a less volume of business annually, it suggests that in order to conduct properly county affairs the men called to serve as commissioners must devote considerable attention to the job."

GERMANY ANSWERS ALLIES

Demand for Recall of General From
Baltic Held Unjust.

BERLIN, Friday, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany in its

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note refusing the allied demand to recall General von der Goltz, the German commander in the Baltic, denies the charge that the German evacuation of Latvia has been delayed purposely. Germany, the note adds, cannot meet any demands going beyond article 12 of the armistice. The demand for the recall of General von der Goltz, it is asserted, is an encroachment on the authority of Germany, which reserves the right to recall the general when the evacuation of Latvia is sufficiently advanced.

The German government warns the allies against increasing the present possibilities of friction in Latvia by an overhasty withdrawal of the German troops.

EX-OFFICIAL IS ACCUSED

FRAUD CHARGED TO FORMER
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

Depositing of Money in Failing Bank
and Other Irregularities Laid
to Pennsylvanian.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—A warrant was sworn out by the district attorney's office today for the arrest of Charles A. Ambler, former insurance commissioner of Pennsylvania. He is charged with conspiracy and malfeasance in office in connection with the failure of the North Pennsylvania bank, which closed its doors on July 18 with an apparent shortage of \$2,144,000.

It is charged in the warrant that Ambler, while insurance commissioner, conspired with Ralph W. Hoyt, cashier of the bank, who is under \$25,000 bail in connection with the failure to deposit the funds of the defunct Pittsburgh Life & Trust company in the North Penn bank, afterward borrowing money from the bank for himself and his business associates. The warrant further charges that Ambler put the state funds in the bank when he knew it was insolvent and that he used his control of state money to do business on his own behalf.

Ambler is the fourth man to be charged with criminal liability in connection with the failure, the others being under \$10,000 bail each.

SHERIDAN CALLS FOR AID

TRANSPORT, MINUS PROPELLER,
SHORT OF COAL, IN PACIFIC.

Admiral Rodman Orders Repair
Ship Out; Crippled Vessel
May Be Towed.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 16.—The army transport Sheridan, on the way from Honolulu to San Francisco with a propeller missing and a coal supply dangerously low, today appealed for aid to Admiral Hugh Rodman of the Pacific fleet, lying in this and adjacent harbors.

Admiral Rodman immediately ordered the destroyer repair ship Vestal to leave as soon as possible—5 o'clock tonight—to meet the transport and stated that the Vestal would reach the Sheridan sometime Monday. Until the meeting, the vessels will keep in communication by wireless.

If necessary the Vestal will tow the Sheridan into San Francisco. At last accounts the Sheridan was 110 miles out from San Francisco. She had a coal supply of 450 tons and was burning 60 tons a hour. Her speed was seven knots an hour.

The Sheridan's appeal was based upon her decreasing coal supply and the possibility of decreased speed. She was in no immediate danger.

EUROPE FACES FUEL CRISIS

Greater Stimulant to Bolshevism
Than Food Shortage, Is Belief.

BERLIN, Friday, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—That all Europe is facing disaster in the coal situation is the common opinion of industrial and shipping leaders who have been conferring on the subject here for the last few days.

Walter Fehling, of Hamburg, a shipping expert, declares the fuel situation in Germany will prove a more potent reviver of acute bolshevism than will food shortage.

PORTLAND OARSMEN WIN

Team of Four Takes Main Event in
Regatta at Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 16.—The four-oared race, main event of an inter-club regatta held here today, over a mile and a half course was won by E. A. Stevens, L. H. Mills, E. Holmes and J. H. McDonald of Portland, Or.

The time was 2:10. Vancouver's entries in the regatta captured the double and singles. Victoria rowers also competed.



SOLDIERS BREAK UP RIOTING IN IRELAND

Mob Hurls Stones at Troops in
Londonderry Disturbance.

STORES LOOTED; CITY DARK

Unionists and Nationalists Clash
Also in Counties Down
and Tyrone.

LONDONDERRY, Aug. 16.—The soldiers used in suppressing riots between nationalists and unionists in Londonderry last night and early today were withdrawn at 4 o'clock this morning.

Rioting and looting occurred in this city during last night and early this morning. Troops charged on mobs but did not fire any shots. The soldiers, however, were met with a volley of stones when they attempted to break up a nationalist demonstration. The monetary loss from looting is estimated at thousands of pounds by police authorities.

The trouble started when nationalists set fire to a number of tar barrels which had been collected beneath an arch over which was displayed a picture of Eamon De Valera, president of the Irish republic, and sang the "Soldier's Song." Unionists responded by singing the national anthem.

One force of troops kept the crowds apart while other detachments attempted to clear the streets, charging upon the throngs repeatedly.

Bricks and stones were hurled at the charging troops, one soldier being seriously hurt. The nationalists were finally driven back to their own quarters.

Windows were smashed and shops were looted and the city was in darkness the entire night.

Although several revolver shots were heard during the rioting, no report of anyone having been wounded has been received. The troops declare that none of them fired any shots and that when they drove back the crowds they advanced with their bayonets raised in the air.

BELFAST, Aug. 16.—Ten nationalist excursionists were injured during a fight Friday with Orangemen at Lisburn, County Down. Serious rioting also occurred at Coal Island, County Tyrone.

The trouble at Lisburn took place after the nationalists had attended a "Judy day" celebration at Lough.

In the riot at Coal Island several policemen and military officers were injured severely.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—A party of men today fired rifles on Rocky Island, in the harbor behind Haulbowline Island. The military on Rocky island replied with machine guns. The firing continued for some time. It is unknown whether there were any casualties.

BAKER MEN VISIT BOISE

Payette Irrigation Project to Be
Given Thorough Inspection.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—A delegation of Baker, Or., business men arrived in Boise today for the purpose of inspecting the Boise-Payette irrigation project from the fountain-head, Arrowrock dam, to the last string of canals which distributes the water over the vast empire. They were attracted to Boise as it is now the one point in the northwest where the water supply is ample. The men are out on a mission to gather data to present to the government for reclaiming lands in the vicinity of Baker and hope to secure a liberal appropriation from the Mondell bill apportionment.



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The party drove to Boise by auto, six machines carrying the party, and they will make the trip over the project in machines. Those in the party are Mayor W. N. Gardner, Walter Meacham, secretary of the Baker commercial club; J. P. Bemish, manager of the Baker Herald; J. E. Bowen, editor of the Baker Democrat; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steward, the former being manager of the Powder Land & Irrigation company; George H. Foster, postmaster of Baker; Chauncey Kirkpatrick, groceryman; E. F. Vocus, furniture dealer; Jake Scholl, manager of the Baker Mill & Grain company; Henry B. Tweed, county agent; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Blackburn, the Worth Brothers of Medical Springs; Mr. Haller and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Scagg.

EVERYBODY MAY FLY SOON

PLANES EXPECTED TO BE AS
POPULAR AS AUTOS.

Curtiss Company to Have Agency
Here for Sale of Craft Designed
for Sportsmen and Others.

That the airplane industry may soon become as important an enterprise as the automobile business in the belief of the Curtiss Airplane & Motor company, which intends to sell airplanes for commercial use in the northwest, Oliver K. Jeffery, agent for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, has left here for New York to visit the Curtiss factory and make arrangements for the delivery of planes for sale here. Spare parts will be kept in stock and service similar to that given by automobile concerns will be undertaken.

Looking to post-war trade possibilities, experts have constructed various models of planes for the use of sportsmen as well as business men. Among these new models is the "Orion," a three-passenger plane as luxuriously equipped as a limousine, electrically heated and designed with extra clothing and goggles are unnecessary. A second type is the "Seagull," a flying boat especially built for cruising over waterways. The Curtiss training planes, with which nearly all government aviators are schooled, are expected to be much in demand. During his absence temporary officers for the company have been established in the Yeon building.

GRAVEL CAUSE OF SUIT

Oregon City Resident Seeks to Re-
strain Highway Contractor.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Through her attorney, O. D. Eby, of this city, Olga Netter has filed injunction proceedings to restrain M. E. Phillips, a contractor, who is supplying gravel to the Pacific highway, from securing gravel from the property of Mrs. Netter on Pudding river. Mrs. Netter in her complaint, asserts Phillips has contracted 14,000 yards of gravel for the highway to be taken from the Pudding river, and that he has been taking much material from her property, and asks for \$500 damages. The gravel plant has been established opposite the Netter property.

OVEN EXPLODES; 3 INJURED

Restaurant Men Badly Burned When
Blow-up Occurs.

Explosion of a gas oven in the Coffee Cup restaurant, Park and Alder streets, resulted in injury of three restaurant

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employees early last night. The injured were George Jacobson, cook, fractured left thigh, burns about face, hands and arms; Joe Maybrunn, baker, face and hands burned; and David Huelkins, dishwasher, face and neck burned.

The explosion resulted from an attempt to light the oven while it was full of gas, which had leaked from an imperfectly closed jet. The oven was torn to pieces, one of the doors striking Jacobson.

The injured men were taken to Good Samaritan hospital. Diners in the restaurant were but little alarmed by the explosion, which many mistook for a backfiring automobile on the street.

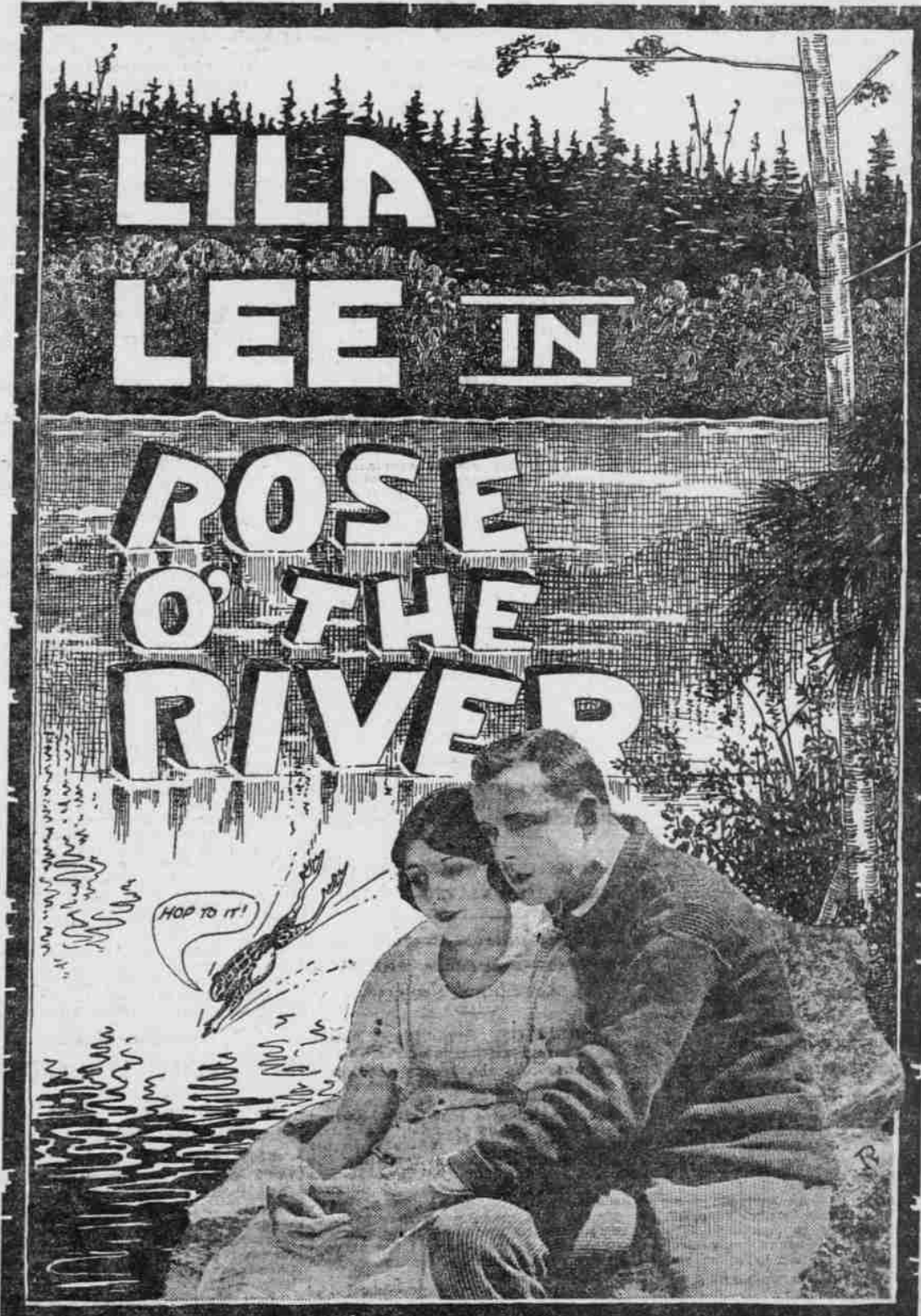
Negro Fined \$250 on Liquor Charge.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—W. A. Anderson, negro porter employed on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road, was fined \$250 today on a charge of selling liquor. Sam O'Connor, a negro at Seaside, testified that he had purchased two quarts of whisky from Anderson at \$15 a quart. Anderson denied the charge.

Victory Medal for All Navy Men.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Award of the victory medal to all officers and men who served in the navy during the war will be made in November, it was announced today at the navy department. A silver lapel button will be issued for wear with civilian clothes.

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