

REFUSAL TO AWARD WORK TO LOWEST BID BRINGS PROTEST

Drake C. O'Reilly of Montague-O'Reilly Asks Explanation in Matter.

BIBLITHIC IS CHOSEN

Protestant Told Resolution Permitted Rejection of Any Bids for Form of Pavement.

Drake C. O'Reilly, of Montague-O'Reilly Co., lowest bidder, on payment of the interstate bridge, appeared before the county commissioners this morning to ask why his company was not awarded the contract for the pavement, which was given to the Warren Construction company at a contract price of \$12,801.78 higher than bid by the Montague-O'Reilly Co.

"It is your purpose, then, to accept this bid regardless of the fact that the specifications called for various forms of pavement and that contract should go to the lowest bidder?" asked Mr. O'Reilly.

The commissioners replied that this was their idea and had District Attorney Evans read to Mr. O'Reilly a resolution passed by the board prior to the opening of bids reserving the right to the board to select what bids they deemed best without regard to the bids received.

Mr. O'Reilly asked E. E. Howard, of the supervising engineers if a letter presenting the views of the company submitted Monday was correct in detail and Mr. Howard said that but one change was proper.

"You have stated that the estimate of the area to be paved is 21,824 square yards," he said. "That should read about 80 per cent of that amount as the remainder includes the concrete slab area."

VILLA WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAPITAL, HE SAYS

Zapata to Occupy Capital as Soon as Obregon Leaves; Carranza's Reply Waited.

(United Press Leased Wire) Washington, March 10.—Once more "watchful waiting" describes the policy of the United States in regard to Mexico.

The reply of General Venustiano Carranza, provisional president, has not been received by the latest reports indicated that General Alvaro Obregon had not left Mexico City, as earlier dispatches indicated.

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General Francisco Villa today informed the state department that as soon as General Zapata takes control of Mexico City, satisfactory conditions will be restored.

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Cardinal Asks U. S. to Act. New Orleans, La., March 10.—Cardinal James Gibbons of Baltimore has formally requested President Wilson to take steps "to restore peace and order in Mexico," according to announcement by the cardinal today following a conference with Jose Maria del Rio. Del Rio is one of the most prominent Catholic laymen of the southern republic.

"I see no hope for peace under the present revolutionary leaders," said Cardinal Gibbons.

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Grain and War to Front at Hearing

Chicago, March 10.—E. B. Boyd, chairman of the western trunk lines committee, testifying at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission, which has been postponed by 41 western roads to advance freight rates, denied the report that the European war was responsible for the request for an increase.

It had been pointed out that the railroads, realizing that much grain would be shipped because of the war, hastened to ask for higher rates, which would increase their revenues approximately \$10,000,000, amounting to about 1 1/2 per cent over last year's receipts.

Mr. Boyd firmly declared that decisions to petition the commission had been reached four months before war was declared, although grain was one of the commodities mentioned in the petition.

The witness insisted that all the roads wanted was fair play, adding that the rates asked for would be lower than those of 1905, and would also be lower than those prevailing in the northwest. He said the rates now in effect resulted from tariff wars that existed before the interstate commerce commission was created.

Robbers Slug Man. Frank Erler, an automobile painter, was slugged last night by two robbers while about a block from his home in Lents. While the men were searching him Erler recovered consciousness and started to fight, knocking one of the robbers down. The other shot Erler through the arm, after which both thieves ran away. They secured \$20.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WILL BE TAG DAY FOR CHRISTIE ORPHANAGE

Worthy Charity Cares for Parentless Girls Between 6 and 16 Years of Age.

Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's day, the annual sale of shamrock tags will be held in the city to raise money for the Christie orphanage for girls at Oswego. This is the fifth annual tag day held by the orphanage and is the one day of the year that this worthy charity comes before the people for help.

The Sisters of the Holy Name are in charge of the institution, which is situated on the west bank of the Willamette adjoining Glenmore farm on the south. They do a splendid work in the educating of orphan girls ranging from 6 to 16 years. At the present time 140 girls are in the home and are given a regular course of schooling through primary and grammar grades.

Former Postmaster Is Taken to Prison Charles F. Alexander Gets 13 Months' Sentence for Embezzlement of Postal Funds.

Charles F. Alexander, former postmaster of Garibaldi, was taken today to the federal prison at McNeil's island, to begin serving a 13 months' sentence passed on him yesterday afternoon by Federal Judge Ben, following a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement of postal funds.

Alexander's pecuniations amounted to about \$1500. Friends reimbursed the government and for this reason his attorney pleaded for leniency. United States Attorney Reames stood against a parole, however, because, he said, Alexander's accounts were short with an express company and the railroad whose agent he was at Garibaldi.

Alexander says he cannot account for the pecuniations and other than by lax business methods, and in this connection it is pointed out that his books had not been balanced for eight months prior to his removal as postmaster a year and a half ago.

In Tillamook county he was prominent, and was arrested about two weeks ago, following his return from California, where he had gone to secure funds from his mother and friends.

WORK STARTS SOON ON THREE CONCRETE BRIDGES ON HIGHWAY

Contractors Begin Assembling Outfit Along Road Up Columbia River Today.

Construction work will begin in a few days on the three reinforced concrete bridges of the Columbia highway between Warrendale and Bonnevile, the contract for which was let two weeks ago. The assembling of their outfit, was begun by the contractors today. One of the bridges, a 170 foot arch across Moffett creek, will be constructed by A. Guthrie & Co. The other two bridges, one across Metcalf creek and one across Tanner creek, will be built by the Pacific Bridge company. The contract price for all three bridges is \$55,246.75.

There only remains to let by contract on the highway a 200 foot viaduct just this side of Eagle creek. It will be several weeks before bids are asked for this construction owing to the fact that the highway must be completed at this point in order to get the material on the ground. The viaduct will run along the bluff 700 feet above the railroad track. It was first figured to make a cut here, but

Safety First Idea Promoted in Schools

Safety first among the children of the Portland public schools is being promoted by a new plan just inaugurated by Superintendent L. R. Alderman.

In each school there is a fire drill squad of boys whose duty it is to assist in getting the children out of a building in case of fire. These squads are now being organized into safety first committees. Their new duties will be to give particular attention to children crossing the streets and to exercise a brotherly watchfulness over the smaller boys and girls wherever possible danger lurks.

When the ground was opened it was found that the bluff was a talus formation. If cut into there would always be the possibility of an immense slide. While the cost of the viaduct will be a little more than the proposed cut all source of danger will be eliminated.

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