

ENGINEER LEWIS IS WILLING TO GIVE UP ALL HIGHWAY WORK

Provision Is That Commission Relieve Him of Responsibility and Return Bond.

HIS STAND IS MAINTAINED

Probable That Action Will Be Taken Today to Put End to the Turmoil.

Salem, Or., Aug. 26.—State Engineer Lewis today offered to withdraw from all connection with highway work if the state highway commission would enter an order relieving him of all duties and responsibilities in connection with highway work, and direct the governor to return the bond for \$10,000 heretofore filed with him and not yet approved.

In a letter to the commission, Lewis deplored the fact that Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay had seen fit to construe his letter of dismissal to Deputy Cantine as a breach of faith.

He pointed out that the continual turmoil in which the road department has been involved seemed to render his course in following the law as interpreted by the attorney general detrimental to the best interests of road work in Oregon.

"In view of the unfortunate misunderstandings in connection with the operation of the new road law, I wish to state my position and offer a suggestion for settlement of the controversies," says Lewis in his letter.

"I opposed the passage of this act and later sought its veto. Failing in these efforts, with the approval of the attorney general, which I have since endeavored to follow.

Commission Enters Order. "Apparently contrary to this opinion, the highway commission entered an order some time ago directing Mr. Cantine, my chief deputy, to take charge of certain construction work, reporting to the commission direct. Recently Mr. Cantine stated that he would do this. I have not seen fit to contest this order, and my recent letter dismissing Mr. Cantine was merely confirmatory of my verbal action immediately after his decision to report to the commission and not to me.

"This action seems to have been construed as a breach of faith, which was certainly not intended. It was a mere revocation of my personal appointment, and was presumed to be in harmony with the desire of the commission for a friendly suit. It was not intended to, and did not, revoke the governor's appointment. My opinion, however, is that the work and responsibility should not be divided.

"Either Mr. Cantine or myself should have complete charge of the engineering work with sufficient power and authority to properly execute the same. Under present conditions, it seems impossible to get a clear cut division of the work.

"While I have been endeavoring to follow the law as interpreted by the attorney general, yet in many differences of opinion as to the meaning of this law, misunderstandings arising therefrom, and the continual turmoil in which the road department has been involved, seems to render a continuance in this course detrimental to the best interests of road work in Oregon.

Hopes to End Trouble. "I cannot concur in the commission's interpretation of the law respecting my duties and responsibilities. But if the commission will enter an order relieving me of all duties and responsibilities in connection with highway work and direct the governor to return the bond for \$10,000 heretofore filed with him but as yet unapproved, I will gladly withdraw from all connection with highway work.

"This proposition is submitted in the belief that it is in harmony with the views and desires of a majority of the state highway commission, and if accepted will end this unfortunate controversy."

State Treasurer Kay and Governor Withycombe today expressed themselves as favorable to the proposition outlined by Engineer Lewis, and a resolution to that effect will be passed today at a meeting of the state highway commission, Kay stated. A meeting would have been held tomorrow but for the absence of Secretary of State Olcott in Portland, where he is attending a conference regarding unemployed as a representative of the highway commission.

The acceptance of Lewis' proposition will mark the close of the long fight waged on Lewis by Withycombe and Kay.

King Nicholas of Montenegro cannot be induced to buy a new hat. He considers his old hats the best friends he has.

Police Chief Takes Bath Then Learns The Naked Truth

Hood River, Or., Aug. 26.—Bathers at the recently opened Hood River beach made so many complaints to local police regarding the theft of jewelry, money and other personal belongings from their clothes, that Harry Bailey, chief of the police night squad, decided to make personal effort to land the culprits guilty of the thefts. Accordingly, disguised as a bathing suit he nonchalantly entered the water with other bathers last night, and while disposing with the grace of a young porpoise kept his eyes on the lookout for petty thieves on the beach.

After a good bath, the chief swung out his hat and waded ashore to don his street habiliments.

Then he discovered that some unscrupulous individual had "frisked" his official trousers of every red cent.

Carl Guiott Sees First Movie Show

Pendleton Man Whose Sight Was Recently Restored Visits Place of Amusement With His Family.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 25.—While Carl Guiott is rejoicing in the recovery of his sight, another well known Pendletonian, "Billy" Welch, son of an early day pioneer, is mourning the loss of one eye. By a singular coincidence, the misfortune of the one and the good fortune of the other occurred almost the same date, and one was quite as sudden as the other.

Welch, who is a feed yard proprietor, had returned home one evening about a month ago when, without warning, the vision of one eye was shut off. There was no pain until the following day. Physicians advised him to consult a specialist in Portland. He declared an opaque lens had dropped across the pupil, shutting the visualized object from the retina. In the case of Guiott, they said a similar lens, which had obstructed the pupil, had dropped from place.

In Portland Mr. Welch underwent an operation that restored his sight; but within a week decay set in, and the eyeball was removed entirely. Now he must secure a glass substitute.

Mr. Guiott's restored sight continues to improve, and he can now see quite plainly.

Sunday night he saw his first exhibition of motion pictures. Fifteen years ago, when blindness struck him, the moving picture was in an experimental stage, and the picture playhouse was almost unknown. He sat through five reels and enjoyed it.

BREST LITOVSK FALLS BEFORE GERMAN ARMY

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the capture of Lemberg. It is 120 miles east of Warsaw, on the Bug river, and is the junction point of several important railways. The town was strongly fortified, and was selected by the Russian general staff to serve as the base for the Slav armies when it became evident that the fall of Warsaw was inevitable.

Field Marshal von Mackensen advanced from the south against Brest-Litovsk. He cleared northeastern Galicia of the Russians, thrust them back across the Polish border and then pressed on to Lublin.

Two Forces Against Fortress. With the capture of this point he advanced steadily upon Brest-Litovsk, though the movement of the Austro-Germans in this region was without any support until after Warsaw was captured.

Following this victory Prince Leopold advanced eastward through Praga, Novo Minak and Siedice, and within the past week has been attacking von Mackensen's forces in the attack upon Brest-Litovsk by assaults from the west and north. With the two forces operating against the fortress, it was practically enveloped.

Some military critics rated Brest-Litovsk as of more strategic importance than Warsaw.

Other Victories in Sight. Its capture makes the surrender of the entire Kovno-Brest-Litovsk line imperative, and the fall of the fortresses of Brestok and Grodno is now expected at any time.

The Russians who retreated from the fortress base are believed to be withdrawing to the east and northeast. Their right wing is protected by forests on the north, while their left is guarded by marshes and swamps, which seriously delayed the advance of the Austro-Germans.

The ease with which Brest-Litovsk was captured caused the greatest surprise. The direct attack against the fortress had been in progress only a few days.

Slavs Counted on Brest-Litovsk. Although the initial statement from the war office made no announcement of the number of prisoners taken, it is believed several thousand must have been captured, as Russian strategy did not contemplate the surrender of the fortress for at least a fortnight.

The Slavs had firmly counted on Brest-Litovsk as their base after Warsaw fell. No other city possesses the railway and natural advantages for an important base nearer than Moscow or Petrograd. It had the transportation advantages, not only of several railroads, but of the Bug river, which is navigable.

Very Old City. The fortress of Brest-Litovsk is one of the greatest in Europe. It is at the confluence of the Bug and Minkovets rivers. Railways intersect there from Odessa, Kiev, Moscow, Vilna and East Prussia. It is one of the oldest cities of Russia, being mentioned as early as 1020. The population is approximately 50,000.

Vast sums of money were spent at Brest-Litovsk by the Russians who regarded conquering of the fortress as practically impossible. The threat of the Austro-Germans against it became really serious after Warsaw was captured on August 5.

Galloway Is Dead. Los Angeles, Aug. 25.—(P. N. S.)—Former Chief of Police Alexander Galloway is dead at his home here today following a long illness. The funeral will be held Friday under the auspices of the police department and the Masonic order.

Teeth Values Are Set. San Francisco, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—The price of teeth is going up—way up. A. H. Hohen asks \$7500 each for two teeth disclosed in a fight in a suit filed here.

MAN WHO ATTACKED YOUNG WOMAN NEAR BAKER IS PRISONER

Captors Tell Deputy Sheriff That They Were Just About to Act.

Baker, Or., Aug. 25.—The timely arrival last evening of Deputy Sheriff Nelson at the Sidney Storie ranch near Wathery prevented the probable lynching of the assailant of 20-year-old Eleanor Storie, who was attacked late Wednesday while riding a horse home from the postoffice.

The prisoner, who refused to give his name, was brought to the county jail early this morning by the officer. Miss Storie was attacked as she rode close to the railroad trestle, her assailant rushing out, seizing the bride, pointing a gun and threatening to shoot unless she dismounted.

The girl struck the man several times with the reins, the horse finally taking fright and shaking the man off. Miss Storie rode home and gave the alarm, members of a threshing crew headed by her father giving chase, and after several hours running down the fugitive.

The man was taken back to the ranch and according to the story told the deputy he would have been strung up then and there except for the pleas of women, which delayed action until an officer arrived. The captors made no objection to turning the prisoner over, but said that had Nelson been a few minutes later the man would have been a "goner."

Miss Storie was not hurt except for bruises about her body, where she was hit with a gun. The prisoner denies all knowledge of the attack.

Turn Irrigation Ditches on Fire

Hood River, Or., Aug. 26.—A forest fire was narrowly averted when the fire from a slashing being burned on the McIsaac tract in the Parkdale section got beyond control. A large amount of cord wood was burned and for a time the McIsaac residence and barn and the large apple packing and storage house of Loomis & Woodworth were threatened.

The call for help took over 100 men to the ground and the irrigation ditches in this district were turned over the burn.

Relief Reaches Newport. Newport, Ark., Aug. 26.—(U. P.)—The first relief train which has reached Newport since the city was inundated as the result of swollen streams, arrived today, bringing state troops. The soldiers took charge of the city and began distribution to the needy of the 1500 rations they brought with them. Hundreds of persons are still marooned in the surrounding country.

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