

COUNTY EMPLOYES DISCREDIT CHARGE OF MARTIN REDDY

Men Questioned Say They Never Heard of Jobs Being Sold Like So Much Goods.

LIGHTNER STARTS INQUIRY

Commissioner Says He Has Turned Over to Grand Jury List of Witnesses to Be Examined.

"Never heard of county employes being their jobs."

This was the unanimous expression of persons mentioned by Martin Reddy as having knowledge of the alleged auctioning of jobs by county commissioners.

Reddy, apparently, is the only person who has ever heard the graft story direct. Some admit they have heard "rumors," Reddy says he has first-hand information from those who would bear the county's payroll.

W. L. Lightner, chairman of the board of county commissioners, says he and his co-workers on the board had nothing to do with the hiring or "fixing" of county help.

Left to Foreman.

The employment of men for minor jobs, says Mr. Lightner, was left entirely to foremen and superintendents. Most of these, the commissioner says, have held their places for years, and their integrity never has been questioned.

"I have turned over to the grand jury a complete list of the men whom I wish summoned to testify," added Mr. Lightner. "This list includes bridge foremen, superintendents and guards, also the foremen of quarries and other work."

"I never have questioned the integrity of Mr. Lightner," says Rufus C. Holman, another member of the board of commissioners. "I do not believe these statements made by Reddy, but I do believe the grand jury and district attorney should make a thorough investigation."

"Reddy's story sounds fishy," declares Commissioner Holbrook.

Never Heard of Graft.

"I never heard of bartering jobs, and if there had been any graft in this office, I certainly would have taken it before the grand jury long ago," said Harry Bulger, chief deputy in the juvenile court, who, Reddy says paid \$400 for a job that pays \$150 a month, brands the Reddy story as a lie, some such stories as reliable," says Mr. Evans.

Richard L. Shaw, an attorney, formerly clerk of the county court, says Reddy's yarn is a hallucination.

Reddy probably will be called before the grand jury next Thursday.

Tillamook Line Is In Operation Again

Trains Run on Regular Schedule After Tieup of Several Weeks Because of Slides.

The Southern Pacific's Tillamook line is in operation.


For the first time in untold weeks, the mountain line is free from wash-outs, slides and snow blockades. Trains were running today on regular schedule.

The trains that got through yesterday encountered no trouble. But the crews took no chances. Up in the baggage car were a big coffee pot, many cans of condensed milk, some smoked meat and plenty of bread. Experience on previous trips had taught that it is better to be safe than hungry.

So the crews were prepared for another possible hangup somewhere in the woods, far from a dairy lunch. With the smiling weather prevailing, the provisions were not needed.

Boise Resident Here.

R. W. Childs, secretary of the Commercial club of Boise, Idaho, is a Portland visitor. Yesterday noon Mr. Childs was the guest of M. E. Smead, assistant to the executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, at the weekly members' council luncheon. He made a short talk on the value of commercial organizations.



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Municipal Court Is Kept Busy by Extra Big Docket

Chinese and Americans alleged to be gamblers, vagrants, drunkards, automobile traffic violators, persons accused of owning vicious dogs, and persons who had been delinquent in cleaning up snow drifts were all docketed in the municipal court this morning to the number of 102. This is the largest docket the court has seen in over a year. The court docketed just a few more than half of these cases this morning. The remainder of the cases will be heard tomorrow.

ALLIES STEADFAST IN STRUGGLE FOR RIGHT, SAYS ROYAL ADDRESS

King George Not Present at Opening of Sixth Session of War Parliament.

London, Feb. 15.—(U. N. S.)—The sixth session of the "war parliament" opened today.

King George was absent, but his majesty signed the royal address and it was read to parliament.

Among the more important matters to be considered by parliament are the following:

An additional war credit of \$1,500,000,000.

Adoption of measures to strengthen the empire's air defenses.

Amendment of blockade policies to prevent goods reaching Germany through neutral nations and the extension of England's sea power.

Adoption of a policy of economy by the government and possible curtailment of imports.

Consideration of a measure discontinuing the salaries of cabinet officers during the life of the war and taxation measures.

King George's speech from the throne said:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: It has been my duty to summon you, after a short recess, to renew your deliberations. The spirit of my allies and my people, who are united in this conflict by ever strengthening ties of sympathy and understanding, remains steadfast in the resolve to secure reparations for the victims of unprovoked and unjustifiable outrage and effectual safeguards for all nations against the aggression of a power which mistakes force for right, and expediency for honor.

"With a proud and grateful confidence I look to the courage, tenacity and resourcefulness of the army, on whom we depend worthily."

King George's address was read by Lord Chancellor Buxton.

Premier Asquith, addressing the house of commons, said:

"During the past two weeks, the allies have well held their own. A general conference soon is to be held in Paris to discuss political and strategic aspects. All of the allies are to be represented.

Missionaries Speak at Luncheon.

The importance of foreign missions was affirmed by speakers from the Laymen's Missionary convention before the Rotary club at its luncheon today. "The missionary movement is the biggest business in the world today," said Fred B. Fisher, a missionary from India and a prominent member of the movement. A. R. Kepler, recently returned from China, where as a missionary he was wounded in the Chinese revolution, told of the rapid spread of western civilization in that country.

GOVERNMENT ASKED TO MAKE SURVEY OF PORTLAND SCHOOLS

Commissioner of Education Spends Short Time in This City Today on Way South.

P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, was invited today by School Superintendent Alderman to make a survey of the Portland schools, at least to the extent of checking up on how many of the recommendations of the former survey are being carried out.

The department of education is making a survey of the San Francisco schools, and Mr. Claxton thought it might be possible to send some of the educators to Portland to comply with Mr. Alderman's request.

Mr. Claxton was in Portland only a short time this morning on his way south. He expressed to Mr. Alderman great interest in the two-group plan which is being carried out in three of the Portland schools.

MONOPOLY GRIP ON WATERPOWER OF U. S. SHOWN

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monopoly and interlocking directorates. They show at a glance where the monopoly lies.

The report, when printed, will consist of three volumes. Part 1 comprises the text; the other volumes will contain the maps and diagrams. The entire cost is about \$21,000.

Talk Costs More Than Printing.

Senator Norris of Nebraska had a running debate with Smoot on the printing of the report, in which he declared that the report is in most concise and the greatest collection of data upon the question of water power that has ever been printed. He called attention to the time of the senate consumed by the Utah senator. The printing question had been delayed and talked over into the next day's session three times, he pointed out, and this delay was of greater cost than the actual printing of the report will be.

At last there was a vote, and the senate decided to print the report, illustrations and all. The only roll-call vote was that of Oregon Senator McCall to limit the printing to one volume. That was defeated by 29 to 17. One of the features of the debate was a direct and emphatic admission by Smoot that the water powers of the country are in the hands of monopoly.

"I do not think any man who has studied the subject to the extent that I have," he said, "can doubt for a moment the fact that there is in the United States a monopoly or series of monopolies in hydro-electric power, in its generation and in its sale. It is not a monopoly which exists for some time, and it will always be with us, because it is one of those elements which necessarily form the nucleus of a monopoly. You can no more avoid a monopoly in the generation and distribution of electric power than you can avoid the operation of the law of gravity."

NEW PLAN TO CREATE MOUNT HOOD PARK IS PROPOSED AT CAPITAL

Washington, Feb. 15.—A new scheme to create the Mount Hood National park by eliminating all settled areas, grazing lands and the Bull Run reservoir, has been proposed. The plan is to designate as a park certain detached tracts, to be later connected by a system of roadways and trails taking water into the park of the vicinity, including the new Columbia Gorge park, Lost Lake and the mountain itself.

Office of the park and forestry bureau, Lancaster and Oswald West, participated in working out the plan. Senator Chamberlain will introduce the bill when the descriptions are perfected.

"Chuck" O'Connell Is Drowned in Coquille

Body Taken From River Near Town of Powers Is Identified as That of Man Known in Portland.

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 15.—The body of the man found near Powers along the Coquille river February 10, during the stormy weather, has been positively identified as that of "Chuck" O'Connell, former prize fighter, who has fought here and who also was well known about Portland. His real name was Richard O'Connell and he was raised at Duluth, Minn., by Mr. and Mrs. Carson, who now live in Portland.

O'Connell had been working near Powers, and went from there to his homestead in the North. It is believed he was drowned when he attempted to cross the river during the high water.

Widowed Mother Is In Need of Position

Woman Has Six Children to Support, One of Them Being Ill at a Local Hospital.

Work—work of any kind—is sought for a deserving widow with six dependent children.

The mother needs work badly in order to support herself and her children, her task being doubly hard at the present time because her eldest daughter is ill in a local hospital.

Relief in the form of charity is not wanted, but work would enable the mother to care for her dependents.

Those who can offer her work are requested to call the People's Institute, Broadway, 181.

New Campaign for Industries Planned

An important meeting of the North Portland Commercial Portland branch tonight in the North Portland library. Arrangements for the annual banquet to be held at a later date will be made on this evening. The main purpose of the banquet is to encourage manufacturers to locate on the peninsula.

Change of Venue Denied.

Request for change of venue made by Will C. Purdy in a minor case assigned to Judge H. E. McGinn was denied today by the court.

DRIVERS OF FOR-HIRE CARS OF ALL KINDS MAY BE EXAMINED

Measure Introduced in Council Would Have All Machines Inspected Also.

Drivers of taxicabs, sightseeing cars and for-hire machines are to be required to pass an examination for fitness and have their machines inspected for defects under an ordinance which is being drafted by Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utility, for introduction before the city council. It is his purpose to have all drivers and machines examined, as is required of all jitney drivers and owners.

"I believe," said Daly this morning, "that there is as much danger to the traveling public from the inexperienced driver of all rented cars as there is from the inexperienced jitney drivers. Several jitney drivers are seeking to evade the jitney ordinance by having their cars for rent, and this new measure will control them."

"I also believe that by having the machines inspected fewer accidents will occur."

A meeting is being held with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce by the city council this afternoon to discuss plans for regulating sightseeing and for-hire machines carrying people over the Columbia river highway.

It is proposed to fix the maximum fare for the for-hire machines may charge for the highway trips.

Named on Appeal Board.

Members of the board of appeals, under the recently adopted plumbing ordinance, were appointed by Mayor Albee yesterday. They are William Mulheir, Robert Strong and Robert Gillan. They will serve without pay.

Named School Inspector.

Dr. Edna Sherrill, with offices in the Morgan building, has been appointed school inspector to take the place left vacant by the death of Dr. F. Payne. She is graduate of the California Medical college and is one of the physicians of the Fruit and Flower Mission.

Will Discuss Dog Pound.

The plan of the Oregon Humane society to take over the dog pound is to be discussed by the city council Friday. An ordinance providing for an agreement to be made with the society has been drafted at the instance of Mayor Albee. It is proposed to give the society 80 per cent of the pound fees and dog license receipts for the handling of the pound.

City Buys Mayor's Car.

The contract for the purchase of a light touring car for use of Mayor Albee and the council was awarded to the Oakland Automobile company by the council today. Under the arrangement made, the city is to exchange the present car used by the mayor and pay \$495 cash.

Dies After Brief Illness.

C. C. Cadonau, an employe of the city treasurer's office, died this morning after an illness of less than a month. Mr. Cadonau was about 28 years old and lived near Multnomah station. He leaves a widow and one child. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the funeral.

Taffe Estate \$100,000.

Real estate and personal property valued at \$100,000 was left by Irwin H. Taffe to his widow, Mrs. Mary H. Taffe. Taffe was prominent in the salmon packing industry of Oregon. Petition for probate of the estate was filed yesterday.

Rainbow Sans Rain Adds to the Beauty of Dawn

Portlanders who were abroad this morning and who turned their faces toward the north saw a rare and beautiful phenomenon—a rainbow in the sky without rain.

The sky was clear. The sun shone. The birds sang. There was not the least sign of precipitation. But the rainbow was there, iridescent, beautiful, glorious!

It lasted a minute or two and then faded from view.

GERMANS WIN BRITISH TRENCHES IN SMASH SOUTHWEST OF YPRES

Most Important Gain Since Loos Is Made; German Attack Spreads Over West.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 15.—German troops captured over 800 yards of English trenches in a sudden smash southeast of Ypres, the war office said today.

This gain is the most important against the British since the Loos combat.

The German onslaught starting in the Artois, spread to the Champagne and is now extending to most of the western battleline.

The statement added that one officer and dozens of men were also captured.

"On the road between Lens and Bethune," the bulletin continued, "we occupied the crater caused by a successful mine explosion."

"In the Champagne district, northwest of Thure, we repulsed French attacks."

Allies Expect New Attack.

London, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—While the steady roll of artillery reverberates in the Champagne hills, the Germans, according to dispatches, are preparing for a still more powerful offensive there. This is designed to throw the



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Paris expects the Teuton blow to strike before night.

Evidence of the German intent has been seen in the battling of recent hours. For a day past, German guns have concentrated their activities on Tahure and the sector east of the Navarin farm.

By making a wedge in the French lines west of the Navarin farm on Saturday and repeating this operation five miles to the east on the Sabbath, the Germans threatened the French, retiring on a wide front. Indeed, they may force them back to the

French Retake Trenches.

Paris, Feb. 15.—(U. N. S.)—Recapture by the French of part of the advanced trenches lost to the Germans east of the road from Tahure to Somme-Py was claimed in today's official communique.

"Patrol engagements," the statement added, "are progressing in the Reillon sector."

"The night was calm along the remainder of the front."

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