

COUNCIL AND DIECK DISAGREE ON SUBJECT OF TAXI-JITS CHARGE

Only Three Out of Thirteen Licenses Revoked and All These Are For Speeding.

MR. DALY GETS SARCASTIC

Commissioner Says What Police Are For, Apparently, Is to Be in Jitneys and Get Evidence.

Although Robert G. Dieck, commissioner of public works, had recommended that the for-hire licenses of 13 "taxi-jits" be revoked principally because the drivers had failed to charge two dollars posted in the machine, the city council today refused to take all the recommendations seriously.

It revoked the licenses of three drivers who had been convicted in police court, but allowed the 10 other drivers who were charged by Commissioner Dieck of undercharging, running on fixed routes and other minor offenses, to retain their licenses.

The council had considered six cases and revoked the licenses in three of them when Commissioner Dieck, seeing that he was not making much headway, asked that no further consideration be given his recommendations in the remaining seven cases.

Upon Commissioner Dieck's second, the council promptly dropped the charges against the seven remaining drivers.

The three who had their licenses revoked were Albert Kunz, R. A. Hill and J. Lightburn.

Speeding Principal Charge.

Kunz was charged with having been convicted of speeding and other offenses in the police court, and also overcharging passengers. He said he did not recall having overcharged anyone, but did admit that he had been arrested. The council was unanimous in revoking his license.

The principal charge against Hill was that he had been twice convicted of speeding; that he had been arrested for passing a streetcar while stopped; for having no light in the interior of his car, and with having been in two collisions. Hill explained the accidents, saying that he was not at fault in either collision. He admitted to having been arrested for speeding. When the council revoked his license Hill remarked: "Some of you who belong to the same order I do not remember your obligations."

Lightburn had been arrested once for speeding and running without lights. He was also charged with operating on a fixed route. His license was revoked by Mayor Albee, Commissioners Dieck and Baker. Commissioner Bigelow and Daly voted against the revocation. Lightburn explained that while he ran on Mississippi avenue much of the time, he took passengers any place they wished to go.

Council Buled Differently.

Detective Vaughn, who gathered evidence against Lightburn at Commissioner Dieck's orders, declared that Lightburn had told him that his car was a "jitney," and upon reaching a certain point, that it was the "end of his run." Lightburn denied this, however.

The council had Friday refused to revoke the license of Carl Allard, Wednesday morning it heard the charges against F. V. Lanken and F. Cantonia. Both were charged with charging Detectives Royle and Vaughn with less than the rate cards provided. Commissioner Dieck said that Lanken had a card worded "jitney" in his car and this was a violation of the law. It was pointed out, however, that Judge Langthorn had ruled dif-

ferently and the council agreed to abide by the judge's ruling.

"I've been in Portland for 25 years," said Lanken before voting "No."

By the votes of Commissioners Baker, Bigelow and Daly and Mayor Albee, Lanken was allowed to retain his license. Daily voted "No."

Cantonia was before the council only a few minutes when it held that the evidence was insufficient to revoke his license.

Commissioner Daly objected to the plan of revoking licenses because the drivers had undercharged their patrons, but was for the revocation when the men had been persistent law violators and had been convicted several times.

"What I want to know," said Daly, "is whether any honest or goodness citizen has complained of being charged too little. Looks to me as though the charges of undercharging are based on assumptions by Commissioner Dieck and on the reports of two detectives, rather than bona fide complaints."

"What's your idea of the police? What are they for?" asked Baker.

"Apparently to ride in the jitneys and see whether they undercharge patrons," answered Daly.

"You know better than that. They are to catch law violators. You're not sincere in that statement," retorted Baker.

"The detectives were used merely to get information," said Dieck.

If the jitneys are operating on fixed routes they are violating the law, said Mayor Albee.

"They are not, though," interrupted A. A. Thielke, president of the organization of jitney drivers, "they go any place."

Track to Be Torn Up.

The spur track of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in Yamhill street, between Third and Fourth streets, is to be torn up and the franchise for the block of track abandoned.

An ordinance consenting to the abandonment of the franchise was before the council today. The franchise has not been run on the spur for several years.

Repairs to Be Made.

Temporary repairs are to be made to Goldsmith street from Larabee to Albina avenue, while the council has proceedings under way for the permanent improvement of the thoroughfare.

The council over Commissioner Bigelow's objections today agreed to appropriate \$250 for the temporary repairs. Bigelow wanted Dieck to take the money out of the street repair fund rather than the general fund.

Klamath Falls Puts Final O. K. on Bonds

Klamath Falls, Or., March 12.—The city council last night made final reading on an ordinance to issue warrants for the \$300,000 railroad bonds issued by the city November 14.

The ordinance provides for six warrants of \$50,000, which will be taken up by refunding general bonds of the city. They contain no reference to railroad construction. The clause inserted by the city in the bond sale to Spitzer Rorick company of Toledo, Ohio, giving the former right to withdraw from the contract within 14 days, was not enforced.

Final transcript of the bonds has been accepted by the bond house and the negotiations for the sale will be completed as quickly as possible.

Major Dent to Take Charge at Portland

Washington, March 13.—Major Elliot Dent, U. S. corps engineers, has been ordered to proceed from Little Rock, Ark., to Portland, Or., for duty.

Major Dent, who is to take the post of Major Amos Fries in charge of the First Oregon district, United States engineers, was a classmate, West Point 1901 of Major Jewett, at present in command of the Second Oregon district. Major Dent is a comparatively young man and an expert in the use of hydraulic dredgers, having written a book on that subject.

ECHOES OF FORGERY CASE ARE HEARD IN JUDGE DAVIS' COURT

M. A. Dixon Forced Into Court Because of Spurious Paper of C. M. Hall.

PURCHASER TRIES SUIT

Forged Duplications of Original Note Are Sold to Various Innocent Purchasers; All Want to Collect.

An echo of the pen manipulations of C. M. Hall, sometime ago before the authorities as a forger, was heard in Circuit Judge Davis' court today when the jury gave a verdict for the defendant in the case of William M. Johnson against M. A. Dixon.

Johnson brought suit to recover \$216 on a note alleged to have been given by Dixon. The jury found the note to have been a forgery.

Dixon has, of late, been confronted with several \$375 notes bearing his signature, and all date back to a transaction with Hall. Hall had sold some livestock to Dixon, who is a farmer at Corvallis, and the latter gave him a note for \$375 in the transaction.

A short time afterward he began to receive notices from several outside parties that they were holders of his note for \$375. Investigation revealed that Hall had forged and duplicated a number of the original note and had discounted them to third parties.

Johnson became a purchaser of one of these spurious notes and sought to collect through the courts.

ARBITER AND PEACEMAKER

Judge Bell Converts Women Enemies Into Warm Friends.

District Judge Bell assumed the dual role of arbiter and peacemaker when he rendered his decision in the case of Idalia J. Stewart against Ruth Shields in Circuit Judge Tucker's court, where the trial were at swords' points left the courtroom again warm friends.

Of course, there was the inevitable "good cry" before the making-up was complete.

Idalia Stewart, who was simultaneously appearing as a plaintiff in a damage suit against Meler & Frank company in Circuit Judge Tucker's court, sued Ruth Shields, who had been her nurse on a health trip to California, for \$56.95 alleged to have been loaned to the defendant. Miss Shields, in addition to denying the obligation, brought a counter suit for \$37.25 alleged to be a balance due for services as nurse. There was a bit of recrimination about the hearing, but the court sensed the situation, and when both parties agreed to any settlement he might designate, Judge Bell took the opportunity to reunite the parted friends. Miss Stewart's claim was withdrawn and Miss Shields was satisfied with a payment of \$34. Then at the suggestion of the court the two shook hands and smiled their friendship to each other.

Ormand Denied New Trial.

Will Ormand, now serving three months in the county jail under conviction of having been drunk and disorderly, Stanley Tomlinson, a boy, was denied a new trial today by Circuit Judge Tucker. Attorney John C. McCue, appearing for Ormand, had asked the court to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial to the court in an attempt to discredit testimony offered at the trial, and also photographs of the rear of Ormand's car, which was allegedly to have beaten the boy. Deputy District Attorney Collier opposed the motion for the new trial.

James Farole—Goes to Jail.

Persistent refusal of Jay Potter to contribute \$20 a month to the support of his four minor children caused the revocation of his parole and his rearrest this morning on the charge of non-support. Potter was arrested at Linnton, where he had been working by Deputy Sheriff Ward, and will now serve out his time of one year in the county jail. The negligent home-protector was given his parole on condition that he would give \$20 a month for the support of his family.

Plaintiff Wins Damage Case.

In a verdict for the plaintiff, returned by a jury in Circuit Judge Gorton's court, the plaintiff won a judgment of \$800 in his suit against the Willamette Iron & Steel Co. to recover personal injury damages. Johnson sought to recover \$200. The attorneys in the case were Malarky, Seabrook & Dible, for the plaintiff, and Wilbur & Spencer, for the defendant.

Arraigned on Threat Charge.

R. L. Ray was arraigned Monday before Presiding Judge Ganteban and pleaded not guilty to the charge of having threatened to commit a felony. Ray is alleged to have threatened C. S. Smith that "I will kill you or the first member of your family that sticks his head out of the door." The trial was set for Wednesday, April 18.

Desertion Charged by Two.

Desertion is the allegation made in two divorce complaints filed in the circuit court by Mary J. Irwin against N. J. Irwin, and Harry A. Gorton against Olga A. Gorton. In the latter case the plaintiff recites that the custody of the 3-year-old daughter, Louise Gorton,

Divorces Granted.

Divorce decrees were granted on Monday by Presiding Judge Ganteban to Harriet Nelson from Nels P. Nelson, Arthur Mitchell from Floy L. Mitchell, M. L. Everett from Margaret Everett, and Ethel E. Ralston from Lonner Ralston Jr.

University Faculty Members Lecture

Eugene, Or., March 13.—The following members of the faculty of Occidental college are scheduled for extension lectures during this week:

H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education, in Ashland, Medford and Grants before schools and parent-teacher associations.

D. W. Morton, dean of the school of commerce, will deliver the second lecture in a series being given before the Dallas Commercial club. His subject will be "The Successful Business Man."

E. W. DeBusk, professor of education, will give a lecture before the institute of Linn county teachers to be held at Junction City, Saturday, March 17. An extension lecture will also be given before the Parent-Teacher association of Shedd.

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Many a time you have looked into the mirror and wished that your skin would be like other people that you know, "without a blemish." It is a fact that you can have clear, smooth skin by using the skin wash.

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NOTED SOCIALISTIC SPEAKER AND WATER IS VISITING PORTLAND

John Spargo Expects Great War to Give Great Impetus to Movement.

TRENCHES HAVE LOCALS

Great Meetings Behind Dines Are Held and Speakers from Capitals Address Them.

The Latin "spargo" means "I sprinkle, I scatter."

Spargo, the noted socialist lecturer, writer and worker.

It is a peculiarly appropriate name, inasmuch as his life work has been the sowing of seeds of socialist thought, first in England and of recent years in America.

John Spargo is now in Portland on a lecture tour that embraces almost all of the United States under the direction of the Intercollegiate Socialist society, a nation-wide organization that has as its aim to learn about socialism.

Mr. Spargo finds that socialist sentiment is constantly growing in the United States. In fact, socialistic thought had advanced by leaps and bounds in this country during recent years.

"The Socialist movement is growing much more rapidly than the Socialist party," said Mr. Spargo at the Hotel Marston, where he is staying. He has a history of the Socialist party's vot votes at the recent election, largely because of the war. Racial groups made for a decrease in voting strength. Mr. Wilson because he had kept the country out of war; others voted for Mr. Hughes because they felt that Mr. Wilson was not for the allies.

None Can Predict, Believes Mr. Spargo, whether the ultimate aims of socialism, a socialized state, will be attained through the Socialist party.

"The Socialists have faith in our party," said he, "but it may be that we will only furnish the ideas and that some other party will bring them to fruition. For example, prohibition although a Prohibition party aim, is being largely put into force with the help of others."

But, whether socialism has suffered keenly, says Mr. Spargo, because of the war; but Socialism in the countries at war is gaining ground, and internationalism will progress rapidly as the countries wage hostilities.

"We are able to learn but little of what is going on behind the lines in the central empires," said Mr. Spargo, "but we are well informed of the progress of Socialism in the allied armies on the western front."

"These are, in fact, socialized armies. Training camps are held, with local literature is distributed among the men and meetings are many. In the great camps behind the trenches great socialist meetings are held, with speakers from the capitals. The meaning of the Socialist cause is being made clear to many, who have never heard of the movement before, especially among the young men, who comprise large portions of the armies."

Advantage Is Shown.

"These are seeing daily the advantages of socialism. They will return to their homes after the war with a demand that the governments continue in times of peace as in war the many socialized enterprises that have grown into being by reason of the conflict."

"We must assume that these same conditions exist in Germany, where the Socialist movement has been specially strong, and it appears that after the war the Socialist cause will have gained ground in all of the belligerent countries."

"Socialism bridges the gap between a need and the means to fill that need, and these men in the armies are seeing the logic of it."

Mr. Spargo differs from many of his colleagues, perhaps, in that he is not an ultra-pacifist. He declares war is a necessary offensive warfare, and hopes that the United States will be spared war, but feels there are times when men must fight to preserve the integrity of their country.

"I believe that President Wilson did the only thing he could possibly do when he broke off relations with Germany," said he, "and we shall not spread war, but we must let our assistance be economic rather than military. Let us give our resources toward bringing about a speedy peace in the world and crushing military imperialism."

Train People to Dig.

Mr. Spargo does not believe in universal military training, but he does believe in training in the potentialities of the citizen.

"But a fraction of an army is engaged in fighting," explained Mr. Spargo, "the great majority of men being engaged in doing what one might term engineering states, digging trenches, building bridges, and the like."

For this reason I think a year's compulsory training in engineering, digging 100 miles of ditches, and so give training along these lines, and so accomplish so much for the nation in the way of highways, irrigation projects, and other things, the like. It would be universal training of a useful, helpful kind, but a training unincumbered with the objections of militarism."

John Spargo is one of the foremost exponents of Socialism thought in the United States. A native of Cornwall, England, he came to this country after having made a name for himself in an association with William Morris and others, some 18 years ago. Had he remained in England he could have gone to parliament, but instead he came to America. He is a member of the national executive committee of the Socialist party, and is the author of a number of important books.

Mr. Spargo will speak at the Central library at 8 o'clock tonight on "Private Property and Personal Liberty," and again tomorrow night on "A Plea for Industrial Democracy." He spoke at Reed college this morning, and is to lecture there again Thursday morning. This afternoon he addressed the Women's Political Service club. He will speak at O. A. C. Wednesday.

Utah Man Under Arrest.

Grover C. Rollins, wanted at Ogden, Utah, for the non-support of his family, was arrested at Linnton today by Deputy Sheriff Ward, and is held by the Utah authorities.

Swiss Minister Not Able to Find Lansing

Secretary of State "Otherwise Engaged"—Despite Denials of Friction, German Documents Not Presented.

Washington, March 13.—(U. P.)—Swiss Minister Ritter, acting for Germany, has been unable, despite frequent visits to the state department, to present to Secretary Lansing a communication from Germany repeating the latter's request for amending and reconstructing the Prussian treaty of 1793.

Lansing has been "otherwise engaged" each time. The department has studiously denied reports of friction; but, despite these denials, it is known beyond a doubt that Ritter has been unable—up to noon at least—to present his documents. Moreover, it is known that some of Ritter's evidently pro-German moves after Count von Bernstorff departed displeased the state department.

BIG WELCOME WILL BE GIVEN STEEL VESSEL

and will be made one not to be forgotten.

Welcomes New Industry.

"The shipbuilding industry employs 20,000 men in Portland and distributes in men and material over \$100,000 a day," declared W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the chamber, this morning.

"With this launching we want to make it known to the shipbuilders that we appreciate his coming to the laborer that we appreciate his making Portland his home and spending his money, and to the world that we recognize what an industry we have, and are proud of it."

"We will make arrangements at our banquet to seat as many people as possible, and hope every branch of Portland's business, social and labor life will be represented."

"At the yard of the Northwest Steel company and on the banks of the river nearby I hope to see 100,000 people on the afternoon of the launching. Seattle had 50,000 out; let us have double that number."

Organizations to Help.

The presidents of Portland's leading civic organizations are all for the celebration.

"The Ad club will be with you," declared S. C. Bratton, president of that organization.

"Let's all be there," is the way E. A. Clark, president of the Progressive Business Men's club, put it.

"Count the Transportation club in," said W. C. Wilkes, president of that organization.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO U. S. NAVY GUNNERS READY 'WHENEVER NEEDED'

President Wilson Understood to Have Approved Orders Drawn by Daniels.

Washington, March 13.—(U. P.)—Instructions to American navy gunners regarding their conduct in defending United States armed merchantmen from German submarines in Germany's barred death area, are completed and approved, and will be issued "whenever needed."

Secretary of the Navy Daniels drew the orders and then in two conferences with Secretary of State Lansing made some changes, believed to be minor.

Daniels' order, which clearly understood that it recognizes the right to destroy contraband but insists that this be done in accord with international law, not through unwarned attacks.

The official announcement to the world yesterday, confirming the armed guard plan, specifically omitted mention of protection of the cargo, saying only that the guards were placed aboard to protect lives and property.

This was taken to be a notification that the government wishes it clearly understood that it recognizes the right to destroy contraband but insists that this be done in accord with international law, not through unwarned attacks.

Seamen Agree to Work.

New York, March 13.—(U. P.)—American seamen will operate boats of the American line and the American Transport line for a wage bonus of 5 per cent and insurance in case of accident, it was announced today by Gustav Braun, secretary of the Atlantic district of the International Seamen's union of America.

The compromise was reached without a meeting, it was stated, but men employed by the lines are expected to meet tomorrow to ratify the decision.

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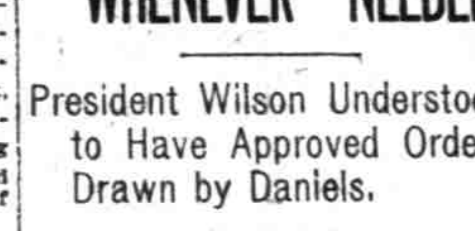


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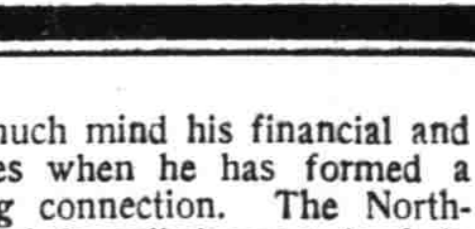
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will help in this launching just as we expect the rest of the city to help when William Cornfoot and Joe Supple launch their craft," declared H. B. Catton, president of the East Side Boosters.



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