

UNFAIR BURDEN UPON NEWSPAPERS SHOWN BY SEN. M'KELLAR

Tennessee Man Advocates
Change in Proposed Postal
Zone Plan.

NEWSPAPERS PAYING WAY

Eastern Magazines Are Getting
Government Millions Yearly Under
Present Postal Charges, Is Report.

Washington, Aug. 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU.)—In a speech dealing with the postal rates, Senator Kenneth D. McKellar of Tennessee pointed out the essential facts in a situation where there has been a great deal of figure-juggling, due to a failure to discriminate between the publishers using the second class rates.

Under the second class rate come the newspapers, magazines, and trade journals. The newspaper circulation is largely confined to the first, second or third parcel post zones, while the magazines and trade journals are sent by the first class rate. Under the present law they all pay a flat rate of 1 cent a pound, whether the distance is 10 miles or 300 miles. And on this basis the government is losing about \$30,000,000 a year.

House Fixed Zone System
The revenue bill as passed by the house applied a zone system to second class rates, adding one-sixth of a cent to the rate for each zone, beginning with the first, a similar increase to be added November 1, and still higher rates from March 1 of next year. The senate bill struck out the zone system and made a flat increase of one-fourth of a cent. It further added a tax of 5 per cent on the net income of publishers in excess of \$100,000.

The revenue result of the house bill would be to raise about \$15,000,000 more from second class rates. The senate bill would only add about \$3,000,000. McKellar proposed an amendment to leave the rate unchanged for the first 100 miles, and then to add 1 cent for each zone beyond. This would raise about \$12,000,000.

McKellar urged that his amendment was a start in the right direction, although in the nature of a compromise between the senate and house provisions. It would be a start, he said, in the way of reducing the subsidy now enjoyed by the big magazines and trade papers, and it would recognize the equities of the daily newspapers by making no increase in the rates for the first 100 miles. The 1 cent rate, he contended, pays the transportation charge for that distance and a part, if not all, of the overhead charge. As evidence that the 1 cent rate is compensatory for the shorter haul, he cited the fact that one of the great magazines uses the express lines from Philadelphia to New York because in that distance the cost is less by express than by mail.

Newspapers Pay Own Way
"I am pointing out to the senate," said McKellar, "that in the first 100 miles, substantially speaking, the newspapers are paying their own way, and if they are, and we are giving these vast subsidies to the other publications, surely we might be fair to the newspapers who are paying their own way."

"That is what I ask in this amendment of mine and that is what is going to be the result. It means that the newspapers will pay their own way where they circulate only 100 miles, but if they circulate more than that, if they go a further distance, they pay the increased zone rate. Surely that is fair."

"In addition to that they pay the special taxes imposed by this bill. They pay the regular income tax that all the other corporations pay. We cannot blot out the subsidy all in one act, at one blow. If we do away with one sixth of it a congress we will be doing very well. If we do away with only \$12,000,000 of the \$30,000,000, when we have done that we will have established a right basis, and then we can proceed, and if our magazine-publishing friends want an investigation in the future, having adopted the right system we can handle the matter in accordance with the facts."

Has No Jurisdiction
Washington, Aug. 22.—The inter-

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state commerce commission has decided that it has no jurisdiction over so-called yardage charges collected by the Oregon Short Line from shippers of cattle in Oregon, Idaho and other states, covering the expense of taking care of stock unloaded for rest and feeding in compliance with the 24 hour law.

The shippers protested that the railroads had no tariffs on file to justify such collections in addition to their sales, but the commission says that under the law the duty of looking after the cattle on a long trip is primarily upon the shipper and the railroad acts as his agent when it does the work.

The amounts collected are found not to have been taken by the railroad as rental for the use of its pens, but were paid over to a firm of independent contractors who performed the service for the railroad.

Youths Must Go to War
Washington, Aug. 22.—Adjutant General H. P. McCain of the army has promised Senator Chamberlain to give consideration to a suggestion from Clifford Barlow of Warrenton, Or., that a military band should be permanently stationed at Fort Stevens, where a considerable number of troops are assembled.

General McCain, however, vetoes another suggestion from Rev. Edwin H. Pence of Portland to the effect that orders should be given to hold the Third Oregon regiment for domestic duty until the youths of 18 and 19 years of age have become seasoned to army life.

General McCain says that the proportion of youths is probably no greater in the Oregon troops than among other organizations of the national guard, and probably not greater than in the regular army, enlistments of men under age being numerous. Under the regular authority of law.

"During the present national emergency it would be impossible to retain a regiment in any particular locality on account of the age of some of the men," he says. "It is necessary to send any and all to any place where their services are most needed."

Offers Franking Privilege
Washington, Aug. 22.—The stand of Postmaster General Burleson against granting the franking privilege for mail to the state councils of national defense, as announced in a letter to Senator Chamberlain, will likely prevent the adoption of such legislation, although many members of congress are in favor of it.

Representative Enoch of Wisconsin has introduced a bill to grant this privilege to all the state councils, and Representative Hawley has a similar bill applying only to the Oregon state council, which has urged this legislation.

Mr. Burleson says that from the standpoint of the general public he is unable to favor the extension of the franking privilege. He will, however, ask congress to give free mailing privileges for letters from soldiers in the field.

RECLAMATION BILLS

HAVE SMALL CHANCE
DURING WAR SESSION

Washington, Aug. 22.—F. A. Wiggins, chairman of the Yakima reclamation fund commission, has written to northwestern members of congress appealing for federal aid in making immediately available 60,000 acres of

land.

Yakima reservation lands, which he says could be quickly brought into production if funds were advanced.

Senator Chamberlain has assured Mr. Wiggins that he is in full sympathy with legislation which will accomplish the reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands of the west, but can give no encouragement for action by congress at the present session.

Senator Chamberlain early in the session introduced a bill to put the government behind the bonds of irrigation districts, so that the securities of the government would find a ready market. While the nation is in the mood for studying food production he intends to press this measure, but manifestly could not do so at the present "war session."

Texas Governor Yet
Silent as to "Pals"

Austin, Texas, Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Governor Ferguson, on trial before the house of representatives on impeachment proceedings instigated by Speaker of the House Fuller, rested his defense Wednesday, following reiteration of his refusal to reveal names of parties who loaned him \$155,000 to clear up his personal debts.

The chief executive said he meant no disrespect to the house members, but that he would resign as governor rather than answer.

Former Congressman R. L. Henry, in opening the arguments in behalf of Governor Ferguson today urged that the decision as to the governor's guilt or innocence of charges preferred be decided by the people on a referendum vote.

LAFAYETTE SQUADRON
IN THICK OF GREATEST
OF ALL AIR BATTLES

Gain New Honors in Fighting
Around Verdun; Two Win
French War Cross,

With the Lafayette Squadron in France, Aug. 22.—(U. P.)—As the land fighting today on the western front is the greatest of all battles on earth, so are massed aerial fighting forces on both sides fighting the greatest of all battles of the skies.

In the thick of it is the Lafayette squadron of American flyers. They are around Verdun, where at their headquarters today it was declared the squadron had never before experienced such fierce fighting or flying.

German aviators around Verdun are thick and vigorously aggressive. Germy has concentrated an unprecedented number of anti-aircraft guns. Her gunners are infinitely more accurate than ever before.

Nevertheless the Lafayette are daily gaining new honors and making new scores. The flyers make several patrol trips daily over the entire Verdun front and likewise participate in bombing raids far behind the German lines. The Americans' planes have been re-equipped with bomb droppers

for big missiles and they carry, in addition, a quantity of small bombs for hand throwing.

Flyers today expressed the utmost indignation against the German air-men's newest atrocity—using exclusively in their machine guns explosives and incendiary bullets.

Corporal Stephen Bigelow of Boston was recently slightly wounded by one of these explosive pellets during a raid far to the rear of the enemy lines.

Sergeant Andrew G. Campbell of Chicago and Sergeant J. P. Doolittle of New York have both been awarded the French war cross for bravery. Corporal William E. Dugan of South Orange, N. J., has been granted three weeks' leave for a visit to the United States.

Maj. 'Orrie' Johnson
to Help Uncle Sam

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—S. O. Johnson, familiarly known as "Orrie" Johnson, has been commissioned a major in the United States army and is expected to go to France very soon.

Major Johnson is of the famous lumbering family which owns "Pelican Lodge," once a favorite resort of E. H. Harriman, on Klamath lake. He also is foremost in the activities of the Wood Lumber company of Wood, Bisk, you county.

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Oregon Soldier Puts
I. W. W. Off Train

Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, Cal., Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Propelled by the sturdy boot of Private Cooper of company A, Oregon engineers, seven I. W. W., stealing a ride on the troop train, were ejected into the railroad right of way on the trip from the north.

The episode was revealed Wednesday with the arrival of the company at camp. Cooper brought his foot into play when the I. W. W. defied the trail crew. After the seven had been sent sprawling from the platform, several other I. W. W. fled hastily without any assistance from the soldiers.

The company came from the mobilization camp at Clackamas, Or., in command of Captain W. C. Parrish and Lieutenants G. C. Gorham and R. F. Olson.

Other units of the organization, which is composed largely of college men, have gone to American Lake. Quartermaster Sergeants Peter Peterson and Michael Benjamin, veterans of the service on duty here, have received commissions as captain in the quartermaster corps.

Nurse Killed in Accident
Boston, Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—The first fatality in connection with the national Grand Army encampment here occurred Wednesday when Mrs. Nancy Cochran, 73, of Troy, N. Y., a nurse, was killed in an elevator accident at the Hotel Westminister. Her body was found on the top of the elevator car on the fifth floor. Mrs. Cochran was in Boston attending the convention.

Walla Walla Man
Accused of Assault

Martin Brennan, Merchant, Is Wanted
in Vancouver, B. C., on Serious
Charge and Will Fight Extradition.

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 22.—Charged with assault in the first degree, with intent to kill, Martin Brennan, a local business man, has been arrested in Vancouver, B. C., in connection with the attack upon J. D. Bullman, anti-Catholic lecturer, in the Grand hotel this spring. It is understood that Brennan, who left Walla Walla the night of the attack, will fight extradition.

Pioneer Business Man Dead
Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 22.—Thomas C. Marum, 69 years old, pioneer business man of this city, died here Thursday. Mr. Marum was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to Walla Walla in 1879. During the last 20 years he had made his home in San Francisco, coming here two months ago.

Oregon Land Center
Of Bitter Lawsuit

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—A bitter and long land battle is anticipated in the courts as a result of the visit to San Francisco Wednesday of A. O. Bailey, assistant attorney general of Oregon, who is preparing on behalf of his state in conjunction with the federal government,

to contest titles to 100,000 acres of land, worth \$1,000,000 held by Miller & Lux in Oregon. Fraud under the old lieu land system is alleged.

Attorney Edward Treadwell, representing Miller & Lux, said that his clients came into possession of the land in 1889, paying Singletary, Hayes & Brooks of San Jose several hundred thousand dollars for it.

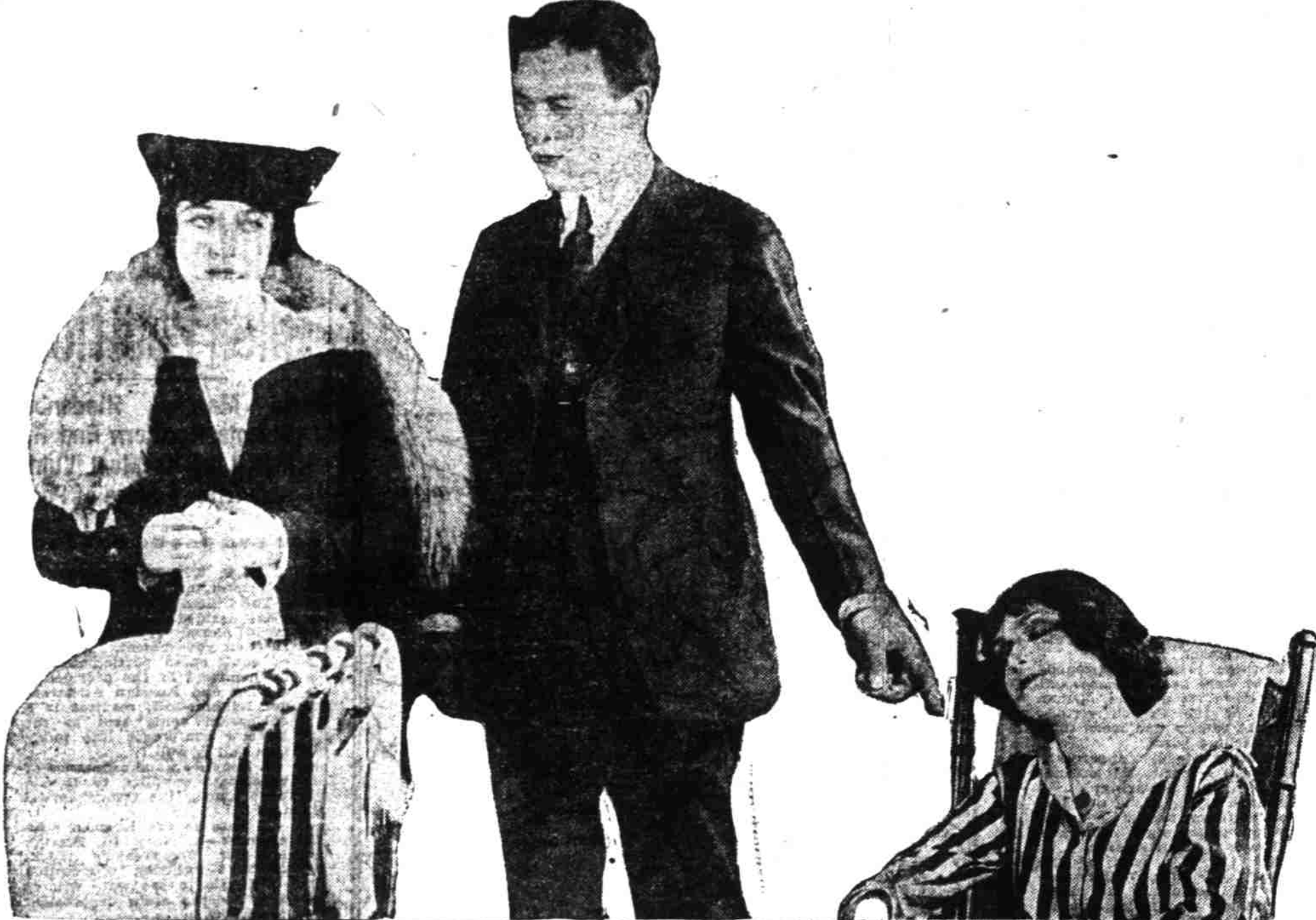
Singletary, Hayes & Brooks, according to Treadwell, bought the land at a bankruptcy sale from Todhunter & Devine. It is alleged Devine forged title to the property.

The lands for which title will be sought in the courts originally were patented as school lands and later were deeded to the Pacific Livestock company of this city.

Compensation Claim Filed
Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—Claim for compensation in the second fatal case in connection with the farming industry, under the workmen's compensation law, has been filed with the industrial accident commission. The claim is for the death of George A. Hardy, who was killed August 18, while employed by William H. Steen on a combined harvester near Milton. Hardy was 46 years old and left a widow and two children. Mr. Steen, the employer, had been under the compensation law since August, 1916.

Recruiting Officer Transferred
Bend, Or., Aug. 22.—Army Recruiting Officer Charles Davis of Bend, received word Wednesday of his promotion to the position of officer in charge of the main auxiliary office at Salem.

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