

MILK PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS HAVE LIVELY TIME

Central Library Hall Holds One of Most Vociferous Meetings This Morning in Its History.

HIGH FINANCE IS CHARGED

One Speaker Says Katz Given \$35,000 Promotion Fee—League's Head Denies Charge

With charges and counter charges and in one of the most vociferous meetings ever held in Central library hall, the war between Portland milk distributors and members of the Oregon Dairymen's league burst into violence this morning.

Milk and butter fat producers had been invited and they crowded the hall, but the milk distributors also came. Some of them were persuaded by Alma D. Katz, president of the league, to take front seats, but when he declared "the dairymen who supply Portland with milk never have gotten what the milk was worth and they have been held down by a combination," F. J. O'Donnell, of the City dairy, and Fred Knecht of the Oregon dairy, retired to the rear of the room. Both, however, were heard from frequently, as was C. B. Eckelman of the Riverview dairy, until the milk and butter fat producers went into executive session.

As the gathering proceeded along its tempestuous course, it quickly became apparent that the milk distributors' attacks on the league, their refusal to pay for milk through the league and their complaint to the federal district attorney that the league is operating in violation of the anti-trust law, was based on the proposal of the league to take over the Portland-Damascus milk plant and operate it in distributing to Portland consumers the milk furnished by members of the league, and to manufacture condensed milk at times when there should be a surplus.

Both Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Eckelman declared that the dairymen would "go busted."

Mr. Katz was charged with "high finance" in connection with the transaction that while \$100,000 of stock was to be bought by league members, he was to receive \$35,000 in stock for putting over the deal.

This he answered by saying that he was to receive \$35,000 for financing and carrying on the plant to success for three years, that the other \$100,000 in stock was to be used in taking over another plant, and that all stock was to be pooled and controlled by the executive committee of the league. He produced a subscription for \$1000 of the stock from W. M. Ladd as evidence that the plan's regularity had the approval of a prominent banker. That the league, which now represents the larger proportion of the milk consumers in Portland, intends to take over its own distribution and will protect itself against surplus supply and congestion by operating a condenser, was admitted by Mr. Katz.

Before Eckelman was allowed to speak, Mr. Katz asked him if he was a naturalized citizen. Mr. Eckelman said that he was a German, not naturalized, because he had not come through Ellis Island, but that he had bought Liberty bonds and subscribed to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other patriotic funds. He declared that Mr. Katz had described the Portland-Damascus plant as a "bunch of junk." Mr. Katz said that during a call in his office, Eckelman, not he, had thus described the plant.

Nearly 400 dairymen were present.

Woman Handier Than Policemen With Revolver

Mrs. Williams C. Crouse of the Women's Protective division is the proud possessor of a target score that is higher than that shot by 200 patrolmen. This morning she took a revolver and with Captain Moore as a witness shot 10 times at the target and hit each time at a distance of 10 yards. Her score was 65. Mrs. Crouse is the wife of Neale Crouse, deputy clerk of the municipal court. Over one hundred officers made a score of less than 25 at 20 yards.

PROSECUTION MAY ACCUSE WOMAN IN PENDLETON TRIAL

State Attempts to Show Mrs. Colwell Not Only Inspired Son, but Fired Bullets.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 23.—At the close of the second day of the Colwell murder trial the state was still unfinished with its evidence. The trial took a new turn Tuesday afternoon, when testimony introduced by the prosecution showed that an effort will be made to accuse Mrs. Cora Colwell of not only inspiring her 14 year old son, Lawrence, to kill Short, Lawden rancher, but that herself fired shots which aided in ending his life.

The young son has clung without deviation to his story of self defense, that he killed the rancher only after he himself had first been attacked, and that his mother was not present. In the new turn of the state's case, witnesses told that four shots instead of two were fired into the aged man's body, and that two of the wounds were the effects of pistol bullets. Other witnesses testified that the footprints of a woman were found near the scene of the killing, intermingled with the footprints of the boy.

The exact location of the shotgun was playing an important part throughout the trial as they tend to show that Short fired several paces before the effects of pistol bullets. It is thought that the state will contend he was firing at a third person. Reports say that Mrs. Colwell will admit of having gone in search of the rancher's son, with a revolver.

Sellwood Boys Are In Juvenile Court

Five boys in the Sellwood neighborhood are in the custody of the juvenile court and charged with the theft of 12 pounds of tobacco, several pipes and boxing gloves. One of the boys is said to have gone to Reed college, where he stole a revolver and then all went to a hall near the Sellwood Catholic church and stole the other property. A smoker was recently held in this hall. Father J. Commiskey issued the complaint. The revolver has been returned to the owner at Reed College.

H. C. 'Pop' Bowers Visitor in Portland

H. C. "Pop" Bowers, former Portland hotel man, arrived in Portland Monday from Idaho. Mr. Bowers was manager of the Portland hotel for several years and opened the Multnomah hotel. After leaving Portland he operated a hotel on Puget sound and about a year ago went to Idaho, where he has been conducting a large pleasure hotel.

HARMS CHARGES BRANDED FALSE FROM BEGINNING

Attorneys Conclude Arguments in Case and Investigators Expected to Make Announcement

GOOD CHARACTER TESTIFIED

Tuesday Afternoon Consumed With Testimony of Prominent Men in Behalf of Accused.

Branding the charges brought against Police Captain Harms by the Portland Daily News through Hal Armstrong as "false from beginning to end," E. V. Littlefield, one of the defense's attorneys, Tuesday afternoon bitterly denounced the News and tactics used in this case. Evidence in the case, he said, was secured by "scooping the gutters of the underworld."

Arguments by the attorneys for both sides closed the case Tuesday night, and the investigating board will make known its decision this afternoon.

Attorney Dan Powers, representing the News, told the board that he was reluctant to argue the case because he had known Harms for many years as an honest and efficient police official. Before the defense attorneys had concluded the rebuttal evidence, Attorney Powers admitted to evidence all testimony of character witnesses who had not been called.

Former Municipal Judge John H. Stevenson, Chief Inspector Clark, Police Captain Moore, Deputy City Attorney Deich and a score of other police officials testified in behalf of Captain Harms, all declaring that they had never seen Harms intoxicated or semiconscious, as was charged, and knew him to be a capable and efficient official.

R. P. Bonham, United States immigration inspector, said Harms "stood high in official circles," and they were never reluctant to take him into the confidence of the government.

Bonham told the board that Albert Doffin, former member of the Third Oregon regiment, who was taken from a troop train on presidential warrant, had been under the surveillance of his department since February, 1917. An arrest of Doffin, at the time Police Captain Harms was told of his alleged Pro-German activities, would have weakened the government's case, he said.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin and Mrs. Wilma Crouse of the women's protective division, both testified that they had been associated with Captain Harms in the handling of moral cases and never detected the odor of liquor on Harms' breath.

The stories told by J. M. Wise and Police Officer A. L. Long of gambling and drinking at the Armyory during hours of duty were denied by A. E. McCormick, employed at the Armyory, and Police Officer Martin, both of whom were present when the alleged escapades were supposed to have taken place.

Harms testified in his own behalf Tuesday morning, when he denied every charge made. Late in the afternoon he was recalled to the stand by the prosecution for further cross-examination. A petition, signed by more than 80 per cent of the police bureau, was offered by Harms as evidence, but was not admitted because of objection made by Attorney Powers. This petition pledged the support of the signers, who said they believed Harms to be a victim of jobbery by unscrupulous persons.

Water falling 940 feet is expected to produce 200,000 horsepower in a projected hydro-electric plant in California.

Alberta Folk Back Kellaher Jit Plan

Resolution Supporting Proposed Repeal of Prohibitory Ordinance Is Adopted at Last Night's Meeting.

Residents of the Alberta district added impetus to the campaign against the 6-cent fare in a meeting in the Vernon schoolhouse Tuesday evening. Nearly 400 persons attended.

A resolution was unanimously adopted to back Commissioner Dan Kellaher in his move to repeal the jitney license ordinance. Another resolution proposed that meetings be held in all school buildings in the city to further the campaign against the increased fare.

Attorney Wilson T. Hume traced the progress of various methods of transportation from the stage coach to the jitney. He cited an incident of several years ago when the trolley lines were introduced.

"When poles to support wires for the trolley lines were set back drivers and horse car men filed a protest declaring that the poles would shut off the lights from store windows and destroy the city's beauty."

"Protest did not stay for this protest, however, and neither will it stay for the next move—the motor vehicle as a means of street transportation. It is inevitable. They are bound to supersede street tractors. This is their last fight for existence."

REAMES REFUSES TO DISCUSS REPORT OF HIS APPOINTMENT

Rumor He Is to Become Special Assistant Attorney Arouses Considerable Interest.

United States Attorney Reames declines to discuss the report from Washington that he has been offered a position as special assistant to the attorney general in connection with war investigations. Tuesday afternoon the Washington Bureau of The Journal forwarded the news to the effect that it was understood that Mr. Reames had been offered such a position, and that Attorney General Gregory declined to discuss the matter.

Mr. Reames followed the lead of the attorney general this morning with the statement: "I haven't anything to say in reference to the matter."

Publication of the report has aroused a good deal of interest in legal and political circles. There is a large number of special assistants to the attorney general scattered throughout the country, which number expands and contracts as national conditions and the volume of business passing through the department of justice demands.

Speculation is rife as to whether, in event the rumor of Mr. Reames' impending appointment as a special assistant is well founded, he would resign his position as United States attorney for Oregon, or simply be assigned to temporary duty as special assistant, during the continuance of the war, leaving the district attorney's office in charge of his force of deputies.

Two Wheatless Days On New Food Cards

Posters Provided for 12,000,000 Householders; Tuesdays and Saturdays Are to Be Porkless Hereafter.

New home cards to be hung in the kitchens of 12,000,000 householders in the United States will be issued in a few days, making Monday and Wednesday of each week wheatless days, and requesting a closer observance of the program for the conservation of wheat products. The cards will also call special attention to the two porkless days, Tuesday and Saturday, with one porkless meal each day of the week.

"Eat more potatoes and corn products," is the slogan of the food administration, as explained in information received by W. B. Ayer, food administrator for Oregon.

Strict compliance with the regulations on the purchases of sugar and flour is requested.

Captain Reimers Sued on Mortgage

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 22.—Captain Paul H. Reimers, of Hillsboro, formerly of Portland, has been sued on a mortgage foreclosure by a Portland banking house for a balance on a mortgage, the amount claimed being in excess of \$9000. The mortgage covered a tract of land in Yamhill and Washington counties.

The defendant was master of the steamship Calista, which was beached on the coast of Russia, near Vladivostok, during the Russo-Japan war. Reimers was carrying a cargo of munitions and was chased by a Japanese cruiser. To escape he ran the vessel on the rocks. Reimers is now believed to be in the naval service of the Kaiser, having left for Germany when war broke.

Lumbermen Plan to Oppose 8-Hour Day

Anticipating the possibility of establishment of an eight hour day in North-western logging camps with southern camps exempt from this labor restriction, members of the West Coast Lumbermen's association are planning to enter protest if such order is issued.

It is expected that action along this line will be taken at the meeting of the association to be held Friday at Seattle. The lumbermen and loggers, it is understood, are not averse to the eight hour day, provided it is made nation-wide and not regional.

The fear, however, that President Wilson proposes to make the reduction in hours a regional measure is what is prompting this proposed action.

RESERVE TRAINING CAMP FOR U. OF O. IS HELD PROBABLE

Recognition Is Believed to Depend Alone Upon Red Tape, According to Dean E. V. Allen

BATTALION REVIEW IS HELD

Governor Withycombe, Adjutant General Williams and Colonel Leader Praise Men's Work.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 23.—Everything points to the University of Oregon being recognized as a reserve officers' training camp within a few days, according to Dean Eric C. Allen, battalion adjutant and aide to Lieutenant Colonel John Leader, military instructor. He returned Tuesday morning from an inspection of Camp Lewis, and a visit to the reserve officers' training camp at the University of Washington. While at Camp Lewis, Dean Allen was the guest of Brigadier General Frederick Poltz, and completed arrangements whereby the university will be allowed to send men to Camp Lewis for special instruction in musketry, bombing, bayonetting, trench work and machine-gun operation.

Details of what men will go for in-

struction and how many, are now being worked out by Lieutenant Colonel Leader. Men sent from the university will be used to instruct the cadet battalion.

"All the officers at Camp Lewis are enthusiastic regarding the manner in which the Oregon men are taking hold of their military work," said Dean Allen. "They feel it will not be many days before we become a reserve officers' training school. Government red tape alone will hold the negotiations."

"I marvel at the wonderful progress you Oregon men have made in three short weeks of training, and you certainly deserve a reserve officers' training camp," said Governor Withycombe Tuesday, addressing the university battalion, following the review of four companies under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John Leader.

Promptly at 12:30 o'clock the cadet battalion, dressed in coveralls and leggings and carrying rifles, marched from the men's gymnasium to the drill field, led by the University band playing "Mighty Oregon." After going through several maneuvers, the entire battalion passed in review before Governor Withycombe. Others in the reviewing stand besides the governor were Lieutenant Colonel Leader, State Adjutant J. M. Williams of Portland, Dean Eric C. Allen, adjutant of the university battalion; A. C. Dixon of the university board of regents, and Chester Moore, secretary to Governor Withycombe.

Lieutenant Colonel Leader's praise of the university men was as high as Adjutant General Williams' and Governor Withycombe's.

Portland Architect To Design Stadium

Architect Lewis Irvine Thompson of Portland was Tuesday selected by the Oregon state fair board to draw plans and specifications for the \$75,000 sta-

dium to be erected at Salem. Bids will be advertised for within the next two weeks and construction will begin with-

in 30 days. It is expected that the structure will be ready for the next state fair meeting.

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