

DEAD MAN RUSSELL, VERDICT

GREENBAUM IS FIGHT CENTER IN RATE CASE

Salem Merchant Submits Testimony Which Precipitates Battle in Telephone Rate Rehearing Parley.

PORTLAND ATTORNEY MAKES LONG SPEECH

Lower, Retroactive Tariffs Demanded of Public Service Commission

Market by charges and counter charges of unfairness by the opposing attorneys, heckling in some instances, and repeated umpiring of the proceedings by the members of the public service commission, the first onslaught on the alleged 4 1/2 per cent tribute paid by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to the parent American Telephone & Telegraph company took place in the rate rehearing yesterday, culminating in a long address by Attorney H. M. Tomlinson of Portland in the afternoon.

The battle centered around testimony offered by Adolph Greenbaum of Salem, who was called by Ray L. Smith, Salem city attorney when the capital city was given opportunity to present its grievances. Mr. Greenbaum said that as a former member of the Salem city council he was a member of a committee to investigate the affairs of the telephone company and had ascertained that such a royalty was paid the parent company.

Order Shown Witness. Chairman Williams handed Greenbaum a copy of the rate increase order effective last March, referring him to a passage dealing with the tribute payment and which, in lieu of the 4 1/2 per cent, fixed 55 cents per year per telephone station as all that the commission would consider as just.

Members of the commission declared that at the time the order was issued this amounted to less than 1 per cent instead of 4 1/2 per cent. Mr. Greenbaum admitted that he had not read the order before.

This coup brought an attack from Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson of Portland who averred that the 4 1/2 per cent is still paid, and that it is paid by the telephone user. This precipitated a battle into which James Mott, Astoria city attorney, injected considerable tobacco.

Tomlinson Interrupted. Mr. Tomlinson presented a hypothetical question to Greenbaum. His assumption was that the telephone company is disregarding the ruling of the public service commission and that 4 1/2 per cent is still paid as a tribute instead of 55 cents per year per station. This he pointed out would mean an annual payment of \$4.50 for each business phone in Portland, \$3.77 for each business phone in Salem and lesser amounts for other phones. He asked the witness if he would deem this discrimination. Greenbaum replied in the affirmative.

Attorney Shaw objected to the method being used as "a string of assumptions going into the records." Chairman Williams allowed Tomlinson to proceed on grounds that his questions were hypothetical.

Salem Has Nothing. Salem had its inlets yesterday. The first witness called by City Attorney Smith was Mrs. R. D. Barton, who testified to annoying quality of the service since the increased rates became effective.

The only other witness was Greenbaum. He had no complaint at the service. He said that while the price of commodities had come down and while big corporations in general were not paying dividends he had observed that the telephone system is paying big returns. Recalling his investigation into telephone company affairs while a member of the Salem city council he said he had discovered that the company has three sinking funds, one for redemption of bonds, one for extensions and one for replacements, all of which he said indicated big profits.

Profits May Be Hidden. "A sinking fund is the best method in the world to conceal big profits," said Greenbaum. In reply to a question by Attorney Shaw he said a sinking fund for the replacement of obsolete equipment should be considered just.

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LOCAL MAN KILLED WHILE REPAIRING HIGH POWER LINE

J. Clemens Lewis Victim of Electric Charge That Passes Through Body While Working at Woodburn—In Employment of Power and Light Company Fifteen Years—Tribute Paid to Employe by Manager W. M. Hamilton

J. Clemens Lewis, for 40 years a resident of this city, was killed instantly yesterday when a 2300-volt circuit was accidentally shot through his body while he was repairing live wires in a sub station of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at Woodburn. Mr. Lewis had been in the employ of the Willamette valley office for nearly 15 years and was considered to be one of the company's finest repairmen.

With S. O. Rutherford, another lineman, Mr. Lewis was sent to the sub-station early in the afternoon to repair broken circuits. Arriving there shortly after 3 o'clock he began work on a broken live wire carrying 2300 volts. He was holding one end in his left hand with a connector, and the other in his right hand with a pair of pliers, when, in some unknown manner his right arm came in contact with the other side of the line, closing the circuit and sending the heavy voltage through his body.

Physicians declared that death was instantaneous. Rutherford was working below Mr. Lewis when he heard the snap as the circuit closed. He looked up just in time to see Lewis fall and caught him. Placing him on the floor he began artificial respiration in hope that some person would come by who could assist him. After some minutes he halted a man some distance away and sent for a physician. He continued his efforts at resuscitation until the doctor arrived.

Dr. Shorey of Woodburn was called and he notified Dr. C. H. Robertson of Salem. Dr. Robertson rushed to Woodburn with a pulmotor. In the meantime, Rutherford had continued his efforts to resuscitate the body and kept up his work until relieved by the physicians. After using three and one-half tanks of oxygen, the attempt was given up.

Physicians claim that it is possible that Mr. Lewis had touched some uninsulated part of his pliers, but badly burned places on the arm and hand indicate that he met his death by closing the circuit with his arm.

In speaking of Mr. Lewis last night Manager W. M. Hamilton of the light and power company said: "He was one of the finest men in every sense of the word that I have ever met personally, and he has always been an efficient and loyal employe. The death of no other man on the local system could have been more of a shock or caused more sorrow to his fellow men."

A banquet is to be served at the Spa, at 7:30, where there are accommodations for 70 or more diners, the estimated probable attendance. It is expected that the literary program will be given there, also, though if the number of guests should be large enough to demand it, they will adjourn to larger quarters for the program. One or two addresses by Portland optometrists, and some by Salem members of the profession, will be given. There will be no clinics.

While the program proper will be begun and ended on Saturday evening, it is expected that a number of the visitors will remain in Salem over Sunday. They will be given all the attention possible, to show them the city and all its varied attractions.

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Officers and crew escaped, though the steamer sank quickly. The accident was reported to have been caused when the steamer's steering gear became disabled. The Columbia Pacific Shipping company of Portland is agent for the vessel. Salvageors and salvage crews will begin the work of raising the steamer tomorrow, it was reported here.

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LLOYD GEORGE APPRISES KING OF HIS PLANS

Proposals to Be Submitted To De Valera at Conference Today Shown Sovereign by British Premier.

SIR JAMES CRAIG REMAINS ENIGMA

Irish Leader Gives Reception Which is Attended By Prominent Men

LONDON, July 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The British cabinet sat for two hours and a half this evening considering the Irish plans, after which Premier Lloyd George went to Buckingham palace and laid before the king proposals for submission to Eamonn De Valera, the Irish republican leader at tomorrow's conference.

The prime minister presided at the cabinet council held in the house of commons and outlined his new offer to Ireland, which is described as being drawn on generous lines.

Whether Mr. Lloyd George has succeeded in overcoming the reluctance of Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, to join in a tripartite conference, is not known, but an announcement that Sir James is coming to London again probably next week is considered a favorable omen and in any case no hint of a breakdown in the negotiations is apparent. These, however, may be protracted.

Smuts in Readiness. General Jan Christian Smuts, premier of South Africa, is holding himself in readiness to go to Ireland again, if needed.

Mr. De Valera gave a reception tonight which was attended by members and executives of the various organizations in Great Britain.

VESSEL SINKS IN COLUMBIA

Effingham, Loaded With Wheat and Flour, Hits Rock at Stella, Wn.

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AGGREGATE OF INDEBTEDNESS IN OREGON IS \$107,400,593, ACCORDING TO TAX OFFICIAL

INTEREST IN PHONE CASE IS ON WANE

Williams Criticises Farmers and Hotel Men for Absence From Proceedings

Is interest in the rehearing of the telephone rate case beginning to wane? Prior to the opening of the afternoon session yesterday Fred A. Williams, chairman of the public service commission, who is presiding over the rehearing, leveled criticism at the hotel men's association and at the farmers. "No one is here from the hotel men's association," said Williams, "and the farmers have nearly all left. It isn't fair to the commission, to the telephone company nor to anyone else. That has been the experience with every rehearing we have ever held here. As soon as it runs about a day, people begin to leave."

MT. ANGEL SUED BY MRS. HOUGHAM

Outlet from Sewer System Said to Contaminate Farm of Plaintiff

Filing a complaint against the city of Mount Angel and asking that she be awarded damages in the sum of \$10,000, Clara B. Hougham yesterday instituted proceedings in Marion county circuit court.

Mrs. Hougham states that a stream which flows across a 230-acre farm owned by her is contaminated by the sewage discharged from the main trunk line of the Mount Angel municipal sewer system. The complaint says that the terminus of the sewer is upon a farm adjoining the Hougham property, the small rivulet flowing onto this land and causing the water to be so polluted that it is claimed to be unfit for watering stock or for other agricultural purposes.

Mrs. Hougham contends that this condition menaces the health of her family, farm employes and the stock that depend upon the stream as a water supply. The petition concludes with a request for a judgment by court on the grounds that the situation constitutes a wrongful trespass.

Marriage Records Sunk In Sea; More Procured

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 20.—Less than three months after the marriage of Clarence G. Gilbert to Margaret O'Brien aboard the U. S. S. San Diego, all records on board, including that of their marriage, went to the bottom of the ocean with the vessel. So Gilbert and his wife came here yesterday and were re-married, taking care that their records were on dry land this time.

The first marriage was in April, 1918, when the San Diego was at the Portsmouth, N. H., drydock. Gilbert was in the service and was a fireman on the San Diego. The ship was sunk July 18, 1918. Mr and Mrs. Gilbert are residents of Ridgefield, Wash.

Portland Boy Drowned In Columbia River

RAINIER, Ore., July 20.—Allen Johnson, 9 years old, of Portland, was drowned in the Columbia river here late today when he was caught in a whirlpool. His body was recovered a few minutes after and pulmonary were used for two hours in an attempt at resuscitation.

ARMY ENTERS

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 20.—The Greek third army corps entered Eskir-Shehr this morning, according to a wireless dispatch received tonight from the Greek battleship Averoff.

MYSTERY IS SOLVED BY LOCAL CHIEF

Girl of 13 Years Writes Mystery Note That Puts Police Officers on Hop

"Take this to 748 North 16th street and get \$10 reward. Mother I am a prisoner of two men in an auto license No. 229." "D", called strong men to sweat blood at the Salem police station Tuesday. Officer searched for physical street numbers, phoned calls to nearby cities, urged peace officers to halt cars bearing numbers similar to the illegible message in the mysterious message.

And what was the answer? Puzzled as to whether the note was a genuine call for distress or a jokeless joke, Chief of Police Moffitt gave the story to the press and yesterday the formula of the "mystery" was revealed as follows:

A girl of 13, dissatisfied with "ancient troubles at home. A resolve to make "mother and father worry." The note cast adrift on the fairgrounds road while the little girl sought consultation in an ice cream soda at a Salem refreshment parlor. A subsequent cooling of the desire for revenge and a quiet return to home and mother. A tragedy in which a slipper figured prominently when the parents discovered the trouble to which the police officers had been placed.

Chief Moffitt secured light upon the troublesome incident yesterday and following his usual custom refused to give publicity to the incident. "We were all youngsters once," reviews Moffitt, "and needless publicity of some of these kid stunts can easily do a great deal of harm."

T. D. RANDOLPH UNDER ARREST

Rich Man Alleged Kidnaped Returns; Held As Suspicious Person

SHARON, Pa., July 20.—Thomas D. Randolph, business man of Sharon, missing since Monday and for whose return a \$50,000 ransom was said to have been demanded by alleged abductors, was arrested following his return tonight to the home of his father-in-law, Bruce Fozzie, on orders of Mayor Frank Gilbert. He was held without bail on the technical charge of being a suspicious person. It was said.

Randolph will be given a hearing tomorrow before postal inspectors and the district attorney. He appeared to be exhausted and talked incoherently.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ADDRESSED BY DR. ROBBINS OF EUGENE

Every community has its own responsibility, so much so that with eyes any true acquaintance of Oregon, I believe I could do almost any of the larger towns blindfolded, and in a little while identify them from their general "conversation" and attitude. By us all realize just what impressions we are making on our visitors, our children, our neighbors."

This is one of the interesting statements made by Dr. E. C. Robbins of the chair of business administration at the University of Oregon, who spoke at the Open Forum meeting of the Commercial Club last night.

Two Shocks Noted. The speaker told of a number of startling surprises that the nation received during the late war. The first shock was the fact that 20 per cent of the drafters were shown to be physically unfit for soldiering. It was certain that of the women of the country, a like large proportion would be found as defective from a fair efficiency standard. The second shock was, that one-third of those who passed the physical tests, could not pass even the rudimentary tests for literacy. The

BRUNFIELD IS STILL HUNTED BY OFFICERS

Jury Returns Report to Coroner After Two Hours Of Deliberation Over Clashing Testimony

MEN'S ACQUAINTANCES ARE EQUALLY DIVIDED

Characteristics of Hair, Hands and Feet Used As Marks of Evidence

ROSEBURG, Or., July 20.—That the body found last Wednesday beneath the wrecked and burned automobile of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, a dentist of Roseburg, was that of Dennis Russell and that he came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by a person or persons unknown, was the verdict rendered tonight by a coroner's jury, following a two-day inquest.

The jury reported its verdict after two hours' deliberation. During the day a large number of witness were examined in an effort to establish the identity of the body. Identification was centered about the hair, general build, hands and feet.

Two portions of the scalp, found at the wreck, figured principally in the inquest, one portion of the scalp being taken from the body and the hair thoroughly washed, cleaned and preserved. The other portion was much larger and carried a piece of the scalp bone. The hair being quite heavy over every point of identification there was a dispute. Some witnesses claimed that the hair resembled Brumfield's, others stating that it was identical with that of Russell. The general build of the two men was shown to be very nearly the same. Russell's shoulders had a peculiar shape, some of the witnesses stated, while others said that the shoulders were exactly those of Brumfield.

Those witnesses believing the body to be that of Dr. (Continued on page 4)

COAST BASEBALL

TRISKO 5, PORTLAND 4. SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Errors were largely responsible for Portland's defeat by San Francisco today, 5 to 4. Hal drugged Kruz in the first inning, letting in Schick and Ellison, while Kruz's error in the third inning gave the Seals one tally. Three hits brought in two more runs in the same frame.

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ANGELS 6, SEATTLE 5. TAMPA, Fla., July 20.—Los Angeles broke a tie score in the eighth with a double and Killefer, running for him, scored on a sacrifice and a single.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. San Francisco 59 43 584. Sacramento 63 45 583. Seattle 59 43 577. Oakland 60 44 579. Los Angeles 56 46 549. Vernon 45 53 540. Salt Lake 44 62 532. Portland 24 77 524.

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