

CURZON SNUBS NORTHCLIFFE

SNUG SALARY IS ACCORDED TO ATTORNEY

Tomlinson Corkscrews Admission Out of Pacific Telephone Vice President In Rate Rehearing

LAST SESSION WILL BE HELD HERE TODAY

Adjournment Will Be Taken To Convene in Portland Next Monday

H. M. Tomlinson, attorney for the city of Portland in the telephone rate case, had a difficult time yesterday corkscrewing out of H. D. Pillsbury the amount of the latter's salary.

Tomlinson Unrelenting. Pillsbury was called to the stand by Mr. Tomlinson and objected to stating his salary, declaring that it was personal and could be obtained from the records of the public service commission.

Records Inquired Into. Tomlinson asked Pillsbury a long series of questions relative to records of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and its predecessors.

Pillsbury Disclaims Knowledge. Neither could Mr. Pillsbury tell Mr. Tomlinson who is in possession of the general ledger saved out of the fire of 1906 and the question was referred to all other representatives of the company who were present at the rehearing yesterday, but no one knew.

More frank negative answers came from Pillsbury than from any other witness who has been on the stand. Tomlinson hopes to bring out information that in past years the company or its predecessors have bought up numerous small companies as junk and thrown them into its valuation for rate making purposes.

Asked if in the past he had charge of the purchases of plants, Pillsbury said that in conjunction with the president of the company he had. He was asked if he makes frequent trips to New York and replied in the affirmative. He was unable to recall the number of trips in 1919, 1920 and 1921.

Missing Ledger Wanted. Tomlinson went into minute detail to ascertain Pillsbury's knowledge of the records, even to asking the material of which the building was made that was destroyed in San Francisco.

"I have heard so," answered the witness. "Where is it now?" "I don't know."

"What was the new figure of valuations used after the San Francisco fire?" "I don't know."

"Who would know?" "I think Mr. Phelps, the general auditor, might know," answered Pillsbury.

Sherwin in Boston. "Who was auditor at the time" (Continued on page 6)

\$2,000,000 HIGHWAY BONDS ARE SOLD AT PORTLAND YESTERDAY

PORTLAND, Or., July 28.—Bids were opened today by the state highway commission for an issue of bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000 and also for the improvement of 60 miles of highway, including the pavement of an eight-mile section of the Pacific highway in Linn county.

Last Month Beaten. The price offered is a shade better than that obtained last month by the commission, reflecting an improvement in the money market.

Regarding the Roseburg-Coos Bay highway, the commission decided to adopt what is known as the Brockway connection with the Pacific highway on condition that Douglas county build a good road to Dillard, the nearest shipping point.

Bids were opened on a number of road projects.

The bids follow: Carstens & Earles, et al., Seattle: short term 6 1/2 per cent bonds at \$1000.05 per thousand; long term 5 1/2 per cent, \$1003.90 per thousand.

HUNDRED DOLLARS DAILY TAKEN IN BY CLUB WORKERS

The Commercial club is taking in about \$100 a day in additional subscriptions, according to the reports of the committees who met Thursday noon at the club luncheon to talk over financial progress.

ONSLAUGHT ON BEANS IS MADE BY SALEM KING'S DEHYDRATION PLANT

The biggest beanery in Oregon is now in operation in Salem. It gets its beans by the truck load and the car load, and it prepares 'em 24 hours of the day.

This is the Salem King's dehydration plant, where string beans began to come in Tuesday, and while they will not be in full blast until the middle of next week, the plant will be stringing along until well along in August.

Logan Season Soon to End. Blackberries, too, are coming in in appreciable quantities, although the logans are still in the market but tapering off so that they will probably end some time next week.

ENGINEER DIES AFTER ACCIDENT MORELOCK NABS THEFT SUSPECT

H. T. Lowe Succumbs to Injuries While on Way to Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., July 28.—(Special to The Statesman.)—H. T. Lowe, aged 39, who had been employed at Camp 1 on the Valley & Siletz railway, died on the train today while being taken to this city, from injuries received while operating a donkey engine.

The accident occurred while workmen were engaged in pulling in logs. The cable is some way lost its hold around the log, striking Mr. Lowe with terrific force, breaking one arm and causing concussion of the brain. He regained consciousness and gave his address and other information, but died before reaching this city.

Mr. Lowe had been employed at Camp 1 for about two months and was a donkey engineer by profession. He formerly worked at Deer Island near Portland.

SOVIET RUSSIA DESCRIBED FOR TENT AUDIENCE

Skeyhill Not Convert to Communism, But He Admits It Has Accomplished Some of its Aims.

BALKAN ENTERTAINERS PLEASE MUSIC LOVERS

Father Cronin Will Speak Today on Great Things Of Literature

"Soviet Russia is today in the last throes of mal-nutrition," said Tom Skeyhill at Chautauqua last night.

"Communism is better than no government; and there is nothing but chaos, nihilism, utter ruin for the social fabric of the world, if Lenin, who is communism, were to be killed.

"Communism is a challenge to the capitalist system of property which is the system of owning property and getting pay according to what one can produce. To martyr communism is to enshrine it, to let it prove itself a failure while the other system prospers, is the rational way to meet its claims.

Idleness Is Tragedy. "The tragedy of Russia is the fact that the rewards of industry being destroyed, production has stopped. Transportation has broken down, because no one cares to either produce or to transport where there is no reward.

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Speaker Is Word Wizard. Mr. Skeyhill is a wizard with words. He is not quite a finished lecturer; he sees too many things, thinks too many various ways to say them, to be a finished "orator."

And yet he has a message: He has seen life in the raw; quivering from the hospital, the source, the overflow of the factory or the field, staggering from starvation and shivering with cold. He stole his way into Russia at the risk of being shot; the companion who went with him, was shot by his side, and his face eaten off by street dogs or rats.

Upon recollection issued yesterday, Patrolman J. Q. Rogers of Albany, is bringing Hinson from Seattle to the Linn county city where he will face charges. Should Hinson be released from Albany he will in all likelihood be re-arrested and brought to Salem as a grand larceny charge is pending against him here in connection with his alleged theft of the car of William Setak of Salem.

RYAN BELIEVED HOLD-UP ARTIST TWO ARE DEAD IN CLOUDBURST

Man Arrested Here on Suspicion of Robbing Pedestrian in Portland

OMAHA, Neb., July 28.—Two persons were drowned in a cloudburst that practically wiped out Beulah, Wyo., a village 14 miles west of Spearfish, S. D., early today, according to advices reaching Omaha late today.

The known dead are Mrs. Win Bower, Missouri Valley, Ia., and John Bower, her grandson, Chadron, Neb.

The two were members of a tourist party bound for Yellowstone park which had camped for the night in a canyon near the village. A relief train left Chadron late today laden with supplies for victims.

BELLINGHAM OFFICER FATALLY WOUNDED IN REVOLVER BATTLE WITH SUSPECTED BOOZE RUNNER

GOVERNOR UNDER CHARGES



GOVERNOR LEN SMALL of Illinois, who was indicted by the Sangamon County Grand Jury, charged with embezzlement and conspiracy to misappropriate public money, has surrendered and given bail.

KLAMATH FARMER SHOTS WIFE THEN TURNS GUN ON HIMSELF

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 28.—After shooting his wife in the arm, inflicting a slight wound, Thomas Hampton, 69, retired lumberman, wrenched himself free from the grasp of his brother-in-law and shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

PORTLAND WOMAN KILLED, SLAYER COMMITS SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—Mrs. Anna Baird, about 50 years old, was shot and killed at her home here by a man said by the police to be George Crowl, who then shot and killed himself.

GAS EXPLOSION CAUSES PANIC AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, July 28.—A gas explosion of unexplained origin seriously damaged the plant of the Los Angeles Gas & Electric company here today, injured five employees and temporarily threatened a serious fire. It also curtailed the gas supply of patrons, but arrangements were made to supply natural gas until the plant could be put back to manufacturing.

Windows for a block around crashed in. Some lumber piled across the street toppled over, and persons working in nearby buildings were thrown to the ground. A near panic resulted, but was quieted when the nature of the trouble was made known.

ROPER WINS DECISION

DETROIT, Mich., July 28.—Captain Bob Roper, Chicago, won the newspaper decision in a ten-round bout with "Chuck" Wiggins of Indianapolis.

DINNER INVITE TO PUBLISHER IS WITHDRAWN

Northcliffe Informed That He Is Not Wanted at British Embassy and Expresses Resentment

CURZON IS BLAMED FOR RANK INSULT

English Newspaperman Attributes Treatment to Recent Publication

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Lord Northcliffe, the British publisher, now in the United States, in a statement issued here tonight said that "for reasons of which he is not aware," invitations extended him to stop at the British embassy and to attend a dinner there tonight had been withdrawn.

"Knowing the methods in India of Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary," the statement declared, "Lord Northcliffe is pretty certain that Lord Curzon has adopted these methods here."

The British publisher's statement conveyed the impression the matter involved in the reported cancellation of invitations was an outgrowth of the controversy between Lord Northcliffe and Lord Curzon.

Attack Recalled. Soon after President Harding made his overtures for a disarmament conference, the London Times, leading paper published by Northcliffe, opposed the suggestion that Lord Curzon be appointed one of the British delegates to the proposed conference and attacked both the foreign secretary and Premier Lloyd George.

This attack was followed by suspension of privileged rights enjoyed for years by the London Times, a Northcliffe paper, in the obtaining of news from the British foreign office.

Inaccurate, Says Embassy. Lord Northcliffe issued his statement tonight after questions had been asked him concerning rumors that invitations extended him by the embassy had been withdrawn on instructions from London. The only comment obtained from the embassy was that the reports were "inaccurate."

It was established, however, that Lord Northcliffe had gone to a local hotel on his arrival here early today from New York. He (Continued on page 6)

BANK ROBBERS ARE CAPTURED

Wilson and Haled Believed To Have Held up Bonners Ferry Cashier

BONNERS FERRY, Ind., July 28.—Two men were captured in a thick two miles south of here this evening after one had been wounded in the legs by birdshot and are held in the city jail tonight charged with the robbery of the First State bank here shortly after noon today.

The two men were traced to their hiding place by James McGlocklin, county truck driver, W. C. Reed, county assessor, and C. W. McGuire. They were ordered to surrender, but Haled is said to have fired at his pursuers, the bullet going wide.

McGlocklin immediately discharged his shotgun, peppering Haled in the legs. The men gave themselves up.

Upon entering the bank today the two men ordered John A. Hansen, cashier, and Mrs. A. N. Stewart, the teller into the vault where Mr. Hansen was commanded to open the safe. The robbers removed \$8000 in currency and \$30,000 in liberty bonds and locked the bank employees in the vault.

A telephone in the vault enabled Mr. Hansen to notify county authorities and the prisoners were released in about 10 minutes by J. B. Brody, county auditor, to whom Mr. Hansen communicated the combination. The robbers had escaped before help arrived.

One hundred men were scouring the surrounding country this afternoon, before the two men were finally located. Bank officials stated tonight that all the loot had been recovered.

Portland Woman Killed, Slayer Commits Suicide

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Table with columns for club names and scores, including entries for Seattle, Portland, and Los Angeles.