

SINN FEINERS BURN CUSTOM HOUSE AT DUBLIN

Snipers Drive Off Fire Fighters and Battle Policemen

Finest Building in Irish Capital Total Loss As Result of Plot; Eleven Killed, Many Wounded and Scores of Prisoners Taken As Result of Rioting Incident to Blaze

Dublin, May 25.—The Dublin custom house was set afire by a large number of Sinn Feiners at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon, says a statement issued from Dublin castle at 3 p. m.

The Dublin custom house, recognized as one of the finest public buildings in the United Kingdom, was set afire by a large party of Sinn Feiners today. The fire brigade was prevented from going to the scene and crown forces, who sought to reach the building, were fired on.

Subsequently the fire brigade under protection of crown forces, proceeded to the scene and attacked the flames, which then had a firm hold. It is doubtful whether much of the building can be saved.

It was said that four auxiliary policemen were wounded, and seven Sinn Feiners killed, eleven wounded and 65 taken prisoner. The custom house was still burning late this afternoon.

Bomb Theory Advocated London, May 25.—The custom house in Dublin, says a Central News dispatch from that city, was burned this afternoon.

The fire, says this account, started at 1:15 o'clock, the flames breaking out simultaneously thru out the building, which was totally destroyed. It was one of the finest buildings in Dublin and cost one million pounds.

The occupants fled as the fire broke out. Another account states that the custom house was set afire thru bombs thrown in the building.

A railway bridge running past the building was occupied by a large number of men, upon whom a fusillade was opened. Others in the immediate vicinity of the custom house also were fired upon.

Troops Fired On Lorry loads of the military were bombed as they were driving up to the scene. The soldiers fired machine guns, rifles and revolvers and several persons were seen to fall. So far three persons appear to have been killed.

The affair seems to have been a most elaborately organized attack. Armed men guarded all the approaches to the custom house to prevent the saving of the building.

Judge Unruh, of the justice court, yesterday continued the trial of Jesse Streater, former pool hall proprietor, who is charged with unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor. Streater's re-hearing was slated for yesterday, but the state was unable to locate its star witness, D. H. Wright, Anti-Saloon league stool pigeon.

At a former trial, held several weeks ago, Streater's jury was unable to agree. Streater was arrested here some time ago at the time several raids were staged under the direction of the Anti-Saloon league.

Evangelist Charges Sheriff No Account; Proof Is Demanded Medford, Ore., May 25.—Sheriff C. E. Terrill in a public statement today, demanded that Dr. E. J. Bulgin who is holding evangelistic meetings here, be called before the grand jury and give evidence to support his recent charges that Jackson county has a "no account" sheriff. Delinquency in enforcement of the dry law formed the basis of Bulgin's accusations. "If I am a no account sheriff I want to know it just as bad as he does," declares the sheriff.

Wilsonville Has Two Fires

Wilsonville, Or., May 25.—Fire completely destroyed the building of James Peters last night in which was located one of the largest hardware stores in this section of the Willamette valley. None of the stock was saved and the flames from the conflagration could be seen as far as Gervais. The amount of damages done is not known. A residence also caught on fire at the same time, but little damage was done, it is said.

McNary Asks For Retrial Of H. Albers

Washington, May 25.—A petition for a rehearing of the case of Henry Albers, a wealthy citizen of Portland, Or., was filed in the supreme court today by Senator McNary in behalf of the Oregon Bar association. Albers was convicted of violating the espionage act but the government confessed error after his appeal had been docketed in the supreme court and the conviction was reversed and the case remanded.

Loan of School Fund on Bonded Land Is Illegal

Funds of the state's irreducible school fund can not be loaned on lands in an irrigation district which has been bonded or which has incurred other extensive liabilities according to an opinion written by Attorney General Van Winkle today for the guidance of G. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

Bonds or liabilities of the district, the opinion points out, constitute a lien against the lands in the district and such lands can not be regarded as free from incumbrance so long as this indebtedness is outstanding against the district.

It is the duty of the state land board, to safeguard the school fund in a manner provided by law regardless of the fact that such provisions might interfere with or retard progress in irrigation districts, Van Winkle points out.

Personation and Violence General In Irish Election

Belfast, Ireland, May 25.—Wholesale charges of intimidation by beatings and threats, and personation during the balloting in Ulster for members of the new northern Irish parliament are being made by both the nationalists and unionists.

Neither side appears to attempt to conceal the fact that personation was carried on to an unprecedented extent. As reports come in from the provinces the number of cases in which children voted yesterday increases but there was only one anywhere which matched that of the child of 2 1/2 years who voted for Myles, a candidate in South Belfast. That was the case of a girl just under three years who cast her vote for J. M. Barbour, a unionist candidate in Antrim, who is well known in the United States.

It is not unusual for Ulster children to get on the voting lists and a case is recalled in the last elections where a family of eight children, ranging from 16 years downward exercised the franchise. It is easy for their names to get on lists on which all persons of voting age automatically are placed and there they remain until the revision which occurs in July of this year when they can be objected to. Meanwhile they are fully entitled to vote.

Sometimes the child, named for a deceased parent has its name on the lists, but more often the children's names get on the poll books through a misapprehension. When elections agents ask how many persons in the house are eligible to vote, not infrequently the respondents give the names of all members of the family.

Requested Reduction Is Denied

Plea of Lumbermen for Lower Compensation Rate Is Refused by Commission The request of certain large lumber companies in eastern Oregon for a reduction in their rate of contribution to the workmen's compensation fund was denied by the industrial accident commission here this morning. In a letter conveying its rejection of the requested reduction the commission points out that under an amendment to the compensation act passed by the last legislature and effective July first 73 per cent of the lumber operators in eastern Oregon will be accorded reductions of from ten to thirty per cent in their rates of contribution. Because of this amendment which automatically adjusts rates of contributions to the fund the commission did not believe it advisable to interfere with the schedule of rates at this time.

Wage Cuts Reduce Tax

In addition to this reduction the commission also calls attention to the reductions in wages which have taken place in the lumber industry which reductions will be directly reflected in reductions in the cost of insurance to employers operating under the compensation act, contributions to the compensation fund being reduced in direct proportion to reductions in wages although compensations to injured workmen only partially follow wage fluctuations.

New Schedule Lower

Under the new schedule of rates effective July 1, which will be based on the accident experience of the individual firms for the past five years 70 of the 95 eastern Oregon employers operating under the compensation act will enjoy reductions in their rates as follows: Fifty one firms will receive reductions of 30 per cent of the present rate; four firms will receive a reduction of 25 per cent; nine firms twenty per cent; four firms fifteen per cent; two firms ten per cent. The other fifteen firms will have their rates increased as follows: Four firms five per cent; two firms ten per cent, and nineteen firms fifteen per cent.

C. W. Boettcher, who has been at the head of Albany's schools for the last 10 years, has been re-elected at a salary of \$3000.

Cherrians Will Go To Portland Rose Festival

By a majority of those present at the special meeting held last night called by King Bing Knowland for that purpose, the Salem Cherrians voted to attend the Portland Rose Festival June 8, 9, 10 in a body and march in one of the parades. The Cherrians have been promoted by Frank McCrillis, prime minister of the Portland Rose Festival, that the Portland booster organization will be down here in a body to reciprocate during the state fair.

It was also decided that an 15-piece band should be taken along on the trip to Lebanon on June 8, the date of the strawberry fair there. The Cherrians will go by auto and arrive there at 10 o'clock in the morning. George Alderin, F. E. Fullerton and Lester Davis have been appointed to make assignments to those who do not own their own cars and to ascertain how many are going.

Cross Estate Is Probated

Leaving an estate of personal property of the probable value of \$60,000, the will of E. C. Cross, Salem business man who died here on May 18, was probated and filed this morning together with renunciations in favor of his wife by the other heirs, Curtis Cross and Verda May Cross Byrd, his son and daughter.

The two heirs were also named in the will as joint executrix, but petitioned the court that Mrs. Anna W. Cross be made sole executrix and asked that Russell Catlin, W. S. Walton and Dr. W. H. Byrd be made appraisers. An order appointing May Warner Roberts as administratrix of the estate of Clara E. Warner, was also filed today giving the probate value of the estate as \$2750 in personal property and \$3000 real property.

Another order signed by the court was the appointment of J. D. Mayes, Ed Donker and E. H. Sutton as administrators of the estate of J. S. Prunk, valued at \$5000.

State Recovers \$1500 Loaned by Defunct Bank

Medford, Or., May 25.—A jury in the circuit court after five hours deliberation Tuesday afternoon returned a verdict for \$1690 in the civil suit of the State Banking Board against S. T. Johnson, Thompson creek lumberman, for the collection of an alleged overdraft due the defunct Bank of Jacksonville. The suit was for \$3760. The principal witness was W. H. Johnson, convicted bank official, who testified he backed the sawmill plans of Johnson, and falsified the books of the bank to keep Johnson's account even in the eyes of the bank examiner.

Orchestra Plans Benefit Concert

The benefit concert of Salem Symphony orchestra for Chinese-Near East relief will be given on Friday evening at 8:15 at the armory. Numbers will be chosen for the program from the best artists and composers and many selections which were favorites in previous concerts this season will be repeated. The entire proceeds will go to relief work.

This concert, which is probably the final Salem appearance of the orchestra this season, is given through the generosity of Dr. John R. Sites, director, and the members of this musical group. The orchestra consists of about sixty members, and Salem is the smallest city in the United States to possess a symphony, and the second city in Oregon to have one. Four successful concerts have been given previously this year by the orchestra.

Multnomah Tax Commissioners Are Appointed

Appointment of Fred W. Mulkey, Louis J. Goldsmith and S. L. Sabin of Portland as members of the tax supervising and conservation commission for Multnomah county was announced by Governor Olcott this morning. Mulkey will serve for the three year term, Goldsmith for a two year term and Sabin for one year. The appointments are made under the provisions of an act of the last legislature creating the commission and which becomes operative today.

The three men appointed by the governor this morning were named as members of the commission in the bill as originally passed by the legislature. When the bill reached the governor's office, however, it was discovered by the legal experts employed to scrutinize legislation coming before the governor for his consideration, that inclusion of the three members in the bill itself made the act a local and special law relating to taxation which would probably have been declared invalid, passage of such laws being forbidden by the constitution. The bill was consequently returned to the legislature and the appointive power was vested in the governor who announced at that time that he would abide by the wishes of the legislature as expressed in the original bill and appoint the three men named therein as he has done today.

U. O. Gets Hug Reply Tomorrow

Contract and Refusal To Be Forwarded to State University; Board Meets A formal rejection of the offer of graduate manager, tendered here by the University of Oregon, together with the reasons for his decision, will be forwarded university officials tomorrow morning. George W. Hug, superintendent of Salem public schools, announced this afternoon. Mr. Hug announced Monday afternoon that he had decided to remain in Salem. A meeting held in Eugene about one week ago he was formally elected by the executive and athletic councils of the university as graduate manager for next year. An attractive contract was forwarded to him which he refused because he felt a reluctance to end his educational work.

Board Meets Friday

At a meeting of the school board last night members voted to hold a special session Friday evening to determine whether or not a vote for a special school tax levy will be held at the regular election in June. Last year the levy was 13 3-10 mills, and it is believed that this year it will not be more than 10 mills.

Five new teachers were elected at the session last night, Esther Troxel, Gertrude Whites, Edith B. Collins, Mrs. Maude K. Moore and Lena Cushman.

Improvements Suggested

Various suggestions for improvement in the various schools were made in a letter last night submitted to the board by the state fire marshal. The letter said, in part, that "it is imperative that the existing hazardous condition of the school buildings be eliminated as soon as possible."

The mater of cleaning and re-varnishing school desks during the summer vacation was referred to the building and grounds committee. It will be taken up at the next meeting.

I. V. McAdoo Resigns Labor Secretary Job

Resignation of I. V. McAdoo as secretary of the Salem Central labor council was made public last night at a meeting of the organization in the labor temple, and will take effect June 14. The resignation was dated May 10, but postponement of the appointment of a new secretary was made necessary because no one could be found to fill the vacancy. Mr. McAdoo resigns because of business reasons but at present has no definite plans as to his future. He has been connected with the Central Labor council since its organization in 1911 and has twice been secretary of the body holding office then, and elected again the first of this year. He was also president for some time of the local typographical union.

G. R. Martin of the carpenters union was appointed business agent for all labor organizations of the city which are members of the central labor council, and will take office at once. Endorsement of L. J. Simeral for school director was given unanimous vote by the council.

Hughes Named On State Board Of Embalmers

E. B. Hughes, Astoria funeral director, has been appointed as a member of the state embalmers examining board, according to an announcement by Governor Olcott this morning. This board was created by the last legislature in an act which becomes operative today. The act provides for a membership of three, one of whom is to be the secretary of the Oregon Funeral Directors association and another the secretary of the Oregon state board of health, who is also to be secretary of the embalmers examining board. A. D. Kenworthy of Portland is secretary of the funeral directors association and Dr. F. D. Stricker is secretary of the board of health.

Rotarians Go To McMinnville

Approximately 24 Salem Rotarians left this afternoon at 4 o'clock for the Marion hotel to attend the presentation of the charter from national headquarters to the McMinnville organization. Rotarians from Portland and also from Vancouver, Washington, are to be present at the incorporation of the new organization.

At their weekly luncheon this noon in the Marion, Judge William Bushey, of the county court, spoke on the market road program in this district.

Carpentier Confident Of Result

Manhasset, N. Y., May 25.—George Carpentier realizes that in Jack Dempsey he will meet the greatest fighter of his career, and that victory, if it comes to him, must be gained by what he terms "superior fighting intelligence."

Carpentier's estimate of Dempsey, as revealed in a conversation with a British sportsman, will be interesting to those who are following the training progress of the pugilists.

"I shall face Jack Dempsey confident that he is the strongest, the fiercest man against whom I have dared to put on the gloves with," declared the challenger. "There is joy in the prospect of meeting such a man. I will go into the ring with the odds against me. Undoubtedly Dempsey will be the favorite, not because of sentiment or prejudice, or blind partisanship, but because his great strength is at once obvious and unquestionable.

"It is possible that in a trial of sheer, or what you say brute strength, he would prove to be my superior, but I hold that while power, the ability to hit with almost abnormal force, is a primary qualification fighting science is also of the first importance. I do not say that these qualities Dempsey does not possess. If I may say so I have not, at this time of the day."

Kearns Lets Down Bars

Atlantic City, N. J., May 25.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, today eradicated a color line. Kearns said that if the champion eliminates Georges Carpentier July 2, all barriers will be let down. The next opponent of Dempsey after Carpentier has been conquered will be the man whose services can guarantee a purse "worthy of consideration by the heavyweight champion of the world."

Kearns made this announcement when asked whether Kid Norfolk had refused advances to come here as a sparring partner. Kearns said that all reports that he had made "special rates" to Norfolk are unfounded. Norfolk would be welcome but as far as going to the point of guaranteeing a meeting with the colored heavyweight, Kearns would make no promises. "Dempsey is a free for all champion," Kearns said. "He has the ambition to be pronounced the greatest heavyweight of all time. I believe that consideration is coming to him. I think that on July 2 he will make the verdict unanimous."

Soviet Officials Grow Fat While Peasants Starve

Signs, May 25.—Moscow is near starvation, it is said in reports from that city, because peasants refuse to sell their corn and are keeping it for seed. Governmental commissions sent to nearby villages to purchase corn are said to have returned empty handed. Several millions pounds of corn have been destroyed by re-locating elements in the Caucasus region. The economic soviet of Moscow has issued an order that state supplies will be granted only to working men and children. Since the start of April this supply, however, has consisted of only one pound of bread each week. Workers are leaving Moscow to find food in the villages. A

Silesian Solution Offered

British Propose Division of Territory and Commission Control for 30 Years Paris, May 25.—The latest plan for the settlement of the Upper Silesian controversy, supposedly a British suggestion, is to give Poland and Germany, respectively, communities that voted in their favor at the recent plebiscite but to hold the entire territory under control of a special commission for 30 years.

Under the plan this commission would be appointed by the league nations and at the end of the 30-year period the population of the region would again be given an opportunity of expressing their wishes. The exchange of views between London and Paris on the question of continuing and the feeling in French official circles today was that the allies were coming together.

Growers Save On Proposed Freight Drop

It the transcontinental railroads make the same reduction in fresh fruit rates to the east that have not been made on dried prunes, it will mean a saving of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 this coming season to growers in the northwest, according to R. C. Paulus, manager of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association.

The reduction on dried prunes of from \$1.66 1/2 to \$1.25 per hundred will mean a saving of at least \$100,000 to growers of prunes in western Oregon, Mr. Paulus says, for this coming season.

This estimate is based on a 20,000,000 pound crop of prunes in the northwest. One hundred pounds of prunes, boxed, weigh 11 pounds. At the present rate of \$1.66 1/2 per hundred gross weight, it costs \$1.87 to deliver a 100 pound box of prunes in the east and to this must be added six cents war tax. The 100 pounds of prunes delivered in New York at the present rate costs \$1.93.

With the new rate of \$1.25 per hundred to the east, it will cost, including war tax, \$1.44 to deliver a 100 pound box of prunes in New York. Thus the new rate just announced by railroads will mean a saving of 49 cents on every 100 pound box of prunes delivered in the east.

As a low estimate of the crop of prunes this season is placed at 20,000,000 or more, the freight saving alone will approximate \$100,000 this season Mr. Paulus says. Other saving will be in the way of lower costs of boxes and lower labor costs, all of which will amount to a large figure to prune growers in Oregon.

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Dan O'Leary, veteran major league coach and manager, who retired in 1916 joined the Oklahoma City Western League club as assistant manager and coach of pitchers May 20, it is announced.