

PLAYERS DOUBLE CROSSED GAMBLERS IS CLAIM

Hearing Waxes Hotter

Telephone Rate Debate To Be Bitter Before Close Is Indication Today

The dog fight, for such the hearing in which the public is contending against the Pacific States Telephone company before the public service commission for a reduction in rates seems to be trending, got under way late this morning, delayed by the sudden decision of the commission to hear the complaints of the Salem people while waiting for Edward H. Cousin to go to Portland and return.

It is becoming more and more apparent that the hearing is to be a bitter one, with high powered dispositions sitting across the counsel table ready to go off at any moment, while the members of the commission, especially Chairman Williams, sit ready to cast aside their quasi-judicial dignity like they would doff their coats at a moment's notice to plunge into the fray, not as judges and arbiters between the contending factors of the quarrel but as parties to it, and, so far, on the company's side of the battle field.

Big Battle Looms

Today, during the examination of Isadore Greenbaum, a merchant of Salem, the first real hint of the big battle which is pending came luridly to the fore. Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson, following previous reference to the mooted question of permitting the Pacific company to pay the American Telephone & Telegraph company four and a half percent of its gross earnings for a so called service charge had begun to ask Greenbaum hypothetical questions as to whether he, as a business man, considered those charges to be fair and just.

Tomlinson was at once challenged by Shaw, counsel for the company, who said that his statements were misleading. This led to a long argument, over whether the four and a half percent payment was permitted, and as to the scope of the service given by the parent company in exchange for it.

Tomlinson is Challenged

Tomlinson contended that the service charge applied only to the furnishing by the parent company of the telephone instruments, ready to fix upon the desk or wall. Shaw challenged this, and said that it also included repairs. Tomlinson accepted this amendment, and proceeded to frame his question on the theory that the Pacific company paid the four and a half percent on its gross earnings to the American. Shaw said that this was a "misstatement of fact" and that the commission had ruled against it.

Tomlinson also contended that no copy of the contract between the Pacific company and the American had ever been put in evidence at any former hearing, and Shaw said it had been gone into in great detail. Williams asked Tomlinson if he was deliberately trying to mislead the witness.

Shaw Breaks in

Tomlinson denied this and insisted that he had asked the engineer and other employees of the commission to find him a copy of the contract or to show it to him in the files and they had not been able to find it.

Williams came back into the (Continued on Page Five.)

Rockefeller Sells Vast Holdings In Parent Oil Firm

New York, July 20.—John D. Rockefeller has disposed of all his vast holdings in the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the parent company, with the exception of 1900 shares of common stock valued at \$106,875, according to an account published by the New York World today.

The World's list shows that John D. Rockefeller Jr., now holds 452,000 shares of the common stock and 888,970 shares of the preferred; the Rockefeller general education board 170,320 common and 56,779 preferred; the Rockefeller Foundation, 196,000 common and 55,000 preferred; and the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial fund 40,000 common and 19,000 preferred.

No information was available as to whether Mr. Rockefeller was making transfers of any of his other vast holdings.

Amatlan Oil Fields Reported Aflame

Mexico City, July 20.—The Amatlan oil fields are on fire, with drilling towers falling like chaff and the workmen fleeing, according to reports received here describing "the great catastrophe in the history of the oil fields." The cause of the fire is not known.

The financial loss cannot be estimated, say the advices, which add that the conflagration dwarfs into insignificance the Pordre Del Llano disaster.

Columns of fire hundreds of feet high are covering the entire field, it is declared, and efforts to suppress the blaze are said to be considered hopeless.

It is feared that there will be some loss of life. The fires spread so quickly from lot number 162 where it started and other wells in the vicinity exploded.

The Amatlan field is one of the richest in the state of Vera Cruz.

Amatlan lies between Tuxpam and Tampico, about 35 miles northwest of the former city and some seventy miles southwest of Tampico.

Governor Small And Two Others Fraud Charged

Springfield, Ill., July 20.—Indictments charging Governor Small, Lieutenant Governor F. E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis with embezzlement, conspiracy and operation of a confidence game were returned by the Sangamon county grand jury this afternoon. Bonds of all three were fixed at \$50,000 on each count.

On the first indictment the governor, lieutenant governor and Curtis were charged with embezzlement of \$700,000. The indictment for conspiracy and confidence games charges that the three obtained "divers drafts, warrants, vouchers and documents to the amount of \$2,000,000."

De Valera and Craig To Meet Says Report

London, July 20.—The probability of a meeting in Belfast between Eamonn DeValera and Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, is foreshadowed in some political quarters and several newspapers this morning.

General J. C. Smuts, premier of South Africa, who re-entered the negotiations yesterday, doubtless is largely responsible for this and similar optimistic speculation which has survived under great difficulties, since Monday, when the Ulster premier departed suddenly for Belfast, after making a forceful statement on the subject of self-determination as it applied to Ulster.

This seemed for a time, to end all hope for an amiable meeting between the two Irish leaders, but the moderating influence of General Smuts, coupled with Belfast dispatches to the effect that Sir James does not regard the peace parleys as interrupted, have gone a long way towards re-establishing confidence.

Mr. DeValera is reported willing to go to Belfast and meet Sir James after he has discussed with his Dublin followers certain proposals which it is understood Premier Lloyd-George will submit to him Thursday.

The first known moving picture camera was made in 1890.

Landis Rebukes Congress Says Bonus Is Due

Chicago, July 20.—Stating that what he said might be reason for impeachment, Federal Judge K. M. Landis in an address before the wounded soldiers at Fort Sheridan last night denounced the foes of the soldiers bonus bill and asserted that if he were president he would "fire the whole outfit" at Washington who were "getting in one another's way trying to pass on the veterans' compensation proposition."

"As one man who stayed at home in peace and security while my fellows were fighting for our lives," said the judge "I am against stalling off this bonus proposition."

Small Daughter Of J. F. Cowden Dies Near Salem

Inez Irene Crowden, small 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cowden, died at her home about 10 miles east of this city yesterday afternoon. The family have lived in this section for the last seven years.

Besides her father and mother, she is survived by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pettyer of Salem, grandparents, and Coy, Bernice James, Lois Marie and two twin babies not yet named, all children of the family.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Webb & Clough chapel, Rev. S. M. Mummy officiating. Interment will take place in the City View cemetery.

Boy May Get Parole Revoked

Application to revoke the parole of John M. Spiker, 19 years old, convicted of forging a check in September of 1920 and later paroled from the boys' training school by the consent of the district attorney, was filed in the circuit court this morning with Judge Percy Kelly on the complaint of Gais & Co., where it is said that he attempted to forge another check for \$5.73.

According to Captain Allan Hyman, who was appointed by the court to represent Spiker in the hearing which will probably be Saturday, the defendant claims that he needed a new pair of shoes and was unable to obtain credit and had no cash. Since his parole he has been employed on a farm.

Never put away pots and pans with their lids on, or they will retain the odor of the food last cooked in them.

Wife of Dentist Quizzed

Mrs. Brumfield, Called to Stand 2nd Time, Sticks To Story of First Day

Roseburg, Or., July 20.—Mrs. R. M. Brumfield was recalled to the witness stand this morning when the coroner's jury resumed the inquest over the headless body found beneath her husband's wrecked auto last week. The court room was crowded with spectators and hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

District Attorney George Neuner questioned her closely regarding Dr. Brumfield's activities during the week prior to his disappearance. She emphatically declared the dentist had said nothing to her concerning a trip, or made any intimation that he was planning a murder. He was perfectly normal on the day of the wreck, she said.

Stories Conflict

More witnesses were summoned this morning in an attempt to identify the body. Acquaintances of Dennis Russell testified they viewed the body in the morgue and that it was the remains of Russell, for whose alleged murder county authorities have instituted a search for Dr. Brumfield.

Friends of Dr. Brumfield when placed on the stand said they were positive in their identification of the body as his. The Busenbark brothers of Melrose, who were acquainted with Dr. Brumfield for many years, gave testimony to this effect.

Coroner Takes Stand

Coroner Ritter took the stand this morning and stated that the hair found on the scalp clinging to the body and which was cut by him as evidence resembled the hair of Dr. Brumfield, while the hair on another large piece of scalp found at the scene of the wreck was similar to Russell's. The coroner carried with him several large suit boxes which he introduced as being found near the scene of the wreck. The evidence was made up of burned bits of overalls, a match, fountain pen, letters, card, a gun, a cooked ear of corn, a piece of human scalp with gray and black hair and a vest. In the pocket of the vest was found a watch and eight pennies. The watch was the property of Dennis Russell he testified. The burned ear was found near the wreck. A bunch of keys, those of Dr. Brumfield, were found in the wreckage along with the articles belonging to Russell. Other small articles were introduced also as the property of Brumfield.

Deputy Sheriff Webb was on the stand at noon. His testimony was similar to the coroner's, he having accompanied the coroner on the trip at the time the body was found.

Ivan Calhoun, a young man who has been employed on Dr. Brumfield's farm for some time and who is receiving his education in college from money furnished by the missing dentist, was placed on the stand. He said he had been in swimming with him several times and in comparing the physique of Brumfield with that of the body he found they tallied almost exactly. One main mark of identification was a corn on the small toe. Calhoun introduced as evidence a pair of high top shoes belonging to Brumfield. The shoes will be compared for size with the burned ones taken from the dead body.

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Jap Workers On Fruit Lands Are Told To "Get Out"

San Francisco, July 20.—Fifty eight Japanese men who had been hired under contract to work in the fruit and melon lands around Turlock, were loaded early today on two automobile trucks at that place, by a group of white workers taken to Keyes, six miles north and told to "leave the country," according to a message received at the San Francisco Call. The Japanese offered no resistance.

His Brother's Keeper.

Trenton, Mo., July 20.—George Moss will not exceed the speed limit again—especially if he has a young lady friend in his car.

Wilbur Moss, George's brother, is traffic officer in this little town. When Grove drove too fast Wilbur nabbed him. In police court George paid a fine of \$15.25. The brothers are still speaking.

Man Who Offered to Marry Edwards Girl Faces Grave Charge

Richard Burton, about 24 years of age, who, officers say, offered to marry Miss Frankie Edwards during her term in jail here, was today held in Corvallis prison, charged with a statutory crime, pending the arrival of Constable Walter DeLong of Salem, who was responsible for his arrest.

It was from Miss Myrtle Ennis, 15-year-old Salem girl, said to have been a close friend of Miss Edwards, that the information, causing Burton's arrest, was elicited by officers. The complaint, charging Burton with rape, was signed by the district attorney.

According to officers, Burton recently has been residing at Corvallis where he is thought to have been driving a truck. While in Salem he was an employee of a state institution and resided at the home of the Ennis girl.

Although Burton's arrest came in connection with the case of Miss Ennis, officers said that Burton offered to marry Mrs. Edwards "to get her out of trouble," when she was jailed following her elopement with Rev. Fred Royston, Salem minister, who is at present held in Portland on a federal warrant charging him with violating the Mann act.

Burton probably will be returned from Corvallis by Constable DeLong this evening. He will be arraigned before Judge G. E. Unruh in the justice court.

High Class Appraisers Are Needed

Protection of State's Interests In Loans to Veterans Big Problem Board Says

That the problem of making loans up to 75 per cent of the value of security offered, and at the same time safeguard the interests of the state, will require a personnel of appraisers of the highest class, was the belief expressed by members of the World War Veterans' state aid commission who Tuesday held another all day session in Governor Olcott's office.

Difficult problems which surround the launching of farm and city loans were considered by the commission along with a policy to be followed in making loans. Plans for setting the complicated machinery in motion throughout the state was reviewed.

The most careful study of the qualifications, business connections and standing will be given every applicant for county appraiser, members of the commission said. The same rule will be followed in selecting attorneys to examine titles.

All commissioners expressed themselves as highly pleased with the progress that is being made. The initial printed forms were handed from the printers and general scheme of operation was pretty definitely drawn up.

Comparatively few letters of inquiry are being received by the commission, it was said. Ex-service men, it was pointed out, are generally aware that the building of a \$30,000,000 loan and building association cannot be accomplished over night.

The attorney general will be called on for a number of decisions relative to the meaning and intent of different sections of the law, but the commission refused to comment on this in detail.

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Courtroom Packed Chicago, July 20.—An hour before the opening of the third day of the trial this morning the doors of the court room were ordered closed. Every seat was taken.

Hundreds of disappointed fans crowded the corridors and waited outside the building to watch the arrival of the former star ball players who yesterday were accused by Burns of planning to (Continued on Page Eight.)

Landlord Raises Roof.

Martins Ferry, Ohio, July 20.—A landlord here ordered a family to vacate. When the family refused to move the landlord removed the windows and doors. Due to the heat, this did not bother them, apparently. But, when the landlord had the roof taken off the tenants left.

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American Aid Sought In Silesia

United States Intervention Suggested As Means of Blocking Hostilities

London, July 20.—It was stated in authoritative quarters today that informal suggestions have been made for American intervention in the Upper Silesian trouble which it is feared will threaten open hostilities.

Paris, July 20.—The British, Italian and French commissioners in Upper Silesia have sent in a report in which they jointly demand that reinforcements be sent to the allied troops of occupation, it was announced here today.

Most simultaneously with the receipt of a note by the French foreign office from the British government in which Great Britain insisted there was no necessity for sending more troops into the disturbed area. The note was in reply to the recent communication in which the French government notified the Great Britain that reinforcement were needed urgently.

Foreign War Veterans Will Meet Tonight

Foreign war veterans will meet in the armory tonight at 8 p. m. for the regular bi-monthly meeting which is expected to be one of the largest attended during the summer.

Recruits whose initiations have been postponed for the last few meetings are expected to take the oath of allegiance to the organization, while important business which has been delayed will be transacted. The entertainment committee has promised a program and a galley full of good eats.

Thursday Session Last For DeValera And Lloyd-George

London, July 20.—The meeting between Eamonn DeValera and Premier Lloyd-George tomorrow will probably be their last before the return of the South Ireland delegates to Dublin. Following their return to Ireland a meeting of the Irish republican parliament will in all likelihood be convened to give the republican leader an opportunity to report and take fresh counsel on the new complications which the Downing street parleys may have placed upon the old questions, and to formulate a policy respecting such issues as may have originated during these talks.

It is problematical whether Mr. DeValera will then go to Belfast for a meeting with Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, which was forecast this morning in some quarters as a probability; whether he will resume what he has termed his "long range bombardment" with Mr. Lloyd-George, with the one in Dublin and the other in London, or whether the southern Irish leaders will signify the belief that the continuation of the parley would be unlikely to produce the desired results.

The last contingency, however, is still considered as Irish head-ly.

Some members of our party see in this a desire on the part of the premier to hold before the world the familiar picture of two separate entities within Ireland, which contradicts the virtual essence of our case," said a man who enjoys the confidence of the southern delegation.

In view of our refusal to sit at the conference table with Mr. Lloyd-George and the Ulsterites," he continued, "it would seem that our objections on this point were unjustifiable, but what we desire to have made clear is that conversations such as have occurred here do not imply any recognition on our part of the Ulsterites' equality."