

KING CALLS EDITOR LIAR

Protests of Hotels Related

Oregon Innkeepers Object to Paying Double Rates for Phone Systems

Increase in telephone rates ranging from 50 percent to more than one hundred percent with no corresponding improvement in service rendered form the basis for complaints registered by Oregon hotel men, who are appearing before the public service commission today in the interest of a downward revision of its rate schedule of last February.

The hotelmen's delegation is represented by Lawrence A. McNary, Portland attorney, and includes F. W. Beach of the Northwest Hotel News; H. M. Branson, Morris and Madras hotels; E. C. Cornell, Alexandria Court hotel; Mrs. E. J. Campbell, Campbell-Hill hotel; E. Robe, Hotel Hoyt; G. Hill, Washington hotel; C. Van Duyn, Carlton hotel; A. H. Meyers, Oregon hotel.

Recaned Previous Raise
E. C. Cornell, manager of the Alexandria Courts hotel, the first witness to take the stand, testified that the recent rate order had increased his telephone expense by \$2.46 percent which he declared to be unreasonable.

Cross examination Attorney Shaw for the telephone company, brought out the fact that the hotels had entirely escaped the rate increase of December, 1919, and had been only lightly touched by the order of May, 1919.

Cornell declared that a hotel should be permitted to make at least eight percent on its investment, but thought six percent enough for a corporation the size of the telephone company. He admitted though that the corporation was entitled to a return on its investment.

Growth of Hotel System
The growth of the telephone systems in hotels from its small beginning of a few years ago was reviewed by Shaw who pointed out that now a telephone in every room was regarded as a necessity convenience in every modern hotel. This accommodation to its patrons, Shaw insisted, should be paid for by the hotels and not spread out over other patrons of the telephone company.

A. H. Meyers, manager of the Oregon hotel, told the commission that his telephone bill had been increased from \$173.45 to \$220.25 a month by the recent rate order which he regarded as entirely out of proportion.

The toll business originating in his hotel and from which he was supposed to receive a commission of 15 percent, Meyers declared, did not so prove out. Bad debts and losses from various sources more than offset this commission, the hotel guaranteeing to the telephone company the toll on all long distance calls.

Mrs. Campbell of the Campbell Hill hotel produced figures to show increases approximating 81 percent in the telephone bills of her two hotels as a result of the February rate order, with no increase in the efficiency of service rendered.

Oil and Gold Finds in Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska, July 29.—Reported discovery of what is said to be a high grade of seepage oil near Anchorage, with the 400-acre tract that the field extends for 50 miles north along the government railroad, has sent a flood of stampedees into the district to stake claims.

Woman Who Fled After Hurting Two Men Here Arrested

The second chapter in a story which, officers had feared, was ended, opened this morning when Salem police were notified that Mrs. Edith Grebe, of Spokane, is under arrest at Ashland.

It is rather an unusual story, the kind you seldom hear. There are several characters. Her ankle broken, unable to work or even move about, C. W. Finn, a Portland-Salem stage driver, and one of two men run down last Sunday by an automobile driven by Mrs. Grebe, lies confined in a local hospital. The other man, J. R. Newton, 1553 State street, sustained minor injuries when, working by a stationary automobile near the Valley Packing company, he was hurled to the pavement by Mrs. Grebe's car.

Slipped Out of City
Police say that Mrs. Grebe, with whom they talked immediately after the accident, promised to appear again Monday morning. She said she would visit the injured man at the hospital, and added that she would not leave the city until a satisfactory disposition had been made of the case. Officers, who took her at her word, did not arrest her.

School Board Faced By Problem; Should Indians Pay Tuition?

Should Chemawa Indians be permitted to attend the Salem high school without paying the customary tuition fee exacted from those students who are not residents of the city?

Jap Decision Meets Approval of British Press

London, July 29.—Hearty approval is expressed by several London newspapers this morning over the Japanese government's decision to accept President Harding's invitation to discuss limitation of armaments and the Far Eastern question.

The Daily Telegraph says that an agreement between America, Great Britain and Japan that such a conference is desirable, "is the best news which has gladdened the world since the guns ceased firing in Europe and it looks as though before long we shall not need to contemplate with misgivings, activities in the shipyards of the United States and Japan."

British Note On Silesia Amicable

Friendly Reply Sent France—No Danger Threatening French Troops Now

London, July 29.—The controversy between the British and French governments over Silesia has reached an acute stage, the latest British note drafted by Earl Curzon, the foreign minister, endorsed by the imperial cabinet and handed the French government in Paris this morning, being officially described as "vigorously worded" document.

Paris, July 29.—Great Britain's reply to the latest French note on the Upper Silesian question, in which divergencies still exist between the two nations as to the procedure to be adopted in dealing with the problem, notable as to the sending of reinforcements to the area, was delivered at the foreign office this morning.

London, July 29.—Great Britain's note to France regarding the Silesian problem, despatched last night refutes the allegation that Great Britain had set herself against the French and was thereby strengthening the German attitude.

Baseball Confession Excluded

Chicago, July 29.—The prosecution in the baseball trial today began its closing arguments, abandoning a previously announced plan to put Joe Gedeon, a former St. Louis player, on the witness stand.

Charging that John Peyree transferred his property to J. B. Peyree in order to cheat them out of the \$900 judgment awarded them in a recent trial before Judge Kelly, of department No. 1 of the circuit court, Mark S. Skiff and Joe M. Graham filed suit this morning asking that the transfer be cancelled.

Murders Woman Then Shoots Self
Portland, Ore., July 29.—Mrs. Anna Baird, 43, was shot and instantly killed late last night at her home by George Shepard, a carpenter, who then turned the gun on himself with fatal results.

Portland Winner In Rate Case

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Rates to Puget Sound Increased

Washington, July 29.—Despite the refusal of the Washington state public service commission to act in the matter, the interstate commerce commission today ordered intra-state freight rates on grain and grain products moving from Columbia river basin points to Seattle, Tacoma and other Pacific ports increased to the level in effect on similar interstate traffic.

Seattle, Wash., July 29.—Action of the interstate commerce commission in ordering intra-state freight rates on grain and grain products increased in accordance with the Columbia basin decision, will result in the near future in some form of action to determine jurisdiction of the commission with regard to rates within the state of Washington.

State Refuses Compliance.
Seattle, Wash., July 29.—Action of the interstate commerce commission in ordering intra-state freight rates on grain and grain products increased in accordance with the Columbia basin decision, took the position that the "Shreveport principle" laid down several years ago by the commission and which held that intra-state rates conflicting with interstate rates must be revised to the level of the later, did not apply to the Columbia basin case.

Fraud Charge Filed In Court

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Peru Submits British Dispute to Arbitration
Geneva, July 29.—The Peruvian government, in accord with the British government, has requested the Swiss federal tribunal to act as arbitrator in the dispute between the two countries concerning the boundaries of certain petroleum wells in Peru.

Northcliffe's Interview "Complete Fabrication" Declares King George

"No Such Conversation As Alleged Ever Took Place Nor Were Such Remarks Made by His Majesty" Says Monarch In Reply to Assertions of Celebrated British Publisher

London, July 29.—Prime Minister Lloyd George in the house of commons today read a statement authorized by King George, declaring words attributed to the king concerning the government's Irish policy in a reported interview in the United States by Lord Northcliffe, who controls the London Times, are "a complete fabrication."

Mr. Lloyd-George read a statement which he said the king had authorized him to read on his majesty's behalf.

His majesty, the king, has had his attention directed to certain statements reporting an interview with Lord Northcliffe, appearing in the Daily Mail and reproduced in the Daily Express and some other newspapers. The statements contained in the report are a complete fabrication. No such conversations as those which are alleged took place, nor were any such remarks as those alleged made by his majesty.

Club Fund Now Reaches Over \$4000

Twenty-eight new members have been reported by committees working on the membership drive of the Salem Commercial club bringing the total funds now on hand to over \$4200. Twelve of the new members were reported at the luncheon of the committees working in the drive at today's luncheon in the auditorium of the club rooms.

That Lord Northcliffe views the incident as an outgrowth of recent editorial attacks on Premier Lloyd-George and Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary, in the London Times, the leading Northcliffe paper, opposing the suggestion that those officials represent Great Britain at the Washington disarmament conference, is left in little doubt by the publisher's statement.

Sugar Advances.
Portland, Ore., July 29.—An advance of ten cents per hundredweight in the wholesale price of sugar was in effect in Portland today. The best grades of granulated cane sugar are selling at \$7.05 a sack with the best product at \$6.55.

Moonshiner Gets 10 Days; Fined \$100

One hundred dollars fine and 10 days in jail was the sentence on Arnet Wiederman, arrested for the manufacture of moonshine liquor on June 1, by Judge William M. Bushey of the county court this afternoon.

Wiederman was arrested some time later than A. Sutherland, who, he testified, brought a still to his farm near Scotts Mill and made liquor from prunes. In his testimony this afternoon Wiederman admitted helping make the liquor, but denied that he had ever sold any, stating that on hearing of Sutherland's arrest, he had poured the entire quantity then in his possession out.

Pacific Cable for Uncle Sam

Washington, July 29.—Construction by the government of a trans-Pacific cable, if private enterprise should be unwilling, is recommended by Secretary Hughes and approved by President Harding in letters made public today by Senator Jones, republican, Washington, author of a cable bill.

Stunts Forbidden Army Aviators
Washington, July 29.—Army aviators are forbidden to make spectacular flights or do "acrobatic flying over cities or other populous districts" in general orders announced today.