

JUDGE TO DECIDE UPON AIR RIGHTS

CHICAGO, Feb. 16. — (United News) — Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson has undertaken to solve the nation's biggest radio problem — who controls the air?

Following formal arguments in the government's test suit against the Zenith Radio corporation, accused of "air piracy," Judge Wilkerson late Tuesday took the case under advisement.

If his decision favors the government the Zenith's broadcasting station may be seized by United States attorneys and Eugene McDonald, president of the corporation may be asked to pay a fine of \$10,000.

In event the court favors the defendant the entire structure of law governing this new industry may be torn down and rebuilt on a scale to match the tremendous growth of broadcasting.

The suit is the first of its kind in history. It was designed to set a precedent for the deciding of similar problems resulting from the congestion of the air brought about by increasing radio traffic.

McDonald's company, claiming to be a pioneer in the broadcasting field, was licensed by Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover to broadcast through station WJAZ station on a 325-meter wave length two hours a week. Declaring the assignment was unfair and discriminatory, WJAZ proceeded to broadcast at 229 meters.

The department of commerce then filed its charges of "air piracy" in the federal court. Arguments in the case hinged principally upon Secretary Hoover's authority to deny WJAZ more freedom of the air.

Irving Harriot, defense counsel, declared the present radio laws were obsolete, having been passed in 1912 when radio was in its infancy. The Zenith people, he said, are doing revolutionary work which will add much to the fund of radio information and growth.

Bank Robber Gets Ten-Year Sentence

SALEM, Feb. 16. — (United News) — A sentence of ten years in the state prison was imposed by Circuit Judge Kelly Monday on George Schroeder when he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of participation in the robbery of the bank at Scotts Mills last December.

Schroeder was arrested at Sacramento several weeks ago. Three men arrested in California in connection with the same robbery are to be brought back here for trial.

Harold L. Walsh, ex-convict, was given a sentence of ten years in the state prison, when he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of forging the name of John Funston, Marion farmer, to a check.

Standard Oil Bids for Russ Advantage

MEDFORD, Feb. 16. — (United News) — Jackson county stockmen are much in favor of the proposed bill before congress to withdraw all O. and C. lands within the Crater forest boundaries from homestead settlement, and add them to the forest reserve in order to secure proper utilization and protection of the ranges.

Out of the 479,696 acres of O. and C. lands in Jackson county, 127,161 acres are within the boundaries of the Crater national forest. Fifty-five per cent or 70,460 acres are on the summit of the Cascade and Siskiyou and about 40 per cent of the 127,161 acres supports a crop of commercial timber, most of which is remote and inaccessible for harvesting for many years to come.

In the matter of taxes the O. and C. lands within the forest cannot justly be assessed on the basis of commercial timber land.

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whatever refuge was possible behind tables and in other refuges. The wounded men were first passed out into the chapel and then taken to the hospital. Then between a line of armed guards the mutineers were marched back into the cell blocks that adjoin the chapel and locked up.

The fire in the thrilling department of the flax plant this afternoon is believed to have been the start of a deliberately planned day of rioting.

The fire broke out in two places simultaneously, but damage was confined to destruction of a few pounds of tow.

The city fire department was called out, but the blaze had been controlled by prison guards and convicts before the department reached the scene.

TALKS ON BANKING.

Attorney A. W. Schaupp of Klamath Falls gave a talk on "Thrift and the Principles of Banking" before the students of the Honley high school yesterday morning.

Elliott Opportunity.

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And this conversation was repeated to the district attorney's office after the raid on the gambling resort.

The district attorney knows these things. He knows that a relative of his was approached for the purpose of offering a bribe of \$1000 to himself, E. L. Elliott, the district attorney of Klamath county. And that the offer came from a ring closely connected with the miles of talk.

The district attorney knows there is sufficient evidence upon which to base a searching investigation of conditions in Klamath Falls.

He can at least put the proprietor of the raided gambling establishment before the grand jury and ask him as to the facts of his supposed dealings with Frank Miles. There are a dozen other witnesses. Either they know something which will lead to a criminal indictment or they don't.

The chief of police is entitled to the consideration of having the talk stopped. And this goes also for Mayor Goddard. Also for Frank Miles.

It goes also for the purpose of gagging a lot of other people, who every time they give utterance to these facts, are defaming the name of Klamath Falls. This city is entitled to a clean-up of talk.

District Attorney Elliott is now talking enforcement. If he means business the grand jury room immediately across from his office in the court house is a good place to start action. And he owes an investigation of this gambling affair to himself.

Want Park Land to Be Withdrawn Entry

BERLIN, Feb. 16. — (United News) — The Standard Oil company is negotiating for oil rights in Soviet Russia, which would develop into a Standard Oil monopoly of the sale of such oil in Europe. It is learned from an authoritative source.

The deal has large implication and especially affects France. Negotiations are proceeding under cover of the banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, which with the consent of the French government would grant long term credits to Soviet Russia in exchange for a Soviet guarantee to supply French oil needs. The bank long has been closely associated with the Standard Oil company.

Concessions which probably would include the entire Kama oil field in central Asia and the establishment of a nominally Franco-Russian but actually Standard Russian monopoly are envisaged. This monopoly would assure Standard Oil an immense advantage over the Royal Dutch company in the international oil game. It is emphasized that the negotiations have not yet entered the conclusive stage.

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