

BRING TEST SUIT TO DETERMINE VALIDITY OF BONUS PAYMENTS

American Legion Representatives and State Board of Finance Decide on Supreme Court Case

A test suit will be brought in the supreme court late this week to determine whether State Auditor C. W. Clausen has the right to pay claims of Washington ex-servicemen and women to the amount of \$2,000,000 more than was provided by appropriation of the last legislature.

Determination to bring such suit was reached at a conference Saturday between the state board of finance and representatives of the American Legion. Conferees for the state were Governor Louis F. Hart, State Treasurer Clifford L. Babcock and State Auditor C. W. Clausen, comprising the state board of finance; John Frater, representing the compensation department, and Assistant Attorney General Fred J. Cunningham. The American Legion, department of Washington, was represented by Department Commander C. D. Cunningham of Centralia, Lieutenant Governor W. J. Coyle, Charles W. Jordan, Henry A. Wise, George Hubbard, Charles Albert of Spokane, Mr. Stranborg of Seattle, and Frank P. Christenson.

The appropriation of \$11,000,000 which the legislature provided for payment of the bonus is practically exhausted and claims totalling about \$2,000,000 remain unpaid. The object of the suit will be to establish the legality of warrants issued by the compensation department and State Auditor Clausen in excess of the appropriation.

Enforce Park Rules

Enforcement of the rules against discharging firearms, mutilation of trees and leaving burning campfires in the public parks of the state has been decided upon by the state parks committee and notices to that effect will be posted immediately in all such parks. Secretary of State J. Grant Hinkle, State Treasurer C. L. Babcock and Land Commissioner Clark V. Savidge comprise the parks committee.

Hold Wool Rate Hearing

Supervisor Hance H. Cleland and O. O. Calderhead, of the department of public works, will leave Monday for Portland to conduct a hearing on wool rates. Wool carriers have applied for a reduction to meet water competition and the Portland hearing will be the first of a series, the second to be held at Spokane next Wednesday.

Lower Hop Car Weight

Railroads of the state have applied to the interstate commerce commission for a reduction in the carload weight of hops to 15,000 pounds, effective about August 18, the de-

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partment of public works was advised today. The present allowance of 18,000 pounds to the carload is objected to by Washington and Oregon hop growers on the ground that it is impossible to load that amount into a car.

Articles of Incorporation

Five companies, representing a combined capitalization of \$725,000, filed articles of incorporation Saturday with the secretary of state, as follows:

Midway Burner Manufacturing Company, capital stock \$500,000, home office Seattle. Incorporators are Irving I. Foltz, Paul D. McCoy, Gale S. Robinson, F. S. Kiser and Florence O. Foltz.

Lynden Producers' Company, capital stock \$50,000, home office Lynden. The company proposes to engage in the fruit canning business. O. L. Sheets, W. E. Preston and F. R. Pierce are the incorporators.

Big Bend Leasing & Royalty Company, capital stock \$150,000, home office Ritzville. A general real estate business will be transacted. Incorporators are J. L. Cross, Phil Bier and J. C. Kittel.

Pacific Engineering & Equipment Company, capital stock \$15,000, home office Spokane. C. W. Messer and Joseph McCarthy, incorporators.

Franklin Lumber Company, capital stock \$10,000, home office Leavenworth. General lumber business. Herman Franklin and R. W. Dolson, incorporators.

DETECTIVES HOLD LEGLESS AMNESIA AS AMBROSE SMALL

Maimed and Crippled Mute Claimed Missing Canadian Multi-Millionaire

BOTH LEGS GONE AND WOUNDED IN SHOULDER

Mrs. Small Disbelieves Report Her Husband Has Been Found—Satisfied He Is Dead

TORONTO, Ont., August 15.—Mrs. Ambrose Small, wife of the missing millionaire, this afternoon declared her conviction that the man reported to be held by private detectives in Des Moines, is not her husband. Police officials here have no faith in the Des Moines detectives' claims.

"I am satisfied that my husband is dead," said Mrs. Small. "This is about the worst yet," she added.

"A friend of Mrs. Small is going to Des Moines to verify or disprove the claim that the missing millionaire is held there.

POLICE MAY SEIZE MAN

DES MOINES, Iowa, August 15.—Chief of Police R. C. Saunders today threatened to attempt to seize the legless amnesia victim held by private detectives here as Ambrose Small, missing Canadian multi-millionaire, on a writ of habeas corpus. The writ would be issued on grounds that the captive, "mentally incompetent," was being held against his will by the private detective firm.

TALE IS MELODRAMATIC

DES MOINES, Iowa, August 15.—A melodramatic tale of being kidnapped by his secretary, hidden in tenement houses and on lonely farms all over the country, maltreated and finally wounded and maimed for life in an attempt to escape from his captors—this was the theory that John Brophy, former chief of detectives and now a private detective here, held today in regard to the mute and crippled stranger he was holding in secret today as Ambrose Small, missing Canadian multi-millionaire.

Awaiting word from Small's relatives in Toronto, the detectives refused to make known the whereabouts of the recluse or any definite information as to how he came to Des Moines. They talked freely of his actions, however, and told of the physical characteristics by which they connected his identity with that of the missing David Belasco of Canada.

"Small" cannot explain how it was that he left Toronto on December 2, 1919, with more than \$1,000,000 immediately after selling out his theatrical interests for \$5,000,000. His only reply to repeated questions as to how he came to Des Moines is "from Omaha" and his only explanation of the terrible experience in which he had both legs severed at the knee, a bullet wound through his shoulder and huge bump on the back

of his head, was "train."

Asked pointblank who he was, the invalid cowered and answered "Doughty."

Doughty was the name of his secretary, who disappeared three weeks after Small and who was apprehended several months ago in an Oregon lumber camp. Doughty is now serving a sentence for embezzlement of his employer's money.

Hint of a "psychic influence" that has been balefully wielded over the stricken man was conveyed by some of his frightened reactions. There have been lightning references to long journeys down the West coast, of hasty flights and concealments and of harsh treatment at the hands of someone.

The validity of the \$50,000 reward expires on September 1, according to word here from Toronto. Detective Sergeant Austin Mitchell of Toronto is expected here this week to attempt to identify the man.

HOME BREW MIXED WITH RECKLESS DRIVING SEND PAIR TO JAIL FOR NIGHT

M. F. Taylor and Robert Schwartz, who gave their address as Dupont, spent Saturday night in the Olympia calaboose as a result of a combination of too much moonshine and reckless driving of an automobile.

Taylor and Schwartz and two other occupants of a car passed an officer stationed at the top of the Fourth street hill to warn drivers of the slippery pavement ahead and paid no attention to a signal to stop. They drove down the hill at a reckless rate and stopped at a local garage. Patrolman Forbes arrived a few minutes later to find that two of the men had disappeared. He arrested Taylor and Schwartz. A bottle with some home brew remaining was found in the car. Taylor and Schwartz had lost their hats at the top of the hill and they were returned during the night by the special officer who had picked them up after the car had flashed by.

Taylor gave \$50 bail for his appearance in police court to answer a charge of drunkenness and resisting an officer. Schwartz gave \$25 bail, on a charge of drunkenness.

IRELAND'S FUTURE UP TO PARLIAMENT OF SINN FEINERS

Meets Tomorrow to Consider Britain's Offer of Dominion Government

PEACE OR RESUMPTION OF WAR WILL RESULT

England Believes Terms Are Generous—Lloyd George Strengthens His Position With People

The Irish Peace Negotiations

Britain's offer: Ireland to have full rights of a dominion. Ireland to control her own finance and taxation. Ireland to have the right to maintain a force of territorials and police forces.

Ireland to control her industrial affairs, postal and educational systems.

Britain's demand: British navy must control the surrounding seas.

Britain to control air and communication facilities. No trade restrictions between the islands.

Ireland must assume a share of the British debt. Ulster's powers and privileges not to be abrogated except by her consent.

Ireland's demands: Complete but amicable separation—a political detachment free from imperialistic entanglements. Arbitration of her share in British debt.

LONDON, August 15.—The Irish electorate probably will be asked to vote on acceptance or rejection of the British government's peace terms, according to the Press Association today.

The referendum would be ordered by the Dail Eireann, which meets tomorrow.

By ED. L. KEEN.

LONDON, August 15.—The struggle of centuries reached a climax today with the British demand on Sinn Fein Ireland that she accept membership in the British empire as a dominion.

The future of Ireland lay with the Sinn Fein parliament. It meets tomorrow. In England, it was believed almost unanimously that the government's peace terms were generous, that the premier's reply to "President" de Valera's demand for expansion of the terms was fair and that it left the onus of Ireland's fate to the Sinn Fein.

It was believed Lloyd George would have nothing further to offer until the Dail Eireann has made its choice—peace or war.

The belief was general here that the Welshman, through publishing the correspondence between himself and de Valera and the letter of Gen-

eral Smuts to de Valera had solidified support in this country.

Even the liberal element, it was believed, would agree that the British offer was as generous as could be conceived.

There was a belief that de Valera took pains to leave the way open for further negotiations.

NO AMNESTY GRANTED

LONDON, August 15.—Members of the Sinn Fein parliament who have been released to discuss British peace terms may have to return to prison, Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons today.

The Sinn Feiners were released solely to pass on the peace proposals, the premier said.

"No person in Ireland has been granted amnesty," he said.

HOLD PRIVATE SESSION

DUBLIN, August 15.—The Sinn Fein parliament held a private session here today, with "President" de Valera presiding.

The meeting was called suddenly and without publicity. The public meeting will be held tomorrow as scheduled.

PHILADELPHIA FIRE LOSS OVER MILLION

Another Oil Tank Explodes and Flames Spread Anew, Increasing Damage

PHILADELPHIA, August 15.—The fire at the Atlantic Refining Co. plant here which began early Sunday, broke out anew today when another oil tank exploded.

Three alarms for additional fire apparatus were sent in. The new explosion spread the flames over the burned area again.

The death list was increased to six when Eli Cell died in a local hospital.

The damage from the renewal of the blaze will probably increase the total loss to well over the million dollar mark.

SHADOW OF FAMINE LOOMS IN RUSSIA

Every Phase of Life Begins to Reflect Universal Scarcity of Food

FOOD STANDARD VALUE

Thousands Daily Crowd Markets at Moscow and Petrograd Bartering Keepsakes

By EDA TREAT O'NEIL (Written for United Press, Copyright 1921 by the United Press.)

REVAL, Aug. 16.—The shadow of famine looms large today in Russia. Every phase of life is beginning to reflect it.

Where and how to obtain food is the thought uppermost in the mind of everyone.

Values at present are reckoned by one standard—the amount of food which a given article represents. The food situation which is due in part to last year's poor crop and has been growing more and more critical since February, was the biggest problem in Russian life even before famine developed in the Volga region.

The re-establishment of commerce and the legalizing of trade in markets and shops, under the new regulations has bettered the situation somewhat.

The markets are the busiest places in Moscow and Petrograd. Thousands of people go there daily to buy and barter. The latter is more common because roubles are scarce and low in value and the peasant is as eager for city products and finery as the city dweller is for food.

At the market the city dweller trades his cigarette lighter, made at home after factory hours, or his wife a handkerchief she has just embroidered.

Household effects and personal belongings are still in demand but few city folks possess now much that is salable.

One sees no jewels of value on the market—only pathetic trinkets for most part and rubbish that seems of no value whatever. Sometimes it is a cracked mirror, perhaps a cup without a handle.

I have seen a woman at the market struggling with herself. Finally with an air of decision she strips a wedding ring from her finger and lays it before a peasant who has food

he will trade for the keepsake.

Generally speaking, the much tried Russian folk is setting its face against famine and colera with a splendid energy and solidarity.

MILLISON BELETSKI FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Married life was not as sweet as it promised to be for Millison Beletski after she married Sam Beletski, and today she is plaintiff in a divorce suit filed in the Thurston county superior court. The complaint sets forth that Millison was 58 years of age and Sam 54 when they were married April 14, 1920. The plaintiff says she was actuated largely by a desire to provide a proper home and maternal care for a child of the defendant by a former wife. Three days after the marriage, she charges, Sam began to treat her in an inhuman and indecent manner, rendering life with him burdensome to the point where further continuance of the marriage relation became unbearable. The plaintiff asks the restoration of her former name of Millison Hodgdon.

POSSE SEEKS THREE NEGRO KIDNAPERS

United Press. ANNISTON, Ala., August 16.—A posse headed by military and police authorities is searching for three negroes who last night kidnaped the young wife of Gail Stormer of Birmingham, member of Co. K, Fourth infantry, Alabama National Guard, in training at Camp McLehlan here.

According to the story told authorities by Stormer, he and his wife were walking about the city when the three negroes jumped from an automobile and kidnaped Mrs. Stormer.

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F. W. Hodson, plaintiff, vs. Thomas Clyde, defendant. Cause No. 1155. The State of Washington to the defendant, Thomas Clyde, greeting: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 15th day of July, 1921, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.

This action has for its object the collection of the sum of \$114.33 owing by defendant to Beck & Winans Grocery Co.; the sum of \$60 due and owing by defendant to Dr. Harry C. Cowan for professional services performed; in the sum of \$120 due and owing by defendant to the Tailman Drug Co.; the sum of \$22.10 due and owing by defendant to John A. Bailey Lumber & Fuel Co.; for the sum of \$7.50 due and owing by defendant to Garden City Feed mill; of the sum of \$310 due and owing by defendant to Dr. Harry C. Cowan for professional services; all of which are being assigned for the purpose of collection to the above named plaintiff; and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements herein.

EARL W. BENSON, Attorney for Plaintiff, P. O. Address, Walla Walla, Walla Walla county, Washington. Published in Washington Standard July 15, 22, 29; Aug. 5, 12, 19, 1921.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, for Thurston County.

In re the Estate of Hilda McElroy Strone, deceased, No. 2690. Notice to Creditors to File Claims. Notice is hereby given, that the last will and testament of the above named decedent, in which the undersigned were appointed as joint executors thereof, has been duly admitted to probate by the above titled court. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to serve them with the necessary vouchers, and to file the same with the clerk of this court, together with proof of such service, or they shall be forever barred.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, this 27th day of July, 1921. CARRIE M. McELROY, H. B. McELROY.

Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 1921.

Nature of Shortening or Re-Opening of Season for the Taking of Bear, Grouse, Native Pheasant, Chinese Pheasant, Quail and Hungarian Partridge in Thurston County, Washington, and Prescribing the Bag Limits Thereof; Also Game Fish and Bag Limits, Pursuant to the Provisions of Subdivision 2, Section 3, Chapter 37, Laws of 1921.

Notice is hereby given, that the open season for the taking of bear will begin on September 1, 1921, and close on May 1, 1922. The open season for taking of grouse and native pheasant will begin on September 15, 1921, and will close on September 30, 1921; the bag limit on said birds is five per day, single or mixed. The open season for the taking of Chinese pheasant, quail and Hungarian partridge will commence November 1, 1921, and will close on November 25, 1921; the bag limit is two Chinese pheasants, five quail, or five Hungarian partridge; mixed bag of ten birds, not more than ten birds in any one day. The open season for taking of game fish commenced on April 15, 1921, and will close on November 30, 1921; daily bag limit is twenty-five fish or twenty pounds and one fish, weekly limit thirty pounds and one fish. Open season on deer, October 15 to October 31, 1921, inclusive; limit two animals either sex.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1921. THURSTON COUNTY GAME COMMISSIONER. E. N. Steele, Chairman. E. B. McClarty, Secretary. J. B. Taylor, Member.

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