

ENGLAND AND IRISH ORDER HOSTILITIES ENDED

TROOPS FRATERNIZE WITH SINN FEINERS AS TRUCE PREVAILS

Dublin, July 9.—A general order directing the suspension of hostilities during the peace negotiations, the order to be effective from noon, July 11, was issued this evening by the chief of staff of the Irish Republican army, Richard R. Mulcahy.

GAMBER SLATED TO SUCCEED SELF AS FIRE MARSHAL

OTTAWA MAN, IT IS RUMORED AT SPRINGFIELD, WILL BE RE-TAINED BY GOVERNOR SMALL.—APPOINTED BY LOWDEN FOUR YEARS AGO.

Reports seeping out of Springfield and reaching Ottawa indicate that La Salle county, through John G. Gamber, will receive at least one rich political plum to be dispensed as part of Governor Small's patronage. Gamber, according to "graveyard" telegraph maintained at the capital through political gossip, is slated to succeed himself as state fire marshal at an increase of \$1,000 per annum in pay.

Gamber received his appointment from ex-Governor Frank O. Lowden. He filled the office for four years and during that time is said to have won lots of friends among insurance people, among them being Senator Sam Etlison, a Chicago corporation counsel, and a prominent insurance attorney. Besides Etlison, Governor Small's leader in the senate, Speaker Dahlberg, of the house of representatives, is said to be a staunch friend of Mr. Gamber, and several weeks ago, it is reported, he forecast the Ottawa man's reappointment to his old post.

Etlison, it is said, has been active in Mr. Gamber's behalf and as a result he is said to stand a good chance to be one of the few survivors of the old administration to hold over. Mr. Gamber, a lieutenant of former attorney general, W. H. Stead, has not the endorsement of the Smith-Small forces in La Salle county, it is said, but has the backing of the Lowden group, though that organization four years ago, it is claimed, was not for him at the time Lowden elevated him to the job he now holds.

Political gossip today centered about the report that Gamber was scheduled as a plum getter, and a hurried call of Smith and Small henchmen brought many prominent workers from different sections of the county to talk over the situation.

Goebel Lands Job.
Former Deputy Sheriff Fritz Goebel has been named an assistant fire marshal and will take over the duties of his office at once, according to word received here from Springfield.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



CHARGES HUSBAND STRUCK HER WITH SHOVEL; DIVORCE

C. B. & Q. RAILROAD TAKES APPEAL IN DAMAGE SUIT IN WHICH LOUIS LERETTE WON \$18,000 VERDICT.

To avoid paying Louis Lettette \$18,000 for a log which was cut off as he was attempting to crawl between two freight cars which were blocking the crossing of a La Salle street Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, took an appeal to the Supreme Court in the \$25,000 damage suit brought against them by Lerette. A jury in the Circuit Court last April awarded Lerette an \$18,000 verdict.

An appeal to the Supreme Court was taken in the Frazier-Curran suit late yesterday.

Mrs. McGrath Seeks Divorce.
A divorce bill filed in the Circuit Court last week and suppressed until service could be obtained on the defendant was made public late yesterday. The complainant, Mrs. Delia McGrath of Lantana, is seeking a divorce from Arthur McGrath on charges of cruelty and habitual drunkenness. Mrs. McGrath alleges that the defendant struck her with a shovel, kicked her in the stomach and was guilty of other acts of cruelty.

The couple, according to the complainant, were married in January, 1909. They have one son, Arthur, aged 11. Mrs. McGrath secured an injunction prohibiting the defendant from disposing of his property, from interfering with her or her son, or from having the use of her farm.

Sand Company Defendant.
A \$5,000 damage suit was started in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon by Frank P. Follett, administrator for the estate of Joseph Lettette, against the Ottawa Silica company. Mr. Lettette died in this city July 9, 1920.

His administrator alleges that his death was caused by an occupational disease, brought on while working for the company. It is claimed the defendant contracted tuberculosis while working at the plant.

Waterway Expert to Address Meeting Here.
An important meeting will be held at Armory C on Monday evening in the interests of the deep waterway. The purpose of the gathering is to discuss means of building up a great waterway which will bring prosperity to farmers, merchants and other business men of the county.

George A. Williams of Decatur, vice president of the Mississippi Valley association, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Williams is a practical business man, president of a large corporation and is especially interested in waterways. His talk promises to be one of the most enlightening on the subject of Illinois Waterways ever heard in Ottawa.

A cordial invitation has been extended to the general public to attend this session, and it is expected a very large number of people will be in attendance.

BLOW ON HEAD FATAL TO BASEBALL PLAYER.
Exerett, Mass., July 9.—Knocked unconscious by being hit on the hand by a batted ball, James Gannon, 21, recovered sufficiently to play another inning in a game between semi-professional teams here yesterday. Then he collapsed and was rushed to a hospital in Boston, where he died last night.

IVY WAY, CHICAGO-OTTAWA COMPLETED EARLY IN THE FALL

LOCAL MOTORISTS WILL HAVE DIRECT ROUTE OVER CONCRETE HIGHWAYS TO METROPOLIS—PEORIA CONNECTION IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

By fall Ottawa will be flanked by an eighteen-foot concrete highway leading all the way from the east city limits of Ottawa into Chicago, providing the working plans of the state department of highways are carried out. By the fall of 1922 the complete stretch of highway running from Ottawa to Peoria will also be covered with an eighteen-foot concrete surface.

With the letting of the contract for section L of federal aid road No. 7 on July 19 all the highway running from the east to the west boundaries of La Salle county will be under construction.

Work is being rushed on the road east of Ottawa in order that it will be all completed this year. Excellent weather conditions combined with plenty of help has greatly benefited the contractors. The road through Will county is nearing completion, and work in La Salle and Grundy counties is progressing very fast. By fall it is believed that motorists will be able to travel all the way from Ottawa to Chicago on a concrete highway.

Roads gangs are now working both out of this city and out of Morris, although the largest part of their work has been finished. West of the city the building is progressing nicely.

The thoroughfare from Peoria to Springfield has been paved, and also from Joliet to Chicago with the exception of a four-mile strip which will be finished before fall.

MOONSHINE PLANT, HIDDEN ALONG RIVER, IS UNCOVERED BY SHERIFF

AYERS, ON STILL HUNT IS REWARDED BY FINDING MASH

TRAILS EVIDENCE

DISCOVERY IS MADE WHILE SEEKING EVIDENCE AGAINST SHERIDAN MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF OPERATING BOOZE PLANT—DEFENDANT DENIES GUILT.

Wheat mash, the first that has been found in any moonshine raid in La Salle county, was discovered by Sheriff Ayers late yesterday afternoon, when he unearthed the place G. B. Wautland of Sheridan is alleged to have been manufacturing his "liquor." Wautland was taken in charge by Sheriff Ayers on Wednesday when his home and garage in Sheridan were raided. Yesterday at a preliminary hearing before Justice Koenig he secured a continuance, alleging that he was innocent and intended to contest the case.

At the time of the raid only some empty bottles which had contained moonshine were unearthed. Yesterday afternoon, determined to find the source of Wautland's alleged supply of intoxicants, Sheriff Ayers started out to scour Sheridan for evidence. He found that Wautland had rented a small house between the river and the railroad tracks two miles east of Sheridan. He went to the house to investigate, and upon approaching the building found a strong odor of grain mash which was fermenting.

The doors of the building were padlocked and the windows locked. Mr. Ayers broke in and found kegs, buckets and jars that had contained hootch ingredients, but no mash.

Searching in the weeds around the house, he found three large piles of wheat mash that had been emptied out of the jars. The mash had never been cooked. A still could not be located.

Many people are said to have been Wautland going back and forth from the building. A man who is said to live either in Chicago or Aurora is alleged to have been associated with Wautland in his alleged violation of the prohibition law.

Wautland is said by the authorities to be between the age of 30 and 40 years, although he has the appearance of a comparatively young man.

Scandal Involves Streator Man.
One of the most sensational stories ever recorded in the legal documents of La Salle county broke today, when it became known that two Streator men had been placed under arrest charged with criminally assaulting Bertha Hodges, a sixteen year old girl, and that a third man, proprietor of a Streator soft drink parlor, had closed his place of business and left town, presumably to avoid being implicated in the case. Bertha, the girl in the case, is being held at the county detention home in South Ottawa, pending delinquency proceedings.

Two of the men involved in the case are said to be married. Bertha's story is one of the most revolting ever told to the authorities. Warrants for her assailants were issued by Justice of the Peace Koenig in Ottawa a few days ago, but news of their having been issued was suppressed until today, although it has been made public two days ago, that the apprehension would follow.

LIGHTED MATCH IN CAN OF GAS NEARLY CAUSES FATALITY

COLUMBUS STREET GARAGEMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN FRIEND ACCIDENTALLY DROPS FLAME INTO GASOLINE CONTAINER—PAINFULLY BURNED.

Covered with burning fumes of gasoline, John J. Farrell, 914 Poplar street, proprietor of the Blint garage, narrowly escaped death last night about 7:30 o'clock as he was cleaning the spark plugs of his automobile. The accident occurred in front of Mr. Farrell's garage on Columbus street, and although several friends witness of the incident they were unable to offer any aid.

The cause of Mr. Farrell's injuries is laid to the fact that a lighted match was accidentally thrown into a small vessel containing gasoline with which Mr. Farrell cleaned the spark plugs of his auto. His left limb from the foot to several inches above the knee was very severely burned by the gasoline. Mr. Farrell's left hand, with which he made an attempt to extinguish the flames, was also severely burned and blistered.

Mr. Farrell, as he was working on his car, asked a friend for a match. Thinking he wanted the match lighted, the friend, whose name Mr. Farrell refused to state, struck it and attempted to hand it to the victim. The match accidentally dropped into the can of gasoline, which immediately exploded. Mr. Farrell was standing close to the can at the time. Gasoline and fumes spurted to his trousers. Soon he was a mass of flames. Before he was able to extinguish them his leg and hand were badly burned.

After running into the garage he succeeded in putting out the flames. Dr. J. W. Jamieson was summoned and the injured man was taken to a room at the Clifton Hotel, where he was lodged throughout the night. This morning he was removed to his home, where he will be confined for a number of days.

J. E. PORTER SALESMEN MEET AT HOME OFFICE

The semi-annual conference of the Porter sales force is now in session. The salesmen have come in from all territories operated out of the general office and report that crop conditions look fine.

The having season is now on in full blast and business is beginning to show the effects of the change of sentiment on the part of the farm buying public.

HERB DEARTH "MUGGED" BY ROTARY JOURNAL

When members of the local Rotary club opened their "Rotarian" magazine this month, they saw a picture of Herb Dearth, a former Grand Ridge boy, who is now residing in Decatur. The picture of Mr. Dearth was with three other Decaturans, illustrating the long and short of "Rotarianism." Mr. Dearth and one other man in the picture are just five feet five inches tall, while one of the other men stands six feet four inches tall and the fourth six feet three inches.

Dearth is well known in Ottawa, having been a student at Brown's business college here.