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ORGANIZATION OF BIG CORPORATION TO PUT UP HOMES HERE LIKELY

Report on Housing Situation Starts Move to Get Capital for Needs

The organization of a corporation to build houses in Salem seemed certain Thursday, as a result of the submission at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Commercial club, at the Spa last night, a detailed report on housing conditions in the city. The report was made by a committee of five men, appointed at the last meeting of the board, to make a survey.

At the meeting last night a committee of three: Charles W. Niemeyer, chairman; Col. E. Hofer and Homer Smith, was selected to formulate plans at once to encourage capital in the undertaking. The committee will work in conjunction with Manager T. E. McCroskey, of the Commercial club.

It is held highly probable that when the actual facts and figures relative to conditions here are submitted to capitalists that the building corporation will surely follow.

20,000 People Here The report confirmed the repeated statements in the Capital Journal of the critical condition here. School and hospital requirements are also incommensurate with requirements, the report stated.

The city's present population, according to the report, is 20,000 persons. The erection of more industrial plants here make it necessary to provide accommodations for the people coming in to work.

The fullness of postponing building for a reduction of prices is emphasized in the report. A list of comparative costs of materials for building also was embodied in the report, and will be published later. The report, except this list, follows:

Committee's Report The findings of the committee appointed by you at a meeting two weeks ago to investigate housing conditions in Salem, are as follows:

Salem undoubtedly has very inadequate housing facilities for not only renters but prospective purchasers, also school and hospital accommodations are totally incommensurate with requirements.

Reliable sources of information in this city show the population of Salem to be over 20,000 persons and growing steadily. New industries are constantly being added requiring large numbers of fresh labor, all of which must be housed.

Causes of Shortage Due to the fact that during the past four years there has been but few houses erected, also to the depreciation of many others to such an extent that they have become uninhabitable, the city has failed to keep pace with the gradual increase of population. And with the sudden advent of industries like the paper mill and meat packing plant not to mention the very decided increase in business done by existing plants, there is a very congested situation and a problem which must have immediate action for its solution. This solution is simply to build more houses. This would then allow many of the older properties in the city to be placed on the market at a less outrageous price than many of them are, and also make available a number of them for renters as several tenants of such properties would buy the new dwellings.

Cost Survey Made But as the recommendation to build is the general consensus of opinion, a comparison at this point of prices of materials and labor has been made for the years 1917-1919 which accompanies this report.

Leaders of the Central Labor council last night submitted a written request to Mr. Spaulding to arbitrate.

In the event a walkout is called Friday, or other trouble arises which will cause a partial shutdown of the mill, Mr. Spaulding said that there is enough repair work to do to keep the remaining members of the crew busy.

When asked if any more men would be let out Mr. Spaulding said: "No. We are getting along all right now, and no more men will be released."

In reply to a report that laborers had been imported from outside the city to fill the vacancies of men who had left the mill, Superintendent Messers declared: "That is untrue. All the men we have engaged are Salem men, and we have taken no one in from the outside."

Several men, working on the log boom, left the mill this morning. They were immediately replaced. Mr. Spaulding said, and operations were not hampered.

INCREASE IN ROAD BOND LIMITATION URGED BY STEWART

James S. Stewart, of Corvallis, representative from Wheeler county, was in Salem Wednesday making preparation for the filing of the petition for a constitutional amendment which will allow the state to incur indebtedness up to 6 per cent of the assessed valuation for the purpose of road construction. According to the laws the proposed amendment cannot be voted upon except at a general election, of which the next is in November, 1920.

The amendment proposed to give the state the power to increase the bonded indebtedness to \$60,000,000 instead of the present \$20,000,000 limitation which is 2 per cent of the assessed valuation.

The counties by a law passed at the last special election, have the right to bond themselves, if they desire, up to 6 per cent of their valuation and the proposed amendment would enable the state, according to Mr. Stewart, to match county issues in aiding in road building.

Reward Offered For Capture of Escaped Convict

A reward of \$50 is offered by the state for information leading to the capture of Denton Truax, who escaped from a gang of state prison convicts engaged in digging potatoes near Lake Labish, five miles north of here Wednesday afternoon. Truax is believed to be still in hiding in the brush surrounding Lake Labish.

Truax, who was sent up from Baker county for rape, is 28 years old, five feet, 8 1/2 inches tall, weighs 148 pounds is of medium complexion, has blue-grey eyes, dark brown hair, has a scar on the nose and a slanting scar back of the left ear. He is a clerk by occupation.

OREGON FLYER MAY BE WINNER BIG AIR DERBY

Washington, Oct. 23.—Lieutenant Alexander J. Pearson, Jr., Portland, Or., is believed to have beaten all announced leaders in the army transcontinental air race, the air service announced today. His total for the round trip was 48 hours, 37 minutes, 16 seconds, nearly nine hours under the time of Captain J. O. Donaldson.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Captain L. H. Smith was entered on the official list as a leader in the army transcontinental air derby.

His official flying time for the round trip from New York to San Francisco is 57 hours, 50 minutes and 47 seconds—less than 16 minutes behind that of Captain J. O. Donaldson, whose record was 57 hours, 33 minutes, 57 seconds.

Lieutenant B. W. Maynard's time was 57 hours, three minutes, 40 1/2 seconds.

Figures on Donald and Maynard are believed by the air service to be practically correct. Smith's time, however, is subject to revision which may land him in first place.

THIRD WOMAN MADE SUBJECT OF ATTACK IN DIVORCE COURT

Charging that Mattie Leland alienated the affections of her husband, E. N. Erickson, Mrs. Mary Erickson Thursday started suit against her for \$10,000 damages. The complaint was filed with the county clerk Wednesday evening. The date of the trial has not yet been set.

In her complaint Mrs. Erickson says that she married her husband in Iowa in December, 1882, and that, thereafter, for 23 years, she lived in blissful harmony and happiness with him. Then, four years ago, she claims, Mattie Leland, who was living at the Erickson home, began to show undue attention to her husband, and at times was seen to caress and kiss him.

This continued, Mrs. Erickson alleges, until her husband would pay no attention to her whatever, and lost all his affection for her. She stood this as long as she could, Mrs. Erickson says, when she asked her husband to tell Miss Leland, who was at that time 23 years old, to leave the house.

Her husband refused, Mrs. Erickson claims, and advised her to leave instead. This she did. And has ever since resided apart from her husband.

FRISCO PRINTERS AND PAPERS AGREE

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Official signatures were attached late yesterday to the new agreement of the typographical union with the newspapermen and it was in full force today.

The agreement gives the printers an \$5 a week increase over the old scale. The actual increase, however, is smaller because the old scale has not been adhered to.

The new scale calls for \$42 a week, day work, and \$45 a week for night work. The men asked for \$57 and \$60. Machinist operators, proof readers and heads of departments get 50 cents over the scale per day.

TWO MEN SHOT. Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 23.—Two men were shot and seriously injured and four others were jailed after a fight when police caught them trying to burn the homes of mill workers in Mosser, a suburb, shortly after last midnight.

BOYS IN PORTLAND. Portland, Or., Oct. 23.—Three half-breed boys who escaped from the Chemawa Indian school, near Salem yesterday afternoon are believed to be in or near Portland this afternoon.

The boys were seen at Wilsonville, in Clackamas county, this morning.

INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE IS REVAMPED

President Constitutes New Board From Wreckage Of Old With Representatives Of Public In Seats.

Delegates Of Capital Excused Following Walkout Of Labor Group; New Members May Be Added.

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Wilson today constituted a new national industrial conference from the wreckage of the first one.

At his suggestion, transmitted thru Franklin K. Lane, chairman, the delegates, representing the public, will remain in session to seek a solution of the nation's industrial problems.

The delegates of the employers were excused from further attendance and the labor representatives walked out yesterday. But the public's conferees, the president told Lane, must carry on the work.

Public Group Remains. The public group will be expected to make an exhaustive investigation of the entire national situation, just as the original conference of the public, capital and labor had planned to do, Lane explained.

"This group will carry on the work of the committee already appointed by the conference, reorganizing them where vacancies have been occasioned through the adjournment of the original conference," Lane said.

New members will be added to the group if it seems necessary," Lane addressed the conference, following receipt of his letter from the president. He said Wilson desired the public group to carry on the work.

Delegates representing the public and capital heard the speech but the seats of the labor delegates were vacant.

Aim Is Changed. "It was the intention that this conference should frame a program on which labor and capital could co-operatively work together," said Lane.

"By the withdrawal of the labor group yesterday, the nature of the conference was changed."

Lane declared the conference "adjourned as now constituted" at the conclusion of his remarks.

The public group immediately went into session as the other delegates left the hall.

"The president desires the nature of the conference changed and the work carried on by the public group," Lane said in his speech.

Consider Public First. "Inasmuch as the burden of the quarrel between capital and labor falls on the public, it seems proper that this group should undertake to find the way. It recognizes the fact that people of the United States are greater than any party."

"The public group will be asked to make a report and to give advice and make suggestions as to the industrial policies of this country, these to be presented to the president."

MEMORIAL DRIVE IS FAR SHORT OF GOAL IN MARION COUNTY

With only three days left for the campaign in this county for the Roosevelt Memorial, a great effort must be made to raise the quota of \$1700. Thursday it was reported by Treasurer D. W. Eyre that he has received only \$225 so far. This was turned in by one committee. It is believed that the report of all the committees in the county the receipts will swell largely.

In all the city and county schools teachers during the week, have been acquainting pupils with interesting incidents in the life of Colonel Roosevelt. In several out districts children have contributed small sums to the memorial. It is reported.

According to information received this morning by leaders of the campaign, several counties in the state have already raised and exceeded their quotas. Marion county's quota is one of the smallest in the state, and leaders are disappointed at the lack of response to the cause.

As an inducement to subscribe, in any amount the donor sees fit, it is pointed out that the names of all subscribers will be enclosed in the corner-stone of the proposed memorial monument.

Persons wishing to contribute to the memorial fund are asked to give it to solicitors, or to Mr. Eyre, at the United States National bank. In other cities city officials are aiding in the campaign, and it is probable that the same will be taken up by Salem's civil leaders and merchants.

Every important town in central Oregon has a highway crew, and progress is rapid on the highway between Bend

Kaiser Scoffed at Idea of Intervention by U. S. Von Bernstorff States

By Carl D. Groat (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, Oct. 22.—The former kaiser scoffed at American intervention early in 1917, according to Count von Bernstorff, then German ambassador to the United States.

Replying to a question by Dr. Sinsheimer, when he resumed testifying in the reichstag committee of investigation of conduct of the war this afternoon, Von Bernstorff admitted that Wilhelm telegraphed Foreign Secretary Zimmermann about January 16, 1917, "that 'if a breach with America cannot be avoided things must take their course.'"

The statement created a sensation, several committed members gasping audibly. There was a hurried consultation and after some delay a copy of the telegram was produced. It was read by Sinsheimer.

"His majesty does not care a bit about President Wilson's peace offer," the telegram said. "If a breach with America cannot be avoided, things must take their course. Events are developing."

The statement grew as the full text was read and then the committee and audience grasped the full import of the message.

BOLSHEVICK USE FIRST TANKS IN DEFENSE TODAY

London, Oct. 23.—(United Press.)—Doctor Orblson, administrative head of the American relief mission in Riga, was wounded by a German shell which struck that organization's headquarters in Riga, a Copenhagen dispatch reported today.

The shell was fired during a heavy bombardment of the city by German artillery attached to Colonel Bermon's army. The Lithuanian defenders repelled vigorously to the bombardment.

A wireless dispatch from Moscow reported the first tanks manufactured by the bolsheviks in action against General Yudenich's army outside Petrograd. Yudenich's difficulties, a Stockholm report said, have been increased by the refusal of Finland to co-operate in the attack on Petrograd.

The Agrarians in the Finnish diet have blocked any attempt at assistance. It was said, fearing the heavy cost.

The Russian soviet government has notified Germany, in a wireless from Moscow that compliance with the allies' request to join in a blockade of the bolsheviks would be regarded as an act of hostility.

SALEM POLICE WATCH FOR PORTLAND BANDITS

Salem police, guards from the state penitentiary and deputies from the Sheriff's office were on the look out here today for the two robbers, who in broad daylight yesterday, entered a Portland jewelry shop, held up bound and gagged the proprietor and escaped with \$1300 in cash and several thousand dollars worth of diamonds.

Information from Portland authorities is to the effect that the pair are believed to have headed south in the auto in which they escaped from the scene of the robbery. The failure of anyone to get the number of the auto license makes the hunt difficult, authorities here say.

TRAIN ESCAPES BOMB

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 23.—A bomb was exploded on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Spers station, near here, a few minutes before a train carrying workers of the Pittsburgh Steel Products company arrived. The explosion delayed traffic but no one was injured.

Treaty Friends and Foes Line Up Forces for Ballot Upon Johnson Amendment

Washington, Oct. 23.—While debate raged on the senate floor over the Johnson treaty amendment today, democratic and republican leaders worked strenuously in cloak rooms to line up their forces on their proposed reservations.

No vote was expected until tomorrow on the Johnson amendment. Further reservations will be considered by the foreign relations committee at a meeting late today.

Johnson makes final plea for his amendment to equalize voting strength in the league, declared that he introduced it with the most implicit faith that it would be accepted by the senate with enthusiasm and acclamation.

"I find that I am sadly mistaken," said Johnson. "There are gentlemen in this senate who refuse to their coun-

try that which is assumed by another."

"This right which is not denied the United States in England, Canada or any other country is desired in the United States senate," declared Johnson as he read from the English papers articles which said that the United States is entitled to equal representation.

Cites Three Reasons. "There are three reasons why this amendment should be accepted," declared Johnson. "First, it is right and just. Second, the self respect of America demands it. Third, our pride and patriotism demand it."

Lenroot, Wisconsin, opposing the Johnson amendment, declared reservations must be accepted or the treaty will fail.

MINERS VETO COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

Proposal Of Secretary Wilson Rejected By Workers As "Inadequate" To Meet Present Situation.

Action Points To Starting Of Coal Strike On November 1, Unless More Favorable Terms Are Offered.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Miners meeting at the American Federation of Labor building today voted to reject Secretary of Labor Wilson's compromise proposal for settlement of the coal strike called for November 1.

"The offer is inadequate, insufficient and fails to meet the necessities of the situation," said John Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, following the meeting.

"We will go to the Secretary of Labor Wilson at 2 o'clock this afternoon."

The action of the miners means that the coal strike probably will start on schedule, time unless Secretary Wilson can find some other way to bring the miners and operators together.

Lewis indicated the miners would be opposed to continuing in conference with the operators here, unless a proposal very much more favorable to the men was immediately forthcoming.

Miners State Position. In a statement given out before going into conference with Secretary Wilson this afternoon, the miners declared the Wilson proposal was practically the same thing suggested by the operators and charged that both the operators and Wilson had laid down proposals like those of Senator Frelinghuysen in his recent speech in which he undertook to disclose the basis on which the operators would deal with the miners.

"This remarkable similarity," the statement said, "is at least an extraordinary coincidence."

Miners also said they had received from governors numerous appeals to furnish sufficient coal for public utilities and state institutions. The miners declared that the situation in these states after November 1, "will be due to their own fault and to the fault of the operators."

BIDS ARE ASKED ON ADDITIONAL ROADS TO TOTAL 150 MILES

Contracts for the improvement of more than 150 miles of state highway in eastern and southern Oregon will be let by the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland, November 4. The schedule of jobs on which bids are to be received at the November meeting was announced by the department this morning as follows:

Baker county—Canyon-Section, Baker-Cornucopia highway, 2.5 miles graveling.

Cook county—Crooked River project, 31.8 miles graveling. Primeville-Redmond section, 16.2 miles grading, 4.8 miles graveling and surfacing.

Deschutes county—Bend-Jefferson county line section, The Dalles-California highway, 23.9 miles grading, Bend-Allen ranch section, The Dalles-California highway 5 mile grading, 1 mile graveling, 4.1 miles cindering, 11 miles reasphalting.

Klamath county—Klamath Falls-Merrill section, 14.7 miles grading and graveling. Merrill-California line section, 12.8 miles grading and surfacing. Klamath Falls-Daley section, 13.5 miles grading and surfacing. Algoma section, 8.5 miles grading and surfacing.

Malheur county—Cow Valley-Bron project, 3.3 miles grading.

Umatilla county—Pendleton-Cabbage Hill section, 7.5 miles grading and graveling.

M'NARY INTRODUCES NEW SUGAR MEASURE

Washington, Oct. 23.—A new sugar bill, without licensing provisions, was introduced today by Senator McNary, Oregon. The bill would extend the life of the sugar equalization board through 1920, but would not grant it any power to license distribution of sugar.

This provision was omitted despite the protest of officials of the sugar equalization board, who declared that unless they were given licenses they would be without authority to enforce their decisions.

Burning of the box factory near Trout Lake is seriously inconveniencing orchardists at Hood River and White Salmon.