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PROBE ON HIGH COST OF LIVING STARTED

Administration Sees Action Is Necessary to Meet Demands of Railway Brotherhood.

SEES DISASTER AHEAD

President of Railway Employees Organization Confronts the Wage Board With Startling Statement of Revolution Near.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A committee to consider ways and means of reducing the excessively high cost of living, whose duty it is to report their findings to the president next Monday, was appointed by a conference of cabinet officers at the office of Attorney General Palmer today. The probe into existing conditions which was started yesterday by the railway trainmen's statement that something had to be done or higher wages would be demanded by the brotherhood, woke up the administration officials to the seriousness of the situation. Facing the reserve's board monthly review, which forecasts no relief from present high prices, but rather intimates an increase, the committee sees little light it is alleged, on the crisis approaching. In fact, the review of the situation shows that along many lines there were substantial increases in commodities during the month just closed, and goes on to say that there appears to be a disposition to accept the present cost levels, and also adds that a continuation of the prevailing high prices may be expected for some time to come.

Attorney General Palmer remarked that one suggestion received for reducing the high cost of living was that the government sell this year's wheat crop at market price, which should be determined by the law of supply and demand, and make up the administration guarantee to the growers out of the billion dollar fund appropriated by congress.

Unrest Everywhere.

W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen's organization, made a startling true statement before the wage adjustment board yesterday, presenting matters perhaps in an entirely new light to the government officials who might have looked upon the situation all too calmly, and declared an "upheaval" was nearer in this country today than ever before, due to the unrest arising from mounting living costs.

"The railroads and government departments had better be assisting to crush profiteering. All of us are to blame, because we are exerting every effort to get more money for ourselves and better conditions. Every day we must realize that the profiteers are taking double from the workingman what is given them; and the trouble with the people on the hill (capital), with us and with every corporation and with everybody, is that we are exerting ourselves to get more, while the workingman is merely existing and while the profiteer is piling up millions.

"I will admit to you, gentlemen, that we are going the wrong way. I tell to you that it is time to call a halt, and I admit to you that until we get together, until we commence together to stop this, there will be hell in this country—and it is nearer today than I ever knew it in my years of experience.

Genuine Alarm Is Felt.

"Just let somebody drop a match in this country of ours, and it will be a sorry day for us all.

"Unless my vision is most terribly obscured, there is something coming to us pretty soon in this country that we had better take notice of. We had something of peace in this country prior to the war conditions. We were getting along fairly well until profiteering became so noticeable everywhere and until the commodities that working people are compelled to pay for were permited to be increased, doubled and trebled without any question, and often seemingly with the approval of the government.

"We are nearer war in this world today, I believe, than when the kaiser threw out the gauntlet. Our lawmakers are to blame, in my opinion, because the masses of the people would be behind them if they would attempt to correct it—and surely there is power to correct it—but instead they are playing politics and it is the same all down the line.

"I am not a red card man, but am coming close to it, if this thing keeps up," Mr. Lee aded.

He declared that he could not justify the fact that wheat was $2.26 in this country and flour perhaps $14 a barrel, when flour made from the same grade of grain sells in England for $5.11.

"Cost Plus" Plan Rapped.

"I want, if possible, to see some plan devised here that will permit somebody to say that beef, pork and commodities of that kind cannot go above a certain limit," Mr. Lee said.

Mr. Lee also expressed emphatic disapproval of "cost plus" war contracts, by which he said owners of inferior factories had obtained fine plants and big profits at the expense of taxpayers. It was such things, he declared, which caused the railroad employees, faced by growing expenses, to be willing to follow a "red flag or anything that comes along."

In response to questions Attorney General Palmer admitted that there was no law by which prices could be lowered directly, but he declined to say whether new legislation was needed to enable the department to punish men who may be guilty of profiteering.

WILL BEGIN WORK.

Carlton Tidrick, of Danville, Ill., arrived in Roseburg today to begin work on the interior of the federal building, which is to be given final coats of paint under a contract recently awarded by the treasury department to Mr. Tidrick's employer, D. J. Inman. Four local painters, besides Mr. Tidrick, will be employed on the job, which will be completed early in September.

LODGE BRINGS COPY OF SECRET TREATY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A new and totally unlooked for phase of the treaty situation developed here today when Senator Lodge, republican, produced a copy of a secret treaty between the "Big Five" and Polaind, which he proceeded to read into the senate's records. The treaty is allege to have been signed at Versailles June 28 by represenatives of England, France, Italy, Japan and the United States, constituting the "Big Five". The pact was submitted to the British parliament two weeks ago, it is claimed.

100,000 R. R. SHOPMEN WALK OUT IN STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—One hundred thousandh railway shopmen in the Chicago district and 30,000 in the Atlanta district quit work today to enforce a demand for higher wages. The strike was called today by the Federated Shopmen's Union and is nation wide in its scope. Walkouts occurred in Boston, Philadelphia, Denver, and many other places. The union officials stated that the railroad administration had promised a settlement by July 1 and it had not come, so after a month the strike was called.

WANTS COMMITTEE TO PASS WAGE INCREASE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The president has asked congress to create a special investigating committee to pass upon the demand for wage increase by the railway shopmen and other employes. The house commerce committee has submitted a favorable report on the resolution for a federal trade commission to inquire into the almost prohibitive price of shoes, in which line of industry there is alleged to be general profiteering by manufacturers and jobbers.

ANTI-JAPANESE RIOTS REPORTED SHANTUNG

(By Associated Press.)

HONOLULU, Aug. 1.—Cable messages report serious anti-Japanese disturbances at Tis-Nanfu, capital of the the province of Shantung, China. The commander of the Chinese garrison has declared martial law. This province is included in the territorial award of the peace council to Japan, and the riots are alleged to be due to hostility of the Chinese against Japanese aggression.

ENGLAND PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL TREATY

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The British foreign office has announced that negotiations with the United States are in progress for a new commercial treaty. The text of the treaty will soon be laid before parliament the London News says today.

A transient giving the name of Michael Affine was arrested this morning for sleeping in a box car filled with freight. It was found that he had not pilfered anything from the car and consequently was allowed his liberty.

DISPUTE LEADS TO GUN PLAY

Fishermen Fail To Agree On Fishing Grounds and Gun Settles Difficulty.

AGED MAN IS PRISONER

Employee of Capt. Hackett Is Arrested on Warrant Sworn Out By A Younger Resident of the Village of Melrose.

A dispute over fishing grounds late Wednesday evening, led to the arrest yesterday of Sam Pearson, aged 67 on a charge of having drawn a weapon on Frank Dunn, a resident of the Melrose vicinity. Dunn came to Roseburg yesterday morning and swore out a warrant for Pearson, who was arrested and brought to this city after 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The story told by the various principals differs considerably, but as near as can be ascertained, Pearson, who is employed by Capt. Hackett, who owns a large ranch at the Forks of the river and Charles Kyes, a well known fisherman of the vicinity, went out in a boat to take in their nets, which they keep in the stream throughout the day time. Dunn was also in a boat on the river for the same purpose and claimed the spot in which the two had placed their nets as his and objected to their appropriating the runway.

Dunn claims that Pearson pulled out a gun "two feet long" and threatened him with death if he didn't leave immediately, and that Kyes, who was rowing the boat, kept it turned so that the muzzle of the revolver was pointed in the correct direction. He says he then went to shore and started at once to Roseburg to obtain the warrant.

Pearson says that the weapon is one which he always carries in the boat and that after he and Kyes had started taking up their net that Dunn approached and ordered them off the river. They refused to go and were told that unless they dropped the net and went to shore that he (Dunn) would turn their boat over and dump them in the river. Pearson says that with that threat he reached down for the gun, which is a 32-calibre revolver, and holding it in his hand so that it could be seen, but without pointing it at Dunn, ordered him to shut up and get out of the way until they got through. Dunn started pulling for the shore and when last seen by the defendant was hitting up the bank at a rapid rate of speed. Pearson also stated that it was the first time he had seen Dunn and would not know him again.

He was arrested by Constable Dillard and Sheriff Quine and was brought to this city and arraigned before Justice of the Peace I. B. Riddle. He asked for a preliminary examination and on account of the lateness of the hour was released on his own recognizance.

Upon appearing before Justice of the Peace I. B. Riddle this afternoon Pearson was placed under $500 bonds to appear for examination Tuesday at 1 o'clock. Mr. Kyes who signed the bond stated that before the weapon was brought into play that Dunn had made his threat and had rammed the boat in which the two fishermen were seated, breaking out a portion of one of the side boards.

ROSEBURG MUST PROCURE FIELD

Airplanes Will Not be Sent Here Unless Landing Site Is Obtained.

MEETING HELD TODAY

Governor, Pilots and Forestry Officials Decide That Much Larger and More Suitable Field is Necessary for Event.

SALEM, Aug. 1.—(Special to the News.)—At a meeting today of Governor Olcott, State Forester Elliott, Lieutenant Kiel, Sergeant McKee and forest officials, it was determined that, in the event Roseburg procures a suitable landing field, that an airplane for forest patrol will be assigned to this city and it is possible that two planes will be assigned later. However, the whole matter hinges upon Roseburg's ability to secure a new field or enlarge the present landing place for the aviators refuse to consider a base here on the present narrow and unsatisfactory field. A requisition has been sent to the government for six or eight planes and if these are procured two of them will be sent to Roseburg to make daily patrols, one going south as far as Medford, the other north as far as Eugene, circling back on return over the Umpqua Forest and Coast range. The fair grounds as a landing place was considered and other sites discussed. It is, however, up to the people of Roseburg to secure a suitable aviation field in order that the planes may be assigned.

No new or important developments had occurred up to noon today in regard to the airplane ordered to Roseburg for forest patrol duty. The planes are both in Salem awaiting the command of the governor who has been instructed to assign them to duty. Both Salem and Eugene have made strong pleas for the machines but it is thought that on account of Roseburg's more central location one plane will be brought here. The other will be located at Salem or Portland, according to present plans. The Umpqua forest together with the Crater Lake forest to the south, comprises an exceedingly large area which will require all of the attention of one of the planes. The machine to be located here will probably fly as far south as the California line and as far north as Eugene. A special telegram to The News this morning from Robert E. Smith stated that he had been notified of the arrival of the airplanes and that he would do all in his power to see that Roseburg is named as base for one of the planes which have been ordered assigned for forest patrol work in the state. It is quite probable that the machine will be sent here within a short time and that suitable quarters will be established for it.

WHEAT RESULTS IN STATE ARE VARIED

Sections Report An Absolute Failure While Others Have A Heavy Yeild.

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

First Part of Week Was Hot With Change for the Cooler During Middle of Week.—Thunderstorms General.

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—Harvest of winter wheat continues throughout Oregon with results varying from almost absolute failure to the best on record. However, in the principal wheat growing counties the yield is generally as good as was expected, according to the weekly weather and crop report of the weather bureau here.

High temperature prevailed at the first of last week, but there was a change to cooler about the middle of the week, the temperature in some localities falling almost to freezing. The temperature toward the close of the week again was above normal. A large number of thunderstorms occurred in various parts of Oregon, but the amount of rainfall generally was too small to be of benefit to crops to quench the forest fires or to seriously delay farm work. Many forest fires were started by lighting. Water for irrigation is becoming scarce in many localities.

Harvest of spring wheat and oats is progressing except in the more elevated districts. The crop is light excepting the western counties and where irrigated. Irrigated corn is good; unirrigated corn needs rain, but except over limited areas has not been injured by draught. Ears are forming in Josephine and Malheur counties.

Apricots still are in the market. Peaches and early aples are being marketed in increasing quantities. Picking of raspberries and loganberries is approaching completion in most sections and picking of blackberries is in full progress. Evergreen blackberries are ripening.

Haying is generally complete except for the late cutting of alfalfa and clover. Where not irrigated these crops need rain. The second and third crops of alfalfa will be short in some places, owing to scarcity of irrigation water. The third crop of alfalfa is approaching maturity in parts of Umatilla county. Pastures and ranges are very dry except in the higher mountains, but there is little complaint of shortage of feed and stock is generally in fair to good condition.

Potatoes and all unirrigated garden vegetables need rain. Some early potatoes suffered from blight. The market is fairly well supplied with potatoes and vegetables. Hops are doing well.

MURPHY GETS NEW PLACE.

Arthur A. Murphy, captain of the 91st division, who delivered the July 4th oration in this city, has accepted a temporary position on the legal staff of the Union Pacific railway system for the period of governmental control of the roads. He is well known in this city. On his return to Portland from service he resumed his position as deputy in the office of District Attorney Evans.

GOT HER "GOAT."

The marriage of Jessie May Goetz to George I. Lamb was reported today by County Judge Marsters, who performed the wedding ceremony at his office. Both are well known young folks of this county and have a host of friends who wish them well as they band together in new pastures.

HAYS WILL NOT MAKE GOVERNORSHIP RACE

(By Associated Press.)

BROOKVILLE, Aug. 1.—Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, announced today that he will not be a candidate for nomination for governor of Indiana. He will continue to take care of his present duties.

AGREEMENT OF TREATY LAID BEFORE SENATE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A protocol to the German peace treaty, defining the explanations of the treaty agree to in the memorandums exchanged between he allied plenipotentiaries and the German envoys, was laid before the senate today by Vice-president Marshtll. The documents were placed in the hands of Vice-President Marshall yesterday by the president, but were too late to be presented to the senate until this morning. Explanatory letters from President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing accompanied the documents.

LENINE MAY RETIRE AS RUSSIAN PREMIER

(By Associated Press.)

STOCKHOLM, August 1.—The Swenska Daghlatt has alleged information stating that Nikolai Lenine, premier of the Russian Bolshevist government, intends to soon inaugurate a drastic change of policy and then resign. One condition of his retirement will be that Leon Trotzky, who is minister of war, shall be left in command of the Red army. A soviet official statement reports successes for Bolsheviki armies in the Onega sector at Archangel. It is claimed the Reds advanced 14 miles, and were aided in heir success by a mutiny among the allied trrops.

RATES ARE LOWERED.

Roseburg residents will welcome the news that at least one thing for which they pay out money has decreased in price instead of increasing. A number of increased rates of the Postal Telegraph company are ordered discontinued, the order to become effective at midnight last night, according to word received here. The forms of telegrams which are affected by the order, and the substance of the message received from Mr. Forehand follow:

Discontinue the increase of 20 per cent in rates made by the postmaster general on day telegrams, order made on April 1, and restore rates for day telegrams to what they were in effect prior to that date. Restore night telegram rates to what they were before postmaster general changed them on January 1. Continue the present night telegram rates without deducting the 20 per cent increase excepting that as to interstate night telegrams. The rates shall be the same as they were prior to April 1.

Exclusive Postal points for exclusive Western Union points the Western Union rate will be collected. The war tax of five cents for telegrams under 50 cents, and 10 cents for all of those over that amount will be continued. The new order makes a telegram of 10 words sent to Portland at the old price of 30 cents be decreased to 25 cents under the new ruling.

STORM OF PROTEST.

The appointment of Col. John L. May to head the Oregon National Guard has brought forth a storm of protest from the ex-soldiers of the state. Just what the result will be cannot be determined at this time but it has been known for some time that the colonel is not well liked in the military forces of the state. Not long ago, when first contingent of the Third Oregon arrived from overseas, the mothers of the boys made formal protest against the actions of May during his time in command of that organizations.

POMONA GRANGE MEETS.

The Pomona Grange met this afternoon in conjunction with Yoncalla grange in the Oakland hall. A number of members from this city were in attendance. An all day session was enjoyed and a big lunch at noon was a feature.

ESTABLISH APPLE PACKING SCHOOL

College Will Furnish instructors Who Will Teach All Applicants.

IS GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Will Afford Chance to Learn Trade Which Pays Excellent Wages and Will Always Remain Fair Demand.

Prof. C. E. Schuster, horticultural specialist of the Agricultural College is in Roseburg for the purpose of aranging for an apple packing school for this place and vicinity beginning August the 18th and continuing through the week concluding Saturday the 23rd. Arrangements have been made with the Umpqua Valley Fruit Union to use their building for the school. The Union has agreed to furnish apples and paper. The College will furnish the instructors, consequently the pupils will be at no expense whatever.

It is estimated that there will be a hundred carloads of apples packed in Roseburg and vicinity this fall. This being the first large crop there is not sufficient trained packers to any way near pack this amount of fruit. It is for this reason that the College agreed to put on the school here this year. Prof. Schuster will be in charge of the school. Applications for this work should be made either to R. H. C. Wood or the County Agricultural Agent and all applications should be filed before the 18th of August, so as to enable the Fruit Union to make arrangements for the necessary apples and paper required.

This is going to be an opportunity for those in the county who desire to prepare themselves to do expert packing to get the instruction absolutely free, and there will be an opportunity this fall for all the packers who desire to work to make good wages. The price for packing will probably be six or seven cents per box and Professor Schuster says that good packers can easily pack from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five boxes, and that expert packers have run as high as two hundred boxes per day, so it will be easily seen that those who have the proper training will be enabled to earn good wages.

MUSICAL CHIN CHIN DELIGHTS BIG CROWD

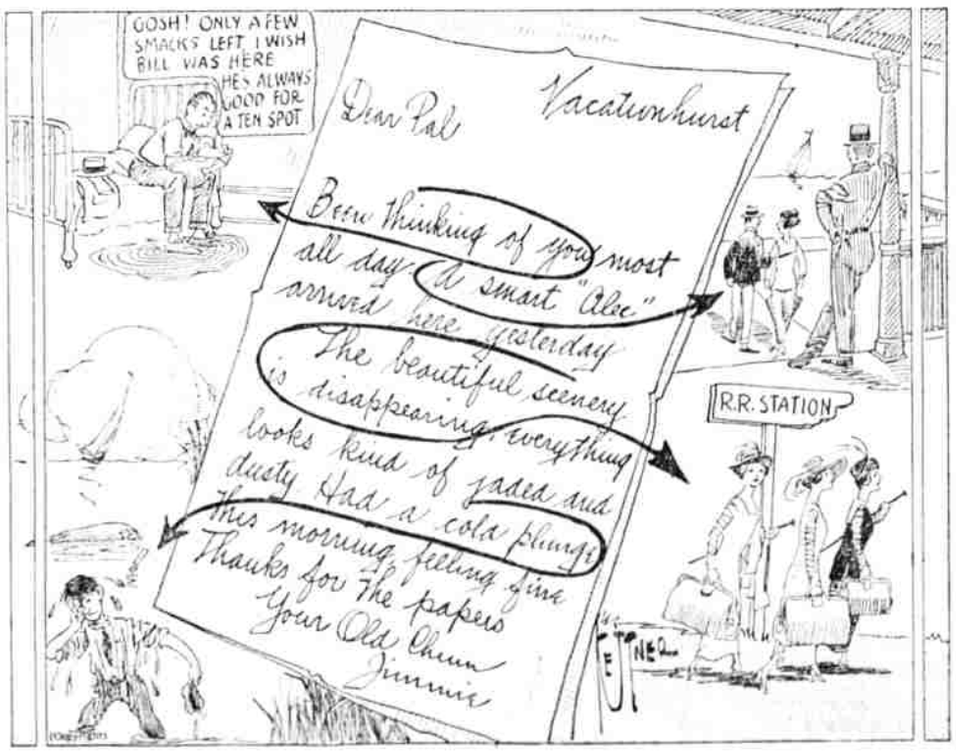
For the first time in years, Roseburg theatre goers last night had the opportunity of witnessing a real metropolitan production and the production of Charles Dillingham's "Chin Chin" pleased a large audience. The stage of the popular Antlers was lighted "the best ever" owing to the efforts of the manager H. L. Percy.

Comedians who could "comede" and chorus girls of dazzling beauty were the outstanding features of the musical comedy success. Versatility was the chief stock in trade of Walter Wills and Roy Binder, the two eccentric clowns who were the life of the play and around whom the whole plot was centered. While some of their jokes were of the newhiskered variety they had them barbered in a manner which made them perfectly acceptable to the most exacting and at no time could they have been accused of mutilating the wit of ancient punsters.

Devoid of any real solo voices but with choral work of exceptional quality, he musical portion of the play was well taken care of. Not the least in the line of musical attractions was the ever present Wills as Paderewski, who demonstrated that he could handle his hands as well as his tongue and gave an exhibition of execution so far from the usual murderous type that it would have turned his Polish namesake several shades darker than emerald green to have heard him. In fact he was handicapped only by the limited dimensions of the piano from lengthening his sprint up the keyboard into a marathon.

The saxaphone band was another big attraction and through the efforts of the six clown musicians the mechanical pipe won a place in the hearts of local jazz lovers as an Inbrown's sextette was a hit but could strument of great possibilities. Tom have given a little more of their valuable time to the entertainment of the crowd for their short ten minutes on the stage was little more than a taste.

Roseburg was well pleased with "Chin Chin" and will go again should it ever come back.

Ames O. Buker, the Perdue merchant, was in the city yesterday looking after business matters and visiting with friends. The gentleman reports his vicinity prosperous.

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