

BOLSHEVIKI ARE SPONSORING STRIKE

Evidence Obtained Showing Russian Communists Taking a Hand.

CABINET MEETING HELD

Attorney-General Palmer and Cabinet Members Refuses to Discuss Decision Reached After an Hour's Discussion.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Evidence obtained by the department of justice is said today to show that the Russian Communist International is undertaking to use the railroad strike as a vehicle for the creation of a mass strike in the United States, and reports of federal agents are said to have disclosed that the communist party is financing and otherwise aiding the strike through the Industrial Workers of the World.

Evidence which the department has received was declared to justify the statement that the strike is merely a step in a well known plan of the communist group to create a mass strike, followed by a revolution.

Reports regarding the international part in the strike is understood to have been laid before President Wilson and the cabinet today by the attorney-general, but they persisted in silence concerning any decision reached at the cabinet meeting.

Cabinet Meeting Held

WASHINGTON, April 14.—President Wilson and the cabinet discussed the railroad strike for over an hour today and apparently reached some conclusion, but there was no intimation made as to its nature. Attorney-General Palmer said it would be fair to conclude that the situation was discussed, but refused to disclose the conclusions reached, and the other members of the cabinet would make no statement.

Palmer went directly to his office and immediately summoned his assistants for a conference. Soon after the cabinet meeting the president telegraphed the newly named railroad labor board asking them to come to Washington and be prepared to function as soon as their nominations were confirmed.

Central West Improved

CHICAGO, April 14.—Improved freight conditions were reported today in the central west, with the insurgent switchmen returning to work at several points, but the industrial situation in Ohio and Michigan reached a crisis as a result of the stoppage of fuel supplies, and in the far west a dozen passenger trains are reported to be stalled in southern California. Both the insurgent and brotherhood officials predicted the battle to be a lingering affair.

Prisoners to Get Different Treatment

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 14.—Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman, said in the house of commons today that the Irish government had decided to treat those prisoners at Mount Joy prison who were arrested on suspicion by competent military authority, differently from other classes of prisoners, that they would receive ameliorative treatment.

Luncheon Held At Noon Today

The chief topic of discussion at the luncheon of the Douglas county teachers' association, held in the private dining room of the Umpqua hotel today, was the question of community singing, for which all feel that there is an urgent need in this city. Father Russell White, of the Episcopal church, spoke of the work which has been done along that line in other places, and tentative plans were laid for weekly "sings," to take place in this city, probably beginning next Saturday evening, and held at the Umpqua hotel, with the consent of the management which is yet to be secured. Father White was appointed as director, having had much experience along that line. The members of the music club feel much encouraged with the forming of the municipal band, which comes as a direct result of their efforts, and felt that the community singing problem should be taken up as their next work.

A telegram was read from Frederick Goodrich, of Portland, the state president of the organization, who had formerly signified his intention of being present at this time, in which he stated that important business matters kept him in Portland but that he would be present the first week in May, at the regular meeting. The roll call was re-

MASS MEETING AT CITY HALL TONIGHT

Plans are being perfected today for the mass meeting to be held at the city hall this evening for a general discussion of the proposed formation of the R. O. S. S. club, and speakers are expected to be present who will present both sides of the subject. While the majority seem to be in favor of the wearing of blue overalls and soft shirts as a method of bringing down the H. C. L., there are also a good measure of those who insist that the only result would be boosting of the price of overalls.

This as well as other sides of the question will be presented at the meeting at the city hall and it is urgently requested that all those interested be present. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

Much Interest In Camp Grounds

Roseburg's free auto tourists camp grounds park will be opened May 1. This is earlier than the park has been opened heretofore, but on account of the tourists insisting upon traveling, notwithstanding the condition of the roads, the committee is going to get in readiness so as to take care of the early spring traffic. The \$300 appropriated by the city council for the improvement and maintenance will be spent under the supervision of the street committee and the committee appointed by the Merchants' association.

As soon as the weather permits the ground will be harrowed, raked and rolled, thus presenting a better appearance than it does at this time. Ashland has appropriated more funds for the improvement of her already wonderful camp grounds, but she desires to take in a few more tourist dollars and has doubled the capacity of the grounds used last year. They have cleared and opened up considerable ground on the opposite side of the creek and terraced this in order that the tourists may have a perfectly level place to camp. The citizens of Ashland agree that her camp is one of the city's most valuable assets.

The Dalles has taken hold of her camping park proposition in earnest, and is also taking up the establishment of an aviation field and landing base in their city along the upper Columbia. Every community having a possible landing field is placing it in shape, because they see some business, and considerable advertising as the result of having an auto camp ground and an aviation field, and they will, of course, get dollar for dollar in all their funds and assets in this proposition.

Freshmen Class Gives Program

The last of the series of interclass programs was given at the high school this morning, the freshmen class being the entertainers. A score of outsiders among the friends of the school were present, and the program was generally conceded to be among the cleverest to be given this year. Almost the entire class was represented in some part of the program, and much care and thought had been expended on the costumes. An elaborate blackface act was given in costume and was especially good, as were the dancers of the different countries. The program, with the stage names of the participants, follows:

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| Director | Monsieur Francois Le Grouch |
| Accompanist | "Pat" |
| DANCERS | "Harpie" |
| Japanese | "Flo Flo" and chorus |
| Scottish | "Mat" |
| Skirt | "Peggy" and "Gert" |
| Spanish | "Caro" and "Vic" |
| Hawaiian | "Happie" and "Leet" |
| Arabian | "Caro" |
| Ensemble | All |
| I. Solo | "Ashes of Roses" |
| III. Caesar's Roman-nosed Snow-ball | Boleslav Band. |
| Director | Julius Caesar, alias "Al" |
| IV. A Wedding in Southern Georgia | CAST— |
| Minister | "Phil" |
| Bride | "Kate" |
| Groom | "Jitney" |
| Mother | "Vic" |
| Father | "Parsnip" |
| Best Man | "Leet" |
| Maid of Honor | "Ginger" |
| Maid | "Haxie" and "Dutch" |
| Maid's Attendants | "Shorty" and "Fat" |
| Flower Girls | "Wollie" and "Podge" |
| Train Bearers | "Gob" and "Lovie" |
| Ring Bearer | "Lucy" |
| Ushers | "Ab" and "Jerry" |
| Quartette | "Bill" and "Duke" |
| "Don" and "Lip" | |
| Audience | "FROSH" |
| Band | "Snowballs" |

DANCE HALL LAW EFFECTIVE APRIL 17

All Dance Halls Outside the Corporate Limits of City Must Be Licensed.

PENALTY IS PROVIDED

District Attorney is Instructed to Prosecute Failures to Comply With Provisions Made by the Recent Legislature.

The 1919 legislature passed a law requiring all dance halls, outside the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town, to be licensed. This license is obtainable from the county court, and it is made the duty of the district attorney to prosecute failures to procure such licenses. The law becomes effective on April 17, and after that time managers of dances given outside the city will be forced to obtain a license or suffer the penalty provided.

The complete law is as follows: 1. A public dance hall is defined to be any building or other place within this state outside of the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town which may be used for public dancing for which there is a charge made directly or indirectly where men and women are permitted to engage in dancing or where any class is given instructions in dancing for hire.

2. No dance hall shall be used for dancing purposes until a license has been obtained, and applications for such licenses must be in writing to the county court and made at least ten days before any dance is held, and such license is issued by the county clerk to the owner or lessee, proprietor, manager or operator of such dance hall, only at the discretion and upon order of the county court.

3. Each license issued will expire on December 31st following the date thereof, but shall be revocable at any time at the discretion and by order of the county court. No license will be issued until the applicant has satisfied the court of his good moral character and his right thereto, and he has paid to the county clerk for such licenses for the general fund of the county the following fees:

Five (\$5.00) dollars where the dancing floor space is 2500 square feet or less.

Ten (\$10.00) dollars where the dancing floor space is more than 2500 square feet but less than 5000.

Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars where the dancing floor space is 5,000 square feet or over.

4. It is made the duty of the persons to whom the license is issued to forthwith post and keep the same at all times in a conspicuous place in the hall to which the same is applicable, and the same shall be removed when it has expired by limitation or is revoked by order of the court.

5. No license will be issued which does not upon its face contain the provision of expiration by limitation or for revocation thereof and provisions requiring the dance hall to which it shall be applicable to be kept in a clean, healthy and sanitary condition at all times, and said hall and stairways, passages, rooms and places connected therewith at all times to be kept open and well lighted, and requiring the owner, proprietor, manager, lessee or operator to at all times maintain good order in said hall, and said license shall further contain upon its face the hours of each day within which dancing in said hall shall be prohibited, said hours to be uniform and to be fixed by the county court at the time of the granting of such license.

6. It shall be unlawful from and after April 17th, 1920, for any person in this county to conduct or attend any dance held in any place without the same being duly licensed, and it shall be unlawful for any person to conduct or attend any dance in any such hall when the same is not conducted strictly in compliance with the provisions and conditions of the license issued therefor.

7. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the act providing for the issuance of licenses shall forfeit any license theretofore granted him and shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than sixty days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

The application for license shall be furnished upon application to the county clerk.

Mrs. R. M. Cooley, formerly Miss Fay Kitchin of this city, arrived in Roseburg this afternoon from Smith River, California, where she resides, and will visit with friends and relatives for some time. Her mother, Mrs. A. L. Kitchin, is also in this city, and they will return to California together within the next few weeks.

BANDMEN MEET AND ORGANIZE

W. H. Bowden Chosen Leader and Ed. Thornton Elected Secretary and Treas.

AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Musicians Promise to Practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays of Each Week—Concerts Are to be Started Here Soon.

A twenty-seven piece band, which is to be increased to almost forty pieces in the near future, was organized at the city hall last night, W. H. Bowden being selected leader and Ed. Thornton, secretary and treasurer. The band is the culmination of the activities of the Roseburg Music Club, which a year ago started working for a municipal band. An agreement was signed by over 25 local musicians agreeing to practice at least once each week and agreeing to give one concert a week during the summer months. With this agreement in hand the music club circulated a petition asking the city council to appropriate funds for the support of the band. The council agreed to pay \$50 for music and \$35 per month for the hire of a director.

With these various phases of the matter arranged, a meeting was called for last night. C. S. Heinlein called the meeting to order and acted as chairman while the organization was perfected. The musicians unanimously elected W. H. Bowden as leader. Mr. Bowden is a fine musician himself and he has had years of experience in band work as a director and soloist. He can work harmoniously with the members of the organization and they are all pleased with his decision to accept the position.

The spirit of the meeting was all that could be desired. The men are anxious to play and are well pleased with the recognition given them by the city council. They have promised to back up their leader and will practice hard to make the organization a success.

Practice will be held twice each week until the concert season, rehearsals being scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays nights until such a time as their repertoire is increased. At the next meeting it is proposed to elect a business manager. The manager is to be a business man, if possible, not affiliated in the organization. Engagements will be taken as soon as the band is in shape and the concert season will start as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Food Distribution Cost Is Enormous

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Declaring that the cost of food distribution is too great, the federal trade commission today recommended improved marketing facilities at the great consuming centers as a long step towards lowering the high cost of living.

Big League Teams Open Season Today

By Associated Press

Tanned and hardened by six weeks of intensive training under southern suns, the baseball teams of the National and American leagues open their 1920 season today, weather permitting. Special ceremonies will mark the opening of the season in all cities.

Lowden Wins In Illinois Primary

By Associated Press

CHICAGO, April 14.—According to latest returns today, Governor Frank O. Lowden, Illinois, won the republican preference primary in his home state yesterday by a plurality of over 60,000 votes, although General Wood took honors in Cook county (Chicago) by 20,000 votes. Senator Hiram Johnson, whose name had to be written on the ballot, surprised political leaders with 45,000 votes.

Armistice Signed In Guatemala

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, April 14.—An armistice between the unionists in Guatemala and the forces of President Estrada Cabrera has been signed, and the proposal made that Cabrera leave the country, according to advices to the state department today.

ROAD BOND ACT IS UP TO PEOPLE

Among Measures to be Considered Is That Increasing Limit of Indebtedness.

NO INCREASE EXPECTED

If Amendment is Ratified Direct Property Tax Will be Eliminated and Road Will be Improved, it is Stated.

Among the nine measures to be voted upon at the May 21 election is a constitutional amendment ratification of which is essential to early completion of the state highway program. It is a measure increasing the constitutional limit on state road bond indebtedness from 2 per cent to 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in Oregon. As assessed value aggregates approximately \$1,000,000,000, adoption of this amendment would enable the legislature to authorize the issue of a total of \$40,000,000 of state highway bonds, including all that have been authorized or issued to date. Unless this amendment is ratified, the existing 2 per cent limitation would hold the bond issue down to \$20,000,000, all of which either has been issued or has been contracted for in state highway work to be completed during 1920.

The alternative to authorizing this increase to 4 per cent is to let completion of the state's main highways drag along after 1920 as they can be improved from annual revenues, or to vote a heavy direct state tax on property such as has been proposed for the November election. The direct tax proposal is for a 2-mill state road tax, which would visit such a heavy additional burden upon property that its enactment is unthinkable so long as there is any other method of financing the state highway program.

As against the direct tax proposition, the bonding amendment to be voted upon May 21 contains distinct advantages. Not the least of these advantages is that no property tax whatsoever is involved in its ratification. The annual revenues from the present auto license fees and gasoline tax will amply finance both principal and interest of the entire \$40,000,000 bonds that have been and can be issued under the 4 per cent limitation. No increase in either of these fees will be required, and as said, no property tax whatsoever.

A table has been compiled by the legislative committee and published in the official state pamphlet, mailed to registered voters, showing the income from auto license fees and gasoline tax, and also the interest and redemption payments as they will be made from year to year until all the bonds have been redeemed. This table reveals that besides taking up interest and principal of all the bonds, the revenues from auto license fees and gasoline tax will yield an annual surplus, to be used for other state highway purposes. The revenue figured upon for bond interest and redemption does not include any part of the proceeds of the auto license fees that are turned over to the counties, and neither does it include the cost of administration of auto taxes or auto fee collection. Neither of these disbursements are interfered with or invaded, and the revenue for bond interest and redemption is the net that is left after the counties have been taken care of and all administrative expenses paid. This table, which will be in the hands of every registered voter, is one which should be studied carefully. It has been audited and certified as correct, and shows beyond a doubt that the revenue from the two automobile sources will be abundant to take care of bond principal and interest without any increase of present rates and without any property tax. In the light of the information in this table, it would seem suicidal for taxpayers to permit a direct road tax levy of 5 mills in addition to all other local property taxes that must be met in ever-increasing amounts.

By ratifying this bonding amendment, the voters of Oregon simply permit the automobile owners to get the early use of the state roads which they are paying for out of their own pockets. If the bonds are issued, all the main state highways can be connected up soon, so that travel may be enjoyed from each section of the state to every other part via the state highways east and west as well as north and south. The development that will follow in the wake of this travel will be of incalculable value to the state, in so far as the enhancement in property values that will accrue. Along the highways, an outlet will be furnished for the products of all the adjacent and tributary farming regions.

In addition to providing funds for completion of the main state highway program, the authorization of a total of \$40,000,000 bonds (including the \$20,000,000 already authorized by the constitution), will enable the state to match the federal funds that have been apportioned to Oregon for post roads and forest roads. Unless this bonding amendment is ratified, the state will not have sufficient funds with which to meet the government on a dollar-for-dollar basis, and thus will be denied the aid of millions of federal money on Oregon roads.

Failure to adopt this amendment is certain to visit a heavy penalty on the taxpayers of many counties. It is certain that if the state has insufficient funds with which to connect up the main highways, such a clamor will go up in many localities that the counties will be forced to vote direct property taxes to construct the missing links. In this event, the county property would have to carry the burden that would be borne exclusively by the auto owner under the bonding amendment. No one who has observed the trend of sentiment in favor of completing these state highways but what is aware that it cannot be restrained. If the auto owners are not permitted to have their own money used to build the roads at an early date, they will unite in support of any direct tax that may be proposed as a means of getting the roads finished. As the safeguard to protect property from inevitably heavy taxation for state roads, far-sighted taxpayers are giving this 4 per cent bonding amendment their earnest support.

Oregon has been singularly fortunate in that the cost of state highways has been held down by an exceptionally able and honest state highway commission. Paving the state roads in Oregon has cost from 20 per cent to 50 per cent less than in most other states, and this lower cost has been in spite of the advantages possessed by most other states in the lower cost of road materials. In no other state, without exception, has public sentiment been able to draft into the public service highway commissioners of the caliber, reputation and ability of the men who have served Oregon in this capacity, and are now on the commission. To provide this commission with adequate funds to complete the state highway program is to insure its early completion at a minimum of cost for a maximum of return for each dollar spent.

JOINT ALUMNAE MEETING HELD

Alumnae Association of Three States Hold Joint Session at High School.

ORGANIZE CAMPAIGN

Intensive Campaign For Millage Tax Bill to be Launched—Pres. Campbell Will Speak Here—Committees Appointed—Speakers.

One of the most important meetings to be held in this city for some time took place at the local high school building last night when the alumnae associations of the University of Oregon, the Oregon Agricultural college and the Monmouth normal school, held a joint session for the purpose of outlining and organizing an intensive campaign in this county in the support of the 2-mill tax bill, which is to come before the people for their approval at the primaries in May. The meeting was called by the two county chairmen, Supt. A. G. Smith, who is appointed by the university, and Miss Emma Ueland, appointed by the agricultural college.

Several of the members of the different associations spoke, giving the many arguments in favor of the bill, which, in the opinion of all the prominent educators of the state, is the only means by which the schools are to be saved from actually closing their doors, owing to lack of space, as well as teachers. Although much work has already been done to present the bill to the people, and to explain the positive necessity for its passing, the meeting last night is the first decisive step taken to launch a campaign over the county which will not end until the time for the primaries comes.

An executive committee composed of County Agricultural Agent C. J. Hurd, Miss Ruth Ann Wilson, of the mathematics department of the high school; Emma Ueland, of the domestic science department; Florence Kohlhaugen, of the teaching staff of the Benson school, and Walter Fisher, was appointed. This committee will manage the entire campaign, and will work in conjunction with the headquarters in Portland. The Portland headquarters is composed of Portland alumnae who are in charge of all the branches of the campaign in the state. The local executive committee will have full control in this city and will arrange for speakers and other publicity. Another committee consisting of Mrs. Wm. Poorman, Mr. Metzger, Supt. Smith and H. C. Darby will organize a group of three minute speakers who will speak at the theaters, at public meetings, in Roseburg and throughout the county, in favor of the millage bill.