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MEDIATION AT A STANDSTILL

FLAT BID FOR ALL WHEAT AT \$1.05 A BUSHEL

UNHEARD OF QUOTATION IS PREVALENT IN ALL LOCAL MILLS THIS WEEK.

FEAR AVERAGE HOME WILL BE CRIPPLED

Locally It Is Said Nickel Loaf Will Be Abandoned Only as a Last Resort—Cost of Changing Pans for Larger Loaves Heavy, Point Out Bakers—Federal Board Acting.

Pending increase in wheat, flour and bread, and the news that a flat bid of \$1.05 is made for all classes of Grande Ronde valley wheat, combine to match public interest in strike negotiations in the east. Little else is discussed on streets or in markets.

The Pioneer Flouring mill at Island City, is ready for continuous operation after the usual summer shutdown, a period that is generally occupied with making repairs and improvements. All the other mills of the company are running night and day. They are the mills at La Grande, Union and... The mill at Imbler which was destroyed by fire has not been rebuilt but the mill company is taking in grain at Imbler the same as at other points.

Behind on Orders.
The mills at Island City are starting rather earlier than usual for the fall run on account of the fact that they are already behind between 5000 and 6000 barrels on orders and every mail swells the demand, which comes principally from points eastward. There is a considerable quantity of old wheat on hand at the mills but the new crop is arriving at all points.

Paying \$1.05 for Wheat.
The supply of wheat on hand is being augmented as rapidly as possible and \$1.05 per bushel is the price offered for new crop wheat. This is not only a record breaker in the matter of price for the beginning of the season, but another practice has been discarded—that of making a difference in price in varieties of wheat. There is now no discrimination and the flat price of a dollar and five is today's quotations on club, forty-fold, bluestem or any other kind of wheat suitable for milling purposes.

Other Grain High.
Barley is also in heavy demand and the price is in proportion. The mill company is paying \$1.35 per hundred for all the barley offered. There is a stiff demand for rolled barley for both local and export trade. Oats is a little bit lower than barley but still the price of \$1.10 per hundred is big for this early in the season.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The National association of Master Bakers has petitioned congress to impose a wheat exportation embargo. The bakers declare that unless congress acts, bread prices will soon advance beyond reach over the average consumer.

The Federal Trade commission offices has announced that Vice Chairman Hurley has gone to Chicago to investigate the proposed bread price increases there.

Impending increases in bread prices will not be adopted in La Grande until it becomes a matter of last resort. Fred Dutil, a pioneer baker of this city, points to the fact that the cost of restocking his plant with new pans necessary for bigger 10-cent loaves, and other incidental expenses, and then to throw them away when wheat prices recede, will be a heavy expense—one that he will not undertake until it becomes a matter of absolute necessity. On the other hand he and other bakers fail to diagnose just where they are going "to get off at" if wheat continues to spurt and flour follows as it likely will.

Bread dealers of the city in general are of the opinion that before the nickel loaf disappears, wheat and flour will have to rise to a point far above present quotations, although the rise is rapid and alarming. Rumors of unheard of prices for wheat has stimulated considerable degree of anxiety among wage earners for flour is a commodity that can't well be stricken from the shopping list, nor even curtailed as many have done with sugar while saccharine was indulging in wild rampages last winter.

BROTHERHOODS CHAFE AT THE EXTRA DELAYS

TRAINMEN'S CASE DEFERRED UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK.

STONE AGAIN DEMANDING PROMPT ACTION BY BOARD

Deadlock Between Employes and Managers Occasioned Yesterday Stands Today with Agreement for Delay of Proceedings a Few Hours—Several Conferences Today.

New York, Aug. 11.—Another day of delay is the chief news item in connection with the four railroad Brotherhoods' negotiations with the railroad managers via means of the Federal Board of Mediation and Arbitration. Yesterday evening proceedings were deadlocked, and today there is no evident relaxation of the grip.

The board members deferred action on the Trainmen's demands until 10 o'clock Saturday morning, the Trainmen's representatives, reluctantly agreeing to the delay.

Several conferences were held this morning. President Stone of the Engineers' Brotherhood had little to say except that the mediators, he declared, must act quickly.

LOW RATE PROVIDED.
Public at Large Can Get One Fare for Round Trip to Gibbon.

The day the O.-W. Employes' picnic is held at Gibbon, Aug. 17th, the public will be able to buy tickets for the round trip at one way rates, with a minimum of \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. This applies from Huntington on the east, Umattila on the West and Starbuck on the North.

Officials of the company extend a cordial invitation to the public to participate in this picnic as it is not solely for the employes but for all their friends—anyone will be welcomed on the grounds.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE.
Dupont Works Harmed and Several Humans are Made Victims.

Wilmington, Aug. 11.—Explosion in the press mill of the Dupont Powder works at Garney's Point killed three men and injured two this afternoon.

CALDWELL MAN PICKED.
President Wilson Nominates Surveyor General.

Washington, Aug. 11.—President Wilson has nominated Edward Heddon of Caldwell, Idaho, as state surveyor general.

SOUTH 4TH IN COURT AGAIN

PRELIMINARIES ENACTED THIS MORNING.

Legal Fighting Between City and Property Owners Commences.

South Fourth street once more entered court circles today when preliminary arguments concerning the assessments on South Fourth were heard before Judge Knowles. The city is proceeding with enforcement of assessments for paving on the street which has been the subject matter of prolonged litigation, the city using the amended charter as a basis for the effort to collect the assessments now several years due. The property owners, or at least a portion of them, are instituting legal action to have the assessments set aside, and the Warren Construction company which built the pavement are made joint defendants in the case this time.

The argument was heard before Judge Knowles this morning, and in the natural course of events, this is the initial step in another drive by the property owners to have the assessments set aside.

"BATHING BREAKFAST" NEW ONE FOR HOT DAYS



BAND CONCERT.

Several New Players Will Be Heard This Evening.

The Elks' band will give a concert this evening commencing at 8 o'clock. On this occasion several new performers will be heard in La Grande for the first time. The program is as follows: March, "Union Forever".... Scanton
Dream of the South—"Uncle Tom's Cabin"..... Lampe
Uncle Tom is drowning before the log fire in the enjoyment of the quiet of his cabin in Old Kentucky when there passed before him familiar scenes of the "Old South" and finally a vision of the Emancipation.
Selection from "Maritana".... Wallace
Romance for Trombone.... Bennet
Mr. Sherwood
Popular march, "The Old Gray Mare"..... Pauella
Quartet from "Rigoletto".... Verdi
"Beneath the Window" serenade.... Di Capua
Mr. Loney
March, "Wake Up America".... Glogau
J. David Haines, director.

YOUNG LAD DEAD.

Donald Ambrose, Aged 11, Victim of Appendicitis Attack.

Donald Ambrose, son of C. W. Ambrose of the North Side, died this morning at 11 o'clock of an appendicitis attack. His body is at the Henry undertaking parlor where an autopsy is slated for this afternoon some time.

CADORNA'S POLICY WINNING FOR ITALY.

Gen. Luigi Cadorna, chief of the staff of the Italian army, accompanied by his son, is shown in the picture. His campaign against Goritz was instituted 14 months ago, and gradually overmastered the Austrians.



The "bathing breakfast" party is the latest wrinkle brought on by hot weather. Here's the idea: Get up a congenial party, set the old alarm clock at the sunrise hour, get into your bathing suit, pack your "cats" in a lunch basket and go forth to ocean, lake, pool or ol' swimmin' hole and spread the breakfast on a picnic table, ground or boxes.

A dip before eating whets the appetite so it is wise to take along plenty of food. St. Louis society started the "bathing breakfast" stunt, but the idea is not copyrighted.

HUGHES' VOICE IS FAILING

Bismark, N. D., Aug. 11.—Mr. Hughes addressed another big crowd of farmers today. His voice was very hoarse but he managed to proceed with the meeting.

"I enter upon this campaign" he said among other things, "with a deep sense of responsibility? I am making the trip to explain my visions regarding the presidency.

"The Democratic party is unprincipled regarding the tariff."

Wilson to Follow Hughes.
Washington, Aug. 11.—President

Wilson starts his transcontinental campaign tour between September 15 and October 1. He goes west as far as San Francisco and intends to follow Hughes' trail. Senator Phelan visited the White House this morning arranging the speaking dates.

FINDING MORE BODIES.
Militiamen Building New Roads to Reach the Stricken Flood Towns.

Charleston, Aug. 11.—Rescuers recovered 25 additional bodies of flood victims. It is reported at least 75 are dead in this vicinity. Militiamen are unable to reach many stricken towns and are building new roads. It may be several days before accurate statistics are obtainable.

GIRLS TAKEN TO HOMES.
Salvation Army Officer Takes Charge of Girls En Route.

Destined for the state training school for girls and for the Louise home in Portland, respectively, Miss Wyatt of this city and Miss Morgan of Boise, were taken to Portland yesterday by Olive Childers head of the Salvation army here. These are the two girls who ran away and were apprehended in Baker where they spent the day in cells singing lustily. The Morgan girl came here from Boise a few weeks ago.

BREMEN MAY BE CALLING

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE EXCITES CURIOSITY.

If Wireless Is True Bremen Is Off Sandy Hook Now.

New York, Aug. 11.—The wireless station has received a mysterious message, believed from the Bremen. This afternoon an unidentified radio signed "Bremen" gave a position 30 miles off Sandy Hook. Officials at the "telefunken" station believe an amateur joker is responsible.

Farmers' Institute Held.
The first of a series of farmers' institutes was held at the Winona ranch recently near Grants Pass and 150 interested farmers were present from both Jackson and Josephine counties.

Dee Grande Is Organized.
With a membership of 25 a new grange has been organized in the Dee Flat region near Hood River. They announce that a new hall will be erected this fall.

STANISLAU WAVING

RUSSIAN GENERAL SUDDENLY ENVELOPES IMPORTANT RAILROAD CENTER.

ALLIES INSTITUTE A BALKAN OFFENSIVE TOO

War News Today Centers Chiefly in Unexpected Blows Struck by Russians in Their Drive on Lemberg in the Path of Which Lie Two Important Cities, in Danger.

Petrograd, Aug. 11.—It is announced that Russians are bridging the river Bistrizza three miles east of Stanislaw, and the advance on that important railroad center has been delayed until bridges are completed. General Letchitsky is following up his victory at Tysmenitsa, and advanced last night from a point six miles from Stanislaw, at which point the city was within range of the Russian guns. Many deem it certain that Stanislaw will be evacuated by the Austrians at once.

There is no disguising that the objective is an important point and will mean much to the invaders if taken. Slavs Show Cunning.

The Russians have outmaneuvered the Austrians. The new smash will force quick evacuation of Stanislaw. Palitz is 58 miles from Lemberg, a tremendously important city.

General Letchitsky's right wing has crossed the Zlota Lypa river north-east of Stanislaw, and, unexpectedly, has started a swift advance against Halitz, on the North bank of the Dniester. He has progressed with amazing speed, the advance guards being within 10 miles of Halitz this afternoon. He advanced 20 miles in one day.

English Gain Slight.
London, Aug. 11.—General Haig has reported British advanced, though only slightly, northwest of Poziers during the past night.

Italians Pushing East.
Rome, Aug. 11.—Dispatches indicate Austrians lost 50,000 in the two days' battle before Goritz fell.

Italian cavalry have reached Lubana plains east of Goritz and a severe battle is raging on the Carze plateau.

Balkan Offensive Begins.
Paris, Aug. 11.—French have started the Balkan offensive. She suddenly attacked and captured the Doiran railway station in Serbia, 38 miles north of Salonika and seized adjacent heights.

Athens dispatches have reported a great battle raging in the Balkan front.

Later a French statement declared Height 227, south of Doiran had been captured. Terrific bombardment preceded the seizure and lively artillery fighting is still raging.

Turks Make Headway.
Constantinople, Aug. 11.—Turks advancing from Kermansah toward Hamadin, captured Sanna, a Persian village.

German Shifting Positions.
Berlin, Aug. 11.—Germans repulsed "sham" attacks by weak enemy detachments in the Balkans south of Doiran. On the eastern front Germans are being regrouped to meet altered Russian positions.

STORM SWEEPS EAST.
Houses Tumble, Hay Rotted but Heat Wave Believed Broken.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Rain and wind storms have swept Illinois and Iowa. The wind demolished houses at Rockford, Ill., and destroyed hay stacks. Street car service has been abandoned. The weather bureau declared the storm broke the heat wave.

Will Be Without a School.
About 600 students will be without a school this year at Elma, Wash., as the district election resulted in a defeat for the additional tax levy needed to keep the school open. The result is due to lack of interest.

BIG U-BOAT SUNK.
Arriving Vessel Tells of Two Catastrophes in Mediterranean.

Galveston, Aug. 11.—British steamer Normander has arrived. She reported a Mediterranean submarine sank the Italian steamer Anglo and the Normander rescued 29. She landed the survivors at Algiers. She also reported a big German submarine with two conning towers was sunk in the Mediterranean.