

CONDITION AT BUTTE UNCHANGED

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MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS SITUATION

High Cost of Living and Profiteering Held to Be Partially Responsible for the Trouble—Two Additional Companies of Soldiers Arrive to Help Cope With Emergencies.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 13.—Butte is on the verge of martial law and disastrous rioting and business paralysis has brought down upon its own head the impending situation, permitting profiteering to flourish is also to blame.

That is the burden of opinion expressed here today following a mass meeting of citizens called by Mayor W. H. Maloney to discuss the strike situation in which approximately 15,000 men are idle.

The strike is a protest against the dollar wage cut in miners' pay, while living cost continues at the peak. Testimony offered at the meeting placed the blame on Butte's present predicament on the high cost of living. Evidence was submitted showing profits of 400 per cent and more in all matters of business enterprises.

The strike situation is unchanged. It is announced that street car traffic will be resumed.

Not a wheel of the mines have turned. Mines are shut down and smelters are not in operation. Interest centered today in what action the unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. will take. Many are reported as favoring enforcing the I. W. W. and independent organizations in the strike cause and demands.

Two additional companies of United States troops are on the scene today. They were sent from Fort Newton, Wash.

BOISE SOLDIERS ON WAY

Are Due to Arrive in New York on February 21.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The cruisers Pueblo and Montana have sailed from France with 5000 troops and are due to reach New York February 21.

The Pueblo is bringing company 1, 161st Infantry, 41st division; a medical detachment, and part of companies D, L and M of the 162nd Infantry of the same division, and casual companies.

Units a board the Montana are the 148th machine gun battalion, complete, of the 41st division, and a detachment of 10 officers and 124 men of the South Dakota national guard; companies E, F and G of the 116th ammunition train of the 41st division; the 262nd trench mortar battery of the 77th division, and a casual company for Boise.

WILL SHIP APPLES TO TEXAS POINTS

Stackland Bros. are shipping this week three cars of apples, mostly from the orchards in the vicinity of La Grande. These consignments will go to points in Texas, where previous shipments have been made. Karl Stackland has just returned home from accompanying one of these shipments. This will about wind up the apple supply in this locality. It is said that a car or so of apples still remains at Imbler to be packed and shipped to the outside markets.

BIG SNOW AND SLEET STORM EAST OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 13.—The Rocky Mountain country and the east are covered today as the result of a snow and sleet storm in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. The extent of damage has not been reported but miles and miles of pole lines down between Denver and Omaha. Trains from the east are held late. The storm swept into the mountain regions from the

RADICALS ARE ONES TO BLAME

SOURCE OF TROUBLE POINTED OUT BY OFFICIAL

Bolsheviks and I. W. W. Agitators Have Their Headquarters in Chicago, It is Asserted.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—"Every radical movement made in America in recent years, including the Seattle and Butte disturbances, was engineered from I. W. W. or Bolsheviki headquarters in Chicago," P. J. Barry, acting head of the intelligence bureau of the department of justice, declared today.

At the same time, Barry said, Chicago need have no fear on this account as "It is easy to keep eyes on these outfits" and watch every move made at their headquarters.

NO BIDS AFTER FEBRUARY 15

SPRUCE PRODUCTION STOCK TO GO AS ADVERTISED.

Ten Million Dollars Worth of Machinery and Equipment to Be Sold Next Saturday.

No sealed bids will be received by the sales board of the United States Spruce Production Corporation for the sale of any of its property after next Saturday, February 15, that being the day upon which receipt of bids will cease. Ten million dollars worth of machinery, equipment and material, brought together for use in getting out spruce stock for airplanes during the war, will be sold as advertised.

A systematic campaign of advertising throughout the United States and Canada, designed to acquaint the public with the situation, has resulted in the receipt of thousands of bids from all parts of these countries. Every mail is laden with them, from large and small bidders, wishing to purchase all or some portion of the lot.

Milling and logging machinery and equipment, much of which has never been unpacked because of the signing of the armistice, is stored at Vancouver, Wash., where it is daily being inspected by representatives of interested bidders.

Final arrangements for the rapid segregation and tabulation of the bids have been made and it is anticipated that it will not be long after the closing date for receipt of proposals before announcement of results is forthcoming.

RADICAL EDITOR IN SEATTLE JAIL

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—F. J. Cassidy, 28-year-old alleged editor of the International Weekly, a radical organ, whose offices were raided by the police Sunday, is in jail here today on an open charge.

Cassidy is a Socialist candidate for the Seattle council.

RECORD COURT CASE

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 13.—Here's a Blair county court record: Damage suit filed at 1:30 o'clock. Taken up by Judge at once. Jury returns verdict for plaintiff at 1:30. Defendant paid \$850, amount of verdict, at 1:50.

HIGH PRICE OF LIQUOR

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Feb. 13.—Two women who thought they were buying forty-five gallons of whiskey paid a man \$1,480 for the keg and then discovered a capsule containing only one pint of whiskey had been fitted beneath the bunghole and the remainder of the container filled with water.

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I. W. W. AND SINN FEIN COMPACT

DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

RAID IS MADE ON LONDON HEADQUARTERS

As a Result Two Hundred and Twenty Members Are Arrested in the British Capital and Are Now Awaiting Deportation—Chicago Saloon Is Implicated.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—From London directly back to Kelly's saloon, No. 17 State street, Chicago, is traced a complete system of I. W. W. communication. The combination extends from Chicago, Boston and New York to Dublin and Belfast, showing a close connection between the I. W. W. organization and the Sinn Feiners, and including the strikers at Glasgow.

As a result of a raid on the London I. W. W. quarters, 220 members have been placed under arrest and are now awaiting deportation.

LOGGING TRAIN GOES OUT.

The Grande Ronde Lumber company's logging engine, which has been lying up at Perry all winter, being overhauled, pulled out today and took the logging train out on the branch line from La Grande to the Looking Glass camp. It is said that this is the first time this train has come back over the main line in two years.

IN BEHALF OF ARMENIANS

MRS. E. T. ALLEN IS VISITOR DIRECT FROM PERSIA.

While in La Grande Will Be Guest of Old-Time Friends, Dr. and Mrs. Mossman.

Mrs. E. T. Allen from Urmiah, Persia, passed through La Grande this morning on her way to Wallawa, where she is to address a mass meeting in behalf of the Armenians.

Mrs. Allen has just returned from Persia, where she has lived during all these years of war and right in the center of the most terrifying scenes of the most atrocious deeds of the Hun. Mr. Allen started home with his family, but after hearing of renewed activities against the Armenians, turned back to the field again.

Mrs. Allen returns Saturday on her way to Baker, where she will address a mass meeting Sunday.

While in the city she will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Mossman, old-time friends.

AN IRON CROSS FROM GERMANY

Sidney Happersett, a member of the hospital unit who is now with the army of occupation in Germany, has sent to the folks at home a genuine German iron cross, the kind that was used to decorate the Kaiser's soldiers. The cross of course, bears the stamp of a crown and the name of the emperor. In a letter accompanying the cross it is stated that these crosses were sold for a time to allied soldiers as relics and cost as high as fifteen dollars, but the one sent to La Grande was secured for much less money.

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GERMANY WILL LOSE COLONIES

THIS IS DECLARATION MADE BY BRITISH PREMIER.

It Was Stated That This Decision Was Reached by a Unanimous Vote.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons yesterday that it has been unanimously decided the German colonies will not be restored to Germany.

TREATIES WITH CHINA.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Baron Nobuaki Makino, head of the Japanese delegation at the peace conference, has been instructed to disclose all the unpublished treaties between China and Japan, says a Reuter dispatch from Tokio Wednesday.

BOARD BECOMES WARMED UP

SESSION LAST NIGHT DEVELOPED SOME INTEREST

Extra Policeman to Be Hired—Report of City Engineer on Water System Is Received.

Some business of importance was considered at the meeting of the board of city commissioners held in the city hall last evening. Things waxed warm for a while and it is anticipated that a split in the McKennon-Grandy alliance may not be far away as the result of the discussion of some matters last night.

The question of increasing the city police force was one of the questions causing discussion. It was pointed out to the board by the chief of police that it is practically impossible for two men to efficiently patrol this city, and he asked that a third man be hired as traffic policeman. Dr. Brownson, the president of the board, and Commissioner McKennon received the chief's request with favor and over the opposition of Commissioner Grandy voted to engage another policeman. Chief Christianson was instructed to find a suitable man. The augmenting of the police force is a matter which has been before the board for a long time, and though constantly supported by Dr. Brownson, had never passed a vote of the commissioners.

Representatives of the fire department were present also, and it is hinted that even yet all is not well in that department. It is understood the new chief would also like to have his staff increased. New equipment for the department is on the way, as is shown by the manager's report, published elsewhere in The Observer today.

The report of the city engineer on the water system was another item of considerable importance, although no action on the report was taken by the board. Engineer Neal's report emphasized the fact that water in the city's reservoir is not satisfactory to the users at all seasons of the year, on account of organic growths at certain seasons. He also stated that while the pipe line is in excellent condition, there is not the water "back there" to furnish an adequate supply for the city under the present arrangement. There were about 700 taps in the city when the system was first installed, he stated, whereas there are now in the neighborhood of 1800 taps from which water is taken.

To remedy the shortage Mr. Neal suggested that water might be taken from the west fork of Beaver creek, or as it is sometimes known, McLaughlin's creek. This would require the construction of a small concrete diversion dam and the laying of about one mile of pipe. The cost of this, he estimates, would be about \$3000. There is a flux of 326,000 gallons of water per day in this creek, he showed, which at the rate of fifteen cents per thousand gallons would be worth \$48 per day, or \$5760 during the four months' period in which the city is usually short of good water.

The report also showed that by repairing the leak in the dam at the mouth of the fourteen-foot line at Beaver creek, the daily loss of approximately 200,000 gallons could be prevented. To accomplish this, excavation below the regular bed of the stream, the building of a concrete wall twelve inches thick, facing the dam and extending the full width of the stream, would be required. The water which this would save would be worth 230 per day, or \$3600, approximately during the period of scarcity.

The report was sent left with the board for future consideration.

REPORT IS STRIKE VOTE HAS FAILED

LOS ANGELES METAL TRADES COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETING TO CANVASS COUNT.

REPORTS FROM SOME OF THE LOCALS DELAYED

It is Understood, However, That the Proposition of a Strike Failed to Carry by a Three to One Vote—Result Likely to Stabilize Labor Conditions in Nation.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—The Los Angeles metal trade council will hold a special meeting at the labor temple tonight to complete its canvass of the strike vote of the union shipyard workers. It was announced the council was unable to make public the strike vote following last night's special meeting because some of the locals failed to report to the council.

It is understood that the strike proposal failed by a three to one vote.

STRIKERS ARE NEGOTIATING

TACOMA, Feb. 13.—In an official statement issued Wednesday afternoon, the Tacoma strike committee of the Metal Trades Union declared that negotiations were under way which they believed opened a way for an early settlement of the Tacoma shipyards strike.

EVERY CITIZEN IS WANTED TONIGHT

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD IN CITY HALL.

Feeling Strong That La Grande Should Be on the Job When Returning Men Pass Through.

Every citizen who is interested in the return of the soldiers of this state, and particularly in the men from this city and the community, has a right which is paramount to a duty to attend the mass meeting which will be held this evening in the city hall to effect a county-wide organization, the purpose of which will be to see that all the boys now returning from their work on behalf of the residents of this community are accorded a fitting and deserved welcome.

Some of La Grande's boys are now returning with various units, and are going through two or three at a time. There is to be an especial welcome for them, according to the idea of the leaders in the County Council of Defense, who are the promoters of this idea of organization, but there will also be an enthusiastic reception for all men, of whatever rank or station and place of residence, who pass through this city.

There was some criticism of La Grande's failure to turn out and welcome the two hundred-odd men who went through yesterday morning, for though the soldiers were all apparently satisfied with the sincere welcome they received at the Red Cross canteen, the opinion was expressed that the work of putting La Grande to the fore in this respect should not all be left to these ladies who have always worked so nobly.

It is known that a large detachment of troops will pass through the city Saturday night on their way to Camp Lewis for demobilization. These men belong to the 45th division and they are mostly Oregon men. A number of them belong to homes in La Grande and the district around. The fact that they will pass through late at night, which is expected to be the case, is considered rather unfortunate, but this will be mitigated at the meeting tonight and some arrangement made to stage the welcome.

La Grander's are urged to remember that this is not a work for a few leaders to carry out, but rather that it is something everyone should have a part in and is expected to take a part in. It is hoped, therefore, that there will be a complete representation of La Grande business places and homes tonight and make the one meeting the business.

LISTER GIVES UP HIS OFFICE

WASHINGTON EXECUTIVE WILL QUIT HIS POST.

Poor Health Is the Cause and a Vacation From Duties Is Considered Advisable.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Governor Ernest Lister late Wednesday afternoon quit his post as governor of the state of Washington and in a letter to Lieutenant Governor Louis F. Hart requested the latter to take over the reins of government Thursday.

Governor Lister, it was authoritatively stated, is quitting his office only temporarily. Lieutenant Governor Hart immediately assumed the duties of governor.

Governor Lister has been in ill health for several months past. He will go to the western Washington hospital at Stellacoom for treatment. Lieutenant Governor Hart is in reality governor of the state of Washington, it was explained at Olympia. The constitution of the state provides that when the governor is incapacitated or dies, the lieutenant governor shall immediately be governor.

Governor Lister addressed a letter to Lieutenant Governor Hart saying that he was incapacitated. A parallel is found in the case of the late Governor Cosgrove of Washington, who in 1910 sent a similar letter to Lieutenant Governor Hay. The letter immediately became governor of the state. Governor Lister, accompanied by Mrs. Lister, his daughter and a nurse, left Olympia for a hospital.

TERRY TUTTLE PASSED BEYOND

ONE OF COUNTY'S OLDEST PIONEERS DIED YESTERDAY

Lived Continuously on the Original Homestead Near Summerville, Fifty-Five Years.

Terry Tuttle, known as "Grandpa" Tuttle, died at his home yesterday a few miles east of Summerville, after a long period of failing health. He was one of the oldest as well as one of the most highly respected among the early pioneers of Union county.

The deceased was born in Ohio February 17, 1831, and lacked but a few days of being 88 years of age, at the time of his death. He moved to Indiana at the age of seven and later went to Iowa.

In 1862 he crossed the plains with his family and at first settled at Auburn in Baker county. The following spring he came to Grande Ronde and located on the homestead where he has made his home ever since.

He was the first county school superintendent of Union county. He also served a term as county assessor and was a representative in the legislature in 1880.

He was widely known as a man of highest worth. The death of his wife occurred about four years ago. Among his surviving children are John and Ed Tuttle, farmers of the Summerville section and Mrs. Jesse Starbird. Lee Tuttle, editor of the Elgin Recorder, is a grandson of the deceased.

No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

SELLS SHORTHORNS

County Commissioner Tawney shipped two thoroughbred Shorthorn bulls from Union Junction to Portland last night. The animals traveled by express.

SOLDIERS PASSING THROUGH KEEP LOCAL CANTEEN BUSY

Those local women who are the moving spirit behind the work which the Red Cross is doing, enough it is considered rather unfortunate, but this will be mitigated at the meeting tonight and some arrangement made to stage the welcome.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET A SUCCESS

ABOUT A HUNDRED AND FIFTY WERE PRESENT—OTHERS TOO LATE.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS BY REV. S. LAPHAM

Lloyd Chandler, Former High School Boy, Gave Interesting Talk on "The Kind of a Dad a Boy Likes"—Dinner and Program Thoroughly Enjoyed by Everyone.

It was a fine "get-together" the fathers of La Grande and their sons had at the Y. M. C. A. last evening. There were almost a hundred and fifty of them there—some hundred and forty seven to be exact—and there would have been more had there been room for them and food for them at the banquet table.

Secretary Cramer states that he was forced to refuse tickets to quite a number who called up at the last minute, wanting to get in on the event. Tables were set in the class room of the "Y," but they were filled almost at once and two others were placed in the reading room immediately adjoining. The dinner and program taken together, the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

As the dinner was ready to be served, Robt. L. Coker, pastor of the Christian church, invoked the blessing of the Almighty upon the gathering and the purpose for which it was held. For some little time thereafter every one was busy disposing of the inviting dishes placed before them. Prof. A. C. Hampton, as toastmaster, then gave a brief talk, setting forth ideals of relationship between fathers and sons which are worthy of attainment, and he then introduced Rev. N. S. Hawk, pastor of the First M. E. church, who spoke on the "Relation of Father and Son." Rev. Hawk held that fathers too often have no time at all for their sons, which he said was a condition of affairs which should be rectified in every home in which it exists. The foundation of the home, he said, and the foundation of a fine moral tone in the community life is the close comradeship which exists, or should exist, between parents and their children.

Sheldon Brownson, one of the younger members of the "sons" present, followed Mr. Hawk on the program with a piano solo, rendering Dvorak's "Humoreske" in a manner that won him the sincere applause of his hearers.

Lloyd Chandler, a senior in the local high school, then gave a short talk on "The kind of dad a boy likes." Boys want a dad who is physically fit, was his first statement; then they want him to be so genuinely interested in his boy's progress that he will get acquainted with the teacher under whose care his boy is placed, and watch the boy in his work through school. Boys do not want a dad whose only interest in their school life is to jump on them when they happen to bring home from school a report that is not entirely satisfactory.

Last of all, he said, a boy likes a dad who will stick to him through any trouble that may come, and instead of joining with others who ensure him, help the boy fight his way through his battles. Hearty

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of friendship towards it, thoroughly satisfied before the windows of the canteen. Evidence of their appreciation was plain on their faces as they waved good-bye from the coach windows as their train left. This, with the gratification which the women of these Red Cross obtain from the knowledge of good deeds done in a worthy cause, is the only pay they receive. That it is sufficient, however, is shown by their consistent staying with the job.

Tonight the canteen workers expect some eighty other members of whom are also members of the W. O. Canteen's band.