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VICTORY LOAN TO BE CALLED OFF

FINANCIAL NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED UNDER TENTATIVE AGREEMENT.

DEMANDS TO BE MET BY SHORT CURRENT NOTES

A Substitute Measure Is Being Worked Out and Will Be Submitted to Congress in the Near Future—Secretary of Treasury Could Call for but Five Billion in Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—There will be no Fifth Liberty loan, or Victory loan, as it was to have been termed, under an agreement tentatively reached this afternoon by the house ways and means committee in conference with Secretary of the Treasury Glass. Under the existing Liberty loan legislation, the secretary of the treasury could authorize a five billion loan, but the interest rate would have to be the same as that carried by the fourth loan, it was stated.

The rated 4 1/2 per cent under the conditions that would prevail at the time that the loan was to have been floated would be insufficient in the opinion of members of the committee, and representatives of the treasury department. It was deemed best under the circumstances to meet the nation's obligations by a series of short current notes and a tentative agreement to this effect was reached. A substitute measure already is being worked out by the committee to provide for the floating of these notes and it will be introduced, it was stated, probably in the very near future.

STRIKE IS ON IN THE SOUTH

TEXTILE WORKERS DEMAND 48-HOUR WEEK.

Two Thousand Out in South Carolina and Eight Thousand in Georgia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Demands for a forty-eight hour week among southern textile workers has resulted in a strike of two thousand men at Graniteville, S. C., and eight thousand at Columbus, Ga., according to reports to the department of labor.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Feb. 18.—Fair and cooler tonight and Wednesday.

Real Estate Changing Hands; Homes Purchased

Confidence in La Grande as a city—as a place to live—is being shown daily by the real estate that is changing hands. The old-time pop that preceded the war is returning and to all appearances there will be a building boom this summer.

Homes are being bought daily and every real estate man in the city is besieged first with applications to rent and then with requests to buy.

The list of property changes for the past few days is large and includes the following:

Joe Wootch, the old stage driver, has purchased the Washington apartment house on Main street.
Mrs. Ida Mont of Somerville has purchased the old Fred Meyers home on Main avenue from the La Grande National bank.
Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson lately became owners of the Zubel apartment house, having bought the same from Mrs. Zuber.

The La Grande Investment company has just sold the following homes:
C. N. Palmer purchased the Jack Kerr property on West Adams avenue and Lee E. purchased the other Kerr property just across the street. Julius Roesch was the owner of these properties when sold. H. Osborne now owns the five-room house at 2101 Oak street bought through the La Grande

METAL TRADES STRIKE AT SEATTLE WILL BE SETTLED TONIGHT

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—The nasty strike of twenty-five thousand, five hundred metal tradesmen at the shipyards is to be settled tonight. Trouble is feared when the yards resume operation tomorrow morning. Two strong union members of the metal trades council have renewed their announced determination to continue on strike. At a meeting of the machinist union last evening, James A. Taylor, president of the metal trades council, asked the men to steer away from the shipyards. A vote of confidence in the strike committee was given and recommendations adopted that the men parade past the yards tomorrow carrying American flags.

WANTS THE RAILROADS RETURNED

JOHN WILLARD, PRESIDENT OF BALTIMORE & OHIO, OPPOSES GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

SHOULD TURN LINES BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Opposition to the Five Year Extension Is Based on the Belief That at the End of That Period It Would Be Practically Impossible to Restore the Roads.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—It is the clear duty of the government to return the railroads to their owners, John Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, declared today before the senate interstate committee. "This should be done as soon as possible, congress can provide legislation for the relinquishment of the federal control of the railroads," said Mr. Willard. "And in the meantime," he added, "it is certainly the moral duty of the government to protect the property from unnecessary harm or disarrangement." Opposition to a five year extension of federal control of the railroads was voiced by Mr. Willard. This opposition was heard on the belief that by the end of that period it would be practically impossible to restore the roads to the owners and government ownership would be the only alternative.

BOY RUN OVER.
A young lad named Marshall, whose home is in this city, was run over by an automobile on Fourth street yesterday afternoon. The car which struck him was driven by J. C. Niederer. The boy was not injured, beyond being frightened and somewhat bruised.

BUTTE STRIKE DECLARED OFF

SEVERAL THOUSAND MINERS RETURN TO WORK.

Great Rush for Citizen Papers Follows the Rumors of Wholesale Deportations.

BUTTE, Feb. 18.—The strike of the miners ended yesterday when several thousand miners who had remained away from work for nine days presented themselves at the mines and asked for their jobs.

Officially it ended when officers of the Butte Metal Miners' Union made public an announcement that it had "called off the strike temporarily on the recommendation of the soldiers, sailors and workmen's council."

Prior to the announcement of the Metal Miners' Union the workers of the Miners' Industrial Union had announced it had voted unanimously to end the strike and return to work.

Close to 5000 miners reported to work this morning, according to officials of the companies. Of this number 3000 are said to have gone to work. No discrimination was shown, and those who did not go to work will get their jobs back in the next 48 hours.

Unofficial statistics from several of the big mines showed that about 1800 men went to work at the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. About 200 of 500 who reported at the Black Rock, of the Butte and Superior, went out to work. At the Elm Orlu, a W. A. Clark property, where the first strike movement originated on February 7, and about 200 were put to work.

Approximately 3000 men are said to have gone to work when the morning shift was reported on. A like number went to work tonight. By tomorrow morning it is expected 8,000 men will be working, or about the number at work before the strike was declared.

All mechanics who reported today were placed at work, and as ore supplies accumulate, the concentrator of the Anaconda Company, which closed last week, will begin again to handle ore. The fires of the smelters at Anaconda and Great Falls were not allowed to go out and it was expected ore would arrive in time to prevent delay.

One of the effects of the strike was an increase today, when the strike ended, of applications for citizenship papers. This rush of aliens was said to have been caused by rumors circulated that government officials were planning wholesale deportation of aliens said to be responsible for the strike and strike propaganda in the country. Up to date no action is known to have been taken by the federal authorities in this state. An official of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company tonight offered statistics of 11,500 men being on strike eight days, showing that labor had lost \$452,400. The production loss was not stated.

MELEA NOT ON FAREWELL TRIP

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 18.—"I hope to sing as long as my voice will last," said Madame Neilly Melea, noted singer, in denying a published statement to the effect that she is on her farewell tour.

ATTEMPT TO SETTLE WITH UNION

BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYERS ACCEPT INVITATION TO CONFERENCE WITH BAKER.

EFFORT TO BE MADE TO END CONTROVERSY

Estimates of the Union Leaders Place the Number of Those Who Are Now Out at One Hundred Thousand—Predicted That Many More Will Go Out Before Night.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The building trades employers association today accepted the invitation to confer with Secretary Baker and Wilson and representatives of the striking union: employees in Washington, in an effort to settle the controversy which has resulted in a nation-wide walkout.

In announcing the acceptance Sec. Samuel Donnelly, of the association characterized the action of the labor leaders in calling upon their comrades in Europe for aid as "a gigantic bluff."

Estimates of union leaders placed the number of strikers in the building trades today at one hundred thousand and predicted that many more would be out by nightfall.

GERMANY AIDED RUSSIAN REVOLT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—"Germany financed the Bolshevik propaganda in Russia, furnished men to officer the Red Guards and directed innumerable atrocities," Roger E. Simmons, American consular agent at Moscow, declared before the senate committee investigating Bolshevik propaganda.

POLES MUST NOT ATTACK GERMANY

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The Poles have been instructed not to attack German territory, it was reported today.

GENEVA, Feb. 18.—Polish troops were reported to have occupied Brest-Litovsk.

BITTER PILL FOR GERMANY

SIZE OF HER ARMY IS TO BE LIMITED TO 25,000.

No Further Fixing of Armistice Terms Provided—All Left to Revocation if Desired.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Not until the new naval and military armistice terms are signed fixing the strength of the German army and navy, will there be any cessation of the blockade affecting raw material. But certain raw materials will be permitted to enter Germany as soon as delegates have signed this document, which will be ready in a few weeks, it was learned today.

The armistice terms which were signed at Versailles are the last of their kind. They bear no date of expiration and can be denounced by the allies on three days' notice.

The next document the German representatives will be called upon to sign, contain the naval and military terms. These will establish the size of Germany's army and navy not only before but after peace is declared. It will be one of the bitterest pills the German armistice negotiators have yet been called upon to swallow. The size of the German army was fixed at 100,000.

FIGHT TO BE MADE ON THE WORLD PEACE LEAGUE PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Debate on the constitution of the league of nations probably will begin in the senate within a day or two despite President Wilson's request that discussion be postponed until after he has conferred with members of the senate and house foreign relations committee at the White House February 26.

Senator Poinsett of Washington, Republican, who recently issued a statement sharply criticizing several features of the league plan, intends to open the attack Wednesday. His address is expected to precipitate general debate, but whether members of the foreign relations committee will participate appears doubtful as most of them apparently are disposed to accede to the president's request.

Senator Cummins of Iowa also expects to speak during the week. Other senators reported to be planning criticism are Reed of Missouri and Gore of Oklahoma. Senator Borah of Idaho, a Republican member of the foreign relations committee, also is said to be desirous of expressing his views at an early date.

Wilson as Arbitrator.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Commenting on the proposal of the Jugo-Slav delegates to the peace conference to submit to President Wilson for arbitration

SENATOR OWEN HAS BAD REPORT

SAYS BREST CAMP CONDITIONS NOT FIT FOR CATTLE

Returning Visitor to France Says He Will Present the State of Affairs to Secretary Baker.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—United States Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, who for the last two months has been studying the reconstruction program of the American army in France, upon his arrival here Monday on the steamship Rotterdam, said: "Brest is not fit for cattle to live in."

"Many of the soldiers there are suffering from melancholia," he said adding that he would recommend to the senate military affairs committee "that they be brought home as soon as possible and that every care be given them when they return."

Senator Owen said the first thing he intended doing was to inform Secretary Baker of the conditions and the attitude of the soldiers on coming home from what he called "a horrible hole." He declared that "anyone who advocates a correction of conditions is doing a charitable and Christian work. They told us over there that Brest is better than it was. If that is so, God help those who were there when it was worse."

The senator and Mrs. Owen, who have visited London, Paris and Madrid and who contemplated remaining longer abroad, cut their visit short, they said, in order that they might "report to Washington the deplorable conditions existing at Brest."

R. N. STANFIELD SUES RAILROAD

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—Robert N. Stanfield of Stanfield has filed a damage suit in the federal court against the Oregon Short Line for \$4035, the complaint setting out that there were 19,050 pounds shrinkage in the shipment of 781 head of beef cattle to Omaha, Neb., last fall, due to rough and careless handling and failure to water.

The complaint alleges a loss of \$1830.70 due to shrinkage of fifty pounds a head, \$750 for decline in value on account of appearance and a similar amount for decline in value on account of market being left from the date of sale; \$136.30 for extra feed at Glens Ferry and \$126 for extra feed at Rawlins, Wyo. The case was transferred from the county court at Harney to the federal court.

BORAH HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A canvass of the Republican members of the senate foreign relations committee this afternoon showed the all except Borah had or would accept the President's peace invitation.

STOCKMEN WILL MEET ON FRIDAY

BUSINESS MEN OF THE COUNTY ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Mr. O. M. Plummer, of the Portland Stockyards, Will Be Present and Will Explain the Plans for the New Organization Which Is to Include Stockmen and Business Men

W. J. Townley, president of the Union County Pure Bred Livestock Breeders Association, has been asked to present to the stockmen of this county the plans of organization of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition which has been held each year in Portland, and which has now been taken over by the stockmen of the state. To present this subject he had called a meeting of the Pure Bred Livestock Breeders Association on Friday, February 21st, at 10 a. m. in the City Hall at La Grande to which all stockmen and business men of the county are invited and urged to attend.

California interests have been making a strenuous effort to have this livestock show held at some point in California. This would leave the northwest without a place where the winners at the fairs in this section could meet in final contest. Further, they would have no place for the exhibition of market grades of livestock, which is a very important feature of this show, and which gives the stockmen a chance to show the best grades of the market classes. This show is of interest to producers of market animals as well as to breeders of pure bred livestock whose stock are used to build up the average of the grade stock of the country. The permanent establishment and future success of this exposition lies with the stockmen and business interests of the northwest.

Mr. O. M. Plummer, general manager of the Pacific International, has been invited to attend this meeting, and will be able to give detailed information as to the plans.

All stockmen, business men and others interested in the development of livestock in this section are urged to be present.

RETAIL CLERKS HAVING HOP

IMPORTANT EVENT IN REX HALL FRIDAY NIGHT.

Will Be First Annual Gathering of La Grande Retail Clerks' Union.

Members of the Retail Clerks' union of this city are looking forward to an evening of unalloyed enjoyment on Friday of this week, for which date they have announced a dance to be held in the Rex hall. The officers of the union, who have arrangements for the dance all completed, are looking forward to having a large crowd with them that evening, and with practically all La Grande people friends of organized labor it is considered more than likely that they will not be disappointed. Excellent music is assured for the evening.

The Retail Clerks' union is an organization of considerable importance in La Grande, organized only last April, they have already trebled their charter membership. Their organization while securing desirable working conditions for all members, also gives assurance of a square deal to merchants and to the public in general. La Grande in general is with them in their effort to improve working and living conditions, and it is doubt will be very much with them Friday evening, also.