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VETERANS TAKE HAND IN CANADA

FEELING OVER ALIEN ENEMIES IN STRIKE DEMONSTRATIONS AT FEVER HEAT

SOLDIERS SAY THEY WILL MAINTAIN ORDER

Several Thousand Pledge to Make Demand that All Aliens Be Forced Out of the Labor Union—Stand of Veterans May Result in Calling Off Strike

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WINNIPEG, June 5.—The feeling among returned soldiers opposed to the general strike and particularly to the participation of alien enemies in the strike demonstrations is at fever heat. Mayor Gray was informed that several thousand soldiers intended to march to the trades and labor council today, force an entrance if necessary, and demand that all aliens be ousted from the unions. They threatened to wreck the Labor Temple if necessary.

James Duncan, a Seattle labor leader, in a speech yesterday referred to the soldiers as "a bunch of ignoramuses."

Rumors are current that the strike will be called off in view of the veterans' impending action.

Will Stamp Out Anarchy

WINNIPEG, June 5.—Four thousand veterans at a meeting today pledged themselves to maintain law and order and to stamp out bolshevism and anarchy from the labor forces.

Street Car Men Strike

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 5.—Street car men joined the general strike today and Vancouver workmen walked to their work.

La Grande Unions Stand By Irish and Ask That This Country Take Action

At a meeting of the Allied trades unions of La Grande recently held, there was a unanimous sentiment expressed to stand by the Irish and urge this nation to take up the cause of old Ireland in its fight for freedom and recognition.

The letters sent to the Oregon congressional delegation said: "The declaration of President Wilson on self-determination for all peoples are in accordance with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States: Whereas, self-determination was one of the great moving forces that brought the war to a successful conclusion, and it is the inalienable right sanctioned and promoted by Almighty God; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we the Allied Metal Trades Unions of La Grande and Union county, Oregon, in mass meeting assembled on this 3rd day of June, 1919, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, do hereby pledge our unchangeable and unalterable support to the principle of self-determination and for all people, including the Irish.

"Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to any league of nations that does not give to the people of Ireland the right to choose for themselves under what form of government they shall live, and we hereby send a message to our United States senators, George E. Chamberlain and Charles L. McNary, that we are determined to stand by this principle to the last and will not be satisfied with any action by them contrary to this principle."

FORMER LA GRANDE PEOPLE MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Proctor of Fruitdale have received the announcement of the marriage of their son, Henry Guy, to Miss Marie Lane of Dillon, Mont., May 30, 1919.

The bride and groom are graduates of the La Grande high school. Miss Marie is the [illegible] daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane, formerly of this place.

Mr. Proctor was a senior in the [illegible] of [illegible] specializing in chemistry, when he was called to war. He was appointed first [illegible] (aviation) at Philadelphia, Penn., in the early fall of 1918.

At present he is a [illegible] Hilldale-Montpelier [illegible]. Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Proctor [illegible] at home at Dillon Mont.

VILLA BANDITS SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROY RAIL AND WIRE LINES

EL PASO, June 5.—It became known from an authoritative source Wednesday that there is no hope of the early restoration of rail and wire communication between Chihuahua City and the border. Bands of Villa followers are at work a short distance north of Chihuahua systematically destroying the railroad and telegraph lines, it is said.

Ties are being torn up and used as fuel for huge fires into which are thurst the steel rails and from which they emerge broken and twisted and unfit for further use. The telegraph posts are being chopped down and the wires coiled up and carried off by the rebels.

The work of destruction has been carried on from a point close to Chihuahua City to the vicinity of Terrezas station.

According to Elias de Lao, private secretary to Governor Andres Ortiz of Chihuahua, who arrived in El Paso Wednesday, there has been no attack on Chihuahua and none is expected.

NOGALES, June 5.—Authentic information was given out here Wednesday by federal officials the Mexican government will not be granted permission to transport federal Mexican troops in roads through the United States to take the field against the Villa forces in Chihuahua.

WESTERN MAN AWARDED

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Awards of distinguished service crosses by General Pershing, announced by the war department Wednesday, includ- of distinguished service crosses by tioch, Cal.

Residences Being Improved and Additions Added to Many Homes

This is a period of reconstruction, so far as the home of many La Grande people is concerned, for the carpenters and brick masons are busily engaged in fixing things up and making new additions to properties.

Hal Bohnenkamp is erecting a sleeping porch to his home on Spring and First street, which will make a very fine improvement to the property when completed.

His brother, Chase, is arranging to begin work on the installation of a brick fireplace and other improvements on his property adjoining.

Peter McDonald is finishing a sleeping porch addition to his beautiful home on Second street.

Dr. C. B. Cauthorn is erecting a porch and making other changes in his home on Second street near Adams avenue.

H. C. Lawyer is excavating on Second street for the moving of one of the buildings forced off of Adams avenue by McCrary's new garage. When located on Second street, Mr. Lawyer will use it for an apartment house.

JUDGMENT FOR $15,000

Finding of Judge Knowles in Fuller Case Sustained by Supreme Court.

The supreme court rendered a decision on but one case Wednesday, at which time it was expected that a final decree would be made to determine the official status of Ben W. Olcott.

In the opinion handed down, the court upholds Judge J. W. Knowles, of Union county, in a $15,000 judgment awarded Grace F. Fuller of La Grande, for the death of her husband, Walter Fuller, in an accident on the O.-W. R. & N. at North Fork, September 2, 1917. The railroad company had appealed the case from Union county.

AL ANDREWS KEEPING QUIET

Al Andrews is taking things easy around the store these days, for the purpose of humoring a dose of lumbago that has got into his back. He is better able to enjoy a rest now that he has his son, Jesse, around to slip into the harness again when needed.

HONOR FLAG TO BE PRESENTED

ELABORATE PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR TONIGHT

Lieut. R. B. Kuykendall Will Present County's Flag and Will Deliver Interesting Address

G. L. Larison, who is chairman of the flag presentation meeting here tonight in the Mormon Tabernacle, announces the preparation of an elaborate musical program. Some of the best talent in the city will appear and the whole promises to be a very interesting part of the evening's entertainment. The address by Lieut. R. B. Kuykendall on his experiences in the war zone and the presenting by him of the honor flag which has been awarded Union county will be the real feature of the evening, and all loyal citizens of the county, who contributed to the success of this county's undertakings in war work, will be expected to attend the presentation ceremony.

Lieut. Kuykendall will arrive in the city this evening.

ALLEGED I. W. W. FOUND NOT GUILTY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SEATTLE, June 5.—James Bruce, an alleged I. W. W., was found not guilty of criminal anarchy as the result of activity during the general strike here. His trial was the first of several radical leaders. Scores of alleged I. W. W. in the court room expressed delight at the verdict.

MEXICAN PAPERS REPORT CAPTURE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

EL PASO, Tex., June 5.—Mexican newspapers here declared that Chihuahua City was taken by Villa and Angeles last Sunday. It is reported that Villa executed eight men on taking possession of the city.

MANY DEAD IN A MINE EXPLOSION

SEVENTY-EIGHT WERE KILLED AND THIRTY-THREE OTHERS WERE INJURED

CAR OF BLACK POWDER IGNITED BY SPARKS

Pennsylvania Mine Horror Takes Severe Toll of Victims—First Bodies Brought From the Tunnel Were Burning When They Were Brought to the Surface.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 5.—Sixty mine workers were killed and forty others were injured at the Baltimore tunnel of the Delaware & Hudson Company here. A car of black powder attached to a strip of cars on which the men were riding to chambers in the mine exploded. A trolley wire broke and sparks ignited the powder. Deaths were due to fire and suffocation.

Death List Is Seventy-eight.

Later reports showed that seventy-eight are dead and thirty-one injured. The first bodies brought from the tunnel were burning when the reached the surface.

CHORUS OFFERS GOOD PROGRAM

THE EVENT TOMORROW NIGHT PROMISES TO BE HIGH CLASS

Last Series of Concerts Given Over Union County is Saved for La Grande

The Community Chorus, after giving a number of concerts in the different towns of the county, will entertain a La Grande audience tomorrow evening at the L. D. S. tabernacle and the quality of the program is excellent.

With L. D. Edwards as director, Mrs. Edith Phy, of Union, Miss Eleanor Davis, of Union, Miss Vina Conley, of Cove, and Miss Florence Lynch, of La Grande, added to the regular chorus, the chorus becomes thoroughly complete and all who wish to enjoy an evening of first class music should attend.

The program follows:

Whippoorwill Song .... White
Community Chorus
Pauper Love .... Bungert
Tender Tie .... Delbruck
Miss Eleanor Davis
Night Before the Battle ....
Community Chorus
Piano .... Selected
Miss Vina Conley
Kentucky Babe .... Ad Club Quartet
La Grande Booster Song .... Ad Club Quartet
Comrades' Song of Hope .... Adams
Community Chorus
Lovely Spring .... Coenen
Mrs. Edith Phy
Long, Long Trail .... Elliott
(Arranged by Prof. Edwards)
Community Chorus
Violin solo .... Selected
Miss Florence Lynch
Star of Descending Night .... Emerson
Community Chorus

WILL CLOSE SATURDAYS.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 5.—One of the largest department stores in Los Angeles announced recently that it would give all employes two days off each week during July and August by closing Friday night to reopen Monday morning. [illegible] it has closed at noon on [illegible] days of [illegible] for [illegible]. Fifteen hundred employes [illegible]. The [illegible] of other large stores [illegible] considering similar action.

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PORTLAND, June 5.—For Oregon [illegible] moderate westerly winds.

CHARLES CONNERS, BANK ROBBER, SURROUNDED NEAR THIEF VALLEY

TELOCASET, June 5.—(Special.)—Chas. Conners, alias Burke, the man who robbed the Haines bank, is surrounded between Thief Valley and Lion's Hill, nine miles east of here, and his capture is expected to be effected before night. He was discovered while making an attempt to escape from Thief Valley to the hills. He is surrounded by automobiles by a posse of officials from Baker, and it is believed has no possible chance of escape.

FOOD CONTROLLER NEEDED

LONDON, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The General Federation of Trade Unions has requested that the Food Controller's Department continue to exist for a time, until the world restores its political and economic equilibrium, [illegible] restrict [illegible].

[illegible] CONFERENCE [illegible]

SOUTHPORT, Eng., (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The Labor Conference to be held here June 25, etc. take up important problems growing out of the war including resolutions calling for the withdrawal of troops from Russia and condemning conscription. One section of the labor element demands that industrial action be taken to abolish conscription.

Other subjects to be [illegible] upon are the control of industry, national finance, education, old age pensions, [illegible] settlements of the land question and the delay in [illegible].

GILLETT REITERATES CHARGES OF MEXICO'S FLAGRANT ACTS

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Protest of the Mexican embassy to the state department at Speaker Gillett's assertion before the Pan-American commercial congress that Mexico was the greatest impediment in the western hemisphere to international trade drew from Mr. Gillett Wednesday a formal statement declaring his words were true, were deliberately uttered but without hostility or jingoism and he hoped "did not hurt the susceptibilities of any person except the Mexican representative."

"I appreciate that what I said would offend him and I was reluctant to do that," said Speaker Gillett's statement. "But it seemed to me that even at that risk the suggestions I made ought to go before the conference.

"I thought it would be preposterous in a discussion of the commercial conditions on this continent to have no allusion made to Mexico whose persistent failure to observe her international obligations and protect foreigners engaged in commerce has been notorious and is the most flagrant obstacle to commercial intercourse and growth in our hemisphere. And yet I endeavored to make clear that my attitude was entirely free from hostility or jingoism, that I was eager that the United States should earn the permanent confidence and friendship of the republics south of us, and that it was for their interest as well as ours that Mexico should become a safe region for foreign sojourn and investment, and that the greatest beneficiary of such a salutary change would be Mexico itself."

THREE PLANS APPEAR LOST

WILLAMETTE COUNTIES OPPOSE RECONSTRUCTION.

Irrigation and Drainage District Interest Guarantee is Reported to Have Carried.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, June 5—Returns from outside counties, chiefly Douglas, Washington, Marion, Linn and Lane, showed heavy votes against some of the reconstruction measures. The reconstruction bond amendment, the five million dollar reconstruction bonding bill and the lieutenant governor measure were defeated, according to late figures. The reconstruction hospital amendment is in doubt.

The measures which carried were the six per cent indebtedness, Roosevelt highway bill, soldiers' aid, market roads and the irrigation drainage district interest guarantee.

BACK TO OWNERS IMMEDIATELY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Postmaster-General Burleson issued orders this afternoon returning the telephone and telegraph systems to private ownership, effective immediately.

STORM IN THE SENATE.

Reported Leak in Diplomatic Circles of Peace Treaty Causes Contention.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, June 5—There was a stormy senate debate over the leak in diplomatic channels through which it had been charged that copies of the unpublished peace treaty had reached interests in New York. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, calling up his resolution for a senate investigation, declared the statements by Lodge and Borah regarding treaty copies in New York constituted a "monstrous charge" involving a scandalous attack on the President and a new chapter in the attack on the treaty itself.

T. K. Bellamy Opens Fire Insurance Office in West-Jacobson Bldg.

Believing that La Grande has reached a point in size and growth when a fire insurance office handling that as a specialty and devoting its time to insurance and little else, T. K. Bellamy, for some time associated with the State Bank of Imbler, has opened offices in the N.-K. West building.

"I am a fire insurance man," said Mr. Bellamy, "and I am locating in La Grande because, first I like the town and the county, and second, because I believe it is the very best business town in the interior country. There is room for a strictly fire insurance institution in La Grande and it is my purpose to stick to that line of business."

WALLOWA COUNTY BACKS ROADS BILLS

Reconstruction Measures Shared the Same Treatment as That Accorded in Other Districts

JOSEPH, June 5.—(Special)—Joseph fittingly celebrated election day Tuesday when it piled up a vote of 123 in favor of the county bond issue. The negative vote on this measure was only 26. Of the other measures, the majority in five cases out of nine was in favor of the negative. This was due largely to the fact that little or nothing was known about several of them any many voters considered that the only safe policy would be to vote them down. The vote as cast at the various polls in Joseph stands as follows: Six per cent county indebtedness for permanent roads amendment, yes, 86; no., 51. Industrial and reconstruction hospital amendment, yes, 48; no., 56; five million dollar reconstruction bonding amendment, yes, 53; no., 66; the Roosevelt coast military highway bill, yes, 61; no., 69; reconstruction bonding bill, yes, 51; No., 70.; Soldiers', sailors', and marines' educational financial aid bill, yes, 71, no. 58; Market roads bill, yes, 71; no., 45.

It is easily seen that the vote was light. Other towns in the valley report the same thing. The county bond issue carried by a large majority in practically every precinct of the county.

THE NEXT NECESSARY STEP.

It is apparent that the good roads measures have carried in the state by majorities ranging from 10,000 to 20,000, and these are large figures when it is considered that scarcely more than a third of the voters took the trouble to express themselves. Union county stood in line with the other sections of the state, and for this the Observer feels gratified and thankful.

It is a proclamation of progress that cannot be halted. The whole program of expenditures as outlined to the voters would not mean as much as ten dollars per capita for the people of Oregon.

Even the opposition was conservative and its most effective influence was that in the expenditure fear that the "money might be wasted."

That is the thing to be watched from now on. The will of the people has been expressed. It is time to practically [illegible] with an absolute guarantee of a dollar's worth of road for a dollar of money.

It is everybody's duty to see to this. It might be headed by a committee of the Union County Ad Club or a committee of citizens, or both. The highway commission of Oregon is composed of trustworthy men and the people have the right to demand that there are no hand-outs or soft snaps in Oregon's road building program.

To be absolutely certain that the people's money gets what it pays for is the next necessary step.

FOURTH ST. CASE IS OUT OF COURTS

SUPREME COURT DISMISSES ACTION OF PROPERTY OWNERS AGAINST CITY

NEW TRAFFIC RULES WILL KEEP CARS OFF ADAMS

Many Matters of Importance Up at Meeting of City Commissioners Last Night—Creation of Local Boxing Commission Under Newly Enacted Law is Asked

Dismissal by the Supreme Court of the United States of the case brought against the city of La Grande by the property owners in the South Fourth street improvement district has finally brought to an end a long period of litigation over the street improvement assessments and now places the city in a position where it is able to go ahead finally and collect the money due it. dismissal of the suit was announced last night at the meeting of the board of city commissioners and the city treasurer is now ready to receive payment of all delinquent assessments. If the payments are not forthcoming the city will take action to recover them, according to the voice of last night's meeting. A resolution was passed by the board authorizing the city recorder to publish a list of all delinquent assessments. Dr. Brownton, president of the board, was back in the chair last night and presided over a busy meeting.

The regular monthly reports from the various city department officials were received and showed affairs in all of them to be in good shape.

Boxing Commission Asked

C. D. Esnabiser came before the commissioners with a petition asking for the creation of a boxing commission in the city of La Grande, under the sanction of a new law passed by the state legislature. The petition was signed by over one hundred citizens. This matter, after brief discussion, was referred to the city attorney for examination and will be taken up again by the board.

New Traffic Rules

Another important matter up last night was that of revision of the traffic ordinance. The finding of a satisfactory solution of the parking problem has occupied the commission's attention for some time and a short time ago the suggestion for center parking of all cars on the main streets was under consideration for a couple of weeks and finally voted down. Last night after some discussion the board instructed the city attorney to draft a new traffic ordinance which will prohibit the parking of cars on Adams avenue, from Fourth street to Greenwood street and which will also require that cars be backed in to the curb and not headed in, as they mostly are at present. Other changes may also be made, based on the rules in force in other cities.

Will Fix Dam at Intake

Discussion of the report of Engineer Kelsey on the water plant occupied some time, and the board finally instructed the city manager to have the small dam at the intake repaired or rebuilt.

Mr. Kelsey had also reported regarding conditions at the septic tank and he recommended that a chlorinating plant be installed there, similar to the ones that were installed early in the spring at the pumping station at the Palmer mill. The commission instructed to take up with these manufacturers of the chloriators the matter of having another plant installed. This action is subsequent to the receipt of objections from people living near the irrigation ditch into which the sewerage is discharged after entering the septic tank.

Ad Club Asks Aid

A communication from the Union County Ad club was read asking that the city bear part of the expenses with the Ad Club of establishing and maintaining a tourists' camping ground near the Riverside park. The commissioners desired to look into this proposition further, however, and laid the request over until their next meeting.

A request for the creation of a sidewalk improvement district at the corner of 9th street and M avenue was received and held over also, to enable the board to secure

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