

WIRES NOW GO BACK TO OWNERS

SENATE BILL FOR RETURN TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP PASSED THE HOUSE

CABLE SYSTEMS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE ACT

At the Same Time the Law is Repealed Under Which These Properties Were Taken Over by the President—Becomes Effective Without Delay

By Associated Press to The Observer

WASHINGTON, June 19.—After reconsidering the action extending the government fixed telegraph rates for six months, the house today without a record vote passed the senate bill providing for the return of telegraph and telephone properties to private control and repealing the law under which those properties and the cable systems as well were taken over by the president.

OPPOSED TO THE COMING BIG FIGHT

By Associated Press to The Observer

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 19.—The lower house of the Ohio legislature adopted a resolution asking Governor Cox to stop the Willard-Dempsey prize fight, to be held at Toledo on July 4.

TELOCASET MAN SUDDEN PASSING

JOHN HODGKINS OVERCOME BY FUMES IN WELL

Descended Into Well Too Soon After Explosion of Dynamite—Died After Reaching House

John Hodgkins, a farmer living near Telocaset, died suddenly yesterday morning, following a descent into a well which was being deepened by loosening the earth with dynamite charges. Hodgkins was working on the well yesterday and had descended into the well too soon after the charge of dynamite had been exploded. The fumes from the explosion, still remaining in the bottom of the well, which had then been put down about thirty feet, were too strong for him and he immediately got out of the well again. Feeling sick, he walked to his house, which was but a short distance away, and layed down in his room. Death came suddenly within a few minutes of the time he entered the house.

ALL QUIET ALONG MEXICAN BORDER

By Associated Press to The Observer

FABENS, Texas, June 19.—Every thing is quiet along the border. Villa forces' camps could be seen by the American patrols all night. Additional troops have been sent from Fort Bliss by motor to guard against raids.

LODGE SPEAKS AGAINST LEAGUE

By Associated Press to The Observer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 19.—Senator Lodge, who has just returned to the United States from his tour of Europe, is now the first senator to speak against the league. He said that the league was a "strange and dangerous thing" and that it would "bring about the destruction of our government."

WILSON VIEWS THE MINE DESTRUCTION

By Associated Press to The Observer

BRUSSELS, June 19.—President Wilson, after a day's trip through the devastated regions, motored today with King Albert to Charleroi to see the destruction in the mines.

AUTO MEN TO MEET

YAKIMA, Wash., June 19.—The Washington Automobile Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual convention in Yakima July 25-27, according to announcement made here recently. F. W. A. Vesper, president of the national auto dealers is expected to attend. Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle will be one of the principal speakers at the gathering. Trade questions and other business will occupy the first two days and the third will be devoted to an outing.

TRAGIC ACT BY PORTLAND MAN

SHOOTS HIS WIFE AND LATER KILLS HIMSELF

Religious Fanaticism Is Ascribed As the Cause for the Shooting and Self Destruction

By Associated Press to The Observer

PORTLAND, Or., June 19.—Thomas S. Edwards, an iron worker, shot and killed his wife this morning as she was seated at the breakfast table. He then went to a nearby house and telephoned his brother, C. O. Edwards, of the deed. Returning to his home he shot himself dead. Religious fanaticism is assigned as the cause of the deed. Four children were seated at the table at the time of the tragedy.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE IN VIEW

Today much thought is given to the gasoline problem. Automobile manufacturers, as well as oil producers and refiners realize that a shortage of gasoline will come unless new fields are discovered. In the meantime they recommend that the strictest economy be practiced in the use of gasoline and other petroleum products.

The automotive engineers, as well as the oil producers and refiners, realize the seriousness of the gasoline problem and they are constantly bending every effort to devise automobile engines and methods of carburization which will secure the operation of automobiles on grades of gasoline that will permit the maximum production of this motor fuel from each barrel of crude oil, and which, at the same time, will give the greatest power and mileage from each unit of gasoline consumed. All this attention to problem is helping to a marked degree, yet consumption is increasing much faster than production. The gasoline of today is not as highly volatile as the gasoline of some years ago, yet it is more powerful and gives greater mileage. Its use is made possible by the improvements in automobile engines and methods of carburization. To go back to the gasoline of ten years ago would be to accept a more highly volatile, but less powerful gasoline giving less mileage. It would also result in decreasing the production of gasoline.

VAIL OUT AS PRESIDENT

WILL HEAD DIRECTORATE

NEW YORK, June 19.—Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, announced Wednesday he had resigned the presidency and assumed the newly created position of chairman of the company's board.

H. B. Thayer, identified with the system for 40 years, has been elected president, and N. C. Kingsbury has been elected vice-president, succeeded by U. N. Bethell, who has resigned. As chairman of the board, Mr. Vail will devote his attention to the larger problems of policy and development.

NO DEATHS OCCURRED AT BRIDGE IN AUST COLLAPSE

BRIDGE, Pa., June 19.—No deaths occurred as a result of the collapse of the bridge over the Potomac river last night. The bridge, which was built in 1880, was destroyed by a fire which broke out in the structure. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the structure. The bridge was used by a number of American soldiers who were barred in the debris. Several of the injured men are in a serious condition.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE CHANGING

FEELING TOWARD THE PEACE TREATY SEEMS TO BE MORE FAVORABLE

BERLIN SAID TO BE RESIGNED TO FUTURE

Exciting Rumors Printed in London Newspapers to the Effect that the British Grand Fleet Is Ready to Sail to German Waters on Short Notice

By Associated Press to The Observer

The German feeling toward the peace treaty appears to be taking a more favorable trend. Although the peace delegation is represented as being decidedly opposed to the acceptance of the terms, the latest dispatches reflect a different view point. The Majority Socialists, the dominant political force in the German republic, are reported to be more favorably inclined than at first and the Clericals and Democrats of the left wing are swinging in the same direction.

Berlin people are reported to be resigned to the future, holding the sole wish that the treaty be signed. Meanwhile exciting rumors are printed in the London newspapers to the effect that the British grand fleet is ready to sail on German waters on short notice; also that British dirigibles are all ready to make war on the German coast if not over German soil.

PIONEERS ARE HAVING VISIT

ANNUAL REUNION IN PROGRESS AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Attendance Hardly as Extensive as Anticipated, But Meeting Is Enjoyed By All

The annual reunion of the Union county pioneers held at Riverside Park today was hardly as well attended as was expected, due very largely to the busy season of the year. However, the early arrivals in Grande Ronde are present from all parts of the county, with a good sprinkling of those who formerly called this part of Oregon their home, as visitors.

The main feature, the social reunion, was enjoyed by all and this part of the program took up most of the forenoon as well as the noon hour when family groups were conspicuous over the park grounds.

The meeting was called to order by President S. L. Brooks and Mrs. John Shaw officiated as master of the program. Some of the members for the forenoon program were omitted. Due to the numbers just before noon was a highly appreciated solo by Mrs. A. L. Richards.

Hon. Walter M. Pierce was the principal speaker of the day and his address followed the basket dinner. The program for the afternoon was rather informal but many of the most prominent members of the pioneer organization were present. The evening session will be in charge of Miss Olive Slater.

Dirigible Flight Is Postponed to Await the German Decision

By Associated Press to The Observer

LONDON, June 19.—The flight of the dirigible, scheduled to take place today, has been indefinitely postponed. The German government has decided that it will not allow the dirigible to fly over its territory. The flight was to have been made by a dirigible built in the United States. The flight was to have been a test of the dirigible's ability to cross the Atlantic ocean.

MEDFORD WILL VOTE AGAIN ON BUDGET

By Associated Press to The Observer

MEDFORD, June 19.—The school board will present the same budget that was defeated Monday to a special election to be held July 10. It is believed that the adverse vote was due to lack of information. The board will conduct a publicity campaign.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, June 19.—For Oregon—Fair, cooler Friday; gentle southern winds.

AID FROM CITY FOR CAMP SITE

COMMISSION AGREES TO HELP THE AD. CLUB

Board Discusses New Traffic Ordinance, Which Has Been Prepared—Stop Parking On Adams

Assistance from the city in the providing of conveniences at the tourist camp which has been established at the city park, was sought and received last night by the Ad Club. A. W. Nelson, secretary of the Ad Club, and J. G. Spodgrass appeared before the board of commissioners at their weekly meeting, and put the proposition up to the board. It was desired, they said, to build at the park three or four small ovens at which the camper might do their cooking, and to have erected at several points in the country on the main roads approaching the city, signs which will guide tourists to the camping site which has been arranged here especially for their accommodation.

City Agrees to Give Aid

It was explained to the board that the camping site at the park is merely a temporary proposition for this summer, and the amount which it was estimated would be required for the work was about \$45.

Commissioner McKennon declared that he was not at all in favor of making the park the permanent camping site, as he strongly favored the project of the city and county buying the old fair grounds and making the camp there. As a temporary site, however, he could see nothing wrong with the park camp, and made a motion, which Commissioner Grandy seconded, that the city provide financial assistance to the extent of not more than \$50 toward the providing of the conveniences needed at the camp.

La Grande Getting Good Name

Speaking to the commission regarding the fitting up of the camp, Mr. Nelson stated that many tourists have of late stopped over night at the camp and all of them have been immensely pleased. One man who motored from Maine to Portland and back, said Mr. Nelson declared that La Grande had the best natural camping site, with the exception of Helena, Mont., of any place he had seen on his trip. Tourists, he said, are passing along the road about La Grande and it is going to be very much to La Grande's advantage to get busy at once and make as good an impression as it is possible to do upon the many visitors who will be sure to stop here during the holiday season.

New Traffic Ordinance

Considerable time at the session was taken up by discussion of a new traffic ordinance which the city attorney had prepared to deal with the parking of automobiles on Adams avenue.

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EVENING MAIL FOR PORTLAND

The local postoffice would like to give as much publicity as possible to the fact that the new train, No. 21, has closed round connection with Portland. All letters mailed at the postoffice prior to 6:30 p. m. will be dispatched on this train. These letters are delivered in Portland the next morning, which letters get in the mail box at the depot and picked up by train No. 5 and are delivered at Portland. All letters mailed at the postoffice prior to 6:30 p. m. will be dispatched on this train. These letters are delivered in Portland the next morning, which letters get in the mail box at the depot and picked up by train No. 5 and are delivered at Portland. All letters mailed at the postoffice prior to 6:30 p. m. will be dispatched on this train. These letters are delivered in Portland the next morning, which letters get in the mail box at the depot and picked up by train No. 5 and are delivered at Portland.

C. BARTMESS MET TRAGIC END TODAY

A YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

HAD RETURNED ONLY RECENTLY FROM ARMY

Was Son of Ed. Bartmess, Old Pioneer of the District—Went Out Early This Morning to Get Horse and Was Later Found Dead by Father

The tragic death of Clint Bartmess, son of Ed. Bartmess, a pioneer settler of the Grande Ronde Valley, occurred at an early hour this morning at the Bartmess farm, about fifteen miles up the river from La Grande. Death resulted from a gun shot wound, received only in his early twenties and just returned a short time ago from the service, have been deeply shocked by the occurrence.

Young Bartmess with his friend, Joe Woods, had recently entered the fire patrol service and last night they rode up to the Bartmess place and remained for the night. Their horses were turned loose and on arising early this morning, deceased had set out with a can of oats and a bridle to catch his horse. He took with him his gun, which he wore in a scabbard, strapped on his back.

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PORTLAND-BAKER AIR TRIP COMING

FIRST CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT IS DUE SOON

Plane Will Do Stunts at Baker On the Fourth—Will Arrive Here On July First

W. E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker Commercial club, and Fred B. Curry, of the Oregon Journal, were in town this morning, making arrangements here for a landing field for an airplane that will make a high across country from Portland to Baker, in order to be at Baker to participate in the Fourth of July celebration in that city. Messrs. Meacham and Curry came in last night from Pendleton, where they had also made arrangements for a landing, and they went on to Baker today.

The flight is to be made in the interests of the War Savings campaign of which C. S. Jackson, of the Journal is state director. Stops will be made on the way at Hood River, The Dalles, Wabico, Inse, Pendleton and La Grande, and at each place short talks will be made on war savings by Fred Lockley, of the Journal, who will be a passenger on the trip. The machine, which will be a Curtiss biplane, owned by the Oregon Airplane and Transportation Company, of Portland, will be piloted by Lieut. William Pearson, a member of the firm.

Under the schedule arranged the plane, with Lieut. Pearson and Mr. Lockley, will leave Portland on Monday, June 30, arriving in La Grande Tuesday, July 1. While here the flyers will be entertained by the Union County Ad Club at their regular luncheon and then the plane will proceed to Baker, to stop flights during the Home Coming jubilee to be held in honor of the returned soldiers of Baker county. Mr. Lockley, of course, will write up the trip for his paper, the Journal, and the information which is gathered on the trip regarding landing fields, etc., will be arranged so as to be of benefit to the government in the establishment of a regular cross-country air mail service, which is one of the suggestions of the War Savings campaign. The flight is the first flight of the kind to be made in the interests of the state and such interest will be attached locally to it. The landing field which has been selected in La Grande is the old circus lot, back of Sauro Heart company.

FAVOR PLACING BAN ON IMMIGRATION

By Associated Press to The Observer

ATLANTIC CITY, June 19.—The American Federation of Labor in convention today adopted a resolution favoring the restriction of immigration during the reconstruction period.

NEW FIELD MAN NAMED

YAKIMA, Wash., June 19.—John E. Watt, field man of the United States department of agriculture has been appointed to succeed Roy P. Bean as government agriculturalist on the Tilton irrigation project. Mr. Watt, at present on duty in New Mexico, will assume his new duties immediately. Mr. Bean resigned the position of agriculturalist to become manager of the state's irrigation experiment farm near Prosser.

FARM WORK UP TO THE AVERAGE

SOME COMPLAINT IS MADE ON THE LACK OF LABOR

General Crop Conditions Are Reported Favorable Considering Cold and Dry Weather

PORTLAND, June 19.—Farm work, as a rule, was up to the average for the season in Oregon last week, although some complaint was received of scarcity of labor, according to the weekly summary of weather and crop conditions in the state, issued by the weather bureau here.

The week was characterized by unusually cool weather for the second decade of June, particularly in northeastern counties, where killing frosts were experienced that checked the growth of vegetation and caused considerable injury to staple crops which were just recovering from the effects of previous freezing weather. Beneficial showers occurred, but they were mostly confined to coast counties and the Willamette valley; elsewhere in non-irrigated districts rain is badly needed. The sunshine was generally adequate but low temperatures retarded vegetation.

Winter wheat, says the summary, continues good to excellent and while rain would help in filling the crop east of the Cascade mountains, the prolonged cool weather has been beneficial and prospects are promising. Bailey, oats and spring wheat are fair to good; these crops were improved by rains in western counties but in other districts are suffering from lack of moisture. Corn made slow growth, is turning yellow in some localities and needs warm weather for best results.

Fruit of all kinds continues promising except where injured by frost and freezing weather in central and eastern counties. The weather has been favorable for apples and a large yield is anticipated from the commercial fruit districts. Strawberry and early cherry season is about over in Douglas county and a fair crop of cherries is being marketed in Jackson and Linn counties.

Hay is becoming general. Some first cuttings were injured by rains in Lane and Marion counties, and in Malheur county the prospects are for a fair crop only, as fields are badly fouled with weeds which necessitated early cutting. Low ranges are trying up in eastern and southern counties but the high range is good and stock is being shifted to summer pasture. Sheep shearing is nearing completion in Lane, and Malheur counties with a good wool crop of high quality.

Potatoes were nipped by frost, early varieties are being marketed in Douglas and Lane counties and the late crop, in western Oregon is in excellent condition. Truck crops are doing as well as could be expected and should make rapid growth with advent of good weather.

WILL THAT BEHAVIOR TRANSFER

SEATTLE, June 19.—The U. S. court here today ordered the transfer of a man who had been arrested in a suburb of Seattle and is undergoing a trial here. The man was arrested at Portland 20 years ago and was recently purchased by a local concern from the government. Since then the vessel has been rounded into form to enable her to follow the path of the Pacific.

SENATE IS WORKED UP ON LEAGUE

HOT WORDS ENSUE OVER THE ADOPTION OF THE LODGE RESOLUTION

SENATOR THOMAS SAYS OPPOSITION UNCALLED FOR

Senator Williams Claims that Committee on Foreign Relations is Packed Against League—Counter Charge that Peace Commission is Packed With Democrats

By Associated Press to The Observer

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The adoption of the Lodge resolution regarding the league of nations and the peace treaty would be interpreted as an uncalled for effort by the senate to dictate to the peace conference, Senator Thomas, Democrat, said in opposition to the measure.

Senator Williams, Democrat, of Mississippi challenged any Republican senator to deny that the committee on foreign relations had been packed against the league. The challenge started a clash so bitter that the vice president admonished the senators against breaking the rules.

Williams shouted to the Republicans: "You left on the committee only one Republican favoring the league and you left him because you dared not take him off." Republicans replied that it might also be said that the peace commission at Paris had been stacked with Democrats.

TAKE A FLING AT THE COURTS

LABOR FEDERATION CONDEMNNS "USURPATION OF JUDICIARY"

Recommend that Injunction Decrees Be Disregarded as a Violation of Individual Rights

By Associated Press to The Observer

ATLANTIC CITY, June 19.—The American Federation of Labor today adopted resolutions condemning "usurpations by the judiciary" of the government's legislative and executive powers and recommending that organized labor disregard injunctive decrees of courts on the grounds that they violate the rights guaranteed under the constitution.

ALLEGED MEXICAN REDS SLAIN BY CARRANZISTAS

GALVESTON, June 19.—Ten Mexicans, alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World, were killed by Mexican federal troops during a riot at Tampico on Wednesday, according to an unofficial report received here. Many persons were reported wounded.

The riot was said to have been in connection with labor disputes at Tampico and federal troops were compelled to fire to disperse the crowd.

RESOLUTION ASKS PROBE OF MEXICAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Investigation by a congressional committee of the Mexican situation from 1910 to the present, a resolution proposed in a resolution introduced Wednesday by Representative Good, Republican, of New York. The committee would be directed to inquire particularly into the relations, economical, political and military between the United States and Mexico, and should have power to meet in Mexico or elsewhere.

KING ALFONSO INDISPOSED

MADRID, June 19.—King Alfonso is slightly indisposed. He is remaining in his room on the order of his physician.