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WIRES WILL REVERT END NEXT MONTH

EXPECTED PRESIDENT WILL SIGN LAW RIGHT AFTER RETURN HOME

PHONE RATES LIKELY TO STAND FOUR MONTHS

Agreement Reached by House and Senate Conference on Repeal of Government Control—Compromise of Plans Effected—Go Back July 31st.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Agreement was reached late Tuesday by senate and house conference on legislation to repeal government control of telegraph, telephone and other wire systems. The conference adopted the house plan of terminating government control at midnight on the last day of the calendar month in which the law is approved.

Toll and local exchange telephone rates would be continued four months unless sooner changed by state commissions, under the conference agreement—a compromise between the 90 days rate extension clause of the senate bill and the six months continuance proposed by the house.

The practical effect of the legislation, the conference stated, will be that the wires will be returned to private control and operation at midnight July 31, as it is expected confidently that the law will be signed by the president early in July.

Senate Concedes Point

The senate conference yielded on the senate plan of returning the wire lines "forthwith." They granted that enactment of the law would be practically impossible, and the house plan was accepted to avoid confusion in accounting, should the wires be turned back in the middle of a month. Action on the conference report will be had first in the house, and prompt ratification of the conference agreement is anticipated in both bodies of congress, the time for ending government control and the telephone rate extension questions being the only subjects in dispute.

POSTAGE RATES WILL GO BACK ON FIRST OF JULY

The little old red 2c stamp will return to its former habitat on the envelope of first class mail July 1, for on that date the 3c stamp will be banished because of the resumption of the former rate postage. 2c per card or fraction on letters. Post cards will also return to their old popularity, with a mailing charge of 1c instead of 2c. Three cent stamps will be used on mail requiring more than 2c and for this reason they will not be redemmed.

Truckloads of Supplies. Going into Serbia For Relief of Her Peasants

BELGRADE, Serbia, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Northern Serbia which for several months after the war was virtually isolated from contact with Allied sources of supply is now receiving a steady stream of goods of all kinds. These are brought in by way of Ruma as there is no through rail connection north from Saloniki to Serbia owing to the fact that the main north-south railroad in Serbia is still being repaired and hundreds of bridges are being pushed beyond repair in the beds of the streams they once spanned. At present it requires, with good luck, from ten to fifteen days to cross Serbia from Saloniki to Belgrade by motor truck and rail.

The American Army Food Commission and the American Red Cross are daily sending truckloads of food, clothing and medical supplies into Northern Serbia from Belgrade. The trucks are loaded with supplies such as: Canned goods, flour, corn, potatoes, oil, sugar, coffee, tea, soap, and other necessities. The trucks are driven by American drivers and are accompanied by American guards.

Middle Western States Getting Too Much Rain While West Is Suffering

E. E. Kiddle has returned from New York City, where he spent a couple of weeks at a conference of grain men and millers, held together by Julius Barnes, head of the United States Grain Corporation. The conference was to discuss matters in connection with this year's crop. A very adverse crop is expected to be harvested. Mr. Kiddle states that the middle western states are experiencing very hot weather, and some of them are receiving more rain than is good for the growth. The crop in some districts there will be harmed by excessive moisture, he says, while here it is suffering from lack of it.

RECEPTION FOR BISHOP PADDOCK HERE TONIGHT

Right Reverend Robert L. Paddock, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Pacific, arrived in the city today and will be a visitor here for a day or two. This evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Russell, 1802 Third street, a reception will be held, to which all his friends and acquaintances here are cordially invited. The reception will be held at 8:30 o'clock.

At 7:30 this evening, Bishop Paddock will attend a service at the Episcopal church, to administer the rite of confirmation, and he will also give an address.

NO RELIEF FROM HIGH PRICES YET

RECORDS SHOW COST OF LIVING STILL RISING

Department of Labor Statement Says Retail Price of 22 Articles Rose 2 Per Cent in Month

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The cost of living is still going up, according to a statement on food prices issued yesterday by the department of labor.

The retail price of 22 articles of food combined for the United States was 2 per cent higher on May 5 than on April 15, 1919, according to the statement, and out of 41 articles for which prices are received by the bureau of labor statistics each month from retail dealers, 28 advanced in May.

Butter advanced 7 per cent in April, but decreased 5 per cent in May. Bacon increased 4 per cent in April, but decreased 1 per cent in May. Lard increased 4 per cent in April and 10 per cent in May.

Meat increased 2 per cent in April and 17 per cent in May, which brings it up to the price of May, 1918. Flour increased 5 per cent in April and 4 per cent in May; eggs, 2 per cent in April and 8 per cent in May; coffee, 2 per cent in April and 5 per cent in May.

Ham and round steak each increased 2 per cent in both April and May; sirloin steak increased 5 per cent in April and 2 per cent in May; rib roast increased 4 per cent in April and 2 per cent in May.

Onions increased 55 per cent; potatoes, 6 per cent; cabbage, 5 per cent; pork chops, 4 per cent; oleomargarine and lard, 3 per cent each, and cheese, chuck veal and hens, 1 per cent each.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE ENGAGED AT PENDLETON

PENDLETON, June 25.—Miss Phannigan, who recently returned from overseas service as a Red Cross nurse, and who besides her foreign service was connected with the Infant Welfare Society and the United Tuberculosis Association, has been engaged by Miss Emma Bellamy, director of the Bureau of Nurses at Seattle headquarters, to fill the position of health county health nurse.

Miss Phannigan is expected to arrive in Pendleton this evening in response to a letter of the United States Red Cross chapter to secure a nurse and her pay from the chapter funds. Upon her arrival here, she will be assigned to the position of health county health nurse.

GRAIN HANDLERS WILL ASK FOR NEW WAGE SCHEDULE

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, Or., June 25.—Grain handlers in Portland today notified their employers that they will seek a new wage schedule when their present agreement expires on the first of July. At present they are being paid at the rate of 75 cents an hour, and it is expected that a considerable increase will be sought.

WINNIPEG STRIKE ENDS TOMORROW

WALKOUT HAS BEEN CALLED OFF UNCONDITIONALLY.

Strikers' Bulletin Asserts the Government Has Promised a Full Investigation.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WINNIPEG, June 25.—Formal announcement was made today by the Winnipeg strike committee that the general strike here will end tomorrow at 11:00 a. m. The strike committee asserted in a bulletin that the strike was called off when the government promised to name an investigation committee, regarding the reinstatement of the workers. The government announced last night that the strike was called off unconditionally.

MANY VETERANS ON TRAIN TODAY

EDMUND MURPHY ONE OF LOCAL BOYS ABOARD

Welcome Received Here Declared by Men to Suppress Anything They Had Received Yet.

La Grande had the pleasure of entertaining for nearly an hour this afternoon two hundred and fifty-six men of the 143rd Field Artillery, just home from overseas. The train was in charge of Lieut. Eugene Walters, of Covalis, and other officers, several were Lieuts. Cheate, Moaw and Strain of Portland, Capt. McAloney, of Portland, and Capt. McKinley, of Bend. They are all Oregon men, and many of them come from Pendleton. They belonged to Troop D, which was organized in that city.

Four local boys returned on the train. They were Roland Thomas, Sam Orion, Carl P. G. of Island City, and Edmund Murphy. Murphy's relatives here had for a long time thought him dead, as he became lost from his company and it was a year before they heard from him here again.

The troop had been overseas sixteen months. They returned as a result of demobilization, having been split up at Camp Mills. On the train was Capt. Lee M. Clark, who went from Portland to Huntington to meet the train. Capt. Clark, who was stationed here about three years ago on recreation duty, called on numerous friends in town during his stay.

The soldiers while here were entertained with motor rides and fed on oatmeal, cake and coffee at the expense of the Salvation Army band. The Red Cross ladies gave them also flowers and newspapers. They were very appreciative and declared it was the best welcome they had received since leaving.

Their stay here at the 143rd is due here about midnight tonight.

CONFERENCE CIRCLES ARE DISTURBED

NO WORD RECEIVED FROM GERMAN DELEGATES UP TIL 1:15 THIS AFTERNOON

ITALIAN DELEGATES WILL REACH PARIS FRIDAY

Berlin Reports Say That Feeling in Military Circles There is Running High Over the Peace Situation—Talk of "Defending Germany's Honor."

(By Associated Press to The Observer) Germany's silence regarding her representation at the formal signing of the peace treaty has caused some uneasiness in allied conference circles. It is still hoped in Paris that the treaty will be signed Friday, but the event may go over until the following day. Everything now manifestly depends upon the arrival of the German delegates.

It is expected that the new Italian delegation, headed by Tomaso Tittoni, foreign minister, will reach Paris Friday to resume the activities of Italy relative to the treaty with Austria.

Dispatches from Berlin indicate that feeling still runs high in German military circles over the peace situation. German officers speak of "defending the honor of the German army and its leaders" by adopting special measures.

LOCAL DOCTOR OUT OF SERVICE

DR. J. L. INGLE AND MRS. INGLE HOME FROM TRIP.

Has Secured His Release From Army, But Dr. Ingle Will Continue Researches.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Ingle returned yesterday from a trip to Portland and Seattle, having been away since June 11. They left La Grande on the day after Dr. Ingle's return from Mineola, L. I., where he had been engaged in government research work. The doctor has secured his release from the service, but as he had not concluded his investigations when the government granted his request that he be released so that he might return to his work here, he will continue to carry on his researches at home. Dr. Ingle has for some time past been making a special study of the effects of tobacco upon airman, and it is this which the government wishes him to continue.

KAISER GETS NEWS OF TERMS, AMERONGEN, June 25.—News of Germany's acceptance of the peace terms, including the clause for the delivery of the former emperor to the Allies, reached his castle yesterday. Exactly how the former emperor was affected cannot be ascertained but the attitude of members of his party led to the belief that the news was quite a shock. The former monarch, however, resumed his task of sawing wood at the usual hour.

Fight Referee Selected.

TOLEDO, June 25.—Ollie Peard, of Toledo, will referee the coming heavyweight championship boxing contest between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey, to be held July 4, according to an official announcement made today.

PORTLAND OFFICE ROBBED OF PAPERS WORTH \$30,000.00

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, Or., June 25.—Thirty thousand dollars in non-negotiable securities was stolen some time between Saturday night and Monday morning from a vault in the office of the Hammond Lumber Company in this city, the police announced today. The robber opened the safe by manipulating the combination.

STATE MAY HAVE PHONE WALK-OUT

STRIKE IN NEIGHBOR STATE MAY BE EXTENDED.

Electrical Workers Threaten to Call Out Locals in Oregon and Washington.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Representatives of striking telephone companies and electrical workers in Nevada and California made an announcement today that unless tonight should see the successful conclusion of their negotiations with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, they will serve an ultimatum, after which, unless their demands are granted, they will call out the locals of Oregon and Washington.

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TO ENTERTAIN HOSPITAL UNIT BOYS TUESDAY

The parents of the La Grande boys who served overseas as members of the Eastern Oregon hospital unit, have made arrangements to hold a reception for the members of that organization next Tuesday evening. Invitations have been issued to the members of the unit and they, with the members of their families and their lady friends, will be the only guests at the reception.

Prices Prevailing In Balkans For Necessities Make Them Impossible

(By Associated Press to The Observer) NISH, SERBIA, (Correspondence of Associated Press)—Upon their arrival here with food, clothing and medicines the Army Food Mission and the American Red Cross found the following prices prevailing: for a man's suit of clothes of cheapest quality, \$240; a pair of trousers, \$60; a pair of shoes, \$50; one yard of cotton cloth, \$12; a spool of cotton thread, \$5 to \$12; a small piece of soap, \$6; one pound of coffee, \$15.

At Nish a loaf of bread cost \$1, one pound of sugar, \$5; a quart of kerosene, \$6; a pair of women's shoes, \$60; men's shoes, \$70 a pair, underwear of poor quality, \$25 a suit, thread, \$2 for a spool.

If both the Nish and Ploet districts the Bulgarians had carried off clothing, bedding and cloth of all sorts. Red Cross representatives found hundreds of men, women and children in some hamlets wearing nothing but burlap sackings.

Yuhus has broken out at Janjevo, Gostovar, Paljaska, Cuprija, Deskovatz, Jakub, Soren, Drama and Kavalla. In virtually every town of 4,000 population in Serbia there are from ten to thirty cases of typhus. Dozens of Red Cross "teams," consisting of one doctor and three or four nurses have been sent out from Salonki to the worst typhus centers. Diaperstubs, disinfecting stations, soup, bread and clothing have been established and many Serbian hospitals have been taken over.

Millions of feet of mosquito netting have been brought into the Balkans by the American Red Cross to fight this summer's fly plague.

COMMITTEES WORK HARD TOWARD 4TH

PLANS FOR BIG CELEBRATION GOT GREAT IMPETUS LAST NIGHT

MAY BRING AIRPLANE AS AN EXTRA ATTRACTION

Business Men are Coming Through in Good Shape for the Parade and Thirty-four Floats are Assured—Prospects for Automobile Races are Good

Just as they were going to be disappointed on hand in connection with the auto races which have been arranged as the chief part of the afternoon entertainment at La Grande's Fourth of July celebration was dispelled at the meeting of committee members in the city hall last night, and those who had been rather pessimistic as to the results which could be obtained on the half mile track at the fair grounds went away from the meeting assured that this part of the program would in no wise be short of expectations, in fact an excitement and interest might be concerned. However, in order to make doubly sure that the afternoon program will be a thoroughly good one, the meeting decided that they would do their utmost to arrange for an airplane exhibition, along with the auto races that afternoon.

GRANGES MEET SATURDAY NEXT

JOINT SESSION OF COUNTY SOCIETIES AT UNION

Meetings Will Be Held at Experiment Station and Visitors Are Invited to Attend

Each year the granges in the county hold their joint meeting at the Experiment Station at Union some time during the month of June. This year the granges will hold their annual meeting at the Experiment Station at Union on Saturday, June 29th. In the forenoon the grange holds its session. In the afternoon they have an open program and inspect the station and work that is being done. At the noon hour a grange luncheon is held, each family bringing its lunch basket, and unless one has a package of one of these grange lunches one does not know what such a lunch means.

The program in the afternoon is always very interesting and it alone is worth one's time. Usually one or two speakers from the outside are sent. Inspection of the experimental work carried on at the Station is of course a very important feature of the visit, and this is an unusual opportunity for the people of Union county to see what the Station is doing, particularly in the line of crop production, at this time of the year. As the eat and sleep feeding work is carried on during the fall and winter months there will consequently be no cattle or sheep on feed at this time. Probably one of the most interesting features in the plant production line will be the headless corn, which is being produced at the Station. Many other things of interest will be found there.

The granges invite the people of Union county to meet at 12:30 on Saturday, June 29th, at the Experiment Station and be pleased to have visitors and give them an opportunity to observe results obtained.

RECEIVES POPPIES PICKED BY DAUGHTER IN FLANDERS FIELDS

Mrs. F. G. Behlke yesterday received in a letter from her daughter, Emma, a box of poppies that she had picked while on a holiday from her work in Paris. She sent poppies taken from fields of Flanders, Belgium, from the field of Waterloo, and violets from Belgium.

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COMMITTEE HEADS TO MEET

Tonight at the Y. M. C. A. a meeting of the heads of all committees that have been appointed on the celebration arrangements. This meeting is called for the purpose of having presented the budgets which the various committees estimate they will need for the financing of the work under their direction. It is important that all budgets be presented to this committee so that those chiefly responsible for the financing of the day's program will know just what they require.

MISS ANDERSON GIVES OFFICE

Miss Della Anderson, of La Grande, was elected one of the vice-presidents of the Oregon Christian Endeavor society in the convention held in Portland recently.

Five Former Governors Now Wear Senatorial Toga



The United States Senators in the present Congress were formerly governors of their respective states and all are mighty proud of the distinction. This new picture of the group was taken on the Capitol steps in Washington. Standing left to right they are Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, Senator Henry W. Keene of New Hampshire, Senator Carter E. Egan of New Jersey, Senator Augustus O. Stanley of Kentucky, and Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts.