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## MAY HAVE JOINED IN BIG STRIKE

ELECTRICAL WORKERS GENERALLY JOINED STRIKE TODAY, FOLLOWING MASS MEETING

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES ARE TAKING MEMBERSHIP

**Telephone Service Is Still Being Given Today, and Company States That Service Will Be Maintained—Workers at Spokane and Seattle Also Join Walk-out**

PORTLAND, July 1.—Electrical workers generally joined the strike today against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, following a unanimous vote taken last night at a union mass meeting. Telephone service is still being given today, but in reduced volume.

Telephone company officials said only twenty per cent. of the operators had struck. Union members said that more than 450 were out and that 350 had joined the union since yesterday.

**Company Regrets Move**

According to W. J. Phillips, district commercial superintendent of the company, not more than 20 per cent of the operators answered the strike call. Mr. Phillips said that the company had maintained service, and would continue to do so. He expressed regret that the strike had been called, declaring that the points of grievance were near to adjustment and the company was disposed to treat fairly with its employes.

"There is nothing between the company or employes that warrants a strike," said Mr. Phillips. "In my opinion the local action is in the nature of a sympathetic movement with the California strikers, who went out about two weeks ago."

**Strikers Ask Rise in Pay**

That the strike is completely successful from the viewpoint of the first day and will continue without concession is the stand taken by Mrs. Agnes Johnson, president of the operator's union. Asserting that long-continued efforts to secure recognition of their demands without result have led directly to the strike, Mrs. Johnson declares that the issue will be given a thorough test.

Union officials assert that they will stand firm on their demands for a minim wage of $2 per day for operators, with a maximum wage of $4 after two years' service. They ask also retroactive, or "back," pay to January 1, the day after the old wage agreement expired, the establishment of local adjustment boards with union membership; double time on Sundays and holidays, and two week's vacation with full pay.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 1.—Union electricians employed by the Home Telephone Company, to the number of fifty or seventy-five, struck today in response to a call made by international officers.

SEATLE, Wash., July 1.—Electrical Union officials here said that every member of the union had answered the telephone strike call.

SALEM, Ore., July 1.—The Oregon Public Service commission today instructed the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to keep an accurate account of its extra expenditures on account of the strike, to be used later in an investigation to be conducted by the commission.

### Americans In Mexico Have Established Concentration Camp For Their Protection

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

EL PASO, Texas, July 1.—A concentration camp has been established at Jiminez, Chihuahua, Mexico, where Americans from the Parral district have gone for protection from Villista bands, is the news brought by an American who arrived here from Parral today.

### Letters From New York Reach Chicago Now In Six Hours By Airplane

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The government air mail service today inaugurated between New York and Chicago a six hour air mail service.

### WARREN WRIGHT REACHES BOSTON ON RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wright received a telegram yesterday from their son Warren, announcing his arrival at Boston. He was in the first call and had been overseas nearly two years, with the Fourth division, which was in the thick of the heavy engagments on the western front. The Fourth division is a division of the regular army and was not assigned to early convoy home, and the word of his arrival in America again is not only gratifying to his parents, but comes also as a surprise to them.

## CLUB MEMBERS BUY UP SUPPLY

LIQUOR CELLARS FILLED WITH PRIVATE LOCKERS

**California, Last Coast State to Go Dry, Receives Advent of Prohibition Quietly**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1—California, with the rest of the nation, today began to adapt itself to prohibition conditions. As far as the outward and visible signs were concerned, no change could be noted. Everything went as usual. In some sections of the city the bibuiously inclined sat up into the early morning hours speeding the parting guest until the last moment. For these the morning bracer no longer existed unless private provision had been made for the emergency.

All the clubs in this city were strictly on a soft drink basis today. Practically all the familiar surroundings and appurtances had been retained. Men still made use of the brass foot rail as they stood at the bar and quaffed their grape juice or root beer.

There were few men in the clubs who were used to having their tipple who were not provided with a store of their favorite beverages of old. Clubs had sold their stocks to their members and in many of the larger organizations the wine cellars were turned into storage deposits where each member was provided with a small locker where he could keep his stock.

Large clubs such as the Olympic and Bohemian disposed of from $25,000 to $50,000 worth of liquors to their members. It still lies in the wine cellars, but it has been sorted, redistributed and segregated so that it now has many owners, each his own private store. Similar conditions obtained in the Press Club, the Pacific Union, the Family and other well known organizations.

What applies to San Francisco, practically applies to all sections of the far west, where prohibition was not already in force.

### EVERETT KNOWLES WRITES OF A FALL IN NAVY SEAPLANE

A letter was received Monday by Judge J. W. Knowles from his son, Everett, who is with the Aviation branch of the navy, at Coco Solo, Canal Zone. An extract from the letter reads:

COCO SOLO, Canal Zone, Air Station.—"Went for a ride in a seaplane, two officers and myself, flew over Colon a couple of times, and around the bay; then we came over the target where they were going to have machine gun practice. We had fired a couple of times at the target and had circled around to fire at it again, when the control-wire to the left wing failed to work. The officer who was running the plane was an old hand at the business and didn't lose his head. We were 300 feet in the air when we started down, and he kept going in a half circle until we were about 100 feet from the water, and then she came down with a crash.

"We all got a good ducking and the machine was smashed to pieces, but none of us got hurt. We had a good laugh after it was over, but it wasn't funny when we were falling through the air. Don't worry about me anymore, mother. This is my first and last ride in a plane."

### SOLDIERS DID GOOSE MARCH IN FAST MOVING TRAIN

BREST, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The American soldier who lingered too long saying good-bye to his girl on the railway platform as his train was leaving overtook it by getting a ride on the next faster train, his commanding officer made him march up and down in the aisle of the car for five hours carrying his pack and rifle while the train was going 175 miles to Brest.

### Great Quantities of Bolshevist Literature Seized in Quebec City

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MONTREAL, Que., July 1.—Tons of Bolshevist and Socialist literature were seized here today in a raid conducted by the police in the foreign quarters of the city.

### Former Cove Physician, Returned From Service, Has Located at Union

UNION, July 1.—Dr. A. C. McCown, formerly of Cove, has announced that he has located in Union and has opened an office in the former Union National Bank building, sharing reception rooms with Attorney L. Z. Terrel. The Doctor has recently been discharged from the service, having served twenty-one months, eleven of which were served in France with Base Hospital No. 46, known as the representative of the University of Oregon. Previous to entering the service, Dr. McCown practiced for four years in Cove. He entered the service as Lieutenant and was advanced to the rank of captain.

## TELEGRAPHERS ORDERED BACK

RAILROAD OPERATORS WILL RESUME WORK AT KEYS.

**On Sympathetic Strike Since June 12 —Will Again Handle W. U. and Postal Business.**

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 1.—Members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers throughout the country were today ordered to resume the handling of commercial business for the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies. The ban had been in effect since June 12, as a measure of sympathy with the telegraphers' strike.

### AMERICANS BUY FAMOUS KRUPP MUNITION WORKS

LONDON, July 1.—The Krupp works at Munich have been sold to Americans, according to dispatches from Munich quoting newspapers there. It is added several industrial concerns in the Bavarian capital also have passed into American hands.

## MANY IN PARADE ON HORSEBACK

SIXTY RIDERS ALL READY SECURED FOR THIS SECTION

**Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, Who Is In Charge of the Riders, Willing to Receive More Names**

Earnest efforts to make the horseback section of the Fourth of July parade one of the most notable features of the day are being made by Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, to whom the general committee on the celebration have delegated the task. Mrs. Scroggin all ready is able to give assurance that there will be at least sixty persons on horseback in the parade, but she is still anxious to secure others. Those who will enter this section of the parade will all be dressed in appropriate uniforms and the horses will be decorated for the occasion. Trumpeters on horseback will head the parade, according to present plans.

Mrs. Scroggin asks that all who are in this section meet at 9 o'clock the morning of the Fourth at the corner of Fourth street and Washington avenue, to be ready to take their alloted place in the parade immediately afterward.

### DRY DAYS ARE COMMON IN WASHINGTON STATE

SEATTLE, Wash., July 1.—Washington state was only a spectator today when the nation went dry. Washington by popular vote became dry January 1, 1916. The saloons went out of business but "importations" were allowed. June 6, 1917, the state became "bone dry" by legislative act. Last November the voters approved the "bone dry" measure. Now, according to local interpretation of federal and state laws, only liquor for sacramental purposes is allowed.

## TEST CASES TO BE MADE ON NEW LAW

DENY RIGHT TO SELL BEVERAGES WITH MORE THAN 1 PER CENT ALCOHOL

WILL ARREST ALL WHO VIOLATE LIQUOR LAW

**Department of Justice Head Declares The New Prohibition Law Will Be Interpreted Strictly According to Department's Interpretation of It.**

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 1.—Test cases on the sale of beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol will be brought immediately by the Department of Justice in all jurisdictions where such cases are now pending, Attorney-General Palmer announced today.

"We propose to make immediate arrest of all persons who violate the wartime prohibition law, according to our interpretation thereof," he said.

NEW YORK, July 1.—Upon his arrival in New York President Wilson will be met by a delgation representing all of the international labor unions of New York, who will present him with a demand that a referendum vote be taken on the constitutional amendment making national prohibition a law. This announcement was made of the Central Federated Union, which has a membership of 350,000.

Mr. Hannah stated that the prohibition law was playing directly into the hands of the radical element of organized labor.

## BIG DIRIGIBLE READY TO START

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

EAST FORTUNE, Scotland, July 1. —The British dirigible, R-34, it is expected, will start from here tomorrow in her attempt to make a flight across the Atlantic ocean. The hour of her departure is given as 2 o'clock Wednesday morning.

### VOLUNTEER IS HOME AGAIN FROM A. E. F. FRANCE

V. T. Nixon is home from the war to stay. Two years ago when the States were plunged into the world war Mr. Nixon was among the first to volunteer to make the world safe for democracy.

## TRAINS CRASH, KILLING MANY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

DUNKIRK, N. Y., July 1.—Eight persons were killed and more than 40 injured in a rear-end collision here early today between two passenger trains on the New York Central road.

To Fight Bolshevism.

Frederick W. Gillett, speaker of the new House of Representatives, who says Congress will act vigorously to curb Bolshevism by strengthening the laws aimed to reach offenders against the Government of the United States.

### Electrical Workers at Tacoma Join In Strike; Operators Still at Work

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TACOMA, Wash., July 1.—Forty-eight members of the Electrical Workers' Union employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company here, went on strike today. The operators are still at work.

### Navy Dirigible Explodes, Injuring Large Number of Spectators Crowding Near

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BALTIMORE, Mr., July 1.—Nearly a score of persons were injured today at Camp Holabird by the explosion of a navy dirigible balloon. The balloon had descended to the field because of rudder trouble and was surrounded by a large crowd of spectators when the explosion occurred.

Nearly 100 persons were treated at Camp Holabird hospital for burns of various degrees.

## WARDEN ORDERS DAMS REMOVED

WALDEN RULES CATHERINE CREEK MUST BE OPEN

**Three Dams in Sugar Section Near Union Were Keeping Salmon From Reaching Upper Waters**

UNION, July 1st.—Deputy Game Warden John Wolden, of La Grande has ordered the removal of all air tight dams in the sugar farm section on Catherine Creek, following protests by local sportsmen that the dams were preventing thousands of fish from making their run up the river to their breeding grounds.

Warden Walden was notified of the presence of at least three such dams on Catherine Creek and he immediatly investigated. Tons of fish were reported banked up at the dams, as no way had been provided to let the fish get past the dam.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Eastern Oregon, fair and cooler tonight and tomorrow.

## FORMER LOCAL VETERAN DEAD

WM. R. KIRKLAND PASSED AWAY AT ELLENSBURG, WASH.

**Was 83 Years Old, Member of G. A. R., and Lived In La Grande Sixteen Years Ago.**

William R. Kirkland, a Civil War veteran and a member of the G. A. R., who was a resident of La Grande some sixteen years ago, passed away a few days ago at his home in Ellensburg, Wash., at the age of 83 years. The funeral was held at Ellensburg last Sunday. When Mr. Kirkland left La Grande sixteen years ago, after a number of years' residence here, he went to Ellensburg and his home had been made in that district ever since.

The late Mr. Kirkland enlisted for service in the Civil War in October, 1861, from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, joining the regiment known as the Kansas Jayhawkers. He saw four years of active service under the command of Colonel Charles R. Jennison and was honorably discharged from the service September 29, 1865. He had been married in the Spring of that year to Miss Nellie M. O'Neill, in Dallas county, Iowa.

While living in La Grande Mr. Kirkland had been a member of O. P. Morton corps of the G. A. R., and after going to his new home at Ellensburg he joined David Post No. 10 in the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, who are Mrs. Florence Farquis, of La Grande and Mrs. James McEwen, of Wallowa, Oregon, and one son, I. D. Kirkland, of Ellensburg. He is well remembered by many of the older residents of this community and by members of the G. A. R. in particular. Death came to him at the close of eight years of illness.

### MANY AMERICANS ARE WITH BRITISH FORCES

ARCHANGEL, May 28.—(By Mail)—Even if all American soldiers are withdrawn from Northern Russia, as is indicated by preparations for the debarkation of those troops who have been in this territory since last September, the United States will have a large representation among the British volunteer troops.

Of a contingent of Canadian flying corps officers who recently arrived, a large number are from the States. At one flying corps mess recently visited by the correspondent were six Iowans.

## ADMITS ROBBING BANK AT HAINES

CHARLES CONNERS UNDER ARREST AT SAN FRANCISCO.

**Met Up With Woman Who Stole $1700 of His Loot—Complaint Against Her Caused His Arrest.**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—Lee C. Carter, a commercial traveler, was taken into custody here Saturday on a charge of having robbed a bank in Haines, Oregon, of $3115, when he had Miss Hazel Perry, of this city, arrested on his complaint that she had stolen $1700 from him. Police authorities said Carter has made a confession.

Carter, the police said, also is known as Charles Connors, Charles Burk and Patrick Murphy. They said he also had admitted having broken jail at Pendleton, Ore., and that he was wanted by Sheriff Anderson at Baker, Or.

Carter said he and Miss Perry had met here and that she deserted him in Los Angeles, taking $1700 from his overcoat pocket.

When arrested, Miss Perry, the authorities said, had a deposit slip showing a recent bank deposit of $800. She denied the charges against her and later was released on bail. Carter was unable to furnish bail.

Three employes of the bank at Haines were held up May 29 by a lone robber, who entered the institution and gave them their choice of being locked in the vault or taking an oath on a Bible that they would not leave the bank nor give an alarm for 30 minutes. They chose the latter, and kept their oath. Meanwhile, the robber made his escape in a taxi with $3115 of the bank's funds.

The sheriff from Baker took the trail, but he was unable to find any clue that would aid him. At the same time Sheriff Taylor, of Umatilla county, issued a statement that the description of the robber tallied with that of Charles Connor, alies Charles H. Burk, who had escaped from the Umatilla county jail four days before.

### Arrival of Great "Drought" Recalls History of Famous "Joints" Along the Border

EL PASO, Tex., July 1.—Texas having been officially "dry" for more than a year, El Paso was not affected by the enforcement of national prohibition today other than to recall to the minds of the older residents many of the most famous places on the Mexican border which were conducted here in the days when El Paso was known nationally as a "wide-open-town" and the saloon keepers bragged that they owned no locks or keys, since they kept open the year around.

At one time there were more than two hundred saloons operating here in the Mexican and American quarter. The most noted of these were in the business district along both sides of San Antonio street, El Paso street and the plaza. These included the Cactus, the Parlor, Wigwam, Gem, The Ranch, The Ruby, Astor House, Palace, "Coney Island and Lobby. Outside of the downtown district the "Bucket of Blood," near Fort Bliss, received its gruesome name from the fact so many men had been killed there. In the Mexican quarter the "Copa de Oro"—(Cup of Gold) "El Buen Tiempo"—(The Good Time) and the "Amigo de los Pobres"—Friend of the Poor" were noted drinking and gambling places for the Mexican population. These "cantinas" have been here since the city was a goat ranch.

Gambling was conducted openly in a majority of these saloons. The Wigwam was one of the most popular. There prospectors from the hills of the southwest and Mexico gambled away their earnings of a year in the desert; many killings occurred there. The Coney Island was long the rendezvous of the cowboys and catered to them by having stuffed deer heads, mounted horns and a display of ancient and modern fire arms in cases along the dingy walls.

## SAY PRINCE MADE ESCAPE ON SUNDAY

COUNTER REVOLUTIONISTS SAID TO WANT FREDERICH WILHELM IN GERMANY.

DUTCH QUEEN'S CONSORT SENT AS ADVISOR

**Allies Issue Warning to Government of Holland, Following Report of the Crown Prince's Escape, to Guard Against the Likelihood of the ex-Kaiser Getting Away.**

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, July 1.—German counter revolutionists have a motor launch ready to rescue the former German crown prince, wishing him to appear as head of the military forces of Germany, according to a Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Mail. The Dutch Queen, the dispatch adds, has sent her consort to persuade the former crown prince that it would be detrimental to Holland, which granted him hospitality, if he participated in any revolt in Germany.

**ESCAPED ON SUNDAY.**

BRUSSELS, July 1.—The former German crown prince, Frederich William, escaped from the island of Wieringen last Sunday, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Soir.

**ALLIES WARN HOLLAND.**

LONDON, July 1.—The allied governments have represented to the government of Holland the necessity of taking steps to prevent the departure of the former German emperor from Holland, C. B. Harmsworth, undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, announced in the house of commons Monday afternoon.

### Russian Anti-Reds Are Advancing On Moscow By Way of Kursk, Is Report

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, July 1.—Anti-Bolshevist forces in Russia are advancing against Kursk, 250 miles south of Moscow, in the hope of finding a way through to Moscow, says a Russian wireless message which quotes the official Bolshevik organ, "Lavestia."

### Award of Medal to Salem Man Announced By General Pershing

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 1.—General Pershing today notified the war department of the award of the distinguished service cross to J. H. Burchfield, of Salem, Oregon.

### Former German Chancellor Cannot Relieve ex-Kaiser From Blame By Offer

WASHINGTON, July 1.—International law experts of the entente embassies in Washington hold that since Dr. Theobold von Bethmann-Hollweg in his capacity of chancellor of the German empire was responsible solely to the German emperor the one-time ruler of Germany cannot escape full responsibility for any and all the acts committed by his subordinate."

### CHASER FLIES GERMAN FLAG

STOCKHOLM, July 1.—The German submarine chaser UZ-21, flying the German war flag and commanded by Captain Rucktaschel, arrived at Gothenburg last Thursday. The occupants of the chaser, who were without passports, are under police surveillance.

Captain Rucktaschel did not divulge the destination of the craft upon leaving Kiel. When the boat reached the open sea he told the crew he would not return as the honor and fortune of Germany had been lost in the peace treaty.

### SOLDIERS ARE TAKING GERMAN GIRLS AS WIVES

COBLENZ, July 1.—The army of occupation can now fraternize. The rule against it was declared a dead letter today by Colonel Dodge, provost marshal, as it applied only during the state of war. Twenty officers and soldiers who were secretly engaged to German girls can now make the engagement public.