

## LIVING COST PROBLEM AT WASHINGTON

PRELIMINARY REPORT MAY BE  
SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT  
TODAY

THREATS OF STRIKES WILL  
INTERFERE WITH SOLUTION

Discussion Will be Held With Julius  
Barnes on the Proposition Throwing  
Wheat on the Market With  
the Government to Stand the Defi-  
cit in the Guaranteed Price.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Attorney  
General Palmer is expected to pre-  
sent a preliminary report to the  
president today concerning possible  
steps to be taken by government  
agencies to reduce the living costs.  
The president is to discuss with  
Julius Barnes, president of the grain  
corporation, the proposal to restore  
wheat to a free market, the govern-  
ment making good the difference be-  
tween the market price and the guar-  
anteed price.  
Administration officials believe  
that increased production is one way  
to decrease the living cost.  
The president feels that strikes or  
threats of strikes now will interfere  
materially with a solution of the  
problem. He may go before congress  
and recommend steps for relief.

## SENATOR WATSON IS AGAINST JAP CONTROL.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Senator  
Watson, of Indiana, Republican, de-  
clared today that the history of the  
German and Japanese acquisitions in  
Shantung had been one wrong heap-  
ed upon another. He asked the senate  
to reject the treaty provision giving  
control of Shantung to the Japanese.

## PENDLETON MEN OPEN NEW FLOUR MILL IN YAKIMA

PENDLETON, Aug. 5.—M. R. Eoff,  
who has been employed here as a  
bookkeeper at the Pendleton Roller  
Mills, left Saturday for Yakima where  
he will be manager of the Miller Mill-  
ing Company, which has as its incor-  
porators J. G. Miller of Pendleton, M.  
R. Eoff and A. E. Knerr of Yakima.  
The mill will have a capacity of 300  
barrels. The new building is now un-  
der process of construction in Yakima.  
Mrs. Eoff and son Robert left re-  
cently to visit her parents in Wasco  
and she will return here for a few  
days before going to Yakima to join  
her husband.  
I. H. Mayboom, who has been em-  
ployed at the Portland Flour Mill in  
Spokane, has arrived to be Mr. Eoff's  
successor in the local mill.

## STRAWED ROADS BURN.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 5.—  
Automobile drivers of this section of  
Washington are reported to be liter-  
ally "burning up" some of the roads.  
Recently county authorities ordered  
laid as a covering on some of the  
country dirt a covering, and shortly  
after reports reached here that in sev-  
eral places the straw was set afire by  
sparks from open automobile "cut-  
outs." About a mile of straw on one  
road near here burned recently, it was  
reported. Several years ago road fires  
were started in a similar manner and  
a number of automobiles were de-  
stroyed by the flames.

## THOUSAND BOXES TO ACRE.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 5.—  
Wenatchee apple growers are aim-  
ing at a production of 1000 boxes of com-  
mercial apples for every acre of or-  
chard land in this section. To help the  
growers reach their goal, a fruit grow-  
ers' demonstration will be held here  
August 23 under the direction of the  
Washington State College and County  
Agent Mettke.

## CLIP SETTLERS' MEETING.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 5.—  
Clark Savage, state land commis-  
sioner, is to be one of the speakers at a  
picnic of the Old Settlers' associa-  
tion to be held here August 7 to 9.  
The last day of the picnic a trap shoot  
between Bellingham, Port Angeles and  
visiting British Columbia clubs are  
scheduled.

## Street Cars Don't Pay In Walla Walla; Line Will Be Junked Soon

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 5.—C. S.  
Walters, manager of the Walla  
Walla street railway system, a sub-  
sidiary corporation of the Pacific  
Power & Light company, announced  
here today that on next December 1,  
the company would abandon six miles  
of the city street car lines in the out-  
lying districts and that probably the  
remainder of the lines would be aban-  
doned as soon after January 1 as the  
company could dispose of its rolling  
stock. Even with an 8-cent fare the  
company is not making any money, he  
said, and had not for the past five  
years. The interurban line between  
here and Milton will be continued in-  
definitely, as it is a paying propo-  
sition. Municipal ownership of the  
lines and municipal subsidy tax are  
two solutions suggested here.

## BIG BALL GAME IS DUE SUNDAY

ENTERPRISE MAY COME WITH A  
SPECIAL TRAIN.

Announcement Tomorrow Whether  
Whether Adams Umatilla Indians  
or Enterprise Will Come.

C. H. Scranton, manager of the Union  
County Ad Club baseball team in  
Eastern Oregon at Enterprise last  
Sunday, when his proteges put it all  
over the Enterprise boys in a game  
that ended 6-2. As a result, he says,  
Enterprise is coming back with blood  
in their eyes, and will possibly be here  
next Sunday. He is awaiting word  
from the Adams Indian team at Umatilla  
before announcing definitely that  
Enterprise will be here Sunday, for if  
the fast Indian aggregation does not  
come Enterprise will.  
R. Alexander, the Cove pitcher, who  
is going to finish the season with La  
Grande, was mainly responsible for  
the defeat of the Enterprise bunch  
Sunday, although he was given fine  
support by the locals. Only one error  
was made by La Grande. Alexander  
simply had too much speed for the  
other fellows and the only runs which  
Enterprise got were two homers which  
Steele, their shortstop, made. The  
one was a clean hit, the other the re-  
sult of the lone error.

When Enterprise comes, they are  
going to charter a special train, is  
the word the locals bring home, and  
they are going to bring all the boosters  
from their home town they can muster  
within fifteen miles. Enterprise is  
all behind the team, says Scranton, and  
if they do not show La Grande how to  
play ball they will show them how to  
support the home team.  
The Union County Ad Club should  
start now to plan a reception for the  
visitors, says Mr. Scranton, for Enter-  
prise is coming to talk good roads as  
well as to play ball. They are hitting  
the ball on the goods roads propo-  
sition in their home county and they  
want to get action on the project to  
link up Union and Walla counties  
by county paving.

## METAL TRADES MAKE DEMANDS

HALF MILLION MEMBERS TO  
JOIN IN APPEAL.

President and Congress Expected to  
Reduce Living Cost to Avoid  
Strike Disturbance.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—James  
O'Connell, chairman of the metal  
trades department of the American  
Federation of Labor, announced today  
that a half million members of the  
metal trades crafts this month will  
demand that congress and the President  
reduce the cost of living if possible, to  
avoid strike disturbances.

## BOY IS HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)  
MARSHFIELD, O., Aug. 5.—Rorold  
Howell, aged 15, is held by the grand  
jury on the charge of murdering Lil-  
lian Leuthold, the high school girl  
whose body was found near her home  
at Bandon last week. Carroll Watson,  
aged 18, arrested with the Howell boy  
was released.

# Control Of Railroads Demanded By Labor

## GYPSY BAND FIRED OUT OF PENDLETON

Three auto loads of gypsies stopped  
in Pendleton this morning but not for  
long, says the East Oregonian. Hardly  
had their presence been detected when  
calls began pouring into the police  
station and soon after Major Lee,  
Moorhouse appeared at the police sta-  
tion with a young gypsy girl in tow.  
Close behind came Traffic Officer  
Longley with the remainder of the  
nomads.  
The girl was yelling and the others  
all trying to talk at once when Judge  
Fitz Gerald ordered the mob to be  
quiet or he would have them thrown  
into jail. An order evolved out of the  
chaos the judge started to talk and  
likewise the dozen gypsies began their  
explanations. Again the judge called  
the assemblage to order. This time  
they listened.  
"I'll give you just 30 minutes to get  
out of the city limits, all of you," the  
judge said.  
One of the men in the party saw  
that Pendleton's hospitality was not  
for them and notified the judge that  
10 minutes would be sufficient. They  
moved on.

## RAILWAY MEN TO HOLD BIG PICNIC

WALLOWA LAKE IS SITE FAVOR-  
ED BY MAJORITY.

Special Train Will Take All Men  
Floyers Out of Town Probably  
Sunday, August 17th.

Sunday, August 17th, is the date  
that has been selected by the several  
hundred employees of the O.-W. R.  
& N. here for their annual picnic,  
and the site that has been chosen is  
Wallowa Lake, provided proper ar-  
rangements can be made there for  
the accommodation of the large  
crowd of railway men and their wives  
who are planning to travel by special  
train to that beautiful spot on the date  
named. A meeting of the men in the  
roundhouse held last night fa-  
vored Wallowa Lake and the employ-  
ees in the other departments of  
the railway being agreeable the date  
was set this morning for the 17th  
as the most suitable time. A com-  
mittee representing the various de-  
partments for the visit of the pic-  
nicers the following Sunday.  
The committee are also getting  
busy at once to arrange a program  
of sports and general entertainment  
for the day. The O.-W. band will  
go along to keep the crowd livened  
up and on arrival at the Lake all  
members of the big party will be  
able to either enjoy themselves with  
the rest of the crowd or, if they pre-  
fer, to off to a favorite nook for a  
quiet day by themselves.

## RETAIL JEWELERS MEET.

SEATTLE, Aug. 5.—Washington re-  
tail jewelers were to hold their annual  
association meeting here today and  
tomorrow. W. G. Mancke, Tacoma, is  
president of the association; George  
H. Doerr, Spokane, first vice-presi-  
dent; V. Hunzinger, Walla Walla, sec-  
ond vice-president; C. W. Davenport,  
third vice-president, and A. J. Sar-  
tori, Spokane, secretary-treasurer.

## Remains of Mrs. Evans Cremated and Will Be Sent to Old Home

The remains of Mrs. Kenneth  
Evans, who passed away last week  
at Pendleton, after a long illness,  
have been cremated at the State  
Hospital in the city. It is the ex-  
pectation of the family later to for-  
ward the ashes to London, England,  
where they will rest in the family  
burial plot where lie the remains  
of her father, mother and sister.  
The late Mrs. Evans was of English  
birth, having come to the United  
States about seventeen years ago.  
For a time before coming to La  
Grande she lived in Portland. Her  
long illness and sad ending are a  
source of regret to her many friends,  
who had become endeared to her and  
remember her as an exceptionally  
bright and lovable character, gifted  
with many charms, and call forth  
their sincere sympathy for the hus-  
band and daughter who mourn her.  
She was the wife of Kenneth Evans,  
of La Grande, and the mother of  
Miss Josephine Evans, who has been  
attending high school in Portland.

## FORD CASE SOON TO GO TO THE JURY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)  
MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 5.—  
The submission of testimony in the  
Ford libel case was ended today and  
the case will probably go to the jury  
by next Tuesday.

## PACIFIC FLEET OFF SAN DIEGO

(By Associated Press to The Observer)  
SAN DIEGO, Aug. 5.—The Pacific  
fleet is to anchor outside the harbor  
at daybreak tomorrow.

## ALLIES' TRUNKS STOLEN

German Agreements on Restitution  
Disappeared in Hurland.  
BERNE, Switzerland, Sunday,  
Aug. 3.—(Havas.)—Advices from  
Berlin report that trunks belonging  
to the allied armistice commission  
in Germany have been stolen.  
The trunks contained important  
documents concerning agreements  
for the restitution to Belgium and  
France of machinery that had been  
removed by the Germans.

## WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—For Oregon,  
tonight and Wednesday, fair; war-  
mer Wednesday except near the coast;  
gentle westerly winds.

# Relations Are Strained Between Argentina and the British Government

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 5.—Diplo-  
matic relations between Argentina  
and England are at a delicate point  
as the result of the purchase by  
Argentina of the German steamship  
Bahia Blanca. England has refused  
to recognize the purchase which was  
made during the war. One of the  
Argentine papers deplores the Argen-  
tine government's "hostile attitude  
toward British capital invested in  
Argentina."

## AUSTRIA TO PRESENT COUNTER PROPOSALS

PARIS, Aug. 5.—Dr. Karl Renner,  
Austrian chancellor, announces that  
the Austrian counter proposals to  
the peace terms will be handed over  
tomorrow within the prescribed time.

## NOTED GRAPPLER IS CHALLENGER

JOHN FREBERG, OF CHICAGO, IN  
THE CITY TODAY.

Wants to Meet Harold Christiansen,  
Who Has Been Spending the  
Summer Here.

John Freberg, well known heavy-  
weight wrestler of Chicago, Illinois,  
stopped off today on his way to San  
Francisco, where he has a match  
booked for August 20, and forthwith  
set about trying to arrange a match  
with Harold Christiansen, another  
grappler who is well skilled in the  
wrestling game. Freberg, who claims  
the championship of Sweden, is heav-  
ier by about 30 pounds than Chris-  
tiansen, but he acknowledges that  
Christiansen is a very able man on  
the mat and he would like to take him  
on within the next ten days. He wants  
the match pulled off in time to allow  
him to reach San Francisco for his  
contest on the 20th. Freberg accord-  
ingly challenges Christiansen to a fin-  
ish match here in La Grande within  
the time mentioned.

## IMPROVEMENT OF FOLEY IS BEGUN

MANAGER VOGEL SAYS HE IS GO-  
ING TO MANICURE THE  
WHOLE PREMISES

A campaign of improvement has  
started at the Foley hotel and al-  
ready the dining room presents a  
new appearance with its remodeled  
interior, newly decorated walls and  
modern lighting fixtures. Pure  
white is the popular color at the  
Foley. The lobby is undergoing a  
change today and in a short time  
the appearance of the hotel will be  
materially changed.  
"I am going to manure the whole  
works," said Manager Vogel, who is  
on the job month, noon and night.  
"We realize that this is the high  
point in cost of improvements but  
they have to be made and just as fast  
as we can get to it, those will be  
one improvement after another made  
until the interior will be entirely  
changed."

## JAPAN TO MAKE EXPLANATION

ASKS NO RIGHTS TO TERRITORIAL  
SOVEREIGNTY.  
Japanese Troops to Be Withdrawn  
Immediately After An Agree-  
ment With China.  
(By Associated Press to The Observer)  
TOKYO, Aug. 5.—Viscount Uchida,  
Japanese foreign minister, in a state-  
ment said that Japan does not intend  
to claim any rights affecting the ter-  
ritorial sovereignty of China in Shan-  
tung. He promises that Japanese  
troops will be withdrawn immediately  
after an agreement is concluded with  
China.  
Japan, moreover, is considering the  
establishment of a general settlement  
at Tain-to instead of a purely Jap-  
anese settlement.

## WAR CONTINGENT LANDS

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The trans-  
port Vignola arrived today from  
Ivot with 118 officers and 2043  
men of the 25d infantry. The 25d  
is a part of the regular army, machine  
and anti-aircraft troops, except  
for a few anti-aircraft troops, which  
were in action from Okinawa  
every day until the signing of the ar-  
mistice.

# HUNGARIAN CAPITAL IS PLUNDERED

BOUMANIAN TROOPS BEGIN SYS-  
TEM OF MURDER AND  
ROBBERY.  
FIFTEEN OR TWENTY  
KILLED DURING DAY  
Hostages Demanded by Invaders who  
Arrest Some of the New Hungar-  
ian Ministry—Machine Guns are  
Mounted and the Local Police  
Force is Compelled to Disband.

## MORE SHIPS NEEDED FOR PACIFIC COAST

(By Associated Press to The Observer)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—The  
San Francisco division of the shipping  
board has asked the allocation of 80  
more vessels for foreign trade from  
this coast. Of the 40 now assigned;  
which are to be finished in August and  
September, 20 are assigned to San  
Francisco, 16 to Seattle, and 12 to  
Portland.

## COAST LEAGUE BALL PLAYER HELD FOR DEATH OF JAP

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 5.—A  
warrant charging manslaughter was  
issued here late today against James  
Caveny, shortstop of the San Fran-  
cisco baseball club, following the death  
of Y. Mankanshi, who was injured last  
Thursday night in a fight in which  
San Francisco baseball players were  
alleged to have participated.

## JAPANESE BUY ORCHARD

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Aug. 4.—  
John Fisher has sold his 20 acre  
orchard place on Des Flat to a  
partnership of Portland and Hood  
River Japanese. The orchards have  
been making heavy purchases of  
strawberry land in the district the  
past few months, having recently  
bought the place of Tony Flint. More  
than 12 families now reside in the  
district, owning an aggregate of  
more than 200 acres.

## RAILWAYS TO BE BUILT

Milwaukee Reported About to Re-  
sume Construction in Olympics.  
HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 4.—Re-  
ports were circulated here today  
that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St.  
Paul railway intends to resume con-  
struction soon upon the Olympic penin-  
sula railways upon which work was  
halted by the signing of the armis-  
tice. The greater part of the right-  
of-way has been obtained, it was  
said, and deeds are on record. Work  
will be started in both the Port  
Angeles and Gray's Harbor divisions,  
it is said.

## LOW VETERAN FARE URGED

Cent-a-Mile Rate to San Francisco  
Convention Sought.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—President  
Wilson was urged by Senator Phelan  
of California today to recom-  
mend to the railroad administration a  
rate of 1 cent a mile to U. S.  
Spanish-American war veterans at-  
tending the convention to be held  
soon in San Francisco.  
The president, according to Sen-  
ator Phelan, took the matter under  
advisement.

## GOD COUSINS HELP FAIRS.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 5.—The  
"bums" crops being harvested in  
Lewis county this year have led offi-  
cials to declare that the coming South-  
west Washington Fair will have an  
display the finest exhibition of grain  
and grass products ever shown here.  
The fair is to be held August 18, 19,  
20.

