

LABOR IS ABOUT TO PULL OUT

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE HITS PERILOUS SUMMIT TODAY.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER READ WITH SMALL EFFECT

Seemed for a Time That Labor Group Would Pull Out of Conference but They Stayed Renewing Request for Collective Bargaining—President Demands Both Sides Get Together

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Gompers announced that the labor group will withdraw from the conference.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The National industrial conference voted down labor's resolution for recognition of right of collective bargaining. This is the resolution that Gompers had characterized as the last word on the subject.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—In his last effort to prevent the adjournment of the National industrial conference, Chairman Franklin K. Lane read the delegates the letter which was dictated by President Wilson yesterday urging an imperative necessity that some action be taken to insure the industrial peace of the United States during the reconstruction period.

The President, in his letter, said the public expected the conference to remain in session until a way is found for the establishment of a sure, heartier co-operation, or until it was revealed that "men who work and men who manage American industry are so set upon divergent paths that all efforts at co-operation are doomed to failure."

He further said it would be a national disaster if the industrial leaders and workers are to be without faith in each other, doing naught but what is compelled. The chief executive declared his mind was turned away from such a possibility.

Organized labor representatives forced the reading of the President's letter, but did not applaud it. It is thought they may leave the conference regardless of any requests.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Later the labor group decided to return to the conference after the proposed intermission.

Washington, Oct. 22.—When the conference reconvened this afternoon the labor group renewed its efforts to obtain recognition of the right of workers to bargain collectively. They indicated this was the condition upon which they would remain in the conference.

DARING ROBBERY IN PORTLAND

JEWELRY STORE IN HEILIG BUILDING ROBBED

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—Three unmasked robbers held up the jewelry store of M. L. Smith in the Heilig building this morning in broad daylight. They gagged Smith and escaped in an automobile with \$2,500 worth of jewelry. Smith managed to grab a revolver and fired two shots without effect. Policemen in motor cycles are trailing the bandits.

OFFICIALS KIDNAPPED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—William Jenkins, a Mexican consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, was kidnapped by three masked bandits Friday and is being held for \$150,000 ransom. The state department is endeavoring to secure his release.

CHINA SHOWS A GOOD BUSINESS

EXPORT TRADE HAS TOUCHED HIGH MARK LAST YEAR.

Although Beset With Many Obstacles, the Chinamen Have Produced Heavily.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 5.—Despite all the obstacles imposed by post-war reconstruction throughout the world and by continued internal strife within the country, China's export trade in 1918 touched the highest total it has ever attained, according to the annual report of the inspector-general of customs. The exports totalled in value 485,883,031 Haikwan taels, an increase of 22,951,401 taels over the total for 1917, and of 4,085,055 taels over the total for 1916, which was the best previous record. The average value of the Haikwan tael in 1918 was \$1.26 in American money; in 1917, \$1.03, and in 1916, 79c.

The report shows that Japan continued to be China's best customer in 1918, as exports to Japan for the year amounted to 163,394,092 Haikwan taels. The British crown colony of Hongkong holds second place, while the United States was third in the list with exports totalling 77,134,205 taels.

Russia formerly was China's best customer for teas, besides consuming large quantities of other Chinese products. How the disturbed conditions in Russia have affected the country's credit may be seen from the fact that Chinese exports to European ports of Russia fell from 4,222,617 Haikwan taels in 1916 to 83 taels in the year covered by the report.

All through the report the direct effects of the war in Europe are to be seen. In 1916 China shipped goods having a value of 1,105,998 Haikwan taels to the Netherlands. When the blockade against the northern neutrals became effective the following year China's exports to the Netherlands dropped to 26,256 taels and they reached the vanishing point in 1918.

It is seen that the bulk of China's trade with the rest of the world comes out of the northern part of the country. Exports that originated from Shanghai, the country's principal commercial center, amounted in 1918 to 175,089,475, while the exports from the principal southern center of Canton were 58,020,793 taels. From the northern river port of Hangkow, Shanghai's closest competitor, exports in 1918 were valued at 192,825,325 taels.

It is apparent in the report that export trade in China is becoming diffused and the record total of 1918 is due to increases made in many lesser shipping centers, for the large export ports like Shanghai, Hangkow, Tientsin and Canton made but slight increases or at best only held their own.

IRON BOLT KILLS AN OLD PIONEER

M. DURKHEIMER OF PRAIRIE CITY DIES OF POISON.

Lived Ten Days But Could Not Fight The Blood Poison That Soon Spread.

Moses Durkheimer, pioneer merchant of Prairie City, Grant county, died Sunday afternoon from blood poisoning, the result of an accident by which his head came in contact with an iron bolt in his cellar back of his store, while looking for article of merchandise for a customer, says the Baker Democrat. He was injured about ten days ago, and his condition became so grave that his brother, Julius Durkheimer, was summoned from Portland. He improved, however, and it was thought he would recover. A change for the worse came Saturday, and he passed away Sunday afternoon.

In the death of Mr. Durkheimer, Prairie City and Grant county sustains a distinct loss. As a citizen, his energy was always bent for the county's best interests, and as a business man none stood higher in integrity and liberality, and his charity and philanthropy were only measured by his ability to give.

Mr. Durkheimer was a native of Oregon, being born in Portland. He was 62 years old. He was a printer by trade, and about 1877 was foreman of the Daily Bee and Standard, publications of that day. In the early eighties he went to Prairie City and engaged in mercantile

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FARMERS SIDE IS PRESENTED

SENATOR ARTHUR CAPPER OF KANSAS CLAIMS ATTENTION OF SENATE TODAY.

FARMER PRODUCING AT A LOSS, IS HIS CLAIM

While Public Is Paying Tremendous Prices for Foodstuffs Farmers Can Show Where they are not only Hard Hit But in Many Instances are not Making Cost of their Products—Wider Market Urged.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The farmers' side of the high cost of living question was presented to the senate today by Senator Capper, Republican of Kansas, who declared that, while farmers are selling their products at a loss in declining markets, the consumers are paying rising prices.

Faulty distribution was blamed largely for this "remarkable spectacle," and the senator urged a number of remedies to increase production. He deplored the numerous industrial strikes and the small representation given agriculture in the industrial conference.

"Remedy" Hits Growers

"In our efforts to get rid of the high cost of living disease," said Mr. Capper, "I fear we are in great danger of dying of the remedy. As a result of Washington's efforts to reduce high prices by breaking down entirely the cost of food, we have the remarkable spectacle of a rise of 1 per cent in the cost of living, coincident with market drops that are putting livestock raisers out of business and causing serious losses to other producers."

Illustrating the anomalous situation of farmers and consumers, Senator Capper said farmers are selling their wheat at a loss, adding:

"It takes four and a half bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour. The wheat raiser gets about \$8.37 for the wheat, the miller \$12.70, the baker \$58.70 and the hotel keeper in Washington, as it is doled out in thin slices, \$58.71."

La Grande National Bank Giving Big Banquet Tonight

The officers, directors and employees of the La Grande National bank, with their wives, will enjoy a banquet at the Foley hotel this evening in celebration of the bank having reached the \$2,000,000 mark. The bank officers and directors have promised the employees for some time that when the bank reached the \$2,000,000 mark, a banquet should be given. Last night the mark reached was \$2,100,000.

RATE INCREASE IS REQUESTED

JAY BOWERMAN APPEARS FOR INDEPENDENT PHONE CO.

Seeks Advance Equal to That of the Bell Company, Is the Belief.

SALEM, Oct. 22.—Asking a blanket increase in rates for a number of independent telephone companies of Oregon, Jay Bowerman, of Portland, representing the companies, today filed an application with the public service commission.

Owing to the congested condition of the commission's docket at the present time, it is said to be unlikely that this application, and also a number of other applications for increased rates received today, can be heard for several months.

The application asserts the increases must be allowed or the companies will suffer insolvency. The companies represented by Bowerman in his application received today are the Lebanon Mutual Telephone company, Independent Telephone company, Dallas Telephone company, Independence telephone company, Hillsboro Telephone company and Interurban Telephone company of Silverton.

The application asks increase be allowed similar to those granted to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company under similar conditions.

Presumably it is Bowerman's intention to have the rates of the independent companies placed on a par with those of the Pacific company. Increased expenses, since the beginning of the war is given as a

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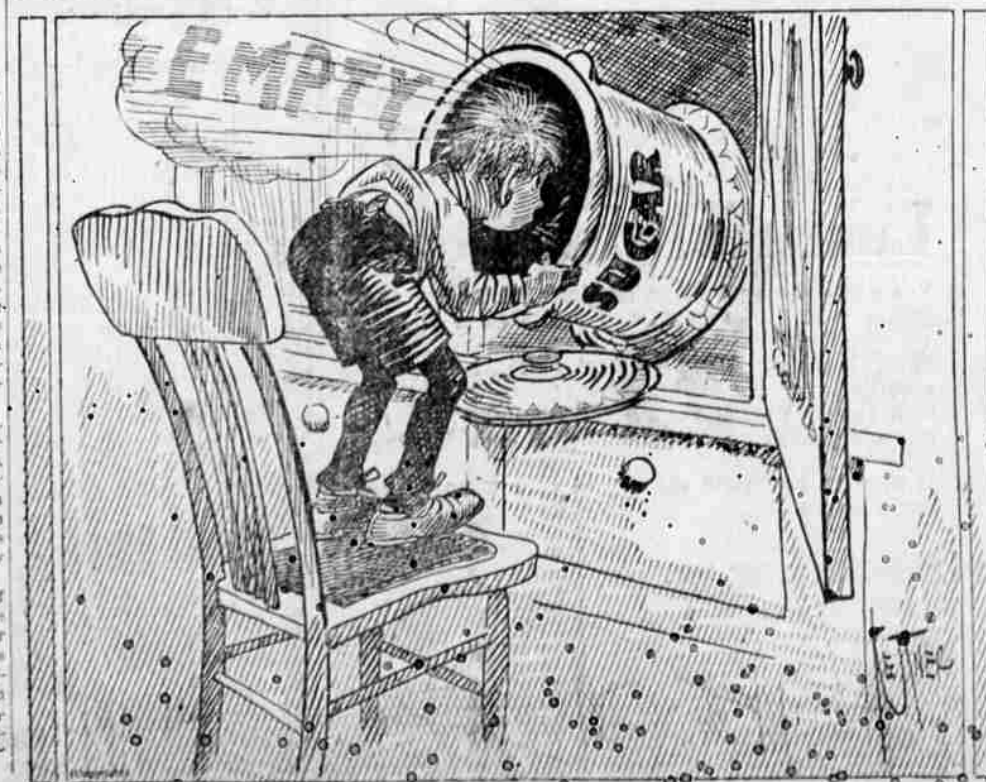
WELCH GETS TEMPLAR CAR

The Welch Auto Co. has received one of the new Templar cars which promises to take its place alongside the popular sellers in Union county and Eastern Oregon.

The Templar is fitted with Bosch magneto, power air pump, wire wheels, full lined top, valve in head motor, balanced crank shaft, spot light with mirror, motorometer, clock, extra tire, windshield cleaner, thermometer, Timken bearing in spindles.

"This is the car they have long been working to produce," said Mr. Welch today as he pulled up a Templar to the curb and called attention to some of the refinements above mentioned. "There has not up to the present time been a medium priced car that contained the remarkable features, and it is the combined effort of some of the best builders that brings on the market the Templar which will make a place for herself in short order. With a speed of sixty-five miles an hour and everything to back it up, I am assured of the popularity of this car in the Grande Ronde valley."

Echo in the Sugar Bowl



COMMISSION HITS BACK AT SOLONS

PART OF THE PACKERS FIGHT IS BEING CARRIED BY SENATORS, IS CHARGED.

FOOD FAITH OF STATEMENTS ARE QUESTIONED

Senator Watson Charged With Having Been a Packer Lobbyist in 1909—Commission Challenges Solons to Prove Their Statements and Calls for their Source of Information.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The Federal Trade Commission issued a statement asserting the charges made by Senator Watson and Senator Sherman were "part and parcel of the warfare of the Chicago meat packers against the department of justice and the Trade Commission with the purpose of subverting justice."

The commission questioned the good faith of the movement and declared Senator Watson was a lobbyist in 1909 for the same interests which now seek to destroy the usefulness of the Trade commission.

It was also claimed in the statement that the employees of the commission had long been subject to attack which the public had never known about. Representatives have been trailed by detectives, offices of the commission have been entered surreptitiously. The commission finally in its statement challenged proof of the statement of the senators and demanded to know the source of their information.

ORCHARD LOST A COOL MILLION

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Oct. 22.—A grub-stake and murder figured in the fortune of Damian Cardoner, whose estate recently came before the United States court of appeals of California. It meant a million to Cardoner because Harry Orchard was convicted of murder in the famous Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case which arose over the killing of Governor Frank Steiensen, of Idaho. And Cardoner had nothing to do with the murder case either.

It started back in 1898, when Orchard "pawed" his interest in the Hercules mine for a grub-stake. Cardoner advanced Orchard about \$1,000 worth of food, tools and clothing. When Orchard was unable to make payment, Cardoner received the six

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BIG FOOTBALL ON AT U. OF O.

PLANS MADE FOR THE GAME ARE WELL ARRANGED.

Enthusiasm Will Be at the Boiling Point Long Before the Date of the Meeting.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 22.—With the slogan, "Home to Win Again, Oregon," urging them to their Alma Mater and to victory, alumni and former students of the University of Oregon are looking forward with enthusiasm to the delights of home-coming week end, November 14 and 15. The contest for slogans, open to both Eugene residents and University students, closed last week. The originator of the prize slogan prefers to remain anonymous and the \$5 prize offered by the administration for the best slogan has been turned over to the women building fund.

The slogan will be used in all advertising, on posters, banners, movie slides and stickers. The stickers will be sold this week on the campus, and are in the shape of a pennant small enough to be placed on the backs of envelopes. The pennant in the college colors, lemon yellow and green, gives forth a welcome to the University on home-coming week end and advertises at the same time the game with Oregon Agricultural College which will be the principal event of the two days' festivities.

The game will be of particular interest this year since it will be the first game ever played on Oregon's new turf field. The grandstand with single roof now being completed, will seat 4000 and the bleachers 2500. Marion McClain, graduate manager, assures everyone that there will be seats for all.

Committees of students are making all the arrangements not only for the advertising, but for the reception and entertainment of their guests as well. All the guests will be met at the trains where they will register and receive tickets to admit them to the all-student dance in the armory Saturday evening and to other affairs of the week end. The guests will also be ushered about the campus Saturday morning with student guides on an inspection tour of the new buildings on the campus and particularly the statue of The Pioneer, the gift of J. N. Teal, of Portland.

SPOKE ILL OF A BANK, IS CHARGE

HARRY WILLIAMS, FORMER LUMBERMAN, IS ARRESTED.

After Preliminary Williams Was Placed Under \$250 Bonds to Appear in Court

Just how far a person can go in speaking his mind regarding a business institution, and especially a bank, will be determined when Harry Williams, reputed lumberman and former resident of Montana, lately a citizen of La Grande, is called before the court to give excuse and justification for remarks alleged to have been made by Williams relative to the condition of the United States National bank of this city.

While the history of the case is not a matter of record, neither has any detail been made public, it is known that Mr. Williams was in the lumber business here in some capacity a short time ago. That his banking relations were pleasant or unpleasant is not known, but now there are those who allege that he was starting a campaign of false statements against the financial institution mentioned. As soon as this became known a warrant was issued for Williams' arrest and Officer Faulk served the papers upon him, taking him before Justice Williams, who placed the one charged with crime under a bond to appear in court next Monday for trial.

MRS. STURDEVANT JOINING FINE. Mrs. Gale Sturdevant, who was operated on at Portland about a week ago for goitre, is reported to be doing very nicely. The operation was a very difficult and serious one and Mrs. Sturdevant's friends here will be glad to know that the operation was a success. Mrs. Sturdevant's mother, Mrs. Eva Wisner, of Pendleton, is with her daughter.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—For Oregon there will probably be rain with good westerly winds.

FOUR PASS COMMITTEE FAVORABLY

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES ADOPTS FOUR REVISED RESERVATIONS

PREAMBLE TO ANOTHER RESERVATION IS FAVORED

Roll Calls Stood Eleven to Six, Republicans Voting in the Affirmative Along with Senator Shields Democrat, of Tennessee—Monroe Doctrine is one of Main Points for Consideration

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The Senate Foreign Relations committee adopted four revised reservations of the peace treaty with administration leaders voting solidly against them.

The committee also adopted the preamble to the reservation providing that the treaty should not become effective until three of the other principal allied powers agreed to the senate reservations.

On most roll calls the vote stood eleven to six, all republicans, and Senator Shields of Tennessee, Democrat, voting the affirmative.

The reservations adopted relate to article ten, the Monroe doctrine, withdrawal from the league and domestic questions.

WANT OFFICIALS ALL IMPEACHED

NORTH DAKOTA MEN SLATED FOR PUNISHMENT

Exposing of Banking Methods Irritates Nonpartisan Following

FARGO, N. D., Oct. 22.—Nonpartisan league leaders of North Dakota, whose banking operations were recently exposed by the state banking board, are demanding the impeachment by the state legislature of the three state officers, who formerly were affiliated with the Nonpartisan league but who have declared their independence of the league leadership. The demand for impeachment will be presented at the rally of farmers that will be held in Fargo today, when the league members from over the state are expected to aid the leaders of the league to meet the financial crisis created by the closing of the Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo, to which the Nonpartisan league and three subsidiary corporations owed \$432,000, which was \$326,000 in excess of what the bank could loan on account under the state laws.

Three Officers Attacked. Attorney General William Langer and Secretary of State Thomas Hall, the majority members of the banking board, and Carl Kohitzky, state auditor, are the officers against whom the league leaders are centering the attack.

The Fargo Courier News, which is the recognized spokesman of the league leader, demanding that the officers be impeached, appends this significant declaration that, in the legislature, unless there is thorough agreement beforehand, technical objections and rules of evidence might draw out a trial to an intolerable length. Impeachment in North Dakota is a function of the house of representatives, a majority of which body must vote for the impeachment resolutions. The senate there sits as a court, and it requires a two-thirds vote of that body to declare an officer guilty and remove him from office.

Planning Special Session. Preparation for a special session is seen in the call that Governor Lynn J. Frazier has issued for a special election to be held in Towner county, for the selection of a state senator. A vacancy was created there through the death of A. S. Gibbons, an independent senator. The election will be held on November 25, and the league will make a hard fight to obtain the selection of one of their number for the post. The impeachment proposed would be based on alleged exercises of unlawful authority in connection with the closing of the league bank.