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PASSENGER SERVICES TO BE CUT

RAILROAD OFFICIALS ADMIT
DRASTIC DECREASES ARE
BEING PLANNED.

ALABAMA DINERS WILL
CONTINUE COAL STRIKE

Known State Taken Over the School
Buildings and Grounds for the Accommodation of Soldiers—Many
Volunteer Workers Are Expected to
Go to Work Next Week.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
ST. PAUL, Nov. 29.—It was admitted in high railroad circles here today that the federal railroad administration was preparing to make drastic decreases in passenger train services throughout the country if the coal situation becomes more critical. The reduction of passenger service from the Twin Cities may involve a hundred trains.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 29.—Dissatisfied with the fourteen per cent wage advance offered, the miners of this state will resume the strike at midnight, the union officials stated.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Nov. 29.—The state has taken over the buildings and grounds of the State Manual Training Normal for the accommodation of the soldiers ordered here in connection with the operation of the coal mines.

Plans for manning the strip pit mines of the Kansas coal fields with volunteer workers next week were discussed at a conference Friday night between Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the central department of the army.

Governor Allen and Adj. Gen. Charles L. Martin, of Kansas, outlined to General Wood and his adjutant, Col. Ralph Harrison, the plan by which several thousand volunteer workers will be sent into the strip coal fields of the state. Governor Allen said the principal matter taken up was that of getting supplies to the coal fields for the volunteer workers. He said he could not discuss other features of the conference.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 29.—Governor J. B. A. Robertson late yesterday telegraphed Secretary of War Baker asking that federal troops be sent to Oklahoma to protect coal miners will not to return against possible interference.

The governor today terminated negotiations with the coal operators and announced that another attempt to operate the mines with volunteers would be made. He declared the operators had shown no disposition to give material assistance in keeping up the coal supply during the present crisis.

MORE SNOW FOR SUNDAY.

The weather forecast for tonight and Sunday warmer with snow or rain and fresh southerly winds.

WILL DALTON DOING FINE.

Will Dalton, who was brought in this week from the Union Pine Mills, 12 miles above Union, to the Grande Ronde hospital with a broken leg, is reported to be doing very nicely.

J. F. CORBETT RECEIVES
CONGRATULATIONS FOR
BEATING GRANDE RONDE

J. F. Corbett, the real live booster for Union county and La Grande, today received the following letter from the secretary of the Union County Ad. Club:

Mr. J. F. Corbett: Relative to an interview in the Portland Oregonian, Friday, in which you did some splendid boosting, allow me to congratulate you. If 10 business and professional men of La Grande would get the same facts, this city's natural beauties and commercial features would soon be common knowledge in the northwest.

I don't know when I have seen so perfect a description of the Grande Ronde valley and its outstanding features than were contained in that paragraph.

Again complimenting your spirit and wishing for more men who will sing the song of the Grande Ronde to every opportunity, I beg to remain, Yours very truly,

Secretary Union County Ad. Club
The Ad. Club also sent a letter to the Oregonian writer congratulating him on the paragraph.

WILSON WILL SEND MESSAGE

NOTE TO CONGRESS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TUESDAY.

Will Cover With Change of Subjects With Particular Attention to Industrial Situation.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—President Wilson's message to congress will not be transmitted until Tuesday. It is expected to cover a wide range of subjects with particular attention to the industrial situation. President Wilson has been dictating on it for two weeks from his sick room.

ANOTHER LARGE SALE IS MADE

UNION MOTOR COMPANY BUYS SLATER BUILDING.

Will Take Possession First of Year To Remodel Building for Garage Purposes.

An important deal was closed this week when the Union Motor Company purchased from the Slater estate, the Slater building on the corner of Jefferson and Fir. The consideration was around the \$29,000 mark. The lower floor is now occupied by Donahue's Furniture Exchange.

The Union Motor Company intend to remodel the building into a first class addition to their present garage. This arrangement will provide for plate glass windows on Fir street, together with other improvements to the present entrance.

In speaking of the improvements contemplated, Robert Marx, manager of the Union Motor Company, stated that the business of the company had increased to a point where new and larger headquarters were absolutely necessary, and that after looking over several locations they decided to buy the adjoining building. This arrangement will provide more than double the former floor space, and will include a first class auto show room, ladies rest room, accessory room and will also enable them to double the capacity of their shop.

Completion of the new building will be had shortly after first of the year.

TAX RATES NOT LOWERED MUCH

PUBLIC UTILITIES ASK FOR 5 PER CENT RATE.

State Tax Commission Decides On 10 Per Cent Rate—Effects Telephones, Railroads, Express Companies.

The public utilities in Union county will have a tax rate of 81 per cent according to U. G. Couch, county assessor, who returned this week from Salem where he attended a meeting of the state tax commission and the county assessors.

The railroad company, in all counties asked for a lower tax rate for public utilities, and based their claim, in Union county, on the fact that many of the farms lands were selling at a higher rate than their assessed value. They had compiled figures to prove their point but in looking over the figures, Mr. Couch found that many of the land sales had been left out, and upon looking these up, found that these lands had sold for less than their assessed value.

The railroad asked for a tax rate for the public utilities in Union county of 54 per cent. The former rate was 81 per cent and the new rate of 54 per cent will affect all public utilities, as telephones, electric lights, express companies and the like, as well as the railroad.

The rates for the other counties as fixed by the tax commission are: Baker 75 per cent, Benton 60, Clackamas 57, Clatsop 70, Clatskanie 58, Crook 50, Curry 55, Deschutes 58, Douglas 75, Gilliam 60, Grant 69, Harney 70, Hood River 64, Jackson 62, Jefferson 55, Josephine 68, Klamath 70, Lake 70, Lane 58, Lincoln 84, Morrow 50, Multnomah 60, Polk 66, Malheur 61, Polk 59, Sherman 92, Tillamook 60, Union 81, Wallowa 81, Wasco 70, Washington 51, Wheeler 81, Yamhill 60.

"REDS" BREAK HUNGER STRIKE AT KANSAS CITY

BREAKFAST CALL BRINGS THE STRIKE TO THE.

All But Five of the "Ellis Island Soviet" Have Up to Hunger This Morning.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 29.—The hunger strike of the "Ellis Island Soviet" was broken today. All but five of the radicals who had refused to eat since last Monday evening, bag early answered the breakfast call. When they asked for "second" helpings they were refused.

BUTTER ADVANCES AS EGGS DROP IN PRICE

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—The commission merchants announced that butter would increase a cent a pound Monday and that eggs would drop two cents per dozen.

CHINA BITTER OVER ARRESTS

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
AMEY, China, Nov. 29.—Pueh reports state that many Chinese have been arrested there by detachments landed by the Japanese warships. In the district anti-Japanese feeling is reported bitter. Reports from inland are that the situation there is even more bitter.

COLD SNAP IS REPORTED OVER

MERCURY RISES FORTY-TWO DEGREES IN DENVER.

Indications from Rocky Mountain States are that Cold Weather is at an End.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
DENVER, Nov. 29.—Reports from the Rocky Mountain states today indicate that the cold snap is over. The mercury stood at thirty-five degrees here this morning, a rise of approximately forty-two degrees in twenty-four hours.

ESTHONIANS WILL MEET WITH SOVIETS

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
LONDON, Nov. 29.—The Estonian government has announced that peace negotiations with the Soviet Republic of Russia will begin at Dorpat on Tuesday, December 2, according to a Moscow wireless dispatch.

YARDMEN STRIKE A B C GROUP MAY MEDITATE

INFORMATION FROM SOUTH INDICATES.

Will Attempt to Compensate Differences Between United States and Mexico in Jenkins Case.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
SANTIAAGO, Chile, Nov. 29.—The nation today says it has learned from well informed diplomatic circles that there is possibility of mediation by the governments of the A. B. C. group, with the object of composing the differences over the Consul Jenkins case between the United States and Mexico.

LA GRANDE LAYS CLAIM

JEFFERSON REFUSES TO PLAY UNDER PRESENT RULING.

Portland School Will Not Play Under State Interscholastic Rules—Wants Portland Rules.

That the La Grande high school football team has a perfect right to lay claim to the state championship is shown by two arguments presented by the school authorities, who contend that in face of the fact that Jefferson high school of Portland refuses to play La Grande under the state interscholastic rules, the real game by which the championship must be decided, was the one which was played at Baker on Thanksgiving day between Baker and Jefferson. Jefferson and La Grande appear the logical contenders and inasmuch as neither team has been beaten and both have played a many hard games, local school authorities and fans say La Grande is entitled to the state championship because La Grande beat Baker by 24 points, while Jefferson defeated Baker by only 17 points.

Another claim held by the local fans is that Jefferson, when challenged by La Grande, refuses to play under the regulations of the state, and insists on using the Portland Interscholastic association rules. The state ruling defines that all players who are ex-service men are to have the time deducted while they were in the service. Under this ruling La Grande and Baker each have three players who are eligible to play. Jefferson has played against this same caliber of men, and the local authorities believe that it should be done again, and until Jefferson does accept La Grande's challenge, the La Grande team feels that they are entitled to the state championship honors.

Under the tutelage of Coach Charles Reynolds, the La Grande team has scored 320 points in five games played this season, and no opposing team has been able to score against the local boys. This is only in keeping with the splendid record of Coach Reynolds in the four years that he has had charge of the La Grande team. In the three former years La Grande has only met defeat four times.

Communication wires between here and Walla Walla were reported down late yesterday evening as a result of the heavy storm which is general over the eastern part of the state.

Snow plow cleans streets. Members of the street department were busy from early this morning shoveling snow at the downtown crosswalks and running the snow plow up and down the streets.

FOOTBALL TOLL CLAIMS FIVE

LOWEST NUMBER OF DEATHS IN FIVE YEARS.

The Fewer Victims This Season Than in 1918 and Seven Fewer Than Five Years Ago.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Football, the most popular American outdoor sport, claimed five victims this season, which closed Thanksgiving Day, according to the reports to the Associated Press. The deaths are the lowest in five years and are five less than in 1918 and seven fewer than five years ago.

ELKS' MEMORIAL IS NEXT SUNDAY

ANNUAL SERVICES IN HONOR OF DEAD BROTHERS.

Committee Has Prepared Program—Memorial Address Is By John L. Rand, of Baker.

The first Sunday in December of each year is designated and dedicated as a day which shall be recalled in a memorial service by every lodge of Elks. The La Grande lodge will hold their memorial services Sunday, December 7, at 2:00 p. m. at the Elks home. At this time they will honor ten brothers who have departed during the last year. They are: Michael Williams, Frank R. Haupt, W. D. Stoop, John E. Jordan, E. W. Rumble, J. F. Cutler, Geo. E. Good, W. L. Prillaman, W. B. Sargent and Walter E. Wade.

The memorial committee, H. J. R. L. ter, C. D. Goodough, R. J. Green, J. W. Knowles and A. W. Schnapp, have prepared the following program to which everyone is cordially invited. Funeral March, Mrs. W. W. Berry. Opening ceremonies, Colan R. Eberhard; invocation, David I. Steldard; "America," Lodge and audience; eulogy, Charles R. Harding; Andante Religiosa, La Grande Philharmonic orchestra, Andrew Loney, director; "Lead Kindly Light," double quartette, Kathleen Rye, director; memorial address, John L. Rand, Baker Lodge No. 3381; "Crossing the Bar," Sherwood Williams; closing ceremony, La Grande Lodge No. 4331; doxology, Lodge and audience; benediction, Rev. James Aiken Smith, Presbyterian church; Recessional, Mrs. W. W. Berry.

HEAVY SNOW BREAKS WIRES

EXPECT TRAIN SERVICE TO BE DELAYED.

Telephone Wires Are Down Between Here and Walla Walla As a Result of Heavy Snows.

The heavy snow that has been falling for the last 36 hours is now beginning to make itself felt in this locality. Friday, train No. 17 was held up entirely and was finally cancelled. Although the train service today has been fairly close to schedule, it is expected that traffic will be hampered considerably.

SALEM, Nov. 29.—The tax on all dogs in Oregon over the age of 8 months, imposed by action of the last legislature, becomes due and payable January 1, according to an opinion prepared by I. H. Van Winkle, assistant attorney general.

The tax is fixed at \$1 for male dogs and \$2 for female dogs and failure to pay the license means death to the dog, the law providing that dogs found running at large without collars and license tags shall be shot.

This law is different than the one heretofore in force, where only the dogs in the town had to be licensed. City and county officials announce that after first of the year, no discrimination will be made in dogs without a license.

LET'S GO!

Put one hundred men on an island where fish is a staple article of sustenance. Twenty-five of the men catch fish. Twenty-five others clean the fish. Twenty-five cook the fish. Twenty-five others gather and prepare the fish. So long as everybody works there is plenty. All hands are happy.

Ten of the allotted fish catchers stop catching fish. Ten more dry and hide part of the fish they catch. Five continue to catch fish, but work only part of the day at it. Fewer fish go into the community kitchen. But the same number of men insist upon having the same amount of fish to eat as they had before. The fifty men who formerly planned and cooked the fish have less to do owing to the undersupply of fish. But they continue to demand food. Gradually greater burdens are laid upon the fruit and vegetable hunters. These men at first gather a larger share of fish in return for their larger efforts in gathering fruit and vegetables. It is denied them and soon twenty of the twenty-five quit gathering fruit and vegetables. But the entire hundred men continue to insist upon their right to eat. The daily food supply gradually shrinks. The man with two fish demands bananas in exchange for one of them. The man with bananas refuses to part with one for fewer than three fish. Finally the ten men remaining at work quit to do so. Everybody comes to eat. The hidden fish are brought to light and consumed. Comes a day when there is no food of any kind. Everybody on the island blames everybody else. What would seem to be the solution? Evidently! We thought you would guess it. For we repeat that you can't eat, buy, sell, steal, go away, hoard, wear, use, play with or gamble with WHAT ISN'T.—Editorial from Chicago Herald and Examiner, August 22, 1919.

GENERAL BLACK, ON COAST DEFENSES ARE STILL OF IMPORTANCE

Maintenance of Defensive Works at Coast Points As Important Now As Before the War, Says Chief of Engineers—Cites the Mardaneles As An Example.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The necessity for the maintenance of defensive works at important strategic points along the coasts are no less urgent today than before the war, is the opinion of Major William M. Black, chief of engineers.

In an annual report made public today, the general declared, "The sea coast defenses have lost nothing in importance from the war's lessons. There has rather, been an extreme value demonstrated. Turkish forts and the Mardaneles served to prevent the taking of Constantinople and opening the line of supply for Russia."

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