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MORATORIUM IS PROBABLE TEMPORARILY

Conference Today Believed to Have Been in Germany's Favor.

WOULD PERTAIN TO CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

Effectiveness to be for Balance of Current Year Only is Report Circulated in Paris.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, July 11.—Moratorium on Germany's cash payments for the remainder of this year is thought in circles close to the reparations commission as quite probable as the result of the conference today between Dr. Fisher, chairman of the German war debts commission, and all members of the commission.

LONDON, July 11.—Premier Poincaré of France, will probably be invited to London for discussions with Lloyd George on reparations as affected by the present conditions in Germany.

MONEY FOR THE TOLL GATE ROAD

PENDLETON, July 11.—Union county is preparing to expend \$25,000 of market road money next year on the Weston-Elgin road, according to announcement made at the Blue Mountain Highway meeting at Weston Saturday by Judge I. M. Schanap. The county court has also made application to the forestry service for \$100,000 for forest road money for the project.

Union county will also cooperate in the road move, according to Leo Tuttle of Elgin, first vice president of the association. Mr. Tuttle said that the county court of Union had agreed to put money on the road and will also seek forestry money.

The highway meeting at Weston Saturday did not close until nearly 5 o'clock and much enthusiasm was shown by those present. An extended program of addresses was given.

TO START WORK ON LAST LINK

PENDLETON, July 11.—Earl Nyberg of Spokane, member of the contracting firm of Carlson & Nyberg, was in Pendleton this morning making arrangements for beginning the work of grading and surfacing the Dead Man's Pass to Kamela section of the Old Oregon Trail. The contract for the stretch of road was signed Saturday in Salem, and the work will begin as quickly as possible.

A part of the equipment of the contractors has already been shipped from Spokane and will probably arrive tomorrow on the ground. As soon as this equipment is received, the grading work will be started. The company plans to work on the whole stretch at once, and every effort will be made to finish the job this winter. The state highway commission has promised a bonus of \$5,000 if the work is all done before this winter. A large force of men will be used on the job.

STRONG-WINDED MEN. NEW CASTLE, July 11.—A sheriff's posse is seeking four men who blew away an eight-inch drain pipe of the Southern Pacific tank here last night.

Gun-Pointing Drew a Heavy Fine in Court

Judge R. J. Kitchen, municipal judge, found E. L. Bryant guilty of unlawfully drawing and pointing a revolver at Ralph Paxton on the evening of July 9, at about 8:10 o'clock, at the intersection of Fir and Madison near an entrance of the railroad yards. Judge Kitchen, upon announcement that Bryant had a wife and children who were dependent upon him, stated that he wouldn't sentence him to jail but fined him \$75. Arrangements were made for the payment of the fine. Thirty minutes before the beginning of the trial of Bryant, who was charged with drawing and pointing a gun at Ralph Paxton, the sidewalk in front of the city hall began to be crowded with men, mostly strikers and railroad men, including curious but not personally interested spectators. At 4 o'clock,

ENTHUSIASM HIGH FOR THE CHAUTAUQUA

Drive for Sale of Season Tickets Will Begin Tomorrow with Thirty Field Workers.

Armed with enthusiasm and secure in the belief that this year's program is of splendid character, and the further stimulant that this is a "get out of debt" year about thirty warm friends of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua will start out tomorrow morning to dispose of season tickets. A meeting will be held this evening to go over final arrangements and everything will be ready for the start Wednesday.

The public is especially reminded that the general admission has been very materially increased this year and that the membership tickets are more economical. The general admissions as adopted for the year are as follows: First day, evening, 75c; second day, afternoon, 50c; second day, evening, 1.00; third day, afternoon, 40c; third day, evening, 75c; fourth day, afternoon, 50c; fourth day, evening, 75c; fifth day, afternoon, 40c; fifth day, evening, 1.00; sixth day, afternoon, 50c; sixth day, evening, 75c; seventh day, afternoon, 50c; seventh day, evening, 75c.

In contrast to the above schedule, it should be remembered that the price of the season tickets is \$3.50 and that by buying four, or one membership, the price becomes \$2.50 per season ticket.

"The men and women who are going out in this campaign are busy men and women and are doing this as a public duty and the rest of the citizens who are not called on to do this arduous work, should be ready to receive their tickets promptly and not add to the burdens of the committee. This is one of the community affairs in which the whole community benefits and from which no one person receives any financial gain. In the light of these conditions, and these facts we appeal to the public to be ready with their checks and to talk matters over with their families before tomorrow morning so that they may be ready to act definitely and without delay. Those who live outside the business section are especially urged to obtain their tickets this week. They will be on sale at the banks or at the office of Geo. E. Cochran. By either calling for and paying for their tickets or leaving the reservations for them during the next day or two the financial committee will be very greatly assisted. In these words Dr. Ray F. Murphy today sent out an appeal to the public to assist in the "clean the slate" program adopted by the association at its business session last year.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 11.—Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills brought their managers today and signed a contract for the world's championship. The time and place is to be named later.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 11.—A bill authorizing Secretary Hall to investigate, survey and report to congress on the Columbia Basin irrigation project in Washington was passed before the senate.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 11.—Joe Lynch regained the bantam weight championship from Johnny Buff on a technical knockout in the fourteenth round last night.

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, July 11.—As part of Mayor Fawcett's fight for lower fares the city council today granted a franchise for 12 sixteen-passenger buses to compete with the street railway company at a five cent fare. Carfare is now 10 cents.

WIRELESS IN PARASOL. PARIS.—A French manufacturer is putting out a parasol which contains a tiny wireless outfit.

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Object of Hero Worship



Nothing stuck up about Rex. He looks as if he'd like to say, "Oh, that wasn't nothing," when humans have often been dragged to a lake at Tacoma, Wash.

Death of Geo. Palmer Came Suddenly Today

George Palmer, one of La Grande's leading citizens and founder of the George Palmer Lumber company here, which he developed into one of the largest lumber mills in eastern Oregon, died suddenly this afternoon shortly before two o'clock.

Mr. Palmer's death came as a complete surprise to his many friends and it is believed to have been caused by a stroke of apoplexy. He has not been in the most robust health recently but no fear of his passing away was held by his friends and family.

BAND CONCERT TOMORROW ON NORTH SIDE

Andrew Loney, director of the La Grande Band, has announced the numbers that will be played at the public concert tomorrow evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The number "Intermezzo Elegante," and "Post and Paganini" are both numbers that were postponed since the last concert at which time they could not be played due to the storm. The entire program follows: March, "The Wallabies"; Bittow's selection "Amorita"; Calaburka; "La Poloma"; Yeadler and "Lanzeros Blues"; Yeadler; "Invitation to the Waltz"; C. M. Von Weber; "Intermezzo Elegante"; from "Tales of Hoffman"; Offenbach's overture, "Boet and Paganini"; Suppe.

This concert will be held on the north side near Fir and T streets and after 8 o'clock the streets will be closed off for the block in each direction from where the band is and cars should be parked prior to that hour and are not expected to leave until after the concert.

Time Limit to Be Extended

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 11.—Construction charges on government irrigation projects would be extended to forty annual payments, dating from the time of public notice with credits for past payments on the 1914-year bill introduced by Senator Borah and referred to the senate irrigation committee.

O'BRIEN ISSUES EXPLANATION

The following notice has been issued by J. P. O'Brien general manager of the Union Pacific, to all employees of the company: All Employees Concerned.—In order that you may know the policy of this company with respect to employees who remain in service, as well as those who have returned or been employed since July 1st, 1922, you are hereby advised that you need have no fear that men who left the service July 1st in accordance with the permit later on to return to service in covered again and displace employees who either remained in service or who returned or have been employed subsequent to July 1st, 1922. The same policy will apply to employees given employment after 3 p. m., July 8, 1922.

J. P. O'BRIEN, General Manager.

CORN CROP IS OVER AVERAGE

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Production of corn, the country's most valuable farm crop, is forecast for this year at two billion eight hundred sixty million bushels by the department of agriculture's July report. This is 20,000,000 bushels over the five-year average, but 220,000,000 bushels under last year's crop. The wheat crop is forecast at 817,000,000 bushels, a decrease of 30,000,000 in June.

THE WORLD CAN HAVE ANOTHER SIGN OF B. BLUB



CLERKS WALK OUT ON ONE ROAD IN EAST

Norfolk and Western Loses 1,800 Men Today in New Strike

SIGNALMEN VOTE TO STAY AT WORK

Reports From Strike Centers Show But Little Violence During the Past Day

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., July 11.—A general strike of 1,800 railway clerks and station employees and freight handlers was called on the Norfolk and Western today.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, July 11.—The railway signalmen will not strike for the present, according to announcement of their president, D. W. Helt, today.

(By Associated Press.) TOPEKA, Kansas, July 11.—Two hundred national guardsmen arrived in Harrison today to guard the Rock Island shops and the water main leading to the shops.

(By Associated Press.) BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 11.—Machine guns were ordered posted at every entrance to the railroad shops today when a crowd of strikers and sympathizers began to gather.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 11.—The government stood ready today to assist in the suppression of any disorders in the strike of the railway shippers which would interfere with transportation of the mails or the movement of interstate commerce. Attorney General Daugherty authorized the appointment of a number of deputy marshals.

(By Associated Press.) ROSEVILLE, Calif., July 11.—William Westlake, guard of the Pacific Fruit Express, whose employees are striking with the shippers, was wounded when seven rifle shots were fired at him last night as he walked on a platform.

IMBLER PIONEER DIED MONDAY

William Imbler, a pioneer of the Imbler district, died at Imbler yesterday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock at the end of an extended illness. He was 86 years, two months and 20 days of age at the time of his demise. He is survived by his wife and four children. The remains are at the Bohlen funeral home awaiting the funeral arrangements which are pending until word is received from one of his children. One of them is living in Mexico and the other in Wyoming. The interment will take place at Imbler.

BROTHERHOODS IN CONFERENCE WITH STRIKERS

Report Received by Local Strike Committee of Meeting Being Held in Chicago.

A wire has been received by the local strike headquarters from the national strike headquarters stating that President Lee of the trainmen, President Shepard of the conductors and President Carter of the firemen are in conference with B. M. Jewell of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor.

It has also been reported that the railway clerks' strike vote is carrying by 95 per cent. Many reports were received of trains being discontinued in middle western and eastern states, 43 trains being discontinued on the M. K. & T, and the western division of the Missouri Pacific cancelling 30 passenger trains, according to reports. Little freight is moving locally, according to the strike committee. Several guards were reported to have quit last night.

POLICE TO CURB RIDING ON WALK

Following an accident that occurred recently, the Chief of Police, Roy Flexer, today announced that until October anyone caught riding a bicycle on the sidewalk within the city limits of La Grande will be arrested and prosecuted.

A few days ago J. A. Atkins, about 25 years of age, was walking on the sidewalk when a boy, riding a bicycle, ran over him, breaking his ribs and otherwise injuring him. The lad, instead of assisting the man to his feet or otherwise helping him, got on his wheel and rode away as fast as possible.

PENNEY STORES ARE INCREASING

The J. C. Penney company, who have operated a successful store here for a number of years, are opening 50 new stores throughout the country. When this has been accomplished, the nationwide organization will have 371 stores. The present expansion policy of the company contemplates still more stores next year. The growth of the company has been remarkable. The first store was opened 33 years ago, doing a business of \$25,000. Last year 1921, it had 312 stores and the gross volume of sales amounted to \$46,641,928.20. J. C. Penney, the founder of the company is still active in the affairs of the organization, being chairman of the board of directors.

BOY SCOUTS SAVE A TOWN

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, Wash., July 11.—Tacoma Boy Scouts at their summer camp on American lake, near here, are credited with saving the town of Stella, Wash., from a forest fire. The fire started near Camp Lewis and was only a mile from the outskirts of Stella when halted by the boys after a detail from Camp Lewis had fought the fire all night. The scouts started and controlled a backfire, saving approximately \$15,000 worth of timber and a great deal of green timber.

\$100,000 IS FIRE LOSS IN THE DALLES

Laundry, Hotel and Other Buildings Destroyed Last Night.

CIGARETTE STUB CAUSED THE BLAZE

Explosion of Boiler Rocked Buildings and Forced Firemen to Jump For Their Lives.

THE DALLES, July 11.—Fire which started about 7:30 o'clock last night completely destroyed the Mod laundry and the Washington hotel. The fire burned fiercely, fanned by a high wind, until shortly after 8 o'clock when it was brought under control.

The laundry stood at the corner of First and Washington streets and the hotel was overhead. The loss was estimated at \$100,000. The flames for a time threatened to destroy all of First street, and possibly jump to Second street, the main business section of the city. The fire started when a lodger in the hotel tossed a burning cigarette into a narrow alley between the combined laundry and hotel building and a Chinese store. The fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered.

The volunteer fire department had every line of hose in the city on the blaze before 8 o'clock but was unable to check it.

A blast, believed to have been an exploding boiler in the laundry, rocked the building and caused firemen to jump for their lives. It was believed that everybody in the hotel escaped.

Besides the laundry and the hotel, the Kong Chung Wo company, a Chinese store, and another Chinese place next door were practically a total loss. The hotel and laundry building was owned and managed by J. H. Weiss and R. J. Gilbert. The loss to that building was estimated at more than \$100,000, partially covered by insurance.

No estimate was obtainable as to the loss of the two buildings occupied by Chinese, but both were well stocked with merchandise. Train service was tied up while the firemen battled with the flames, as those lines had been laid across the tracks. It was feared for a time that the flames, which early broke through the roof of the two-story building which housed the hotel and laundry, would jump across the street, where a group of wooden structures stands. It was only after the hardest kind of a fight in the terrific heat that this was prevented.

Boxes of fire-fighting equipment in the city was used, even to the supposedly archaic hand tins. Altogether ten lines of hose were finally playing on the fire. It was thought for a time that the city water supply would prove inadequate as regulations against the use of water have been in effect for some time because of hot weather.

CONSTANTINOPLE HAS STRIKE TOO

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, July 11.—Baren attendants here, including eunuchs and others, have struck for more money and shorter hours. Many of the finest harems are unguarded now. The strikers insist that a 24-hour day and the unbecoming vigil they are required to keep on the women justify better remuneration. Many protest that wages have not been paid for over a year. The macerators and a great deal of green timber.

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