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BRITIAN MAY CANCEL HER OBLIGATIONS

This Includes Debts Due Her From The Countries Of Europe.

WILL PAY UNCLE SAM EVERY CENT

Chancellor of Exchequer Reiterates Intention of Paying What England Owes This Country.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Great Britain's note to her creditor nations suggesting cancellation of the whole Inter-Allied indebtedness will cause no change in the United States policy toward its foreign loans, it was stated today at the United States treasury.

Secretary Mellon was understood to feel that as Great Britain has officially acknowledged all debts to the United States by announcing the sending of a financial commission here in September to discuss arrangements for payment, there should be no hitch in the proceedings.

BOY IS KILLED BY FIRE WARDEN

Warning Against Setting Fires Was Resented by Boy and His Family.

CHEHALIS, Wn., Aug. 3.—A coroner's jury today found that James Vanbisher, fire warden who shot and killed Carl Horvick, aged 16, committed the act in self defense. The boy had warned Horvick and his family against setting fires. The family resented the official orders and Carl made a motion as to draw a gun which caused Vanbisher to fire.

Country Club Grounds Are in Fine Shape Due to Plenty of Good Work

According to Al Andrews the Country Club golf links were never in better shape than today. The grass has all been burned off and the entire course put into first class shape. The greens leave nothing to be wished for in regards to improvements and the sand traps are being kept in fine shape. Chase Bohnekamp, who is now in charge of the work, is certainly a hustler and there is nothing too good to say about him. He has surely seen to it that the links are in A-1 condition at all times.

Before the links were given the care and attention of present, a considerable quantity of balls were lost due to the high grass. Such is not the case now and lost golf balls are almost a thing of the past. Every morning, commencing at about five o'clock, several men may be seen going around the links and thence on during the day.

Railroad Workers Reply as Sent Pres. Harding

Full text of the reply to President Harding's peace proposals in the railroad strike follows:

"We accept, reluctantly, it is true, but commit ourselves to carry out the terms of the settlement in utmost good faith and in aid of the general welfare," said the message of acceptance, which was sent to President Harding. "If these proposals fail to bring about the results which you desire, the responsibility of failure will not rest upon representatives of the organized employees."

As To Seniority Rights.

On the proposal to restore unimpaired seniority rights to the strikers which was rejected by railway executives at their meeting Tuesday in New York, the message declared:

"It would certainly be a wholesome injustice of unparalleled extent if hundreds of thousands of experienced men who have given 4 to 40 years' service and whose value to the transportation industry is proportioned to the length of their service, should be placed in a position of inferiority to a limited number of men who have been employed as substitutes for these experienced railroad workers."

RAILROAD MEN ARE THANKFUL

Picnic was a Great Success—List of Donations is Given and Statement by Committee.

What was intended to have been a small affair ended in a feast and hundreds of children were made happy by the many features of the family picnic at the park Tuesday, remarked one of the shop men. He said the committee in charge decided to extend thanks and appreciation to the business firm which so liberally donated a truck load of the choicest candies—not the cheap kind, by any means,—chewing gum, cantaloupes—five crates of them—bananas by the bunch, oranges, cigars, cigarettes, watermelons, ice cream, nuts, lemons, cookies and cake.

The afternoon was most pleasantly spent and while the men of the party are many of them not working this was one day of pleasantness when they forgot their troubles.

The firms making donations to the picnic were:

Blue Mountain Creamer, ice cream and ice.

Staggos, two crates cantaloupes.

Patthorn Bros., four dozen lemons.

Anthony's Restaurant, thirty dozen cookies.

Club Cigar Store, two boxes cigars.

F. E. Ware, carton cigarettes.

Hooverized Grocery, three crates cantaloupes, whistles for everyone and roll paper for table cloths.

Pacific Fruit Co., six watermelons.

McPherson Baker, a sheet cake—plenty big.

Stillwell Meat Co. aprons for waiters.

Valley Creamery, ice cream and ice.

La Grande Grocery Co., 100 pounds sugar.

Imperial Pool Hall, box cigars.

J. L. Eggers, 5 cartons eum.

Happy Waite, carton cigarettes.

J. G. Holm, six large watermelons.

Harris Grocery carton cigarettes and candy.

G. G. Snodgrass, crate of apricots.

P. S. Wyrick, two boxes cherries and box candy.

Herman Rosach, sack of nuts.

Ulrich Lottes, barrel of near beer.

Jap Stevens, 400 bottles pop.

Joel's Grocery, two dozen lemons, and butter.

P. W. Woolworth, 250 ice cream dishes, spoons, napkins.

F. L. Lilly donated plates, glasses and needed utensils.

Frank Cleavinger, all hauling to and from park.

All tasks offered free service.

C. S. Shultz, chairman of the picnic committee, issued the following statement: "The committee wishes to frankly state that the spirit of the people and public opinion was expressed by all donors and their acts will not be forgotten. We wish to impress upon the people of La Grande that in this fight for what we believe is justice we have found pronounced sympathy among the business people. This picnic has been a cheerful spot in our lives and the people of La Grande have helped make it so."

Walter M. Pierce Has a Big Meeting at Eugene

EUGENE, Aug. 3.—Walter M. Pierce, democratic nominee for governor, addressed a large open air meeting here Wednesday night, held in connection with tractor largely to a discussion of national affairs and the international situation. The threatened collapse in Germany, he said, would not materially affect the United States. He touched only briefly on state affairs.

Today Mr. Pierce will address a mammoth gathering at the annual Lane county grocers' and butchers' picnic near Forest Grove. This picnic always attracts thousands from all parts of the county.

Accuse Railroads.

Violations of the law and refusal to abide by decisions of the board "have been exhibited only by the railway managements," the reply said, and asserted that suspension of work under non-acceptable conditions was not in violation of the board's decisions.

On the president's proposal that lawsuits growing out of the strike be withdrawn and that railroad labor board decisions to which exception is taken by either side be taken to the board for rehearing, the message said that it was the understanding of the union leaders that the labor board would give a prompt rehearing and decision on questions in dispute and that there would be no question as to who are the properly accredited spokesmen of the vast majority of railway employees.

The decision accepting the president's suggestions was reached after the policy committee of 90 men of the shopmen's organization had considered the proposal for two days.

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Replying to the president's suggestion that railroads and workmen agree to abide by decisions of the railroad labor board, the reply said the shopmen "always" had in the position that so long as they continued to render service, they should abide by the

ONE BURNED TO DEATH IN AUTO WRECK

Another Hurt And Still A Third Missing May Have Been Burned.

CAR SLIPS OVER BANK ON COAST

All Parties Were Of Independence Oregon And Were Bound For Newport, A Coast Resort.

TOLEDO, Ore., Aug. 3.—Wallace LaBlanch was burned to death and John Schaffer is missing and may have met the same fate, and Marvin Edkins slightly hurt, when an automobile driven by Schaffer went over the bank near Edgelyville last night being wrecked and burned. All three resided in Independence and were enroute to Newport. Officers have gone to the wreck seeking Schaffer.

FOR MR. BELL.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Every telephone in the United States and Canada will be silent one minute tomorrow while Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, telephone inventor, is being buried.

Mystery Attaches to Last Night's Accidents--Two Women Injured But Silent

Mystery surrounds an accident which occurred last evening on the highway near Lone Pine. Reports this morning told of one man being killed and two men injured. When the Evening Observer hunted down the story the sheriff nor any of the police had been informed and it seemed that all avenues of information had been sealed.

In fragments this paper gradually found out things that point to the accident, leaving the readers to draw their own conclusions.

Roadster Wrecked.

A Dodge roadster was wrecked, that much is certain for the car was brought to a La Grande garage with blood upon it in places and a piece of what seemed to be a ladies' headed dress still clinging to it. It is also reasonably certain that a Ford brought in some of the injured people.

PHIL CAMPBELL MEETS DEFEAT

Kansas Standpat Congressman Goes Down After Twenty Years in the House.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, Kan., Aug. 3.—Representative Philip Campbell, Republican, chairman of the rules committee of the house of representatives and in congress from the Third Kansas district for 20 years, was defeated in Tuesday's primary according to available returns Wednesday. W. H. Sproul, Neidan, Kan., has been nominated by at least 2000 votes. C. N. Price, manager for many years of the Campbell campaign, conceded Wednesday morning.

Washington Surprised.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Defeat of Chairman Campbell of the house rules committee in the Third Kansas district was the big primary surprise in congressional circles here.

For some time, his friends and especially among the western group of house Republicans had been booming him as a candidate for speaker next year against Speaker Gillette.

Although he had never permitted a campaign to be formally launched it was generally understood that he would be put up as a western candidate in the conference.

As chairman of the rules committee, Mr. Campbell often has found opposition among certain elements of his party to special rules which gave privileged status to important bills. Chief among these was the bonus bill. Under the seniority system the chairmanship of the all-powerful committee was from Kansas to New York in event Representative Snell, ranking Republican, is re-elected and the Republicans continue in control.

Public Service Board Holding Meeting Today to Investigate Wreck

WRECK VICTIMS ARE RECOVERING

The body of M. Morales, the Mexican who passed on yesterday afternoon at the Grande Ronde hospital from a fractured skull received in the wreck at North Fork yesterday morning, is being held at the Bohnenkamp Undertaking Parlor. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made but he will probably be interred either Sunday or Monday.

The remainder of the wreck victims who were taken to the hospital more or less seriously injured are recovering in fine shape. Several of them left the hospital yesterday and today and only a few still remain, all of whom are on a rapid road to recovery.

Fox and Johnson and Wilson Brothers Today

No matches were played in the Union County Tennis Tournament yesterday but three are scheduled for this afternoon. The uncompleted double match between Fox and Johnson vs. the Wilson Brothers, the first set being won by the latter Tuesday 8 to 6, will be finished this afternoon and P. N. Fox, of Union, who has been showing up well will take the net against Harry Clark. The winner will be privileged to play the winner of the first division of the senior singles for the tie.

In the junior events one match will be played today, a double match between Kelly and Robinson vs. Bennett and Larison.

BAND WILL HAVE BRIGHTER LIGHT

"We are very much handicapped by the insufficient lights that we receive when playing street concerts in the evening," remarked Andrew Luney, leader of the La Grande music band, ranked as one of the finest musical organizations in Oregon, "and in the future we will attempt to arrange for a better means of securing light, if possible."

The band concert that was held at the intersection of First and Washington streets Tuesday evening was attended by a large crowd, who were delighted with the combination of classical and lighter music which the band presented. Many numbers that were extremely difficult to execute properly are on the repertoire of the La Grande band and a few of these are played at each concert, always bringing a round of applause from the audience.

Excepting for the poor lights the plan of playing at the intersection of streets at this time of a year proves to be an ideal arrangement as with the band in the center of the intersecting streets, four avenues in which the audience may drive their cars and remain comfortably seated throughout the program are available.

As a result of the concerts that are being planned every two weeks the citizens of La Grande are more and more coming to look forward to the "band" one of them remarked following the concert, "and we would confidently match it against any similar organization in Oregon for all around merit."

Two solos that deserved special mention were delivered by Mr. McManus and Frank Robinson, the former playing "The Rosary" on the cornet and the latter playing the Aria from "Stabat Mater" on the trombone.

BULLETINS

STRIKERS CITED TO APPEAR

(Continued on Page Eight)

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—Twenty striking shop workers were cited to appear in Federal Court Monday to show cause why they are not in contempt for alleged violation of a temporary injunction restraining picketing of the Union Pacific shops. The railroad company charges that men congregated at their gates yesterday and that C. A. Gallison, a Union Pacific shopman, was beaten today while on his way home from work.

COURT MOVES TO PORTLAND

(By Associated Press.)

SALEM, Aug. 3.—Judge Bingham today ordered the court trying out the Hall-Obert recount case to move to Portland for the purpose of receiving Multnomah county ballots. In the recount in Marion county O'Brien's net gain was five in thirty-nine precincts.

KLANSMEN INDICTED

(By Associated Press.)

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 3.—Seven secret indictments involving six Jackson county residents were returned this afternoon by the Circuit Court at Jacksonville by a special grand jury investigating alleged Ku Klux Klan activities. The indictments, charge riot and assault with dangerous weapons, and extortion. Three are for riot, two are for assault and two for extortion.

NATIONALISTS ADVANCE

(By Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Aug. 3.—Further progress for the Irish National army in its drive against the "blackshirts" of the south was reported in a message from Dublin today which says the town of Cashel has been captured by Nationalists.

Weather

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—According to the weather men, tonight and Friday will be fair with cloudy weather near the coast.

Responding immediately to the information that a wreck had occurred at North Fork, 41 miles west of La Grande on the O.-W. railroad, Fred Rasch, representing the Public Service Commission of Oregon arrived this morning in the city and began his investigation of the cause of the accident which resulted in the death of one person and the injuring more or less of fifteen others.

"Mr. Rasch is holding a hearing and evidence which is being introduced shows that the defective rail which broke and caused the wreck was defective in manufacture and carried what is called 'piping' in technical track terms.

"Piping" means that the rail had a seam or hollow place in it not discernible but nevertheless existing and when the weight finally broke parts of the rail away it slipped under the wheels until a break occurred. This accounts for an engine getting across safely, while three cars were ditched when the break actually came.

"All track conditions," said Mr. Rasch, "will be carefully looked into and we will satisfy ourselves just how the accident occurred although from what evidence I now have it would seem that the cause is plain and due wholly to the defect in the rail."

FLEXER'S PLACE IS NOT FILLED

Last evening at the regular meeting of the city commission, aside from a few bills, salary rolls, vacating of an alley, etc., the principal subject of interest was the chief of police vacancy caused by the resignation of Roy Flexer a few days ago.

It now develops that not a single objection was raised to the retiring chief's administration and the general belief among members of the commission last evening was that Mr. Flexer had been mistaken in thinking there had been discord when none existed. He is in the mountains for a few days hence his side of the matter is not available until his return.

While the commission did not take the attitude that it would besiege the chief to reconsider his resignation, it was very apparent that all members would like to have a talk with Mr. Flexer about retaining the position which he has filled so satisfactorily.

The residents of the north side hid representation before the commission last evening requesting that crosswalks be required on the automobile driver be prevented from driving their machines across sidewalks where 12 crossings existed. City Attorney R. L. Green took up the matter and will issue the proper warning against this practice said to exist.

SCOUTS ARE ALL READY

At a meeting of the first class scouts last evening in the Y. M. C. A. building, the tent leaders and assistants who will be in charge of their tent during the summer camp, were appointed as well as further arrangements towards the completion of the plans.

The tent leaders and assistants who were selected were: Leaders, Fern Kelly, Walter Dutil, Francis Robinson, Bernard Thelton and Ed Fitzgerald; assistants, Willie Watkins, Leo McCorkle, John Larison, Jack Coeldige, Wayman Scott and George Glass. The leaders and their assistants may choose those whom they wish to occupy their tent, the boys being divided evenly.

A system of award whereby the tent leaders who cure the largest number of boys who will make the trip was set at Table No. 1 the first day of the camp was arranged. To each boy who performs the duties each day will be given a pennant which may keep until someone else receives the honor.

As the time goes by more and more scouts are planning on making the trip, nearly 20 having signified their intentions of going and many more hoping to go.

MOSER STILL FIGHTING

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The Portland ball club will file an equity suit restraining Judge Landis from enforcing the Klepper suspension, according to Gus Moser, who is attorney for the Portlanders.

Triple Murder Staged Today in San Francisco

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—When a tip that Caster had returned after being sought since last May in connection with the killing of Mrs. Anna Wilkins, wife of Henry Wilkins, a mortgage owner.

Wilkins was taken in custody over the death of his wife.

