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RELIEF IS SOUGHT BY WHEAT MEN

Wheat Growers Strongly Urge President to Call Special Session.

APPEAL ADVOCATES STABILIZING PLAN

American Wheat Growers Seek Legislative Action for Relief of Farmers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 13.—President Coolidge was urged to call a special session of congress immediately to provide relief for the nation's wheat growers, in a telegram sent Sunday night by the American Wheat Growers, associated, Inc., the largest association of wheat growers in the country.

The telegram was signed by officers of the association and trustees of the nine state wheat growing associations which compose the parent body. It was dispatched at the close of a four-day session of the board of directors of the larger association.

In its communication to the president, the American Wheat Growers, associated, advocated immediate legislation authorizing the establishment of a federal agency to purchase wheat in the open market when it reaches a price lower than \$1.75 a bushel as a means of stabilizing this market.

Wage Movement to Be Considered in Chicago, Report

CLEVELAND, Aug. 13.—Three hundred and fifty general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers are to convene in Chicago September 6 to consider the inauguration of the wage movement.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—The general chairman of the Switchmen's Union has been summoned to meet here September 6 to consider wage conditions.

BARREL OF MILK A DAY IS PRODUCT OF RANCH

Many readers will remember Edwin Morrison, who for ten years resided in the Grande Ronde valley. He removed from here to Illinois after the lamentable death of Mrs. Morrison but remained only a short time in the east and returning he and his family of five children bought a ranch at Umpaine which is 14 miles east of Walla Walla in Washington. The Morrison family is prospering and all are at work. Each day a barrel of milk is marketed from the ranch besides the other products. Mr. Morrison has seven children all of whom are healthy and good workers.

Today Mr. Morrison was in La Grande on business and spent a few hours visiting friends. He succeeded in getting the school district of Umpaine to contract with Prof. Hurley who was formerly at Imbler to teach their school this year.

The Market.

PORTLAND, August 13.—Cattle 25 to 30 cents higher, choice steers \$7.25 to \$8.00; hogs and sheep steady; eggs firm to two cents higher, 28 to 32 cents per dozen; butter firm, extra cubes 41 and 41 1/2 cents.

41 Couples Have Been Linked by Wedlock in Months of June, July

Hot weather affects even the mythical met—referring to Dan Cupid, whose name is invariably linked with romance, of course. Dan did not wait during July and according to the latest reports, is hitting the bull about so in this month.

June naturally is the big month of the year for marriages and in Union county, 25 licenses to wed were granted. At that Cupid failed to bring his heavier artillery into action until late in the month.

July found Cupid gunning with fair results and his family book of conquests shows 16 more couples made happy. (2). Which ought to prove decisively that he is still on the job—working a wee bit harder than in July, 1922, when he only hit the bulls-eye 15 times.

Summing things up, the little god of love scored 41 times during 61 days—which allows him 28 days vacation if he is good for one marriage per day.

Weather Forecast



Portland, Aug. 13.—Fair tonight and Tuesday, cooler in the eastern portion.

In Mourning



President Coolidge, sitting at his desk at temporary headquarters, wears a band of black on his arm in mourning for the late President Harding.

TRADE ACTIVITY IS CONTINUING

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—In the steel industry production continued to run about 20 per cent below the peak reached in the spring. The trade believed, however, that consumption is being maintained at a high rate and explains the reduction in deliveries as being due to the fact that consumers are now eating into stocks instead of building them up as was the case during the spring. Pig iron prices have shown further recessions, but increased buying of this commodity is thought by some to forecast a turn in the market. Meanwhile the gradual introduction of the eight-hour day, which is under way, is expected to reduce production to the rate of shipment and to steady steel prices.

Carloadings Broad Record.

Another indication that industrial activity is being maintained at a high rate is furnished by the latest increase in railroad carloadings. In the week ended July 28 over 1,941,000 cars were loaded with revenue freight and a performance which breaks all previous records. The increase in movement of grain from the new crop is partly responsible for this gain, but the shipments of general merchandise continue to surpass those in any other year.

Absence of a break in the drought in the southwest and buying on further British reflections on the past government crop estimate produced a sharp rally in cotton prices early in the week. Traders realize that the crop has now reached a critical stage and that a yield of about 11,500,000 bales is a distinct possibility. As a result sentiment which was rather demoralized after the collapse of the bull speculation in the July delivery, has become much steadier.

Wheat Prices Gain.

Wheat prices also benefitted during the past week by a bullish government crop estimate. As of August 1, the department of agriculture estimates the total yield of both winter and spring wheat at 752,000,000 bushels, a figure which represents a decrease of 25,000,000 bushels as compared with the estimate of the month before and compares with private estimates in the neighborhood of 812,000,000 bushels. Last year's actual production amounted to 822,204,000 bushels. As a result of this unexpectedly favorable report the September futures recovered 2 1/2 cents and closed the week at around 95 cents.

Marked weakness in the currency of the continental allies was the feature of the foreign exchange market. French and Belgian francs declined to new low records for all time, the French franc touching 5.650. This decline was based largely on extreme demoralization in the German mark which fell to 20c for a million marks and to indications that France and Germany were unlikely to reach an early agreement. Steady and most of the other European exchanges meanwhile held firm, thus lending color to the theory that the decline in the currencies of the continental allies is due to the opinion that Germany is becoming a more unsatisfactory creditor for France, Belgium and Italy.

Market Tone Good.

Although holidays at home and abroad made last week's markets less active and significant than is usually the case in mid-summer, most commentators on financial and commercial activities considered that the undertone was somewhat better. At the start of the week a certain quiet optimism was noticeable, this being asserted partly by growing confidence in the change in executives would not result unfavorably and partly by resumption of some business prospects. While industrial news continued rather inconclusive, more optimism was shown over the development of new forward buying movement. Greater firmness in the commodity markets also was an encouraging factor.

BRITISH HOLD RUHR SEIZURE TO BE ILLEGAL

Position on German Reparations Problem is Made Clear by Lord Curzon.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Aug. 13.—The British note to France, in which the government brands the Ruhr occupation illegal, but is willing to submit the point to arbitration, has made a deep impression here. It is regarded as a critical situation which may have serious developments.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The British note is regarded in French official circles as a disavowal of Great Britain's war allies and a frank espousal of the German cause.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The British government in the publication Sunday of its official correspondence with the allies since June, placed on record its position with regard to the German reparations problem.

Lord Curzon, secretary for foreign affairs, in an elaborate note dealing with all the manifold aspects of the problem, sets forth that the British government regards the occupation of the Ruhr as illegal and unauthorized by the Versailles treaty, thus supporting the German contention in this respect. At the same time, however, he offers to submit the point to arbitration at The Hague or by some other body.

While still adhering to a tone of the utmost courtesy and saying nothing definite with regard to any separate action on the part of Great Britain, Lord Curzon emphasizes that Great Britain cannot agree with the French policy, which he intimates plainly seems to point to an indefinite occupation of the Ruhr.

Lord Curzon still leaves it to the French government to suggest the method of settling the international commission to examine into Germany's capacity to pay reparations.

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Wheat Harvest Is Progressing

The wheat harvest in Union county is now in full swing and with the continuation of the present favorable weather, will soon be over. The cool nights have caused some heavy dew which delayed combining and heading in the early morning but was favorable for ripening, especially when the grain was somewhat over ripe, as the dew helped to prevent shattering.

To date the yields seem generally satisfactory, although a big reduction was caused by the hail storm which struck through the center of the valley a few weeks ago.

Combine threshing is progressing nicely and much of the spring wheat, oats and barley is already being cut. Harvesting of the second crop of hay has begun with a very good cutting in many sections.

Within the next two or three weeks it will be possible to announce the yields which will indicate the extent of this year's crop.

Ebert Calls Stresemann For Cabinet

BERLIN. (By the Associated Press)—The resignations of Chancellor Wilhelm Cuno and his entire cabinet were accepted Sunday by President Ebert.

Dr. Gustav Stresemann, leader of the German people's party, has been commissioned by President Ebert to form a new government.

After accepting the task, Herr Stresemann had a conference with the representatives of the various parties. The greatest difficulty seems to be in connection with the foreign ministry, and it is believed possible that he will take the post himself temporarily.

It is believed in political quarters that Herr Hilferding will be the new finance minister and Herr Sellman will be named minister of the interior, while the name of Herr Heinichen of the people's party, is mentioned as the new secretary of state to the imperial chancellery.

Four Party Coalition.

Thus, the new cabinet would be of a strictly political character, including representatives of the United Socialists, Clerical, People's and Democratic parties. The United Socialists have made it known that they expect to have four seats in the ministry.

Just before Chancellor Cuno called upon President Ebert to submit the cabinet's resignation, the reichstag leaders representing the present coalition parties and the United Socialists, visited the president and discussed with him the prospects of constructing a government on a four-party coalition basis.

This indicates that the United Socialists had arrived at an understanding with the bourgeois parties with respect to their readiness to enter a cabinet which would accept as a platform the program of internal tax and financial measures and other political and economic demands which the United Socialists put forward in their campaign against Herr Cuno.

The four-party coalition which hereafter will occupy the government bench in the reichstag will command a majority which is opposed by only 71 nationalistic and 20 Communistic votes out of a total of 409.

Funeral Services Held This Afternoon Over The Late Wm. Roberts

William Roberts, 50 years of age, who passed on August 11 at the close of an extended illness, was laid to rest this afternoon from the Bohnenkamp Chapel, the interment taking place in the Masonic cemetery. The body found its final resting place at 3:30 o'clock beside his mother who died in April.

Mr. Roberts is survived by two brothers, John Roberts, of Yakima, Washington, and Frank Roberts, of Bates, Oregon, and by four sisters, Mrs. George Hill, of Island City, Mrs. Abe Parker, of La Grande, Doris, of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. H. W. Meek of Wallowa, Oregon.

DANIEL SOMMER CALLED BEYOND EARLY SUNDAY

Union County Pioneer Succumbs to the Call of the Death Angel Services at Elgin Today.

Daniel Sommer, one of the most esteemed and prominent pioneers of Eastern Oregon, whose residence has been at Elgin for the past few years, where he has served as mayor of that city and in other important capacities, passed away at his home Sunday morning at one o'clock at the close of a brief illness. He had been in poor health for some time prior to his demise.

The death of Mr. Sommer, totally unexpected by his wide circle of friends and admirers, removed from the ranks of the living, a man that stood out from the citizenry of this section of the state due to his remarkable ability as a leader of men, his tireless industry that made his name important in building this country, his kindly nature that brought him friends from every quarter of the northwest in goodly numbers, and his many other attributes that will be remembered by those who were fortunate to know him, until the "last leaf falls." Today the entire city of Elgin and Union and Wallowa counties are united in a sincere and heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Mr. Sommer.

The funeral arrangements, in charge of the W. H. Bohnenkamp company of La Grande, were completed this morning and funeral services were held at the city hall in Elgin this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The body was then brought to La Grande and will be forwarded to Portland for final interment.

Biographical Sketch.

Perhaps the "History of Union and Wallowa Counties," a volume prepared by pioneers of this district, may be quoted for the most complete and authentic biographical sketch of Daniel Sommer.

His history, one filled with deeds of worth, according to the above mentioned history, reads:

The name that initiates this paragraph is well known throughout Eastern Oregon, and especially in Union county where our subject has wrought with an energy and display (Continued on Page Five.)

Union Mourns Chief's Death

UNION, Aug. 13. (Special)—Union and the surrounding community gathered last evening in the M. E. church in a union service, presided over by Reverend Quinn, of the M. E. church, to pay homage to the late President Harding.

The church was completely filled with mourners who took that opportunity to pay their last respects to the late chief executive.

Three deacons of La Grande, and Reverend Quinn, of Union, were the orators of the evening and each delivered a very impressive address telling of the life and work of Warren Gammell Harding.

J.E.Reynolds Is Chairman Of Tax Board

Henry McGoldrick, C. D. Huffman and J. E. Reynolds, members of the tax conservation commission of Union county, recently appointed by Governor Walter M. Pierce, met Saturday and organized by electing Mr. Reynolds as chairman and Mr. Huffman as secretary pro tem. The meeting was held in the courthouse.

The commission at that time expressed a wish to call the attention of all tax levying bodies in the county to that portion of the law which reads as follows:

The various levying boards are required on or before the first day of October of each year to submit to the commission their detailed budget estimates for the next ensuing fiscal year giving historical data for the three and one half preceding years.

Budget hearings before the commission are provided for.

GERMANY RENT WITH DISORDER

Sanquinary Fighting Between Communists and Militia Occurs; Communists Control Luebeck; Strikers Killed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Germany is on the brink of revolution, said Senator Smoot, returning today from a European tour.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Aug. 13.—Sanquinary fighting occurred between communists and militia today in Seltz, Saxony, according to Berlin dispatches. A large body of communists stormed the town hall, occupied by soldiers, and there was considerable fighting in the streets.

Communists Control City.

LUEBECK, Germany, August 13.—Communists are holding this city after forcing the senate to retire. The reichswahr arrived here to make an attempt to restore order.

Strikers Killed.

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—Several strikers were killed and many wounded at the Hamburg shipyards today in a clash with the police.

The police attacked the strikers who prevented those willing to work from entering the yards.

Title Game Arranged.

La Grande and Baker baseball teams will meet Sunday afternoon at the latter city in a contest to aid in determining the Intermountain League championship, now resting on the heads of Covey, La Grande and Baker. Complete accounts of the arrangements for the titular game are to be found in the Evening Observer's sport page in this issue.

TRAINS MEET HEAD ON; 5 MEN KILLED

Collision Occurred at Fowler, Colorado, Early Today, Say Reports.

SMASH WAS DUE TO NECESSARY DETOUR

Washouts at Walsenburg on the Colorado and Southern Tracks Led to Accident.

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 13.—Five trainmen were killed in a head on collision between the Colorado and Southern Pacific passenger train from Pueblo and Santa Fe and the through train from the east at Fowler, Colorado, early today.

The former train was detouring over the Santa Fe tracks via La Junta because of washouts at Walsenburg on the Colorado and Southern tracks.

OLD OREGON TRAIL MOVIE WILL BE AT STAR THIS EVENING

Considerable interest is manifest in La Grande regarding the showing of the "Old Oregon Trail" a movie taken in Oregon and at Meacham during the Old Oregon Pageant July 3 and 4 at the Star Theatre tonight and Tuesday night. The La Grande committee of the Old Oregon Trail Association, yet facing a small deficit, will benefit materially due to the bringing of the film to La Grande.

Not only does the picture portray the Meacham segment but many other Oregon scenes of interest. The movie has been in the making for five years and the Meacham pictures, showing President Harding and Mrs. Warren G. Harding, proved the climax needed to make the film ready for exhibition to the public.

Pioneer days and modern developments are featured and those who have already witnessed the drama are high in their praise of the "Old Oregon Trail" movie.

Grocer, Alleged Drunk For Weeks, Shoots His Wife and Kills Self

CAMAS, Wash., Aug. 13.—Charles McAllister, 50, a grocer, shot his wife in the side and then killed himself early today. His wife may live.

Officers said that McAllister had been drinking continuously for several weeks.

BULLETINS

Announce Railway Policy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Baugherty will announce his policy in the Southern-Pacific. Central-Pacific case tonight after a conference with the President. Tomorrow will be the last day for an appeal.

Four Germans Killed

LA CHAPELLE, Aug. 13.—Four German were killed and forty wounded when the police today fired on several thousand gathered before police headquarters demanding authorities do something to relieve the shortage of potatoes.

Gas War Spreads

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—A gasoline price war which was started by South Dakota, has spread to several middle west states, forcing prices down to a range of eleven cents to 22 1/2 cents per gallon at various places.

Will Co-operate with Pierce

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—The state automotive trade association today offered to co-operate fully with Governor Pierce if he moved for a gasoline price reduction. The companies said the price here was reasonable and that no reduction was possible.

Candidacy Of Coolidge Is Held Certain

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 13.—Senator Moses today declared that Calvin Coolidge would be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1924 and ought to have a solid New England delegation behind him.

Latest Photographs of funeral of Late President Harding



CAISSON BEARING THE BODY OF PRESIDENT HARDING AS THE PROCESSION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE CAPITAL TURNED INTO PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. TAKEN BY NEA SERVICE FOR THE EVENING OBSERVER.