



INCREASED PENSIONS TO BE PAID SOON.

Widows of Veterans Will Get Increase Without Applying Says Hawley.

Salem, Or., Oct. 22—Widows of soldiers who served in the Civil war, the Spanish American war or Philippine insurrection need not apply to the commissioner of pensions for the increase allowed under an amendment passed to the pension law by the recent session of congress, Representative Hawley said today. The commission, he said, has promised to make the payments of the increased amounts promptly, and he expects that they will be made at the regular quarterly intervals.

The new law, said Representative Hawley, does not include widows of men in the regular army, navy or marine corps who did not serve in the foregoing wars, nor does it include the widows of men of the war of 1812, the Indian wars, or army nurses. Congressman Hawley regards the act as imperfectly drawn, as it excludes a number of widows equally entitled to recognition with those receiving benefits under the act. The act increases pensions to \$25 a month.

Price Of Rolled Oats Is To Be Cut Down.

Washington, Oct. 22—Resolutions to limit forward sales, prohibit speculation and assist in reducing the price of rolled oats were adopted today by the war emergency committee of the National Association of Oat Millers, in conference with federal food administration officials.

SEATTLE STRIKE OVER

Men Resume Work Pending Adjustment By Board.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 22—Seattle's shipyard strike is over. Today the 12,000 members of the 14 metal trades' unions who walked out three weeks ago donned their overalls and returned to work, leaving their demands for the closed shop and higher wages in the hands of the federal wage adjustment board.

With the resumption of work, the owners of the yards planned to speed up construction of a number of government vessels including war craft, which have been standing untouched on the ways here since the strike began.

The men returned to work under conditions and wages prevailing before they walked out. Their decision to end the strike was made after a patriotic appeal had been addressed to them by the adjustment board, which met here recently.

Striking Miners Return to Work

Washington, Oct. 22—Fuel Administrator Garfield announced today that all coal miners have resumed work in Indiana, practically all in Ohio and all miners are resuming work in Illinois. He said that reports from all sections indicate a gratifying tendency downward in retail coal prices.

Fire Drill Urged In Schools.

Salem, Or., Oct. 23—Under the caption "Fire Perils in Our Public Schools" Insurance Commissioner Wells has issued an appeal to the schools of Oregon to school boards to reduce the fire hazard at all school buildings to a minimum.

TWO MEN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK.

Reckless Driving on Pacific Highway Ends In Death Sunday Evening.

Shortly before 7 o'clock Sunday evening, when their racing car, in which they were speeding over the Pacific highway at a pace thought to be about sixty miles an hour, at the curve near the Merriman ranch, about half way between Medford and Central Point, leaped from off the highway over a fence and turned turtle, fifty feet away, Reginald L. Tufts and Lloyd Dyer, two well-known young men of Grants Pass, were instantly killed and the car badly wrecked.

They were returning from Hornbrook, where they had attended the football game between the Grants Pass and Hornbrook teams, and from the time they left the California town for home, fairly flew in their speed bug, a Ford car cut down and fitted up with powerful motor, racing gear and various contrivances to increase speed, up and down the mountain and thru the valley, only slowing up when passing thru Ashland and Medford, and then again resuming the mad pace after leaving the outskirts of Medford and continuing it until the accident happened and both went to their tragic deaths.

During their speed journey to death the young men and their racing car created considerable apprehension and terror among other motorists going in both directions on the highway, and aroused much comment from ranch houses as they flew by. It is claimed that they went thru Phoenix at fifty miles an hour.

Tufts's body was found in the field lying about twenty-five feet in the rear of the wrecked car, and Dyer's body was found about 10 feet to the right of the car. Tufts's forehead and face were crushed in, and Dyer's head was crushed to a pulp.

Reginald L. Tufts was 25 years old, a single man, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Tufts of Grants Pass. The dead man was a clerk in the First National bank of Grants Pass.

Lloyd Dyer was also 25 years old and was a clerk in the Grants Pass post office. He was married and his wife is at present in Seattle.

Lebanon—Oregon [California] land grant tax amounts to about \$37,000 in Lincoln county.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Dallas Wants Rehearing

Dallas, Or., Oct. 20—The city of Dallas, through its attorney, Ed F. Chad, has filed a petition with the supreme court for a rehearing in the famous city water case. The supreme court a short time ago ruled that the public service commission had no jurisdiction in the regulation of the rates of consumers of the city's water.

One Fatal Accident

Salem, Or., Oct. 22—According to the report of the state industrial accident commission one of the 335 accidents reported to it during the week ending October 18 was fatal. The fatal case was Ture Johnson, of Astoria, who was killed while in the employment of a fish packing company.

Lime Board Seeks Lease

Salem, Or., Oct. 21—Published reports to the effect that the state lime board contemplates no lime developments are untrue, according to Warden C. A. Murphy. The board is now negotiating with J. H. Beaman, of Gold Hill, for a lease on his lime deposits, and as soon as it is entered into a plant will be installed, he declared. The royalty proposed is 2 cents a ton, he said.

Timber To be Sold at Auction.

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 24—On December 3 the timber on a portion of the Oregon & California grant lands in Coos county will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. As a result it is expected that timber and mill companies in Coos county will be the only bidders, as the timber will have to be cut from the land, leaving it for settlers. Other counties will follow in the sale of their timber, it is expected.

Sheep Owners Buy Farm.

Wallowa, Or., Oct. 22—M. A. McGlaughlin and his son John, successful sheepmen of this vicinity, purchased the 240-acre farm of Mrs. T. L. Davis last week. This place is 1½ miles south of Wallowa and will be used for raising feed for the sheep of the McGlaughlins.

Klamath Pioneer, Age 90, Dies

Klamath Falls, Or., Oct. 22—Klamath County lost another aged pioneer resident Friday when Crawford Hill, who had been paralyzed and helpless for four years, died at the County infirmary. Mr. Hill was an old time farmer and stockman and was 90 years of age.

Bank Installs Fine Equipment.

Klamath Falls, Or., Oct. 22—Owing to the rapidly increasing business of the First National Bank, of this city, the deposits of which have increased over 75 per cent since January 1 of this year, the directors have decided to take over another large section of the building they now occupy and remodel for their needs. A marble floor will be laid and marble fixtures installed in the lobby.

Squash Seeds Costing 25 Cents, Pay Huge Returns.

Klamath Falls, Or., Oct. 24—Joe Moore of the Western Transfer company, planted five squash seeds for which he paid 5 cents each, in two hills and cultivated them carefully all summer. There were 17 squashes on the two hills and when weighed this fall it was found that the smallest weighed 19 pounds and the largest 62 pounds. Mr. Moore feels that he had excellent returns from his investment of 25 cents.

Two Salem Victims Of Accident Rest Well.

Salem, Or., Oct. 22—Attending physicians said today that R. Edwards and O. Kerr, who were seriously injured yesterday when a motorcycle they were riding collided with a Southern Pacific train near this city, were resting easily and would recover.



PEACE ON NO VICTORY BASIS.

Conference at Stockholm Holds War Will Not be Decided In Two Years.

Stockholm, Oct. 20—On the theory that victory for either side in the world war will not be realized in 1917 or 1918 the organizing committee of the Stockholm conference has proposed a peace program as follows:

The complete political and economic re-establishment of Belgium with cultural autonomy for Flanders and the restoration of all contributions and requisitions raised contrary to international law, the amount of the damages to be paid by Germany to be left to the Hague arbitration court.

Solution of the Alsace-Lorraine question to be arrived at by a plebiscite. The restoration of Serbia, which in common with Bulgaria and Greece, would have free access to the port of Saloniki.

Bulgaria to be given Eastern Macedonia as far as the Vardar.

An independent Poland, the Polish district of Austria and Germany to enjoy as wide autonomy as possible and the different nationalities of Russia to enjoy territorial autonomy within a federative republic.

The independence of Finland, united to Russia.

Solution of the problem of Bohemia by means of the reunion of the Czechs in a single federative state with Austria.

The Italian districts of Austria not ceded to Italy to enjoy cultural autonomy.

The political independence of Ireland within the dominion of Great Britain. The independence of Turkish Armenia.

The international solution of the Jewish problem and personal independence for the Jews in the districts of Russia, Austria, Romania and Poland, where they are massed together with protection for the Jewish colony in Palestine.

Boston Will Be Dark To Save The Coal.

Boston, Oct. 24—Within a few days concerted steps will be taken, under the direction of James J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator, to save coal by a drastic curtailment of electric lighting in this city. Not only will night advertising signs be eliminated but the city officials will cut off the current from many powerful street lamps. Theater display lights will be dark from 9 p. m.

Kaiser Losez Half Of Big Zeppelins.

Washington, Oct. 23—Germany probably lost one-half of her total effective fleet of super-Zeppelins as a result of the raid of October 20 over England, according to official cablegrams received here. All France is exultant over what the dispatches declare to be the greatest defeat administered to an air fleet since the beginning of the war. The gratification is more intense because it is now known that the German raid was an attempt to carry out a fearful threat of vengeance made four days before.

Tax Levies are High.

Montesano, Wash., Oct. 24—Aberdeen, with a tax of 75 mills, will have the highest levy of any municipality in the county and Cosmopolis, with 43.10 mills, will have the lowest. Hoquiam's levy will be 55.49 mills; Montesano's 55.85; Elma's, 55.92; Westport's, 43, and Ocoosa's 49.01 mills.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Klamath Falls—10 farmers in Klamath to water 1720 acres.

Tillamook—75 tons of blackberries shipped from here to Portland in 24 days.

Easter felt hat manufacturer offers to buy \$25,000 worth of properly dried jackrabbit skins, 5 cents each.

The Portland Railway Light and Power Co. and its men deserve great credit for compromising earnings' troubles and averting a strike at this time and both sides have commanded the respect and consideration of the public.

O. W. R. & N. Co. shows increase in car loading for Aug. 1917 of 11.4% over same month 1916.

Portland—Pulverized coal plant proposed here.

Governor Withycombe in no uncertain manner scored the labor agitators of Portland and the coast in a recent address and said: "Now of all times is no time to cavil. The laboring man should take his wage (and it is a good wage) and he should not stand up to block the great movement that will lead the world to democracy."

Copper mining in Josephine and Curry counties is coming to the front.

Rye planting is urged by O. W. R. & N. Co. will furnish seed to farmers. Eastern Oregon land said to be admirably adapted to this crop.

The Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. may be known as the "G. I. R. Ry."

road due to instructions for courteous treatment of public issued by the company to its employees.

Mosier—State Highway will follow river from here to Hood River and five mile stretch will cost \$352,334.

Forest Grove—Work on Gales Creek & Wilson River Railroad, being built from Wilkesboro to tidewater near Tillamook progressing rapidly.

Hood River—Construction begun on first unit of flour mill here.

Stanfield—Work on new fruit warehouse here progressing.

Pendleton—Total assessment Umatilla county totals \$49,567.34.

Hermiston—O. W. R. & N. Co. to improve local depot grounds.

Hermiston—Army training camp may be established here.

St. Helens becoming shipbuilding center. Another yard for Columbia City.

Grants Pass—10 new silos on farm of Williams creek district.

North Bend—North Bend Mill & Lumber Company making improvements.

North Bend—Many homes will be built for working men here.

Escaped Convict Is Captured In Colored.

Salem, Or., Oct. 23—Advices were received today to the effect that James O'Brien, a notorious safe cracker, who escaped from the penitentiary more than a year ago by scaling a wall, is under arrest in Pueblo, Colo., for burglary. O'Brien has a long criminal record to his credit. When he escaped he was serving a term from Coos county for burglary.

Britain Builds Ships In Japan.

Tokio, Oct. 20—Great Britain is now building 23 steamers of approximately 200,000 tons at various shipbuilding yards in Japan. Several of these will be finished soon and will be transferred to the representatives of the British government.

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