



SUPERVISION OF LABOR CONDITIONS

Measure is Drafted to Create Federal Industrial Relations Committee.

Washington, Feb. 10.—A bill to create a federal industrial relations committee to promote improvement in labor conditions and deal with the question of unemployment has been drafted at the instance of the senate committee on labor by Earl D. Howard of Chicago.

The measure provides for the appointment of seven commissioners to mitigate conditions of unemployment; to cooperate with the government departments which employ labor directly or indirectly, to supervise and set standards of wages, hours, conditions of employment and standards of service or output wherever the government is interested; to represent the public interest in joint arrangements between employers and employees; to promote organization of adjustment boards; to promote uniform legislation throughout the country in the matter of child labor, workmen's compensation, industrial insurance and in all other matters, and to aid or establish educational agencies for the training of managers and administrators of employment or industrial relations.

Must Discard Army Uniforms.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 11.—Major A. M. Jones, in command of United States troops in Butte, today issued an order that all discharged soldiers immediately discard their uniforms. Provisions will be made, it is understood to provide clothing for those unable to purchase civilian suits. The fact that many of those engaged in picketing have been wearing the army uniform caused the order, Major Jones explained.

He issued the following notice to discharged soldiers:

"The attention of all discharged soldiers is invited to the fact that they are only authorized to wear their uniforms while enroute to their homes and no longer; further, that all discharged soldiers must wear the scarlet chevron to indicate the fact that they have been released from the military service and are enroute to their homes."

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS DECLARED ENDED.

Mask Enthusiasts Lose Chance to Test Theory; Ordinance Now Useless.

Mask enthusiasts have lost their opportunity of demonstrating the efficacy of their favorite preventive by the proclamation from the city health officer declaring the influenza epidemic as "ceased and terminated." The ordinance, which was passed by the city council requiring the wearing of masks and which was to go into effect 30 days after its enactment, is therefore now useless.

Only 19 new cases of influenza were reported this morning and no deaths. Dr. J. G. Able, city health officer, stated optimistically this morning that the danger is practically over, but each case will be strictly quarantined as heretofore.

Gibbs Sees a New England.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 9.—Philip Gibbs, the famous English war correspondent, whose daily descriptive stories of the fighting in which the British armies participated during the period of the war, is a passenger on the Carmania, which arrived today. He is going to the United States to lecture.

When asked about the labor troubles in Great Britain, Gibbs was of the opinion that it would be a long and hard fight between capital and labor and was of the opinion that labor would win out. He did not think it would reach the Bolshevik stage, which was contrary to British institutions and British character.

"But there need be no doubt about it," declared Mr. Gibbs; "England will never be the old England. A new England is already in the making."

High School Lad will go to U. S. Naval Academy.

Clatskanie, Or., Feb. 8.—Merlin F. Schneider, a local lad, has received the appointment of first alternate for admission to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis from Senator Chamberlain. He applied for admission in October, and Senator Chamberlain notified him of the appointment this week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider, 13 years of age, and is a senior in Clatskanie high school.

Her Valentine

BY NETTIE K. NEHAN

OUT of the heart of the long ago,
Faded and yellow, by time, you know,
But cherished still in shadow and shine,
Cometh to me her valentine.
Here is the couplet, quaint and true,
The rose is red,
The violet is blue—
And I dream in the glowing soft and low
Of the lass who penned it long years ago.

A little maid with the bluest eyes
That ever danced 'neath winter skies
A rosy cheek, whose love was told
To the sound of a kiss in a moonlit fold,
But here is the rest of her rhyming tale
Love is sweet
And so are you,
And a boy's cheeks flushed at the final line
Of a rustic sweetheart's valentine.

Deep in the past, but dimly hid,
Behind her soft eye's drooping lid,
Quivers and arrows that Cupid keen
Shot at the Castle of Might-have-been.
And plainer still the couplet true,
The violet is blue—
The rose is red,
And laughter low, which is half divine,
Ripples across her valentine.

With a cherished thought for the love it told
I tenderly open each yellow fold
And my heart beats fast as it did one day
In a part that is hallowed and far away,
I can see the eyes that were deep and blue,
Love is sweet
And so are you—
So thought the lass as she penned each line,
And sealed with a kiss her valentine.

Hindenburg Gathering Large Army.

Berne, Feb. 9.—Before leaving the socialist congress in Bern to take part in the Weimar national assembly Hugh Haase, the German independent socialist leader, made some remarkable revelations concerning the great army Marshal Hindenburg is concentrating in eastern Germany under the pretense of defending the Russian border against the Bolsheviks and Poles, avowed Haase.

"A volunteer army of 600,000 is being organized by Hindenburg in Pomerania and eastern Prussia. In reality there is no menace of invasion by the Bolsheviks or Poles which warrants the concentration of so large a force. The marshal's headquarters are at Tolberg on the Baltic coast, one of the chief strongholds of Junkerism, militarism and pan-Prussianism."

It is natural that thousands of men will enlist. After a few skirmishes with the Poles or Bolsheviks this army will be a willing instrument in the hands of German reactionaries and at the word of command it may march on Berlin or even against the allied army of occupation. Scheidemann and Ebert leaders of the new unstable government, are far too dependent on the Prussian military party to protest against the creation of this army, although it will certainly ultimately be directed against them.—Portland Telegram.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

St. Helens Employer Denies Cutting Wages at Big Plant.

St. Helens, Or., Feb. 10.—A report published in a Portland labor paper that the St. Helens Lumber company, of this place, had cut wages ten per cent, is denied by Manager H. F. McCormick, of the company here, nor is it the company's intention to make such a cut unless there is a general reduction in living expenses. The Portland report stated that many of the Loyal Legion members had thrown away their badges and left here. This the officers of the Loyal Legion brand as false.

Wasco Clerk Resigns.

The Dalles, Or., Feb. 8.—L. B. Fox, Clerk of Wasco County and president of the Oregon State Association of County Clerks, yesterday resigned his office in order to accept a position with the Allen & Lewis Company, of Portland. The resignation will take effect March 1st. Mr. Fox has been employed in the County Clerk's office for 10½ years, for a part of that time as deputy and for the past six years as regularly elected Clerk.

Cove Boys are Heroes.

Cove, Or., Feb. 11.—Letters received here from Cove boys over seas state that Private Thomas Harris, of the 308th Infantry, was a member of the famous "lost battalion." He is one of three brothers in the service. Private Thomas Williams, of the 162d Infantry, and one of five brothers in the service, is a member of the guard of honor to President Wilson.

House Plans Fight on Rights of Governor.

Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—There is a movement under way in the house to amend the Sheldon bill creating a commission to disburse the relief funds to returned soldiers, sailors and marines so that the commissioner will be appointed by the legislature and not by the governor.

Klamath Club Advocated

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 11.—Believing that there is a strong need existing in Klamath Falls for club quarters, where young boys of high school age can spend their spare time in a congenial way and under influences which will be of the best kind, a number of the boys' fathers and educators are endeavoring to provide a place where the needs of the boys can be looked after.

The room under the K. K. K. store formerly occupied by the Oddfellows and later by the Palm bowling alleys now is under consideration.

32 Graduate at Normal.

Oregon Normal School, Monmouth, Feb. 10.—At the end of the term of the Oregon normal school yesterday 32 seniors were graduated. In accordance with the custom of the February class no exercises were held, but due attention will be given graduation next June when the larger number of students will finish their courses. Owing to the numerous vacancies in teaching positions over the state, many of the graduates already are at work teaching. Up to Thursday night 19 of the 32 had been placed.

Oregon Postmasters Named.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows: Dixonville, John M. Casebeer; Nashville, Nettie M. Stanton; Nehalem, Walter J. Mead; Oak Grove, Valeria G. Benio; Silver Lake, Chas. A. Waterhouse.

Salvation Army Girl

Prays in Legislature.

Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—The opening prayer in the house this morning was delivered by Captain Jennie Millar, of the Salvation Army.

London Strikers Ordered to

Return to Work.

London, Feb. 11.—All the strikers in the city district have been instructed by their leaders to return to work tomorrow. The instructions were issued today by a joint committee of the strikers.

BILL TO REPEAL MINIMUM SENTENCE LAW

Sheldon Measure Changes Act Regulating Paroles from Penitentiary

Salem, Or., Feb. 8.—The Sheldon penitentiary bill passed the house by a large majority yesterday afternoon. The measure removes the minimum sentence clause from all criminal laws, and provides that, when a convict has served one fourth of his term he may be paroled, if his record shows him to be deserving.

Another of Sheldon's penitentiary series passed the house yesterday. It makes it a felony to escape or to aid in the escape of any person from any penal institution. Curiously enough no such law has heretofore been written on the Oregon statutes.

The house also passed Sheldon's bill giving the parole board power to grant paroles to prisoners under 20 years of age at any time.

Ministerial Union asks to Have Sunday Movies Closed.

Yakima, Wash., Feb. 10.—The Ministerial union has presented its petition for the closing of movies on Sundays to the city commissioners and the latter took the matter under advisement and may put the question up to a vote of the people. The mayor has appointed a movie picture censoring committee, composed of D. C. Reed, Mrs. Frank Horsley, Mrs. M. E. Barker and Mrs. Elizabeth Shrimpton, the newly appointed "protective" officer. All have expressed their willingness to serve and will organize soon.

Strike in Great Britain Settled.

London, Feb. 8.—Sir Albert Stanley, president of the board of trade, announced early today that an arrangement with union executives had been reached. Acting Secretary Hudson of the unions said he expected tube trains would be running at noon today.

The railway strike was settled early this morning after a long conference. The government is quietly arresting and deporting "undesirable" aliens believed to be Bolshevik propagandists. The Daily Sketch says several have been sent out of the county including M. Soermus, a Russian violinist, who is alleged to have been interspersing his recitals with Bolshevik propaganda work.

Seattle Police Raid Red's Paper.

Seattle, Feb. 10.—The police department early today raided the office of the International Weekly, a radical publication here, and arrested Aaron Fislerman, circulation manager, William H. Johnson, a former United States soldier and Gus Pilz, a longshoreman, both of whom, the police said, were taken while selling copies of the paper on the street, were arrested and held for investigation. The raid was in line with the police policy to suppress all forms of I. W. W. and anarchist literature.

Besides the issue of the International Weekly, several thousand copies of a pamphlet entitled "Russia Did It," were confiscated.

Wants Repeal of Taxes on Apparel.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Chairman Kitchen of the house ways and means committee announced today that when President Wilson signed the new war revenue bill he would introduce a resolution for the repeal of the so called luxury taxes applying to articles of wearing apparel.

More Funds Asked for Harbors of Oregon.

Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—By a house joint memorial adopted in the senate yesterday the Oregon delegation in congress is urged to work for an assertion in the general rivers and harbors appropriation measure now pending, a provision for the application of federal money to the improvement of harbors on the Oregon coast. The harbor at Yaquina mentioned in particular.

Tidings

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Feb. 10.—Appropriations for salmon hatcheries are absolutely necessary if the canning industry is not to decline. Oregon is getting back five dollars for each dollar invested.

Salem—Jam factory started here with floor space 80 by 600 feet. First products payrolls now here total \$137,000 a year.

Portland—Five ships awaiting railcars are ready for launching.

Myrtle Point American—The industries cannot continue to exist without the community, nor can the community thrive—it may exist, without the industries.

As an encouragement to industry, discouraging state and national legislation and taxation measures, should be eliminated.

Portland district will have 5000 less men in shipyards February 1st.

St. Johns—Foundation in for week in mills club house.

Freewater to get \$15,000 bank building.

Sheep increased 12.6 per cent in the United States, from July 1, 1917 to July 1, 1918. The production of wool also shows that the sheep industry has gathered impetus during recent years and as a great asset to every farm.

Portland Spruce producing equipment valued at \$10,000,000 to be sold.

G. P. Putman sells Bend's only daily to local men.

Roseburg—Prune crop brought county growers \$550,000 this season.

Hubbard Creamery has good year; declares 7 per cent dividend.

Work to start on state highways at once; many contracts let.

Monmouth to Portland truck line to make tri-weekly runs.

Bend—Tumalo section petitions for bridge over Deschutes.

Portland—Hogs advance in Portland to \$17.75.

Port Umpqua farmers advised to experiment with sorghum.

Baker—18,790 acres land and 2000 head of cattle sold for \$272,000.

Portland—Grant Highway Ass'n will mark shortest transcontinental route from Boston to Portland before July 1st next.

Dunsmuir—Highway unit from this place to Sims completed at cost of \$160,000.

Canyon City—Highway between Grant and Baker counties to be surveyed at cost of \$7,500. Necessitated by suspension of Sumpter Valley railroad.

Baker—Six cattle cars sold here for \$18,000.

Portland—American Marine Iron Works to construct immediately \$50,000 marine repair work equipped with latest devices to handle machinery.

Port Umpqua—60-ton purse seine fishing boat will soon operate off Umpqua river. Will catch salmon, halibut and deep sea fish. Has crew of eight. Reedsport Fish Co. paid fishermen on Lower Umpqua over \$100,000 during 1918 season.

With farm labor questions becoming more serious every day, farmers are turning more and more to building silos to conserve green food which can be condensed in small space which allows for more intensive farming.

U. S. Navy Men to Fly to Europe.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Navy aviation experts are planning a flight across the Atlantic. Commander John H. Towers was ordered today to take charge of the development of plans and assembly of material and personnel for the proposed trans-Atlantic flight.

France May Lose Peace Conference.

France, Feb. 10.—The question of moving the peace conference from Paris to a neutral country may be considered by the conference if what is characterized as the obstructive policy of the French Paris and certain French officials continues, it developed today.

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For Loggers & Miners
None Better
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