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ENGLAND ON VERGE OF STRIKE.

Prune Minister Calls Council Social Unrest Spreads.

London, Feb. 17.—A great national conference for industrial peace will be called to meet in London as quickly as possible by the Lloyd George government. It probably will be in session before March 1. Haste is necessary because Great Britain is threatened with a strike beginning and no government can hope to remain in power which does not exhaust every possible effort to prevent it.

It involves a joint strike to enforce their respective demands on the part of the triple alliance composed of the coal miners' union, the railway workers' union and the transport workers' union, the last including the dock laborers and most of the men and women engaged in handling freight and in running the street cars and other transportation lines.

The national labor peace conference which the government proposes to call probably for February 27 will be inaugurated by a speech from Lloyd George, who will likely delay his return to Paris, in order personally to supervise the arrangements of this parliament of industry, which representatives of trade unions and labor in the broadest sense will be summoned to attend together with delegates from the employers.

The federation will be asked to appoint what may be called a cabinet or council. Labor will nominate 20 members and the employer will do the same. This cabinet will remain in constant session during the transition from war to peace.

Wreck Victim has Estate at Bandon.

Bandon, Or., Feb. 19.—Administrator Chris Rasmussen, of the estate of the late Freddie Christensen, steward on the ill-fated United States shipping board vessel Dumru that was struck by lightning in mid-Pacific in November, is seeking relatives of the deceased to claim property here estimated to be valued at about \$1000. Christensen was one of those who died of exposure in an open lifeboat after being at sea 24 days much of the time without food or water. He was born in Denmark but leaves nothing to show that he has relatives there.

NEVER DAZZLED BY POWER

Nothing but Purest Patriotism Ever Actuated Washington in Any of His Official Acts.

It was not necessary for Washington to thrice put aside a crown, as did Caesar, for the authors of the communication to Washington knew too well the character of the man and that it would be impossible to in any way swerve him from his expressed resolve.

In perfect keeping with the spirit in which Washington treated the dazling offer which was so unexpectedly set before him, was the simplicity of his conduct in bidding adieu to his comrades-in-arms, and then presenting himself before congress, there to deliver up his sword and voluntarily divest himself of the supreme command.

Washington assembled his army for the last time at Newburgh. To the tune of "Rocks Castle"—the soldiers' dirge—his brave comrades passed slowly by their great leader and filed away to their respective homes.

Before congress at Annapolis on December 23, 1783, he delivered his commission amid scenes almost as impressive as his leave-taking from his army. From that august body he retired to his home at Mount Vernon, with no thought of further honors from his country, and it was with reluctance that he left his retirement when chosen the first president of the United States.

MAY SEIZE WEALTH.

German Socialist Discusses Program of Party.

Weimar, Feb. 14.—There will be a sharp seizure of the fortunes of the wealthy, according to a prediction made before the German national assembly today by Dr. Heim, a socialist, in discussing the social programme.

He did not believe, however, that the government would be able to get the great sums needed by seizing fortunes, and he thought the balance necessary must be taken from the war profits. Luxuries will not be permitted and inheritances will be taxed, so everything more than a certain moderate sum will be taken by the government.

Radicals Invade Phoenix.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 15.—Every train brings in from a hundred to two hundred I. W. W., who are mobilizing here for a three day convention.

Some three hundred are said to have previously arrived.

SCHOOL CLERKS TO LOSE CARE OF COIN

Senate Passes Measure Giving Custody of Funds to County Treasurers

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—Over strong opposition Senator Bell's bill making county treasurers, instead of district school clerks, custodian and disbursing officers of district school funds, passed the senate yesterday. It applies to all counties except Multnomah. Senators Pierce, Lachmund and Wood opposed the bill. Lachmund contended that, at the period of the year when the districts are short of funds, the warrants would sell below par. Woods said the bill is opposed to the principle of home rule and that the result in his county would be agitation for a deputy county treasurer. Senators Bell and Jones claimed for the measure that it would standardize school warrants and that the banks will accept them. Senators Hurley, Ritner, Patterson, Handley, Shanks and Baldwin spoke in its favor.

2575 Killed in Coal Mines

Washington, Feb. 17.—The casualty list of the American coal mining army for 1918, just reported to Secretary Lane of the department of the Interior by the bureau of mines, includes 2575 men killed.

"This is the penalty paid by one peaceful industry during the war," said Secretary Lane, "and it emphasizes the hardly appreciated fact that the worker in the mining industry who did his full duty during the war, braved perils as did the soldier at the front, and quite as willingly went to the supreme sacrifice."

Vardaman Opposes League of Nations.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Discussion of the League of Nations developed unexpectedly in the senate today. Senator Vardaman of Mississippi, democrat, declared the league was unconstitutional and criticized President Wilson for asking congress to remain silent on the subject until his return to Washington.

Senator Vardaman spoke only a few minutes and there was no further discussion on the subject.

Portland—Union Meat Co. to enlarge oleomargarine plant.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon

Grants Pass Boy Killed.

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. Parker have received an official telegram from the adjutant-general notifying them of the death of their son, Edward F. Parker, on January 31, the result of an accident in France. No details were given. The last letter received by his parents was written January 10, and at that time he was in central France at the George E. Kelly camp, Parker having been a member of the 20th engineers and engaged in one of the sawmill camps.

Edward Parker enlisted at Bond, Or., December 11, 1917, and was a member of Company D, 6th battalion, 20th engineers. He left New York the last of January, 1918, on the ill-fated *Tuscanian*, which was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast, February 6, 1918.

New Sawmill Will Start Near Falls City This Week.

Dallas, Or., Feb. 17.—Walter B. Stevens and Otto Teal, two Falls City men, have just finished the erection of a sawmill on the Robert Grant ranch two miles southeast of that city and will begin operations sometime during this week. They are at present engaged in constructing a plank highway from their mill to the main county road in order to haul capacity loads to Falls City, where they will erect a planing mill in the near future.

Loan Fund Available for Returning O. A. C. Soldiers.

Corvallis, Or., Feb. 17.—Former students of O. A. C. returning from military service without adequate means to continue their education at the college may now apply for loans from the Soldiers' and Sailors' commission created by an act of the legislature. No loan will be made until the Student Loan Fund committee of the college under Dr. W. N. Atwood, chairman and treasurer, has forwarded to the commission an application for the loan together with a brief recital of facts concerning the individual.

Saginaw Sawmill Moved.

Cottage Grove, Or., Feb. 10.—The Grove Lumber company have moved their Saginaw sawmill to the N. W. White place, south of town, and have the plant ready for operation. The Grove Lumber company owns and operates six sawmills in this section.

Umatilla Election Fixed.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 19.—March 4th has been set by the Umatilla county court as the date for a special election to vote upon the proposed road bond issue for \$1,050,000 with which to improve the principal highways of all parts of the county. The election was called for by petitions signed by a large percentage of the voters.

The program of road improvement was mapped out at a mass meeting early in January. If the county votes the bonds the state highway commission will appropriate more than half a million dollars to match the county expenditures on state highways.

So far no opposition to the bond issue has developed.

Hood has Pork Surplus.

Hood River, Or., Feb. 18.—Hog raising has increased to such an extent here that local meat markets are unable to consume the pork slaughtered by ranchers, and almost daily shipments are made to Portland at this season of the year. Up to three years ago more than 75 per cent of the pork, even in the winter months, was shipped from out side points.

Yesterday E. L. Beadell of the Meadow Brook farm shipped six large dressed hogs to a Portland market.

Timber Cruisers Sec 150 Elk.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 15.—While cruising timber on the upper Satpou river this week, George Smith and son and Roy Mead encountered a herd of at least 150 elk. The elk were tame, allowing the cruisers to come quite close and then displaying no haste to get away. Mr. Smith, who has been ranching on the Satpou for over 40 years, stated he had never seen so many elk in one herd.

KLAMATH INDIANS TO BUILD.

Appropriation Will be Used for Homes on Reservation.

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 18.—That a large number of houses will be erected by the Indians on the Klamath reservation during the coming year with a part of the big half million appropriation recently made by congress has been announced here.

This improvement will be under the supervision of Roy H. Bradley, who has charge of the construction for the Indian department and who has been here for some time working with the Indians on their new plans.

Modern bungalows and houses are to be constructed. It is stated that the proposed residence of Joe Ball will be the most extensive, the estimated cost of this residence being \$5000. Most of the other houses will range in price from \$1500 to \$3000.

The Klamath and Modoc Indians residing on the reservation here are the most progressive of any of the Indian tribes. Large numbers of them in the stock and lumber business have showed the same business ability as their white brothers.

Hammond's Radio Control Success.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Army and naval exports have reported the device of John Hays Hammond Jr., for radio control of surface craft to be sent with explosives against enemy ships a success and predict similar results when submerged crafts show above water only wire antennae.

Results of tests were made public today in connection with the fortification appropriation bill, which carries \$117,000 for construction of an experimental submerged boat.

Secretary Baker wrote the house appropriations committee, which is considering the bill, that the joint army and navy board was "convinced of the practicability of the control" of the surface craft, and added that there had also been demonstrations of the possibility of control of craft completely submerged except for an air intake pipe.

Whiskey Still is Seized.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 18.—After trailing through the wilds south of the Grays Harbor County club, Deputy Sheriff's Hamm and Tolliver located a full blown whiskey still in active operation, raided it and placed under arrest George Remington, known in Aberdeen as "Shorty" and James Ulician, also well known here. The plant and the manufactured liquor were seized.

The plant was located on an island among the Chehalis river sloughs. The men were so busy starting a seven-quart batch, according to the officers, that they did not see them until the hand-up order was given. In addition to the new batch several quarts of completed liquor was seized.

Suffrage Resolution is Introduced Again.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Another resolution providing for the submission to the states of a constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote was introduced today by Senator Jones of Washington, and referred to the woman suffrage committee. The resolution is identical to the one recently rejected in the senate.

Air Craft Near Completion for Atlantic Voyage.

London, Feb. 17.—According to the Chronicle's Glasgow correspondent the British airship which is to attempt the Atlantic flight is now practically complete and awaiting favorable conditions for departure. The ship was built by a firm near Glasgow. A representative of the firm said the airship would have been across and probably back had it not been for the labor troubles. The vessel is the R-33, a sister vessel to that being constructed by Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co.—Telegram.

Hood River—Vinegar company plans expansion. Wants to be able to handle between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 gallons of juice next season.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Feb. 17.—Oregon has 21 co-operative canneries and growers associations.

Oregon Humane Society open \$5000 plant for handling and disposing of abandoned and neglected animals in Portland.

Bills to pension state employees and levy income taxes on estates are about as numerous as bills to raise salaries.

Astoria—Contract signed for erection of \$500,000 flour mill.

Florence—Tide-water sawmill may resume operations.

Dallas prune picking plant working on two million pound order.

Wasco—One story block concrete stores to be erected.

Portland—Foundation Co. completes building 20 ships for France.

Umatilla county will vote March 4th on \$1,050,000 road bonds.

Stanfield is to have waterworks.

Eugene with municipal ownership gets gas rates raised.

Harrisburg to get cold storage plant.

The Bean state-printed text book will start a big industry.

Hydro-electric power development amendment to constitution proposed with \$100,000,000 bond issue and deficits in operation guaranteed by taxpayer.

Prineville—Work to be resumed on Ochoco irrigation claim.

Legislature passes bill to lay 5 miles wood block paving.

Oregon Highway commission lets \$1,000,000 contracts.

Salem to get a second jam factory by Baker & Co.

Pendleton—900 acres land north of Holix sold for \$100,000.

Salem—Marion Creamery & Produce Co. here employs 20 people and pays farmers from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a month.

Cottage Grove timber to be shipped Italy.

Sheridan cannery paid out \$125,000 for fruit and \$10,000 for labor last year.

Roseburg men pay \$3000 for 8 head blooded stock.

Salem to have \$100,000 meat packing plant.

Fairview—Representative of U. S. Bureau of Fisheries finds this city best sardine cannery site in this section of Oregon.

Salem—Contract let for 10.64 miles from Gervais to Aurora paving for \$230,347.

Menmouth creamery distributes \$102,577.93 among patrons in 1918 for 249,000 pounds of butter.

Gibson Sawmill with daily capacity of 20,000 ft. being built here.

Hood River—Apple Growers Ass'n. total returns to date \$800,000 for 1918.

Eugene Farmers creamery during past four years pays total of \$388,172.47. A substantial increase notwithstanding a 25 per cent increase in cost of butter fat.

Sparta—New irrigation project, which would water an area of from 10,000 to 12,000 acres of land here, now used for dry farming, investigated. Cost \$500,000.

Corvallis—Brownsville Cannery Co. will put up big plant here if site is forthcoming.

Bend may get another wash and door factory.

Roseburg—Douglas county fruit crop brought growers over \$1,000,000 in 1918.

Milton—First National Bank of Milton and Freshwater to erect \$15,000 building.

Astoria—Site for erection of 1,000,000 bu. grain elevator purchased here.

Toledo—Fischer-Storey Lumber Co. installing 75 h. p. motor at their mill.

No Increase in Liberty Bond Issue.

Washington, Feb. 18.—A tentative decision was reached today by the house ways and means committee to authorize no increase in the unpaid amount of Liberty bonds, but instead to authorize the treasury to issue notes maturing in one to five years, for any additional sums needed.

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