

TWIN CITY CAR STRIKE CALLED OFF IN 3 HOURS

ST. PAUL, Dec. 13.—The city wide strike in sympathy with the Twin Cities street car men was called off this afternoon, after it had been on for about three hours.

The order to return to work was issued after word was received here that President Wilson had ordered his labor commission, of which Secretary Wilson is the head, to stop here en route east from Seattle and mediate in the labor troubles.

Labor leaders estimated that 18,000 walked out in the two cities, about 8000 of them here. Railroad shopmen and some other trades refused to respond to the call.

George W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, wired from Washington that following his conference with federal officials Secretary Wilson conferred with the president. He then issued an order to Secretary Wilson and his commission to visit St. Paul and on once.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Wilson today ordered the special mediation commission headed by Secretary of Labor Wilson to go to the Twin Cities at the earliest possible moment.

Labor leaders in St. Paul and Minneapolis were appealed to over the long distance telephone from here by government officials in an effort to avert the spread of the general strike.

INTERSTATE BRIDGE NETS GOOD PROFITS FOR CLARKE COUNTY

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 17.—Though the Interstate bridge has been in operation less than a year, \$40,000 of the \$500,000 bridge bonds issued by Clarke county to pay its share of the cost of the big structure, will be retired on January 1. There is now more than \$60,000 in the bridge fund, and this will enable the payment of \$16,750 interest due the first of the year, as well as the retirement of the large block of bonds, leaving a net balance for current expenses. The bonds to be redeemed are held by the state of Washington and are redeemable at any interest paying period. Half of the issue, \$250,000, are not payable until after 15 years have elapsed. They are held by Eastern people. Nearly all of the money to retire the bonds came from the profits of operating the bridge, through the toll collected.

GEORGIA EXEMPTION BOARD IS REMOVED BY WILSON'S ORDER

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—The entire membership of the Fulton county exemption board has been summarily dismissed on orders from President Wilson on charges involving "unwarranted exemptions and discharges" and the case has been turned over to the department of justice. Of 118 white men called in the county 526 were dismissed, 44 per cent of the exemptions being on physical grounds. It was also charged that 202 negroes examined by the board only six were exempted.

OREGON PAYING TOO MUCH FOR PAVING DECLARES MR. MOSER

Oregon is paying too much for its paving, the state highway commission is not delivering a dollar's worth for a dollar, pledges made to the people are not being kept, and there is no competition, were some of the charges made by Gus C. Moser at the banquet attended by county judges and county commissioners at the Imperial hotel Friday night. Moser opened up what he intends to be a general attack on the road policy in Oregon, although assuring his audience that he is still a road booster.

While not questioning the integrity of the state highway commissioners, S. Benson, W. L. Thompson and E. J. Adams, in his remarks, Moser accused them of failure to make good on promises. He declared that Benson is irrevocably committed to the use of Warrenite pavement; that such is the general impression, in the state, and that Benson has not denied it, and, furthermore, that Benson dominates the commission.

Mr. Moser presented the following four points, which he declared are undisputed facts:

First—That specifications are not made so as to allow free, fair and open competition.

Second—That the Warren Construction company, or some one laying its pavement, gets practically all the paving contracts.

Third—That we pay them more than is paid in Washington or California.

Fourth—That the public will not stand it any longer.

In opening his talk, Moser gave a review of the history of the good roads legislation enacted at Salem last winter. He then stated that he and others had gone on the stump for the \$5,000,000 road bond issue in June and had promised the people if they voted for the bonds that the state would receive a dollar's worth of road for a dollar and that there would be free, fair and open competition. These promises were made by the state highway commission and Moser, with others, he said, had believed them and went before the people using these arguments for votes.

There is a general demand that paving cease, continued the speaker, except where absolutely necessary. The Farmers' union already has proposed to repeal the good roads bill.

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Following is the resolution as adopted by house and senate:

"Resolved, by the senate and the house of representatives, That the following amendment to the Constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the states, to become valid as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several states as provided by the Constitution.

"Article 1, Section 1.—After one year from the ratification of this article, the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors, within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

"Section 2.—The congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

"Section 3.—This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the constitution by the legislatures of the several states, as provided in the constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the states by the congress."

Senator Borah objected to accepting the house amendments, contending that congress has no authority to specify the time in which the amendment is to be ratified and that the constitution gives no authority for providing that prohibition shall become effective within one year after being accepted by the states.

"We have no such power as to say the amendment shall be ratified within seven years after being submitted to the states by congress," said he. "It is either to be submitted to the states or not to be submitted at all. If it ever goes to the states, they can ratify it whenever they desire."

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A wild demonstration took place in the house. W. J. Bryan appeared on the floor and took a seat with Representative Webb as co-recipients of congratulations.

STUDENT DEBATERS DECIDE NATIONAL ISSUES AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 18.—The debating contest of the Oregon university and Oregon Agricultural college was held Monday evening at Eugene. Several reputations for oratory were made. The question was Resolved; that the members of the cabinet should be admitted to both houses of congress with the privileges of introducing measures and of submitting amendments, when relating to their respective departments.

The affirmative was taken by the Oregon Agricultural college, the negative by the university team. The negative by the university team, the negative, of Oregon City, Levi Pennington, president Pacific college and Col. Callahan.

SOCIETY LEADER GOES INTO ARMY A BUCK PRIVATE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Craig Biddle, millionaire society leader and noted tennis expert, has taken the oath as a first-class private in the army and is now on his way to Kellyfield at San Antonio, where there is an extensive aviation training camp.

Mr. Biddle tried for an officers' commission at Fort Niagara training camp last summer but failed to pass the final examination.

SEVEN YEAR LIMIT MADE FOR STATES TO APPROVE

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CONSCRIPTION RULES THROUGHOUT CANADA AND BORDEN RETURNS

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 18.—The English speaking sections of Canada yesterday voted solidly for conscription, that the Dominion may continue to be represented on the fighting line in the strength it has shown there up to the present time. The French and the German speaking parts of the country voted against the Borden government and for the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as prime minister.

The predominance of the English speaking element in the Dominion makes the return of the union government with Sir Robert Borden as its head a certainty.

GENERAL GOETHALS TO SUCCEED SHARPE AS ARMY OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Rearrangement of some high commands in the war department was indicated today by the detachment of officers designated by Secretary Baker to sit in the department's war council.

It became definitely known today that Major General Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, has been offered the place of quartermaster general to succeed Major General Sharpe. Proposed Marshal General Crowder is the only officer assigned to the war council who will not be detached from his present office.

Brigadier General John L. Barrette, of the coast artillery corps, recently at Camp Upton, has been selected for chief of coast artillery, succeeding General Weaver.

BREST-LITOVSK WILL BE SCENE OF RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE PLANS

PETROGRAD, Monday, Dec. 17.—The German and Austrian foreign ministers, Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, have notified Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, that they will arrive at Brest-Litovsk Tuesday to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

The evening newspapers announce that Trotsky has notified the allied embassies that the armistice has reached definite results and that peace negotiations will begin, and asking them to participate or to state whether they wish peace or not.

NAVAL PROBE HAS APPROVAL OF SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Plans for the proposed inquiry into the navy's war activities were begun today at a preliminary meeting of a house naval sub-committee entrusted with the work of starting their investigation.

Secretary Daniels has approved the purpose of the inquiry and declared that the more Congress learns of the navy and overseas, and at home, the better congress will be satisfied.

P. R. L. & P. CO. HEADS STRAIGHT FOR RUIN WITHOUT 6-CENT FARE

Officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company say that with higher wages and shorter hours for the men, and increased cost of material, it is no longer possible to run the street car system at a profit with a 5-cent fare and that unless relief is offered in the way of increased fare the street railway company is headed straight for bankruptcy. The economics recommended by the commission as a substitute for an increased fare have failed to afford a solution to the financial problem.

Shrinkage in revenue is shown by the tabulated figures offered to the public service commission. The gross operating revenues in November, 1912, were \$282,629.57, as against \$279,272.61 in November, 1917. Gross operating revenue, less expense, for 1912, November, 1917, had shrunk to \$89,975.73.

Although operating expense was \$4,462.57 in 1912, for the same month, November, in 1917, it was \$189,296.88. This latter figure takes into account increased wages for the men and the eight-hour day. On the other hand, the general expense, which means pay of general officers and the like, there is a reduction shown.

It was in 1912 that the company earned 6 per cent on the valuation placed by the commission, and since then the earnings have dropped to 2 per cent.

FISH DAMAGE CASES AGAINST CLACKMAS ORDERED DISMISSED

UPON motion of the attorney for the plaintiffs, the two pending fish damage actions brought against Clackamas county last summer, following an accident on the New Era hill, have been dismissed by Judge Campbell.

The cases are those of Amy Fish vs. Clackamas county, in which plaintiff asked for \$3000.00 damages by reason of injuries sustained, and the suit of Frank E. Fish, the driver of the car who sought damages in the sum of \$400 for injuries to his automobile.

The case of Alice Etta Fish vs. the county, which was tried at the November term of court resulted in a clean verdict for Clackamas county, the jury being out only a short time before finding for the defendant. The order dismissing the other two cases was signed by Judge Campbell Wednesday.

Fish, with his wife, daughter and son, were returning from a trip up the highway in August, 1916, when the car in which they were driving turned turtle about two-thirds of the distance up the New Era hill. Mrs. Fish and daughter sustained serious injuries and the car was badly damaged. In the recent suit Mrs. Fish asked \$2000 damages, alleging the highway was in a defective condition. The district attorney's office had taken the precaution to have several photos of the scene of the accident taken on the morning following the injuries, showing the actual condition of the road bed and these played a prominent part in the recent trial.

GERMANY HAS PEACE OFFER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Information received agrees with intimations from abroad that Germany is considering another offer of peace.

WHILE AT WAR WOMEN SUFFER AT HOME

EUGENE, OREGON.—"I certainly owe a great deal to Dr. Pierce's Remedies; three different times they have saved my life. One time I had trouble with my lungs and the doctor said that I could not get well. I took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it cured me. During another illness the doctors said there was no chance for my recovery. I took two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and got well. Again doctors said that the only thing to save my life was an operation, and at once, too. I again took the 'Favorite Prescription' and the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and they brought me through just fine—well, and without an operation, so I cannot speak too highly of these wonderful remedies."—Mrs. ALMA JARVIS, 402 W. 2d St.

ROSEBURG, OREGON.—"During expectancy I was so poorly I could not keep a thing on my stomach and my head and back ached terribly all the time and I was so nervous. A friend told me about Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took three bottles and never had any trouble afterward. The first dose helped me. My baby was a nice, healthy child. I think the 'Prescription' is simply great. I am glad to recommend it."—Mrs. C. A. FRENCH, 261 Mosher Street.

GLENMORRIE BLOCK ORDERED RESTORED UNDER A DEFAULT

A decree of strict foreclosure was entered in the circuit court Thursday in favor of the Glenmorrie company, a corporation, against E. D. Elliott and S. F. Sinclair, on block 1 of Glenmorrie, near Oswego, containing 3 1/2 acres.

The land company contracted with Elliott for the land in 1912, he agreeing to pay therefor the sum of \$3125.01. Upon default in the payments suit was instituted in the circuit court early last spring and in June the court gave the defendants until December 6th to pay over the amount of the contract, in default of which they would be barred from further legal or equitable claim to the land in controversy. The defendants defaulted and the order of strict foreclosure was entered Thursday afternoon.

CONGRESSMAN NOW PRIVATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Royal C. Johnson, of Aberdeen, S. D., enlisted today as a private in the regular army.

Early Draft Promised Those Who Fail To Return Questionnaires

Friends of registered persons of draft age who are away at distant points should rally to their assistance at once, if they would save those with dependency claims from going in the next draft.

Under the rules of the draft procedure, each registrant must have returned his questionnaire within seven days from the date of mailing to the county clerk. If it is not so returned the draft officials are ordered to place their names in classification No. 1, which represents those to come under the first call. The only way that this can be thwarted is for those who are acquainted with registrants who are away and who will be unable to return their questionnaires in time, to appear before County Clerk Harrington immediately after the questionnaires are mailed out to the addresses and make an affidavit before the clerk that the registrant is at a distant point where it would be impossible to return the questionnaire in time. This action will defer classification, and will keep the drafted one from going in the first call.

Edward Melville Coffey's questionnaire was returned to the county clerk Saturday, with a notation from the postoffice that he had moved and left no address. Unless Mr. Coffey's address is found and his answers are in by next Saturday, he will automatically go in the first quota. Coffey is an Oregon City boy.

The questionnaires are being mailed out at the rate of 130 a day and the clerk's office is swamped with information seekers and inquiries by mail from those who are within the age limits.

SUGAR SHORTAGE DOES NOT EXIST EXCEPT IN SPOTS, IS STATEMENT OF MR. SPRECKLES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The food administration was charged with direct responsibility for the sugar scarcity by Claus A. Spreckles, president of the Federal Sugar Refining company, on the witness stand before the senate manufacturers' sub-committee in the sugar shortage investigation.

He laid the entire blame to the food administration's agreement with the sugar trust, which he declared to the committee, was in control, directly or indirectly, of 90 per cent of the sugar in the United States.

Spreckles declared there is no sugar shortage "except in spots." One of the spots is the eastern United States, he said.

"The United States has ample sugar," he said. "The shortage is localized in the eastern states. As a whole there is plenty of sugar." Spreckles added that there is enough sugar in Java to supply the whole British Isles for a year.

"You say there is no shortage, yet we can get no sugar. Why is that?" asked Senator Reed.

Spreckles said the food administration, by "interfering with his business," had made it impossible for him to obtain raw sugar to refine. Under a price agreement with the food administration, he said, he had been unable to buy raw sugar from Cuban and other markets.

This Is Not An Advt. Girl Wanted at Dodge 14 Males At School

It is juvenile Evelina Eden at Dodge, in eastern Clackamas county, in the Estacada territory. The Dodge schools occupies a unique place in the ranks of the public schools of the state, if not the nation. The total enrollment in the school is 14—all boys.

LABOR SCARCITY IN ALASKA WILL MAKE GOLD PRODUCT LESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—If the war lasts until 1919, Alaska's production of gold will be almost negligible unless the government aids in relieving labor shortage, according to Captain J. M. Mustard, medical reservist corps, formerly practicing physician at Nome, and now here awaiting assignment. He said:

"The value of gold has depreciated 50 per cent the last few years, due to its lower purchasing power. The mines and dredging plants cannot get the men. Time was when \$5 a day and found was an attraction to labor to go to Alaska, but with the high wages prevailing in the States, it no longer is an inducement."

He added that the shortage of labor now looming in Alaska might become critical.

WAYS AND MEANS PLACE IS GIVEN TO OREGON MAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Republican leaders in the house have prevailed upon Representative Hawley to take a place on the ways and means committee. While loath to give up his place on the appropriations committee, Mr. Hawley felt it his duty to take the ways and means committee membership, which is particularly important, as the country west of the Rocky mountains has no other representative on that committee.

CONDUCT OF WAR PROBE IS BEGUN ON NAVY STATUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A house sub-committee thoroughly to investigate the conduct of the war by the navy, was created by the naval committee today in executive session. Hearings will be arranged soon. Secretary Daniels, bureau chiefs and officers who have been on duty abroad will be called.

The plans for investigation were unanimously agreed upon. Members of the committee said that as at the last session \$1,500,000,000 was appropriated for naval expenditures and that this year another billion is proposed, the system of expending such vast sums should be examined.

Statements regarding the prospective delivery of rifles, told confidentially by the war department, and other matters the witness declined to discuss publicly, were given today by Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, at an executive session of the senate military committee's inquiry into alleged delays in supplying the war army.

General Crozier's examination today went further into details of the rifle and machine gun situations. Several senators sharply questioned him in what were described as "somewhat heated" exchanges. Some of the matters were said to be inclined to attribute to General Crozier himself responsibility for the reduction of 50 per cent in rifle production at private plants due to the change in type.

Appropriations Not Used.

Failure to use appropriations for the purpose intended was developed from General Crozier. In particular, an application of \$5,000,000 made in August, 1916 for small arms and intended by congress for rifles General Crozier said, was used for pistols, some at high royalties, from private contractors.

General Crozier reiterated that rifle production will increase so that no American troops sent abroad will be without surplus arms and that soon there will be an ample supply for training purposes.

PEACE SUBJECT OF MEETING IN NEUTRAL CITY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—Philip Scheidemann, leader of the German majority socialists, is here today conferring with Bolshevik Minister Orlovsky on peace between German and Russia.

"I am very sorry, but I cannot discuss the nature of my conference with M. Orlovsky," Scheidemann told the United Press today.

Orlovsky was equally reticent. From other sources, however, it was reported that Scheidemann had been clothed with full powers by the German government, which had directed peace angling at Stockholm rather than at Berlin because proceedings at the latter place were subject to full publicity by the Bolsheviks.

The Brest Litovsk conference of commissioners representing the armies of Germany and Russia will presumably continue, irrespective of negotiations at Stockholm.

The Bolsheviks, it was reported, first suggested the conference with Scheidemann, at the Swedish city in the belief that they would line up Scheidemann's majority socialists against German imperialism.

PLUMMER MENTIONED AS CANDIDATE FOR OREGON'S TREASURER

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—According to information reaching here, O. M. Plummer, a Portland school director and an assistant to the state food administrator, is considering becoming a candidate for state treasurer. He is the sixth candidate to be mentioned for this office. The others are Assistant Treasurer Thomas F. Ryan, of Oregon City; William Adams, of Portland; Assessor B. F. West, of this city; State Senator E. D. Cusick, of Albany, and State Senator W. D. Wood, of Hillsboro.

PRESIDENT KERR, OF O. A. C., HAS SALARY RISE AND WILL STAY

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 13.—President Kerr has decided in favor of Oregon. After careful consideration he has decided to continue as head of the Oregon state agricultural college. His salary has been increased from \$7000 a year to \$8400 a year. The position offered him in Kansas pays \$9000.

RUSSIAN TROOPS TO MARCH ON PETROGRAD AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—The report that former Premier Kerensky of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared in the vicinity of Petrograd, is contained in a dispatch from Haparanda, in Sweden, to the Finnish frontier, to the Berlingske Tidende.

SINGER HONORS FLAG.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, noted diva, yesterday presented the colors to a regiment of infantry stationed here. In presenting the colors, she said: "Love the flag; stand by the flag; die for the flag; but remember that the flag stands for the highest, the grandest, the noblest conception of the rights of man. Let all the world know that our country and our flag mean justice and liberty to all mankind."

SINGER'S SON IS COOK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Walter Schumann-Heink, son of Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, enlisted in the army today as a cook of the fourth class after recruiting officers had satisfied themselves that he was an American citizen. He is the fourth son of the opera singer to enter the army or navy.



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