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## MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS PHONE RATE

Concerted action protesting against the proposed increase in local rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. will probably be taken next Monday evening at a mass meeting called at the Commercial Club of telephone subscribers and other interested citizens. Authorization for the meeting was given Tuesday following a report of the Live Wire committee, which recommended that subscribers refuse to pay the new rate, effective December 15, and made under authority of Postmaster General Burleson, over the protest of the Public Service Commission of Oregon.

The new rates in Oregon City will mean an increase in main line business phones from the present rate of \$3.50 to \$4.25 per month, and in residences from 50 cents to \$1 per month over the present rate, depending upon the character of the service.

The Live Wire committee suggests that subscribers continue to pay the present rate until such time as the telephone company takes up the matter with the public service commission, as the state law provides.

The erection of a Victory Monument in memory of the Clackamas county boys who have died while serving their country was proposed by M. D. Latourette and he was made chairman of a committee, with B. T. McEain and R. W. Kirk to investigate the feasibility of the plan and report at next Tuesday's luncheon.

The suggestion of A. E. Rugg that preliminary plans to worked out for the establishment of a Y. W. C. A. in Oregon City was followed by the adoption of a motion to appoint a committee of five, two from the Live Wires and three from the two paper mills and the woolen mill. A. A. Price was enthusiastic in support of the proposal, stating that such an institution is needed in Oregon City.

## POLICE ARREST MURDERERS OF DEPUTY SHERIFF

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—John Cyril Laird, who is believed by the police to be the murderer of Deputy Sheriff Frank W. Trombley on the night of November 19 after he had held up and robbed C. G. Herman, bridegroom at the Oregon approach of the Interstate bridge, was arrested last night by Inspectors Snow and Tackberry at an apartment house at Belmont and Thirty-fourth streets, when he appeared to keep an appointment with a woman, who, he declares, is his wife. He was booked for investigation.

Mrs. Laird, who, the police believe was with him the night of the robbery, was taken into custody earlier in the day and was held at the apartment-house awaiting the arrival of Laird, who was down town. After Laird was arrested she was taken to the police station and made a complete confession. She admitted she was with Laird when he killed Trombley and that her own life was threatened if she interfered with the shooting.

## AN ANONYMOUS LETTER WRITER IS VERY BUSY

An anonymous letter was written to a Portland paper stating that Clarence Thompson, the boy lost in the Logan district, could be found in a small gray house on the California road, 20 miles from Portland. The letter stated that the parents were to come with only a driver and one officer and they would find the boy playing in the front yard, but they were to go into the house. The parents of the boy and Sheriff Wilson, in hopes of finding some trace of the lad, but without taking much stock in the letter, made the trip Saturday and only found one house this color. This did not answer the description and no trace of the boy was found. It is thought that some one who thought this a joking matter wrote the letter.

CONTRACT CANCELLED  
In the suit of Eugene Cummings against Clifford Earl Spencer, on a contract to purchase land by the defendant, the contract was ordered cancelled.

The matter had been before the court before and the defendant was ordered to pay the plaintiff \$150 on the contract within 60 days which he failed to do.

## INCREASE IN RAILWAY RATE IS EXPLAINED

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special to the Enterprise)—Rate Expert Davies of the Public Service Commission has thrown some more light onto the recent increases in fares granted the Portland Railway Light & Power Company on its interurban lines, explaining just the basis used by the commission for its new rates. This basis illustrates, perhaps, better than any other manner, the general percentage in increases which the new rates make effective.

The old schedule, now in effect and which will be until December 1, was made up by Clyde Aitchison, now Interstate Commerce Commissioner, but formerly a member of the Oregon commission.

The scale which he drew up was as follows:

First five miles, 1 1/4 cents per mile; next three miles, 1 1/2 cents per mile; next four miles, 2 cents per mile; next four miles, 2 1/2 cents per mile; and everything over 16 miles, 3 cents per mile.

The new scale, to be effective December 1, follows:

First six miles, 1.5625 cents per mile; next five miles, 1.8750 cents per mile; next five miles, 2.50 cents per mile; next 10 miles, 3 cents per mile.

Under the new scale, when cash fares are paid, where the fare at any station would be a fraction over a multiple of five. As an instance if the fare to a station were 10 1/3 cents, the cash fare patron would pay 15 cents, that being the next multiple of five. But, if the patron buys a 10 ride book, he would pay the actual fare for each ticket of the 10 purchase or 10 1/3 cents a ticket, which would be paying for the actual mileage as established by the schedule.

## ALIEN ENEMY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY U. S. MARSHAL MASS

H. Metzner of Willamette, was arrested Saturday by Deputy U. S. Marshal E. T. Mass, on the charge of having a weapon in his possession and taken to Portland the same day and turned over to the federal authorities. He is an alien enemy and the possession of the weapon is a violation of the law.

Metzner has been arrested before for making unpatriotic remarks but was released on parole. He has been in this country for about 27 years.

## VILLA FORCES ARE BUSY IN MEXICO; BRIDGES ARE BURNED

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 28.—Juarez, across the Rio Grande from here, is apparently cut off from the interior of Mexico and rebel bands, under command of Francisco Villa and other leaders, are reported at various points within striking distance of the town.

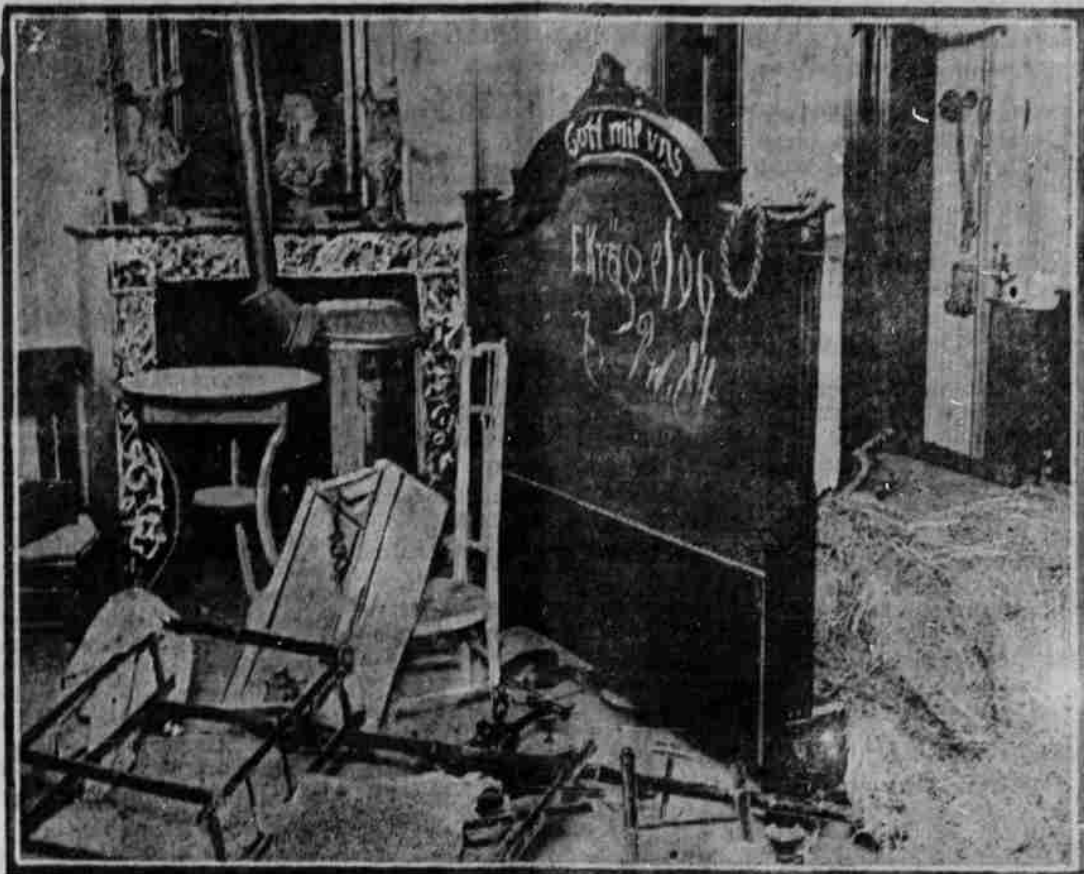
Military officials in Juarez last night still were without information concerning the result of the rebel attack on Villa Ahumada, 80 miles to the south, which occurred early Sunday morning. A heavily guarded train sent out today reached Rancheria, 60 miles to the south, where a number of bridges were found burned, and further progress impossible.

LIMA, Peru, Nov. 27.—The Peruvian government is apparently determined to prevent the occurrence of untoward incidents here in connection with the Peruvian-Chilean dispute. The situation continues calm.

## SEVERAL DISTRICTS VOTE FAVORABLY ON SPECIAL ROAD BONDS

Several road districts held special meetings in this county Saturday for the purpose of voting on taxes for the improvement of the roads in their districts. All that have reported so far voted favorably of the tax except Henry. The following reported Monday:  
No. 1—8 mills; No. 5—5 mills; No. 11—5 mills; No. 30—8 1/2 mills; No. 33—10 mills; No. 39—10 mills; No. 46—10 mills; No. 47—10 mills; No. 59—5 mills; No. 64—10 mills.

## "Gott Mit Uns" Scrawled in Wrecked Home by Hun Hordes Which Wantonly Destroyed Property Before Being Driven from Cambrai



This is the first photograph received in this country showing the effects of the German occupation of Cambrai. After wantonly destroying the furniture in the room the Hun wreckers left a sample of their brand of humor by scrawling on the head of the bed, "Gott Mit Uns." The destruction wrought in this house is a fair sample of what occurred all over the city before the invaders were driven out.

## REGISTRANTS FAIL TO REPORT HERE FOR PHYSICAL EXAMS

Several registrants who have been ordered to report for physical examinations to the local board have not yet reported and will be classed as delinquent if they are not here by Friday. Notices were sent to these men and returned because the addresses were unknown at the present. These men should have reported the first of the week but the local board extended the time to Friday. It is thought by the board that the men have moved and neglected to leave an address, but this does not excuse them and they will face serious charges if not found in the given time.

The following are the names of the missing men: George Edward Weise, Glen Echo; Louis Jo Gambetti, Milwaukee; Charles Robert Taylor, Oregon City; William Franklin Smith, Oregon City; and Ewald Richard Snyder, Oregon City.

## CONTRACTS FOR SHIPS ORDERED SUSPENDED

Immediate suspension of all government contracts for wooden ships of the Oregon district, keels for which have not been laid, was ordered by the United States shipping board Monday.

Official confirmation of the order was given by J. W. Hall, assistant supervisor of the government's wooden shipbuilding activities of the Oregon district.

Twenty-five hulls are affected by the order. The shipbuilders are compensated for the withdrawal of the contracts, however, by being given permission to construct vessels for private account equal to the tonnage withdrawn by the government.

Ultimate results of the sweeping order, which is taken by some to mean the death knell of the government's wooden ship construction program, will be extensive. In the Oregon district today are employed some 40,000 workmen, the payroll of the employees running into millions of dollars a month.

That the cancellation of the order will seriously affect some of the yards is obvious, and unless the builders can obtain private contracts at once, the industrial situation will be complicated, it is believed.

Some of the builders, it is said, have already secured options on contracts for private account.

While the government's order was not wholly unexpected, its receipt by telegraph this morning came, nevertheless, with suddenness.

## VICTOR M'COONE ENDS LIFE AT FERRY LANDING

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—Victor J. McCone, former state secretary of the state Socialist party and the editor of Win the War, a publication issued by the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, committed suicide at 7 o'clock last night by driving his machine off the east slip of the Sellwood ferry, after he had been arrested by Patrolman R. C. Brown for endeavoring to entice Henry Bryant, aged 15, into his automobile. McCone met the boy by appointment at Milwaukie and Bybee avenues, and it was there that Patrolman Brown arrested him.

## PHONE RATE HEARING SET BY COMMISSION

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special to the Enterprise)—The Public Service Commission has set December 6 at Salem for the time as place for hearing the application of the Home Telephone Company for an increase in rates in Albany, Oregon City and Corvallis, the Oregon City portion of the application covering the Oregon City and Farmers Independent Company.

Originally this application for an increase was made through the Home Company to be used as a defensive measure against the Pacific Company in its increases in rates which were to have been made November 15, but when the Pacific Company got into hot water through the activities of the commission in taking up the question with Burleson, the Home Company made a separate application entirely as to the rates for Oregon City, Albany and Corvallis. The increases asked for are on a par with those which the Pacific Company intended to make effective on November 15, before Postmaster General Burleson received from his position and decided that a hearing would be allowed before the Pacific Company could put in its increases.

## FLAG IS GIVEN TO THE CITY BY BOY SCOUTS

The flag staff in the court house yard and the fire bell tower on the bluff near Seventh Street were adorned Saturday with handsome new flags, gifts from the Boy Scouts of Oregon City. These flags, that are proudly waving in the breezes, are 6x10 feet and are of all wool bunting, and have attracted much attention since being hoisted to their places. Owing to the rain Saturday afternoon they were carefully drawn down again and placed away and will again wave in the breezes when the weather is more favorable.

These flags have been needed, and the boys' attention were drawn towards the faded flag on the court house. They immediately "got busy" on flag day, October 11, and carried out a drive for funds from which to purchase flags for some of the public buildings of Oregon City. They secured \$100, and proudly purchased the Stars and Stripes and presented two of the flags on Saturday, and a number of the boys assisted installing them.

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## CARLOAD OF LIME TO BE SHIPPED FROM GOLD HILL PLANT

County Agent Scott is making up orders for a car of lime to be sent from the state lime plant at Gold Hill. Any one who wants part of this car should leave his name and amount wanted at the Publicity Building. The cost will be about \$4.50 per ton on the car at Oregon City.

## MORE GERMAN U-BOATS TURNED OVER TO ALLIES

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Twenty more German submarines were surrendered to Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt off Harwich this morning. This makes a total of 59 submarines thus far handed over. There would have been 21 surrendered today, but one sank during the night.

When the Germans arrived the revolutionary element was noticeable. Some of the officers had replaced Prussian eagles on their caps with a red badge that recognizes authority of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Council. There seemed to be little discipline among them. To the officers one shouted: "no officer—no kaiser."

## ACCUSED MAN RECEIVED MAIL IN OREGON CITY

That J. C. Laird, suspected murderer of Deputy Sheriff Frank W. Trombley on the night of November 19th, was in Oregon City on the morning following the murder, was established by Will Howell of the local postoffice, Tuesday afternoon. Following a trip to Portland with Sheriff Wilson, Mr. Howell identified Laird as having been in the Oregon City postoffice the morning following the murder, where he attempted to cash a money order payable to "Basil Haig, C. E." and received for by Haig and endorsed by J. C. Laird.

At the time of his visit to the local postoffice, Laird was accompanied by his confederate, Miss Augusta Carlson, who was with him when the sensational robbery and shooting of Officer Trombley occurred. Miss Carlson remained in the auto in front of the office, while Laird came to the postal window and presented the money order.

Deputy Postmasters Howell and King refused to cash the warrant through lack of proper identification and Laird, after making a few rather caustic remarks about reporting the matter to the postoffice officials at Washington, left the office and stepped into the machine, driving off toward Portland.

Laird's self-confident manner attracted a little attention among the postal officers here but little thought was given of the matter. Deputy Howell and others watched the couple drive away and noticed the car was a black Hupmobile roadster. As the Portland papers, on that morning had described the auto as a gray Hupmobile, here was no thought of connecting the couple up with the murder.

When confronted with Laird Tuesday afternoon in Portland, Deputy Howell immediately identified the prisoner. Miss Carlson later on during the afternoon, told Sheriff Wilson that Laird had received mail both here and in Vancouver and that she had made several trips with Laird to each of the towns.

The money order was from the East and was in the sum of \$69.85. It was afterwards cashed in Portland it was learned by local officers who accompanied Mr. Howell to Portland.

The girl Tuesday made a complete confession of the murder of Trombley to District Attorney Evans.

## GOVERNOR STEPHENS MAY NOT ACT IN THOMAS MOONEY CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Seventeen days yet to go before Thomas Mooney hangs.

Many expect Governor Stephens to act, granting a conditional pardon which would allow Mooney another trial for murder on one of the nine indictments springing from the preparedness parade bombing, July 22, 1916.

Others who declare Governor Stephens has expressed himself unalterably against a pardon for Mooney, believe he will "stand pat" and let Mooney hang.

## CARMEN VOTE STRIKE TO ASSIST T. MOONEY TO ESCAPE EXECUTION

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—Sentiment favoring a strike as a protest against or interference with, the proposed execution of Thomas Mooney on December 31 received further impetus this morning when the vote of the Street Car Men's union was counted and found to be 85 per cent of 1600 votes cast in favor of a general strike.

Balloting at the various car barns is said to have progressed calmly and without agitation.

This action by the street car men makes five local unions now on record in favor of a general strike.

## S. A. T. C. UNIT WILL CONTINUE MILITARY WORK

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 21.—S. A. T. C. unit will continue military and academic work without interruption, regardless of armistice, reads a war department telegram from Washington, D. C., received today by President W. J. Kerr. "Plans have been prepared for the future of the S. A. T. C. under conditions brought about by the armistice, which will be sent to you as soon as authorized."

## PRESIDENT WILL LEAVE NEXT WEEK FOR FRANCE

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 27.—The German government will invite President Wilson to visit Germany while he is in Europe, says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—President Wilson's plans for attending the peace conference are all matted, with the exception of the day and hour of sailing. His departure, however, is certain early next week.

It is entirely probable that the first announcement of the personnel of the American delegation will be made in the President's address to the opening of Congress, to be delivered Monday or Tuesday. At the same time the President may take occasion to make something in the nature of a statement to the country, as well as to Congress, on his going to Europe, something no other President ever has done.

The most important announcement yet made for the peace conference came today. It was that there would be absolutely no censorship on the news the American newspaper correspondents send back home.

## AMERICANS TO RETURN HOME AT EARLY DATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Demobilization of the American expeditionary forces already in progress with the movement homeward of sick and wounded will be hastened by the return at an early date of eight divisions of National Guard and National Army troops, eight regiments of Coast Artillery and two brigades of field artillery.

This announcement was made today by General March, chief of staff, on receipt of dispatches from General Pershing.

Total American casualties to November 11, when hostilities ceased, were 236,117. This includes General March said, killed and died of wounds, died of disease, unclassified deaths, wounded, prisoners and missing.

The divisions which General March said have been designated by General Pershing to return as soon as the sick and wounded have been moved to the United States, are:

National Guard—Thirty-first (Georgia, Alabama and Florida), 24th (Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota), 38th (Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia), and 39th (Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana).

National Army—Seventy-sixth (New England), 84th (Kentucky, Indiana and Southern Illinois), 86th (Northern Illinois, including Chicago), and 78th (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Southern Alabama).

The Coast artillery regiments to be returned as soon as possible were announced as the 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 73d, 74th and 75th.

The two field artillery brigades to be brought home are the 65th and 153d.

## TABLETS PLACED FOR MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN HONORING DR. CARLL

Memorial tablets have been installed on the drinking fountains at the approach of the suspension bridge both in this city and at West Linn in honor of the late Dr. W. T. Carll a philanthropist of Oregon City, in whose memory the fountains themselves were erected. The memorial fountains were erected by the Dr. Carll Memorial association, and handsomely engraved tablets add to the beauty of the fountains. The wording is as follows:

"In memory of Dr. W. T. Carll, a friend in need is a friend indeed. Born October 26, 1858, died November 27, 1911."

The officers of the Dr. Carll Memorial association are Martin Rosenbaum, Alex Lewthwaite, of Portland, B. T. McBain of West Linn.

## OREGON MEN ON GERMAN SOIL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—According to official information released by the war department, the One Hundred Seventeenth sanitary train, formerly Ambulance company No. 1, Oregon National Guard, is included in the American Third army, known as the army of occupation, which is marching into Germany under command of Major General Dickman. These are the only American troops included in the American Third Army it is stated.