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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

PORTLAND PHONE SERVICE NORMAL

Company Reports 500 of 750 Girls at Work.

RESERVES ARE RUSHED IN

Strikers Declare Themselves Satisfied With Result.

PICKETS WIN OVER 55

Seattle Has Hard Time and Reserves Called As Unanswered. Spokane Not Affected Greatly. The Dalles Is Operating.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING TELEPHONE STRIKE

Portland—Reserves rushed in and 500 operators maintain normal service.

Seattle—Service given with badly crippled crew.

Spokane—Comparatively few men out. Girls discuss formation of organization.

The Dalles—Service provided, though most of force is out. Recruits arrive from Portland.

Centralia, Wash.—One night, 50 day operators out two chief operators only workers.

Camp Lewis—Twelve operators, in Government service, remain.

Vancouver, Wash.—Although 25 exchange operators walked out here, service was maintained throughout the day by aid of Portland strikebreakers and former employees of company.

Astoria—Girls refuse to strike.

Aberdeen—Only calls for city, county and state officials handled in Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis.

Tacoma—About 30 per cent of operators able to answer business demands.

North Yakima—Fairly satisfactory results provided by one-third normal staff of operators. All electricians out.

At a special joint meeting of the Electrical Workers' and Operators' locals last night the members voted unanimously not to return to work, pending mediation, because the company has not as yet agreed to recognize the operators.

Federal Mediator Reed telegraphed Fred L. Gifford, president of the Electrical Workers, direct last night, urging return to work and saying he had told the company in San Francisco the operators "should" be recognized. Because he did not say "would" the vote as stated followed.

When taxicabs and touring cars drove up to the big exchange at West Park and Alder streets at shift-change at 5:30 last night, hundreds of men and women, among them operators, linemen and sympathizers, jammed the streets, jeered the girls as they emerged from the switchboard rooms and made it necessary for police reserves to respond to a call to clear away the crowds. No arrests were made.

With 500 girl operators and 200 linemen out on strike, according to the official statement of Frank J. Shubert, business agent of the Electrical Workers' Union, practically normal service was maintained yesterday and last night by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company.

It was remarkable how quickly the company moved reserves into the various exchanges throughout the city, following the walkout of its union operators at midnight Wednesday, and kept the service running, so that, out of its force of 750 operators, and notwithstanding the depletion from the ranks on strike order, it was working 500 operators, or within 250 of normal capacity strength.

Both Sides Confident.

Official statements issued by Mr. Shubert for the operators and linemen, and by J. A. Halliday, district commercial superintendent for the company, expressed confidence on both sides, but the facts are that the telephone service in Portland has been maintained with very little inconvenience to the public thus far.

From the moment when the first small shifts went out from various exchanges until a late hour last night, selected squads of pickets, it was officially announced by W. D. Quinn, chairman of the strike committee, patrolled the streets near each company exchange. Policemen were assigned to these places, but as a general rule made no effort to interfere with the operators, neither did the latter do anything out of the way, so far as boisterous conduct was concerned, and all went peacefully throughout the stretches of time apportioned to the girls by the union chiefs.

Pickets Take 55 Substitutes.

Mr. Shubert said last night that the pickets were able to intercept and take to union headquarters a lot of 55 girls who had been engaged by the company under a misunderstanding on their part, and their names were added.

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SODA DEPOSIT IS TO BE DEVELOPED

SPRECKELS PURCHASE ALKALI LAKE LANDS.

1,000,000 Tons of Salts 70 Miles North of Lakeview to Be Mined, Commissioner Corey Is Told.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Public Service Commissioner Corey, who returned from Southern Oregon today, stated that just before he left Lakeview a few days ago, an engineer representing the Spreckels interests of California had come out from Alkali Lake and reported that a railroad would be constructed from Lakeview into that territory to develop what he said was over 1,000,000 tons of soda salts. The lake is 70 miles north of Lakeview and in the same region as Sumner and Albert lakes, the properties which the state has been attempting to develop for its soda and potash deposits for several years past.

According to the information given Commissioner Corey, the Spreckels interests have purchased the entire lake and will place machinery and men there as soon as possible.

"From what I could gather while at Lakeview this is one of the biggest prospective pieces of development contemplated there for years," said Mr. Corey. "There are prospects of a city of 2000 people growing up around Alkali Lake when the plant is placed in operation. There is an immense demand for such salts as the lake is said to be rich in, and the estimate of 1,000,000 tons is said to be no gross exaggeration of what the lake might produce."

SPEEDY COURTSHIP WINS

Windy City Man Blows In; Improves Each Shining Hour.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—George M. La Nicca, a Chicago wool buyer, courted with the speed of the wind that made Michigan avenue famous, and as a result he has claimed Miss Amy Windsor for his bride. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Windsor and was a telephone operator.

Mr. La Nicca came here to buy wool. The man he wanted to see was away. He waited. While waiting he paid court to Miss Windsor, with such success that they went to Portland and were married. They will leave for Chicago soon.

GRANT LAND TAXES PAID

Klamath County Gets Check From Government for \$38,781.82.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Klamath County is richer today by \$38,781.82 than when it closed its books last Saturday, due to receipt of a check from the Government for the 1915, 1914 and 1915 taxes on Oregon and grant tracts within this county, payment of which has been held up during the litigation between the Government and the railroads.

DRAFT RESISTERS JAILED

Twenty-Nine Men Sentenced in Oklahoma Federal Court.

ARDMORE, Okla., Nov. 1.—Sentence was passed by Judge Ralph E. Campbell in Federal Court today on 29 draft resisters who entered pleas of guilty. H. Tunson, H. C. Spence and J. L. Benefield, considered ringleaders in the anti-draft disturbances in Seminole, Hughes and Pontoco counties in August, were assessed penalties of 10 years each in the Federal prison at Leavenworth.

BERLIN RESIDENTS SHIVER

Limited Allowance of Coal May Not Be Doled Out Before Christmas.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 1.—The Berlin Vorwarts says many residents are shivering from unheated homes. Delivery of the quarter-ton per room of coal promised November 1 may not be all given until Christmas. Long coal lines, rewarding all-day waiters with a few scoopsful, are daily features.

BRAZIL WILL BE GRANARY

President Braz Declares Nation Faces Sacrifices Unflinchingly.

RIO JANEIRO, Nov. 1.—President Braz, writing to Presidents of the various states of Brazil, declares that Brazil faces without flinching the sacrifices she will be called upon to make because of her entrance into the war.

CITY TO BUY AND SELL FOOD

New York Will Dispose of Trainload Lots to Dealers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—John Mitchell, state food commissioner, late today granted permission to New York City authorities to buy and sell food and fuel.

SUBSEA WARFARE IS LOSING POWER

Less Damage Than Many Hoped.

U-BOAT LOSSES ARE HEAVY

First Lord of Admiralty Sees No Signs of War's Ending.

BRITISH SHIPPING GAINING

Admiralty Decides That Four New National Shipbuilding Yards in England Will Be Necessary.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Sir Eric Geddes, who recently succeeded Sir Edward Carson as First Lord of the Admiralty, made his first address in Parliament today and gave some interesting and anxiously awaited figures on the work of the navy and shipping in general.

His declaration that between 40 and 50 per cent of the German submarines operating in the North Sea, the Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean had been sunk was not the least interesting of his announcements and there was an indication of the unceasing war the British and American patrols are making on the submarine in his statement that during the last quarter the enemy had lost as many submarines as during the whole of 1915.

MAX ZACH IS OVERRULED

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Will Play "Star-Spangled Banner."

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1.—The directors of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra today voted that "The Star-Spangled Banner" shall be played at every concert.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS GASED

Eugene Maxson Near Victim of German Chlorine Bomb.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Nov. 1.—A cablegram stating that Eugene Maxson, with General Pershing's staff, as a chauffeur, had been gassed by a chlorine bomb dropped by a German airplane, was received today by his father.

SLACKERS TO SEE SERVICE

Men Convicted of Failing to Register Affected by Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Provost Marshal-General Crowder today notified all Governors of amendments to the draft regulations which will insure practically immediate Army service for all slackers convicted of failing to register.

CABINET MEMBERS OUT FOR SUFFRAGE

DANIELS, LANE, HOUSTON, McCADDO MAKE STATEMENT.

Chairman of New York State Woman's Suffrage Party Gives Out Declarations.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Five members of President Wilson's Cabinet endorsed woman suffrage in statements made public here today by Mrs. Norman de H. Whitehouse, chairman of the New York State Woman's Suffrage party. Following are extracts from their statements:

Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy—"The mothers of men train their boys for citizens, and if they are to be trusted with the early education and shaping of the character of the boys, is there any reason why they should not be trusted with the ballot?"

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HERTLING ACCEPTS OFFICE, IS REPORT

COUNT PREMIER OF PRUSSIA AND IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR.

Dispatches From Amsterdam and Copenhagen Conflict; Latter Says Crisis Not Over.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.—According to dispatches received from Berlin, the Cologne Gazette says Emperor William received Count von Hertling today and that Von Hertling accepted the Imperial Chancellorship and the office of Premier of Prussia. Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Interior and Vice-Chancellor, and Herr von Waldow, president of the German food regulation board, have resigned. Friedrich von Payer, progressive member of the Reichstag, says the dispatch is to be doubted.

THOUSANDS SIGN FOOD CARDS HERE

Hope High for Oregon First Again. ONLY FEW SLACKERS FOUND Workers Slow to Start in Many Districts.

Such splendid progress is being achieved in Oregon's whirlwind mobilization of food conservationists that State Chairman Arthur M. Churchhill last night was hopeful that the state will lead all others at conclusion of the Nation-wide campaign.

Mr. Churchill sent an intimation of his hopes to National Food Administrator Hoover, then forwarded this message to the 26 county chairmen who are directing pledge card week activities over the state:

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"This message we have heard is one we need and should heed. My wife here will bear me out in the statement when I tell you there was a time during the Civil War when she sat for hours before the typewriter."

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