

WILSON DEMANDS WAR ON PROFITEER

President Asks Congress for Teeth in Law.

FOOD CONTROL STILL DESIRED

National License Wanted for Interstate Shippers.

STRIKERS AGGRAVATE CASE

Labor Leaders Expected to Yield to Reason—Retailers Blamed for Extortion.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—President Wilson laid several specific proposals before congress today for checking the high cost of living...

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BAKERS WILL BOOST BREAD UP ONE CENT

GROCCERS CONVINCED RISE IN PRICE IS JUSTIFIED.

Advance in Few Days Follows Conference to Show Bankruptcy Is Facing Producers.

Portland bakers will announce an increase of 1 cent in the retail price of bread within the next few days. The objections which the retail grocers made to this advance several weeks ago, and which forced the bakers to turn to the old price, have been removed...

Announcement to this effect was made yesterday following a conference between the bakers and a committee from the Portland Grocers' and Merchants' association.

The bakers, or most of them, convinced the grocers that in many instances they are not even breaking even under present conditions. Several of them said frankly that they were in a perilous financial condition and would be forced out of business shortly unless they were allowed to make the 1-cent advance in the price.

"If we were to be absolutely honest and square in the matter, I guess we would have to say that we are now convinced that the bakers were justified in making that increase recently," said Edward A. MacLean, secretary of the Grocers' and Merchants' association. "The evidence laid before us indicated that the bakers, perhaps not all, but the average, were either losing money or doing business at a loss. That is the condition today as shown to our committee."

"The bakers produced figures showing that they are selling bread for nearly a half-cent less than the cost of production in June."

Retailers, he said, were responsible in large part for extortionate prices. Strikes, he said, had harmed the labor world, would only make matters worse and those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only "preparing their own destruction."

Leaders of organized labor, the president said, he was sure would presently yield to second-sight thoughts.

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Present laws, he said, would be energetically employed to the limit to force out food hoards and meet the situation as far as possible, but to supplement the existing statutes he specifically urged the following:

Extension of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce with specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and "prevent unconscionable profits" in the method of marketing.

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EDITORS OF NATION ARE CITY'S GUESTS

All Sections Represented at Convention.

STATE EXTENDS WELCOME

Dedication of Ta... at Oregon City Features Today.

BANQUET WILL BE TONIGHT

Party Grows as It Travels Through Northwest and Entertainments at Every Stop Are Many.

Tired and travel-worn, but full of enthusiasm over northwestern hospitality, the 216 editors with their wives and children making up the National Editorial association tour, came in on a special train from Seattle a little after 5 P. M. yesterday.

The visitors, who are from almost every section of the United States, have been travelling two weeks, coming through Canada and enjoying one of the most novel conventions ever put on by as large an organization. They will open the first business session of the 34th annual meeting at the Elks lodge rooms this morning.

State Editors Provide Welcome. The editors were greeted at the Union station by members of the state association, which held a business session in the city yesterday, and were taken shortly afterward to Laurelhurst park for dinner and a reception in charge of a committee of local business men.

Here they were greeted by Mayor Baker and C. E. Ingalls, president of the state press association. George E. Homer of Denver, chairman of the national legislative committee, made the response.

Entertainment of the visiting publishers and editors last night included a jolly stag party. This was held at the rooms of the Portland Press club.

Trips Taken by Day Only. Good weather favored the tourists all the time they have been on the road. The train, in charge of "Bill" Wilke, publisher of the Gazette of Gray Eagle, Minn., and Guy V. Hardy of Canyon City, Colo., president of the association, after leaving Edmonton, traveled only in the daytime. Nights were spent in towns along the road, where entertainment was furnished.

At Edmonton the editors were entertained at a reception in the house of parliament and were addressed by the lieutenant-governor. Ten days were spent in Canada, the train leaving Vancouver, B. C., Thursday night, reaching Seattle in the morning and going through as far as Chehalis, Wash., where the train tendered a luncheon. A few Washington people were added to the group, but the main party from (Continued on Page 3, Column 3.)

PEACE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE VACATION

DELEGATES WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO HOMES.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—The peace conference will adjourn for a vacation during September, the intrasentient announced. The American, English and Italian delegates, says the paper, will return to their homes.

The conference reached a solution of the Thracian problem yesterday, according to the intrasentient, by dividing Thrace into a number of parts, some going to Greece and others being designated to form the future free state of Constantinople and a new free state under the league of nations.

The solution arrived at, according to the intrasentient, provides for dividing Thrace into eastern and western Thrace.

Eastern Thrace will be divided into three parts, Greece getting two of them and a third being designated as part of the future free state of Constantinople.

Of western Thrace, a quarter is to be given Greece and the other three quarters are to constitute a free state to be set up under the league of nations.

OREGON TO BE LINE SHIP

Veteran Fighter's Active Service Days Are Not Yet Over.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—The historic old battleship Oregon, now being outfitted at Bremerton, is to take her place again in an American fleet when she joins Admiral Rodman's Pacific armada around September 6. According to the 12th naval district headquarters here, the Oregon is not coming here to be used merely as an aquatic grandstand for reviews and other occasions, but she will become an actual entity of the fighting units.

President Wilson, if he is able to come, is expected to review the Pacific fleet from the decks of the Oregon, but the old battleship will be under Admiral Rodman's direction and not under the direction of the local naval authorities. It was announced. The length of time the Oregon will remain with the fleet has not been determined, it was announced.

ANOTHER WAR CALLED OFF

Great Britain and Afghanistan Sign Peace Treaty.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Peace has been made between Great Britain and Afghanistan. A peace agreement was signed at 11 o'clock this morning. Official announcement of peace was made this afternoon.

AIRSHIP TO SAIL FOR INDIA

British Dirigible Expected to Start Next Week.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The British dirigible R-32, sister ship of the R-34, which recently completed a round trip across the Atlantic, probably will start on her flight to India next week, it was announced today.

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL SELL FOOD

Price List Issued Ignores Cost of Stores.

ALL SECTIONS TO GET SHARE

Distribution Will Be Made From 13 Centers.

GRAIN CORPORATION HIT

Blame Given for Alleged Failure to Protect Farmers on Price of Wheat.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The war department made public today a complete price list on all subsistence stores available for sale to the public through the parcel post or through municipal selling agencies. Costs of the commodities to the government, the department said, had been disregarded entirely in fixing the prices of sale, which are materially lower than prevailing market rates.

The prices quoted are f. o. b. and from storage points in each of the 13 districts into which the country is divided for war department subsistence purposes. The department now is redistributing the food supplies in the 13 areas in order that each may have its proportion per population of the 72 articles offered for sale.

The price tables include the price per can or individual unit in each case and also the price per case or large container. It also shows the gross weight per can and per case in order that the public may arrive at the price they will have to pay by adding parcel post rates from the nearest distributing point to the home of the consumer to the f. o. b. price quoted.

Freight to Be Added. Municipal selling agencies will compute freight charges on these shipments to be added to the price quoted by the war department. On the parcel post direct by the war department, but only through the postoffice department, which will requisition the supplies by case or larger package, the postmasters in turn breaking these shipments up into unit packages of a single can or several cans.

Sales to municipalities at the new prices will begin as soon as the surplus property officers at the various supply offices and depots have received the quotations made public today. Sales to individuals through the parcel post will be inaugurated August 18.

Some Leading Quotations. Quotations on some of the leading commodities are: Bacon, 14.15 per cent of 11 pounds; corned beef, 35 cents for can of 1 1/2 pounds; baked beans, 5 cents for can (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

LAWYERS' FEE FOR DIVORCES DOUBLED

CENTRAL OREGON BAR ORGANIZES AND RAISES SCALE.

Increased Cost of Living Is Explanation of Action Setting \$2.50 Minimum for Any Service.

BEND, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The cost of litigation in Deschutes county took a 50 per cent jump last night, when attorneys of the 18th judicial district, responding to the call of Circuit Judge T. E. Duffy, met in Redmond, organized the Central Oregon Bar association and adopted a standard fee scale.

One class of professional services was boosted 100 per cent, for hereafter it will cost at least \$100 to dissolve the marriage bond instead of \$50, as has formerly been the case. The minimum fee to be charged for any service will be \$2.50. The advance declared by the new bar association is the first in 15 years, and was deemed necessary because of increased living costs.

Officers were elected as follows: M. E. Brink of Prineville, president; J. A. Wilcox of Redmond, and L. M. Bechtel of Prineville, vice-presidents; Charles W. Erskine of Bend, secretary; Ross Farnham of Bend, treasurer; M. R. Elliott of Prineville, C. S. Benson of Bend and Jay P. Upton of Prineville, chancellors; Willard P. Wirtz of Prineville, councillor.

BELGIANS RATIFY PEACE

Action Taken Unanimously by Chamber of Deputies.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—The chamber of deputies today ratified the peace treaty with Germany.

The vote was unanimous. During the discussion of the treaty the foreign minister said:

"The league of nations fails to offer identical guarantees and compels us to look to our own defense. That is why we are seeking at Paris a revision of the treaties of 1919."

"I wish to assure our delegates that the whole nation supports them. Ratification of the treaties will provide the required guarantees."

The chamber also ratified the annex to the treaty concerning the military convention entered into by France, the United States, Great Britain and Belgium.

BOLSHEVIKI ADMIT LOSSES

British Bombardment Destroyed Many Buildings; Army Retreats.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—A bolshevik wireless communication, dated Thursday and received today says:

"An enemy flotilla, consisting principally of British ships, bombarded Odesk (41 miles northeast of Odessa) Tuesday night. More than 500 shots were fired, which destroyed many of the buildings. Enemy ships also bombarded Stanislavov."

The communication says the bolshevik troops are retiring under enemy pressure on the western front, but it claims notable advances for the bolsheviks on the eastern front.

"MILWAUKEE" WORKS FAST

Electrification of Coast Division to Be Ready in Month.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—According to President Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line, the electrification of the coast division west of Tacoma will be completed within another month. Completion of this improvement will leave but 200 miles of the road between the coast and the eastern slope of the Rockies under steam operation.

When this work will be changed over to electric line depends on financial developments, Mr. Earling said.

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DEATH IS JOKE; MAN DIES

C. O. Bailey of Yakima Arranges Funeral, Drops Dead.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Within a few hours after he had arranged jokingly, with an undertaker friend, the details of his funeral Charles C. Bailey, known throughout the Yakima valley and in Portland and Round cities, was found dead on the floor of his room in a Yakima hotel. Apoplexy was given as the cause.

Mr. Bailey was associated with the Granite brick plant, and was secretary of the Sunnyside irrigation district. He was probation officer of the county 18 months, resigning last winter. Shortly before his death, Mr. Bailey commented on his robust health.

"HANDCUFF KING" CAUGHT

Speeder Pays but Tells Court He Was Hurrying to Theater.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Vic D. Hardender, styling himself the "handcuff king," was arrested here Wednesday night on a charge of speeding and was fined \$10 and costs by Justice Charles Hoos.

Hardender told the court that he was hurrying to Olympia to fill a theatrical engagement.

STEAMSHIP HITS ISLAND

North Star Strikes Near Yarmouth, N. S.—280 Passengers Safe.

BOSTON, Aug. 8.—The steamship North Star struck on Green Island, nine miles south of Yarmouth, N. S., in a fog at 6:40 A. M. today. The removal of her passengers, 280 in all, and their transfer to Yarmouth was accomplished without accident. The North Star left Boston for Yarmouth last night.

ARMY STOCKS TO BE SOLD

\$400,000,000 Is Price Offered for American Goods in France.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—An agreement for the sale of American army stocks in France for \$400,000,000 was signed yesterday, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris. He declares that arrangements were made for a long-time credit so that France will not have to bear the high rate of exchange which prevails at present.

SUFFRAGISTS MAKE SWEEP ON SALEM

Statehouse Stormed by Rival Delegates.

GOVERNOR TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Demands for Ratification Session Stoutly Preached.

OLCOTT REITERATES STAND

State and National Leaders Decide to Start New Campaign to Win Meeting of Legislators.

SALLEM, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Two suffrage delegations, each representing widely different national and state organizations, and each bent on getting the first conference with the governor, swooped down on the executive offices here today to press their claims for a special session of the state legislature to ratify the Susan Anthony suffrage amendment to the federal constitution.

Neither delegation knew of the other's intention to visit Salem until they met on the train and the race from the depot to the statehouse added enthusiasm to their visit.

Mrs. Joseph Hill (Edith Knight Holmes), in charge of the delegation which included Miss Marie Shuler of New York City, personal representative of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National Women's Suffrage association, and Mrs. J. G. South, daughter of ex-governor W. O. Bradley of Kentucky, outwitted their suffrage sisters by hiring a taxicab at the station and arriving at the capitol unheralded.

Drastic Acts Frowned On. Miss Shuler was for 10 years special writer on the Buffalo Express and was one of the six women who witnessed the signing of the federal suffrage amendment to the constitution in Washington.

"We are not here to stage any bonfire in front of the capitol or picket your representatives," said Miss Shuler, "but, on the contrary, it is our peaceful mission to come to Oregon and ascertain the attitude of the governor regarding the ratification proposal. We consider ourselves members of the conservative wing of the suffrage organization, and desire the more drastic acts of our sister organizations in the past."

Governor Stands Firmly. In a subsequent conference with the women Governor Olcott explained his position on the suffrage question and reiterated his former announcement that he would not call the legislature together until such time as a majority of the members of both houses had requested a special session and had agreed to waive per diem and mileage.

The women explained that 14 states already had ratified the amendment, Utah and Indiana had called special sessions for that purpose, but that 36 states in all were necessary to insure the women of the United States the right to vote at the next presidential election.

The delegation left the governor's office expressing satisfaction with the conference and a determined effort to meet with the governor's representatives.

Mr. Olcott Shows Proof. Miss Hilva Pierce, member of the national woman's suffrage party, and admittedly one of the suffragists who picketed the national capital for several weeks prior to the adoption of the Susan Anthony suffrage amendment, and Clara Wold, of the Oregon suffragist committee, conferred with the executive this afternoon. Miss Pierce and Miss Wold said 37 representatives and 19 senators already had asked for a special session of the legislature, but this was refuted by the governor, who presented the original letters showing that only 17 representatives and eight senators had voluntarily asked for ratification of the amendment through a special assembly of the lawmakers.

Call to Legislators Shown. Miss Pierce charged that the governor was quibbling over the phraseology of the letters, and that the intent of the missives was to ask for a special session. The governor met this accusation by handing to the visitors a copy of his original statement containing the terms imposed upon the legislators in the event they desire a special legislative gathering.

The executive called also the attention of the women to many of the letters, including one from the Multnomah delegation, in which the legislators said they would attend the session and waive mileage and per diem in the event he (the governor) felt inclined to call them together. It is the governor's contention that these letters do not come within the realm of voluntary requisit for a special session.

The women proposed to start a new campaign to get the legislators to request a special session rather than "pass the buck" back to the governor.

Mrs. Hill headed her delegation as personal representative of Mrs. Elliott Corbett, acting president of the Oregon Equal Suffrage alliance.

Miss Shuler and Mrs. South will report the results of the conference to their national headquarters.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Provided Governor Olcott calls a special session of the legislature on the showing of a bare majority of mem-

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