

## WAR-TIME ORDER ON FUEL ISSUED

### Government Attempts to Avert Famine.

## PRIORITY LIST IN EFFECT

### Widespread Cessation of Industrial Activity Forecast.

## ACTUAL NEEDS TO BE MET

### Control of Distribution by Retail Dealers May Be Awarded to State Officials.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—War-time restrictions on the nation's use of coal, more stringent than those applied during the war, were ordered into effect today to stave off a fuel famine.

Moved by reports of diminishing coal stocks and growing danger of distress in numerous sections, the government sought no compromise with striking miners, whose walkout forced the emergency, but asked for national determination to endure privation and discomfort until coal mining was resumed on its terms.

Fuel Administrator Garfield, acting in conjunction with the railroad administration, gave notice that hereafter only the essential consumers included in the first five classes of the war priorities list would be supplied with coal, and asked the help of all state and municipal authorities to make rationing effective.

### Public Utilities Included.

The order, which made national those restrictions already put into local effect by regional coal committees, where the pinch of fuel shortage has been felt, cut off supplies from all but transportation agencies, which include newspapers, street lighting as well as railroads; federal and local governmental institutions, including concerns working on government contracts; public utilities, including newspapers and retail dealers. Railroad administration officials conceded that it meant widespread cessation of industrial operations, only justified by the gravity of the situation.

It is necessary that coal shall be used only for essential purposes," Dr. Garfield said in giving public notification of the step. "Public utilities consuming coal should continue to furnish power, heat and light to non-essential industries and should consume only sufficient coal to produce enough light, power and heat to meet the actual urgent needs of the people. Advertisements, signs and displays of various kinds necessitating the use of coal should be curtailed and no coal should be distributed for such purposes."

### Factories Must Close.

Officials said that the terms of the order as given were framed to allow the greatest possible variation in local arrangements, so that emergencies could be met by action best suited to that result. Industrial establishments operating their own power plants will be ordered to shut down when present supplies are exhausted, while the operations of those whose power is supplied from public utility plants will be curtailed or continued in the discretion of local agencies and officials. Dr. Garfield noted further that the government would be glad to leave supervision and control of distribution by retail dealers entirely to any state, county or municipality which may make provision therefor.

These arrangements, it was suggested, would all be maintained while they proved adequate, but the federal government would hold a final power to interfere by curbing off coal supplies where rationing measures are not being fairly or fully taken.

Officials were hopeful that the advance of 14 per cent in mine workers' wages would result in getting some of the men back to work.

Members of a mine operators' committee are now preparing for a general session Wednesday, when details of application of 14 per cent increase will be arranged.

### Stampede Caution Issued.

Attorney-General Palmer called upon the American people tonight to "refuse to be stampeded by threats of lack of coal," and stated that he will insure unreasonably high prices in all commodities for at least three years to come.

A statement of the government's attitude was made by the attorney-general in a telegram to the chamber of commerce at Moberly, Mo., from which had come a request that another conference of operators and miners be called.

Mr. Palmer opposed further conferences, saying the wage increase proposed by Dr. Garfield, equalized the average miner's wages with the present high cost of living without increasing the price of coal. This, he said, was fair to the miners and protected the public.

"The cost of living is now at the high point," Mr. Palmer said. "To grant the demands of the miners would make the cost of living still higher. The new wage conference (Continued on Page 22, Column 3.)"

## LIVING COST GOES UP DESPITE CRUSADERS

### TRADE REPORTS SHOW PRICES STEADILY ADVANCING.

### "Luxury Buying in Full Swing." People Spending as They Never Did Before.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Despite the various campaigns to bring down the high cost of living, the cost of food-stuffs and clothing has continued to climb during the past month, according to the report on business conditions of the second federal reserve district board for November, made public tonight.

The average advance in the price of the principal necessities of life was given at 1 1/2 per cent.

Reports from the retail trade, it was stated, indicated that "luxury buying" was in full swing and the "repressive effect of the war on personal expenditures" has disappeared completely.

"Never has there been so much spending, such a demand for expensive articles and such disregard of prices," said the report.

The buying public is showing "almost no resistance" to high prices, the report continues, which added that "the buyers are either completely indifferent or they accept the higher prices as quite to be expected."

Reports from the retail stores, it was stated, indicate that the wave of buying "done by wage earners has somewhat subsided." It was suggested that this was probably due to strikes or unemployment caused by strikes.

The jewelry trade reports indicate an unprecedented demand for platinum, fine jewelry, diamonds and other precious stones. The price of diamonds has risen 100 per cent within six months, it was stated, and there has been "a great rise in the price of silverware."

"Musical instruments can not be produced in quantity to meet the demand," declared the report. "Reckless buying" in the clothing trade was also reported.

Referring to the labor situation, the report stated that "strikes reduced the sum total of employment about two per cent" in October, as compared with September. "On the whole, labor difficulties have diminished in the past month," the report says.

## 2 DESERT HUNGER STRIKE

### Tacoma Prisoner Asks Transfer From Cell of Industrial Workers.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 1.—There were two "deserters" tonight in the hunger strike which 23 alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World held in jail here launched five days ago.

After 120 hours of self-imposed fasting the two men asked that they be transferred to another cell, fearing rough treatment at the hands of the others, and after this was done, they were fed. They ate ravenously.

Another having been removed to the county hospital late Saturday, suffering, physicians said, illness arising prior to arrest, there now remain 19 who tonight are commencing the sixth day without food.

They remain sullen and morose, making no comment when asked why they refuse food.

## REPORTS OF WETS DENIED

### Governor Olcott Tells "Passyfoot" Johnson of Dry Benefits.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—That Oregon has profited immensely since it adopted complete prohibition and that there can be no connection between the two men asked that they be transferred to another cell, fearing rough treatment at the hands of the others, and after this was done, they were fed. They ate ravenously.

## BOMB ATTEMPT FOILED

### Employment Bureau in San Francisco Is Threatened.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Evidence of an attempt to blow up the employment bureau here where non-union stevedores are being hired to take the place of striking union stevedores was found today by the police, it was announced.

The employment office is on Montgomery street, in the heart of the financial district. A bomb containing four pounds of dynamite, a quantity of nails and a clock timing device was taken from the employment bureau today, the police declared. It was discovered when the ticking of the clock was heard by employees.

## FLIER REACHES ALLAHABA

### Briton Leaves for Australia and Frenchman Follows Closely.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Ross Smith, the British aviator, who is making a flight to Australia, arrived in Allahaba Thursday and proceeded Friday.

Lieutenant Etienne Povelet, French military aviator, who left his airfield near Paris October 13 for Melbourne, arrived in Calcutta Thursday, leaving Saturday.

## PHONE RATE RISE IS HELD ILLEGAL

### Refund Retroactive to July 29 Ordered.

## EDICT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1

### \$3.25 Single Party Service Re-established in Portland.

## STATE TARIFFS ALSO SET

### Commission Holds So-Called Burlington Schedule Unwarrantable, Unjust and Arbitrary.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—That the so-called Burlington schedule of exchange telephone rates, rules, practices and regulations which became effective on the lines of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company on July 29 are illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable, unjust and without warrant of law, that the tariff contained in the Oregon public service commission's order of last May set out the existing legal rates, and that subscribers shall be credited with all payments over and above the legal rate, amounting to the state at approximately \$139,000, were the high lights in an order of the commission given out here today.

In substance, the order of the commission reduces materially the rates now affecting practically every exchange throughout the state.

### Exchange Divisions Announced.

After consideration of the size and relative characteristics of each, the commission determined for the present upon the following division of exchanges now in service as a basis for the application of rates established:

Group 1—Portland, Astoria, Baker, Eugene, Pendleton, Salem, The Dalles.

Group 2—Ashland, Bend, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Grants Pass, Heppner, Klamath Falls, Milton, Mitchell, Oak Grove, Oregon City, Prineville, Roseburg.

Group 3—Springfield, Tillamook.

Group 4—Adams, Arlington, Athens, Astoria, Bay City, Boardman, Bourne, Burlington, Canyon City, Carlton, Cascade Locks, Clifton, Coburg, Drain, Durkee, Echo, Florence, Goble, Grand Valley, Gresham, Harrisburg, Hermiston, Hubbard, Huntington, Iona, Irigoin, Jefferson, Junction City, Knappa, Lapsine, Lexington, Madras, Marcola, Moran, Newport, North Plains, Oakland, Peoria, Rainier, Seaside, Siletto, Siletto, Siletto, St. Helens, Sumpter, Svensen, Toledo, Troutdale, Walden, Warrenton, Warrenton, Wasco, Weston, Westport, Whitaker, Woodburn.

Warrenton will take the same rate as Astoria.

Springfield will take the same rate as Eugene.

### Business Rates Unchanged.

The rates for business service in the exchanges other than Warrenton and Springfield shall be the same as those established by the previous public service commission order, with Warrenton taking Astoria rates and Springfield Eugene rates.

The following monthly rates, effective under the order, are set and are for wall set service. For desk set (Concluded on Page 11, Column 1.)

## COMPANY TO COMPLY WITH ORDER AT ONCE

### PHONE RATE REDUCTION TO BE EFFECTIVE TOMORROW.

### Division Superintendent Phillips Declares System of Required Refunds Is Not Yet Clear.

That the new telephone rate ordered by the public service commission will be placed in effect tomorrow, but that the order is too complex to permit discussion in its several provisions, until it has been thoroughly analyzed, was the purport of a statement issued last night by W. J. Phillips, division commercial superintendent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

"The new schedule of rates authorized by the commission is effective December 1," said Mr. Phillips. "The order is quite involved and it is difficult to determine its application with respect to refunds, as shown by the difference existing between the Burlington rate, abrogated by the commission, and the rate now authorized. In the course of a few days, after analysis has been made of the order, a detailed statement will be issued."

Further than this, officials of the company declined to discuss the order which tumbles telephone rates for Portland and other Oregon cities, or to comment upon the paragraph that instructs the company to return to phone users a refund estimated at \$139,000.

### Company Not Expected to Fight.

City officials, who were to the fore in the fight against the increase in phone rentals, as attempted through the Burlington rate, express the belief that the company will abide by the award of the public service commission and will make the stipulated refund without recourse to legal contest.

Assistant City Attorney H. M. Tomlinson, who represented the city in the contest before the public service commission, was openly gratified at the commission's ruling and confident that the company will yield without further argument.

"I believe that the company will respect the commission's order and comply with it," said Mr. Tomlinson. "As I understand the order it is designed to give them as much as the May 1 order of the commission granted, plus a sufficient increase to cover the wage advance of July."

"The commission has properly characterized the so-called Burlington rate, which the new order abrogates, as exorbitant and illegal. It was illegal because it was not the rate which was intended to be legalized by the act of congress of July 31, 1918."

### Burlington Rate Is Discussed.

"In August, 1919, when Burlington attempted to put this so-called Burlington rate into effect, his power to fix a rate that would last beyond the period of government control had ceased, because the congressional act of July 31 repealed the former act, which turned control of the companies over to the postmaster-general, as established or approved by the postmaster-general on or prior to June 6, 1919, shall continue in force for a period not to exceed four months after this act takes effect, unless sooner modified or changed by the public authorities, state, municipal or otherwise."

"From the construction of this act it is apparent that the Burlington rate, placed in effect on August 28, was not the existing rate, inasmuch as it was not established prior to June 6, 1919, repeated the former act."

"The argument of the company has been that the rate in question is that of November 15, 1918, ordered by (Concluded on Page 6, Column 4.)"

## POINDEXTER TRIES TO UPSET WOOD'S BOOM

### S. DAKOTA INVADED IN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE MEET.

### Fellow-Aspirant for Republican Presidential Nomination Challenged to Debate Issues.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 1.—At the close of a day of conferences and political activities in connection with the presidential preference convention tomorrow, Senator Miles PoinDEXTER of Washington, a republican candidate, panted a theater and addressed a mass meeting in furtherance of his candidacy.

Earlier he had charged that four men controlled South Dakota republican politics and "were running things to suit themselves." This brought a declaration from Governor Norbeck that he favored the candidacy of General Leonard Wood.

"I am for General Wood for two reasons," the governor said. "First, I believe in the man; second, I know that the republican voters of South Dakota want him."

### Wood Challenged to Debate.

Mr. PoinDEXTER challenged Major-General Leonard Wood either to debate with him on national issues or to answer a series of prepared questions which PoinDEXTER read to his audience.

The Washington senator declared that leading South Dakota republicans had told him "it was useless for him to attempt to bring his candidacy before the republican convention because the republican delegates were overwhelmingly in favor of Major-General Wood. Discussing the new state law which provides that state proposal conventions shall nominate candidates for the primary election and also may endorse party candidates for president, Senator PoinDEXTER declared that although a lawyer, and although he had read the statute, "I cannot say that I understand it."

He did discuss, however, a portion of the statute which declares that candidates endorsed for office by proposal conventions should discuss their proposals with any other candidate or candidates who seek the office as independents.

In this connection he suggested that as General Wood is expected to be ready to return to South Dakota to discuss presidential issues with him should Wood become an avowed candidate for president.

### PoinDEXTER Outlines Position.

Senator PoinDEXTER briefly outlined his position on some issues. He declared himself in favor of providing adequate protection for Americans in any part of the world, he favored an immediate declaration of peace with Germany, reduction of war taxes as rapidly as possible, adequate protection of American industries from radical interference, no American mandate for Turkey or Armenia and the making of assistance for devastated countries in Europe secondary as assistance to afflicted Americans and American properties.

After Senator PoinDEXTER delivered his address in a local theater, which he litred for the occasion, members of the republican state central committee declared it was virtually certain that the state convention would endorse Major-General Wood.

Shortly before the PoinDEXTER meeting it was understood that the republican delegates were considering a plan to not endorse any candidate for president. Such action would have enabled any candidates desiring to receive the public endorsement in the primary to January, and to have their names put on the official ballot in the independent column.

There was no political development (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)"

## MILLION IS ASKED FOR ASTORIA BASE

### Secretary Proposes to Take Over Free Site.

## NORTHWEST ITEMS MILLIONS

### Reclamation Projects Come In for Consideration.

## POSTOFFICES ON LIST

### Mr. Hawley Introduces Bills to Provide Public Buildings at Several Oregon Cities.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 1.—For the development of the proposed new submarine and destroyer base at Tongue point, near Astoria, an initial appropriation of \$1,000,000 was asked by the secretary of the treasury in submitting his annual expenses of the government for the fiscal year to congress today.

In connection with the appropriation congress is asked to accept from the city of Astoria free of incumbrances and without cost to the United States 115 acres of land as the location for the base.

### Willamette Item \$45,000.

River and harbor appropriations are asked as follows:

Columbia river and tributaries above Celilo falls to mouth of Snake river, \$27,500.

Columbia and Willamette rivers below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Or., \$650,000.

Columbia river at mouth, \$165,000.

Willamette river, above Portland and Yamhill river, \$46,000.

Cook Bay, \$125,000.

Cook Bay, \$2000.

Yaquina river, \$2000.

Clatskanie river, \$2500.

Lewis river, Wash., \$12,000.

Cowlitz river, \$7000.

Skamokawa creek, \$1000.

Grays Harbor and bar entrance, \$600,000.

An appropriation of \$37,000 is asked for the Snake river in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

### \$20,000 Asked for Light Station.

For the improvement of Grays Harbor light station, \$20,000 is asked.

Funds for continuing northwest reclamation projects are sought as follows:

Oregon-Umatilla, \$170,000, an increase of \$57,000 over the present fiscal year; Klamath, \$239,000, or a decrease of \$68,000 from this fiscal year.

Washington-Yakima, \$281,000.

Idaho-Boise, \$500,000; King Hill, \$225,000; Minidoka, \$1,000,000.

Representative Sinnott's bill adding 1/4 sections of land to the Ocochee national forest of Oregon passed the house this afternoon.

Representative Hawley won a long fight when the house finally passed his bill to add forest reserves in Oregon certain tracts of the Oregon California land grant for the protection of the water supplies of Oregon City, Corvallis, Dallas and Ashland. Stanley Meade Reynolds, newspaper (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)"

## VILLA IN VENGEANCE ANNIHILATES FORCES

### DEATH OF ANGELES CAUSES ATTACK ON FEDERALISTS.

### Bandits, Fighting Like Madmen, Leave Only Two Members of Carranza Force Alive.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 1.—Fighting like madmen to avenge the death of Felix Angeles, 1000 soldiers under command of Francisco Villa fell upon the 50th regiment of the federal army, 678 men, at Rancho Espejo, 21 miles north of Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua, Friday morning, November 28, at 6 o'clock, exactly 24 hours after the Chapultepec officer had been shot down by a firing squad in Chihuahua City, and massacred all but two members of the regiment.

Such was the word brought to El Paso tonight by Dr. L. M. Gomez of this city and Los Angeles, an American citizen who fought for 18 months as an aviator with the American army in France. Following the arrest of Angeles, Gomez, in behalf of friends on this side of the line, went to Chihuahua to intercede for him. He was with him all night and up to 4:55 o'clock, when Angeles was executed, and also attended his funeral.

Then going to Santa Rosalia, 360 kilometers south of Chihuahua, he learned the story of the massacre, which, he declared, had been ordered by the Carranza authorities. He left there on his return trip Sunday morning.

The account of the fight he heard from the Chief of Police, Rivas and Lieutenant-Colonel Marroqui as they related it to a friend in Santa Rosalia. These two officers are the only men who escaped.

General Santo Sanchez, the chief of police, following the news of the capture of Santa Rosalia, and there was little doubt that he had been killed.

## DIVE SAVES VETERAN

### Ex-Chief of Police Rescues Service Man Who Falls in River.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Peter Rodin, a returned war veteran and well-known local young man, dazed by a blow on the head when he tumbled from a pile of lumber on pier 2 of the port of Astoria docks into the Columbia river at 1 o'clock today, was saved from drowning by Nace Grant, ex-police chief, who, without removing his clothing, dived into the river after him.

Rodin suffered a broken nose, lacerated scalp and bruises about the body.

## 12 VOTES CARRY BONDS

### Dozen Bend Citizens Ballot on \$15,000 School Issue.

BEND, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—In a school district the proposition of which will exceed \$600, only 12 votes were cast when the matter of a \$15,000 bond issue was decided Saturday night. The Bend board of directors announced the result.

The vote was unanimously in favor of the bond issue.

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### The Weather.

TEMPERATURE: Maximum, 51; minimum, 35 degrees.

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## \$18,000 REWARD IS PAID TO CAPTORS

### Claremont Murder In-former Gets \$5000.

## OFFICERS' SHARES AGREED ON

### Phillips and Tackaberry Each Awarded \$3000.

## TIL TAYLOR GETS \$2500

### Leonard Also Draws \$2500, and \$500 Each Goes to Others; \$1000 From State Available Later.

NINE SHARE IN REWARD. Division of the \$18,000 reward for the apprehension and conviction of the Claremont tavern murderers agreed upon yesterday by the contributors to the fund:

"John Doe," informant, \$ 5,000
Inspector R. L. Phillips, 3,000
Inspector James M. Tackaberry, 3,000
Sheriff Til D. Taylor of Umatilla county, 2,500
Inspector Archie Leonard, 2,500
Inspector R. B. LaSalle, 500
Inspector Ed Maloney, 500
Inspector Glenn Howell, 500
Inspector Tom P. Swennes, 500
Total, \$18,000

Inspectors R. L. Phillips and James M. Tackaberry yesterday were awarded \$3000 each as their share of the \$18,000 reward offered by citizens of Oregon for the apprehension and capture of the Claremont tavern robbers, and "John Doe," the man who gave the information which led to the arrest of the murderers, was given \$5000.

The \$1000 which was divided between officials who participated in the capture of David Smith, James Ogle and William Banaster.

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