RULER OF ELKDOM VANCOUVER GUEST

William M. Abbott Is Welcomed to Convention.

MASSED BANDS HEARD

Musicians to the Number of 450 Entertain Large Crowd—Entertainment Is Various.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—William M. Abbott, grand exalted ruler of the Elks of the United States, was the honored guest today of the Washington state convention of Elks in session here. Mr. Abbott was met at the Columbia river interstate bridge by Lewis Shattuck, chairman of the reception committee, and 30 Elks of the Elks Marching club, and they headed the procession to the registration headquarters at Tenth and Washington streets. In the car with Mr. Abbott were Theodore A. Johnson, president of the Washington association of Elks; Clement Scott, first vice-president, and probably next president; Dr. C. S. Irwin, general chairman, and C. A. Pender, exalted ruler of Vancouver lodge.

Mr. Abbott was escorted to the convention hall, where he received an ovation by the delegates. President Johnson called upon distinguished Elks present for short speeches. Among these were Albert Johnson, representative from this district, and W. E. Kenney, special officer of congress and acting sergeant-at-arms of the congressional party, which has just disbanded after investigating the immigration question. Mr. Kenney organized the first Elks unit of congress.

There are 20 Elks in the house and 16 in the senate. The Elks of the house presented Mr. Kenney with a solid gold case in which to carry his life membership card. Mr. Kenney will appear in the parade tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The reports of the state president, treasurer and secretary were read and presented to the convention, after which the programme in Esther Short park was held.

Bands Are Massed.

All of the bands attending the convention were massed in the southwest corner of the park and played a number of selections until Mr. Abbott and state officers appeared.

Mrs. Ruth Osborn Boyer, adopted "daughter" of the Seattle lodge of Elks, entertained the large crowd before the arrival of the speakers. She sang and played her own accompaniment on a harp.

A sound amplifier received a try-out when she sang. When she had finished and the applause had died away, Walter Schwarz announced that the amplifier was the same one used by President Wilson when he last visited Los Angeles.

Quick as a flash Mrs. Boyer retorted: "And if you couldn't hear me, that was the reason." Mrs. Boyer's remark brought hearty laughter.

President Johnson presided at the exercises in the park and called upon Albert Johnson to speak in behalf of Governor Hart. Others who spoke were Henry L. Kennan of Spokane, chief justice of the grand lodge forum of Elks; Mayor Percival, Robert E. Evans of Tacoma, Mayor Baker of Portland and Major Bates of Tacoma.

Exalted Ruler Welcomed.

Mr. Abbott, the grand exalted ruler, received a hearty welcome. He told of the work being done by the Elks in the United States and what it did as an order during the war.

Following the speaking the massed bands of 450 musicians played four selections—"Caesar's Triumphal March," Director Warren Dutton of Hoquiam; "Alabama Coon Waltz," Director J. H. Maulsby of Everett; "Blue and Gray Patrol," Director Albert P. Adams of Seattle; "Stars and Stripes Forever," Director F. E. Birtrand of Anacores; "Auld Lang Syne," Director Lathe Cassidy of Bellingham, and national airs, Director J. Kunselman of Vancouver.

The afternoon was given over to the frolic at Columbia Beach, where the Elks journeyed, went in bathing and enjoyed the cool bank of the Columbia river.

Entertainment Is Provided.

The officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the session tomorrow afternoon and the next meeting place will also be selected. All unfinished business and reports of the bylaws and resolutions committee will be taken up and disposed of.

During the afternoon, while the delegates are attending to business, the other Elks will be attending the races at the Clarke county fairground, or the motorboat races on the Columbia river, for which prizes and cups have been hung up. There will be a band contest in Esther Short park at 1:30 o'clock. The judges will be F. G. Butler, bandmaster of the Twenty-first infantry; S. S. Jenkins, bandmaster First infantry; H. H. Stoudenmeyer, bandmaster Elks band of Portland. First prize is $125 and second $75.

The motorboat races will be at 8 o'clock, and an automobile trip will be taken by several hundred persons through the prune belt of the county at 5 o'clock. At 7:15 a bowling contest will be held at Fourth and Main streets; at 8:30 o'clock an informal dance at the Elks' temple will be given by the Vancouver lady Elks. Dancing on the street in front of the purple garden will be held at the same hour.

The most important event of the three days' convention, from a spectacular point of view, will be the parade at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning with several thousand taking part. Several hundred dollars in prizes will be given for various floats, characters, decorated automobiles and special stunts.

MAN DROPS DEAD IN STORE

Attack of Heart Disease Fatal to Aged Portlander.

William H. Countiss, 77 years old, of 639 East Fifty-eighth street North, dropped dead as the result of an attack of heart disease in Erickson's establishment, Second and Burnside streets, yesterday.

Mr. Countiss has been a resident of Portland for many years. He was living with his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Sorenson. He is survived by another daughter, Mrs. R. D. Garland, of this city.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

"STAGE TEA" IS PROBED

Grand Jury Wants to Know What Tiny Bottles, Given Out, Contained.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Arthur Hammerstein, theatrical producer, was the principal of some 200 witnesses summoned to appear today before a grand jury investigating charges that he caused distribution of whisky to "a surprised but delighted audience" at the opening performance of a musical comedy Tuesday night.

Others subpoenaed include dramatic critics, press agents and chorus girls, who are alleged to have passed out tiny one-ounce bottles, which Mr. Hammerstein claimed contained "stage tea."

J. S. Shevlin, federal prohibition enforcement agent, said the government had one bottle, which, he said, contained about four drops of pure whisky, to offer as evidence.

The witnesses were examined behind closed doors and were ordered to appear again next Monday when the case may be presented to the grand jury.

HEAVY MOTOR TAX PAID

REGISTRATIONS IN STATE BRING TOTAL OF $1,892,629.

Multnomah County Leads With 31,406 Vehicles and Receipts in Excess of $680,000.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Receipts from motor vehicle registrations in Oregon from January 1 to July 31, 1920, totaled $1,892,620, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state here today. The largest number of registrations were from motor vehicles owned in Multnomah county. These registrations aggregated 31,406, for which the license fees amounted to $680,279.50. In the state there are 94,770 motor vehicles registered.

Following is a table showing the various counties, together with the number of motor vehicles in each and the amount paid for licenses:

Baker	1,761	$ 36,237.50
Benton	1,686	30,605.00
Clackamas	4,008	77,932.50
Clatsop	2,026	43,258.50
Columbia	1,031	19,060.00
Coos	1,834	34,830.00
Crook	589	10,960.50
Curry	247	4,548.50
Deschutes	1,489	27,301.50
Douglas	2,232	43,194.00
Gilliam	592	12,837.50
Grant	581	10,666.00
Harney	586	11,383.00
Hood River	1,266	26,405.50
Jackson	3,342	60,958.50
Josephine	1,053	19,735.00
Jefferson	368	6,375.50
Klamath	1,624	31,526.50
Lake	597	10,351.00
Lane	4,150	74,972.00
Lincoln	240	3,740.00
Linn	3,375	61,246.00
Malheur	1,492	27,174.50
Marion	6,092	118,325.00
Morrow	800	15,837.50
Multnomah	31,406	680,279.50
Polk	1,953	35,487.50
Sherman	873	19,037.50
Tillamook	1,331	25,787.00
Umatilla	4,430	90,107.50
Union	2,373	45,156.50
Wallowa	1,070	19,880.50
Wasco	1,875	36,587.00
Washington	3,257	68,396.50
Wheeler	318	6,300.50
Yamhill	2,523	51,374.50

JAMES W. BARLOW DEAD

WELL-KNOWN CLACKAMAS RESIDENT PASSES.

Member of Pioneer Family Had Been Ill Two Years—Mother and Children Survive.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—James W. Barlow, a member of one of the pioner families of Oregon, and a resident of Clackamas county since his birth in 1863, died today at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Barlow, of this city.

Mr. Barlow had been ill for two years, but was not considered seriously so until the last few days. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Barlow, a grandson of Samuel K. Barlow, of the early Barlow road farm, and a grandson of Samuel Miller, both early Oregon settlers. He made his home in and near Oregon City until 17 years ago, when he moved to his farm on the Molalla river, where he had since resided.

Survivors, besides his mother, are two children, Herbert and Vernice Barlow, of Salem; a brother, Frank T. Barlow, of Gladstone, and two sisters, Mrs. George A. Harding and Mrs. Nieta Barlow Lawrence, of Oregon City.

Funeral services will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Holman & Pace chapel, Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, pastor of the Episcopal church, officiating.

CONVENTION ACTS SCORED

Delegates Not Legally Elected, Say Idaho Republicans.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—That the republican convention held here for Ada county last Tuesday did not legally elect its delegates to the state convention and that at no time during the proceedings did the convention ratify the nominees presented by the nominating committee, is asserted by prominent republicans of the county, who are seriously considering reconvening the convention and electing a separate set of delegates.

Formal protest, they say, will be filed with the state chairman, John Thomas, at Pocatello prior to the convening of the state convention against the seating of the Davis-Patch delegates, and a hearing may be held.

FRENCH CROP LIGHT ONE

Reports Show Grain Yield Far Short of Expectations.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—French crops which are now being gathered are proving deceptive, says the Petit Parisien.

There are plenty of sheaves, the paper says, but the yield of grain will be light. The total is estimated at 7,315,000 tons of cereals.

Miss Read Goes to New York.

Miss Florence M. Read, for nine years secretary to the president at Reed college, left Portland last night for New York, where she will be connected with the Rockefeller foundation. A farewell party was given Miss Read Tuesday evening, when about 100 Reed alumni and undergraduates met to wish her success.

Sawmill Employe Injured.

F. T. Sildiotace, 471 East Tenth street, employe of the Inman Poulsen saw mill, received a bad gash on the right arm yesterday when he accidentally came in contact with a saw. His arm was reported cut to the bone. He is 45 years of age.

Haslett Succeeds Hurd.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—H. F. Haslett of Massachusetts has been appointed county agent of Douglas county, to succeed C. J. Hurd, who has resigned to accept a position as head of the county agents of Douglas county.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

YOUNG OUTLAW TO FACE GRAND JURY

Had to Have Money, Is Payne's Plea.

GUILT FULLY CONFESSED

Offender Refuses, Out of Consideration for Mother, to Tell Where Parents Live.

Frank Payne, youthful outlaw, who confessed to the holdup and robbery of three taxi drivers in Portland within the last two days, was held to answer to the grand jury yesterday on a charge of assault and robbery, being armed with a dangerous weapon. His bail was placed at $1000.

Payne was arrested Thursday night after a two-mile chase down Milwaukie stret. The young robber, who was driving a stolen taxicab at the time, was finally overtaken

Frank Payne, youthful taxi outlaw, who was caught after a two-mile automobile chase down Milwaukie street.

and captured by Patrolman Humphreys, who had recognized the youth as he passed him on a street corner as the man wanted by the police.

"I was down and out and I had to get some money some way," Payne declared in a cell at the city jail yesterday in attempting to excuse his actions.

Robbery Looked Easy.

He declared that he was out of work and had no money.

He said that he conceived the idea of holding up taxicab drivers from reading of some recent similar holdups in Seattle, where he was previous to coming to this city.

"It was easy," he declared, "I had the drop on them and they knew it."

Payne refused to tell where his parents lived, declaring that his foster-mother was not strong and it would be dangerous for her to know that he was in jail. He admitted, however, that he had gone to school in Spokane. He also said that his people lived in a small town in Washington.

Youth Admits His Age.

He kept his cheerful disposition yesterday in spite of the charges against him and smiled as he walked his jail cell and later when he was transferred to the county jail preparatory to his appearance before the grand jury.

Payne had first given his age as 17 years, but admitted yesterday to Lieutenant Moloney that he was 18, and so was subject to the regular authorities. If it had been shown that he was but 17 it would have been necessary to turn his case over to the juvenile court.

The prisoner is suffering from an injured left foot, the result of being burned a month ago by some molten iron when he was working as an iron moulder's apprentice in a foundry at Seattle. He was treated for this in the emergency hospital following his arrest.

Guilt Fully Admitted.

Payne was arrested Thursday night after he had robbed L. N. McConnell, driver of a for-hire car, of $7 and his machine. Payne said yesterday that he had intended just taking a ride in the machine and then abandoning it. He had held up two taxi drivers in a similar manner the preceding night and the police were on the lookout for him.

"I was caught red-handed and there's not much I can do," the youthful robber declared in jail yesterday with a shrug and a smile.

FREIGHT REDUCTION ASKED

10 Per Cent Less Than Published Rate for Sand, Gravel, Is Plan.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—In a letter prepared today the Oregon public service commission advised the state highway commission that it had taken up with H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, the matter of allowing a reduction of 10 per cent less than the published rates on sand, gravel and crushed rock moving over its lines, where the same are bona fide shipments for the government, state or county highway construction work and where the same are consigned to and paid for by them.

Mr. Lounsbury, according to the public service commission, said that his road has been allowing these reductions on all shipments that have moved since March 1, 1920, and that such reductions will continue in force until September 1, 1920.

TICKET TIME EXTENDED

FIVE DAYS MORE ALLOWED ON EASTERN ROUND TRIP.

One-Way Passage and Pullman Fares to Be Advanced After August 25, Say Officials.

Five days' additional time in which to secure round-trip tickets to eastern destinations at the present rate is granted travelers by orders received by local passenger agents of transcontinental railroad lines yesterday from headquarters of the roads. According to the information received, the advance in round-trip passenger rates will become effective September 1 instead of August 26, as previously announced. The reason given for the delay in placing the new rates in effect is that it will be impossible to prepare new tariffs in time.

The increase in the prices of one-way tickets to the east and both one-way and round trip tickets to the beaches, national parks, as well as the 50 per cent increase for Pullman accommodations, will become effective next Wednesday as previously announced.

It was reported yesterday that because of the heavy purchasing by passengers who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity of buying at the old rates, all eastbound Pullman accommodations had been filled to midnight Wednesday, but that ample space will be available in Pullmans after that date.

SOCIALISTS FILE PAPERS

Both Men Nominated at Convention Held July 3.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Dr. Albert Slaughter of Salem tonight filed with the secretary of state his certificate of nomination and acceptance for the office of United States senator on the socialist ticket.

Harlin Talbert of Albany filed a similar certificate of nomination and acceptance for the office of representative in congress from the first congressional district.

Both men were nominated at the convention of the socialist party held at Oregon City July 3. No candidates for representative in congress were nominated by the socialists in the second and third congressional districts for the reason that the socialist candidates in these districts received less than 5 per cent of the vote cast in the 1918 election.

BANKS RAP INTEREST BILL

Five Per Cent Maximum Rate Menace to Industry Is Stand.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The measure to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the November election establishing the maximum rate of interest at 5 per cent in this state is iniquitous and if adopted will tend to paralyze many of the leading industries, declared local bankers who spoke before the Marion county federation here last night. The Marion county federation is composed of all the commercial bodies in the county. Thursday night's meeting was the best ever held by the organization.

"Money that is now accessible to farmers, promoters of industries, factories and other enterprises who rely on the banks for their finances will suffer if the bills approved by the voters next fall," said D. W. Eyre.

38 HEAR JEFFREY TALK

Platform of Bourbon Party Is Lauded by Democratic Candidate.

Twenty-two men and 16 women met in room A of the central library last night to hear John A. Jeffery tell of the virtues of the democratic platform at the regular Friday meeting of the Cox-Roosevelt club.

Mr. Jeffery said that it would require more than a Portland lawyer to understand what the republican platform means, but stated that the platform of his own party was easily understood. He reviewed the history of the league of nations from the time of the Monroe doctrine.

F. S. Myers, who acted as chairman, stated that the club would hold meetings every Friday at the library until the time of election.

Roseburg to Hear Roosevelt.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Hon. O. P. Coshow, prominent democrat of this city, has made arrangements whereby Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic candidate for vice-president, will make a 20-minute address here Sunday morning.

SHOCK TOO GREAT WHEN BEAU WALTZES WITH ANOTHER GIRL

Genevieve Anderson, 19, Becomes Hysterical and Is Taken to Hospital and Later Is Caught on "Still Hunt" for "Steady."

WHEN Miss Genevieve Anderson, 19-year-old employe of the Portland Surgical hospital, saw her "steady" waltzing around with another girl at the Broadway dance hall Thursday night the shock was too great for her. She was taken to the police emergency hospital in an hysterical condition where she was treated and then taken home by her sister, Miss Esther Anderson, 611 Lovejoy street.

About 12:45 o'clock yesterday morning, Patrolman Moore found the girl at Sixth and Washington streets going on a "still hunt" for the "erring steady." She was again sent to the police station and when she had sufficiently regained her composure, again sent home.

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Thomas Drury, laborer, who had been celebrating in Portland, completed serving a two-day sentence for being "drunk" yesterday and called at the police desk for the property taken from his person at the time of his arrest. Desk Patrolman Crampton obtained it for him—two cakes of soap and a Bible.

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H. J. Park, 21, L. A. Williams, 20, and Lloyd Henrici, 21, admitted in municipal court yesterday that they were shooting craps for pennies at East Ninety-second street and Foster road when they were arrested by Patrolman Anderson.

"We were boys ourselves once," said Acting Municipal Judge Deich addressing Deputy City Attorney Lansing.

"Continued for sentence."

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"Yes, I was drinking grapejuice," admitted Robert McCloskey, husky laborer, who was picked up "partially paralyzed" on a street corner in the north end.

"If grape juice effects you like that don't try anything with a real kick," Acting Judge Deich advised him. The case was continued for sentence.

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"Why didn't you live up to your name?" asked Deputy City Attorney Lansing addressing Errin Kraul, who appeared in municipal court yesterday charged with speeding.

Kraul was "crawling" along at the rate of 35 miles an hour down East Eighty-second street when he was arrested by Motorcycle Patrolman Wiles. Kraul admitted that he was exceeding the speed limit and Acting Municipal Judge Deich fined him $5.

S. BENSON ESCAPES INJURY IN COLLISION

Mail Carrier's Motor Car Is Demolished, Report.

SPEED COP IN PURSUIT

Stage Passed on Highway When Other Auto Approached From Side Road; New Machine Offered.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—A telephone message received at a local newspaper office here tonight from Hubbard, Or., was to the effect that an automobile driven by Simon Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, collided with a smaller car occupied by J. F. Palmer of Hubbard with the result that Mr. Benson's machine was damaged while the Palmer car was almost demolished.

It was said that Mr. Benson was being pursued by a traffic officer at the time of the crash. According to the report Mr. Benson was traveling north on the Pacific highway and when near Hubbard passed the Salem-Portland auto stage which was going in the same direction.

As Mr. Benson steered his machine back on the grade the Palmer car approached from a side road going in a westerly direction. Mr. Benson's car is said to have struck the Palmer auto almost squarely, with the result that both machines left the roadway. Mr. Benson's machine was said to have struck a telephone post which badly damaged the radiator.

Following the accident Mr. Benson and Mr. Palmer shook hands, after the former had signified his willingness to replace the demolished car. Both men escaped injury.

BENSON BLAMES PALMER

Portlander Says Man Tried to Beat Him to Crossing.

J. F. Palmer, rural mail carrier on a route out of Hubbard, Or., was bruised about the face and injured internally and S. Benson, state highway commissioner of Portland, had a fortunate escape from injury late yesterday, when Palmer's machine collided with that of Commissioner Benson at Hubbard.

The heavy coupe in which Mr. Benson was riding alone was overturned and he remained inside unscathed, he reported on arriving at home last night. A wheel was torn from the car and it was otherwise damaged. Mr. Palmer's light car was carried some distance by the impact and was badly smashed.

Mr. Palmer made evident attempt, Mr. Benson reported, to beat the latter's machine across a street intersection. Instead he misjudged speed and distance to the extent that the Palmer car struck the heavier coupe at a right angle, near the rear wheel.

After seeing the injured man cared for Mr. Benson caught a ride into Portland with a resident of Corvallis.

JAPANESE ARE BLAMED

PROPAGANDA SEEN IN RECENT COREAN REPORT.

Rumored Plot to Abduct American Junketers Held Designed to Discredit Coreans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—No thought of raising an international rumpus entered the minds of the party of American representatives while planning their junket to the orient this summer. On the contrary, they expected their course to be strewn with roses; in other words, the ideal junket.

A report a few days ago that Coreans had plotted to abduct the lawmakers and deprive the capital of their presence at the next session has been taken seriously by Coreans in Washington. They are out with a charge that the report is founded on Japanese propaganda against Corea.

"This is nothing but another insidious attempt," says Kiusic Kimm, chairman of the Corean commission here, "on the part of the Japanese to put the Coreans in a discreditable light before the world.

"They take this particular opportunity in connection with the visit of the American congressional party because the Japanese fear that the United States congress has been sympathetic toward the aspirations of the Corean people to have a government of their own choice."

Mr. Kimm added that this is simply another example of insidious Japanese fabrication and misrepresentation concerning Corean affairs. "It is only similar to their statements in 1905 and 1910, that the Corean people desired Japanese protection and annexation, respectively," he said. "It only coincides with their insidious propaganda of ten years trying to convince the world that Coreans are happy under Japanese rule. It is only another trumped-up case like the conspiracy of 1911-13. It is only another way of trying to nip the Corean independence movement, just as they tried to picture the peaceful demonstrations during 1919 as bolshevik, when Coreans did no violence and were unarmed."

I. W. W. ARGUMENT HEARD

Court Contempt Ruling on Injunction Is Sought.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 20.—Argument was heard by the supreme court today on the application of Bernard Parent for a writ of habeas corpus for release from commitment on a charge of contempt of court in violating an injunction issued by Judge R. M. Webster of the Spokane county superior court forbidding affiliation with the I. W. W. or engaging in any of the activities of that organization. George F. Vandeveer appeared as counsel for Parent.

of counsel for P. J. Cody, another alleged Spokane radical, who is seeking a writ of mandate to compel Judge Webster to grant a change of venue from this court for hearing on a contempt charge involving a violation of the same injunction. Both cases were taken under advisement.

RATE HEARING CLOSED

Increases Authorized by Idaho Public Utilities Body.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The freight and passenger rate increase hearing which opened before the public utilities commission Thursday was closed this noon by action upon the part of the commission authorizing the freight rates in conformity with the order of the interstate commerce commission and also authorizing the increase in passenger fares except where the fare, when increased, will exceed 3.6 cents per mile.

The commission was disposed to regard the proceedings as a purely revenue matter affecting the transportation systems of the entire country and as such an emergency situation which must be met, and therefore did not go into individual rates to ascertain whether or not they were unreasonable or discriminatory.

CHINA FACES PROBLEM

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK RUSSIANS HEAD FOR MANCHURIA.

Steps Taken by General Staff to Disarm Slavs Should They Attempt to Enter.

PEKIN, Aug. 20.—China is confronted with a serious situation growing out of eastward retirement in Siberia of between 18,000 and 20,000 Semenoff and Kappel anti-bolshevik troops toward the Manchurian frontier. These forces, entirely dependent upon Japanese support to resist the advance of bolshevik forces, are falling back in consequence of Japanese withdrawal from the territory around Chita.

Bolshevik forces in large numbers appeared in the trans-Baikal country, coming from European Russia, according to Japanese advices. The Japanese in this area, co-operating with the Semenoff and Kappel troops, engaged with the bolsheviki during the spring.

The Japanese war ministry announced its intention to gradually withdraw some of its troops from China and Harbarovsk. This withdrawal now being accomplished is followed by retirement of the anti-bolshevik forces in the rear of the Japanese.

These anti-bolshevik forces are at present encamped near Dauria, trans-Baikalia, close to the Manchurian station on the Chinese-Eastern railway, along which railway the Japanese withdrawal is accomplished.

The Chinese general staff has taken steps to disarm the Russian forces if they undertake to enter Manchuria.

BLAME PLACED ON MINERS

STRIKE SITUATION IN INDIANA GROWS WORSE.

Action Taken by State Official to Prevent "Calamity Now Threatening the People."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 20.—P. H. Pena, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' association, in a statement issued in Terre Haute tonight, places blame for the failure of the recent wage conference of miners and operators at Cleveland to reach an agreement on the Illinois coal miners' representatives.

The strike situation in Indiana coal fields continues to grow worse, reports from mining centers today indicating that only a few of the larger shafts are in operation. It was estimated at headquarters of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' association today that approximately 193 mines in the northern Indiana district were idle, while reports from the southern Indiana districts are to the effect that only a few of the smaller mines were in operation.

That the dwindling of coal production in the Indiana fields is hampering all lines of industry in the state is shown in statements issued today by John W. McCardle, vice-president of the Indiana public service commission. Mr. McCardle, in a telegram to all Indiana members of congress, urged them to take immediate action to prevent "a calamity now threatening the people of the state."

WET OFFENDERS WARNED

POLICY OF PROHIBITION AGENTS IS UNCHANGED.

Decree Against Search Warrants in No Way Affects Law Enforcement in Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.—The policy of federal prohibition agents in Washington remains unaffected by the announcement of United States District Attorney Saunders that search warrants cannot legally issue for the search of private homes for liquor, Federal Prohibition Agent McDonald announced today. In no instance have agents in this state entered private homes unless they had evidence of the illegal sale of liquor, Mr. McDonald said.

Where there is any evidence of manufacture of liquor or brewing in the home of any beverage containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol, Mr. McDonald said, arrests will be made despite the prohibition against a search warrant.

"Home brew," he announced, "is not legal and its manufacture will not be countenanced in any way. Evidence of the manufacture, however, must be obtained through outside sources and may not be expected by search on a warrant issued for that purpose."

ELECTION SUIT NEAR END

Douglas County Ouster Proceedings Will Be Dropped, Belief.

REEDSPORT, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Hamilton of circuit court, Douglas county, gave a decision in the Weatherly versus Johnson case, overruling the demurrer of the defendant's answer regarding the manner of Johnson's election.

This, it is believed, will virtually settle the case in favor of the legality of Johnson's election. Mr. Weatherly brought an ouster proceeding against Johnson as port commissioner of Port Umpqua, which was followed by an injunction proceednig by W. H. Jewett, a resident of Gardner. The injunction proceeding was dismissed.

Sunday School Delegates Sail.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.—A large party of American and Canadian delegates to the annual conference of the American Sunday School association which is to meet at Tokio October 15 sailed today as passengers on the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Katori Maru.

Higher Teachers' Salaries Urged.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Higher salaries for teachers in Lutheran schools were recommended at the convention of the Lutheran synod of Ohio and other states today.

Talk at Night! "Northwestern" Rates are 50% to 75% less

There's a used car dealer in this town who, when he sends his buyers out, gives them instructions something like this: "Now call me up at 9 o'clock Thursday evening and let me know what you pick up." By arranging a definite time the message can be put over "Northwestern" lines as a number-to-number call at 50% to 75% saving.

Whether your men buy cars or produce or something else, it's good business to keep in close touch with them. Give them your home number and instructions to call you at night.

Here Are a Few Sample Rates:

Number-to-number Calls

	4:30 A. M. to 8:30 P. M.	8:30 P. M. to 12:00 P. M.	12:00 P. M. to 4:30 A. M.
Albany..	$ .45	*.25	*.25
Corvallis.	.55	.30	*.25
Chehalis.	.60	.30	*.25
Bellingham	1.50	.75	.40
Seattle...	1.00	.50	*.25
Tacoma..	.80	.40	*.25
Aberdeen	.80	.40	*.25

Rates are for initial period of 3 minutes except those preceded by asterisk (*), which are for initial period of five minutes.

Northwestern Long Distance

SUGAR RISE IS FORECAST

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AFTER TALK WITH REFINERS.

Possibility of Greater Shortage in Sweets Than Last Year Declared to Be Indicated.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Retail sugar prices will not drop before January 1, and they may increase, John B. Floyd, special agent of the department of justice flying squadron of profiteer hunters, announced today after a conference with officials of three large refining companies and representatives of wholesale grocers.

The conference was held at the request of the grocers, who, holding large sugar future contracts, had taken notice of rumors that the sugar market was due for a severe drop.

The possibility of a greater sugar shortage than was felt last year also was indicated by Mr. Floyd, who said refiners told him that not more than 200,000 tons of the raw product was now available in Cuba.

The monthly supply of sugar in the United States is approximately 350,000 tons, Mr. Floyd said.

Rate Increase Protested.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The public service commission today, on its own motion, filed complaint against the proposed increase in local freight rates on shipments west of the Cascades, as provided by the tariff filed by the railroads prior to the interstate commerce commission's award of general rate increases. The commission protests against the proposed rates as being unreasonable, unfair and excessive. Date for the hearing has not been fixed.

BURLESON PLEA SCOUTED

Representative Hurls Hot Shot at Postmaster-General.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Representative Martin B. Madden of Illinois today hurled a hot shot at Postmaster-General Burleson because of the latter's attitude regarding salaries of postal employes.

Postmaster-General Burleson, through the Postal Record, has sought to convey the impression that he attempted to get salaries of clerks and city carriers raised to a minimum basis of $2062.50 yearly and that he so recommended to the postal commission. Mr. Madden, who is ranking republican member of the house postoffice committee and a member of the postal commission, declared that Mr. Burleson, as a matter of fact, recommended a maximum basis of $1500, which is $300 less than a republican congress provided.

Speeders to Be Taken In.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Chief of Police Shambrook has declared war on local speeders. He states that the violations are becoming too numerous and will probably hire a motorcycle "cop" to assist him.

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