

CONGRESS VOTES TO AID FLOOD VICTIMS

Action Necessary to Relieve Sufferers Ordered.

MILLION TO BE SOUGHT

Colorado Senator Announces Purpose to Ask for Appropriation to Help Homeless.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—A joint resolution was adopted late today by the house and the senate authorizing the secretary of war to extend all possible relief to Colorado flood sufferers.

Previously Senator Phipps of Colorado had announced that he and Representative Hardy of the state would seek an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for flood relief.

The resolution reads: "That the secretary of war is hereby authorized and directed to take such temporary sanitary measures as he may deem necessary and to furnish subsistence and quartermaster supplies belonging to the military establishment and make available to the same the same to such destitute persons in Colorado as have been rendered homeless or are in needy circumstances as the result of the floods due to the overflow of the Arkansas river and its tributaries, and in executing this joint resolution the secretary of war is directed in so far as possible to co-operate with the authorities of Colorado and the mayors of such cities on the Arkansas river as may have sustained damages."

Decision to seek a million dollars for relief work was reached by the Colorado delegation in congress after conferences with President Harding and Secretary Weeks. The proposed appropriation would be used solely in the relief of distress and would not be applicable to the restoration of property.

Senators Phipps and Nicholson and Representatives Hardy and Valle were present at the conference at the White House and department. The members of the delegation said that both President Harding and Secretary Weeks were emphatically of the opinion that something should be done by the federal government to relieve distress and suffering in the Pueblo district.

The resolutions will be treated as emergency legislation, Senator Phipps said, adding that it was expected that the million-dollar relief fund would be available within a couple of days.

Red Cross Aid Available. The American Red Cross announced today that contributions received in answer to President Harding's appeal in behalf of Colorado flood sufferers would be forwarded promptly to the stricken areas. Chapters nearest the scene of the disaster have been given the option of sending contributions directly to James L. Fieser, director of Red Cross operations in Colorado.

FLOOD RELIEF AUTHORIZED

Red Cross Here to Receive Contributions for Pueblo, Colo.

John H. Stevenson, chairman of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross, received a telegram yesterday afternoon from Dr. J. E. Erickson, manager of the northwestern division at Seattle, authorizing the receipt of donations for the relief of the flood sufferers in the Pueblo district. The telegram reads: "National headquarters authorizes chapters to receive donations for the relief of the sufferers of the Pueblo disaster. Such contributions should be sent at once to the northwestern division at Seattle."

No concerted campaign has been planned, according to information available, but those who wish to contribute may do so at Red Cross headquarters in the Flatt building. System lines of the Union Pacific will transport free to Denver any freight consigned to the American Red Cross, Pueblo, or to the mayor of Pueblo, for use in the alleviation of suffering among the flood victims, according to announcement from the office of E. E. Foster, general freight agent of the O-W-R. & N., here yesterday afternoon. Telegraphic information from Omaha, Union Pacific headquarters, also contained the statement that the system will carry free consignments from connecting lines to the major of Pueblo and upon which no charges have been collected by any railroad.

NEW YORK PROMISES RELIEF

Mayor Names Committee to Raise Funds for Pueblo.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Mayor Hylan today appointed a committee to raise funds for relief of flood-ravaged Pueblo. The board of estimate voted to place at the disposal of any moneys left over from previous funds collected for similar purposes.

Rodman Wanamaker, deputy police commissioner, was named chairman. A representative will be sent to Colorado to supervise distribution of the New York fund.

Club Co-operation Urged.

CHICAGO, June 7.—The American Red Cross has asked the International Association of Rotary clubs to co-operate in raising funds for the relief of flood sufferers in Colorado. Richard M. McClure, secretary in charge at international headquarters here, said funds already were coming in here instead of being sent to the Red Cross or the flood district direct.

Grand Lodge Sends \$10,000.

DUBUQUE, Ia., June 7.—Fred C. Robinson, grand secretary of the Elks' lodge, today telegraphed \$10,000 to Ruth L. Holland, past grand ruler at Colorado Springs, as the grand lodge's contribution for the relief of Pueblo flood sufferers. In his message Mr. Robinson said further funds would be wired if needed.

Elks of Texas Respond.

DENISON, Tex., June 7.—Texas Elks have responded to the distress appeal from Pueblo and will forward \$1,000 to the stricken city.

DISEASE DANGER IS OVER

was said that fresh fruit is needed more than meat at present. Announcement that the ice could be obtained for the first time since the flood was made by a local ice company.

At a meeting of the heads of the various departments of relief which are functioning under the supervision of the Red Cross chapter, a division committee of 20 citizens of Pueblo was appointed to assist in the coordination of relief work.

Disaster Veterans on Hand. James E. Fieser, manager of the southwestern division of the Red Cross, who handled the Ohio floods

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAILY WORK.

Senate. By a vote of 34 to 30, the enlisted strength of the army was increased from 150,000 to 175,000 men.

Adopted resolution providing relief for the Pueblo flood sufferers.

List of witnesses summoned to testify in the Ford-Newberry contested election case was made public.

Hearing will be given Thursday to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, who are accused of preaching socialism.

House. Sent naval appropriation bill to conference by vote of 232 to 210, without instructions on disapproval.

Resumed debate on Sweet bill proposing reorganization of governmental branches interested in ex-service men.

Formal report on peace resolution submitted by Chairman Porter of foreign affairs committee.

of 1913 and other disasters, accompanied by A. W. Jones of St. Louis, director-in-chief of the Red Cross at the Corpus Christi disaster, arrived in Pueblo today to take charge of the relief work to be furnished by the national organization. They will be assisted by a staff of trained disaster personnel mobilized from all sections of the country. Rehabilitation work for devastated districts outside Pueblo will also be handled from the general headquarters here.

Ten expert disaster surveyors of the southwestern division of St. Louis were to arrive tonight to assist in the census.

One of the late estimates of dead toll was received through Red Cross channels and placed the number at around 500. However, it will be impossible to determine definitely for some time as bodies may be hidden under the huge piles of debris in the devastated districts. Most of the few persons injured are suffering from shock, statements say.

News From Pueblo Sought.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Roy, who lives with her husband, came here last winter from Pueblo, has heard no word from the family of a brother, A. Cowan, who was killed in the flood in Colorado. Mr. Cowan's farm, Mrs. Myers said, is on the Arkansas a short distance from Pueblo. The house is situated in the path of the flood. Alarmed over her brother's absence, Mrs. Myers sought information from Colorado authorities tonight.

BEDROOM SCENE ENACTED

THRASHING OF INTRUDER IS HELD JUSTIFIED BY COURT.

Charges of Property Destruction in Attempt to Escape Fall; Troubles Are Squared.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 7.—(Special.)—Any man who catches an intruder coming out of his wife's bedroom has the right to thrash the intruder, and the intruder, if he breaks furniture or glass panel doors in his attempt to escape, cannot be charged with malicious destruction of property. This was the decision of Magistrate Stanford in the central police station here Monday.

At 9 o'clock Sunday night, Elmer A. Foster, 36 years old, intercepted Michael J. Payne, 45 years old, coming out of Mrs. Foster's bedroom. Foster promptly proceeded to give Payne a thrashing. Payne broke away and in his anxiety to escape crashed through the glass panel of the front door. Both men were placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct and with malicious destruction of property was also placed against Payne.

"I can't blame Foster for beating Payne, under the circumstances," said Magistrate Stanford, "nor can I blame Payne for attempting to escape. There was no malicious attempt to destroy property when he jumped through the glass door to escape a thrashing. The only thing to do is to dismiss all hands."

CROP ESTIMATES REDUCED

Outlook Less Favorable for Hood River Apple Yield.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—The Hood River valley apple harvest may not reach the mark anticipated at blossom time, when trees were heavy with buds and blossoms. "An inspection of orchards yesterday by H. F. Davidson and Harry Farrell led them to believe that the tonnage might not exceed 2,000,000 boxes, the yield of the district in 1919.

The Newtowns, it is said, now are showing an exceedingly heavy crop, and the tonnage of this fruit will be considerably under the previous estimates.

CRIPPLE ON WORLD TOUR

Man Without Legs and With Back Broken Visits Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—John Sebastian of San Francisco has lost both legs and suffered a broken back, but that does not keep him at home. He has started out on a trip around the world in a sidecar of a motorcycle.

Sebastian's motorcycle was especially fitted so he can drive it from the sidecar, and was said to be one of three so equipped in the United States. He carries a camp outfit and when night comes he camps along the route. He was in Eugene yesterday on his way north.

PACKERS ASK WAGE CUTS FOR 60,000

Federal Arbitrator Told That Losses Are Ruinous.

OVERTIME IS ATTACKED

Concerns Want to Have 48-Hour Week and Abolish Much of Extra Pay Now Given.

CHICAGO, June 7.—A further wage reduction of 5 cents an hour for all packing house employees paid on an hourly basis and proportionate cuts for piece workers, were asked today by the Chicago packers in a petition filed with Federal Judge Alschuler, federal arbitrator.

The reductions, if granted, would affect approximately 60,000 workers in all parts of the country. The petition asks that a full hearing be held before June 15 and requested that the reduction be made retroactive to that date.

Relief from the penalties imposed on the packers in the form of working-hour restrictions also was asked. With the eight-hour day in force, it was explained, the packers were guaranteeing 40 hours of work a week and paying overtime after eight hours. It was suggested that this be changed to a guarantee of 48 hours' work and the agreement obliging them to pay overtime after eight hours be abolished. Thus overtime would only be paid after 48 hours' work a week.

The minimum rate now paid is 45 cents an hour, to which it was cut from 50 cents in March following the abrogation by the packers in February of a war-time agreement under which Judge Alschuler was the mediator. At that time the packers, after conferences with President Harding and Secretary Davis, agreed to continue the arbitration agreement until September 1 and the employees agreed to accept wage reductions averaging about 15 per cent.

The packers declare that despite the last wage cut and reductions of their forces they have continued to operate at a loss and that they can no longer continue to exist under present conditions. They declared that while labor continued to receive from two to two and one-half times as much pay as it did before the war, farmers and livestock growers are getting less for their produce and are being forced to operate on a basis ruinous to the producer.

Wages Declared Still Too High. "At present industry is passing through a period of depression," the petition said. "But we are only in the first stages of business depression. Although wholesale commodity prices have materially declined, interest rates and wages are still high. The history of business cycles shows clearly that both wages and interest rates must fall substantially from the peak level before business depression is over and even after the fall, a considerable interval is generally required before conditions are restored and the upward trend again begins."

As proof of the fact that they do not control prices, the petition asserted that the packers had continued to do business at a loss amounting to millions of dollars while the farmer was getting less for his product than he did before the war.

Wages Put at 45 Per Cent. It was asserted that if the packers could have had only one-fifth of the pay now being paid, they would have received a normal profit would have been earned. Wages, it was asserted, constituted 45 per cent of the cost of doing business, and these costs had increased despite a drop in living expenses and losses suffered by stock producers and the packers.

"Compared to other days," it was asserted, "labor is entitled to a larger share of what it produces, but it is also clear that if that portion of the industry involved is carried on at a loss, the wage earner will suffer as acutely as that borne by the producer and investor."

"If the farmer and the producer have taken severe losses and the earnings of the investor are wiped out, relatively the wage earner has not taken his share of the burden of readjustment."

RAILROADS AGAIN SEEK CUTS

Pullman Company and Others Take Matter Before Labor Board.

CHICAGO, June 7.—The wage dispute of the Pullman company and its employees, who are taking a strike vote over a proposed wage reduction, was brought before the railroad labor board today as the final submission by transportation lines in their move for lower wages. Objections by labor leaders prevented a full hearing of the dispute, taking the question of whether the dispute was properly presented under consideration.

The Pullman company brought up its case after mass meetings of the employees failed to agree to a proposal of the company that wages be returned to the basis prior to the wage award of July, 1920. Union

representatives declared no attempt was made with labor organizations to settle the dispute. Western railroads, including the Southern Pacific and Illinois Central systems, today renewed their efforts before the railroad labor board to cut the wages of employees.

The first petition taken up today was that of the Trinity and Brazos valley railroad, a 358-mile line in Texas, represented by E. C. Lilly, general superintendent. Mr. Lilly said business was the best in the road's history for this season of the year, but expenditures were so high that the road cannot hope even to keep up its maintenance.

L. W. Bakwin, vice-president of the Illinois Central, and J. H. Dyer of the Southern Pacific, asked that the wage increases granted by the board in 1920 be entirely wiped out. Members of the train and engine service brotherhoods on the Denver & Salt Lake railroad will be paid the new reduced wage scale recently ordered by the railroad labor board on certain railroads, according to a decision of the board issued today.

Because of the financial condition of the road, notice was served nearly a year ago of a desire to reduce wages. The employees refused to accept the proposed wage reduction. The board's decision today said that, beginning July 1, the effective date of the piece workers' wage reduction, the Denver & Salt Lake would pay the reduced scale.

Legion Posts in Charge Veterans to Run Celebration on July 4 at Goldendale.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 7.—(Special.)—American Legion posts at Goldendale, Bickleton and White Salmon have assumed an active interest in the Fourth of July celebrations of the events for the day in their respective towns. Louis Leidt post, No. 116, at Goldendale, will have charge here.

Harry Godfredson post, No. 153, at Bickleton, will construct a large open-air dance pavilion and will give their first dance on the night of June 14, following the annual reunion and picnic of the Alder-creek Pioneer association.

Evan Childs post, at White Salmon, will stage many interesting old-fashioned events there. There will be the usual morning programme, followed by basketball and athletic sports. A big carnival will be staged and a barbecue will be given at night. The programme for the day also includes a "hippy" dance in the afternoon and an old-time "hop" at night.

TAXICAB DRIVERS BATTLE

Employees of Rival Chicago Concerns Fight in Business District.

CHICAGO, June 7.—Police reserves were called tonight to quell a battle between drivers of two rival taxicab concerns in the heart of the downtown business district.

The drivers were fighting for position and drove their cars into each other, while companions waged fist fights. Police with drawn pistols separated the motorists and arrested drivers. One man was badly injured when hit over the head with a wrench.

The controversy had continued for several months, several men having been seriously injured in previous clashes and many cars wrecked.

Rotarians Entertain Boys.

PENDELTON, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—One hundred and seventy-five Pendleton boys between the ages of 3 and 15 were guests of the Pendleton Rotary club at a picnic held today at Bingham Springs.

A long procession of automobiles, accompanied by a big truck loaded with delicacies to tempt the plates of young America, left the city this morning and returned tonight, after a lively day spent at the resort. The Rotarians invited all Pendleton boys to be their guests for the affair.

Burglar Suspect Caught.

William Whitney was arrested at Third and Davis streets yesterday by Lieutenant Goltz of the detective bureau as he was attempting to sell ten

watches which were stolen in a jewelry store burglary at Salem Monday night. He is being held for Salem authorities. He was convicted here of attempted burglary several months ago and served six months in jail.

Forger Cashes Check.

By paying the 8-year-old son of Mrs. R. Crane, 232 East Thirty-seventh

bad-check operator succeeded in cashing a bogus check for \$12.75 on the Robins grocery, East Thirty-seventh and Madison streets yesterday afternoon. The fellow was described as being about 22 years old and wearing a brown suit, a brown hat and brown shoes. A man answering the same description has approached small boys in other parts of the city and attempted to have them cash checks for him at nearby stores.

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