

PRESIDENT BLAMED FOR LIVING COSTS

Duties at Home Neglected Charge Solons.

HOLDING OF SUPPLIES ANGRERS

Profiteers Declared Left to 'Romp at Will'; Action Urged.

WASHINGTON IN UGLY MOOD

Republicans and Democrats Denounce Wilson for Ordering Congress to Stay on Job.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 2.—This is a moving day in Washington. Members of congress who expected to leave Washington today on that summer vacation are having their trunks hauled back from the depot and cashing their railroad tickets. Some of the wives of statesmen who had been looking forward to pleasant rest-ful vacations with their husbands have returned to help unpack the family trunk, while others have gone home, or to some summer resort, feeling quite deserted.

Washington is in an ugly mood and there are many and varying reasons for this state of mind. Members of congress are impatient with the president for waiting until the day before the recess went into effect to send his letters to house leaders requesting that they remain. This feeling of bitterness runs among democrats as much if not more than among the republicans.

Democratic Utterances Bitter.

Republicans would hardly think of passing the sort of opinions on the president's action that have been expressed openly by democrats. Two of the utterances of democrats are quoted herewith verbatim.

"Yes, that fellow (meaning the president) has had his vacation. He spent six months in Europe being entertained, hobnobbing with kings, princes and potentates. Now he is back after his good time and ready for work."

"No third term for that man," was the irate ejaculation of one southern democrat yesterday afternoon when he learned of the president's letters.

These two expressions are characteristic of what was heard on all sides when the news of the president's action was announced. Republican leaders took the president's appeal not unkindly. In fact, Representative Mondell, republican floor leader, had in the first place been opposed to taking any recess but submitted when it was pointed out that most of the work before congress was still in committee and could not be formulated for house action for several weeks.

Republicans Feel Flattered.

There was a disposition yesterday to feel that President Wilson had flattered this republican congress by urging it to remain in session. His action was contrary to the attitude assumed by Champ Clark and Claude Kitchin, democratic leaders. When the question of the recess was under consideration, both declared they were for a recess because they believed the country to be the gainer by every day that the republican congress was not in session.

Both Clark and Kitchin said on that occasion that if they could have their way the session would adjourn until December in order to give the country a respite from its republican congress. Now comes President Wilson and asks this republican congress to stay here and save the country.

Wilson Holds War Powers.

Criticism of Mr. Wilson's action was predicated on the contention that congress has no power to reduce the cost of living that cannot be exercised by the president alone.

Mr. Wilson still possesses all of the war powers that the congress gave (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

THROUGHS AT SEATTLE SEE HERO HONORED

CROIX DE GUERRE PINNED ON CORPORAL BOYD.

French Government Confers Recognition for Bravery in Organizing Liaison With Front Line.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Traffic was blocked at the corner of First avenue and Yeager way this morning and hundreds of pedestrians, motorists and streetcar passengers became the accidental witnesses of a croix de guerre presentation by which Join A. Boyd, corporal, 1558 John street, received formal recognition from the French government for bravery. The ceremony was staged in Pioneer Square, alongside the Totem pole. Colonel Otto W. B. Barr of the army recruiting station in Seattle read the citation and pinned the medal on the young corporal's breast. Colonel J. T. Watson and Captain L. J. Kirkoff participated in the event.

It's a long jump from Pioneer Square to Wertran, Belgium, but the two places became closely allied in today's ceremony. It was near the latter place that Corporal Boyd found himself on the night of November 1, 1918. He was somewhere out in No Man's Land with instructions to keep open the line of communication. His crew consisted of 10 runners and one interpreter. How well he obeyed the order is shown by the official citation, as follows:

"Near Wertran, Belgium, on November 1, 1918, he displayed great bravery in organizing and maintaining liaison with adjacent elements of the front line in spite of violent bombardment."

RAIN AVERTS DESTRUCTION

Thunder Shower Keeps Forest Fire From Burning Mine Settlement.

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The forest fire which yesterday threatened to wipe out the entire settlement at the Tamarack & Custer mine, a few miles from here, was checked by a heavy thunder shower at 2:30 o'clock last night, and the force of 1500 men succeeded in getting the blaze under control. At the rate the fire was traveling when the rain came it would have reached the Tamarack property in less than an hour. Every mine in the district turned out its entire crew to fight the fire.

The women and children who were hurried away from the Tamarack and the Interstate-Callahan mines yesterday morning were still in Wallace today awaiting developments. The fire destroyed much of the tramway from the Tamarack & Custer mine to the Burke canyon.

NEBRASKA FOR SUFFRAGE

Legislature Votes Unanimously to Ratify Federal Amendment.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 2.—Nebraska today joined the list of states that have ratified the federal woman suffrage amendment when the house of the state legislature, by a vote of 34 to 0, adopted a joint resolution providing for ratification. The senate voted for ratification Thursday, 27 to 0.

Nebraska, whose legislature was recently called into special session by the governor to act on the amendment, is the fourteenth state to ratify.

PART OF PLANE IN MAIL

Part of Machine Used by Army Flier Received in Capitol Mail.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The capitol mailing clerk this morning received a part of an airplane consigned to Lieutenant Kiel, one of the army aviators who arrived in Salem yesterday for fire patrol duty.

This is said to be the first mail of its kind ever received at the statehouse, and it attracted no little attention.

FORECAST GENERALLY FAIR

Local Showers, However, Are Predicted as Probable This Week.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Weather conditions for the week beginning August 4 are:

Pacific States—Temperature normal; generally fair, although occasional local thunder showers are probable in Washington and Oregon.

TWO BOYS HELD AS MURDER SUSPECTS

One Has Rifle of Size That Killed Girl.

FEELING IN BANDON IS HIGH

Harold Howell and Carroll Warden Closely Guarded.

BOTH NEAR DEATH SPOT

Lads Placed in Separate Cells and Confession Is Looked for Monday.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Two Prosper boys are held at the county jail in Coquille in the belief that one of them, or probably both, have knowledge of the death of Lillian Leuthold, who was killed at Bandon while walking to her home through a lonely tract of woodland. The boys are Harold Howell and Carroll Warden, 14 and 18 years of age.

The youths are being held and closely guarded, owing to the intense feeling about their country over the killing of one of Bandon's most promising young school girls.

Rifle Is One Clue.

Howell, the younger of the boys, owns a Stevens rifle of .22-caliber, but it has been holed out to carry a .25-caliber bullet. The rifle is the only one known in the vicinity of Bandon and a .25-caliber bullet killed Miss Leuthold. Such a ball was found in her head at the time of the post-mortem, heard Sunday night.

Both boys were taken into custody this morning by Sheriff Gage and deputies and hurried to Coquille for safety and examination.

Neighbors between Prosper and Bandon knew of the detained youths being out in the woods hunting last Sunday and having knowledge of the caliber of the gun carried by Howell, informed the officers after the developments at the inquest placed the blame with a .25-caliber bullet.

Prosper is a mill community about two miles from Bandon and the locality where the murder occurred was more than half way from Bandon to Prosper.

On being accused of being in the vicinity of the tragedy Sunday the boys admitted the fact, declaring they had been hunting about the woods but denied they had any knowledge relative to the death of Lillian Leuthold.

Boys Say They Were Home.

Information gained by queries at the Warden home and from the boys failed to elicit any definite information that would seem to connect the boys with the murder, but the officials are not certain the information they gleaned is reliable.

Relating their wanderings on the eventful afternoon the boys said they went to the Warden home at 2:30 and the Warden boy did not leave that night and the Howell boy did not leave the house of the Warden family until 6 in the evening, half an hour or more after the girl was slaughtered.

The boys on being locked in the county jail were placed in different cells and a watch is placed to learn if anything passes between them during the two nights and a day that will elapse before their preliminary trial is held before Justice of the Peace L. J. Stanley at the county seat on Monday.

Confession Is Expected.

The officials believe they will get a confession from one lad or the other before Monday. It was said at the Warden home young Howell would not have passed along the path where the girl was killed in returning to his home from the Warden residence.

Harold Howell and Carroll Warden, so all reports indicate, have no bad records to prejudice public mind (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

AIR PATROL SUCCESS

MR. ELLIOTT AND AVIATORS MAKE TRIAL FLIGHT.

Fires in Timbered Areas Between Salem and Eugene Detected, Despite Low-Hanging Clouds.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Success of the airplane forest fire patrol in Oregon is assured, according to a statement of F. A. Elliott, state forester, who accompanied Lieutenant Kiel and Sergeant McKee on their trial flight as far south as Eugene today. R. H. Chapter, federal forest examiner, also made the trip in one of the planes.

Upon leaving Salem the planes took a westerly course, skirted over much of the timbered area and arrived at Eugene at 11:45 o'clock. Stop was made there for lunch and gasoline. The return flight began at 3:05 o'clock, the planes reaching Salem at 4:30 o'clock after covering a distance estimated at 150 miles.

"Although clouds hung low during most of the flight we were able to detect a number of small fires, as well as give many of the towns over which we passed the once over," said Mr. Elliott.

"Had the day been clear our observations would have been even more successful. There is no doubt but that the airplane is essential in combating successfully the fire menace in the forests of Oregon, as well as other states, and I believe our losses will be materially reduced through the operation of the machines."

Tentative plans for the Oregon patrol system have been sent to Colonel Arnold, air service officer of the Western division at San Francisco, and his approval is expected within the next 24 hours.

Because the landing field near Eugene is located some distance from the city the Commercial club there will be asked to furnish transportation for the aviators in reaching the downtown district, following their arrival there each noon. Nothing has been heard from Roseburg regarding a new landing field and until this information is received, sending of a plane to that city will be delayed.

"WITHYCOMBE DAY" IS SET

Oleott's Idea to Honor Late Governor Adopted by Fair Board.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Members of the State Fair board, acting upon the suggestion of Governor Oleott, today designated September 22, the first day of the 1919 fair, as Withycombe day, in honor of the late Governor Withycombe.

"Perhaps no man has been a greater factor in the development of agriculture and livestock in the state than the late Governor Withycombe," said Governor Oleott in his letter to the board, "and it would seem fitting that the state, through its fair, offer some tribute to the work which he accomplished along these lines."

"Oregon has made a wonderful advance in the products of field and farm, as well as in its pure-bred stock, which has attained international fame. Much of this advancement has been due to the persistent and untiring efforts of the late Governor Withycombe."

HIGHWAY IS NOT CLOSED

Road Near Hood River to Be Blocked Next Week.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The past month's reports of closing the Columbia River highway between Hood River and Cascade Locks for paving construction crews have not been dissimilar to the experience of Finnegan.

A few days ago it was announced that the road would be closed Monday. Superintendent McElvaine, in charge of crews at Cascade Locks, today informed operators of motor buses that the link would not be blocked until the middle or latter part of next week.

Women's Clubs Hear Leaders.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. Susie L. Clark of Seattle, president of the Woman's Legislative Council of Washington, and Miss Myrtle Cottrell of Centralia, treasurer of the council, were here the first of the week to interest the women's clubs and other orders in organizing branch councils in southwest Washington.

A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. L. Buland.

OREGON CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT IS TAFT

Hughes Also Found to Be Strong in State.

WOOD IS SELECTED THIRD

Ex-President's Record During War Gains Friends.

FAVORITE SONS ARE WEAK

Pershing Shows Little Popularity, as Editors Believe No Military Man Can Be Elected.

Choice of a republican nominee for president in Oregon rests with William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes and General Leonard Wood. Those senators who are interposing objections to the league of nations peace treaty have little or no support. Sentiment for the league is strong in the state.

Such is a summary resulting from a questionnaire sent out by The Oregonian to the independent republican press of the state. The Oregonian, in its questionnaire, requested the editors to give their first, second and third choice for the republican nomination for president; the first, second and third choice for the nomination as the local sentiment could be estimated and a brief statement on the availability of prominent republicans mentioned for president and upon the probable campaign issues.

Taft Preferred First.

A digest of the answers returned shows that Taft is preferred above all other possible nominees. Hughes stands next to Taft as a first choice and then comes Wood. On the total of first, second and third choices, Taft has a slight lead over Wood, and Hughes is third. General Wood runs well on second and third-choice.

Senator Hiram Johnson has two supporters for first choice, he is the second choice of another and three select him for third choice. Four editors report on Senator Borah, one mentioning him as first choice. Senator Poindexter, who has launched a publicity campaign for the nomination, is the second choice of one editor, while another proceeds to favor Poindexter and his policies.

Favorite Sons Not Strong Here.

On three sides of Oregon there are states with favorite sons, but these favorite sons have failed to make inroads on the editors of Oregon. These are Johnson of California, Borah of Idaho, and Poindexter of Washington.

General Pershing has three champions, while Cummins, Root, Roosevelt, Lowden, Lodge, Knox, McCormick, Harding, Orange and Kellogg are mentioned. One editor says he has heard Representative W. C. Hawley, of the first congressional district, mentioned as presidential timber.

The result of the canvass follows:

	Choice	1st	2nd	3rd
Taft		13	11	4
Wood		15	7	10
Hughes		12	5	20
Johnson		2	1	4
Borah		1	1	1
Cummins		1	1	1
Root		1	1	1
Lodge		1	1	1
Lowden		1	1	1
Poindexter		1	1	1
Kellogg		1	1	1
McCormick		1	1	1
Orange		1	1	1
Harding		1	1	1
W. C. Hawley		1	1	1

Most Editors Want Taft.

Approximately 75 per cent of the editors want Taft. The main points brought out in his behalf is that he has been one of the foremost statesmen in America during the war, the leading republican statesman; that his attitude toward the peace treaty has been sound and popular; that he can no longer be considered as a reaction-

BOLSHEVIKI REGIME REDUCES POPULATION

PETROGRAD'S 2,000,000 IS DECREASED TO 800,000.

Army Advances 25 Miles Northward of Omega, Driving Enemy Over the River at Akhtuba.

OMSK, Aug. 2.—(Russian Telegraphic Agency.)—Petrograd's population, which was more than 2,000,000 in 1912, has decreased under bolshevik rule to 800,000, according to documents and newspapers taken from bolshevik prisoners here today. Moscow's population was shown to have been diminished by 40 per cent.

Statistics on production showed that the union of workers of the Moscow metal industry, which had 183,000 members before the bolshevik revolt, now has only 69,000 members.

The first American Red Cross sanitary train intended for the care of typhoid patients has arrived here. Fever-stricken persons will be taken to the train for isolation as a means of checking the spread of the epidemic. The train is well equipped with supplies.

HIGH SPEED RECORD SET

American Aviator Makes 137 Miles an Hour in Test.

DAYTON, O., Aug. 2.—Major W. R. Schroeder, army aviator, today set a new world's speed record for high altitudes, it is claimed, when he flew at a rate of 137 miles an hour at a height of 18,400 feet. He used a two-seated Lepere biplane, designed by Captain Lepere of the French army. It is equipped with a 12-cylinder Liberty motor and a supercharger.

Lieutenant G. W. Eilsey, expert aeronautical observer, was a passenger.

ALASKA TRIP IS POSTPONED

Extended Session Delays Congressmen's Railroad Inspection.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 2.—Because of the request made by President Wilson that congress remain in session the projected trip of several congressmen to Alaska to inspect the government railroad has been postponed one week, according to a special dispatch received today from Washington.

The postponement will give Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, a chance to make the trip, the dispatch said.

SENATE MODIFIES DRY BILL

Judiciary Subcommittee Completes Enforcement Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Work on prohibition enforcement legislation practically was completed today by a senate judiciary subcommittee. The measure is said to be less drastic than that passed by the house.

The subcommittee adopted the house definition of intoxicating beverages—those containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol.

ARMY REJECTS NEGROES

Enlistments Temporarily Stopped by War Department.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Enlistment of negroes for the infantry will be discontinued temporarily under an order issued by the war department.

It was explained that this action was taken only because the authorized enlistment of negroes already has been exceeded.

CAMPAIGN TO DOWN COST OF LIVING ON

Crusade Is Started by Government Agencies.

SURPLUS FOODS TO BE SOLD

War Department Supplies to Go on Market at Once.

CONGRESS MAY ACT SOON

Belief Is Wheat Crop Will Be Sold at Market Prices, Loss to Be Absorbed by Government.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIGH COST OF LIVING ON IN MANY STATES.

Washington.—Sales of surplus war department food direct to public to begin August 18.

Detroit.—Conference of governors and attorney-generals to consider food profiteering proposed.

Baltimore.—Maryland and Baltimore officials take steps to prosecute food profiteers.

Columbus, O.—Ohio and Michigan pledge co-operation in investigation of food prices.

Des Moines.—Governor Harding of Iowa starts campaign to reduce high cost of living.

Seattle.—Immediate purchase of surplus for sale by war department authorized.

Chicago.—Two million pounds of foodstuffs shipped to Chicago in 1918 spoiled and condemned.

Spokane.—Notice of advances of 10 to 20 per cent in rent of apartments served on tenants.

New York.—Department stores offer to handle surplus foodstuffs without profit to themselves.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—In the face of growing unrest over the high cost of living, as indicated by the spreading strike of railroad workers, many government agencies moved today in efforts to effect a return to normal price levels.

Immediate sale of all surplus foodstuffs purchased for the army, instead of only canned goods, was ordered by the war department. Millions of pounds of meat, beans, pumpkin, squash and other commodities will be offered to the public Monday, August 18, through the parcel post system, at less than material prices than those now prevailing in the market. Purchasers will have to pay postage charges from the place of storage.

Congress May Act Soon.

Director-General Hines, Commissioner Colver and Assistant Secretary Lefingwell, appointed by the conference assembled by Attorney-General Palmer to recommend steps to reduce living costs, were engaged today in an exchange of memoranda bearing on the problem. The impression went out that the committee had agreed that steps could be taken by congress which would alleviate the situation at once, but it was said at Mr. Hines' office that nothing final had been decided upon. The committee was instructed particularly to deal with profiteering and to suggest how law enforcement agencies should proceed to bring to justice men guilty of extortion through unreasonable prices.

If any recommendation is made to congress, it is believed most likely that it will deal with sale of the wheat crop at market prices and the absorption by the government of the loss between the price and the \$2.25 guaranteed the farmer. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS REVIEWED BY CARTOONIST PERRY.

