

OREGON SENATOR PLEADS FOR ITALIAN

Clemency for Portland Worker Convicted Urged.

OFFENSE HELD NOT GRAVE

Family of Antonio Vercenziani, Who Made False Affidavit for Daughter, Reported Destitute.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 2.—Clemency is asked by Senator Chamberlain in a letter written to the department of justice in behalf of Antonio Vercenziani of Portland, Or., convicted of making a false affidavit to get his daughter out of Italy. The prisoner, who is said to be an inoffensive Italian, employed for years as a track greaser by the street railway company at Portland, found it difficult to ask anything of the Italian government because he still had status in the Italian army.

He therefore made an affidavit that the child was his niece. He was sentenced to five months' imprisonment, which Senator Chamberlain would have reduced to one month in order that the man may look after his wife and three other children who are in destitute circumstances. In his letter to the department Senator Chamberlain says that the offense was not a very serious one, and the man can render more service to the community by taking care of his family, which he cannot do if he has to serve the balance of his term.

Some of the small independent packers who are trying to build up establishments in Oregon are protesting to the state's congressional delegation against the Kenyon bill to license packers. They contend that the provision requiring all concerns doing a business of \$500,000 a year to take out a license will work a hardship on the struggling young concerns, placing the same restraint upon them that is intended to run against the big five. The suggestion is made that the bill be amended freeing all concerns doing a business up to \$1,500,000 from the license requirement.

Patrons of the postoffice at Astoria, Clatsop county, Or., are waiting for mail service to be restored to the Southern Pacific railway. It was recently changed to the Valley & Siletz road, which can deliver to Astoria only by a star route, besides delaying receipt by Astoria patrons for 24 hours.

In rejecting an application of A. J. Whittaker of Grand Ronde, Or., for an appointment in connection with the census enumeration in Hawaii next year, Sam L. Rogers, director of census, says that those appointments will be confined to residents of the islands.

Victory buttons similar to those distributed to former soldiers of the world war are being designed for men who served in the navy and marine corps and will be ready in a short time, according to a report of the navy department made to Senator Chamberlain.

A civil service examination has been ordered to be held at the Dalles, September 24, to qualify eligibles for postmaster at Moro, Or. The office pays a salary of \$1400 a year.

In response to protests the postoffice department has decided upon a reconsideration of a report of the navy department at Hood River, Or. The bid of W. E. Cass had been accepted, but business men at Hood River complained that the Cass site was too remote from the business center of the city.

The postmaster at Barton, Or., has resigned and recommends a discontinuance of the office. An inspector who visited Verboort, Washington county, Oregon, reports that there is little necessity for continuing the office at that point because most of the patrons are served by rural routes from Forest Grove.

SHERIFF HUNTS 'ROAD HOG'

Eugene Officials Have Warrant for Resident of Marcola.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—John Doe Landers, an alleged "road hog," is wanted by Sheriff Fred G. Stickle on the charge of failure to allow a vehicle to pass him. Landers lives at Marcola but is said to have left for Coos bay immediately after the alleged offense was committed.

Dr. M. F. Schaffer, a veterinary surgeon of this city, who swore to the complaint, alleges that Landers signaled to pass him on the road up the Mohawk and Dr. Schaffer turned out. After Landers got ahead it is alleged he drove at a slow rate and when Dr. Schaffer signaled to pass Landers would speed ahead.

GIRL IN FEAR OF MOTHER

Judge Campbell Asked by Child to "Save Her."

Upon the plea of little Robin Grigsby that her mother be not permitted to take her to the home of her aunt, Mrs. Louise Trueb, of Tekoa, Wash., Judge Campbell of Oregon City modified his order to that extent Thursday night and the girl left willingly.

First intimation that the child had returned to Portland, after disappearing on the eve of being removed to the

custody of her mother's sister, was in a letter received by Miss Mabel Walter, her former guardian, from the girl, giving her address with friends. Miss Walter went to the girl and advised her to comply with the order of the court transferring her to the custody of her aunt.

The 14-year-old girl is much afraid of her mother, Mrs. Edith Grigsby, better known as Mrs. Edith Hall, and appealed to Judge Campbell to "save her" from her mother. In the amendment made by the Oregon City judge to his decision in the supplementary divorce proceedings in which the custody of the girl was decided, he instructed her that if she was ever unhappy in her new home to write him and he would consider a change.

Prominent club women of Portland took much interest in the case and endeavored to have the court allow Miss Walter to retain guardianship of the girl.

MEDALS GIVEN THURSDAY

DATE FOR DECORATION OF HEROES AND MOTHERS.

Street Parade in Honor of Those Who Braved Dangers in France Will Form at Third and Oak.

Formal presentation of war decorations to two Oregon mothers and two Oregon soldiers will take place Thursday, according to announcement made by army recruiting officers, the programme being conducted by the American Legion. Former Major-General Martin will make the presentation, and will be assisted by a number of army officials, as well as the French consul. The street parade will form at Third and Oak streets.

Among the medals to be awarded is the French medaille militaire, which has been granted to Andrew Amacher, a member of the 101st Infantry, on October 31, showed coolness and efficiency as a gunner, firing several hundred rounds from an exposed position into concealed machine-gun and snipers' nests upon a commanding hill, while under direct fire of the enemy guns. Mr. Amacher lives at 172 East Seventeenth street, and is the possessor of a silver victory button for wounds sustained while fighting on another front.

In the straw voting at recruiting headquarters yesterday practically all contests were settled, save that as to disposition of the ex-salvo and national prohibition. The league of nations and the universal military training questions seem to have little opposition. Totals reported last night follow:

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Leaders of Fight for Early Wage Rise Predict Employees Throughout Nation Will Quit.

SHOPMEN'S STRIKE SITUATION SUMMARIZED.

Denver.—Strike declared in violation of orders by labor federation department.

Springfield, Ill.—Efforts made to induce electrical workers, who have struck, to resume work.

Norfolk, Neb.—Tie-up of service threatened.

Atlanta, Ga.—Strike continued in various parts of south.

Des Moines.—Seven hundred shopmen quit work.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—More than 250,000 railway shopmen at the coal yards were idle tonight as a result of the strike called yesterday by the Federated Railway Shopmen's union, union officials of the organization said tonight, with the strike spreading and no indication of an immediate settlement in sight.

The men are out to remain on strike until their demands for 85 cents an hour for machinists and 90 cents for helpers are granted, John D. Saunders, secretary, said.

Regardless of what the international officers of the various unions may be doing at Washington—and they are making no announcements—the rank and file of the unions have determined not to recede from their demands with back pay to January 1, according to Mr. Saunders.

No men will be removed from the wrecking crews, Mr. Saunders said, and no violence will be tolerated.

Plans for a mass meeting of thousands of strikers at a baseball grounds tomorrow were completed tonight.

In the meantime union committees are touring the railway systems to see that the strike orders are carried out while hundreds of telegrams are being sent out. By Monday, Mr. Saunders said, virtually every railroad in the country will be affected.

BOSTON, Aug. 2.—Union railroad shopmen of the local district of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, at a mass meeting tonight, voted unanimously to strike Thursday unless their demands are granted.

Advice Is Disregarded. The men who said they have received appeals from the Chicago union to join in a general strike, disregarded the advice of their international officers by voting to strike.

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Strike Declared Unauthorized. About 400 men affiliated with this craft have gone back to their jobs in Chicago, Mr. Ford said. The strike, he said, is unauthorized.

NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 2.—About 120 shopmen of the Northwestern railroad walked out at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Officials predicted service will be tied up on this line. The strike orders followed the receipt of a message telling the machinists' union that the strike was unauthorized.

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