

TOO MANY POLICE, IS VIEW OF KELLAHER; BAKER PROMISES CUT

Introduction of Pension System Proposes Reduction of 15 Men From Force.

PLANS ARE CONSIDERED

Proposal Made to Raise Fund From Fines and Assessments of Members of the Force.

Dan Kellaher, commissioner of finance, believes the police bureau is too large, and took opportunity to tell the other city commissioners so this morning when they informally considered the police pension plan suggested by Mayor Baker.

"There should be a material reduction there immediately," declared Kellaher. "The condition in the past four years has been a huge joke. Some of these fellows have curvature of the spine from looking around corners and peeping into places. There are too many of them for the work there is to do."

Mayor Baker told him that with the pension system the department would be reduced by at least 15 men. The mayor said that there had been no claim, but civil service restrictions precluded officials from making a thorough cleanup.

"I know this condition," answered the mayor, "and we are trying to remedy it. Give us time and then we hope to have a police department which you will be proud of."

The mayor declared that his first move after retiring those who had been in the service 20 years or more would be to reduce the number in the detective bureau. He says that this division will be cut from 28 to 21 men.

Pension Assessment Suggested.
The commissioners were agreed that a pension system should be established for the police, but were not unanimously in favor of a sick and accident fund. Commissioners Mann and Kellaher thought that the state accident insurance fund could be used to care for policemen injured on duty, and suggested that a meeting be held with Harvey Beckwith of the state industrial accident commission to determine what could be done. Kellaher was instructed to arrange the meeting.

Mayor Baker's pension plan provides for retiring men who have been in the service more than 20 years on half pay. The pension fund is to be secured from the licenses and fines and from monthly contributions from the patrol, totaling 1 1/2 per cent of their salaries.

LOTS OFFERED AT AUCTION

City Sells Property to Cover Delinquent Assessments.

Several hundred lots in various sections of the city on which bonded street and sewer assessments are delinquent are to be offered for sale by city Treasurer Adams Thursday morning. The sale is necessary to enable the city to secure funds with which to pay the interest on improvement bonds issued to cover the cost of the improvements. It will be held at 10 o'clock at the east door of the courthouse.

This sale is to be followed with another on September 7, and a third on September 20. The sales are to continue until the city bonded liens are brought up to date. Property sold may be redeemed any time within three years by paying a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 10 per cent per year.

MUST REPORT BAD SIDEWALKS

City Employees Are Supplied With Memorandum Cards.

That the department of public works may have knowledge of defects in streets and sidewalks, report cards are to be furnished all city employees and hereafter it will be their duty to file these cards with the department whenever a defective condition is noted.

The cards placed in the hands of employees today are to give the location of the defects and their nature. An ordinance recently passed by the city council, makes it the duty of all employees of the city to report defects and accidents of which they may have knowledge.

Commissioner Barbur Home

After a two weeks' sojourn at Seaside, A. L. Barbur, commissioner of public works, resumed his work at the city hall today. Barbur spent the time while away with his family which has a cottage at the beach.

Australian Police Raid I. W. W. Rooms

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—Police raids against I. W. W. headquarters, confiscation of much sedition literature and seizure of weapons marked the campaign in ruling today, to drive the "Independent Workers of the World" from Australia. Chief Inspector James Mitchell read a section of the "Defense of the Realm Act," and warned the I. W. W. that their organization was under police surveillance and would be stamped out of existence.

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Fire Does Damage To Ships at Docks

Two Large Norwegian Freighters Swept by Flames—Several Small Craft Involved.

New York, Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—Two steamers and 10 small vessels docked at the foot of Congress street, Brooklyn, were seriously damaged by fire early today. The damage to the vessels is estimated at upward of \$1,000,000. The fire followed two explosions. The steamers were loaded with glue and saw logs.

A preliminary investigation by police led to the conviction that the fire was accidental, being caused by spontaneous combustion. One of the vessels had a naval gun on board, and men hastily threw the ammunition overboard to avoid more serious explosions.

The blaze started on one of the piers. It spread quickly to the Norwegian steamers Baron Jedburgh and the Christian Bors, and then to 10 tugs and lighter boats nearby. Fireboats aided the land fighters.

The steamer Christian Bors is well known in Portland, having loaded lumber here for the orient several times.

WORLD FACES MEAT FAMINE, DECLARATION OF FOOD CONTROLLER

Herbert Hoover Impresses Upon Farmers the Need of Raising Livestock.

Washington, Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—Herbert Hoover today warned America that the world faces a meat famine. "And a high range of prices for meat and animal products for many years to come," he said. He cited figures to prove that the nation's cattle, sheep and hogs are dwindling rapidly under the demands of war, and in allied Europe threaten to be wiped out entirely.

Fabulously high prices in Europe and America will extend to land, butter, cheese, eggs, and other foodstuffs. He advocated government control of this country's meat exports.

Meat Must Be Increased
He called upon America's livestock breeders to at once lay plans for enormous increases in the production of meat. He pleaded that all rich, well-to-do middle class and other non-manual laborers in the United States greatly reduce their meat consumption and leave more for the fighting men and the middle class and other non-manual laborers in the United States.

He cautioned the allies that "large amounts of meat from northern neutrals are being shipped to Germany," and offered this as an added reason for regulation of American exports.

As a meat conservation measure, for America in this crisis, he suggested that only little fat, salted and canned fish supply be thoroughly harvested, well marketed and more generally eaten.

Cattle Production Here Increases
Since the war began this country's cattle production has increased 7,390,000, as compared with a decrease of 8,420,000 among our western allies and a decrease elsewhere in the world, including enemy countries of 26,750,000, a total world decrease of 25,080,000 head.

Sheep production decreased 3,000,000, the western allies 17,500,000, other countries 24,000,000, a total world decrease of 54,500,000.

While this country's production of hogs has increased 6,275,000 head, that of our western allies decreased 7,100,000 head, that of other countries 31,400,000, a total world decrease of 22,425,000.

"While our hogs have increased by 3,000,000 animals," said Hoover, "the average weight at slaughter is falling and our production is probably about maintained."

Waste Must Be Eliminated
"The demands made by the war on America's meat supply are shown in the fact that our meat exports for an average of 452,848,000 pounds a year for three years before the war to 1,339,193,000 pounds for the single year ending June 30, 1916."

"There is only one immediate solution to the short supply. We can, with meat, just as with cereals, reduce consumption among those classes who can best afford it, and eliminate waste."

Two Trainmen Injured
Hartford, Conn., Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—The engineer and fireman of Valley Branch train No. 85 on the New Haven railroad, bound from Middletown to Hartford, were injured today when the engine jumped the track near here. No passengers were injured.

COUNTIES MAY ACCEPT TAXES AND RESERVE A CLAIM FOR PENALTIES

Attorney General Telegraphs Ex-Gov. West That Plan as Suggested Is Agreeable.

GRANT LANDS MAY OPEN

Early Payment of Back Taxes Now Expected With Way Open for Settlement of Vacant Lands.

The county authorities of the 18 land grant counties of the state may accept the taxes due on the grant lands at the time of the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act without waiving any rights they may have to the accumulated penalties and interest, according to an agreement of the attorney general of the United States, just received by Oswald West.

The latter part of July the county officials of the land grant counties held a meeting to map out some united course to pursue in an attempt to secure not only the accrued taxes, but the accrued interest and penalty as well.

Answer Comes to Mr. West
At that time Governor West was delegated to wire the department of the interior in order to determine whether the government would stipulate with the counties that they could accept the accrued taxes due on June 9, 1916, the date of the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, under the construction placed upon the act by the attorney general's office, without waiving their rights to further action toward securing the penalties and interest then accrued and since accruing.

Governor West received the answer of the attorney general this morning. It having been forwarded by the commissioner of the general land office. The attorney general says: "This department sees no objection to the course suggested, provided, however, that it be made plain that the entering into such a stipulation the government in no way recognizes that the counties have any further rights in the premises. In other words, while it is entirely satisfactory that the counties may expressly reserve such rights as they have, by agreeing to the stipulation, the government does not concede that any such rights exist."

This position of the attorney general would mean to open the way for the early payment of accrued taxes and the probable early opening of the grant lands to entry and settlement, in so far as they have now been classified.

WILLIAM H. STORMS, MINING EDITOR, IS KILLED IN OAKLAND

Old Prospector, With Fancied Grudge, Murders Former California State Official.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—William H. Storms, former state mining editor and one of the foremost mining experts of the Pacific coast, was shot to death in Oakland Sunday by George R. Hutchinson, 73 years old, a prospector.

Hutchinson, who roamed through Death Valley in lean days, was known as "Borax" Smith. He was obsessed with an idea that Storms had defrauded him out of a mine in the Hell's Hole country, near Lake Tahoe.

Hutchinson two years ago offered Storms \$20,000, if he would dispose of the mine for \$40,000. He told friends that Storms had put him off repeatedly.

Sunday morning, after learning that Hutchinson had been hunting him, Storms went to see him in Oakland, where Hutchinson was employed as a watchman in a warehouse. Hutchinson fired several shots. One bullet passed through Storms' heart and others also took effect. Hutchinson gave himself up a few minutes later.

Storms is survived by a widow and four daughters. He was assistant editor of the Mining and Scientific Press.

Forest Grove Man Did Not Threaten

Forest Grove, Or., Aug. 20.—Contrary to a published story, Robert O. Stevenson asserts that he did not threaten violence to C. C. White, the Portland hunter, who killed two Japanese pet deer in the Stevenson park near this city and then accidentally shot his foot Wednesday morning. Moreover, Stevenson hitched up his horse and took White to Gales creek for an automobile to bring the injured hunter to a Forest Grove doctor.

Mrs. Mooney Still in Jail
San Francisco, Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—Because of the absence of Nathan Coghlan, of defense counsel, no motion was made in Superior Court Judge Dunne's court today to free Mrs. Rena Mooney on bail.

How to Beautify a Summer Soiled Face

It's really a simple matter to renovate a face soiled by wind, dust or dirt. Ordinary mercurized wax, used like cold cream, will transform the worst old complexion into one of snowy whiteness and velvety softness. It literally peels off the outer veil of surface skin, but so gently, gradually, there's no discomfort. The worn-out skin comes off, not in patches, but evenly, in tiny particles, leaving no evidence of the treatment. The younger, healthier under-skin forming the new complexion, is one of captivating loveliness. One who has used the mercurized wax, to be had at any drug store, is enough to remove any tanned, reddened, pimpled or blotchy skin. Apply before retiring, washing it off mornings. Many skins wrinkle easily with every wind that blows, with heat, worry, etc. An excellent wrinkle remover, because it tightens the skin and strengthens relaxed muscles, is a wash lotion made as follows: "Powder of Sassafras dissolved in witchhazel, is pint. This gives immediate results." (Adv.)

Yakima Valley Beet Growers See Profit

Cooperative Plan Offered by Utah-Idaho Sugar Company Expected to Call Big Crop.

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 20.—Announcement that the Utah-Idaho Sugar company will offer a profit sharing contract to the growers for the 1918 crop, will probably result in doubling the acreage in the Yakima valley next year. It is figured here that on the basis of the present crop the increase will be \$280,000, and a \$2,000,000 crop for the season of 1918.

Under the terms of the offer announced by the directors in session at Salt Lake, the growers will get a flat rate of \$7 a ton for beets containing 15 per cent sugar. It is estimated that the grower, share of the profit will be 75 cents a bag, and as two and a half bags are made from a ton of sugar beets, the additional profit will be \$1.875, making the total price paid the grower \$8.875 per ton. It is estimated that many fields now growing in the Yakima valley will average 25 to 30 tons to the acre.

FOUR MORE VOLUNTEER TO DRIVE AMBULANCES UPON WESTERN FRONT

Men to Leave Portland Early Next Month for Paris; They Are Serving Without Pay.

Four more men have enlisted as volunteers at the Portland headquarters of the American field service, and will leave for Paris within three or four weeks to drive ambulances or motor trucks in the war zone. The men are: John K. Honey of Gresham, who will leave September 1; Alan Green, bond salesman for the firm of Robertson & Ewing, who will leave September 15; R. M. Dooley, city agent for the National Union Fire Insurance company, and James Brady, who leaves either Thursday or Friday, some time within the two weeks following.

These men are paying their own expenses and from Paris, and are serving without pay. The American field service is in need of men who can drive autos, and who are not afraid of the war zone. The company is in charge of recruiting.

Peninsula Park to Have Band Concert

The municipal band concert Tuesday night will be at Peninsula park. It will begin at 8 o'clock, and the program will be as follows: Grand march, "The Stars and Stripes," Verdi Overture, "Euryanthe," Weber Sextette, "Lucia," Donizetti Intermezzo, "Forget-Me-Not," Macchietti Suite Espagnole, "La Folia," Lacomme INTERMISSION. Overture, "The Land of the Living," Suppe Characteristic, "In Olden Days," Zimmermann Idyll, "The Mill in the Forest," Ellenberg Vocal selection, "Our Starry Banner," John and Edwin Wesley Jones. Patriotic medley, "Grand National" (Requested by some of the boys of the '60s).

Lynchings in South Show a Falling Off

Tuskegee, Ala., Aug. 20.—There were 11 less lynchings during the six months ending June 30 than during the corresponding period last year, according to records compiled at Tuskegee Institute. They numbered 14 as against 25 for the same period last year. Thirteen were negroes and one a white man. One was a negro woman.

Robert Moton, principal at Tuskegee, attributes much of the negro migration north to the fear of lynchings.

Arrive Just in Time

Recent advice received by the federal marshal's office says that Mrs. G. E. Jackson, who left Portland on the 24th of June as a matron for two minor Indian girls who were needed as witnesses in a trial at Ruby, Alaska, has arrived. The party arrived a day before the trial, which was set for the 24th of August. The trip was 400 miles. On account of the poor travel facilities, the party will not be able to return until the 20th of September.

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AMBULANCE UNIT TO LEAVE CITY ON FRIDAY FOR AMERICAN LAKE

Uniforms and Equipment Will Be Supplied Men Thursday; Later Orders Come.

CALL SENT OUT TO MEN

All Members of Unit Expected to Meet in Medical Building at Nine o'Clock Thursday Morning.

Portland's ambulance unit of the medical reserve corps has received orders to go to American Lake this week under Captain J. J. Sellwood. Orders came originally setting next Monday as the date of departure from Portland, but orders received by Captain Sellwood from Captain Northington at American Lake were that the company should leave as early as possible, and Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock has been set as the mobilization time.

All members of the company are receiving individual orders today, which only mean that they are to appear as early as possible at the company headquarters in the Medical building for further information. The latest orders are posted there and it is desired that every man in the company sign his name after understanding the orders.

Equipment Supplied Thursday
Suits and equipment will be supplied the men Thursday, starting at 9 o'clock, when every man is expected to be on hand. A number of the members will begin active duty Thursday to take charge of disbursing the equipment and standing guard over the supplies at the depot.

The unit was recruited to full strength early in June by Captain H. M. Greene, who was later detached from the company and sent to American Lake.

While the company has been waiting for orders, drills have been held two nights a week, and on Sunday mornings hikes were taken, lasting from one to two hours. The drilling has been in charge of Sergeant Clyde L. Meach, who assisted with the drills while at the border last fall. He has trained the men in the school of the soldier and of the detachment and in gymnastic exercises.

Experienced Men in List
First Sergeant Martin P. Cushing, formerly professor of history at Reed college, has instructed some of the men in French.

The personnel of the 119 enlisted men in the company includes many young men of well known families in Portland, and men from all kinds of trades. In addition to Sergeants Cushing and Meach, Ralph E. Russell, Lee R. D. Decker and Harold Sanford have been appointed sergeants. First Class Sergeant Russell will be the quartermaster for the company, Sergeant Decker will be in charge of transportation, and Sergeant Sanford will be in charge of the mess.

Sergeant Russell has had nine years' experience with the Nebraska National Guard, during which time he served as first sergeant, duty sergeant and quartermaster sergeant. Sergeant Decker was several years in the navy, and saw service in Guatemala.

Officers Will Join Company
No assignments of any other non-commissioned officers have been made yet, but the various branches of work each man will take. The company has 12 motor ambulances, six trucks and three motorcycles in its equipment, and is well supplied with drivers. In addition there are cooks, harnessmakers, blacksmiths, stenographers, bookkeepers and men with other trades to supply every need.

After the company arrives at the lake it will be joined by four first lieutenants, who will be the surgeons of the company. Their names have not been announced.

Jailbreaker 'Peaches' On His Companions

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—The alleged confession of John Ross, one of six prisoners who escaped from the county jail here late Saturday and who was recaptured with S. A. Hewitt, is expected to result in the arrest of one or more of the other escaped prisoners today. Ross' confession is also alleged to implicate an outside man in the jail break plot, this man being alleged to have furnished the jailbreakers with a gun.

The same man charged with various crimes from murder to robbery, overpowered their jailer Saturday, took his keys and made their escape. Hewitt, convicted of murdering his children and attempting to burn their bodies, was captured with Ross shortly after.

G. A. R. Veterans Gather at Boston

Boston, Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—Between 8000 and 10,000 G. A. R. veterans are here today for their national reunion and encampment. Members of the Navy Medal Honor league, which will hold its convention in conjunction with the Grand Army, began arriving Sunday, and most of them were here this morning, from all parts of the country. Every arrangement for the comfort of the veterans has been made. Boy Scouts will act as guides. The veterans will be officially welcomed to the city tonight at a get together meeting.

Menocal Is Aiding in Armstrong Search

New York, Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—President Menocal of Cuba is taking a personal part in the search in Havana for Miss Ruth Armstrong, schoolteacher of Hood River, Or., Youngstown, Ohio, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, who has been missing since July 17. This was stated here today by Ralph Durant of Chicago, traveling salesman, who has just returned from Cuba. He said it was feared that Miss Armstrong had been murdered and her body buried. "President Menocal feels that the mystery reflects upon his administration, and is doing everything possible to solve it," Durant said.

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TEUTON BATTLESHIPS PREPARING FOR DASH TO OPEN SEA, RUMOR

Powerful and Heavily Armed Mine Sweepers Appear in North Sea, Say Reports.

UNITED STATES WARNED

Vice Admiral Sims Notifies Navy Department of Latest Development in World War.

Washington, Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—The German high seas fleet, long locked in its harbor, is about to launch a great naval offensive, according to intimations received in administration circles from Vice Admiral Sims, commander of the American flotilla in foreign waters. War experts have predicted that Germany would send out her fleet only as a last and desperate measure—a final, defiant effort to stave off defeat and bring about peace.

Big Mine Sweepers Appear
The intimations received here that she contemplates doing so are based on the fact that within the last few

weeks large fleets of a new type of mine sweepers, in reality combination mine sweeper and destroyers, have been sent out of the North sea ports far into the sea, apparently to clear a way for the battleships. Both British and American patrol boats have sighted these new German naval vessels, which, so far, have retired behind smoke screens on the first sign of an approaching ally vessel. Their activities have been reported to the navy department here, word of them first being contained in the dispatches of Vice Admiral Sims.

Vessels Noted Once Before
It is pointed out as a development of great importance that any German mine sweepers should come out at all. There have been but few instances during the war when ships ventured beyond Heligoland. The last previous instance was before the Skagerrack battle, when the German fleet, with the English in the greatest naval fight in history.

The German mine sweepers that are causing so much interest are heavily armed, according to reports from captains of merchant ships, and trawlers that have seen them. They are also built for rough weather, which enables them to operate far from shore, and gives them ability—should they so desire, to clear a path for the German fleet clear to the open sea.

Elevator Man Wanted
To fill a vacancy of elevator conductor in the federal building of Portland, a civil service examination will be held on September 2. The age limit is from 20 to 50 years, and the salary is \$500 a year. Applications, blanks and information may be had from M. K. Wighton, secretary of the local board of civil service examiners, at the postoffice.

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Basement	
Round willow baskets, . . 60c and 90c	
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