

## CITY COUNCIL WILL CHECK FUNDS, THEN TALK PAY ADVANCE

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The city council is to check up its funds before it considers the petitions of employees for increases in pay, according to an understanding reached today. This work is to be done immediately and the petitions considered probably next week.

Employees in practically every division of the city's service, from laborers in the bureau of sewers to stenographers in the offices of the commissioners, are asking for increases. A. L. Harbur, commissioner of public works, said that each commissioner should make adjustments within his department and recommend changes to the council. C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of public affairs, objected, however, saying that an investigation should be made first of the city's finances.

"Nothing can be done unless we have the money," said Bigelow. "You're right," said the council, and the investigation was ordered.

## NEW DEPUTYSHIP CREATED LANSING TO BE NAMED FOR PLACE IN CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Another deputyship was created in the city attorney's office by the council and Mayor Baker declared that Ted Lansing, a local newspaperman and lawyer, will be appointed to the place.

The position pays \$125 a month, and according to Mayor Baker, Lansing will take over the work of two members of the police bureau who are assigned to assist the legal bureau. The additional deputyship is a part of the reorganization of the police bureau, the mayor declared.

## Electric Sparklers Barred

The city council today passed an ordinance prohibiting the use and sale of electric sparklers in Portland.

The so-called sparklers have been classified as fireworks, but were heretofore not specifically prohibited. The ordinance was introduced by C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of public affairs and head of the fire bureau. The bureau considers the sparklers dangerous.

## Exemption Is Asked

Owners of funeral cars and hotel buses want to be exempted from the ordinance passed by the council requiring \$2500 bonds for automobiles in the passenger carrying service. James Reeder, owner of several cars used in funeral service, declared today that the city council this morning asking that he and others be exempted.

The council, however, postponed action until next week.

## Will Consider Police Pensions

Mayor Baker's plan for pensioning members of the police bureau is to be considered by the city council at a special session to be held Friday morning. The ordinance creating the pension fund and system under which patrolmen with 20 years' service may be retired was given first and second readings by the council this morning.

## Meat Must Be Covered

Fresh meat carried or transported through the streets must hereafter be thoroughly covered by the people or the dust. At the investigation of the health bureau the council today passed an ordinance which will make it unlawful to transport meat unless it is covered.

## Plant at Morton Destroyed by Fire

Morton, Wash., Aug. 22.—Miles L. Tower is now making arrangements to rebuild his sawmill which was burned here Sunday. The fire started from the slab pile about 5:30 in the afternoon. The alarm was telephoned and help asked. A few minutes later word came not to bother sending help, as it was then too late, the fire having gotten such a start that it could not be put out before it had consumed the entire mill and when lumber was at the plant, as well as several hundred feet of logs. The building occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tower as a residence part of the time was also burned. There was no insurance.

## Major General Bell To Train Illinois Men

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Following a banquet in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce tonight, Major General Bell Jr. will leave for Camp Logan, at Houston, to take command of the federalized Illinois militia and train them for overseas service.

Army officials here say the Illinois troops will be either the first or second militia organization to leave for France.

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## Alarming Reports About Russia Heard

Washington Hears Rumors Kerenky Government About to Fall and of Serious Riots—No Confirmation.

Washington, Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Decidedly alarming reports concerning conditions in Russia were widely circulated in Washington today. They ranged from stories that the Kerenky government was about to be overthrown to others that very serious rioting had broken out in many of the larger Russian cities.

Secretary of State Lansing refused to discuss these reports. He said the state department had no information concerning them. No reports have reached here from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd dealing with the subject.

Officials at the Russian embassy, in the absence of the ambassador, said they had no news. They said that all of their late cables indicated that the Austro-German offensive had been checked and that the situation was "well in hand."

## LIBERTY BONDS CAN'T BE DELIVERED BEFORE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Bureau of Printing Completely Swamped With Work; Help Asked From Outside.

Uncle Sam's Liberty bonds will probably not be ready for delivery before late in October, according to information reaching Portland bankers today.

The bureau of printing and engraving at Washington, completely swamped with the huge task of engraving and printing these certificates, has thrown up its hands and called for help. Last Wednesday the treasury department asked for bids from bond printing houses in the East to help in the preparation of the bonds, and three bids were made.

The specifications provide for the printing of 2,000,000 bonds. The highest bid was 20 cents per bond, or \$400,000 for the contract, the second bid was 15 cents per bond, or \$300,000, while the lowest bid was 14 cents, or \$280,000.

Because of the urgent demand by the government that the task be completed, it is probable that the bids of all three companies, which are located in New York, will be accepted. The rates of these bids are said to be very low in comparison with the usual bond printing prices, which for engraved certificates are often over \$1 per bond.

The government specifies, however, that the contracts must be executed by September 30, and the contractors are to have been informed the treasury department officials that this was next to impossible.

The government is anxious to have these bonds ready for delivery before November 15, when the second Liberty loan of \$3,000,000,000 will be offered. Hundreds of inquiries have been made at the local banks about when the certificates are to be issued, and the government is anxious to show the bond subscribers what they have purchased before they are called on to make further expenditure.

## Find No Trace of Klamath Engineer

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 22.—No news has been received from W. H. Marshall, the engineer from Klamath Agency who is lost in the Red Bluff country. It is believed that some serious accident has befallen Marshall, as he is known to be among the most experienced woodmen of that section and well able to take care of himself and find his way about under any ordinary circumstances.

Marshall left Tuesday morning on a hunting trip with A. G. Gingham, the sawmill operator at the agency. The two pitched camp and left, taking different routes. Wednesday morning Gingham returned late in the day, but paid no attention to the matter at first, as he believed Marshall would be back a short time later.

Every available man at the Klamath agency has now joined the search, and more than a dozen men are from Fort Klamath are in the party.

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## Tobacco May Be Sent to Soldiers In Small Cartons

From now on, according to a recent decision of the war department, tobacco may be sent to the soldiers. The department has authorized small cartons containing 25 cents' worth of tobacco. All that has to be done is to buy one of these cartons and send it to the quartermaster's corps and it will be shipped to the proper company or troop.

Any other gift, however, will be for the present at least—declined.

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Petition Commanders for Permission to Continue Assaults About Verdun.

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With the French Army at Verdun, Aug. 22.—(U. P.)—Fired with a zeal that made their charges utterly irresistible, French soldiers, victors in France's greatest blow out of Verdun, petitioned their commanders today for permission not to be limited to specified objectives in their advances. The petition was to keep on going.

They fretted yesterday at stern orders limiting them to certain trenches over which they swarmed in unbeatable waves, when there were more German lines just ahead that they felt could just as well have been captured. In some places the troops could not restrain themselves from exceeding the limits of the advance which had been estimated by the French headquarters.

Many German Guns Destroyed

Reports from the various component armies participating in the offensive around Verdun established today the fact that the French artillery has destroyed scores of great German guns brought up a year ago by infinite labor and fixed in elaborate emplacements for what was to be Germany's victorious assault on Verdun.

Deadman's hill, blackened by the blood of thousands on both sides, its slopes a gaunt specter of naked ground, was entirely in French hands today. The myriad defenses which the crown prince spent months were leveled into mere crumbled earth. The hill itself must remain a gigantic monument to lost hopes. It took the Germans months to capture it, more months to fortify it, and still more months to hold it. The French took it in the first morning's advance.

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Auditor Martin Shows That \$729,097 Was Received in the General Fund During First Seven Months of Year.

A report of the county finances was made by Auditor Sam Martin today at the regular meeting of the county commissioners.

The statement shows that for the first seven months of the fiscal year \$729,097.84 has been received in the general fund. This is at the rate of \$104,156.83 a month.

Disbursements from the general fund for the first seven months have amounted to \$659,663.86. This is at the rate of \$94,237.69 a month. The disbursements include \$20,000, the cost of the city and county election and one half of which is owed by the city. Included also is the amount expended as interest on the road and Interstate bridge bonds.

The balance on hand in the general fund is \$117,514.98.

The road fund has received \$290,333 and has expended \$224,235.15, leaving a balance on hand August 1 of \$66,135.40.

## County To Buy SLABWOOD

The county commissioners closed a contract today with the Albina Fuel company to furnish slabwood for the two Albina ferry boats at \$3.50 a cord.

The contracts are for one year, with an option in favor of the county to renew for two succeeding years at the same price.

Chairman Rufus C. Holman stated that in view of the scarcity of fuel and the high market prices, he considered the county fortunate in securing this contract at so low a rate.

## Soldiers Are Immune

Threats of \$50 fines for speeding may frighten some motorists into a more reasonable rate of travel, but there is no reason for soldiers or those in the service of the government to heed the threat.

District Judge Jones established a precedent Tuesday in dismissing the charge of speeding against Lester Bennett because he was a soldier in the army.

## Divorce Suits Filed

Mabel Holland has filed suit for divorce from Harry H. Holland. The complaint alleges cruelty and asks that \$75 a month and one third of Holland's real property be given to the wife. Suit for divorce was filed by H. S. Stafford against Christina Stafford. The pair have been married 37 years, and the divorce is sought by the husband on the grounds of desertion, alleged to have occurred in 1910.

## Refused Citizenship