

COLD WATER PUT ON HERMISTON CANTONMENT IDEA

General Murray Telegraphs No Plans Exist at Present to Construct New Camps at That Place.

Prospects for the establishment of an army cantonment at Hermiston, Umatilla county, or any other place in the western department, are not very bright, according to information given in a telegram from General Arthur Murray at San Francisco, received by Senator Chamberlain this morning.

When the campaign for the establishment of the Hermiston cantonment was started, and the subject was broached to Senator Chamberlain just prior to his departure for Portland, he was quoted as saying that, so far as he knew, it was not the intention of the war department to establish any new cantonments at this time.

Since his arrival in Portland he wired to General Murray, in command of the western department, at his San Francisco headquarters and asked the present status of the proposed cantonment at Hermiston, also the purpose of the investigations being made by Major Parks, recently here.

General Murray's answer was received this morning. From its terms there would seem to be small probability of the establishment of a cantonment at Hermiston, unless the department should decide in the future to expand the facilities already provided for housing and training the troops.

The telegram is as follows:

"Telegraphic reply was sent you in Washington on October 23, notifying you that Major Parks did not inspect any localities with the view of establishing cantonments. He did inspect certain areas situated in the western department with a view to their suitability for future army training purposes. This in accordance with war department instructions received during August to report upon possibilities of this department. No details furnished by the war department. Presume it merely desires information for future use in case of further expansion."

Ill Health Causes Man to Kill Self

Despondent over ill health, Theodore Melton, 45 years old, committed suicide some time Sunday night by drinking carbolic acid. The body was found by his son Buel, this morning, at 6 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Melton and her daughter left for Indianapolis about four weeks ago. Mr. Melton had gone to the home of W. H. Raabe about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and asked to have some one come to see him. Mrs. Raabe made the visit and he complained to her of a pain in the chest. After giving him some medicine she returned home, leaving him alone. He is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

Trench Puzzle Is Fascinating Game

J. A. Currey, Portland manager of the Trussed Concrete Steel company, has invented the "Sammy" puzzle, principally for the entertainment of soldiers, upon which he has been allowed a patent by the government.

Utilizing his knowledge of compensating angles, Mr. Currey has produced a compact maze of intersecting "trenches," in which lurk six balls representing German soldiers and one representing an American soldier. One who learns or stumbles on the secret of the compensating angles can compel the half dozen "Germans" to retreat into a dugout where they are captured by the "American."

TELEPHONE STRIKE IS NOT CALLED OFF, SAYS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Walkout Postponed to Give Company Chance to Meet Demands, He Declares.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—(U. P.)—"The telephone strike has been merely postponed to give the company a final opportunity to accede to our demands. It has not been called off, and will not be unless the company gives in," was the statement given out today by a member of the union committee.

Later John Morgenthau, president of the district council of electrical workers, added an explanation to the eleven-hour postponement. "We thought the calling of a strike at midnight Saturday, only a few hours after the public had been informed of the company's rejection of our ultimatum, would place the unions in a wrong light."

That the 5300 men and girls in California, Washington, Oregon and Nevada would positively strike at midnight Wednesday was reiterated on all sides in union circles today. One plan for crippling the service was disclosed when it became known that efforts would be centered on the "repeater men" stationed at Sacramento, Portland, Medford and Walla Walla. With these men out, the unions hope to hit the company in a vital spot by tying up the telegraph and long distance service.

"We will not compromise on our demands," said Morgenthau, "and we will not back down on our demand for recognition of the girls' unions. That is our final word."

Federal Mediation Sought
Washington, Oct. 29.—(U. P.)—Government aid was sought today to prevent the threatened strike of Pacific coast telephone operators, with a possible general tie-up of business. Telegrams from Senator Phelan of California and Gavin McNab, asking that the president's mediation commission visit San Francisco to attempt an adjustment, were forwarded to Secretary Wilson at Clifton, Ariz.

Steals Tuberculosis Bacteria
Dear Delton, Mont. Oct. 29.—(U. P.)—William Wilson, paroled convict, is back at the penitentiary here today after stealing a tube of tuberculosis bacteria.

WHEAT PRICE IS NOT ARBITRARY MAXIMUM FIXED ON FARMERS

Growers May Sell for Higher Figure If They Can Get It, Explains Max Houser.

When the government fixed a price of \$2.20 a bushel for No. 1 wheat delivered at Chicago and, later, a price of \$2.05 for No. 1 wheat delivered at Portland and other northwest terminals, it was not a compulsory price and it does not prevent farmers from selling for a higher price if they can get it, or for a lower price if they are willing to take it.

The price fixed by the government is what the government will pay when it buys wheat.

It does not prevent mills eager for supplies from paying more than the price fixed by the government. Price fixing is misnomer. This fact is made clear in repeated announcements from Food Administration. Hoover's office said that the government is aiming at price stabilization and that, consequently, the terms food control and price fixing are misnomers.

It is confirmed by a statement from the office of Max Houser, northwest grain commissioner. The farmer, merely, is protected by the price fixed by the government. He doesn't have to sell No. 1 wheat for less than \$2.05 Portland or \$2.20 Chicago. The government will take all he has at that figure. If he is dissatisfied with the treatment accorded him by dealers, the northwest grain commissioner will handle it for him at the commission fixed by the act creating the Food Administration Grain corporation.

W. G. Crowell, vice president of the Food Administration Grain corporation, has written a letter covering the point: "The Food Administration Grain corporation will only buy wheat at the prices ascertained to be fair values by the commission appointed by President Wilson, when this wheat is delivered at any one of the terminals at which this corporation has an agency. You have the right, however, to sell your wheat at any price which you can obtain for same from any source."

Cooperation Is Sought.
"In order to stabilize the price of wheat, many millers have signed a voluntary agreement with this agency of the Food Administration to buy only upon the price basis as fixed by the price commission. This does not harm, however, or anyone else from selling wheat as stated above for more than the price which the grain corporation will pay for your wheat."

"We desire, however, your cooperation and the cooperation of all growers, grain dealers and millers in endeavoring to carry out the policies of the Food Administration to the end that the price may be stabilized and the consuming population protected against an undue advancement in value of flour, that is reflected through the basic price of wheat. The Food Administration trusts that the price which has been found by the commission is acceptable to the growers, but will not attempt to dictate a fixed price to anybody."

Web fingered gloves to help swimmers are the invention of a Honolulu physician.

Lime Price Cut in Half for Farmers

As a result of a campaign against lime dealers who have been selling lime to Clackamas county farmers from \$13 to \$17 a ton, R. J. Werner, agriculturist for Clackamas county, has announced that he has been able to arrange for lime delivered at Oregon City for \$6.15 a ton and at Estacada for \$7 a ton. In the campaign against what he declares are inflated prices of the lime dealers, Clackamas agriculturist Werner has been assisted by Frank Ewing, manager of the demonstration farm established by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company near Estacada.

\$25,382,300 FROM STATE SUBSIDIZED FOR LIBERTY LOAN

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the final letters, this time letters of congratulation and thanks, are being sent.

C. A. Miller, state manager, who was sent to Portland by the San Francisco federal reserve bank to have charge of the Oregon drive, and C. H. Davis, office manager, left on the Shasta limited Sunday afternoon for the office of Max Houser, northwest grain commissioner. "I am well satisfied," was the comment of W. A. MacRae, president of the Portland Clearing House association, and chairman of the state central committee. "We did everything that could be expected, and I have no regrets."

Oregon did not make the maximum of \$30,000,000, but the view of the fact that it did not become generally known that this amount was sought until the last four days of the campaign. Everyone in the state, outside of the campaign leaders, thought \$18,000,000 was the mark until the astounding announcement that \$30,000,000 was expected was made. Then the campaign leaders everywhere went out and worked manfully and more vigorously than they had before, but there was too little time left for the supreme success to be accomplished.

Of the \$25,000,000 of bonds sold in Lake county, everyone was paid for in full. The campaign leaders announced that word received from Bernard Daly, county chairman. Likewise, in the town of Richmond, where \$8500 of bonds were sold, the lack of subscriptions were fully paid for. Close to 60,000 bonds were sold in the state. It was estimated at headquarters today.

Luncheon in Celebration
Tuesday the workers will have a final gathering at luncheon at the Portland hotel. This will be in the grill room. The luncheon will be a luncheon of general distribution, publicity and speaking committees, and this includes everyone who worked in the state drive. Presumably 200 or more will attend. There will be a number of four minute speakers and the final recapitulation will be announced.

All records of this drive were being sorted at headquarters today, preparatory to filing away for the third drive, which, it is anticipated, will open some time late in December or early in January.

The Astoria Savings bank made the best record of any savings bank in the state, outside of the city of Portland, with total subscriptions of \$253,000.

Benton, Union and Walla Walla counties are the only three to have made their maximum quotas. Two other counties made maximum quotas. The standing of all cities in the state, outside of Portland, today was as follows:

Maximum Cities
Powers 223, Mosier 177, Seaside 229, Wheeler 224, Westfall 211, Rainier 225, Bridal Veil 229, Jacksonville 227, Central Point 222, Cannon Beach 212, Astoriaville 200, Walla Walla 200, Wheeler 198, Canyon City 190, Sandy 189, Lafayette 187, Philomath 186, Clifton 186, La Grande 183, North Bend 178, Cloverdale 176, Pendleton 172, Enterprise 172.

Minimum Cities
More 163, Paisley 167, Helix 161, Union 126, Florence 123, Amity 123, Yamhill 122, Banks 122, Dallas 123, Gardiner 122, Warrenton 122, Pilot Rock 122, Dufur 122, Stanfield 122, Newberg 122, Ashland 122, Forestview 122, Talent 120, Plains 118, Tillamook 118, Vale 117, Oregon City 116, Falls City 116, Brownsville 115, Weston 115, Springfield 115, Port Orford 115, Mill City 115, Imbler 107, Eugene 104, Drain 101, Preewater 101, Shaniko 101, Monroe 144, Ione 144, Astoria 140, Riddle 137, Bledo 136, Lakeview 135, Eagle Point 134, St. Paul 132, Medford 132, Glendale 130, Myrtle Creek 130, Foster 128, Benton 128, Astoria 127, Roseburg 125, Myrtle Point 125, North Powder 125, Coburg 125, Bend 125, McMinnville 125, La Grange 125, Clifton 125, Hood River 118, Willamina 114, Molale 111, Badlam 110, Clifton 110, Grove 108, Prineville 107, Estacada 107, Haines 106, Newport 106, Lexington 106, John Day 102, Donald 104, Monmouth 103, Athena 102, Harrisburg 102, Dayton 103, Halsey 102, Silverton 101, Redmond 101, Parker 100, Marshfield 100, Sutherlin 100, St. Helens 100. The final ranks of counties of the state, as appearing today, are given below.

In the following, the percentages are percentages of the counties' maximum quotas. It will be noted that only three counties have made their maximums:

Maximum Counties
Benton \$ 270,000 Reported P.C. 111
Union \$ 260,000 109
Walla Walla \$ 220,000 100

Minimum Counties
Umatilla \$11,500,000 95
Lake 230,000 92
Clatsop 250,000 84
Tillamook 150,000 82
Grant 150,000 82
Columbia 170,000 78
Lincoln 170,000 78
Jackson 785,000 78
Wheeler 80,000 75
Wasco 650,000 75
Coos 680,000 72
Yamhill 630,000 73
Deschutes 450,000 70
Clackamas 480,000 70
Douglas 580,000 70
Hood River 200,000 70
Sherman 280,000 69
Crook 155,000 66
Polk 100,000 60
Lane 95,000 62
Washington 550,000 62
Multnomah outside city 70,000 61
Morrow 270,000 61

Failed to Make Minimum
Baker 900,000 55
Harney 255,000 54
Linn 500,000 54
Malheur 500,000 49
Josephine 225,000 47
Marion 1,750,000 47
Gilliam 240,000 47
Klamath 285,000 47
Curry 80,000 32
Jefferson 80,000 32

Lancaster Is Committed
Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 29.—James Lancaster was Saturday adjudged sane and committed to the state asylum.

The Pacific Kiesel-Kar Co., Broadway and Davis, are the oldest Ford dealers on the coast. They also sell parts. Adv.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLDS FIRST CONCERT OF SEASON ON SUNDAY

Auditorium Is Used by Big Organization for the First Time; Attendance Large.

By J. L. Wallin

At the Auditorium Sunday afternoon the Portland Symphony orchestra began its seventh season with a stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," and was applauded to the echo. The big pipe organ was used with much effect, furnishing a solid foundation for the orchestral instruments. The organ was played by Frederick W. Goodrich, who will henceforth manipulate the organ at all symphony concerts when parts are scored for that instrument.

Last season, at the first concert after the United States had entered the world war, the orchestra opened its program with the national anthem, and some declared it incoherent. The new departure found favor in the east, however, and it is the national anthem that now marks the beginning instead of the close of the big concert. So Portland, at the risk of becoming criticized by those from old traditions, in this country at least, and won out.

Crowd Is Larger
It was not a capacity house that greeted the orchestra Sunday, but the attendance was probably 2400, and hence larger than at any time before, for neither the Heilig nor the Eleventh Street theatre, where the orchestra has been at home heretofore, held that many. And it is interesting to note that there was a heavy run on the lower-priced seats.

Schubert's unfinished symphony was the principal offering of the program. Musicians and symphony concert devotees alike are thoroughly familiar with it, and so it came as an old friend, and a good, solid one, that is always welcome. When the Oregon Savings & Loan bank, followed too closely upon MacDowell's Indian suite, which, paradoxical as it may seem, imparted to the program quite a marked lack of contrast. The program was relatively short. It contained the symphony, two suites and "Danse Negre," by Cole-ridge-Taylor, which, too, was taken from a suite, "Africain." A dainty little string number, entirely unattached, would have furnished desired variety, or a work with something for the brass to do would have added the lacking "pop."

Endymion Most Interesting
Most interesting was probably the Arthur Hinton suite, "Endymion," particularly so the second number with its passages for flute and oboe and an oboe solo, exquisitely played by Frederick Starke.

The Coleridge-Taylor excerpt was typical of the music of the Dark Continent, where rhythm rather than melody enters into the native music. But throughout the beginning of this number there runs a thin strain suggestive of "Campanella Through the Rye," before it develops into the African rhythm of "Um-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta." Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, as the program notes noted, was a unique figure in musical history. His father was a full-blooded African negro and his mother an English woman. He received his musical education at the Royal College of Music, London. Born in 1875, he died in 1912.

Carl Denton conducted with splendid authority and Henry L. Bettman proved an excellent concertmaster. The personnel of the orchestra shows many changes since last season. The next concert will be given December 2, when Moses Christensen will conduct.

Japanese Consul to Be Host for Dinner

Sukeyuki Akamatsu, Japanese consul, and Mrs. Akamatsu have issued invitations for a dinner Wednesday evening at the Multnomah hotel in celebration of the birthday of the emperor of Japan. The hour will be 7:30, and invitations have been issued to about 120 guests, including state and city officials, their wives and many prominent Portland men and women. It will be an elaborately appointed affair, commemorating a national holiday in Japan. The emperor's birthday falls in fact in August, but owing to the severe summer heat of that season, the official celebration is placed for October 31.



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Soldiers at Butte Sick With Measles

Butte, Mont., Oct. 29.—(U. P.)—An epidemic of measles has broken out in the barracks of the Washington coast artillerymen stationed here. Nine cases were reported today. The barracks are being fumigated. None of the victims of the disease are in danger.

PROMINENT PORTLAND LAWYER IS CALLED BY DEATH IN LOS ANGELES

P. L. Willis for Many Years Took Leading Part in Civic Affairs; 79 Years of Age.

P. L. Willis died in Los Angeles Sunday morning from paralysis. He was one of the best known attorneys in the state for many years and had practiced law in Portland for over 30 years. Mr. Willis, who would have been 79 years old next month, is survived by his wife, a son Guy G. Willis of Portland; two daughters Mrs. George H. Nottage and Mrs. M. A. M. Ashley. Mr. Willis was a graduate of Williams university and practiced law in Salem before coming to Portland.

From 1893 to 1897 Mr. Willis was a member of the state senate. He took great interest in civil service reform and was the first civil service commissioner of Portland, in which office he served several terms with ability and fidelity. His financial and landed interests were large and at one time he was considered a millionaire. Timber lands on Wilson river constitute a large portion of his property now. At one time he was interested in placing on the market a number of residence additions to Portland, including University Park, Portsmouth and Garden Park. When the Oregon Savings & Loan bank went to the wall he was heavily involved, and to pay the depositors he put in \$400,000 of his own money raised by pledging everything he possessed.

Mr. Willis was at one time law partner with Richard Williams, who was elected to congress. His next partnership was with Seneca Smith. For the past several years he has been associated with Glitner & Sewall. His special abilities were in land titles and matters pertaining to land ownership. Mr. Willis was a man highly thought of, and his upright character was exemplified in his sacrifice of his fortune to protect depositors in an unfortunate bank collapse. The body will be cremated in Los Angeles.

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