RAILROAD MEN IN PORTLAND FAVOR FEDERAL CONTROL

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APPOINTMENT IS PLEASING

Favorable Comment Is Heard Generally Over Naming of McAdoo Director General.

Aversion of many transportation difficulties is seen by Portland railroad men in the new federal control of railroads which became effective at noon today.

Conflict of authority between the interstate commerce commission, the state public service commission, the national and state regulatory laws, has been a great trial to traffic men and executives. Under the new regime, it is taken that these difficulties will be met by the national war board rather than by the individual railway heads.

Officials of roads operating out of Portland welcome the change as a war measure and express the belief that it will result in a permanent improvement in the quality of railroad legislation after the war.

One of the most serious problems confronting the roads at this time is the supply of men to take the places of those who have enlisted in the army and navy. The centralizing of managerial forces contemplated in the government's program will release much valuable man power which may be diverted to lines of work most in need.

Railroad Officials Pleased

W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, returned this morning from a month's stay in Chicago and other Eastern points. He says of the railway situation:

"Railroad officials generally will welcome the appointment of Mr. McAdoo as dictator of the railroads. Many prominent railroad men with whom I talked in the East were anticipating such a move as this. So far as Portland is concerned, I do not believe any radical changes will be made. It is possible that the number of passenger trains may be reduced and the price of the fare raised and that the shipment of non-essentials will be prohibited, but the added efficiency in the handling of freight will be a compensation for any inconvenience. This will be brought about by compelling shippers to improve their methods of loading and by the transfer of cars from roads which have a plethora of rolling stock to territory affected by car shortage."

Jesse W. Platts, general agent of the Erie railway in Portland, has been notified to close the office in this city January 1. The books and records of the Portland office are to be sent to the company's office in Seattle and Mr. Platts is ordered to report at the Erie office in Chicago. A form letter sent out by officials of the Erie system explains the purpose of closing this and other offices of the lines of the system by stating that the men employed in them can be used to better advantage in other lines of railroad work. Mr. Platts, with his family, will leave for Chicago January 1. His office assistant, C. G. Sutton, will remain in Portland.

No Traffic Solicitation

Under the regime of Mr. McAdoo there will be no necessity for traffic solicitation, either passenger or freight, and railroad officials predict that Railroad Row on Third street will soon be deserted. From announcements already made by the government it is clear that all unnecessary travel will be discouraged and that circuitous routing of freight will be taboo; this will kill the business of the solicitors, many believe.

Many of the men employed in the city offices of eastern roads will doubtless be transferred to other branches of railroad service and some are planning to engage in other lines of business.

It is generally understood that the higher officials of the railroads will be retained in their present positions during the period of the war and it is also pointed out that there will be no raises in salary among these officials or other inducements offered to lure them from one railroad system to another.

Will Boost Home Industry

"Government control of railroad operation will be a big boost for home industry," predicted Albert G. Clark, manager of the Home Industry league, this morning.

"If, for instance, out here in Portland, some dealer orders from the east a supply of goods that are manufactured locally, I feel confident that the government will say, 'Place your orders in your own locality and leave the freight cars for goods that must be carried across the country to help the government win the war.'

"I am sure, too, that it will profit local dealers to get ready for this condition and plan larger support of home industry than ever before."

Sproule Issues Statement

The following statement was issued today regarding the railroad situation by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company:

"The president's proclamation on taking control of the railroads of the country states the purpose and method as clearly as can be done in my opinion. As to the effect of government control of the roads upon the public service, I can simply point out to you that the action of the president has been taken through the secretary of war on the one hand and through the secretary of the treasury, for financial and administrative purposes, on the other hand. Thus are combined the needs of the war and of industry and finance. There can be no question as to the motives of the president—the center of the target aimed at by the president and by the nation is war. We must keep our minds fixed upon this point. Section 80 of the selective service regulations issued by the secretary of war states in part, 'Two things are to be accomplished—the raising of armies and the maintainance of industry and agriculture.'

To Reduce Interference

"'It is evident that the purpose is not absolutely to prevent interference with industry but to reduce that interference to the minimum.' In other words a balance must be struck and maintained between the military and industrial needs of the nation. 'The railroads of the country are of vital importance to military operations and must be operated with a maximum or efficiency more readily attained under government control than under the private management.

"Officials of the railroads cheerfully welcome this and any opportunity to serve the government. Reliance can be placed upon the continuing desire of the railroads to do their part toward winning the war, whatever may be the duration of this deplorable struggle for human rights, so ardently championed by the president, behind whom we all stand."

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NOT AN ELECTION WAGER, BUT SERIOUS BUSINESS

Seamen J. C. Biehl and J. P. Yohman, of Newark, are scarcely 22 years old, yet they have taken upon their shoulders a weighty vow and that is not to shave until they have fought a good fight with an enemy submarine. The men have crossed the Atlantic several times, but it has never been their luck to run into one of the enemy's vessels.

EPISCOPAL MISSION SERVICES TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND CHURCH

Rev. J. Attwood Stansfield Called by St. Stevens and St. Davids to Preach.

Rev. J. Attwood Stansfield, Episcopal clergyman, will begin a series of mission services in Portland at the Pro-Cathedral January 3. Mr. Stansfield was brought to the city through the efforts of St. Stevens and St. Davids church and will hold a 10 day mission in each one, at St. Stevens from January 3 to 23 and at St. Davids from January 17 to 27.

Mr. Stansfield was formerly a parish priest with a large congregation. He has held mission meetings in churches all over the United States and comes to Portland from Detroit. He is said to have a wonderful gift of reaching men in every walk of life, imparting not only religion to them, but giving them constructive reasons for the foundations of faith.

In connection with the nightly services Mr. Stansfield will hold meetings for sermons or instruction during the day. The interest of the public, however, centers chiefly around the informal evening meetings.

It is possible that similar missions will be conducted in Salem and Astoria.

Stock Prices Are Advancing Again

New York, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Rails again dominated the stock market today. With the railroads of the country to go under government control at noon, the high prices reached by the various issues yesterday were increased fractionally at the opening. The general market was strong.

New York Central opened at 71½, up 1 from yesterday's close. Union Pacific was up ¾ at 111¼. United States Steel was up ¼ on first sales.

Will Entertain for Company E., R. E.

Fancy Exhibition Dances Will Be Added Feature of Entertainment Planned as Benefit Ball Saturday Night.

Two graceful dancers, twirling through original steps in a maze of colored lights, will appear Saturday night at the benefit ball to be given for Company E, Eighteenth railway engineers, at the Multnomah hotel.

The local auxiliary to Company E, which is sponsor for the benefit dance, will present Miss Ruth Alexander and Allen Meilke during an interlude in the program. Lighting effects will be supervised by Mrs. Urdahl Smith, creator of the art filiars, and the apparatus has been lent by W. A. Stone of the Service Film company.

Company E is now in France, engaged on engineering projects essential to American military operations and the success of the allied arms. It is largely recruited from Portland and Oregon, and the auxiliary was created to minister to its welfare and comfort in the war zone. All receipts of the dance will be devoted to a comfort fund for the company.

Those who have not been visited by the ticket committees may procure tickets at the Pine street entrance tomorrow night. The dance is announced for 8 o'clock, and an invitation has been extended to everyone.

'MURDER MEETING' IS TOPIC OF ATTACK IN CHINESE TONG TRIAL

Tacoma Ice Man Testifies as to Presence in Tacoma of Man Alleged Present.

"Cut out the rough stuff," was the message sent by Chief of Police Clark along about the end of May to Chin Hong, the Chinaman who was murdered June 2 last in the tong war then raging. So testified Police Officer John Wellbrook, who was called to the witness stand by the defense this morning in the trial of Chin Jung Hin for complicity in the murder of Chin Hong, a prominent member of the Bing Kung-Bow Leong tong, which was at outs with the Suey Sings, of which Chin Jung Hin is reputed president.

Wellbrook delivered the message to Chin Hong. He testified Chin Hong told him he was "not satisfied."

Iceman Tells Story

Whether or not his dissatisfaction lay with the peace pact which his tong had just signed with the Hop Sing-Suey Sing forces, or whether he was naturally thirsting for the blood of the enemy, was not disclosed by the man who was subsequently shot down by Yee Guk and Shee Fong, the gunman of the Suey Sings.

Thursday afternoon Otto Leth, an iceman of Tacoma, testified that Low Soon, who was alleged by witnesses for the state to have been present at the murder meeting of the Suey Sings when, it has been asserted, they raised a large sum of money and issued arms and munitions to its gunmen to go out and "get" Chin Hong, could not have been present at the meeting in question because he was in Tacoma, and this the witness well knew for he delivered ice to him on that day and for many days previously and subsequently.

Policeman Takes Stand

Low Soon, according to the testimony of Gong Wah, star witness for the prosecution, had taken a prominent part in the alleged meeting.

Ex-Captain of Police C. E. King of the Tacoma police gave similar testimony regarding Loo Bow, another member of the tong whom Gong Wah had said was present at the meeting. The witness said he was acting as a bodyguard in Tacoma for Loo Bow on, before and after the day of meeting and did not lose sight of him for any appreciable length of time, and, being in Tacoma, could not, of course, attend a meeting in Portland.

It is the intention of the defense to introduce evidence to show that the "murder meeting" of which the state has made so much, is a myth.

TWO WOMEN SEEK DIVORCES

Mrs. Marian Buel Alleges Non-Support and Mrs. Jorgensen Cruelty.

Marian Alice Buell has filed suit against T. T. Buell for divorce in the circuit court, alleging that he would refuse to speak to her for a week at a time; that he contributed nothing for her support and that she was obliged to sue him for separate maintenance, securing a judgment awarding her $55 per month.

She alleges that Buell began divorce proceedings against her in Multnomah county in November in which he alleged she had committed forgery, made a practice of going on joy rides and frequented jitney dances.

Mrs. Buell asks that the custody of their two children, 1 and 2 years of age, be awarded to Buell's mother.

Hazel Jorgensen has sued for a divorce from Einar Jorgensen, alleging cruelty and asking for $30 per month alimony and the restoration of her maiden name, Hazel Brundell. The Jorgensens were married in Portland, June 30, 1909.

PLAINTIFF ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL

Katherine Kuntz Protests Against the Court's Order Granting Non-Suit.

Katherine Kuntz, who lost her suit against the Emerson Hardwood company for $40,000 in Circuit Judge Gantenbein's court last week on a nonsuit, filed a motion for a new trial this morning. She alleges, through her attorney, there was an insufficiency of evidence to justify the judgment of the court in granting the defendant's motion for a nonsuit, and claims the court erred in law. Mrs. Kuntz was suing for damages for the death of her husband, which she alleges occurred at a result of an accident at the defendant's sawmill, where he was employed.

The fact of the death was not disputed, but the defendant company claimed contributory negligence on the part of Kuntz and made it the basis of the motion for a nonsuit.

Wife Loves Another, Charge

James Edwin Monahan, in a divorce suit filed today, charges Adelaide Sarah Monoghan with possession of a vicious and uncontrollable temper and alleging that she does not love him, loves Jack Fife instead and was in the habit of telling him that she wished she had married Jack instead. He asks the court to restore her her maiden name of Adelaide Sarah Machine. The Monahans were married at Victoria, B. C., September 7, 1913.

STORY OF TURKISH ATROCITIES TO BE GIVEN BY ELKUS

Former Ambassador Is on Way to Portland From San Francisco; Will Speak in Auditorium.

ITINERARY IS CHANGED

More Time Is Given American Statesman in This City This Coming Sunday.

Abram I. Elkus, who was America's ambassador to Turkey at the time diplomatic relations were broken, is to tell Portland people about the sensational experiences of the stirring days just preceding his departure. He will also relate what he has seen at first hand of Turkish atrocities and Armenian and Jewish suffering. He will arrive in Portland, Sunday morning, January 6, and remain throughout the day, according to a telegram received this morning by J. J. Handsaker, state manager of the Armenian relief campaign. "The message is an indication that the telegrams from Mayor Baker, the Jewish relief committee and of the Armenian and Syrian relief committee, asking that Ambassador Elkus spend more time here than he originally planned, have had result," said Mr. Hansaker.

The message received this morning says:

Itinerary Revised

"Ambassador Elkus' itinerary revised. He arrives in Portland from San Francisco 7:40 o'clock, Sunday morning, January 6, Southern Pacific, and leaves 11:10 o'clock Sunday night, Union Pacific, for Seattle. Please proceed as these arrangements are final and advise us by wire. Elkus on way today."

Arrangements are being made today for a public meeting, Sunday morning, January 6, for a conference on Armenian and Syrian relief on Sunday afternoon and a meeting at Temple Beth Israel on behalf of Jewish sufferers on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

"Soon after I reported the offering of the White Temple Sunday school of $125, the largest for Armenian and Syrian relief, from the white Christmas," said Mr. Handsaker.

"Reports came in from the First Christian Sunday school of Portland of $450, and one man who read The Journal report in Salem came in to say that the First Methodist Episcopal of that city had raised already $430 and was still going strong. Other schools reporting are Central Free Methodist, $8.81; Laurelwood Congregational church, $8.70; Anabel Presbyterian, $25, and Salem Christian, $101.

Oregon Is Rallying

"Bishop Hughes has just wired Dr. Blake, chairman of Sunday school war council and national superintendent of Methodist Sunday schools, regarding the giving of the time of Rev. M. B. Parounagian, state superintendent of Methodist Sunday schools in Oregon:

"'Oregon rallying with its accustomed loyalty to President Wilson's appeal for 400,000 starving Armenian and Syrian orphans. Several county campaigns under way. Great January drive demands best available talent. Respectfully urge release Parounagian, the native Armenian, whose birth, training and whose fears for fate of sister and family who have probably been butchered by Turks, make him one of most valuable men in Oregon. Knows story at first hand and will thrill great Oregon audiences. Will save hundreds of lives where others save tens. As chairman of Sunday school war council you appreciate need.'

Correct Numbers Given

"One salesman for office supplies, who showed us the merits of his desk convenience, was glad to recommend to his firm the loan of the articles. One new volunteer stenographer is at work. We are sorry that through a typographical error a mistake was made in our phone number, and some who tried to reach us were unable to do so. Our phones are A-2650, Main 5023."

9 Reported Injured After an Explosion

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—An explosion in the coke by products department of the Inland Steel company plant at Indiana Harbor, Ind., today injured nine men, according to a statement issued by the company shortly after the blast let go. Only one of the men was seriously injured, it is claimed.

The explosion was followed by reports that several had been killed. This officials denied.

The man seriously injured, Harry P. Shivers, may die.

CLOTHING SHORTAGE MAY DELAY NEXT CALL

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proceed as soon as the questionnaires are turned in by the registrants. This work, it was said, will be completed by the end of January.

The provost marshal general is preparing to produce the men within a few hours after they are called. There will be none of the delay that was necessary in the operation of the selection machinery last summer, when the first call was supplied.

Under government operation of the railroads it is expected also that the men will be moved to the camps more promptly and with less confusion than before.

Specialists Are Listed

Meantime the draft machinery is preparing a list of specialists of every variety, artisans of every kind and experts in every line—to be ready to answer any demands from General Pershing or the chief of staff for experts. These specialists will be taken from every class in the questionnaire.

Approximately 180,000 men of the 687,000 men summoned last summer are awaiting orders to move to camp.

Ten states and the District of Columbia have now furnished their full first call quota. These "100 per cent states" are: Virginia, Maine, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Washington. That section of Western Pennsylvania which sent men to Camp Sherman also has furnished its full quota.

Remaining states have furnished 85 to 90 per cent of their quotas.

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Plan Happy New Year for Soldiers

Mayor Baker and Members of City Council Discuss Ways and Means of Entertaining Visitors.

The Portland war emergency council plans to entertain soldiers and sailors coming here to spend New Year's day. Tentative arrangements for the entertainment were made at a meeting of members of the council with Mayor Baker Thursday afternoon.

The council proposes to do everything possible for the entertainment of the visiting men here at all times. Plans for entertainments, receptions and meeting of incoming troop trains and providing suitable quarters for the men were discussed. Sub-committees were appointed to secure reduced railroad rates for the soldiers from nearby forts, cantonments and posts.

Mayor Baker sent a telegram to Brigadier General Irons, commandant at Camp Lewis, asking for information as to the number of men who may be at liberty to spend New Year's day in Portland. The mayor proposes to have another dance and public reception at The Auditorium for the boys.

Will Repeat Program

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 28.—Christmas music will be repeated at the 11 o'clock service in St. Luke's Episcopal church Sunday morning. Holy communion will be celebrated at the 8 o'clock service and again at the 11 o'clock service.

DYNAMITE IN COAL INTENDED FOR FORT

Secret Service Believe Blowing Up of Residence Enemy Plot Aimed at Camp Grant.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Blowing up of a residence in Rockford, Ill., today spurred on secret service agents who are conducting a systematic campaign against German and Austrian plotters and members of the I. W. W. who have sought to create a reign of terror in the United States, through dynamitings, poisonings and sabotage. The blowing up of the home of William A. Ogden in Rockford is laid to the I. W. W. by government operatives, who believe that a blow had been directed at Camp Grant, and not the Ogden home.

Federal officials are of the opinion that explosives were placed in a car of coal somewhere between Indiana and Rockford by someone who knew the destination of the fuel. The finding of a stick of dynamite in coal being delivered to the Rockford hospital tended to prove this belief.

A warning was sent out to all cities and towns on the Michigan Central railroad today that plots had been made to destroy elevators and advising guards to protect the mills. A police guard is protecting one mill which a telephone threat said "may not be here by New Year's," it became known today.

Notice has been issued by Alexander Robinson, president of the village board of Matteson, Ill., to guards protecting two elevators there to shoot to kill after twice challenging night prowlers.

It became known today that 50 Chicago police have been assigned to guard grain elevators and mills in the city. Federal authorities today are looking over pamphlets and circulars taken in a raid on I. W. W. headquarters here.

Blow Aimed at Hospital, Belief

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Discovery of a 4-inch stick of dynamite in a car of coal billed to a Rockford hospital from an Indiana mine, following an explosion believed to have been caused by dynamite, that partly wrecked the home of William A. Ogden, is being made the subject of a sweeping investigation by federal authorities today. Existence of a plot to destroy this city, which is adjacent to Camp Grant, is feared.

Warnings have been sent to all householders to scan carefully all coal used and tracers have been sent out in an effort to learn the source of the dynamite found in coal shipments received here.

The explosion in the Ogden home occurred while the family was away on a holiday visit. A neighbor, seeking to warm the house before the family's return, started the furnace and a few minutes later an explosion that wrecked the house and damaged buildings adjoining occurred. Federal authorities declare that only dynamite or cordite could have caused the explosion.

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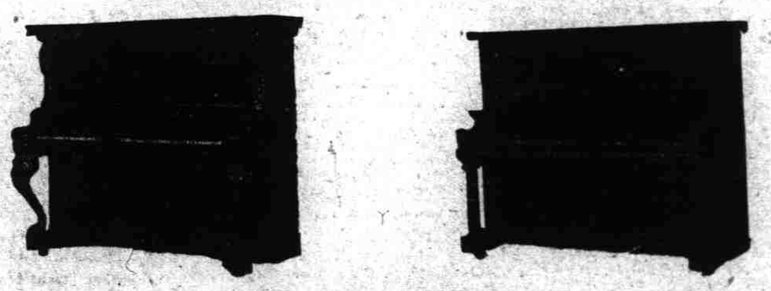

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