

LANSING IMPELLING COLUMBIAN TREATY

Its Reading Is Rushed Before Foreign Relations Committee; Releases Panama.

Washington, July 26.—At the request of Secretary Lansing, the senate foreign relations committee today agreed to take up the pending Columbian treaty as soon as the reading of the Versailles to the remainder of the committee by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, its chairman, had been completed. Lodge's reading is expected to be concluded Monday next, in which event the committee will begin consideration of the Columbian treaty on Tuesday.

This will delay consideration by the committee of the treaty of Versailles, but Republican and Democratic senators comprising the committee were unanimous in deciding that Lansing's request be complied with.

The Columbian pact provides for payment by the United States of \$25,000,000 to Columbia for the territorial rights the United States took in connection with the Panama canal. The pact is a virtual recognition of the independence of the republic of Panama and is expected to end the long controversy between the United States and the Columbian governments over the Panama canal.

Editors Will Visit Crater Lake Aug. 11
Medford, July 26.—The Medford Commercial club is out with a warning to Oregon people and tourists to remain away from Crater lake on August 11, as the club has leased all the hotel and camping accommodations for that night for entertainment of the 300 National Editorial association convention guests who will arrive here in the morning from Portland by special train and depart in the forenoon for the lake.

Damages Awarded Marconi Company

London, July 26.—The Marconi Wireless Telegraph company Friday was awarded \$2,950,000 against the British government for breach of contract involving the construction of six long distance stations for the imperial (round the empire) chain. The wireless company claimed \$35,000,000. It was alleged that the government repudiated the contract after it had been drawn.

Wheat Saved From Flames by Plowing

Freewater, July 26.—Plowing around a field of burning wheat, firefighters saved crops owned by G. E. Cockburn, three miles east of Freewater, Wednesday, but the crop of Charles Vonderhabe, where the blaze originated, was destroyed with a binder. Four horses, badly frightened, ran through the fire four times before they were caught. One was fatally and the other three were seriously burned. Vonderhabe lost much of the wheat on an 80-acre field.

Minimum Wage Is Plan for Harvard

Cambridge, Mass., July 26.—Salaries at Harvard university are to be increased in all departments next fall, or at the latest, by Jan. 1. President Lowell is said to favor an increase of at least 35 per cent, with a minimum scale. Six million dollars will be necessary to serve as a fund, the income from which will yield between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

President Prohibits Trade in Munitions

Washington, July 26.—Because of conditions of turmoil in Mexico, President Wilson, in a proclamation issued Friday afternoon prohibited and warned against the shipment of arms and munitions into Mexico.

Smash-up Precedes Arrest Conscience Is Giveaway

Two automobiles—one stolen and one a police car—four boy hobos, two policemen and a telephone pole gave an exhibition on Oak street and down Eleventh at the otherwise peaceful hour of 1 o'clock this morning.

It never could have happened except for guilty consciences. For Sergeant Crane and Patrolman G. B. Smith of the local police force had no idea that the car that rattled past theirs along Oak street, belonged to C. M. Gregory, 228 East Fifty-second, and not to the boys seated in it. But the boys recognized the policemen and "stepped on the gas."

"Something's up," said the sergeant, and the chase began.

IMMEDIATE RELIEF NEEDED BY ELECTRIC RAILWAYS, IS CLAIM

Countrywide Problem to Bring About Reasonable Return on Investments.

Washington, July 26.—Witnesses from widely separated sections of the country Friday testified before the electric railway commission today that electric industry generally finds itself without sufficient revenues to pay the operating expenses and reasonable return on investment and said that immediate relief is imperative if the industry is to survive.

Members of the commission named by the president to diagnose the financial ills of the urban and interurban electric roads learned that substantially the same conditions exist in San Francisco as in New York and the question was not local but national.

W. E. Creed, legal adviser to the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal railway and transit service; R. O. C. Clark, of New York, editor of Aera, a street railway journal; John H. Pardon, president of the American Electric Railwaymen's association; Dr. Thomas Conway, Jr., professor of finance of the University of Pennsylvania were among the witnesses.

In addition the commission received a letter from Samuel Insull, chairman of the board of the Chicago elevated railway.

All told practically the same story—high labor costs, high cost of materials, increasing taxes and a revenue that is stationary or diminishing. They asserted that such a condition could not continue.

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Speed limits were broken and two shots were fired before the boys suddenly slowed down midway between Ankeny and Burnside, and jumped out, letting the car go on. The unguided machine soon found the nearest telephone pole, damaging a fender and twisting the wheels.

Irvin Pope, 18, was caught soon after, but William Battaglia, 14, and Arthur Johnson, 17, led the policemen a devious chase through the railroad yards.

Battaglia, it was discovered, had escaped recently from the reform school. With another boy, the lads said they had been robbing milk boxes early each morning after they had told their parents they were milk drivers' helpers.

SPECIAL EMPLOYER EXPECTED TO PAY ON ALL MEN IN EMPLOY

Compensation in Case of Injury Likewise Provided for in Accident Body Rulings.

Salem, July 26.—A special employer, who comes under the jurisdiction of the industrial accident commission, is expected to pay into the workmen's compensation fund on every man under his direction whether in his pay or not, according to a ruling just made by the commission. By this same ruling such an employee would also be subject to compensation under the act in case of injury.

The ruling was based on the claim of a teamster, who was in the pay of a general employer but who was working for a road contractor designated by the commission as a special employer.

FOUR FATALITIES INCLUDED IN WEEK'S ACCIDENT LIST
Salem, July 26.—Four fatalities are included in the list of 518 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending July 24. These were Edward Strong, a miner of Tahilla; William Banks, Portland, shipbuilder; Albert Rander, Kalama, Wash., brakeman; W. L. Strickland, Klamath Falls, house mover. Of the total number of accidents 490 were subject to the provisions of the compensation act, 11 were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the act.

Asylum Patient Escapes

Salem, July 26.—George Oberwell, committed to state hospital here from Multnomah county in 1917, walked away from the hospital farm, east of Salem, Thursday afternoon. He is regarded as a quiet patient.

Town of Machias Is Nearly Destroyed by Fire; Loss \$25,000

Seattle, July 26.—(U. P.)—Fire starting in a vacant building practically destroyed the business section of the town of Machias, in Snohomish county. Friday night, reports reaching here declare. Early today the estimate of damage was \$25,000.

Business buildings, five vacant buildings and one dwelling were destroyed, as well as the stocks in the stores of the town.

The flames started in a building used by graders, who were away at the time. Citizens and campers worked heroically to save the blazing property and many homes were protected by bucket brigades. It is believed that a cigarette may have been the cause of the fire.

Freedom of Mooney Hinted at Capital

Butte, Mont., July 26.—Further developments at Washington that will be of a surprise nature and that will free her husband, were hinted at by Mrs. Rena Mooney on her arrival here today. She said her interview with Secretary to the President Tumulty recently in Washington was "highly satisfactory."

Maybe They Don't Call Any Respite On Job He Found

"I am going to look for work," said Alton King, Spanish-American war veteran, when he left his home, 145 East Twenty-seventh street north, at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. He has not been heard from since.

King is 45 years old, 5 feet 8 inches in height, and weighs more than 160 pounds. He was dressed in a blue serge coat and dark wash trousers, and a brown shirt. He is of medium complexion, brown hair and eyes, and is smooth shaven.

TWO OREGON MEN WIN WAR CROSS

Lt. Edward J. Price of Salem and Pvt. John Womack of Wallawa Given Coveted D. S. C.

Washington, July 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Tribute to the soldierly initiative, as well as the courage of First Lieutenant Edward J. Price, of 230 South 14th street, Salem, Or., is paid with an award of the distinguished service cross to that officer, announced by the war department as having been approved by General Pershing.

Price was attached to the 124th machine gun battalion. Near Bois de Chaux, France, Oct. 11, 1918, while in command of a platoon, he learned that the counter attack was being made on the flank of the enemy. He took his platoon into action quickly in advance of the infantry and broke up the enemy effort. Flushing him, with his infantrymen, who went without officers, he assumed command of the unit and reorganized it.

Then, it is stated, he led forward his new command, "designating targets and ranges, and going up and down the line to direct the operation."

Private John H. Womack of Wallawa, Or., member of the machine gun company of the Fifth regiment of marines, has also received the distinguished service cross. Shortly before the armistice he was wounded in an attack near Beaumont, but insisted upon going forward with his command and continued in the fighting for five days until rendered helpless by a second wound.

Copper Resold by War Department at Loss, Charge Made

Washington, July 26.—(U. P.)—The war department agreed to hold 100,000 pounds of copper from the market after a conference between Secretary Baker and producers, it was charged today to the house committee investigating the conduct of the war, by E. V. Morse, assistant director of sales.

Virtually all of this copper has since been resold at reduced prices to the producers from whom it was purchased. The copper purchased at prices ranging from 16 to 26 cents a pound was resold at from 15.8 cents to 17.6 cents, according to the testimony. Less than 150,000 pounds still on hand will net around 23 cents, the present price, Morse stated.

Washington State Official Takes a Rap at Burleson

Olympia, Wash., July 26.—(U. P.)—"It appears that the federal agent of the Bell Telephone Trust, Burleson pays no attention to either the state public service commission or the little phone companies," declared J. H. Brown, secretary of the Washington public service commission, today, when informed a 25 per cent phone rate increase, said to affect the entire Pacific coast, had been ordered by the postmaster general.

"We have received no word whatever from Burleson, and probably will not receive any," Brown asserted. "The Washington commission has written and wired to Burleson time and again, but he calmly refuses to answer. He does just exactly as he pleases. The recent decision of the U. S. supreme court holds he has no power, and he is using it. He won't even accept advice or help."

No League Unless Irish Recognized, Demand in Butte

Butte, Mont., July 26.—Resolutions were unanimously adopted today at a meeting in honor of Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," demanding that the Montana congressional delegation oppose the ratification of the League of Nations covenant until it is rewritten to include an "unambiguous clause for self determination."

Another resolution demanded recognition of the Irish republic by congress. De Valera received a great spontaneous welcome when he arrived Friday night.

Contract to Extend Stock Yards Is Let

Spokane, Wash., July 26.—(U. P.)—The house ways and means committee today reported a bill to repeal the 10 per cent tax on soda water and soft drinks.

The house ways and means committee also voted to reduce the war tax on fruit juices to 2 cents a gallon.

Bill to Repeal Tax On Soft Drinks Is Reported Favorably

Spokane, Wash., July 26.—Contracts amounting to \$50,000 for extensions of the facilities of the Spokane union stockyards were awarded to Myers & Rylander. Wm. P. Roberts, president of the stockyards, announced that the contracts let to date amount to \$85,000. Additional contracts yet to be let will bring the total for the season up to \$100,000.

Burrell Again Faces Court But Only His Spirit Speeded

Douglas Burrell, whose two motorcycles George Rossmann, municipal court judge, sentenced to 90 days in jail early this week, works industriously as a watchman for the Emergency Fleet corporation. But his spirit, it seems, still speeds on wings of gasoline up and down Portland streets and around Portland corners.

Patrolman George Kelly saw it Thursday whizzing on a motorcycle around the corner of Stark street and Broadway.

Surely those were the features of Douglas Burrell, and Burrell had been forbidden by court order so much as to mount a motorcycle while his were in confinement.

But the real Burrell, arrested later and taken into court this morning, had an alibi that convinced Judge Rossmann. He was at work at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, when the patrolman says he saw him streaking down Broadway. He had never in his life ridden a machine of the make described.

As for the apparition, it has not reappeared. The traffic department is hoping it will be a well behaved ghost and not crash into streetcars.

Patrolman Kelly wants to see it again just once again.

SUIT TO FORECLOSE WESTOVER TERRACE MORTGAGE IS FILED

Action on \$300,000 Mortgage Is Brought by the Title & Trust Company.

Suit for the foreclosure of a \$300,000 mortgage against Westover Terrace property, having an estimated value of \$600,000, was filed in the circuit court this morning by the Title & Trust company of Portland. The complaint asks for the sale of the property to satisfy \$232,000 worth of outstanding bonds which have been in default of payment since October 1, 1918. The bonds were issued by the Westover company October 10, 1913, and matured in October, 1918.

The action is brought by the Title & Trust company as trustee of the mortgage given to secure the issuance of the bonds and names of the Lewis-Wiley hydraulic company and Ladd & Tilton bank as defendants with the Westover company. Trustees' fees and attorneys' fees amounting to \$5000 are also asked by the plaintiff to the suit.

Man Says Wife "Gadder"

Clair M. Tucker, according to the complaint for divorce filed today in the circuit court, William H. Tucker, spent most of her time "gadding about" the city instead of performing her household duties. Tucker says he was compelled to eat in restaurants because his wife objected to cooking. He asks for a decree and custody of their child.

55 Million Is Asked For Burials in U. S.

Washington, July 26.—To bring home the bodies of American soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the war with Germany, and to bury them in national cemeteries located in the states from which the men were enlisted, \$55,000,000 would be appropriated in bills introduced in the house Friday afternoon by Representative Caraway of Arkansas. Of the appropriation asked \$5,000,000 is for the acquisition of burial grounds in the 48 states and \$50,000,000 for the return of bodies.

'Big Bill' Haywood Released on Bail

Chicago, July 26.—(U. P.)—Orders for the release of W. D. "Big Bill" Haywood, I. W. W. leader, from Fort Leavenworth prison were issued here today by the clerk of the circuit court of appeals following approval of bonds offered. Haywood obtained his release pending hearings of arguments for a new trial. A total of \$53,400 worth of property and Liberty bonds were scheduled to cover his bonds of \$15,000. Twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars were furnished by William B. Lloyd, millionaire Chicago Socialist.

Owen Headquarters Open in Washington

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 26.—(U. P.)—National headquarters to boost the candidacy of Senator Robert L. Owen for the Democratic presidential nomination have been opened in Washington, word was received here today. J. P. Beller, former secretary of the senator, has charge and it is believed that headquarters will be moved to Chicago shortly.

Farmer Cutting Hay As in Ye Olden Day

Spokane, Wash., July 26.—A bit of pioneer days is being enacted by J. B. Blunk, a retired farmer of Albion, Wash. He is cutting a small field of grain hay with an old fashioned cradle, raking with a hand rake and binding by hand. Blunk cut his first crop of 30 acres on his farm west of Albion with a cradle, binding it by hand, 41 years ago.

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IRRIGATION BILL URGED BY McNARY

Asks Measure Be Prepared for Present Projects and Their Sanctioned Extensions.

Washington, July 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator McNary, chairman of the senate irrigation committee, has asked the interior department to prepare a bill for prosecuting work on existing reclamation projects and approved extensions of existing projects.

His purpose is to have brief hearings on the bill and bring it before the senate at an early date. It will probably provide for the expenditure of \$100,000,000 to speed up existing projects. It will be on the line of the amendment Senator Jones of Washington tried to have placed in the sundry civil bill earlier in the session.

The Jones amendment lost on a point of order. Introduced as a new bill, it will not be subject to a point of order, and can be fought out on the floor of the senate. Mr. McNary, after investigation of its prospects, believes it will pass the senate.

The friends of reclamation regard this plan of particular importance, since the prospects of the soldier settlement bill have become dubious.

UNIFORMITY WILL PREVAIL IN GUARD

Oregon and Washington Bodies Are to Be Alike in General Strength and Character.

Washington, July 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Units of the national guard authorized for the present fiscal year in the states of Oregon and Washington, and for the support of which federal funds will be available, are practically the same as to numerical strength, and largely similar in character.

Four companies of coast artillery, one regiment of infantry and one battery of field artillery are authorized in each state. For Oregon, in addition, are one company of engineers, one ambulance company and one troop of cavalry, while Washington is allotted one wire signal company, one field hospital company and one machine gun troop.

The allotment for California provides nine companies of coast artillery, one regiment of infantry, one battalion of field artillery, one battalion of engineers, one radio signal company, two troops of cavalry, one field hospital company and one ambulance company.

Committee to Hear 'Hard Boiled' Smith

Washington, July 26.—(U. P.)—First hand information of alleged cruelties practiced upon American soldiers in prison camps near Paris will be sought by the house committee investigating war atrocities when those members visit Governors island next week. The committee will begin Tuesday to hear testimony of Lieutenant Frank (Hard Boiled) Smith and others now serving court-martial sentences for abuses to prisoners.

Forecast Says Fair Weather

Washington, July 26.—(U. P.)—The weather bureau today issued the following forecast for next week: Northern Rocky mountain and plateau region and Pacific states—During the week beginning July 28 the weather will be generally fair with normal temperature.

Army Rockets to Flare at Resort

Fifteen army rockets such as were used in France will be sent up at 10 o'clock tonight at Columbia beach by the army recruiting office in honor of the 75 recruits enlisted this week. The rockets may be seen from the city as they are large ones and go 1000 feet in the air, burning for several minutes each. They drift about while burning, being held up by tiny parachutes.

Workman Kills Employer

Stockton, Cal., July 26.—(U. P.)—Luigi Bandanti, an Italian laborer, was brought to Stockton this morning charged with murdering his employer, Geno Beneditti, on Venice island late Friday.

Why Run-Down Pale Exhausted Women Should Take Iron

"There can be no beautiful, healthy, rosy-cheeked, steady nerves without iron. When the iron goes from the blood, the woman is pale, nervous, irritable, careworn, haggard, and in two weeks time is ready to drop. Iron does more harm than good. Nuxated iron is easily assimilated, does not blacken the teeth, nor upset the stomach. It will increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, irritable, careworn, haggard women in two weeks time in many cases. I have used it in my own practice with most surprising results."—Ferdinand King, M.D., well known New York Physician and medical author. (Best selection, guarantee or money refunded—On sale at all good druggists.)

Russian Speech of George Assailed by Ex-Premier Asquith

London, July 26.—(U. P.)—The Russian policy of the Lloyd-George administration was assailed today by former Premier Asquith in a speech at Edgware. He declared that the present is no time to embark on such crusades, especially while there has been no progress towards a settlement of the Irish question.

The former premier pleaded for a restoration of liberal cabinet authority which has the confidence of the country so that industrial peace will be established.

Man Sets Building Afire

Redlands, Cal., July 26.—(U. P.)—Appearing at the sanitarium of W. L. Ward, in Mill Creek canyon, eight miles east of Redlands, about midnight, an unidentified man demanded lodging for the night. When refused he attacked the attendant who opened the door, beat him, and fired three buildings, which were destroyed. A sheriff's posse is after the man.

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