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## American Democracy Controlled by Autocracy of Industry Declares W. F. Stone in Hearing.

## Plumb Plan, Embodying Public Ownership and Tripartite Control, Urged Before Committee.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Declaring that American democracy is "controlled by an autocracy in industry," Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, appeared before the house interstate and foreign relations committee today to urge the passage of the Sims bill, embodying the Plumb plan for government ownership and "tripartite" control of the railroads.

"And America must become the home of industrial freedom," he declared. Stone told the committee that there could be no solution of the industrial problem and no lowering of the cost of living as long as consumers had to pay for the necessities of life.

Labor's belief in the Plumb plan was profound, Stone said.

"I speak as the voice of two million men," he declared, "delegated by them to announce to this committee and to the people of this country that they are supporting this measure with all their strength and all the unity of purpose that can move so large a body of citizens. Joined with us and represented by Mr. Morrison in the American Federation of Labor adding three million and a half men to that body of railway employees who instituted this movement."

"In the industrial development of this country," he continued, "great organizations of capital first appeared as employers. Individual workers, following the example set by capital, organized as employees. Their purpose was to secure better working conditions and a larger wage."

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# FOUR INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

## Car Driven by N. C. Christensen Smashes Into Another Machine, Hurling Occupants.

Four persons suffered injuries, one woman being severely hurt, when two automobiles laden with passengers collided at East Eleventh and Clackamas streets at 10 o'clock this morning.

The injured are: Mrs. E. T. Christensen, 875 Haight street, back injured and shocked severely; taken to Good Samaritan hospital.

Robert Ellison, 719 East Pine street, son of Mrs. Ellison, right leg hurt.

Virginia Ellison, age 5, daughter of Robert Ellison, bruised.

A. Asha, 1650 Ferrate street, bruised.

All of the injured were taken to the car driven by Robert Ellison, the machine having been struck squarely and thrown bottom side up on the curb. They were on their way to a picnic at Bonneville. The occupants of the car were hurled onto the pavement.

Occupants of the other car, which was driven by N. C. Christensen of Evansville, Wash., escaped injury in a remarkable manner.

According to the report of Patrolman S. T. Tully, Christensen, who was traveling west on Clackamas street was at fault. Ellison was proceeding south on East Eleventh street when struck.

Those in Christensen's car besides Ellison were: Lester Ripper, Eastville, Wash.; M. McMillan, wife and two-year old son, Roderick, of 809 Multnomah street.

# Potatoes Take to Soaring in Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes joined the ranks of soaring food-stuffs today, making an advance of 25 to 30 cents a hundred pounds. Insufficient receipts were blamed by local dealers. New potatoes in carload lots sold at \$4.25 a hundred pounds, the season's top price.

ARE you planning this year to take a trip in the mountains, to camp, to hunt to fish, to pick berries or to do mountain climbing? If you want to know the best places to go, consult The Journal resort directory, published each Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. You will find many of the worthwhile places listed there. The Journal Travel and Information Bureau will also be glad to give you additional information as to rates and the way of reaching the various resorts.

# HEARING ON PHONE RATES AUGUST 27

## Legality and Reasonableness of New Rates to Be Considered at Meeting in Portland.

Salem, Aug. 6.—A hearing to determine the "legality and reasonableness" of the Burlington-made telephone rates instituted by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, will be held before the Oregon state public service commission at its Portland offices on Wednesday, August 27.

This hearing has been instituted on the commission's own motion following a conference Tuesday evening attended by all three members of the commission and J. O. Bailey, assistant attorney general.

In the absence of congress returning the telephone lines to private control and incidentally to the jurisdiction of the various state regulatory bodies so far as intra-state rates are concerned, it was stipulated that the rates in effect at the time of their transfer should continue in force for a period of four months from the time the government received the lines through the act changed by action of the state commissions.

Anticipating the return of the wires by just two days the Pacific Telephone company instituted a new schedule of rates on all their lines throughout Oregon, effective July 23. These rates, which were practically identical with the schedule of rates which Burlington had attempted to institute in this state last November, amounted to an increase of from one fourth to one third over the rates granted by the state commission last spring under telegraphic permission, from the postmaster general.

Since that time, however, a supreme court decision had declared the state regulatory bodies without jurisdiction over the telephone companies, so long as they were under governmental control. This decision left the commission powerless to prevent the institution of the new rates just instituted by the Pacific company in Oregon.

A flood of protests from all sections of the state affected by the schedule, however, has prompted the decision of the commission to call this hearing, at which the increase and the causes leading up to it can be thoroughly aired from all angles.

The action of the telephone company in instituting the new rates, while yet under government control, has, it is pointed out, been without legal effect. Proof upon those opposed to the increase. As the situation now stands the Burlington made schedule will hold until proven unreasonable or illegal. Had the commission acted two days longer before instituting the new rates it would have been necessary for it to have made formal application before the state commission and to have proved the reasonableness and legality of the new schedule before the new rates could have been made effective.

# Woman Who Claims Portland as Home Attempts Suicide

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Lois Manning, who claims Portland, Or., as her home and who says she is separated from her husband who is in business there, swallowed poison this morning at her apartment, 5056 Geary street, with suicidal intent.

Mrs. Manning refused to give the police the initials of her husband or tell who she was engaged to. All she would say was that she lives in Portland and that she had separated.

With Mrs. Manning at the time she took the poison was a man giving the name of E. Tucker, whom she says is a friend of the husband. He would tell nothing concerning Manning.

Mrs. Manning refused to give any reason for her attempt at self destruction. She will recover.

# Roseburg Hunter Loses Life When Gun Is Discharged

Roseburg, Aug. 6.—A. D. Bradley, a prominent man of this city and local agent of the Oldman-Hilton, was found dead at the top of a hill south of the city near the river dam. Death was probably accidental. He drove out in a touring car, stopped and took a shot at a duck in the river with his 20-30 rifle. The next shot struck him under the chin, the bullet ranging up through the top of his head.

Bradley was the owner of considerable business property in this city. He was unmarried and about 45 years old. A sister, Mrs. McReynolds, his only relative, lives in this city.

The surroundings showed that the shooting could have occurred as he stepped on a fence, when his foot slipped. He was a member of Elks lodge.

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New York, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Several hundred employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company went on strike at 5 o'clock this morning following refusal of Lindsey M. Gamm, general manager, to grant demands, including 75 cents an hour, an eight hour day and recognition of their union.

Company officials admitted their elevated and subway lines were affected, "largely through intimidation of loyal employees," but contended their surpluses were being used to pay for the strike.

The final vote to strike was taken at a mass meeting at 4 o'clock this morning, attended by about 2500 men, who voted to go on strike for the company's 12,000 employees.

Sporadic disorders broke out in many sections during the forenoon. Crews which had refused to walk out were pulled from cars, trolley wires were cut and in De Kalb avenue, Brooklyn, two cars were partly wrecked by strikers.

Two men were stabbed in a general fight between strikers' pickets and non-striking shopworkers at the Thirty-ninth street barns.

# Attempt to Destroy Docks at Liverpool

London, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—An attempt was made to burn the great system of docks at Liverpool during the night between the 5th and 6th inst. The fire was put out by the fire department.

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# RETIRED OFFICIAL OF INDIA VISITOR

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Sir M. Visvesvaraya, retired prime minister of Mysore state, India, who is making a tour of Japan, United States and England to study various forms of municipal government and the measures for reconstruction, has arrived with his secretary, T. K. Salva Rao, at the Multnomah hotel.

He is today holding conferences with Mayor Baker, the Chamber of Commerce and other men and organizations identified with municipal affairs. He declines to talk about India or his government or to give any of his impressions of American city governments.

"I am with the government," he said, "and it would not be delicate for me to say anything."

FORM OF GOVERNMENT LAUDED

"But I think your country is progressing rapidly," he added. "You have more scope for development here than in other countries. Your form of government is very progressive. Institutions are growing rapidly and you are doing big things. I visited your country 10 years ago, but I got no farther than Chicago."

The visitor hesitated about posing for his picture, thinking it was just a little bit impudent, but finally consented.

"We try to travel quickly," explained Secretary Rao, "but in this country, the newspapers seem to be everywhere. I am very interested in your country, as well as along all lines of social and political science.

RELIEF TO FOLLOW BENT

It is a great relief, after the stress of official life, to follow out for a period the things most interesting to him, Houser declared.

"I cannot promise what I will do with my information," he said. "I cannot promise in solving Indian municipal problems. I cannot promise anything. It would be indelicate."

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The curiosity of anyone who has ever wondered what it is druggists think about as they sort out the tooth brushes from the cough drops or mix up asafetida and turpentine in the little black bottle on the shelf with all the bottles on it, may be satisfied at last.

The program, for discussion by the president, H. F. Pandon, is varied and pertinent. And the interest shown in the committee reports at this morning's session shows that the topics are dear to the druggists' hearts.

Topics discussed include:

1. Itinerant vendors of medicine operating with good will.
2. The general law.

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# PROSECUTION UNDER SHERMAN LAW Decided Upon After Review of Evidence, Palmer Announces.

## President to Te II Joint Session of Congress Friday His Plans to Reduce the Living Cost.

Washington, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—The big five packers are to be prosecuted on a charge of having violated the anti-trust laws, Attorney General Palmer announced this afternoon.

"The department of justice," Palmer stated, "has made a careful review of the evidence developed by the investigations into the combination of packers, both by the federal trade commission and the hearings before the committee of congress. This review has been made by lawyers specially retained for the purpose and their report is now in hand. I am satisfied that the evidence adduced indicates clear violation of the anti-trust laws, and prompt action will be taken accordingly. Further proceedings under the immediate directions of the department of justice, when in charge of Isadore J. Kresel of New York, who will be given such assistance as the case seems to warrant."

"The attorney-general pointed out that prosecutions under the food control act and anti-trust laws would reach groups of profiteers, but at the same time he said that the department had a method by which the individuals also could be prosecuted. He declined, however, to reveal what that method is at this time.

"The food control act, he added, would hold good only until the ratification of the peace treaty by the senate, when it would be necessary to enact substitute legislation.

PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS CONGRESS ON PRICES

Washington, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson will address a joint session of congress at noon Friday, at that time he will make public his plans for legislation designed to reduce the high cost of living.

President Wilson refused to defer his promised address to congress on the high cost of living until next week, as suggested by a letter from Representative Mondell, suggesting that he postpone his message until next week.

"The president spent most of today in his study, examining various suggestions for reducing the high cost of living. It is known that there is a wide divergence of views in the president's official family regarding the matter to be taken, and that his task of reconciling them is none too easy.

Officials did not expect that the president would make any radical suggestions to congress. The power to punish profiteers already exists. The department of justice has initiated movements to this end in various localities.

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# Fourth Engineers Detachment Due In City Tomorrow

Sixty-three returned soldiers from Camp Mills on their way to Camp Lewis for discharge were entertained this afternoon in Portland. Dinner was served at the Benson hotel at 12 o'clock and Mayor Baker gave the boys a cordial welcome to the city.

An Oregon-Washington detachment of the Fourth Engineers, including the command of Lieutenant H. J. King will arrive in Portland at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Arrangements have been made for dinner at 12 o'clock at the Benson hotel and other features will keep the visitors busy until 2 p. m., when their special train will leave for Camp Lewis. Seven Portland boys are in the contingent.

# Superintendent to Attend Conference On Park Activities

C. P. Keyser, superintendent of city parks, will leave August 17 for Hartford, Conn., to attend the national convention of park superintendents which opens there August 27. Keyser proposes to visit many of the large cities for a study of park, playground and golfing conditions and administration, making special note of features which are satisfactory but that it would be entirely suitable for the newly created city of domestic relations. The commissioners agreed to the request but stipulated that the county purchasing agent should make the purchase.

# Judge Will Get New Furniture for Court

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The curiosity of anyone who has ever wondered what it is druggists think about as they sort out the tooth brushes from the cough drops or mix up asafetida and turpentine in the little black bottle on the shelf with all the bottles on it, may be satisfied at last.

The program, for discussion by the president, H. F. Pandon, is varied and pertinent. And the interest shown in the committee reports at this morning's session shows that the topics are dear to the druggists' hearts.

Topics discussed include:

1. Itinerant vendors of medicine operating with good will.
2. The general law.

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# Superintendent to Attend Conference On Park Activities

C. P. Keyser, superintendent of city parks, will leave August 17 for Hartford, Conn., to attend the national convention of park superintendents which opens there August 27. Keyser proposes to visit many of the large cities for a study of park, playground and golfing conditions and administration, making special note of features which are satisfactory but that it would be entirely suitable for the newly created city of domestic relations. The commissioners agreed to the request but stipulated that the county purchasing agent should make the purchase.

# Judge Will Get New Furniture for Court

Request Judge Robert Morrow made a request to the county commissioners this morning for authority to purchase a set of furniture for his courtroom. Judge Morrow stated that the furniture that had been provided him had never been satisfactory but that it would be entirely suitable for the newly created city of domestic relations. The commissioners agreed to the request but stipulated that the county purchasing agent should make the purchase.