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THE WEATHER

Rain; fresh southwestern winds.

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

HCL IS LESS; WAGE HIGHER IN PORTLAND

Hearings Concluded in Demand of Employes of P. R. L. & P. Company for Increase to 80c Maximum

REPORTS OF EXPERTS FAVOR OREGON CITIES

Food Cost for Family of Five Is \$449 Yearly Compared to \$457.50 Elsewhere

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 28.—Taking testimony by the board of arbitration in the controversy between the executives of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company and its street car employes for a further increase in wage scales from 56c maximum to 80 cents hourly was concluded today. It was announced that Otto Hartwig, E. C. Knapp and Ira E. Powers, the arbitrators, would give their decision early next week.

Most of the evidence submitted yesterday, which was the second and final session was in the form of statistical exhibits prepared by the company's office engineers and a few offered by the organized employes.

These exhibits showed the average wage earnings of the street car men according to various rising scales compared with averages in other cities and also comparative living costs. Most of these were in Portland's favor.

Portland is Favored. A summary of exhibits showed that at the average wage of 30 cents an hour in the seven chief cities of the far west in 1914 the Portland pay was 25 cents, while at this time the average of these cities is 51 cents compared with the Portland rate of 56 cents.

In like manner it was shown that the average yearly cost of 22 food items is \$457.50, compared with an average of \$449 in Portland for a family of five persons.

ENTERTAINER HONORED; MANY TROOPS CHEERED; MRS. KEANE IS HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Notice that she had been commissioned honorary commander, in recognition of her services to the Canadian government during the war, was received by Mrs. Muriel Keane of Seattle on her arrival here today from Australia aboard the steamer Sonoma. For three years she was an entertainer on the transport Cranston, and sang and danced for 51,000 soldiers bound for Europe and helped to cheer nearly 20,000 wounded men sent home.

DELIBERATION TO PRECEDE STRIKE BY TRAINMEN

Brotherhoods Indicate Drastic Action Will Wait Upon Negotiations

EXACT STATUS UNKNOWN

Refusal of Demands Held Likely But Equalization of Wage Probable

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Officials of some of the 14 lodges of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that voted at a secret meeting Sunday to strike October 30 unless their wage demands presented to the railroad administration's board of wages and working conditions were granted in full, today denied that the strike would go into effect without negotiations. Other officials were absent from the city and the opposing expressions left the strike situation obscure.

Some local officials of brotherhood lodges said no strike would be entered into hastily and that the outcome of conferences Mr. Lee was to have tomorrow with Director General Hines of the railroad administration and other administration officials would be awaited.

Other brotherhood officials could not be found tonight and the exact status of the strike call seemed uncertain, notwithstanding the announcement made in reports yesterday that the strike would go into effect Thursday unless the demands, including a minimum wage of \$150 a month were granted "in full."

SENATE PUTS DRY MEASURE OVER QUICK

Vote on Enforcement Act is 65 to 20 or Eight More Than Required Two-Thirds Majority

WILSON TO ANNUL LAW AFTER TREATY SIGNED

Backers of Measure Day Signing Will Not Be Delayed To Aid Drought

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The senate passed the prohibition enforcement act over the president's veto today and made immediate effective machinery for preventing sale of beverages containing more than one and one-half per cent alcohol.

The vote was 65 to 20, or eight more than the necessary two-thirds majority. While there was a wrangle over taking up the measure in place of the peace treaty, which had the right of way, there never was doubt as to how the senate stood. It was overwhelmingly "dry" like the house, which repassed the bill within three hours after the president had vetoed it.

Before congress at 3:40 o'clock finally clinched enactment of the enforcement law, despite presidential objection to linking war-time and constitutional prohibition acts, there came from the White House the announcement that the war-time law which was put into effect after the cessation of hostilities, would be annulled the moment the senate formally ratified the German peace treaty.

It was the most definite of all official statements bearing on the war-time act. Prohibition leaders were plainly disturbed by the news, for they had counted firmly upon the country reaching the effective date of constitutional prohibition—January 16, 1920, without reopening of saloons.

Despite the clamor set up by wet and dry foes over the White House pronouncement, senate leaders said

300 WAR BRIDES TO COME; "MOTHER-IN-LAW" IS AID; LAST DUE ON JANUARY 1

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Three hundred war brides of American soldiers still remain in France, according to a cable message made public tonight by the overseas department of the Y. M. C. A. from Mrs. S. O. Seymour, known as "official mother-in-law to the A. E. F." Two hundred brides will embark within the next 15 days and the rest before January 1.

S. T. JOHNSON IS VICTIM OF HEART FAILURE

Member of Oregon Pioneer Family Drops Dead on Street in Portland

LONG IN S. P. SERVICE

Treatment for Ailment Arranged to Begin Today—Son Died in France

Samuel Thurston Johnson, member of an old Oregon pioneer family, dropped dead from heart trouble on the street in Portland at about 3 p. m. yesterday, after having made arrangements to begin treatment for his ailment this morning. A few hours before his death he had completed final checking on his records as Southern Pacific station agent at Woodburn from which he had retired and had made his formal application for pension. He was 69 years old.

Mr. Johnson was a brother of George W. Johnson who died two weeks ago and H. A. Johnson who died in Salem two years ago, both well known in Salem public life and business.

Member of Old Family. Mr. Johnson was born near Jefferson on the donation land claim of his father, Hiram Johnson, pioneer of 1847; and at the age of 16 entered the employ of the Southern Pacific company at Jefferson and remained with the company at Jefferson and Woodburn for 43 years, retiring a few days ago. In October, 1876, he was married to Mary Elliott, daughter of an Oregon pioneer. She, one daughter, Mrs. James Wagonblast of Portland, and two sons, Fred

COAL MINERS ARE ADAMANT IN ATTITUDE

Unions Grimly Preparing for Momentous Conference of Executive Committee and Officers—Little Information

LEWIS DRAWS PARALLEL WITH WAR PROHI LAW

Cabinet Plans for Handling Contingencies Fixed But Not Announced

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 28.—With "no change in the situation" reported at United Mine Workers' of America headquarters, leaders of the big organization of coal miners were preparing grimly tonight for a momentous conference tomorrow of its executive board, district presidents and scale committee. John L. Lewis, acting president of the organization, arrived late today from his home in Springfield, Ill., but had little to add to statements already made concerning the general strike planned to take effect in the bituminous mines November 1.

Strike Legal Says Lewis. The condemnation of the proposed walkout by President Wilson and his suggestion that a tribunal be appointed to find a basis of settlement of the disagreement between workers and employers with coal production continuing meanwhile, held no charms for the union leaders. Echoing the point made by William Green, secretary treasurer of the organization, Mr. Lewis said that the national executive's idea that the need for wartime prohibition had passed because the emergency had ended, expressed exactly the union's attitude toward its wartime wage contract.

Impatience Resented. "There is no further use for war

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"CAT" SAYS LADY ASTOR; M. P. INTENTIONS DENIED; TELEGRAM IS CATCHING

PLYMOUTH, Oct. 28.—Frank Hawker, chairman of the conservative party today received the following telegram from Lady Astor: "I have neither been asked to stand as a pussy-foot candidate (for her husband's seat in parliament) nor have I the intention of doing so. It seems to me that I detect the claws of some other sort of envious cat in this misleading suggestion. "Nancy Astor."

CONGRESS STOPS WORK TO HONOR BELGIAN COUPLE

King Addresses Two Bodies Simply With Sincere Tribute to Americans

QUEEN GIVEN OVATION

Staid Senators Forget Solemnity in Greeting to Plucky Rulers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Both houses of congress paused in their work today to greet the king of the Belgians, his consort and their son. It was the first visit of a king to the capitol and the law-makers gave a cordial welcome to the democratic soldier-ruler of Europe's pluckiest little state.

King Albert's addresses, first in the senate and then in the house, made scarcely six hundred words but in them he gave the American army credit for assuring victory in the war, paid homage to the fallen, and extended his sympathy to the wounded. He expressed his admiration for the United States, acknowledged the debt of the writers of Belgium's constitution to those who framed that of this country, predicted that the ties binding the two nations never would be broken and offered thanks

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14 DEAD, 16 MISSING IN LAKE WRECK

Side-Wheeler Steamer Muskegon Lifted by Great Seas and Smashed Against Peirs in Early Dawn—Cont on Loss Impossible

GUARD WITH FLASHLIGHT SAVES LIVES OF FIFTY

Tales of Night of Terror Ending in Crash Are Told by Survivors

MUSKEGON, Mich., Oct. 28.—With 14 known dead and six or more missing, only time can bring an accurate count of the toll of the great seas which early this morning bodily lifted the Crosby passenger steamer Muskegon, formerly the City of Holland, and smashed her to pieces on the piers at the entrance to Muskegon.

The steamer, a side wheeler, bound from Milwaukee, after outriding a night of gale, made for the harbor in the early morning darkness but was struck by the bar at the entrance. The wheel paddles jammed in the sand, churning headway and the great combers threw the ship about and buried her onto the pier. There she hung momentarily, plugging into wreckage and then slipped off into the deep channel, going down in 50 feet of water. The vessel lies a storm torn tangle of steel and splintered wood, effectively blocking the harbor entrance.

Flashlight Saves 50. Fifty of the 72 passengers and crew, guided to safety by a single flashlight in the hands of a coast guard, were tonight known to have been saved. It was feared several were caught between decks. Survivors, most of whom escaped only in their night clothing, were being cared for by the Red Cross, while in the city morgues lie the bodies recovered.

James C. Reilly, Grand Rapids, was added to the list of identified dead tonight.

Tale of Terror Told. Graphic stories of terror, suffering and heroism were told by survivors and the bravery of Captain Miller and his officers and crew, who remained at their posts to the last, was recounted. Captain Miller, sensing disaster as the vessel was driven toward the pier, ordered all to leap for their lives, and the sea-raid "women first" was followed.

Only four women, one of whom was employed on the boat, are known to have been lost.

The women, fearing to venture over the rail were bravely led by Mrs. Fred L. Beerman of Muskegon who leaped from the ship. Others jumped or were handed down ropes by passengers and crew.

Captain Miller, hard stricken by the disaster and loss of lives, declared the underway saving the ship after she struck the bar. "I told the

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PLANS BRING DRAWN FOR APARTMENT ON SOUTH COMMERCIAL

That Salem will have two new modern apartment houses of large size is strongly probable. It has become known that Chester Murphy, Portland capitalist, has an architect at work on plans for a large 50-apartment structure which he considers building on South Commercial street in the large vacant space immediately south of the E. S. Craig residence at South Commercial and Bellevue streets. T. G. Bligh, who recently purchased property at Chemeketa and Cottage streets, is going ahead with plans for a 50-apartment structure at that place, and if the tentative plans of Mr. Murphy materialize Salem will have two of the best apartment houses in the whole Northwest.

Details are lacking as to Mr. Murphy's plans, but it is believed some definite announcement will be made in the near future.

ATKINSON RELEASED AFTER Session With Chief Varney

After a prolonged session at the police station W. T. Atkinson, 42, was released yesterday morning after having been interrogated by Chief of Police Varney in regard to a quantity of furs and dress goods in his possession. Atkinson had secured a city license to peddle his wares, but suspicion was aroused concerning him and he was taken into custody by Officer Walter Thompson.

Atkinson claimed that he and a partner were owners of the goods and that he had a legitimate right to sell them, but the officers were not satisfied with his answers. Chief Varney stated last night that many persons purchase goods of itinerant peddlers and find later that they have paid very high prices for a low grade of goods. A fur expert familiar with the different grades looked at Atkinson's wares yesterday and pronounced them to be of inferior grade, mostly rabbit fur.

RESIGNATION OF TWO TEACHERS INCREASES CRITICAL SITUATION

Mrs. May Tillson Leaves After Eight Years as Salem Instructor

At a meeting of the Salem school board last night the problem of the dearth of teachers was again encountered when the resignations of Mrs. May Tillson and Mrs. Winchell of Garfield school were considered. Mrs. Tillson, who has taught in Salem schools for many years, resigned her position due to ill health and designating November 25 as the day of cessation of her duties, action on this was deferred until the next board meeting.

Mrs. Winchell's resignation, due to the serious illness of her mother, was accepted and she was released from her contract. The board voted to employ Miss Lucille Huggins as a teacher in the Washington school.

Y.M.C.A. to Be Used. Students of the high school in certain classes will enjoy the privileges of the Y.M.C.A., according to arrangements completed last night.

Boys' classes will meet three times each week at the "Y" and the girls' classes will have use of the gymnasium and swimming pool two days in each month.

Upon the recommendations of Superintendent Todd, the board approved the purchase of 28 special music books for use in Professor Dawson's choral class. The suggestion to purchase a second hand bass viol of the high school orchestra was shelved, after the expression by different members of the board of individual opinion concerning the need of a "bull fiddle" in an orchestra.

29 at Night School. Superintendent took reported that there were 29 in attendance at the night school. The courses being taken are mechanical drawing, machine shop work and drawing. A recommendation to improve the lighting of the rooms used by the night classes was approved.

Report on Deficiency Bill Adopted Without Record Vote

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The conference report on the general deficiency bill was adopted today by the senate without a record vote despite criticism by Chairman Wadsworth of the military committee, and others, of the conferees' action in eliminating entirely from the bill the senate appropriation of \$15,000,000 for the army air service. The house has yet to act.

ALBERT HERREN DIES SUDDENLY

Native Oregonian Passes While Conversing With Friend at His Home

Albert W. Herren, well known native of Oregon and citizen of Salem, died suddenly at the family home, 116 Division street at 6 o'clock last night, while conversing with a friend. Heart failure was the cause of his death. His health had been poor for a number of years but death came very unexpectedly. He was 66 years old.

Mr. Herren was born on the old donation land claim of his father, William J. Herren, about four miles east of Salem. He spent most of his life in or near Salem. His occupation was farming but for a number of years he operated a warehouse at Independence. Five years of his life was spent in eastern Oregon when he went there with his family with the hope that the climate would benefit his health. They returned to Salem about two years ago and have remained since that time at the family home where he died.

Mr. Herren leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Herren, one son, Carl B. Herren of Portland; one daughter, Mrs. Lela Herren Oakes of Ontario, Or.; and one grandson, William Oakes. The body is at the Terwilliger home awaiting the announcement of the funeral arrangements.

GERMAN OPERA PROMOTERS ABANDON ALL EFFORTS; DISAPPROVAL OF PUBLIC "EFFECTIVELY SHOWN"; SINGING OF TEUTONIC ROLES IN ENGLISH FAILS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The Star Opera company has abandoned its plan to sing German opera in English in New York. The board of directors of the company announced tonight that all engagements of German opera scheduled for the Lexington theater, including to-

night's performance, had been cancelled. The announcement said that it would not be in accordance "with good public policy to continue the fight any longer" to stage German opera. He said the public had "effectively shown" its disapproval.

Barnes Cash Store advertisement for wool sweaters, hosiery, and underwear. Includes a portrait of a woman and detailed pricing for various items.