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NEGLECT IN ARMY CAMP IS CHARGED

Workers Hired as Experts Alleged to Shoot Craps While Sick Soldiers Wait Blue with Cold at Camp Sheridan

"EXPERTS" SPENT DAY IN GAMBLING IS TALE

Will Negligence and Waste Are Said to Have Been Order of Day

CAMP SHERMAN, O., Nov. 3.—Charges that willful negligence on the part of steam fitters employed in the construction of the base hospital at Camp Sherman resulted in exposure for weeks to the zero weather prevalent in October and all of November, 1917, of sick soldiers confined there, were among the disclosures made before the congressional sub-committee by Joseph Paole, Chillicothe contractor, late today. The evidence will be followed up to fix the responsibility for the suffering of the men, according to Chairman John C. McKeeney and Chief Examiner Roscoe C. McCulloch of the committee.

Suffering is Related

When sick soldiers were pinched and actually blue to their finger tips with the bitter cold, steam fitters supposedly fixing the wards with steam heat were gambling and warming themselves over their gasoline torches, Paole told the committee. He asserted that the weather was so cold the nurses wore furs when they tended the sick and doctors wore their sheepskin lined coats and the patients had no heat whatever.

Gambling

Games of chance were worked among the men he declared, and two or three days every week somebody would come around and have the men buy chances on automobiles, wrist watches and many other things he said.

When Paole testified that more men were "idle than were working" members of the committee asked him how he accounted to the employment of the men who were not performing actual labor. "I have an idea that every one of those men meant sixty-six cents to Bentley," was his reply. He insisted that agents and foremen of the Bentley company "did know" of idleness.

When he pleaded with "straw homes" to let him discharge some of the men in his gangs, he said they told them to put them to "doing something" let them clean up around the barracks. He asserted that it was generally known among the men that the foreman did not have the authority to discharge workmen.

Mudholes in the cantonment roads were filled by dumping wagonloads of coal and truckloads of lumber in them, according to witnesses. They also asserted that good lumber in enormous quantities was burned in the canal bed. George A. Sherman, a carpenter, said he saw a pile of lumber covered fully an acre of ground burned and that his knowledge 20 carloads of lumber were wasted.

A try square, four foot rule and a lead pencil were all the tools furnished John Walker with which to do rough carpenter work, the witness testified. He told of 60 men working three days to build a bathhouse 12 by 14 feet.

A keg of nails, worth perhaps \$4, was hauled around for a full day at a cost to the government of \$8.25 for labor by Chris Ault, a teamster, Ault testified.

Canada to Hold up Public Work Until Loan is Made

Guy W. Talbot to Undergo Operation in Chicago Today

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—Word was received here today that Guy W. Talbot, president of the Portland Gas and Coke company, who is ill in Chicago, will undergo an operation there tomorrow. His condition for some time past has been considered critical.

UMPIRE IS VINDICATED

FILM ACTOR LOSES SUIT

JUDGMENT IS FOR \$500

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3.—A judgment for \$500 damages was given James A. Murray, eastern baseball umpire, in the superior court here today in his suit against Thomas Kennedy, motion picture actor, for assault during the post season series between St. Paul and Vernon baseball teams. Although Mr. Murray and Mr. Kennedy had agreed to a cash settlement, the umpire insisted that his suit should be filed in regular order and a judgment rendered that he might "go back east vindicated of any charges of rowdiness, which only a court judgment could do."

PORTLAND CHIEF OF POLICE HANDS IN RESIGNATION

Johnson to Quit to Enter Private Business is Reason Given to Mayor

DOW V. WALKER MENTION

Baker Declares Record Excellent—No Reply From Possible Successor

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 3.—Nels F. Johnson, chief of police of Portland, since the beginning of the administration of Mayor George Baker, announced his resignation today, giving as a reason his desire to enter private business.

McKenzie Out of Banks at Eugene Due to Heavy Rain

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 3.—Heavy rains during the past two days have caused the Willamette rivers and McKenzie rivers to rise rapidly. This afternoon the McKenzie was almost out of its banks and the water in the Willamette is at a height of 10 feet above the low water mark tonight and still rising. Snow that had fallen in the Cascade mountains and foothills is melting rapidly under the influence of a warm Chinook wind.

Automobile Salesman Dies From Injuries From Smash

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 3.—L. C. Smith, a Portland salesman, was so badly hurt when an automobile he was driving was struck by a trolley car near here today that he died soon after being taken to a hospital. Maurice A. Fox, another salesman who accompanied him, was also badly hurt, but it was said he might recover. The accident occurred at a grade crossing.

Clemenceau to Make Last Political Speech of Life

PARIS, Nov. 3.—Premier Clemenceau tomorrow in Strasbourg, Alsace, will deliver what probably will be the last great political speech of his career. In it he is expected to outline the government's program in the approaching parliamentary elections.

Pure Speech Program Is Held at High School

For the furthering of "Better Speech Week" which is observed all over the nation in schools this week the Salem high school held its first general assembly yesterday afternoon in the high school auditorium. It was in the nature of a student body meeting and was under the direction of Professor Davidson, professor of music in the high school. Principal J. C. Nelson and the student body president, Ralph Wilson, talked to the students on the subject. The verses in the songs used were written especially for the meeting by Lucille Matlock, Andrea Bunch and Ralph Hamilton.

CONTINUING DEADLOCK ON PACT LOOMS

Effort to Fix Date for Roll Call on Ratification Procs Futile Despite Prolonged Debates in Senate

LODGE BLOCKS MOVE TO HOLD VOTE THURSDAY

Parliamentarians (Puzzled As to Effect of Defeat of Resolution

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Further indications that the peace treaty deadlock developed today while the senate leaders were trying in vain to fix a definite date for a roll call on ratification.

Debate Futile

An hour of debate on the question got no where and the senate went back to its consideration of the treaty amendments. It may reach a vote tomorrow on that by Senator LaFollette to strike out the labor provisions and then, unless some new plan is devised to hasten action, other amendments and a long list of proposed reservations will be taken up under the tedious rule of unlimited debate.

Lodge Blocks Administration

Mr. Lodge, in turn, blocked the administration program, which should have provided for a vote Thursday on the committee resolution with its reservations and would have left Friday and Saturday for consideration of any compromise resolution agreed on by the Democrats and the "mild reservation" Republicans. To open the way for such a move after a ratification vote had been taken would mean upsetting the senate rules entirely. Mr. Lodge declared, adding that if the treaty's friends voted "mild reservations" they would place the treaty "in grave danger."

Parliamentarians Puzzled

Senate parliamentarians said there was no precedent to throw light on the question of whether defeat of the committee resolution would be a final rejection of the treaty or would leave the way open for offering other ratification proposals.

Excessive Truck Loading To Be Stopped in County

At a session of the county court tomorrow the matter of the preservation of county roads will be given consideration by the commissioners. Friday, November 7, a grand jury will hold a special session in the court house, the purpose of which will be to adopt regulations limiting the loading of trucks which travel on the county roads. There have been many complaints that commercial and other trucks are destroying the roads by excessive overloading. This problem has been encountered in other counties. A recent report on record shows that one Oregon county arrested 11 violators of this traffic provision and imposed fines. Judge Rushey said yesterday that truck drivers, owners and all others interested were invited to attend the meeting.

SHEEP DIP AT \$12 PER SOLD TO POULTRY FOLK BROWN GETS COMPLAINT

Alleging that the State Poultry association, which has headquarters in the Corbett building, Portland, is selling certain products at extremely excessive costs, and that it is attempting to operate on the reputation of another association, Charles W. English, of the Better Business bureau of Portland, has written a letter of complaint to Attorney General Brown.

PACKING PLANT WILL OPEN ON JANUARY FIRST

Equipment of Buildings Most Modern Type With Big Floor Space

STOCK YARDS COMPLETE

Concern Under Jurisdiction of United States Government Inspection

The Valley Packing company, a combination of the Steunloff and the Cross interests of Salem, has fixed the date for its opening as January 1. The new building on the Pacific highway, near the north city limits of Salem, has been completed and equipped and is the first modern meat packing plant in the state outside of Salem. The cost of the plant complete will be approximately \$175,000.

The main building is 82½ feet square and three stories high, constructed of concrete-terra-cotta. There is a full basement in addition to the three floors. The total floor space is 25,500 square feet, with three modern smoke houses. There are six coolers with four and five-inch cork insulation. Throughout the building is an automatic refrigerating system. The plant is further equipped with an independent water plant, and a Kewanee water air pressure system has been installed with a capacity of 100 gallons a minute. All the machinery in the plant is modern, including an Albrecht Neill hog deboning and polishing machine. For the comfort of employees up-to-date conveniences have been installed.

THE RED CROSS

As a part of its obligation to discharged soldiers the local Home Service Section is expected not only to act as a clearing house for all communications with the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, but to establish cordial relationship with all other agencies in the community. In a statement, Ward Bonsall, head of the Bureau of Information at National Headquarters says: "It is important that our Home Service Sections should not be content with the recent order of the War Risk Insurance Bureau designating the Red Cross as the official organization through whom complaints and requests should be presented to the Bureau. The obligation rests upon each Home Service Section to every other organization in the community which deals with soldiers, and to make every effort to establish such cordial relationships that not only friction may be prevented but a mutual basis of co-operation may be established."

WASHINGTON SAYS END OF STRIKE NEAR

Feeling Strong That Miners Will Be Prevailed Upon to Return to Work Before Sunday—Developments Lacking

FIRST DAY OF REAL TEST WITHOUT EVENT

Entire Situation Lacks in Disorder—Protection Assurance Renewed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Official Washington was firm in the belief tonight that the end of the coal strike was near.

There was nothing definite or tangible in the way of actual developments to justify this hopeful view, but everywhere the feeling prevailed that influences were being brought to bear to have the strikers, numbering more than 400,000 return to work.

Confidential reports to the department of justice from its agents in the coal fields were said to show many defections from the ranks of the strikers. Some reports said that large numbers of idle miners had declared they wanted to return to work but were afraid.

FIRST DAY OF REAL TEST

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—Today, the first real test day in the nation-wide strike of bituminous coal miners, passed without a break of any consequence in the general cessation of production, despite the inactivity of some leaders of the United Mine Workers of America because of the government's restraining order.

Original "Strangler" Lewis Is Dead After Long Illness

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 2.—Evan Lewis, former champion heavyweight wrestler, and the original "Strangler" Lewis, died at Dodgeville, Wis., today after an illness of two years. Lewis who was 58 years old, retired from the mat 30 years ago.

VANDERBILT BOYS RICH

EACH IS GIVEN \$721,317

AGES ARE 9 AND 4 YEARS

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—The two young sons by the second marriage of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who lost his life in the sinking of the Lusitania, were made the richer today by \$721,317 each, through the filing in the deputy state controller's office of a supplemental report by the appraiser of the estate.

FIRM STAND ON POLICIES TAKEN BY LEGION POST

Service Men "Make It Snappy" at Well Attended Regular Meeting

Armistice Day Dance To Be Big Event—"Come and Bring Girl"

Passing on 14 points of public policy and legislation and on each of them voicing its opinions in no uncertain terms, Capital Post No. 9, American Legion at its regular meeting last night expressed its views for the guidance of the national convention which is to be held at Minneapolis November 11. The meeting was by far the liveliest and best attended the post has held, every seat in the Commercial club auditorium being taken and everybody apparently eager to "make it snappy." They succeeded.

Big Army Not Liked

The post emphatically is not in favor of a large standing army or universal training and when the question of foreign language newspapers was put the men shouted with one voice "No." But if there must be foreign language publications the post favors that parallel paragraphs of the foreign language and English be used.

Dance Plans Progress

Plans for the Armistice Day dance November 11, were talked over and it soon simmered down to one sentence of instruction to the membership. That sentence is "Come and bring a girl or more than one if you can." The dance will be free to all service men and women and to their women friends.

Eggs Retail at 97 Cents in San Francisco Markets

SEATTLE, Nov. 3.—Eggs retail at many stores in Seattle today at 97 cents per dozen, said to be the highest price in the history of the city. One store quoted some of its eggs at \$1.

2 OFFICERS MUST DROP FROM FORCE

Mayor Wilson Wins Contention Against Efforts of Police Committee and Business Men's Representatives

CHOICE HELD ILLEGAL BY MACY'S OPINION

Spirited Tilt Takes Place With Wilson, Utter and Vandevort Leading

By reinforcing his arguments with a written opinion from City Attorney Macy and citations from the city charter, Mayor Otto H. Wilson was able to win out last night over the police committee of the city council and a committee from the Business men's league who made battle for retention of the two officers recently added to the Salem police force. As the situation stands the two men are no longer on the force and presumably will be dropped from the payroll today. The officers are Moffitt and Gardner.

Utter Eulied Down

Utter started the proceedings by moving that the council proceed to elect two additional policemen, explaining that the previous action had been held illegal. Vandevort seconded the motion but the mayor ruled it out of order.

Vandevort Shows Fight

"Under the opinion of the city attorney I shall have to rule you out of order," the mayor answered. "I want to hear that opinion read again," thundered Vandevort. "I am getting tired of this camouflage. I hold that we are entirely within our rights."

Mayor Defies Opposition

"If you want more men in the department," added the mayor, "you can get a new charter or a new mayor. As long as I am mayor I will follow the charter as closely as possible."

Do You Believe in a Larger Force?

"Do you believe in a larger force?" he inquired. "I believe in a better grade of men than we have," answered the mayor. "I have talked with many business men and have not found one of them who favors increasing the force."

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"They are the first ones I have seen," declared the mayor.

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