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STRIKE PROCLAMATION ISSUED

HARDING ASKS THAT ECONOMY BE PRACTICED

Use of Pruning Knives Upon Estimates for Coming Year Urged by Chief Executive.

NEED BE NO ALARM OVER APPARENT DEFICIT

Estimated Loss of Last Year Disproved by Surplus of \$313,000,000

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Administration officers of the executive establishments of the government who were assembled today for their third semi-annual business meeting were called upon by President Harding for the "utmost economy" of expenditures during the current fiscal year and the use of their "pruning knives" upon the estimates for the succeeding 12 months.

The president further urged economy by federal officials as an example for the states and municipalities whose mounting debts he described as a "menace" unequalled in America today.

Referring to the operators of the budget bureau during the fiscal year just ended, during which withdrawals from the treasury were reduced by \$759,000,000 from the earlier estimated total of \$4,554,000,000, as "a record of real achievement," he declared that prospective net deficit of \$425,000,000 for the present current year is a challenge to us all.

Receipts for the current year, he stated, were estimated at \$3,974,000,000, while expenditures were placed at \$3,771,000,000, an apparent excess of expenditures amounting to \$203,000,000, but offset to the amount of \$272,000,000 by the general balance in the treasury on June 30.

Experience of the past year, the president continued, has demonstrated that there need be no undue concern over prospective deficits, recalling that while a deficit of \$24,000,000 was forecast last year, a surplus of \$313,000,000 was realized.

"This," he said, "is certainly a gratifying accomplishment," but he added that expenses must be kept within income this year, and called upon the government's executives for still closer scrutiny of their activities and expenditures.

"If in your jurisdiction," the president said, "you find activities and expenditures that can properly be curtailed or eliminated, I admonish you to do it; if laws do not leave it within your power to do this, submit it to the president for recommendation of congressional action. The business of the government does not and cannot contemplate or expect expenditures this year will exceed income. If they do, it will be regarded as unfortunate; and therefore I bespeak your fullest cooperation."

MADE OREGON DRY; WANTS IT DAMP AGAIN

Fern Hobbs Who Closed Copperfield now Strong for Lots of Moisture in State

"What is the difference between wet and dry?" In Oregon there are several months difference if you mean the condition of the atmosphere and the rainfall. Then if you mean Volsteadism—that's different again.

The rather unusual position of a person who did something real to make a certain part of the state dry and who is now working to make a part of Oregon wet is a fact and not a fancy. A conscientious objector once having seen how dry Volstead is? Well not quite.

Fern Hobbs closed up the saloons in Copperfield for Governor West and now instead of trying to open them she is working with all her energy—and most folks say she has considerable— to bring to the dry land farmer of eastern Oregon much needed moisture—for his crops in the form of ordinary water—H2O, nothing more and nothing less.

Miss Hobbs has just recently returned from Germany, where as secretary of the Y.W.C.A. she served with the army of occupation. She is again private secretary to Oswald West, who as governor of Oregon sent Miss Hobbs, his private secretary, on the famous trip to the now extinct town of Copperfield to close the saloons which were running in defiance of the state law. That she closed them is a mere incident.

Miss Hobbs is working with the North Canal company near Bend in central Oregon.

Elks Offer Plan for National Athletic Fields

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 11.—A plan providing that each lodge of Elks in the country engage in athletic activities and acquire the necessary property for an athletic field, was received enthusiastically today by the thousands of delegates to the annual meeting of the lodge. Leading officers said the proposal which was referred to the new good order committee will be adopted.

J. Edgar Masters, of Charleston, was elected as grand exalted ruler.

REVENUE HEAD TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

President Said to Be Considering Official Resignation of Elmer Dover, Assistant Secretary.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—President Harding was understood tonight to have under consideration the resignation of Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, and formerly of Ohio, as assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of customs and internal revenue.

Information of the resignation of Mr. Dover was received at the capitol today from treasury sources, but something of a mystery surrounded the severance of the assistant secretary's connection with the treasury, as official confirmation or denial of the report was wholly lacking.

Mellon Silent

At the treasury it was said that Secretary Mellon had no statement to make and that the matter was one for Mr. Dover and the president. At the White House it was made known that President Harding had no comment to make at this time. Mr. Dover himself would neither confirm nor deny the report, declaring that he had nothing to say.

The resignation of Mr. Dover, it was indicated, could be regarded as the culmination of his controversy with David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue, which has raged for several months over the proposed reor-

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FIRE LOSS NEAR MILLION MARK

Prineville Reports Largest Loss for June, With Sheridan Next

Sixty-four fires, 37 of which were from undetermined sources, occurred in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during the month of June, and the aggregate loss therefrom was \$888,290, according to a report made public here today by the state fire marshal.

The heaviest loss came at Prineville, where the business district was damaged to the extent of \$300,000. Sheridan and Kings Valley each sustained losses of \$100,000—at Sheridan the fire occurring in the business district and in Kings Valley at a lumber mill.

POLICE HAVE MANY WEARY PROBLEMS

Anything from Finding Stray Youngster to Ending a Family Feud in Day's Work

Some one has estimated that a really good policeman had to have at least a fractional knowledge of about 23,000 laws and statutes and ordinances. If he really does, he ought to be able to tell something of most any question that they'd ask.

There is a list of the items brought to the Salem police station yesterday:

A boy left home with about \$300 of his dad's money. Where is he, and where's the money?

Two separate men drove their autos through a funeral procession. Is it unlawful, or should they be ostracised, or even licked by the funeral attendants?

A man on a bicycle was run over by a California auto tourist, and his machine ruined, but it didn't hurt him a bit. Should he fight, or laugh, or sue?

A boy reported the stealing of his bicycle, from in front of the Oregon Theatre. He lives at 595 North 17th.

A little girl toddled away from home, and they were hunting all over town for her—but they found her themselves after turning in the alarm.

A traveling man, Norman Jackson, has lost a pocket record book that might be worth a thousand dollars to him; it was found in the street, by S. A. Bidwell, and brought to the police station. Surely they must know Mr. Norman Jackson? The book is waiting for him.

1922 Tuitions High

The estimate in the tentative budget discussed at the school board meeting last night, is that the tuition receipts for 1922-23 will be close to \$3,000 higher than they were last year. While some small reduction in per capita cost is expected, it can hardly be more than the reduction last year; it will not be enough to seriously affect the revenues from teaching—though last year the saving of \$2.95 per pupil meant more than \$1,000 in all.

SCHOOL BOARD NAMES 3 NEW INSTRUCTORS

Normal School Graduates to Be Engaged at Starting Salary of \$110 Per Month For Coming Year.

MISS SOPHIA TOWNSEND FRENCH TEACHER, QUILTS

Other Vacancies to Be Filled By Board—Building Inspection Coming

According to the report of Superintendent Hug, made public last night, the Salem schools had 1263 pupils last year in the four high school grades, this including the last year of the junior high. The average daily attendance was 1012.3 pupils.

Of these pupils, 350 came in from districts outside of Salem; most of them from Marion county, a good many from Polk, and some from each of a dozen others.

The cost per pupil was \$93.13, a decrease of \$2.95 per pupil since the previous year, when the cost was \$96.08. Salem will collect this cost from the general school fund, that is to give free high school privileges to every child in the state, wherever he may live.

Inspection to Be Made

The board is to start Thursday on a tour of examination of all the schools, to see what repairs are needed. The board has considered an appropriation of \$10,000 for general repair work.

It is false economy to not spend this money, if we have it," said Director Winslow. "The properties have been skimped and neglected, and they need thorough going over."

Waterproofing some of the brick-walled buildings that have been water-soaked by winter rains, notably the Garfield school, and then tinting the inside walls that have been discolored, will be one line of improvement suggested.

HARDING DIRECTS THAT ALL PERSONS REFRAIN FROM ANY INTERFERENCE WITH TRAINS

WASHINGTON, July 11.—President Harding, in a proclamation issued at the White House late tonight directed "all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the United States mails."

In the proclamation, which was issued after a day in which continued reports had reached the postoffice department of interference by railroad strikers with mail trains, the president invited the cooperation of all public authorities, state and municipal and the "aid of all good citizens" to uphold the laws and to "facilitate those operations in safety, which are essential to life and liberty, and the security of property and our common public welfare."

The peaceful settlement of controversies between shop craft employees and carriers, it was stated, "in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies for such settlement are essential to the security and well being of our people."

The president took the position that men willing to maintain the operation of railroad trains that transport mail "have the same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work."

President Delays Dinner

President Harding was occupied throughout the evening with the preparation of the proclamation, delaying his dinner one hour in order to go over the first transcript. He returned to the executive offices after dinner and remained there until the proclamation would be made public about 10:30 p. m.

The text of the proclamation follows:

"A proclamation: Whereas, the United States railroad labor board is an agency of the government, created by law and charged with the duty of adjusting disputes between railroad operators and employees engaged in interstate commerce, and

Decisions Cited

"Whereas, the United States railroad labor board has recently handed down decisions, one affecting the wage of the shop crafts employees, the other declaring the contract system of shop craft work with outside agencies to be contrary to the intent of the transportation act and therefore that such practice must be discontinued, and

Whereas, the shop craft employees have elected to discontinue their work rather than abide by the decision rendered, and certain operators have ignored the decision ordering the abandonment of the contract shop practices; and

THIRTY-FOUR CAR LOADS OF CHERRIES IN

CHICAGO, July 11.—With state troops and United States deputy marshals on guard in half a dozen states to avert violence and prevent interference with the movement of the mails or interstate commerce, leaders of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods and railway executives were hurrying to Chicago tonight to confer tomorrow on issues growing out of the shopmen's strike, at Bloomington, Ill., where state troops have been guarding the Chicago and Alton railway shops, engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors, members of the four big brotherhoods, today voted not to enter the shops or yards as long as troops are stationed there. The matter of working with guards and state troops on duty is one of the matters expected to be taken up tomorrow.

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Rolling Stock in Bad Shape

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The shop crafts leaders assuming a more hopeful attitude today with receipt of advices that, all told, 18 railroads had made conciliatory expressions looking toward a settlement of a strike and that some were already conferring with the system federation committees. Settlement will be made except on a national basis, the union heads insisted, adhering to their original attitude of insisting that the railroads deal with the six international shop unions as a whole.

Committee Refuses Agreements

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Whatever settlement is made (Continued on page 3.)

BIG FOUR MAY ENTER

Leaders Hurry East For Meet—Refuse to Enter Yards

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FOREST FIRE DAMAGE GREAT

60,000,000 Feet of Green Timber Lost on Vancouver Island During Month

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 11.—More than 60,000,000 feet of green timber valued at approximately \$200,000 has been destroyed by forest fires during the past month. Between thirty and forty thousand acres have been swept by fire. At Grassy Bay, 150 miles north Vancouver, fire had destroyed 5,000,000 feet of standing fir and cedar.

It is the worst season from the viewpoint of fire loss that the coast district has experienced for many years.

None of the dangerous forest fires are out yet but most of them are reported under control.

Mrs. Obenchain III; Murder Trial Halted

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—The trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain for the murder of J. Belmont Kennedy was suddenly halted late today when it became apparent that the defendant was too ill to remain in the court room. Judge John W. Shenk ordered an adjournment until tomorrow morning.

FOSTER GIVEN FINE AND JAIL

Sentence of Four Months Is Suspended When Man Promises to Leave County

Chester Foster, arrested Saturday night by police on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor, was yesterday arraigned before G. E. Urruh, justice of the peace, and fined \$100 and sentenced to serve four months in the county jail. The jail sentence was suspended by the court upon condition that Foster leave the county immediately and remain away for a period of 16 months. Should he return during that period he will be compelled to serve the full sentence.

Lineman Electrocuted Working on Trolley

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 11.—W. N. Thompson, 37, a lineman for the Pacific Power and Light company, met instant death by electrocution at State Line station about eight miles from here today while working on the trolley line of the Walla Walla valley railway company. Thompson was working on a pole when in some way he received the high voltage current. Death is thought to have been instantaneous. Thompson was single and has relatives living in California.

PIONEER DROPS DEAD ON STREET

Frank H. Girard, Long Time Salem Resident, Succumbs to Heart Failure

Frank H. Girard, for more than 36 years a resident of Salem, dropped dead yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in front of the library. Heart failure was the cause of his death. He was 67 years of age and lived at 212 South Twenty-first street.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Bert Vielniski of Salem. He was born in Canada and came to Oregon more than 40 years ago, living for a time in Portland. He came later to Salem where he has since made his home. He was a member of the Woodman lodge.

Mr. Girard was at different times an employe of the state hospital and the penitentiary. He was guard at the latter place when Tracy and Merrill made their notorious escape from the Oregon institution. He has recently been employed at the state fair grounds.

Rehearing Asked in Crossing Cases

The state highway commission is not satisfied with the public service commission's apportionment of the cost of installing three overhead crossings at Sutherlin, Wilbur and Oakland.

A petition was filed with the public service commission yesterday afternoon, requiring a rehearing of the cases. Highway officials feel that the Southern Pacific company was not assessed its proportionate share of the cost.

SLOAT REWARD MONEY READY

All Claimants Sign Agreement to Abide by Decision of Distribution Board

The distribution committee, handling the reward money offered for the arrest and conviction of C. A. Sloat, who attacked two Salem girls last March, and who is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, has succeeded in gaining the signatures of all participants in the reward money to an agreement to abide by the committee's decision.

As one or two members of the committee are out of town at the present time it is possible that the distribution of the money will not be made until the last of this week.

There are several claimants to the reward, among them being the city marshal of Newburg, the marshal of Albany, Sloat's attorney, and the father of an Albany girl who likewise made charges against Sloat.

THE WEATHER
Wednesday fair.