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## PERJURY CHARGE IN MONTESSANO CASE

### BROTHERHOODS WILLING TO TRY NEW RAIL PLAN

### Representatives of Unions Understood to Have Voted to Give Law Test in Settling Wage Demand Issue

Washington, Mar. 2.—Representatives of the railroad unions are understood to have voted today to give the new railroad law a trial in bringing about a settlement of their wage demands.

It is understood also that they decided to hold off abeyance plans to test the constitutionality of the law and not to refer the controversy to the union membership for a vote "until the law has been given a fair trial."

This means, it is said, that all danger of a general strike at this time has been removed. One of the union officials said "we are all good Americans and desire to go along with the president as far as we can."

## President Sets Stage

Washington, Mar. 2.—President Wilson is preparing to set up the tribunal provided in the railroad bill for considering the wage demands of the two million railroad employees.

It was announced at the white house today that he was writing to the unions and railroad companies asking that they nominate representatives to the wage board. Under the session Franklin D'Oliver, national commander of the American Legion, and Thomas W. Miller, chairman of the national legislative committee, presented briefly an outline of what the organization sought from congress. Both declared service men were not asking for a bonus and Miller asserted that three million soldiers, directly affected, were closely watching consider-

### Soldiers Relief Bill Is Cause of Heated Row In House Committee

Washington, Mar. 2.—Taking up for the first time the whole question of soldier relief legislation, the house ways and means committee got into a row today over procedure and broke up in some confusion after members had repeated charges made in the house that the measures had been sent to the committee for burial.

After heated exchanges between members the committee ordered the room cleared of the crowd of spectators, and then in executive session finally decided to continue hearings to-morrow.

## Legion Head Heard.

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### SEVEN BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST LIVES IN WRECK OF STEAMER

Halifax, N. S., Mar. 2.—Seven lives are believed to have been lost when the crew of the Leyland liner Bremen abandoned their ship as she was breaking up on the Sambro ledges this morning. Several others were injured.

The ship, which was bound from Boston to Liverpool, ran aground in a blinding snowstorm while endeavoring to put into Halifax harbor early yesterday morning. Sixty four passengers were taken off in safety in the morning, but most of the 120 members of the crew remained on board all day.

Last night a strong swell developed and the ship began to pound heavily on the rocks. At four o'clock this morning it was decided to abandon her. Three boats got away safely but the remainder of the men were unable to take to the boats, according to the reports received here.

The tug Roebling came as close to the steamer as possible and the transfer of those still on board was attempted by life lines. It is believed loss of life occurred during this operation.

Soon after the crew had left the vessel she broke in two and sank.

### New Apartments To Rise On South Commercial Street

Plans for a beautiful new apartment house, to be called the "Highland Court Apartments" are being drawn up by Chester G. Murphy of Portland, and the prospects are that it will be erected in the near future. The site chosen is on South Commercial street, just south of Bellevue.

Among the attractive features planned for the new building are sun parlors, sleeping porches, a 10 foot court in the rear with a lawn and fountain; bachelor apartments provided with a club room, and a garage with accommodations for 20 automobiles. The structure will be of hollow tile, for the exclusion of noise, and will be fireproof. There will be 56 apartments in the building, every room of which will have outside lights.

Mr. Murphy, who has made a study of apartment houses for the past several years, and who has erected a number in Portland, says that every individual feature of the "Highland Court" will be the very latest, and the entire building will be one of the most up to date on the coast.

## WHO KNEW HOOVER?

During the period 1883 to 1891, Herbert Hoover spent his boyhood in Salem and Newberg. When he first came to Oregon, he was about nine years of age and the greater portion of the eight years of Hoover's Oregon residence was spent in this city.

The Capital Journal will publish reminiscences of Hoover's boyhood, submitted by Journal readers. Those who remember him as a young man and as a boy, are invited to furnish the Journal with any interesting biographical bits of general interest.

Undoubtedly, the boyhood of this man, who is now in the foremost ranks of internationally known personages, was replete with character indications which should be made public, not for purposes of partisanship or propaganda, but from the viewpoint of specific interest.

The older residents of the city who came into contact with Hoover are invited to take part in this work. Articles may be submitted in the writer's own style, or if difficulty is experienced in composing the story, phone the Capital Journal and a member of the reporter staff will aid you.

### COUNCIL MARKS TIME IN WAIT ON WARD OPINIONS

### FATE OF MEMBERS NEXT TWO WEEKS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED; CITY ATTORNEY ASKED WHETHER TENURE OF OFFICE WILL END MARCH 16

Cleaning up a volume of business at their meeting Monday night the members of the city council are now marking time pending the outcome of the ordinance creating ward boundaries in the city. The decision of City Attorney Bert W. Macy, ordered by vote of the council for next meeting, March 15, explaining whether the six or seven councilmen who will be changed from wards by the new lines and automatically ousted from the council, or continue to serve, is anxiously awaited, both by citizens and the city's solons.

After much deferment the council finally passed the bill Monday night establishing the new boundaries for wards, after the date it is to become effective was changed to March 16 instead of March 15. This was changed to enable the present members of the council, if, by opinion of city Attorney Macy they are not to be retained, to hold another meeting before the measure becomes effective so they can elect successors. Following the meeting most of the councilmen met in impromptu adjourned session and discussed the feasibility and possibility of electing themselves to the positions again, only from different wards. Whether this will meet with the approval of the citizens is not known.

## Macy Denies Opinion.

When requested during the session to give an opinion as to what effect the ordinance would have on the status of the councilmen by Councilman Utter, City Attorney Macy said: "I have no opinion to render at this time."

"That isn't very courteous," observed Utter.

Councilman Vanderveer then voiced his intention of seeking the opinion of the attorney general. It was then that then council ordered the city attorney to bring in an opinion next meeting.

John B. Gieseley was asked appointed successor to W. A. West, resigned councilman from ward six, in a petition submitted to the council Monday night. Walter Skelton, former city engineer, was also asked to fill the same vacancy in another petition. The supporters of Mr. Gieseley declared that their part of the ward—in the south—has not had representation from the city council for 10 years. Mr. Skelton is held the logical candidate for the place because of his thorough knowledge of municipal affairs and his ability to execute the duties of the office.

## Bids Are Asked.

The city recorder was ordered to accept bids for the construction of 1945 linear feet of concrete sidewalk through Wilson park. The sidewalk was asked by the municipal park board in a petition submitted to the body Monday night.

Approval of a petition to grade Myer street, between Fir and Fairmount was voted by the council. It was referred to the proper committees for action.

Councilman Moore came in for a "bawh out" during the session when he appeared with an ordinance for the connection of a sewer in the alley of block 34, Highland addition, to the city's viaducts. He asked that it be rushed through that meeting.

## Moore Is Criticized.

"Mr. Moore has blundered before on sewer questions," Councilman Utter said, "and I am opposed to this being railroaded through like this without being investigated."

Moore defended his action by saying that the city had granted manufacturers outside of the city to connect with municipal sewers, and said he could not see why they should oppose this petition.

Church street, between Highland and Pine, will be paved as soon as plans and specifications and work can be undertaken, as a result of favorable action taken on a petition that had been referred to the street committee.

## City Taxes Endangered.

The vacation of many lots in Rosedale addition at the eastern outskirts of the city limits, is authorized in an ordinance read the first and second time Monday night. The ordinance, if it passes, will take the greater portion of this addition out of the city's jurisdiction and will no longer direct the payment of taxes on it into the city's coffers.

An order from the public service effective was changed to March 16 in signal at the crossing of Capital and Union streets, was adhered to, and the city voted the needed one-third appropriation to erect the device. The street committee was detailed to designate the place where the light shall be installed.

Fred E. Wells, who is starting a wood yard on the old Cherry City mill site on Trade street, was granted the right to erect a swinging conveyor across the street there. He explained in his petition that it would be used to

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### WITNESS FOR DEFENSE DECLARES GRIMM FELL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE I.W.W. HALL AND NOT 100 YARDS AWAY

### JUDGE IN MONTESSANO RADICAL TRIAL HOLDS DEFENSE MUST PROVE MARCHERS RUSHED RADICAL HEADQUARTERS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO PROVE THREAT EVIDENCE.

Montesano, Wash., Mar. 2.—Guy Bray, 16 years old, an employee in a Centralia dairy, was arrested on a charge of perjury today a half hour after he had left the witness stand in the trial of ten alleged I. W. W. here for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, all Centralia Armistice Day parade victim.

The warrant charging perjury was sworn to by J. H. Jahnke, assistant county prosecutor of Lewis county. The arrest was made by Sheriff John H. Berry of Lewis county. Bray was held in lieu of \$500 bail.

Bray, on the witness stand, testified, in effect, that he saw F. R. VanGilder and a man whom he believed to be Grimm, in front of the I. W. W. hall on Armistice day. He saw a large man shot, he said. He thought the man was Grimm.

"You were told later that it was Grimm?" asked Abel.

"Yes," Bryan answered. He testified that he did not see the man make any move toward the hall before he was shot.

Bray was placed on the stand, replacing Elmer Smith, one of the defendants, temporarily, when objector Smith. It was declared that Smith could not testify as to any conversations he testified he had with Grimm relative to alleged threats to raid the I. W. W. hall. Court sustained the objection.

"We are going to show that Grimm did have something to do with it," Vanderveer declared, asking Smith to step down and calling for Bray.

### NOVEMBER VOTE ON PACT RESERVATION IS SUSTAINED TODAY

Washington, Mar. 2.—The republicans peace treaty reservation declaring the right of the United States to decide all domestic questions under the league of nations was readopted by the senate today by a vote of 55 to 25, after repeated efforts by the democrats to amend it had failed.

Fourteen democrats voted with the solid republican membership for the reservation. On its original adoption last November the vote was 59 to 36, with eleven democrats voting in the affirmative.

The democrats who voted for adoption today were:

Ashurst, Arizona; Chamberlain, Oregon; Gore, Oklahoma; Henderson, Nevada; King, Utah; Myers, Montana; Nugent, Idaho; Phelan, California; Pittman, Nevada; Reed, Minnesota; Shields, Tennessee; Smith, Georgia; Thomas, Colorado; Trammell, Florida.

### AMERICAN SHIP FIRED ON WHILE AT VLADIVOSTOK

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 2.—Officers of the American steamer Delight said here today that troops fired upon their boat in Vladivostok harbor January 2 while she was unloading rifles. The Delight arrived here last night with her superstructure scarred by bullets.

The Delight, they said, was cast in the role of an innocent bystander when the troops turned machine guns upon a Russian steamer anchored near the American boat. The bullets went wild and hit both steamers. The shots were fired, it was said, in an effort to halt the escape of Ivan Gladz, a rebel leader who had fled to the Russian ship.

### NEW PLANT DISEASE FOUND

Corvallis, Ore., Mar. 2.—A new plant disease has been discovered, according to G. H. Goffrey, assistant pathologist in the office of truck, cotton and forage disease investigations, in a report made today. It is attacking rhubarb and easter beans in various Oregon farming districts.

### DEMOCRATS ASKED TO SIGN HOOVER NOMINATING PETITIONS

Petitions have been sent to the Capital Journal office and can be signed there to place Herbert Hoover's name upon the primary ballot as a democratic candidate for president.

The fact that Hoover has refused to state his party allegiance does not prevent the people of either or both parties from nominating him against the wishes of the politicians, and his own wishes. It is a case of the job seeking the man.

Only registered democrats are eligible to sign these petitions, but if any republican will get out similar petitions to nominate Hoover, the Capital Journal will render similar aid in securing signatures.

It is up to the people to beat the politicians to it and name the next president. If you are a democrat, sign this petition. If you are a republican, get out a petition of your own.