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Congress Is Blamed For Big Profits

Washington, May 18.—Profiteering denounced today in the senate by Senator Walsh, democrat of Massachusetts, who asserted that extortions of profiteers are the principal cause of widespread unrest and that Congress has been "culpably inactive" in moving to relieve the situation.

Senator Walsh cited many large dividends, declaring the public outcry against the high cost of living was an acute political problem. Republican leadership and majorities in congress, the Massachusetts senator said, are responsible for failure to enact anti-profiteering legislation.

McNary Bill Favored. Among recommendations made by Senator Walsh to check profiteering were: Senatorial investigation of income tax returns to disclose individual profiteers. Passage of several pending bills, including the packer regulation measure, the McNary bill to stamp out prices on shoes, the cold storage regulation bill and others.

Public Trading Urged. "I further recommend," said Senator Walsh, "that congress promptly inaugurate public trading on a large scale unless exorbitant profits are voluntarily and materially reduced at once."

Stepfather Shot By Tacoma Lad In Self Defense. Tacoma, Wash., May 18.—Robert Friedman, 22, who last night shot and killed his stepfather, Phil B. Friedman, today in the city jail declared he acted in self defense. He said that he and his stepfather had often quarreled over alleged abuse of the dead man to his wife.

San Friedman, another stepson of the slain man, saw the encounter. His statement to the police bears out the claims of his brother.

Students Here For Concert at Armory Tonight. Coming in the interests of the millage tax measure for the support of the state's higher institutions of learning, members of the University of Oregon Quartet and the Oregon Agricultural College Band, arrived in Salem this afternoon. They will give a concert in the armory this evening at 8 o'clock.

Much interest has been evinced in the city since the announcement of the proposed visit. A number of Salem young men and women are students at the two institutions, and the Capital City has flourishing chapters of alumni of both the state university and agricultural college. It is expected that the armory will be filled to capacity at the free concert this evening.

Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, popular hostess of the city, will be heard in concert with two organizations, the First Congregational church, of Portland, will address the assembly on the importance and necessity of the educational measures.

Senator Penrose, Not Sims, Originator of Charges Against Navy. Washington, May 18.—Senator Penrose, republican, Pennsylvania, and not Rear Admiral Sims, originated the charges against the navy department contained in the admiral's letter of January 7, Secretary Daniels asserted today before the senate committee investigating the naval conduct of the war. Mr. Daniels recalled that the senator in a speech in the senate on August 24, 1918, declared that charges on the part of the secretary regarding the termination of the war at least three months, cost \$15,000,000, and many lives.

The words used by Senator Penrose were almost identical with those used by Rear Admiral Sims more than a year ago, Mr. Daniels said. "Either Admiral Sims is a plagiarist and appropriated his views and charges from Senator Penrose or by the new

LATE BULLETINS

Chicago, May 18.—Sensational breaks in the value of corn took place today. There was a general rush to sell and a dearth of buyers. July delivery in which trading was heaviest underwent an extreme fall of 7 1/4 a bushel, compared with yesterday's close.

Spokane, Wash., May 18.—The majority report of the credentials committee of the democratic state convention which recommended seating of the "regular" or Fullen delegation from King county and seating both Pierce county contesting delegations with half a vote for each delegate, was adopted by the convention today by a vote of 607 to 188 with King county and Pierce county refusing to vote.

Washington, May 18.—House republicans were notified today by Representative Towner, Iowa, chairman of the party conference committee, that the soldier relief legislation would be considered at a party caucus to be held tomorrow night.

Greenville, Ill., May 18.—Harley O. Beasley, 25 years old, alleged murderer of his wife and two boy babies, today committed suicide over his wife's grave in Bethlehem cemetery, three miles out here. Beasley shot himself in the right temple.

Washington Democrats Demand Peace Treaty Ratification In Their Platform Adopted at Spokane Session Today

Spokane, Wash., May 18.—Prompt ratification of the German peace treaty with its league of nations covenant calling upon democratic senators to "oppose attachment of any nullifying reservations and finally ratifying the instrument," is a plank in the platform of the Washington state democratic convention as reported to the convention here today.

Commendation of the administration of President Wilson and of his week in the treaty making councils in Paris is combined with denunciation of the republicans in the senate for its "partisanship" in the treaty fight. Woman suffrage, prohibition and the payment of adequate salaries to school teachers are endorsed.

Soldier Bonus Favored. Of soldiers' compensation, the platform says: "We endorse adequate cash compensation by state and nation for the service men of the world war and recommend the use by the United States government of excess and war profit taxes for this purpose. We condemn the inhumanity and dilatory tactics in this matter of the republican majorities in the federal congress and in the state legislature."

The resolutions continue by stating opposition "to any peace time plan of compulsory military service or training." "Because of the undue influence of press columns too largely controlled by selfish interests we favor the issuance by the federal government of a publicity pamphlet or bulletin giving arguments for and against public measures, to be distributed to the voters of the nation by the government for their information, such pamphlet to be edited by a non-political board."

Labor Plank Included. Belief in the right of labor to organize and to bargain collectively is expressed, together with endorsement of profit sharing by labor. Punishment of profiteers is demanded. The federal land banks are endorsed. The "protective tariff" principle is denounced and an American merchant marine advocated. Praise of the work and administration of the late Governor Ernest Lister is given.

Edwin Chew, Long Lost Heir, Sought By Brother Here. Where is Edwin Chew? Whoever he is there is a quarter interest in a \$30,000 estate awaiting him.

Tuesday Chief of Police Welsh received a letter from Thomas Chew, manager of the Security Land & Loan company of Sioux City, Iowa, wherein a reward of \$100 is offered for the discovery, dead or alive, of Edwin Chew. The letter states that Edwin is left the above interest in the estate of a brother, who died.

Edwin Chew, according to the letter, was last heard of at Cannon Beach, Cal., five years ago. He is 48 years old, five feet 11 inches tall, an American, has red hair and is a common laborer, the letter said. He no doubt is a union man, it adds.

Harold Howell, Acquitted Boy, Stops In Salem. Harold Howell, acquitted by a jury in the Coos county circuit court early Sunday morning of the charge of murdering Lillian Leuthold, was in Salem this morning on his way to Monmouth, where he will make his home with his uncle, John Howell, and continue his education which has been interrupted by the long months of the three trials through which he has gone.

Howell was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Howell of Bandon, who will visit for a time at Monmouth before returning to their home. O. O. Howell is a native of Marion county, being born at Howell Prairie, which was named after his grandfather, John Howell, who, together with his thirteen sons at one time owned practically every foot of the vast and rich region included in Howell Prairie.

Young Howell had no statement to make except that he intended to take a brief vacation in order to rest up from the long and strenuous ordeal from which he has just emerged. Although only 15 years of age—a certified birth certificate in his possession showing that he was born November 20, 1904—he is rather large for his age and feels keenly the misstatements repeatedly made regarding his age which has been quoted in newspaper stories as all the way from 16 to 19 years.

Auto Bus Company Head Ends Life. Portland, Or., May 18.—Emmet V. Rossman, 42, president of the United Auto Bus Company, shot and killed himself at his home here last night. Mr. Rossman left a note saying that he meant to kill his secretary, Miss L. Brown, but that she had failed to keep an appointment with him. He asked that his body be cremated and that the ashes be "thrown to the four winds of heaven or cast upon the waters of the wide ocean."

County Held Liable For Accidents

The right of a personal representative of a person killed in an accident upon the highways of this state to institute suit and recover damages from the county wherein the accident occurred, is established in an opinion written by Justice Benson and handed down by the supreme court this morning. The opinion is based on the case of J. I. Coates as the administrator of the estate of F. L. Coates, deceased, vs. Marion county.

F. L. Coates lost his life as the result of injuries received in an accident when an automobile in which he was riding broke through the guard rail on a bridge on the Pacific highway in this county and plunged into the ravine below.

Lower Court Sustained. Suit filed in the Linn county circuit court by J. I. Coates as administrator of the estate was "contested by the county on the ground that while the law provided for the recovery of damages for injuries on a public highway there was no provision under the law whereby damages could be recovered by another person for the death of a person due to such injuries."

The lower court handed down a decree awarding damages as prayed for and this decree is affirmed by the supreme court today in an opinion which calls attention to an old statute which provides for the institution of suit for damages by the "personal representative" of one who had lived, would have had grounds for an action for damages, himself.

Other Opinions Given. Other opinions were handed down as follows: Pacific Livestock & Lumber company, appellant, vs. Portland Lumber company, et al; appeal from Columbia county; action in ejectment. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Case remanded to Judge Eakin's court with directions to enter judgment for plaintiff for recovery of possession of land but without damages.

City of Astoria for the use and benefit of the Oregon Iron & Steel company vs. M. P. Zindorf and Fidelity & Deposit company of Maryland, appellants appeal from Multnomah county; action to recover for materials furnished Zindorf as contractor. Opinion by Justice Benson. Judge H. H. Belt affirmed.

J. L. Hartman et al vs. Ben Selling et al, appellants; appeal from Multnomah county; action to recover commission on sale of lands. Opinion by Justice Harris. Judge C. U. Gantebain reversed and case remanded.

Keeley Denied Admission to Bar of Oregon

Lee Roy E. Keeley, Portland attorney, is denied admission to the Oregon bar by the supreme court this morning in an opinion written by Justice Bennett. In view of the fact that Keeley has been practicing law in this state under a temporary permit, however, the court grants an extension of this permit in order to enable him to complete the cases which he has pending in the courts but does not permit him to engage in any new litigation.

The action of the court today is based on objections to Keeley's admission to the practice of law in Oregon filed by the board of examiners of the state bar association.

Waiving aside the charges of improper, immoral and unprofessional conduct contained in the objections to Keeley's admission the court declares the court bases its refusal this morning on Keeley's "general disposition as disclosed by his own evidence and his conduct and expressions at the investigation," which, the court holds, "fully justify the conclusion of the examiners that they could not consistently recommend him for admission to the bar."

In granting the extension to his temporary permit to practice law in Oregon in order that he may complete cases now pending, the court makes the extension conditional upon his conducting such litigation with reasonable courtesy and respect toward the court and members of the bar with whom he may come in contact in disposing of such cases.

Omaha Stores Cut Prices 30 Percent

Omaha, Neb., May 18.—Eight smaller stores today joined the five large establishments which have announced reductions of from 20 to 30 per cent. A large automobile dealer made reductions of \$250 on open and \$400 on closed car models. A store which made a 30 per cent reduction announced the cut would extend to its restaurants also. One of the concerns which started with a 20 per cent cut, announced an additional reduction of ten per cent. Stores which are excepting from reduction articles like men's collars and others upon which the manufacturer fixes the price have protested to the factories that two large concerns are cutting these 30 per cent along with the others.

Chocolate sundae at 12 cents including war tax, peanuts at 4 cents a bag, golf balls at 70 cents, diamonds at \$420 a carat and candy at \$1 a pound were among the items offered at one store today.

Adam Beardless Declares Artist

Budapest, May 18.—Adam did not wear a beard, according to the dictum of M. Teray, director of the Hungarian national art museum, who has eliminated the great ancestor's hirsute adornment in restoring Jordeus' famous picture "Adam and Eve."

Examination of the canvas has shown the beard was not a part of the original picture but was painted on during the last century when beards were popular. In the restored work, therefore, Adams is shown clean shaven.

Wholesale Meat Prices Decline

Chicago, May 18.—The wholesale price of meat has declined sixteen percent during the past year while the prices of nearly all other necessities have increased, according to the monthly bulletin of the Institute of American Meat Packers. Figures announced by the packers, comparing meat with other necessities say the following increases were recorded by other articles while meat decreased: Cloths and clothing 64 percent. Fuel and lighting 14 percent. Lumber and building material 97 percent. House and furnishing goods 51 percent. Farm products 5 percent. Food including meats 21 percent. All commodities combined 26 percent.

Socialists Ask Baker To Free Conscientious Objectors Still Held

Washington, May 18.—A committee appointed by the socialist party called on Secretary Baker today to present a memorial asking for the release of conscientious objectors still held in prison. The delegation was headed by a woman, Elvina S. Heals of Berkeley, Cal.

Citing President Wilson's message to congress in November 1918 saying "thus the war comes to an end," the memorial said "continued confinement of conscientious objectors is manifestly unjust."

"The reason for their confinement, if any there were, ceased one and a half years ago," it said. "These young men in an attempt to follow the dictates of their consciences, refused to accept military service—many of them because of religious scruples, all of them because of the dictates of their consciences. Conscientious objectors to war are and should be classified as political offenders. We are proud of the fact that freedom of conscience is a cardinal principle of American institutions."

"Hundreds of our conscientious objectors have since the armistice been released. It is unjust still to keep others in prison."

"Among those still in military confinement are Carl Haessler of Wisconsin, and Philip Grosser of Massachusetts, the latter being in extremely bad health. They are the only two conscientious objectors still in Alcatraz (military prison) San Francisco. Together with the other groups they should at least receive the clemency that has been afforded to hundreds already released."

Ad Men's Caravan Passes Through Salem This Noon

With 67 cars in the line and headed by a car bearing Governor Olcott, the Pacific Coast Ad Men's caravan, bound to Stockton, Cal., to attend the coast convention, passed through Salem at 11:30 a. m. today. The caravan stopped here for only a few minutes, then sped from the city southward.

The caravan was joined here by George Gray, Hal Patton, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Buchner and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller. On the rear of Graves' car which also bore Hal Patton was the words "George and Hal, Cherrians, Salem, Oregon."

Governor Olcott left Salem Monday night and joined the caravan at Portland, heading the delegation from the Portland Ad club. He said Tuesday morning when the caravan arrived here that he probably would continue to the state line with the ad men, returning to the capital city in two or three days.

The caravan was due to arrive at Albany at noon, where the Ad men and guests are to take lunch. At Albany the caravan will be joined by the truck caravan that stopped in Salem Monday night, leaving here in the morning for that town. The Ad men's caravan will then proceed to Eugene by way of Corvallis and Monroe, and the truck caravan will go by way of Coberg, joining the Ad men at Eugene Tuesday night.

Twenty cars joined the caravan at Portland, according to press dispatches from there. The north contingent was accompanied by Portland by Governor Louis F. Hart, of Washington. The truck caravan's exhibition here was much favorable comment, the army truck bearing the huge searchlight attracting particular attention.

Provisional President of Mexico Named May 24 Revolution Leaders Agree

Mexico City, May 18.—Full details of the conference held by liberal revolutionary leaders at the National Palace last night, (May 12) reveal that Governor De La Huerta will call the congress into extraordinary session May 24 for naming a president ad interim.

General Obregon was named by the conference as commander of the forces in northern Mexico and General Gonzales as commander in Mexico City and southern Mexico. All the leaders promised to accept the ad interim president chosen, who ever he might be.

Commercial Club Head Honored At Pendleton Meet. Pendleton, Or., May 18.—T. E. McCroskey of Salem, was Monday elected president of the Oregon Association of Commercial Secretaries at the first annual convention of the organization.

C. K. Cranston, Pendleton, was elected vice president and C. O. Lutz, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

Plot To Establish Soviet Regime In France Revealed. Paris, May 18.—Soviet rule in France was to have been established if the revolutionary stakes inaugurated May 1 had succeeded according to the French police, who said today they had obtained complete evidence of this from documents they have secured.

YUCATAN PROVINCE JOINS REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. Washington, May 18.—Adhesion of Yucatan to the provisional government in Mexico City was reported today both in state department advices and in a cablegram to the agents here of the revolutionary government from a special commissioner sent to Yucatan some time ago. The commissioner said Governor Castro Morales and General Pablo De LaGarcia, military commander under the Carranza government, were in flight presumably to Cuba.

The revolutionary agents attach particular importance to the report from Yucatan because they said it meant that Progress, the last important port held by Carranza authorities had now been surrendered to the provisional government. Carranza, who fled before the de facto government's troops into the mountains just west of Jalapa, had succeeded in moving southward into the state of Puebla May 16, according to the Mexico City newspapers published yesterday.

Villa Taken Hand. In a summary forwarded to the state department, Carranza was reported to have been in Totela on the sixteenth, leaving there in a northerly direction. The summary said Villa would soon arrive at the capital without escort. General Obregon had left the capital for Queretaro, Tampico and San Luis Potosi, planning to return in time for the special session of congress May 24.

Conferees Fast In Deadlocks on Army measure. Washington, May 18.—A deadlock on the army reorganization bill was reached today by the senate and house conferees. Senate provisions to reorganize the force caused the breach and the question will be brought before the house for a vote.

The disagreement, Senator Waters, chairman, said, came despite an offer from the senate side, to strike out the senate provisions for voluntary military training of youths between 18 and 21 years of age.

Under the senate bill, the national guard would become a part of the United States army as federal troops, not militia. The house conferees divided evenly on acceptance of the plan. Representative Kahn of California, chairman, and Representative McKenzie of Illinois, republicans, favored accepting the senate provisions, but Representative Anthony, republican, Kansas, and Dent, democrat, Alabama, refused their approval and the disagreement resulted.

Schools Study Business Needs. Seattle, Wash., May 18.—Appointment of a committee of leading educators from Washington, Oregon and Idaho to make a survey of commercial conditions in the three states with a view to enabling public schools and higher institutions of learning to prepare students more directly and efficiently on lines in which they are to be employed was the outstanding feature of the commercial teachers' regional conference at the University of Washington, made public today.

The committee, selected by Dr. Glen L. Swiggett, head of the commercial department of the bureau of federal education, consists of Dean A. Bissell, Oregon Agricultural college; Dean A. W. Morton, University of Oregon; School of Commerce, superintendent of public instruction of Oregon; President Lindley, of the University of Idaho, superintendent of public instruction for Idaho; Superintendent Pratt, Spokane schools, and Dean E. Miller, college of business administration, University of Washington, for Washington.

Siberians Gain Recognition Of Russian Soviet. Moscow, May 18.—Recognition of the Far Eastern democratic republic of Siberia has been decided upon by the Russian soviet government. Diplomatic relations between the soviet government and the far eastern republic will be opened immediately.

Negotiations between the far eastern republic and Japan will continue. It is expected that negotiations with Japan will hinge around the status of the East Manchurian railway. The Russian soviet government will probably insist that it retain an interest in this road.

W. J. Bryan is not in attendance.