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## PACKERS AND UNIONS ACCEPT MEDIATION

### Secretary of Labor to Meet With Representatives of Opposing Bodies.

Chicago—Both the packers and representatives of their employes agreed to meet March 21 in Washington with Secretary Davis, who offered his services as mediator in the hope of averting a threatened strike in the packing industry.

The packers announced they would be represented by J. L. Condon and Carl Meyer, their attorneys in Washington. The union leaders said their representatives had not been selected, and suggested that Secretary Davis request the presence of J. Ogden Armour and other big packers.

Representatives of the men objected to the appearance of two attorneys for the employers, declaring absence of the principals would tend to delay the proceedings. The packers reiterated their statement that they "took it for granted that neither the justice of wage reduction nor the readjustment of working hours would enter into the proposed discussions."

While awaiting the outcome of mediation plans and the result of a strike vote, employes in the packing plants of Chicago and their leading branches in the Middle West had decided to go to work Monday under the reduced wage scale announced by the five leading packers which is in effect. More than 100,000 men are affected by the reduction of 15 and 12 1/2 per cent in the hourly rate.

## WAGES OF RAILROAD MEN TO BE REDUCED

St. Paul, Minn.—More than 20,000 unskilled employes of railroads in the Northwest will be affected by proposed reductions in wages, it was declared here in railroad circles. It is planned to make the reduction effective April 5.

Officials of the Northern Pacific railroad said the proposition had been submitted to their men and after discussion between the men's representatives and the roads, the matter would be submitted to the railroad labor board.

Roads effected in the Northwest include the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie. Wage reductions ranging from 4 1/2 cents an hour to a minimum of 25 cents are contemplated for unskilled workmen by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, it was announced.

## HEARTBEAT HEARD MILES

Device Will Function as Far as Telephone Carries Voice.

Washington, D. C.—An amplifying apparatus described as so delicate as to permit a physician in one city to make a stethoscopic study of the heart action of a patient hundreds of miles away, was demonstrated here to a group of army and civilian medical men at the army signal corps laboratories. The principle involved is similar to that used in transmitting President Harding's inaugural address to the great crowd that extended far beyond the ordinary reach of the human voice.

The device may be used in connection with any telephone wire and will function, it was said at the laboratory, as far as the telephone wires will transmit the voice in ordinary conversation.

## Klamath Falls Bank Reopens.

Klamath Falls, Or.—The First State & Savings bank of Klamath Falls reopened its doors Monday after having been closed by the state banking superintendent on January 12 in response to a request made by J. W. Siemens, president of the institution.

## Anti-Reds Seize Siberia Railways.

Harbin, Manchuria.—Railways running between Omsk and Tumen, Omsk and Mariensk have been captured by the insurgents and the soviet government overthrow.

## Costa Rica Accepts Mediation.

Geneva.—Costa Rica has informed the League of Nations that it had accepted American mediation in its dispute with Panama.

## PROPOSED STREET PAVING UP TO WESTON PEOPLE

Complete Plans and Specifications Are Furnished by a Warren Construction Company Engineer.

The council has deferred action on the proposed paving of Main street and Water street until its next regular meeting, which takes place on Wednesday evening, April 6. The postponement is for the purpose of enabling both the council and citizens to discuss the proposed improvements, and to decide what character of pavement it will be best to adopt. The mayor and council also desire time in which to ascertain community sentiment on the question of a bond issue to finance not only the paving of intersections on Main and Water streets, but the improvement of intersections on other streets which it is proposed to macadamize.

Recorder Avery has on file the plans and specifications for three types of paving—Warracite bitulithic, gravel bitulithic and concrete. These were prepared by E. Breithaupt, civil engineer with the Warren Construction company, and cover fully the proposed improvements. The city recorder's estimates, not based on measurements and subject to correction as to quantities, show a cost to property owners of \$9.00 per running foot for the Main street paving. The Water street improvement, which contemplates the widening of the state highway to 50 feet and curbing the edges, is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$14,000 for 5250 feet of frontage. It will cost the city \$2214 to improve the Main street intersections, and about \$1600 to improve the Water street intersections. It is thought these figures may be shaded to some extent, as not all of the work planned may be found to be necessary. The estimates are based on the Warrenite type of pavement.

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## FROM "OVER THE HILL"

Miss Areta Barrett is visiting friends in Spokane and other points en route. Attorney Watts, of the law firm of Watts & Prestbye, is in Portland this week on professional business. Will Russell and George Banister who spent the winter cruising with the reserve naval forces are expected to arrive home soon. They will be discharged at Breckenridge, Wash. Mrs. Theresa Berlin writes Athena friends that her little daughter Fay, who has suffered from the effects of infantile paralysis is improving under the care of a Portland physician. J. H. Rockhill and little daughter of Two Rivers, Wash., have been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones this week, visiting. Mrs. Rockhill is a patient in the College Place sanatorium. Dr. and Mrs. Horace Belknap of Nampa, Idaho, were in the city overnight yesterday, visiting at the W. S. Ferguson home. Dr. Belknap was en route home from Prineville, where he had been on professional business. Born, March 17, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stone, at the D. T. Stone farm west of town, a son. The youngster is the first boy following three girls, and should receive the patronymic of Patrick, honoring the saint on whose birthday he arrived. George Winship, who has been with the First National Bank, has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Standard Oil Company, and began work Wednesday of this week. Miss Belle McIntyre has resumed work at the bank. A. B. Steele, now traveling salesman for George Lawrence Saddlery company, was in the city Wednesday. His family will remain in Portland until after the closing of school when they will take up residence in Walla Walla. Mrs. John Banister of Weston was in the city Wednesday, coming over to see her sister, Mrs. Caton, who is home from Walla Walla for a few days. Mrs. Caton will probably go to the sanitarium at College Place for treatment. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards were called to Corvallis Friday night of last week by the critical illness of Mr. Richards' sister in law, Mrs. Richards, widow of the late James C. Richards. Mr. and Mrs. Richards returned home Wednesday, leaving the patient but little if any improved. Claude Sanders has returned from California, where he and John Wall spent the winter in the shipyards at Oakland. When Claude came north John proceeded to Los Angeles, where he expected to remain a short time before coming to Portland, where he has employment. A very pleasant party is in prospect this evening, when Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. Robert Prouditt, Mrs. F. B. Radtke and Mrs. Bert Logsdon will entertain. The Odd Fellow-K. of P. hall has been elaborately decorated in a motif emblematic of Ireland's patron saint, and "500" will occupy the guests. The city authorities want it understood that the season of the year has arrived when owners of chickens are expected to keep their fowls confined to the home premises. Already complaints are being registered by citizens against chickens running at large and scratching in lawns and flower beds. Through cause yet undetermined, a fire burned up the bed clothing on a cot at the Hiram Knight home, Monday. There was smoke and excitement enough to justify calling out the fire department. The blaze was extinguished with a few buckets of water.

er about the time the department arrived on the scene. Last Sunday at the Christian church was a notable occasion, when an all day session was held. After the morning services, an elaborate dinner was enjoyed in the spacious dining room for the church membership and their invited friends, at which about 75 were seated. After dinner, election of church officers was held in the auditorium. The cast of characters for the play, "Whose Little Bride Are You?" is being selected by Miss Drake, who will direct rehearsals and the production. Five ladies and five men will be required in the cast. The play is a farce comedy, and will be staged the latter part of April under the auspices of the Athena Civic Club. B. H. Jones of Portland, field secretary for Chinese and Near East Relief was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Jones stated that donations of wheat from the farmers of this community should be solicited, and that wheat shipments should be made at once, and not later than April 1, as the cargo vessel sails from Portland April 7th. Railroad companies transport the wheat shipments to Portland free of charge. Athena Gets Ready for Baseball. Baseball is decidedly in the ascendancy in Athena, as was demonstrated at a meeting held in the Commercial club rooms Monday evening, when it was unanimously decided to enter a winning team in this year's league. A large crowd was in attendance at the meeting, which was called to order by M. L. Watts, president of the Commercial club. A committee, comprising Lou Hodgen, Omar Stephens and W. P. Littlejohn was appointed to solicit for funds in sufficient amount to start the team off, and this committee is also to serve in the capacity of delegates to represent Athena at a league meeting to be held at Pendleton in the near future. At this meeting it will be determined what towns will be represented in the league and the schedule of playing dates arranged. It is understood that the towns represented in last year's league will be given the preference of entering teams again this year. Until the meeting has been held in Pendleton, it will not be known whether all the towns that were represented last season will come in or not. It is understood that Weston is strong for the game this year, and if a team can be assembled there, in event one of the

## NOTED EVANGELIST WILL CULTIVATE THIS VINEYARD

Methodist Church, South, Will Begin Big Revival Campaign May 29 in Big Tabernacle at Weston.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Jeter of California will arrive in Weston May 24 in readiness to begin their big revival campaign on May 29. The meetings will continue until June 25 or later, and will be held in a tabernacle 87 feet long by 55 feet wide. The above information is contained in a recent letter from Mr. Jeter received by Rev. A. J. Starmer, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Weston. The meetings will be held under Methodist auspices, but other denominations in the community will co-operate, and the revival is expected to be the largest and most enthusiastic ever known in this section.

Rev. Jerry Jeter is one of the best known and most successful evangelists in the United States. He is not only an eloquent pulpit orator, but a gifted cartoonist, painter and singer. In the words of his campaign card, he "cartoons, models in clay, paints pictures in oil, sings and speaks." He expects to organize and direct a large choir of voices for the Weston meeting. Mrs. Jeter gives practical talks at the afternoon service, held at 3 p. m., and plays the trombone. The evangelists are accompanied on their trip by Mr. Delmer Luper, a saxophone player. The mammoth tabernacle will be erected on the normal school ground. Mr. Starmer says that it will be available if desired, for the annual reunion of Umatilla county pioneers, usually held in Weston the early part of June, and that he is certain the evangelistic party will be glad to assist in the reunion programs.

other towns desired to drop out, Weston may be substituted, or to let Weston, in another town presumably from the west end of the county, may be added. Athena is figuring on a fund of \$400 and the gate receipts carrying the team through the season, and the solicitors have \$350 of the fund now raised.

Foreign Problems Get Attention As the new administration settles down to a working basis, both President Harding and his chief advisers are giving increasing attention to the country's foreign relations. For the moment selections of diplomatic representatives abroad, relations with Mexico, the Rhine situation, the league of nations and the Panama-Costa Rican controversy are subjects in the forefront, although there are no indications that any has reached a stage forecasting immediate action. The question of Mexican relations hinges on the ability of the new administration of President Harding to establish a regime that will win American recognition. There is little evidence of confidence that a formal recognition may be possible in the near future. Will Insist Upon War Rights. The policy of the Harding administration with respect to American rights growing out of the participation of the United States in the world war will not differ materially from that of the Wilson administration, it was learned in authoritative quarters. Adjustment of the situation growing out of the award of a mandate over the Pacific island of Yap to Japan will be insisted upon as determined by this administration as it was by the last, it was said, and the attitude with respect to the British mandate over Mesopotamia will be maintained.

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## SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS APRIL 11

Announcement Received With General Satisfaction By Leaders.

Washington.—April 11 was selected for the special session of the 67th congress, the first under President Harding's administration. The announcement was received with general satisfaction by senate leaders. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader, notified the senate of the president's decision after he and Senator Underwood of Alabama, minority leaders, had returned from the White House. They had gone to the president with a message from the senate that it stood ready to adjourn sine die.

Among the nominations confirmed by the senate were: D. R. Crisinger of Maxton, O., to be controller of the currency. Fred Morris Dearing of Missouri, to be assistant secretary of state. Elmer D. Ball, reappointed assistant secretary of agriculture. William J. Keville of Boston, to be United States marshal for the district of Massachusetts. William S. Culbertson of Kansas, reappointed to the tariff commission. Assistant secretary of war, J. J. Wainwright of New York, who served in the war as a national guard colonel on the staff of the 27th division; assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of foreign loans, Eliot Wadsworth of Boston, a retired business man and Red Cross official, and Eugene Myer Jr., of New York, as director of the war finance corporation, a post he held under the Wilson administration.

Washington Bonus Bonds Signed. Olympia, Wash.—Payment to claimants entitled to equalized compensation under the soldiers' bonus act will begin this week according to plans announced by State Auditor Clausen. Governor Hart and Auditor Clausen completed signing the \$5,000,000 issue of bonus bonds recently sold to a syndicate of bankers and bond dealers, and delivery will be made to the purchasers. More than 100 warrants for bonus payments had been prepared by the auditor's office and were ready to be mailed to claimants. It was estimated that claims totaling more than \$1,000,000 will have been certified by the time payments are started.

2300 Washington Miners Will Quit. Seattle, Wash.—More than 2300 coal miners, approximately half the number employed in coal mines of the state, will leave the pits as a result of their having refused to accept wage reductions aggregating 25 per cent, announced by Washington commercial operators.

President Issues Appeal. Washington.—An appeal to the American people to "do everything in their power towards the relief of famine conditions in China" was issued by President Harding.