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COUNTIES MAY ACCEPT TAXES O. & C. LANDS

ATTORNEY GENERAL NOTIFIES EX-GOVERNOR WEST SUGGESTED PLAN IS AGREABLE

GRANT LANDS MAY OPEN SOON

Early Payment of Back Taxes is Now Expected With Way Open for Settlement of Vacant Lands

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—County authorities of the 18 land grant counties of the state may accept the taxes due on the grant lands at the time of the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act without waiving any rights they may have to the accumulated penalties and interest, according to an agreement of the attorney general of the United States, just received by Oswald West.

The latter part of July the county officials of the land grant counties held a meeting to map out some united course to pursue in an attempt to secure not only the accrued taxes, but the accrued interest and penalty as well.

At that time ex-Governor West was delegated to wire the department of the interior in order to determine whether the government would stipulate with the counties that they could accept the accrued taxes due on June 3, 1916, the date of the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, under the construction placed upon the act by the attorney general's office, without waiving their rights to further action toward securing the penalties and interest then accrued and since accruing.

West received the answer of the attorney general this morning, it having been forwarded by the commissioner of the general land office. The attorney general says:

FOREST FIRE DANGER IS BELIEVED PAST

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 21.—After fires which at times endangered some of the most valuable timber in the Pacific northwest, the fire danger now is probably over for the rest of the season, timbermen said here today. Cloudy skies over western Washington and Oregon and rain in most districts have put out nearly all fires and greatly relieved conditions.

Patrolling will not be lessened, however, until all danger of fires is past as timbermen admit the woods might become dry enough this year for more serious fires.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR COMPANY ORGANIZED

Salem, Aug. 21.—The Pittsburg-Oregon Mining and Milling company, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000 was incorporated today. The company's principal office will be at Grants Pass. The incorporators include eight Pittsburg men and Lester A. Brown of Josephine.

MOBILE DEALERS ARRIVE TOMORROW AT 4

The automobile dealers of Portland and their friends, to the number of about 80, are to arrive in Roseburg tonight and will be in Grants Pass tomorrow afternoon at about 4 o'clock. In the evening they will be entertained at the Riverside park with a picnic supper in charge of the Girls' Honor Guard, with other entertainment for the evening. On Thursday many of them will make the trip to the caves, while some will remain in the city to visit business associates.

The trip of the auto dealers is intended primarily to give the participants an intimate personal knowledge of the various sections visited and a closer personal relation with the interior dealers.

HOGS STILL CLIMBING

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Hogs sold today at \$20 per hundredweight, an advance of \$1.75 over yesterday's price.

VON HINDENBURG CONDUCTS ATTACK

Washington, Aug. 21.—Russian cables report that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg personally conducted the Austro-German drive against the Russo-Romanian troops at Jassy, a city of 80,000 on the eastern Rumanian frontier.

MOTHER-IN-LAW IS NOT CAUSE FOR EXEMPTION

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 21.—A mother-in-law will not exempt a man from the national army. That was established here today by a district exemption board. Guy Acuff Jackson's claim for exemption was that besides a wife he had dependent upon him a mother-in-law with three dependent children. The board denied his claim.

Plan to End Strike

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Mayor Rolph announced this afternoon that he had plans for ending the street car strike immediately. He declined however to divulge the plan until he had conferred with certain parties.

WOUNDED SIX TIMES WANTS TO GO BACK

London, Aug. 2 (By Mail).—Lance Corporal Ernest Grimes is wounded again, his sixth time, but he says: "I'll soon be ready to go back and do another bit."

Grimes enlisted in the regular army in 1910 and was drawn from India when the little army settled down to the first winter of trench warfare. His first wound came at Hill 60 when he was hit by a hand grenade fragment. Five months in a hospital.

The second, a bullet wound in the arm, took six weeks to repair. Last summer, on the Somme, a shrapnel ball hit Grimes in the leg and put him away for two months, and another grenade wound in the back suffered in the fighting at Moquet Farm, sent him to the hospital for fourth time.

ALLIED FORCES IN CONTINUED OFFENSIVE

Greatest Artillery Action of the War Now In Progress—Battle Line Extending For More Than Four Hundred Miles

With the French Armies, Aug. 21.—The world's greatest battle is being fought today from the seacoast to the Swiss frontier. For more than 435 miles the allied forces are fighting in a practically continuous offensive. The French assault at Verdun completed a chain of battles welded into one gigantic action, unprecedented in extent and power. The combined French and German artillery is probably the greatest concentration of heavy weapons for a single attack during the entire war.

I. W. W. LEADERS MAY FACE COURT MARSHAL

Spokane, Aug. 21.—The preliminary hearing of the I. W. W. leaders of the colony in this city is being held this afternoon to determine the individual responsibility.

It developed here today that James Rowan, district secretary of the I. W. W. who signed the order demanding the release of the men in jails in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, may be court-martialed, instead of being tried in court.

The men he wanted released from jails were being held by the military authorities, and an investigator said it had developed that some of the men were alien enemies and others are men who had failed to register.

Major Clement Wilkins, who arrested Rowan and 26 other Industrial Workers, did not examine his prisoners today, as he had expected. They are being held in the county jail with state guardsmen patrolling the corridors.

The situation throughout eastern Washington is quiet today.

LABOR PARTY RECOGNIZES STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 21.—By a vote of 1,234,000 to 1,231,000 the labor party has decided to participate in the Stockholm peace conference.

RINGING UP HIS NUMBER.



—Evans in Baltimore American.

PEACE CONFERENCE TO BE BY CABLE

London, Aug. 21.—England is the first of the belligerent nations to make answer to the pope's peace suggestions, the note sent to the vatican declaring the note would be examined in a benevolent and serious spirit. Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary, has expressed gratification at the response.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Lord Cecil's statement in the British parliament that the entente governments would hold a conference before replying to Pope Benedict's peace proposals, is understood at the state department as meaning that the governments will exchange views, not that there is to be a gathering of premiers or foreign ministers for a formal conference.

It is believed that the necessary measure of co-operation between the nations at war with Germany can be secured through cabled exchanges of diplomatic representatives and the foreign secretaries at the different capitals.

It was said today that these exchanges would begin very soon. Strong objection is made at present by officials of the administration to forecast the nature of the reply that will be made by President Wilson. But it is not denied that nothing has been presented by the Pope to warrant the expectation that there will be any change in the attitude taken by the president in his peace utterances on the subject of peace and the conditions that must be met to secure it.

"RIDING THE GOAT" NEW LIBERTY FOR RUSSIAN MEN

Petrograd, Aug. 2. (By Mail).—Under the regime of the Czar no secret societies of any sort were permitted to exist and lodge night was a pleasure unknown to Russian males.

It has developed that there are some 10,000 Masons in Russia, who, during the old days, held lodge meetings behind guarded doors.

Steps are now being taken to form a national organization.

BUTTE MINERS BELIEVE STRIKE WON

Butte, Mont., Aug. 21.—The strikers will win. The companies now have less than 20 per cent of the men needed, and this 20 per cent is not composed of miners, only shovelers.

This, summarized, is the hopeful outlook of the 12,000 striking Butte miners today, as expressed in the Strike Bulletin, the official publication of the strikers.

"We are out to win, and we are bound to win," the Bulletin declares in blackface type. "We have shown that we can withstand any assault, owing to our thorough organization, as well as to our refusal to be sidetracked by false issues.

"We are asking only for those things to which we, as free men, are entitled.

"We demand the unconditional abolition of the 'rustling card.'

"We demand that our wages be fixed in proportion to the cost of living, regardless of the price of copper, which the companies can, and do manipulate to suit themselves.

"Lastly, we demand that the mines be more safe."

The Metal Mine Workers' union, which was organized immediately after the Speculator hill disaster on June 6, went out on strike July 13. The "rustling card" is a system used by the companies to keep check on the men. The miners say it enabled the companies to "blacklist" a man at will, preventing him from getting a job in the camp.

The Metal Mine Workers' union, which is not connected with the American Federation of Labor, or the Industrial Workers of the World, declared that it is opposed to violence, does not picket the mines nor, according to its leaders, attempt to promote trouble.

CO-ORDINATED OPERATIONS SUCCESSFUL

BRITISH FIRE REPULSES GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK SOUTH-EAST OF EPEHY

FIGHTING BEHIND SHEETS FLAME

France, England and Belgium Join in Well Timed Offensive Against Ruthless Enemy

London Aug. 21.—Field Marshal Haig reported this morning that the British fire had repulsed the third and most powerful of German counter attacks to regain captured territory southeast of Epehy.

The assault was made after heavy artillery preparation and behind vast sheets of flame. The fighting was of a most violent character.

France, England and Belgium today are joined in the greatest united offensive yet directed against their common enemy. Every move was strategically timed and co-ordinated, and operations were carried on with clocklike precision.

REMNANT OF G. A. R. IN ANNUAL PARADE

Boston, Aug. 21.—The "soldiers of yesterday"—veterans of the G. A. R., more than 7,000 strong, marched in a huge parade here today—the second of the national reunion.

With the veterans marched other allied organizations, among which was the Navy Medal Honor League, which is holding its annual convention in conjunction with the G. A. R. encampment.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans and the Women's Relief Corps of the G. A. R., also took part in the parade.

In front of the State House the veterans were reviewed by Governor McCall; Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. William J. Patterson of Pittsburg, Pa., and city officials.

Many a young soldier just beginning the game of war watched with a thrill the veterans march by with a swing that might be envied by many a regiment of today.

In the evening the veterans will attend a camp-fire when prominent officers of the organization will be heard.

O. W. H. & N. COMPANY GIVES PICNIC AT BONNEVILLE

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—As guests of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, several hundred members of poor families today are holding a big all-day picnic at Bonneville park.

PUBLIC MEETINGS IN MIAMI NOT PERMITTED

Miami, Ariz., Aug. 21.—The Miami Copper company's mills will resume operations on Wednesday morning, it is authentically reported.

Lieutenant-Colonel George White, commanding, announced that the government is anxious that work in the mining districts be resumed. He declared that the holding of public meetings is considered detrimental to law and order and that such meetings would hereafter not be permitted.