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COMMISSION ARGUES RATES CASE 5 MONTHS

REFUSE TO ALLOW PACIFIC TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO. 27% INCREASE

RESIDENCE RATES ARE RAISED

Modify Rates to Assist Company to Tide Over Abnormal Times, Order Effective May 1

Salem, Ore., May 3.—The public service commission, after five months of investigation marked by stormy hearings, issued an order today refusing to allow the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for an increase of 27 per cent in rates in Oregon. Slight increases at some points were allowed. Except at four points no increase was allowed in residence rates.

Temporary modification in rates for business service to help the company meet wage increases and other abnormal expenses were made. The order was effective May 1.

Outside of Portland, increases in business rates generally were between 25 cents and a dollar per month.

Increase for residence rates were allowed for the exchanges at Albany, Corvallis, Oregon City and Grants Pass, where competition at the present time or in the past forced the rates to a low level.

WASHINGTON WINS THREE-MILE RACE

Oakland, Cal., May 3.—The University of Washington crew won the varsity three-mile boat race, California being second and Stanford third. There was a thrilling finish, California leading until the last few yards. California won the freshman race.

GREAT CROWD OUT TO HONOR THE SOLDIERS

The reception given the returned soldiers and sailors by the members of the Josephine Chapter of the Red Cross at the courthouse last night drew one of the largest crowds that ever assembled at the county building, and was a success from every viewpoint. The Red Cross chapter has a way of doing such things just right and last night was no exception to the rule.

The evening's entertainment was begun by the audience singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," followed by "The Long, Long Trail," and several other popular songs, with Mrs. Geo. Sabin at the piano. General conversation and "mixing" followed, after which the orchestra struck up a favorite dance number and there was a rush for partners. The exact number of soldiers and sailors present could not be learned today—some placing the number at 100 and others guessing about 200—but they were conspicuous in their uniforms among the 1,000 or more people assembled.

Dancing lasted until somewhat after the midnight hour, and during all this time the Red Cross ladies were busy serving sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and wafers in the spacious basement. The overcrowded court house was a vivid reminder that Grants Pass is sadly in need of a larger building for such public gatherings.

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WILL DELIVER DEBS AND PUT OTHERS IN

Red-Eyed Call Reporter Says Socialists Will Gain Goal by Civil War and Bloodshed

Washington, May 3.—No clues to the identity of the radicals who mailed the bombs to government officials and other prominent persons had been obtained, the department of justice admitted last.

While the entire force of investigators in the department of justice and municipal detectives are combing the bolshevist quarters of a number of cities for information bearing on the plot, little hope is entertained of uncovering the conspiracy in this manner.

There is a possibility, however, that clues may be obtained from an analysis of the ingredients of the bombs and a canvass of all the known sources of each material making up both the infernal machines and the package in which each was mailed.

Fears that this plot, which in the main was frustrated, may be the forerunner of a series of outrages has caused the department of justice to place under surveillance a large number of bolshevist leaders in New York, Chicago and other large cities.

There was a meeting of radicals here last week that attracted considerable attention on the part of the authorities.

Paul Wallace Hanna, a member of the staff of the New York Call, who is just back from overseas, said:

"What we are working for in the United States has already been secured in Europe, the old order of power having been swept away, and the final result is to be secured by civil wars and bloodshed."

Isaac McBride was wildly cheered when he announced that the socialists propose to change the present form of government of this country.

"We are going to put these people (the ruling class) out of business," he said, "and place them in the Moundsville penitentiary, where the American patriots and liberators, Debs and others are now doing time."

3224 KILLED BY MOBS IN U. S. IN 30 YEARS

New York, May 3.—In the last 30 years 3,224 persons have been killed by mobs, according to a report by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

For the 30 year period from 1889 through 1918, the North has 219 victims, the South 2,834, the West 156 and Alaska and other localities 15.

"Fifty colored women and 11 white women were lynched in 14 states," says the report. "The North and West together have lynched 21 persons during the last five year period."

HINES REDUCES RATES

Washington, May 3.—Director General Hines has announced reductions in import rates from the Pacific coast to the East on a number of commodities from the Orient. The reductions range from 10 to 27 per cent.

JOHNSON SAYS WILSON HAS AGAIN REVERSED

Washington, May 3.—Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, in a statement today charged that President Wilson had reversed his stand upon secret treaties in the Fiume dispute and had surrendered "without the semblance of a contest" to the Japanese in the controversy over the disposition of Shantung, by which he said millions of Chinese have been delivered into bondage.

GERMANS MUST GIVE UP THEIR CABLE SYSTEM

Belgium Believes She is Not Receiving Square Deal, While China Says "Big Three" Has Substituted Japan For Germany--Paris Prepares to Receive Austria

London, May 3.—The treaty will be presented early next week. The council of three reached several decisions yesterday. Germany must give up her cable systems, the cables to remain in the hands of the five great powers until a disposition is decided upon.

The Chinese delegation has issued a statement of objection to the effect that the action of the council of three merely "substituted Japan for Germany in Shantung and gave Japan an additional control of the railroads of Southern Manchuria."

Belgium is disposed to object, as it is reported that they will not obtain rights demanded over the control of the Scheldt river or territorial concessions in the Dutch province of Limburg.

Petrograd is believed to have been captured from the bolsheviks by the Finnish army, the most notable reverse for the bolshevik army yet reported. Bavarian government troops have entered Munich.

Washington, May 3.—Intimation that a special session of congress will be called by President Wilson, to meet about June 1, is contained in confidential dispatches from Paris. It is possible that the session will be called earlier if the situation at Paris develops rapidly.

Paris, May 3.—With the meetings of the German peace delegation under way, the question of steps toward peace with Austria was taken up. The Austrian peace delegation will be housed at St. Germain, a suburb of Paris.

The Italian situation has taken a more favorable turn. Indications are that some arrangements will be made for Italy to be represented when the peace treaty is presented to the Germans.

Paris, May 3.—The Chinese delegation in a statement says the decision practically gives Japan control of Northern China.

LOCAL OFFICERS ROUND UP REAL PROFESSIONAL

At 12:30 today when a north-bound freight train rolled into Grants Pass there was a delegation of prominent citizens to meet a man coming up from California on important business. Just who the man is cannot be learned at this hour, but the delegation to meet him was Sheriff Lewis, Deputy Sheriff Lister and Chief of Police McLane.

The local officers received word from the south this forenoon to be on the lookout for two men, traveling by freight. One of the men got off the train at Central Point, but the other arrived here on schedule time. He was in a refrigerator car with three or four others, two of them being boys. They obtained entrance through the trap door at the top of the car.

The two boys do not appear to be "rough-necks" and they spotted two of the men in the group as safe-crackers. Before reaching Grants Pass the one "bad man" who did not stop at Central Point left the car for a few minutes and the two boys began a search. They found a few bottles of nitroglycerine, some dynamite caps and fuse, and at once hid it in another part of the car. When the man returned they refused to tell him where they had placed the material, and he could not force them to do so.

Upon arriving in this city the supposed safe-blower and the others in the car were escorted by the officers to the county jail, the safe-cracker being arrested but the others going along only for the information the officers could get from them. The man who was arrested was armed with a Colt's pistol, and the fuse in his possession was already cut up in proper lengths for business, a dynamite cap being attached to one piece of fuse. The officers state they are positive the man is a professional robber. He is about 40 years of age and aside from the safe-cracking outfit, was supplied with whiskey.

DANIELS WOULD SINK THE GERMAN FLEET

London, May 3.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, declared today that the greatest moral lesson of the world would be to sink the entire German fleet, with proper ceremony.

C. OF C. LUNCHEON OF OREGON PRODUCTS

The Chamber of Commerce Monday noon luncheon, May 5, will consist largely of Oregon products. Come and see what Oregon produces in the food line and then boost for the slogan, "Oregon Products For Oregon Homes." A. G. Clarke, of Portland, president of the Oregon Industries Association, will explain the object and work of the association. Ladies are cordially invited to attend the luncheon.

CAMOUFLAGED FISH

London, May 3.—Camouflaged "goldfish" have been selling well in London. Common varieties of small fish are being dyed. In about three days the dye wears off.

Before the war, England obtained virtually all its gold fish from Germany.

PORTLAND MAN DIES AT HOME OF SISTER

Xury O. Barker, who with his wife came to Grants Pass about three weeks ago to spend his last days at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. P. Martin, died Friday afternoon, aged 41 years 1 month 20 days, after more than a year's struggle with consumption. Mr. Barker was born in Douglas county near Roseburg, March 12, 1878. He was a resident of Portland for seven years, being in the real estate business and later with the Regner & Fields Automobile company. He was a man of good Christian character, a member of the First Evangelical church at Portland, in which he was an active worker.

Mr. Barker is survived by his wife, to whom he was married in 1914, four sisters, Mrs. J. P. Martin of this city, Mrs. W. E. Chapman and Mrs. Walter Singleton, of Roseburg, Mrs. J. L. Anderson of Bandon, all of whom were here during his last days and by one brother, Lee Barker of Drain.

The body will be taken to Portland Monday night and the funeral will be held at the Evangelical church on Thursday.

NEW GERMAN ARMY FIXED AT 241,500

Sixteen Large and Eleven Small Brigades—Remnants of Old Army Drifting Aimlessly

With the American Army of Occupation, May 3.—The strength of the new German army or Reichswehr has provisionally been fixed at 241,500 men, according to information recently reaching American officers in charge of keeping tab on the demobilization and readjustment of enemy forces. There are to be 16 large and 11 small brigades, the large brigades to have 10,462 men each and the small brigades 5,939 men each. Corps troops are to number 5,458 and general headquarters troops about 10,000 men, according to the present plans.

Now that the 1899 class of the old German army is rapidly being discharged from all units excepting a few in the guard corps and on the eastern front, there soon will remain in the garrisons throughout Germany only two classes of troops—the new and independent volunteer units and the volunteer remnants of the old army units. Some of the volunteer remnants have been planning to combine with the new independent volunteer units for the Reichswehr, but in many other instances it is apparent they are simply drifting, awaiting some decision by the war ministry as to their future. Reports that the war ministry is planning to maintain small garrisons in every town indicate the possibility that these remnants are to remain in the old departments, rather than be transferred into the new volunteer units.

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+ DEFEAT BOLSHEVIKI
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+ Helsingfors, May 3.—Defeat-
+ ed along the entire eastern
+ front by the Siberian armies,
+ the bolshevist forces are retir-
+ ing in disorder, a Russian
+ newspaper says.

INDUSTRIES CLUB MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Josephine county branch of the Associated Industries of Oregon will meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 3 p. m. Monday.

All women of the city and county are urged to attend and hear the message that A. G. Clarke, of Portland, state manager of Oregon, has to present.

"All women are eligible to become members. The only requirements is loyalty to your town, your county and your state, by 'Trying Oregon-Made Goods First.'"

THREE AMERICANS KILLED IN FRANCE

Orleans, France, May 3.—Three American soldiers were killed and eight injured when a railroad train hit a motor truck here today.

SAYS WILSON THOUGHT GERMANS WERE HUMAN

Washington, May 3.—American newspaper reports to the effect that the war-time admiration held by the French people for American soldiers has waned since the armistice has caused Captain A. Malick, aide to Marshal Joffre, to protest to friends here. So far as the soldiers of France are concerned, Captain Malick writes in a letter to Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Pendleton of the general staff, "the only difference is that we love you better (than in 1917) because we know you more." "The real cause of misunderstanding," he adds, "is that Mr. Wilson has too good a heart and thinks the Germans belong to the human race, whereas they are only a sort of mixture of tiger and man."

ALL YANKS OUT OF GERMANY BY SEPTEMBER 1

EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER TO BE SPEEDED HOME SOON AFTER PEACE IS SIGNED

DEMobilIZATION SPEEDED UP

Great Activity Seen At Brest and Hoboken—Last of the 42nd Arrives From Overseas

Washington, May 3.—Determination of President Wilson, indicated in press advices from Paris, that no American troops shall continue on German soil for a longer period after the signing of the peace treaty than may be necessary to embark them for home, is borne out by present plans of the war department, which contemplate the return of the entire American expeditionary force by September. Because of this General March, chief of staff, is making every effort to speed up the demobilization in this country.

An official announcement issued today as to the accumulation of surplus clothing for the troops stated that the estimates were based on "troop withdrawals to be completed in September."

The September date represents estimates by embarkation officials as to the maximum possible speed in withdrawing the entire force in Europe, including the troops holding the Coblenz bridgehead sector on the Rhine. If anything, officers believe the movement will be accelerated rather than retarded. The schedule has been exceeded recently and in increasing measure from week to week, with an indicated monthly movement of 450,000 men, the best predictions of General March and his aides, bid fair, it was said, to be more than realized.

General March returned today from a personal inspection of demobilization centers in the southeastern department. At each camp the chief of staff checked up the semi-permanent demobilization personnel at the camps in an effort to reduce the number of men who are being held in the service for this work.

Officers recently returned from France say the "two bottle necks" through which practically the entire movement must pass, the embarkation camp at Brest and the debarkation stations at Hoboken, are now operating at remarkable speed.

Washington, May 3.—Only about 35 per cent of the more than 22,000 men composing the 42nd (Rainbow) division, as it returned from France, were members of the original division as organized at Camp Mills, N. Y. Practically all of these men, it was learned today, have been wounded or otherwise incapacitated during the months of service. They had been returned from the hospitals and rest camps to the division and when it received orders for home, a special effort was made by the division staff to get together all the original Rainbow personnel who had survived the rigors of the campaign.

The last elements of the 42nd arrived yesterday at Newport News.

STANDING OF CITIES IN GREAT LOAN DRIVE

San Francisco, May 3.—Cities in the 12th district stand as follows in the great Victory loan drive: Portland 59 1/2 per cent; Salt Lake City 44 per cent; Seattle 39 per cent; Oakland 32 per cent; Tacoma 28 per cent; San Francisco 15 per cent and Los Angeles 14 per cent.