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BIG SHAKE UP IN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COM.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT NOT SATISFIED WITH COMMISSION'S WORK

BECKWITH ASKED TO RESIGN

Wilford Allen's Term Expires; Ferguson, Democrat, and Kirk, Republican, New Members

Salem, Ore., June 23.—Governor Olcott said today that the impending re-organization of the Industrial Accident commission, which he announced Sunday, included the appointment of J. W. Ferguson, democrat, and Will T. Kirk, republican, and the retirement of Harry Beckwith and Wilford Allen.

This will in no manner interfere with the investigation of the commission previously ordered at the request of the Portland labor council. The governor has asked Mr. Beckwith for his resignation, but Wilford Allen's term had already expired. The governor said he was dissatisfied with the work of the commission as at present constituted.

Although not known to be a fact, it was rumored today in Grants Pass that Mr. Allen will wind up his affairs at Salem and return to this city to reside.

Under the provisions of the workmen's compensation law no more than two members of the commission can be of the same political affiliation. Consequently Mr. Ferguson, who is a democrat, is named to succeed Mr. Beckwith, also a democrat. Mr. Kirk is a republican, as is the third member of the commission, William A. Marshall of Portland. Mr. Marshall has been a member of the body since its inception and will be retained.

Under the new alignment and as provided for in the act, Mr. Marshall will represent the interests of employees, Mr. Ferguson, the interests of the employers and Mr. Kirk those of citizens of the state at large.

"I have watched the situation in the accident commission closely since I have been in the executive office and was rather familiar with it prior to that time," said Governor Olcott in making announcement of the changes in the personnel of the commission. "I am thoroughly convinced that the make-up of the board was not conducive to the best operation of the workmen's compensation law. The functions of the act are among the most important that any of the state board or commissions are called upon to administer.

"Without wholesale cooperation on the part of commissioners efficient handling of affairs and considerable attention to those interested in the operation of the act the greatest good from the compensation act cannot be obtained.

"I have had a long acquaintance with both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Kirk and know personally that their qualifications are such as to assure harmonious and efficient handling of the commission's affairs. These appointments are unsoicited in both cases. They are entirely upon my own initiative and based upon my personal knowledge of their fitness. I am thoroughly convinced that the changes I am making are for the public good."

Mr. Allen, one of the retiring commissioners, was appointed to succeed Lieutenant-Colonel Carie Abrams, who is now in France. The term of Mr. Abrams would have expired in January this year had he remained with the commission. It has been the announced policy of Governor Olcott to allow former state employees returning from military service to resume their old positions if they care to do so.

TURKS GIVE YANKS A WARM WELCOME

Want U. S. to Assume Mandate for Constantinople; Keep Their Eye on Big Four at Paris

Paris, June 23.—The report that the United States has been urged to assume the mandate for Constantinople meets with general approval there, writes an agent of the Red Cross in the Turkish capital. It is welcomed as the ideal remedy for an impossible situation, he adds.

"Wherever an American wanders in Constantinople Turks, Greeks and Armenians impress it upon the visitor that America will be welcome with open arms, that America will be trusted. As the Turkish foreign office, the Sublime Porte, there is open satisfaction at the report that America will come in and clean up," the Red Cross man continues.

"The Turk has been quick to appreciate what America has done for his country since the armistice. Everywhere one goes he sees American flags stuck into the bags of rice, of flour and over stacks of canned goods which the street merchants have for sale. The American uniform is not a familiar sight in the streets or shops but wherever an American army officer, Red Cross officer or member of the Near East commission is recognized Turks go out of their way to express their gratitude for America's prompt despatch of food shops to Constantinople, which just before the armistice was in a bad way for food.

"At present four high commissioners, British, French, Italian and Greek are working independently in Constantinople and the two commanders-in-chief, British and French are doing their best to cooperate but with what success no one can say.

"The present divided control in Constantinople and the rumors constantly reaching the Turkish capital of dissensions among the allies in Paris are liable to encourage the Turks to believe that by playing one nation off against the other they can conduct themselves as they see fit.

Parts of northern Asia Minor do not know of the armistice and the Turks still are terrorizing the Greeks there.

"Turks are surprisingly familiar with the way the American protectorate over Cuba has worked out and prominent Mussulmen believe that what has been done in the Philippines by America can be duplicated in Turkey."

PRICE OF GOLD HILL LIME GOES SKYWARD

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, June 23.—High cost of labor, tools and supplies has made it necessary for the state lime board to increase the price of lime f. o. b. at Gold Hill from \$1.75 to \$2.50 a ton in carload lots of not less than 30 tons. This is the report of Dr. A. B. Cordley, chairman, who has returned from a meeting of the board at Gold Hill. Doctor Cordley's report indicates that conditions at the quarry are the most favorable since the plant was opened. A good deal of rock has been quarried and from eight to ten thousand tons have been uncovered which can be quarried as needed.

TORNADO KILLS 47 AND INJURES 160

Evanville, June 23.—Forty-seven known dead and 160 injured are in the hospitals, and property valued at \$6,000,000 was destroyed as the results of a tornado which swept through Fergus Falls, late yesterday.

GERMANS WILL ACCEPT "PEACE OF VIOLENCE"

Big Event Will Take Place Not Later Than Wednesday. Italians Will Also Sign Up—Boche Request For More Time Brings Flat Refusal By Big Four

Paris, June 23.—The German government at Weimar has formally communicated its willingness to sign the peace terms unconditionally, it was announced by the French foreign office this afternoon.

Paris, June 23.—The day and hour for the Germans to sign the peace terms is as yet uncertain. The event may take place Tuesday, but more likely on Wednesday.

The Italian delegates here have been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy. This removed one possible cause of delay in signing.

The German note of acceptance maintains that the peace conditions are a "peace of violence."

Weimar, Germany, June 23.—The Associated Press officially announced today that Germany will sign the peace treaty. The dispatch was from Weimar, filed at 4:08 Sunday afternoon. Apparently it referred

to the German decision to sign with reservations of which the Germans gave notice to the allies, and which the allies rejected.

Paris, June 23.—Germany today requested an additional 46 hours within which to make known her decision relative to signing the peace treaty without reservations which were refused by the allies. The council of three flatly refused the request, which pleaded that the change in government and disturbed conditions made it difficult to complete the arrangements.

Weimar, June 23.—The German warships which were not surrendered to the allies and which have been anchored off Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and other points, have been sunk by the German sailors manning them. According to reports, 12 ships and a number of destroyers were still in German hands.

GRANTS PASS MEN HAVE EXCITING COUGAR FIGHT

George Woodridge, of Grants Pass, who is acting as chief packer for U. S. Government Surveyor Price in camp on Peavine ridge, while hunting his pack animals in company with "Pete" Alnsworth last Wednesday forenoon, came upon the track of a cougar just west of camp. His famous "varmint" dogs, "Lead" and "Spot" were with him and gave chase and soon had Mr. Cougar treed where they held him until the men arrived on the scene of action. Although their sole armament consisted of a 38 six shooter in the hands of Mr. Woodridge and a fist full of rocks which "Pete" had accumulated in the meantime, they proceeded to open the battle. Mr. Woodridge emptied his revolver, every shot taking effect, although none of the bullets found a vital spot before the besieged animal concluded to carry the war into Africa by descending from the tree and engaging his assailants at close quarters, which he did only to be confronted by an empty revolver and the now infuriated dogs—not to mention "Pete" and his geological specimens. And now ensued a battle royal between the dogs and Mr. Cougar, the former receiving such assistance as "Pete" was able to afford with his rocks as occasion served; the war raged with varying results until Mr. Woodridge had time to reload his revolver when he administered a well directed shot which ended the affray. "Lead," the chief trailer, came out with a badly lacerated jaw with which the cougar's teeth had connected, while "Spot" escaped with a severe buffet on the side of his head from the enraged cougar's paw.

The animal, which was a young male, measured nine feet from tip to tip, the pelt being in prime condition. "Lead" with careful nursing is expected to be ready for the trail in a week or two, but "Pete" insists that he has had his "satisfy" of engaging cougars at close quarters with anything of a smaller calibre than a French 75.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW APPEARS TO BE DOOMED

Washington, June 23.—The house and senate conferees approved the rider to the agricultural appropriation bill to repeal the daylight saving law October 26, next. Its adoption is regarded as certain.

BEAN CROP IS RUINED WHEN PLANES COLLIDE

Santa Monica, Cal., June 23.—Is an airplane collision in midair an "act of God" and if not, can damages be collected for a bean crop which was damaged when the two planes fell? These are the questions that are puzzling attorneys for the Santa Monica Mountain Park company, owners of a 10-acre tract, planted in beans, which was virtually destroyed recently as the direct result of an airplane collision.

Two aviators went up over Santa Monica canyon, near here, to perform thrilling feats for a moving picture. A passenger in one plane was scheduled to leap to the other, while both were in full flight. A third airplane circled a short distance away, bearing a camera and a camera-man to take pictures of the "stunt." When the machines drew close to each other, they collided and plunged to earth. When they hit the ground, they tore up a large plat that had been planted to beans. Several thousand people who had been watching the flight rushed to where the airmen fell and, it is alleged, contributed further to the bean crop's destruction by trampling down the vines.

Now the company owning the beans wants financial redress and they are contemplating the feasibility of taking action against the aviators, who, they claim, the cause of the destruction.

MATHER FIELD AVIATOR FLYING OVER NORTHWEST

Walla Walla, Wash., June 23.—Lieutenant Fetters, of the Mather Field flying force, left here today for Spokane in an airplane in which he came from Sacramento, via Portland, Seattle and Yakima.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK

London, June 23.—The American steamer Farnam was sunk by a mine a dispatch from Gothenburg reports.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Washington, June 23.—William E. Gonzales, of Charleston, now minister of Cuba, was nominated today as ambassador to Peru. Boaz W. Long, of New Mexico, was nominated minister to Cuba, and Benton C. McMillan, of Tennessee, was nominated minister to Guatemala.

AMERICAN GIRLS CLOSELY GUARDED

British Troops Will Not Permit Relief Workers to Enter Caucasus Where Kurds Are Killing

Derindje, Asia Minor, June 23.—American girls, who came direct from New York two months ago, to carry food and medical relief to the interior of Asia Minor, Armenia and the Caucasus, are held up under guard in this small town which is a short distance from Constantinople. The girls are not permitted to stray outside a barbed wire enclosure unless accompanied by British soldiers.

Conditions in Asia Minor, Armenia, Persia and Northern Mesopotamia are in a chaotic condition. Armed bands of Turks are still at large. The Turks in the interior are not complying with the terms of the armistice and still retain their rifles and ammunition.

Recently members of the Balkan commission of the American Red Cross visited Derindje in time to witness the return from Aleppo of a party of Near East relief commission girls. The party reached Aleppo on a train guarded by English soldiers but the army authorities at that point refused to guarantee the safety of the girls in the interior, declaring that it would be murder to allow the girls to proceed at that time.

At ten one afternoon British officers expressed amazement that American girls intended to go into the Caucasus.

"We have just returned from the interior," said one officer quietly. "Fortunately four of us escaped but the rest of our train, some twenty odd men, were killed by the Kurds. The interior of the Caucasus region is not the safest place just yet for either American or English 'sisters.'"

OLE HANSON SAYS QUILTS

Seattle, June 23.—Mayor Ole Hanson has announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election at the next municipal election.

5000 MORE STRIKE

Victoria, B. C., June 23.—Union metal workers, said by their leaders to number 5,000, struck here today in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers.

KNOX DETERMINED TO PUT LEAGUE TO A VOTE

Washington, June 23.—Senator Knox announced today that after the appropriation bills had been passed he would attempt to obtain a vote on the resolution expressing unwillingness to accept the league of nations covenant as an inseparable part of the peace treaty.

LANDPLASTER HELPS CLOVER

Corvallis, June 23.—Land plaster, 75 pounds per acre, greatly increased the vigor and stand of clover in a series of cultural trials on the agricultural college station farms here. This advantage from use of land plaster held good either with or without nurse crops.

A. F. OF L. ENDORSES SHORT WEEK AND STRIKE

Atlantic City, N. J., June 23.—Endorsement of the commercial telegraphers' strike was made today by unanimous vote of the American Federation of Labor. The convention also went on record as favoring the 44-hour week for labor generally.

HUGE AMOUNT IS NECESSARY TO RUN GOV'T.

CONGRESS TURNS FROM DEBATE ON LEAGUE TO PASS BILLS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

MANY MILLIONS FOR ARMY

Hold Night Sessions to Dispose of Appropriations—Expect Wilson to Act in Favor of Wets

Washington, June 23.—With only desultory debate on the peace treaty and its league of nations covenant expected as the result of the decision of republican leaders not to call up the Knox resolution, congress started on a week of important legislative action.

Chief interest centers in the senate regarding the passing of appropriation bills needed to continue government operations after the end of the present fiscal year on June 30.

The \$888,000,000 army appropriation bill came up in the senate today and will be followed by the naval appropriation bill.

The sundry civil appropriation measure will be transmitted to the senate and will probably come up for action immediately after the military measures. Senate leaders believe that with night sessions all appropriation measures can be passed by June 30, but with President Wilson not expected to return before the first week of July hiatus of a few days in federal funds is deemed certain to result, as it is planned to hold the bills until he arrives at the White House.

The lack of funds, democratic leaders declare, will be technical, not actually embarrassing to government activities.

Final enactment this week of the bills to repeal the daylight saving law and to end government control of telegraph, telephone and other wires is considered assured. The house this week is scheduled to devote itself largely to disposing of conference reports on the appropriation bills and prohibition enforcement legislation. Passage of the prohibition measure by the house this week is anticipated, but with appropriation bills having the right of way in the senate, leaders doubt whether the prohibition bill can be enacted by July 1, when wartime prohibition is made effective.

The wets appeared confident that President Wilson would rescind the wine and beer sections of the wartime prohibition law before the end of the week. Representative Dyer of Missouri, who cabled President Wilson some weeks ago, urging that the ban be lifted, asserted there is no doubt that the president will prevent the wartime prohibition act going into effect on July 1.

GEORGE WASHINGTON GIVEN SAILING ORDERS

Brest, France, June 23.—The steamer George Washington, on which President Wilson will return home, was ordered to sail Thursday.

KING ALBERT ACCEPTS

Brussels, June 23.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium have accepted an invitation from President Wilson to visit the United States, probably in September.

FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 23 TO JUNE 28

Washington, June 21.—Pacific Coast States: Fair with nearly normal temperatures.

BRITISH SINK ONE BOLSHIEVICKI CRUISER

Helsingfors, June 23.—British warships Wednesday evening torpedoed the bolshevik cruiser Slava, which sank immediately.