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CALL ANOTHER INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT WILSON NAMES NEW BODY FOLLOWING FAILURE OF OLD COMMISSION

WILL MEET ON DECEMBER 1ST

Composed of 17 Men, Including Former Members of the Cabinet and Governors of States

Washington, Nov. 20.—President Wilson today appointed a new industrial conference and called it into session here for December 1st. The conference to be composed of 17 men, including government officials, business men, former members of the cabinet and former governors of states, and will carry on the work undertaken by the national industrial conference, which foundered on the rock of collective bargaining.

STRONG CASE MADE TO STATE TAX COMMISSION

County Assessor Eclis Pollock, who was in Salem Wednesday to present the claims of this county for a more equitable ratio than the tentative ratio of 45 per cent which had been agreed upon by the tax commission, returned home this morning. Mr. Pollock says that delegations from nearly every county in the state appeared before the commission. The state body had made exceedingly low ratios for practically all counties, having taken its action upon showings made by the railroad corporations. The railroads had sent men into 16 of the counties of the state and collected data which they presented as showing the true cash values of property in the counties visited. At the hearing held at Salem the attorneys for the railroad companies were present to support their contention, but it is believed that the counties made such a strong showing that the ratios in many of them, Josephine included, will be materially raised.

An incident that occurred during the hearing and that proved most disconcerting to the railroad attorneys concerned the price of bank stocks. This attorney was criticizing the assessor of an eastern Oregon county for having assessed the stock of a certain bank there at only 75 per cent of its par value. Any bank stock, the attorney thought, should be assessed at one hundred cents on the dollar as its cash value. When he mentioned the eastern Oregon institution, one of the Grants Pass representatives present called him with the statement that he held stock in the bank in question and that he would gladly sell it at the figure at which it was assessed. Later in an attempt to support his bluff, the attorney met the Grants Passite on the street and told him he thought he had sold his stock. As the stock in question had paid no dividends, its holder is hoping that it is not all bluff with the attorney, and that he will come through with the 75 cents on the dollar.

AUSTRIAN FIDDLER NOT WANTED AT LOUISVILLE

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 20.—Frits Kreisler, Austrian violinist, was today forbidden by the mayor here to give the proposed concert at one of the leading theatres here tonight and the contract was cancelled.

COAL SUPPLY FAST RUNNING SHORT

Regional Directors Are Given Free Hand in Curtailment of Fuel to Non-essential Industries

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Regional directors of railroads today had a free hand in dealing with the curtailment of unessential industries and unnecessary passenger traffic and extraordinary efforts to conserve the nation's steadily diminishing coal supply. Except in West Virginia fields, there was little hope for increased production.

OKLAHOMA PROFITED BY THE OIL BUSINESS

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 20.—The state of Oklahoma made more money in oil during the last fiscal year than any two oil companies in the state according to A. S. J. Shaw, secretary to the commissioners of the state land office.

Shaw recently compiled figures to show that from rentals, royalties and bonuses on oil from state school lands Oklahoma received a total of \$1,713,416.95 during the fiscal year just past. No two oil companies in the state can show like results, Mr. Shaw asserts.

DEATHS FROM STARVATION OCCUR IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, Nov. 20.—There were 26 deaths from starvation or accelerated by privation in England and Wales the past year, though wages were never higher and employment never less, according to an official statement. Six of the deaths occurred in London.

IRRIGATION IS TALK AT SALT LAKE MEET

Salt Lake City, Nov. 20.—Representatives from California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming and Utah gathered here today for a two-day irrigation conference of the western arid states which has been called by Governor D. W. Davis of Idaho. The conference will open tomorrow.

Methods of storing flood waters from streams for irrigation purposes by means of dams and reservoirs will be considered and legislative action to be asked from the United States congress regarding irrigation is to be outlined. Governor Davis is said to favor a prolongation of the meeting if that is necessary for a decision on the latter question.

Governor Davis during the past few weeks has received many letters from irrigationists throughout the west putting their stamp of approval on the meeting.

A 100 per cent attendance of delegates is expected as Governor Davis in sounding the call for the meeting asked the governors to appoint no one who would be unable to attend. Each state, it is expected will be represented by ten or more delegates. Utah's delegates, among whom will be Governor Simon Bamberger, are expected to number 16. Idaho, it is known, is sending 34 representatives.

The state authorities of Utah have been cooperating with Governor Davis in every way possible to make the meeting a success.

MORE PRODUCTION IS LABOR NEED IN GERMANY

Berlin, Nov. 20.—To induce labor to greater production, German scientists are experimenting in the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Labor Physiology the so-called "German Taylor System" patterned after the Taylor system in use in America.

TREATY NOT RATIFIED AS CONGRESS ADJOURNS

Special Session Comes to an End Without Changing Conditions as They Exist Between the United States and Germany. Still Technically at War

Washington, Nov. 20.—Although not changing technically the existing relations between the United States and Germany, the senate's failure to ratify the peace treaty before adjournment of the special session is expected by administration officials and diplomats to have an indirect result of much importance on steps now being taken to restore the world to a peace basis. One of the first consequences, according to views expressed here, will be the hastening of negotiations at Paris to restore full commercial and diplomatic relations between the German government and the powers which have already ratified the treaty.

The fate of the treaty of peace with Germany and of the establishment of the league of nations, so far as the United States is concerned, is today again in the hands of President Wilson. Last night all efforts to have the treaty ratified in some form brought the situation just where it was six months ago when the pact was first submitted to the senate, and technically peace is no nearer than it was on Armistice day over a year ago.

President Wilson will have no statement to make on the failure of the senate to ratify the treaty, it was stated today at the White House.

Paris, Nov. 20.—Adjournment of the United States senate without ratification of the peace treaty created much surprise in peace conference circles, as Washington dispatches had indicated that some compromise was probable.

BANDIT THANKS U. P. FOR RICH HAUL MADE

Casper, Wyo., Nov. 20.—William Carlisle, train bandit, entered the Western Union office here today and filed a message to the Union Pacific thanking them for the haul made from passengers Tuesday night.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 20.—Seven armed posses and a troop of cavalry from Fort D. A. Russell are searching a wide area around Medicine Bow for William Carlisle, notorious bandit, who last night outwitted his pursuers, robbed passengers on Union Pacific train No. 19, the Los Angeles limited, of \$250 and escaped into the darkness, wounded, in a shower of bullets.

It was thought Carlisle might have sought cover in the district 60 miles north of Wheatland, where he hid for three weeks in 1916. A large posse, organized Sunday, following Carlisle's escape from prison Saturday in a box of shirts, left Wamsutter this morning for the Red Desert where Carlisle was believed to be. While the posse was detouring at the Wamsutter depot an eastbound passenger train passed with a man said to answer Carlisle's description riding the rods. The incident was forgotten until reports of last night's robbery were received.

Carlisle was captured in 1916 following a series of train robberies and sentenced to prison for life. He was a model prisoner, because of this, his sentence was commuted to 25 years last September.

Carlisle is said to have boasted he could escape from prison any time he desired.

WOULD MAKE NOV. 11 THANKSGIVING DAY

Salt Lake City, Nov. 20.—A resolution urging the national day of thanksgiving be changed from the last Thursday in November to November 11, Armistice day, was adopted recently by the Utah Manufacturers' association.

The association in its resolution said it believed "that no greater occasion has arisen since the signing of the Declaration of Independence for the giving of thanks nor that there could be a greater reason for the giving of thanks than the signing of the declaration of the peace of the world."

Other state industrial organizations have been asked by the association to approve their action.

SCHOONER MAKES PORT AFTER STORMY VOYAGE

Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 10.—(By mail)—The three masted schooner S. N. Castle, 55 days out from Apia, Samoa, with copra for San Francisco came into this port recently using her cargo as fuel for the donkey engine which was fighting a leakage at the rate of 12 feet daily.

Aboard the Castle, besides her skipper, Captain Edward Anderson, were the captain's wife and 12-year-old son, Harry, two mates and a crew of seven. Both officers and crew stated that had the schooner run into heavy weather the donkey engine would have been unable to keep the craft from foundering. As it was, the fresh water had to be preserved for human consumption and salt water used in the boiler of the "donkey" that kept the life-saving pumps going.

Just ten months ago the Castle left San Francisco for Sydney, Australia. From Sydney to Apia she made a record run of 3900 miles in 17 days. The leak already had been sprung and at Apia "sheeting" was nailed to the schooner's bottom, but shortly after leaving the Samoan port matters grew worse and the anxious trip to Honolulu dragged out to 58 days with the pumps working at top speed.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 20.—Governor Harding prepared messages today to governors of other coal producing states suggesting a conference at which "concerted action towards resumption of mining under state control" would be discussed.

JAPANESE POPULATION INCREASING IN HAWAII

Honolulu, Nov. 20.—About 1,400 Japanese "picture brides" have entered the port of Honolulu every year for the past ten years, according to the statement made by one of the United States immigration officials here.

These women, it is stated, are nearly all laborers. They are married on their arrival here. In addition about 200 wives who have been married in Japan come yearly to the islands. In Honolulu alone, the records show a hundred marriages monthly between Japanese residents of Hawaii, giving a total, official estimates say, of more than 2800 Japanese families started in the islands in a year.

OPERATORS OFFER MINERS INCREASE

Would Pay 20 per cent More Effective Immediately, but Strikers Say Increase Is Inadequate

Washington, Nov. 20.—An increase of wages of 15c per ton, 20 per cent over the existing scale, effective immediately when the coal miners' return to work, was offered to miners by operators at the wage scale meeting today. John L. Lewis, acting president of the workers, said the increase was inadequate.

UNDERGROUND SCRAPER TO REDUCE MINING COST

Nenana, Alaska, Nov. 20.—Among methods suggested for lowering the high cost of mining in Alaska is that of the underground scraper, as put forward by Gust Peterson, Fairbanks and Tolovana operator. He believes that this device could be used to handle large areas of low-grade ground in interior Alaska profitably.

High cost of provisions, and mining material, and scarcity of workers have retarded mining in the interior this season to such an extent that a large number of mines have been closed down pending a change in conditions.

LONDON FREIGHT RATES INCREASED 50 PER CENT

London, Nov. 20.—Freight rates in Great Britain will soon be increased by approximately 50 per cent, it is stated. Passenger rates were increased by a like percentage during the war and have remained at that level ever since.

BILL WOULD HINDER MINE DEVELOPMENT

Cordova, Alaska, Nov. 20.—Provisions of the coal, oil and mineral leasing bill now before congress, relating to the leasing of Alaska oil lands, are unworkable and will cause no development in the territory, according to Falcon Joslin, president of the Bearing River Coal company and who is interested in the Kaitilla oil field. Mr. Joslin is presenting the objections of Alaskans to the bill through Congressman Sinnott of Oregon.

"The bill," Mr. Joslin said, "permits a man to take five leases in Alaska, but he can have no more than one on the same geological structure. Alaska leases are to be on a basis of 1,280 acres, but it appears that one may not get the full amount. He may lease only one-fourth of his discovery on a 5 per cent royalty, the rest being put up at auction."

HUNGRY KLAMATH ELK WILL BE FED BY LODGE

Klamath Falls, Ore., Nov. 20.—Members of the local lodge of Elks have undertaken to raise \$500 to provide hay to carry the Wood River valley herd of 40 elk through the winter.

The hungry animals are raiding hay stacks and frightening cattle, and the state fish and game commission, lacking a fund from which to provide for them, recently ruled that either local sportsmen must raise money to feed the elk or the animals would be killed and the meat distributed through charity.

The Elks lodge appointed a committee which will proceed at once to raise the \$500.

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 20.—Search continued today for Ole Hansen, alleged I. W. W., wanted in connection with the Armistice day murders. The posse is searching in the vicinity of Independence, 12 miles north of Centralia.

REBEL FORCES DEFEATED AT VLADIVOSTOK

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER IS WOUNDED AND HIS FOLLOWERS DRIVEN OUT

AMERICAN RED CROSS ACTIVE

Similar Uprising Is Reported to Have Occurred at Chita, in Trans-Balkal Region

Vladivostok, Nov. 19.—Revolutionary forces which for two days have attempted to obtain control here were completely defeated by the government troops today. General Gaida the revolutionary leader, was wounded and captured, and his followers driven from every point of vantage by government troops. There was much fighting, approximately 5,000 shots being fired around the railway station. The casualties were not heavy for the amount of fighting. The American Red Cross is caring for 58 wounded. It is reported that a similar uprising occurred at Chita, in the Trans-Balkal region.

JAP BUYS EASTERN OREGON ACREAGE

Prineville, Ore., Nov. 20.—George Shima, Japanese potato king, at the head of a large corporation this week purchased 13,900 acres of land lying between Prineville and Powell butte, with the intention of devoting not less than 11,000 acres to the tuber crop of which 2,000 acres will be devoted to potatoes in 1920. The consideration is said to be about \$50,000 for the land alone.

The purchase was made from the Oregon & Western Colonization company, which acquired title from an old wagon-road land grant company. Associated with Shima in the purchase are Guy E. Dobson, president of the Redmond Bank of Commerce, and some others of Redmond, together with a man named Burt, former manager for Shima, who have a half interest with the California Japanese potato king. For some years Shima has been marketing the potatoes of Deschutes valley producers.

These lands are practically all in sage and juniper and contracts for the clearing of those tracts which will be irrigable this coming season will be let at once.

The remaining acreage which lies under the Powell butte irrigation project will be cleared and put into potatoes as soon as irrigation is available.

The lands all lie within eight miles of Prineville which will be the shipping point of the tuber crops, owing to the fine down-haul grade.

ICE HAS CLOSED YUKON RIVER FOR THE WINTER

Dawson, Y. T., Nov. 20.—Ice having closed the Yukon river, all mail and traffic between Dawson and the outside world is now handled by stages over the Dawson trail from White Horse, Y. T., 375 miles up the river from here.

The trail follows the river the entire distance. At one place, Yukon Crossing, the road crosses the river on the ice.

White Horse, the head of Yukon navigation in the summer, is connected by railway with Skagway, Alaska, 110 miles away. Skagway is an open seaport the year round.