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GOVERNMENT TO PROSECUTE OIL PRODUCERS

PROFITING CHARGE IS PLACED AGAINST WESTERN COMPANIES WHO RAISED PRICE

EMBARGO ON OIL SHIPMENTS

No More of the Fuel to Be Sent to Points East of Chicago and St. Louis, Is the Order

Washington, Dec. 5.—Prosecutions of western oil producers for alleged profiteering was ordered today by Attorney General Palmer. On complaint of Senator Capper, of Kansas, federal agents were instructed to proceed immediately against producers who have taken advantage of the fuel shortage to increase the price of their products.

Mrs. Cassidy Dies Suddenly—Mrs. Rilla B. Cassidy, wife of Jack Cassidy, died at the family home on the Merlin road Friday night from perforated intestinal ulcer, having been seriously ill only a few hours. Mrs. Cassidy was aged 32 years and 5 months, was born in Illinois, and came from Seattle in July, 1918, with her husband and three year old son, who survive her. The funeral will be held at Hall's chapel Monday at 10 a. m., Rev. C. M. Cline conducting the service. Interment at Granite Hill cemetery.

BOSWELL MINE ROBBER TELLS HOW HE GOT AWAY WITH STOLEN BULLION

Below is published that portion of the confession of Jefferson D. Howells, the Weaverville bandit, relating to the holdup of the Boswells, near Holland, in February, 1918. The confession was made to the sheriff at Yreka, California, where Howells is now confined in a hospital suffering with a shattered leg, having been shot when attempting to escape from the sheriff following the robbery of the Weaverville bank. Howells and his partner in crime, DeWitt, got gold valued at more than \$6,000 in the Boswell holdup, about \$2,000 of it being later recovered from Howells' wife. The confession of the Boswell robbery, and of the movements of Howells and DeWitt before and after the affair, is as follows: "The next one was in Oregon. It was in February of 1918. I was in Salt Lake City and Wesley DeWitt, a lifelong acquaintance and friend, was all in financially and begged me to take him and go out and make a hold-up, which I consented to do. We left Salt Lake City in February, 1918, and went to Grants Pass, Oregon, then to Waldo to look at a placer proposition there. But it didn't please him. He was afraid of it. So we went down the coast to Requa, then up the Klamath river to Forks of Salmon. He contracted poison in his eyes and they were so swollen that he couldn't see. I nursed him back to health and we decided that there was nothing at the Forks, so we went back to the Klamath and up to Happy Camp. Looked the field over and then went up the river to Scotts Bar. We turned from Scotts Bar to Happy Camp and crossed the Siskiyou to Holland. Mr. Partner went by the name of Mac something, I don't remember, and I changed my name to Fremont. There we decided to watch the Boswell mine. We visited it, pretending we were looking for chrome ore. On the night of the second the Boswells cleaned up the mill run, which we took from them by holding them up at the point of a rifle, DeWitt binding them and then

COAT SHORTAGE HITS LOCAL CO.

Inability to Get Coal Causes Change of Fuel for Steam Shovel and May Close Other Contracts

The first industry of the Grants Pass district to feel the coal embargo is the contracting enterprise of the John Hampshire company. The steam shovel used on the Hays Hill work is operated with coal, and there is on hand only two weeks supply of the fuel. A car was ordered long ago, but all trace of it has been lost, and it no doubt has followed other shipments that have been taken over by the government. To meet the emergency, Engineer MacVicar has authorized changes in the grates in the fireplace of the steam shovel, and it will be fitted for the burning of wood. There is a plentiful supply of wood at hand, and while it entails somewhat more work in handling and in maintaining steam pressure, it will solve the problem so far as the Hays Hill work is concerned. The Hampshire company is not so fortunately situated in work which it has under way in the Ellensburg, Wash., district. Two steam shovels are employed there, and there is no wood supply at hand, it being in a coal producing district that is affected by the strike conditions. Mr. Hampshire states that unless the coal situation improves there in the very near future it will be necessary at the end of another month to close down upon that project.

John Hampshire and family will leave tomorrow for Portland, where Mrs. Hampshire and the baby will visit for a week while Mr. H. goes to Ellensburg, Wash., to give attention to his road building work in progress there.

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DEMAND THAT GERMANY SIGN PEACE PROTOCOL

Supreme Council Drafts Note to The Delinquent Hun Warning That The Allies Will Have Recourse to "Military Measures" if Signature is Delayed

Paris, Dec. 6.—In a note drafted by the supreme council today, it was demanded that Germany sign the protocol providing for carrying out the peace terms without delay, failing in which the allies, the note sets forth, will be obliged to have recourse to military measures.

TO MARKET CLARK TIRE CHANGER AND CARRIER

Benj. M. Collins will leave this evening for San Francisco, where he will take up with people there the manufacture and distribution upon a large scale of the Clark tire changer and carrier. The San Francisco company has made a proposition for the handling of the device, and Mr. Collins will arrange for its manufacture should the negotiations bring results. Three full-size models of the tire changer have been made and sent to San Francisco, and have brought much praise, and this business proposition that will no doubt result in their making by the thousands within the near future comes as a result of their demonstration there.

The tire changer and carrier was invented and patented by C. A. Clark, and the company organized for its exploitation and sale is the Clark Tire Changer and Carrier Co. Included in the company are the Collins Auto Co.; C. A. Clark and Frank Coleman, all of this city. The device reduces the work of changing tires to a minimum, and there is no doubt it will soon be found a necessity by every automobile owner.

MISS ROSE WICKMAN DISPOSES OF BUSINESS

Miss Rose Wickman has disposed of her confectionery business to Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Reynolds, who will take over the business Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have been traveling for the past eight months in search of an ideal location and finally decided upon Grants Pass. Miss Wickman was asked her price. She named an amount and within a half hour she was handed a check. Now she says she feels lost and without a home.

Miss Wickman started in the confectionery business in Grants Pass in a small way six years ago and has built up a very prosperous business. Miss Wickman will remain with the new proprietors until after the holidays.

The store will be closed tomorrow for invoicing.

Idaho Family Locates

Ell Garner and family are residents of Grants Pass, having come here from Rupert, Idaho, a few days ago and taken up their residence on North Seventh street. Mr. Garner had never been in the Rogue valley before, but came here seeking a better place in which to live. He states that he is more than pleased with Grants Pass and its surroundings, and especially with the climatic conditions. He has purchased farm property near Three Pines.

The note recalls that the making of the treaty effective means immediate release of German prisoners, and leaves the reply to German representatives regarding claims for sinking of the German fleet at Scappa Flow to be dealt with in a further special note. The note closes by directing Germany to sign the armistice protocol, failing which action the council declares it will be constrained to adopt measures of coercion of a military order.

WORKERS NAMED FOR NATION WIDE CAMPAIGN

A small but enthusiastic meeting was held Thursday evening at St. Luke's Episcopal church in the interest of the nation-wide campaign. Rev. Philip K. Hammond of Ashland presiding. The following persons were named to carry on the work in Grants Pass: Chairman Philip Helmer, Assistant Mrs. Philip Helmer, local captains, Mrs. W. C. Hale, Mrs. A. C. Hough, Mrs. Grace L. O'Neill, Mrs. C. L. Hobart, Mrs. P. P. Proctor, Mrs. O. S. Blanchard and Rex Barnett.

The result of the campaign will determine largely how soon St. Luke's church is to have a resident clergyman.

Daily reports from all over the state show that this movement is accomplishing wonderful results, and no doubt Grants Pass will respond readily, "to inform the mind and awaken the conscience," being the keynote.

Rexford Buys Adjoining Farm

C. M. Rexford last week bought the Claude E. Wagner 40 acres on the Applegate and moved to the place on Friday. This 40 acres, 20 of which is in cultivation and in alfalfa and orchard, lies between the Rexford 160 and the Pernoll place at Applegate, and is a desirable tract. Mr. Rexford has had the 160 acre tract rented for the past two years and has been living in this city. He will work the recently acquired tract and continue to lease the old farm.

Many at Grange Hall

More than 200 people attended the meeting at the Rogue River Valley Grange hall last evening when an entertainment was given by the "Drake Duo." The audience was greatly pleased with the program of readings rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Drake.

Cold Storage Plant Robbed

The cold storage plant was entered by burglars some time during last night, and a money sack containing about \$25 in silver was taken from the money drawer in the office. The small door at the west side was opened with a key without damaging the lock or door. The police state they have "suspicious," but no definite clew to work upon.

November Weather

The monthly summary of the weather issued from the office of the observer, C. D. Thompson, is published elsewhere today. This summary shows that there was a total rainfall of 3.19 inches during the month, of which more than one-third, or 1.19 inches fell on the 23rd of the month. The coldest day of the month was the 27th, when the mercury dropped to 16 above.

XMAS COMMITTEES ARE NAMED TODAY

Chairman Bramwell Announces Executive Officials to Have Charge of Arranging Celebration

The executive committee, to have charge of the general work for the community celebration of the Christmas season, was announced by President Bramwell this afternoon. The members are T. M. Stott, Rev. Henry G. Hanson, Rev. Joseph Knotts, Rev. C. R. Drake, Rev. C. M. Cline, Ensign Strautin, Mrs. F. F. Byington, Roscoe Bratton and Supt. J. G. Imel.

The finance committee, which will procure the sinews of war with which to carry on the work that is being outlined, is J. T. Chianock and Al Martineau. Further committees will be announced later.

Applegate Pioneer Dies

Mrs. Nancy Pernoll, pioneer of Applegate, and mother of John Pernoll of Applegate and H. H. Pernoll of this city, died at the family home early this morning from cancer of the stomach after an illness of three weeks. The funeral will be held on Sunday at 1 o'clock at the family home, and interment will be made at Jacksonville.

Clothes Lines Are Robbed

Clothes line thieves have been busy in various parts of the city recently. From the line in the yard at Rev. Cline's home the visitor helped himself to underclothing and socks, taking all of the latter that were included in the reverend gentleman's wardrobe except the single pair that he was wearing at the time. Mr. Cline has figured that a Hawkshaw on the job would say first that the line robber was a small man as he took all of his son, Jack's, underclothing, but left his, of large size, hanging on the line. Also, that the fellow was unmarried, for he did not disturb the ladies' apparel. But at the Childers home, in the same neighborhood, table linen was taken, indicating that the midnight visitor was preparing for a Christmas feast.

AMERICAN FARMER LEADS THE WORLD IN CROP PRODUCTION SAYS HOUSTON

Washington, Dec. 6.—The American farmer leads the world in individual production of crops, Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture, asserted today in his annual report. While countries such as Belgium, under intensive farming, get a higher acreage yield, he said, taking both acreage and yield per acre into account, the American agriculturist produces two and a half times as much as his Belgian and German rivals, 2.3 times as much as the British farmer, 3.2 times as much as the French, and more than six times as much as the Italian.

COURT ORDERS SEIZURE U. I. CO.'S SUGAR

WRIT ISSUED BY U. S. JUDGE CUSHMAN IN ACTION AGAINST COMPANY AT SPOKANE

HOARDING OF PRODUCT CHARGE

Company Is Also Charged With Attempted Unjustified Increases in Prices at Washington Plants

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 6.—Orders for the seizure by the government of 5,300,000 pounds of sugar held at Yakima and Toppenish, Washington, by the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, were issued by United States Judge Cushman, at Tacoma, sitting here today. The orders were issued in a libel action in which hoarding and attempted unjustified price increases were charged.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 6.—Denial that the Utah-Idaho Sugar company was hoarding sugar at Washington state refineries was made here today by Stephen Love, general sales agent for the sugar company.

Pioneers at Surprise Party

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was the gathering of pioneer residents of the valley at the home of Miss Minnie Tufts, Thursday evening. Miss Tufts' sister, Mr. L. M. Kane, who is here visiting from San Francisco, being a guest of honor. The participants brought baskets well filled with things to eat, the party being a surprise, and the dinner that resulted was said to have been a wonder in variety and excellence of quality. Those present were Mrs. L. M. Kane, Miss Minnie Tufts, Dr. and Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Riddle, Mrs. Louise Dixon, Mrs. Katherine Gray, Mrs. H. C. Bobzien and son, Barton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allyn and son, Whitney, and Mrs. Jas. Tufts.

reach 10,696,000 bales and tobacco 1,316,553,000 pounds. "The farmers of the nation in 1919 planted an acreage in leading cereals greater by 33,000,000 more than the pre-war annual average which, it is estimated will yield 635,000,000 more than the pre-war average," Mr. Houston said of war work on the farms. "They increased the number of milch cows over 1914 by 2,700,000, of other cattle by 8,500,000, of swine by 16,700,000 and of horses and mules by 1,000,000 or a total of 28,900,000. "The planting operations of the year began before the fighting ceased and the call was still for more wheat. The department suggested a maximum fall acreage of 47,206,000 acres, an increase of 12 per cent over 1918. There was actually planted 49,261,000, the largest acreage in the nation's history, 6,960,000 acres more than in 1918. "The spring wheat acreage was 22,593,000 while the winter and spring plantings combined amounted to 71,854,000 acres or 7,200,000 more than the preceding record. "It is estimated that the yield will exceed that of 1918 by 1,000 bushels and will be the nation's second record wheat crop. The estimated corn crop of 2,910,000,000 bushels will be 300,000,000 greater than that of 1918. "The nation can further expand its output of commodities by cultivating unused tillable land, estimated at more than 60 per cent of the total, the report states. Expansion is limited, however, by the supply of capital and labor.