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STANDARD OIL CO. GRANTSEIGHT HOUR DAY TO EMPLOYES

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The Standard Oil company of California voluntarily granted an eight-hour work day today to all refinery, pipe line and producing department employes. There will be no change in wages. The new eight-hour day basis will apply to both skilled and unskilled labor in the branches of the industry named. The new plan will go into effect as soon as details are perfected, company officials announced.

K. R. Kingsbury, vice-president of the Standard Oil company of California, said that between 7000 and 8000 employes would be affected, and that eventually several thousand more men will have to be taken on in the change from two to three working shifts. Employees in the departments which will go on the eight-hour basis have been working variously from nine to twelve hours. Kingsbury said that as far as he knew the California company was the first Standard Oil organization to declare the eight-hour day and that it has done so strictly on a humanitarian basis.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—An eight-hour day has been in force with the Standard Oil company of New Jersey for a year, it was said here today by officials of that company. When asked if the eight-hour day was or would be put in force in all Standard Oil plants, they said they could not speak as to the practice or intention of the other companies, as each was independent of the others.

COMMUNICATION.

Urges City Efficiency.
 To the Editor:

It is clearly evident that not many taxpayers take any interest in municipal affairs, however there a few (the writer included) who would like to see the city affairs handled in an efficient manner. Efficiency requires capable, honest city officials. The purpose of this article is to call the attention of the taxpayers to the reckless mismanagement of public funds in the matter of living one Colonel Howard Hansen at Seattle to advise the city council and perform services which should properly be done by the council with the aid of our city attorney, as provided for by our city charter.

To shed some light on our present council's method of transacting the business of the city, it might interest you to know that after the last regular council meeting had adjourned and some of the members had left the council chambers a bill was secretly put through and a warrant drawn for the sum of \$500, payable to said outside council.

Now gentlemen of the council what services, if any, were rendered to the city for this \$500 and under what arrangements?

An also advised that the mayor's signature appeared on said warrant although he had previously stated he would not sign it nor the ordinance authorizing it, and when the fact that he had signed it was brought home to him, it required a trip to the city hall on the part of our mayor to satisfy himself that he had actually signed the warrant, authorizing the illegal payment of this \$500 payment, of which was rushed through before the ink from the mayor's signature had scarcely had time to dry on the warrant.

Mr. Mayor, wouldn't it be well to look twice before signing a "bunch of city warrants?"

We further understand from reliable sources that there is an agreement for an additional sum of \$100 which our council proposes to spend in the same manner.

Tax-payers and voters how much longer are you going to tolerate such acts? I ask the interested thinking taxpayers to rally to the standard of better government and respectfully ask that the city council and the mayor furnish the tax-payers with answers to the foregoing questions that they may be properly advised as to why it is necessary to retain outside counsel to put up a competitive measure to the initiative petition now pending before the people and especially after the time limit for doing so has expired as the payment of the city's money in drafting illegal measures, appears to be a useless, as well as the writer, to be a needless waste of the funds of the city. Trusting, hoping and working only for an improvement in our municipal affairs, I remain respectfully,
 EARL H. PERL.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stacey are visiting Mr. Stacey's parents at Beagle this week.

GOVERNMENT NOT TO JOIN PROTEST ON DEPORTATION

PARIS, Nov. 14.—News dispatches from Rome say that the vatican and the governments of Spain and the United States have decided to address jointly the German government with a view to putting a stop to the deportation of Belgians.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The United States has not, and probably will not join with Spain, the vatican or The Netherlands in a protest against the deportation of Belgians into Germany, it was officially stated here today, and reports from abroad to that effect have been declared untrue. The United States will preserve its independence of action in this case as in the many others which have arisen during the war. The administration is much concerned over the deportation, but has not yet taken official action.

BOOST MINNESOTA LEAD OF HUGHES

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 14.—The Hughes' plurality, on a rechecking of votes throughout the state, mounted late this afternoon to 1086. The totals, including Hennepin county's latest figures, showing a decided gain for Hughes, were: Wilson 178,559, Hughes 179,647. Hennepin county returns, official except for one precinct, offset a big Hughes loss in returns from county auditors received at the state house today.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 14.—Chas. E. Hughes' lead in Minnesota was cut today to 200 with the final returns from the ten missing precincts of Koochiching county, the complete revised vote of St. Louis county and a small change in Becker county. The totals now stand: Wilson 178,981, Hughes 179,136, giving Hughes a margin of 155. The soldier vote has been practically a tie, with about 500 to hear from.

SELECT JURY FOR MOORE DAMAGE SUIT

RED OAK, Iowa, Nov. 14.—The work of selecting a jury to try the \$20,000 damage suit of F. P. Jones, former state senator, against J. N. Wilkerson, a private detective of Kansas City, is progressing slowly. The case grew out of the murder of the Moore family at Villisca in 1912. Jones charges slander and defamation of character in associating his name with the crime. Judge J. B. Rockefeller is presiding over a special session of the court which is hearing the case. Much interest is felt in the proceedings.

BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS

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 Oitane and in the Hui valley, where the invaders are seeking to break through to Craivoa.

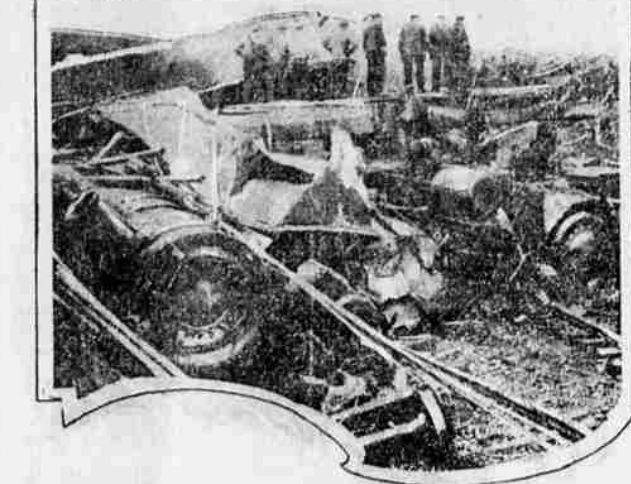
Claim Russians Retired.
 BERLIN, Nov. 14.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—Russian forces have retired from Gergyo mountains, in northern Transylvania to the Rumanian frontier as a result of German and Austro-Hungarian attacks, says today's German official statement. To the south of Tolghes pass, the statement adds, Bavarian and Austro-Hungarian battalions made progress despite the tenacious defense of the Rumanians.

PARIS, Nov. 14.—A strong German detachment made an attack last night west of Auberive in the Champagne, the war office announces. The assault was checked by the French. South of the Somme in the vicinity of Pressoire there was active artillery fighting.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 14.—"Four enemy air planes dropped bombs on Beersheba (Palestine) on November 11 without causing any damage," says the statement issued today by the Turkish army headquarters. Two workmen were injured. The enemy machines were pursued by ours."

Young & Hall Motor Co., Young's Garage, A. W. Walker Auto Co., Pacific Highway Garage.

SIXTY FREIGHT CARS AND FOUR LOCOMOTIVES IN SMASH-UP



Wreckage of four locomotives and sixty freight cars in a crash near Altona, Pa., killing ten persons and injuring twenty. The train of cars "ran away" down hill and crashed into the four locomotives at the bottom.

GERMANS ADMIT FORCED RETREAT

BERLIN, Nov. 14 (by wireless to Sayville).—The official statement issued today by German army headquarters regarding operations in the western front says:
 "On both sides of the River Aisne yesterday there was violent fighting. Strong British attacks prepared by concentrated artillery fire of the heaviest calibers was launched against our positions, forming an angle to the southwestward. The enemy under considerable sacrifices succeeded in pushing us back from Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre-Divion, together with the lines adjoining leading into the prepared positions.
 "Our tenacious defense caused us considerable losses.
 "Other places on the front were under attack from the east of Hebuterne as far as the south of Grandcourt. Whenever the British had entered they were ejected by the counter-attacks of our infantry.
 "French attacks in the sector of Sully-Saillisset failed."

SHORTAGE ABROAD BOOSTS WHEAT PRICE

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—Decreasing stocks in Europe tended today to give strength to the wheat market here. One report from Liverpool said millers' supplies of wheat were so limited and so difficult to replenish that flour was being purchased abroad at fancy prices. Opening prices, which ranged from 3/4 off to 3/4 up were followed by moderate gains and then a sharp but transient set back.

GERMANS PERMIT AMERICANS TO RETURN TO HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, Nov. 14.—Courier Thomas Smith and the other American passengers on board the Dutch mail steamship Konigin Regentes when that vessel was taken by a German submarine into Zeebrugge last week, were permitted by the Germans to return to Holland today.

Beef Sold at Record Price
 KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 14.—A record price for beef cattle was paid at the local stockyards today when forty head, averaging 1357 pounds each, sold for \$11.40 per hundred. The previous best price was \$11.35, paid in December, 1914.

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COAST STEAMER FARES REDUCED

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 14.—Reduced round-trip first cabin fares between Seattle and California ports were placed in effect today by the Pacific Steamship company, the only passenger steamship line now operating on regular schedules in the southern coastwise route.
 The new rates, on any vessel of the fleet, follow:
 Seattle to San Francisco, \$32.50;
 Seattle to Los Angeles, \$49;
 Seattle to San Diego, \$52.50. The reduced rate round-trip tickets will be on sale until January 31 and are good returning until March 31.

GERMANS EXPLAIN FIRE ON RHEIMS

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—In explanation of the recent bombardments of Rheims by the Germans, the Overseas News Agency says they were in retaliation for the bombardment by heavy French guns on several occasions of the towns of Vitreymville and Bazancourt, behind the German lines, causing the death of three men, one woman and one child in Bazancourt. Rheims was shelled for five days. The news agency says the fire was not directed against the cathedral, but against concealed positions of French cannon in the city.

DRUGGISTS WANT WHISKEY BARRED

SEWARD, Alaska, Nov. 14.—Following the victory of prohibition in last week's election, Southwestern Alaska druggists are preparing to send a lobby to Washington to obtain from congress passage of a "dry" law for Alaska, which will protect bona fide pharmacists. The druggists wish all liquor prohibited and each drug store required to register the amount of alcohol on hand. They point to the fact that the American Pharmacopoeia no longer regards whiskey and brandies as medicines as reasons for barring these liquids from drug stores.

EASTERN BANKERS MAKE BIG LOANS FRENCH NATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The \$50,000,000 French credit recently arranged by a group of New York bankers in behalf of 74 large French industrial concerns has been subscribed in full, it was announced today. The credit covers export of merchandise from this country to France, permitting the French concerns to draw three month's sight drafts on the American banks, subscribing to the credit. The arrangement enables the banks to get in direct contact with large industrial concerns in France and it is the first time in many years that American bankers have accepted drafts drawn for export of merchandise.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Participation of the French government as well as the United Kingdom in the sale of short term treasury notes in this country, reaching a possible total of \$100,000,000 is expected by bankers here. Arrangements for the sale, it was learned today, have virtually been completed by J. P. Morgan and company, financial agents for both governments. The British notes will take the form of 4 1/2 per cent evchequer bills running from thirty to ninety days, subject to three or four renewals. The French treasury notes, it is believed in the financial district, will take a similar form.

SUFFRAGETTES TO BESIEGE CONGRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The next congress will be besieged by the largest equal suffrage lobby in history, speakers at a post-election luncheon of the national women's party said here today. All speakers predicted victory for national suffrage before congress adjourns.

YALE PREPARES TO BATTLE PRINCETON

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 14.—With the return of most of the "hospital squad," Head Coach Tad Jones of the Yale football team today marshaled his forces in preparation for the drive against Princeton next Saturday. Baldrige, Galt, Taft and Jacques, who have been out of the game for some time, were expected to play with the varsity again against the scrubs this afternoon.
 Foster Rockwell and Jack Cates.

AN EXPERT ON COLDS

Comparatively few people realize that a cold is a signal of physical weakness. To treat a cold with weakening physics, alcoholic syrups or drugged pills, may smother the cold but they also reduce the body powers still further and invite more serious sickness.
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 Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 10-7

former Blue stars, have joined the coaching staff. The return of Baldrige, Galt and Taft will have the effect of bolstering up the line, which played poorly against Brown last week. Optimism pervades the Yale camp, notwithstanding the defeat administered by the Brunelians.

"ANURIC!" THE NEWEST DISCOVERY IN CHEMISTRY

This is a recent discovery of Doctor Pierce, who is head of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Doctor Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that there is no other eliminator of uric acid that can be compared to it. For those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation—as backache, scalding urine and frequent urination, as well as uric acid in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, it is simply wonderful how surely "Anuric" acts. The best of results are always obtained in cases of acute rheumatism in the joints, in gravel and gout, and invariably the pains and stiffness which so frequently and rapidly accompany the disease instantly disappear.
 Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of "Anuric," manufactured by Dr. Pierce, or send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for a large trial package. If you suspect kidney or bladder trouble, send him a sample of your water and describe symptoms. Doctor Pierce's chemist will examine it, then Dr. Pierce will report to you, without fee or charge.
 Note:—French scientists affirm that "Anuric" is thirty-seven times more active than lithin in eliminating uric acid, and is a harmless but reliable chemical compound that may be safely given to children, but should be used only by grown-ups who actually wish to restore their kidneys to perfect health, by conscientiously using one box—or more in extreme cases—as "Anuric" (thanks to Doctor Pierce's achievement) is by far the most perfect kidney and bladder corrector obtainable.

Dr. Pierce's Tablets are the original Little Liver Pills. A little Pellet for a laxative—three for a cathartic.

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EM-TEES

WHAT'S THE NAME?
 Lovely street, Winsted, Conn., has a skunk farm.

IT AIN'T A DREAM.
 By EMIL EDGONOGG.
 It seems but just yesterday,
 When on Saturday I'd met my day,
 I'd like to market and buy eggs, potatoes, flour, etc.
 And still—Shakespeare has been copying my stuff.

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES.
 They say there's a reason for everything. Just because they are the right size for mice, is that the reason knotholes were invented?

A lot of fellows on the road to fortune fall asleep and ride past the station they should have got off.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—
 When you say a woman is as pretty as a picture, you're taking a chance? A lot of pictures are painted.

OUR DIPPY DICTIONARY.
 Optimist—A fellow getting his teeth pulled and the pliers slipped off his teeth and took a chunk out of his jaw.
 Junior—He that knoweth and knoweth not.

FABLE.
 Once upon a time there was a very obliging and cheerful box-office man.

A Terre Haute horseholder has invented a phonograph on which the finger takes the place of a needle.

COLD IN MIDDLE WEST

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 hour, has begun to break. The lowest temperature last night was 33, and warmer weather is forecasted for today. The cold spell was not unusual for November, the weather office says.

NORFOLK, Neb., Nov. 14.—Twelve degrees below zero was the reading of the government thermometer here early today. All northern Nebraska points report correspondingly low temperatures.

Chicago 16 Above.
 CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—The temperature here was officially reported at 16 degrees above zero at 7 a. m. today, the coldest of the season.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 14.—With a minimum temperature of 14 degrees, Walla Walla was 2 degrees warmer than yesterday, and with a promise of slowly rising temperature for tomorrow.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 14.—Central Vermont was under a blanket of ten inches of snow today. It had fallen during the night in the heaviest storm in many years.

EUGENE, Nov. 14.—The thermometer registered 19 degrees above zero in Eugene at sunrise today, the lowest November record in 20 years. This is within five degrees of the coldest record last winter.

BRITISH TAKE 4000 PRISONERS

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 to the northeast around the elbow of the stream, had been partially isolated since the capture of Schwaben redoubt. Three hundred Germans, the only survivors of the bombardment, were captured in an extensive system of river-side caves.
 Prior to the attack the only communication between these caves and the rear was a narrow way which could only be traversed at night.