

MEDFORD SCHOOLS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY DOORS

In order to insure the safety of the school children of Medford the school board at its meeting last night decided to at once install fire safety doors to each school building, doors that swing both in and out, so that in case of a panic the pupils' egress would not be delayed.

Not only that, but in the line of additional safety the board decided to install electric push signal fire alarms on each floor of every building so that in case of fire any teacher or pupil could push the nearest button which would alarm the entire building. Now there is only one alarm, which is located on the first floor, and which the janitor is supposed to ring.

Ever since his return from the east where he studied into school safety and hygiene, Dr. E. H. Porter has urged his fellow members on the school board to adopt these measures of safety, which are unanimously approved by the board.

The recent heavy rains caused trouble at several of the school buildings. Last Saturday night's deluge flooded the basement of Washington school, and had school been held Sunday the building would have to have gone without heat because of the flooding of the lower part of the furnace. But by Monday morning, by bailing the water out, the janitor was able to start a fire. The cave-troughs of the building were also clogged up and overflowed, causing water to enter into Principal Cox's room and soiling the office records.

The rains have also caused water to seep up from the ground in the high school basement, especially under the flooring of the room used by the domestic science class.

On recommendation of Superintendent Davenport and Mr. McInnes, head of the commercial department of the high school, the board decided to fit out that department with an imitation bank and wholesale house office. This will be a welcome innovation to the commercial pupils as well as a big practical aid in their instruction.

The board also decided to purchase 150 group singing books of the latest issue for the high school. These books contain all the old favorites as well as the new patriotic and religious songs and standard choruses.

Any peace that favors Germany will be one that passeth understanding.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

ALLIES APPROVE STEVENS AS CHIEF OF SIBERIAN ROAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Acting Secretary Polk announced at the state department today that the United States now had accepted formally the proposal of the Japanese government in regard to plans for the restoration of railway traffic in Siberia. "The purpose of the agreement," Mr. Polk's statement said, "is to assist the Russians in Siberia in regaining their normal condition of life and have been reached upon a definite understanding that the railways are to be operated for the interests of the people of Siberia. The United States and Japan have expressly voiced their disinterested purpose not to interfere on any existing right either of Russia, or where the Chinese Eastern is concerned, of China."

Under the plan, which already is being put into effect, the Siberian railway system, which includes the Chinese Eastern railway, is to be supervised by an inter-allied committee, with a Russian as chairman. In addition to Russia, Japan and the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and China have been asked to be represented.

Technical and economic management of the railways will be in the hands of a technical board, the president of which will be John F. Stevens, who was head of the American railway commission sent to Russia in 1917. A military board will coordinate matters affecting military transportation arising from the presence in Russia of military forces of the United States and the allies.

"The understanding was broached before the conclusion of the armistice," the official statement said, "but the problem of aiding the people in Siberia remains the same and has become even more urgent. Russian railway officials have repeatedly urged the assistance of Mr. Stevens and expressed their cordial and special desire that they should be helped. The associated governments have been unanimous as to the urgency of the situation."

As winter begins to be a little restive in the lap of spring, some people are getting more interested in the National League than in the League of nations.—Columbia State.

Reports are that the Hohenzollern ex-kaiser is raising a beard, which is an improvement on what he has been raising on the last four or five years.—Philadelphia Press.

LIED TO GET IN, MUTINIED TO GET OUT, BRITISH ARMY

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Incidents of men stretching the truth considerably to get into the British army when England needed every man and then resorting virtually to mutiny to get out after the armistice was signed have been shown at Folkestone during investigation of the first demobilization demonstrations there. After several hundred men had dejected to embark for France at the end of their Christmas leave the military authorities began investigating each case separately.

One man who might be judged anywhere from 28 to 50 years of age appeared before the examining officers.

"On what ground do you think you should be released now?" he was asked.

"I'm more than 41 years of age," he said relying upon the rule that men of that age or more should be released as soon as possible.

"But your army book shows you enlisted fifteen months ago at the age of 35."

"You will have to prove that," came a quick reply, whereupon he

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turned to a middle-aged woman spectator, his wife, who had anticipated the situation and produced a birth certificate. He will be released at once and the method by which he volunteered will be conveniently forgotten.

"I gave that as my age to get in, sir. I am 50 years old now."

During the last year of the war no miners were allowed to join the army. Their ranks already had been depleted until barely enough coal was being produced.

Another demonstrator claimed he should be released because he was a miner. His record showed he represented himself as a fish-monger in order to join the colors. When he proves he is a miner he will be released.

It seems that the only use of the consumer is to be consumed.—Florida Times-Union.

RIGHT TO STRIKE INSISTED UPON BY GARRETSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The right of railroad employees to strike would be insisted upon under government ownership, A. B. Garretson, president of the order of Railroad Conductors, said today during his examination on railroad problems before the senate commerce committee. Sharp opposition to the government's present policy toward organization of its employees was expressed by Mr. Garretson, who also opposed

the minimum wage as an effective method of settling the wage question.

No matter if the minimum wage were fixed at \$25 a day, said Mr. Garretson, the condition of the laboring man would not be improved because the cost of his products would be correspondingly increased.

He suggested as "a piece of anti-Bolshevik sentiment" that the tyranny of one class would never be less than the tyranny of the other.

Referring to the Seattle strike, the witness declared local labor unions there had acted in opposition to their national leaders and asserted that whenever "unions will break away from the domination of their chiefs they will break the laws of the land."

Two German steamers are to be used in taking American officers and men on excursions up and down the Rhine. No wonder the ex-kaiser is reported to show he is becoming a hopeless lunatic.—Baltimore American.

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About Some of the Larger Northern Creamery Interests

(From Portland-Oregonian.)

CREAMERY COMPANY FINED

JENSEN CONCERN PLEADS GUILTY TO IDAHO INDICTMENT

Combination in Restraint of Trade and Monopoly Thereof Is Charge Preferred.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Jensen Creamery Company, the largest creamery company of the Northwest, through its attorney, James H. Hawley, entered a plea of guilty Saturday in the United States District Court to an indictment returned February 24, 1917, charging, "Combination in restraint of interstate trade and to obtain monopoly thereof." Judge Dietrich imposed a fine of \$7,500, which was paid.

Through the plea of guilty made by the giant corporation, the indictments returned jointly with that of the Jensen Creamery Company against the Mutual Creamery

Company, W. F. Jensen, E. W. Ellis, Carlisle Hall, W. W. Hamilton, D. E. Newman and H. A. Shellenberger, managers and superintendents of branches of the Jensen Creamery Company, were dismissed.

February 17 is the date set for the trial of the managers of the other companies indicted at the same time, the remaining companies being the Henningsen Produce Company, a corporation of Spokane; the Hazelwood Company, a corporation of Portland; Klock Produce Company, a corporation of Seattle.

The indictment was one of the most far-reaching ever returned by a Federal grand jury in Idaho. The gathering of evidence against the defendant companies began

in 1915, when the government sleuth, Leon Boone, of the Department of Justice, was placed on the case, which took him over seven Western States.

The specific charges were: The payment temporarily of high prices in order to control the market; the issuance of false weights and tests to injure competitors; attempted bribery; improper use of employees of competitors; preventing storage for perishables; giving of short weight; influencing legislation against competitors; apportionment of territory after a false showing of competition; using coercion in the fixing of prices for raw materials, and charging excessive and unwarranted prices to consumers.

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