

CABINET LAYS PLANS TO DEAL WITH STRIKE

Will Curtail Consumption of Industries 50 Per Cent—Railroad Administration in Control of Distribution—Roads' Supply to be Seized

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 30.—The President's cabinet was called in special session today to make the final plans for dealing with the strike of bituminous coal miners, which, if orders are carried out, will become effective at midnight Friday. Secretary Lansing issued the call convening the cabinet for conference.

An executive order restoring the maximum prices for coal, fixed by the fuel administration during wartime control, will probably be issued by President Wilson today. It has been suggested that a revival of the fuel administration, as it existed during the war, is now unnecessary, as the powers of the fuel board are now vested in the railroad administration.

Secretary Lane announced at the cabinet meeting that the government would find it necessary to curtail the consumption of coal in the industries to 50 per cent, in order that the coal supply on hand and whatever may be available from mines unaffected by the strike may be equitably distributed to essential industries.

The railroad administration has ordered the confiscation of coal in transit wherever necessary to obtain a reserve supply sufficient to keep the roads operating.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 30.—A direct attack upon the President's course in the coal strike situation, which he styled as the climax of attempted usurpation of executive power, was made by John L. Lewis, being president of the United Mine Workers, in a long telegram sent to Secretary of Labor Wilson, in reply to a telegram received by the conference of miners' representatives yesterday.

These messages were the first exchange of views on the proposed coal strike to take place between the administration and union labor. Secretary Wilson has offered to call a conference of miners and employers, and labor officials declare that the offer will be accepted if the conference can be arranged upon a basis which they deem fair to labor.

KLAMATH STOCK AT S. F. SHOW

Klamath livestock will be displayed at the California Livestock show, opening in the California building at the exposition grounds, San Francisco, November 1 and continuing a week. A. H. McGinnis has been securing stock in Klamath county recently for entry at the show, and he has shipped a number of head which he selected for that particular purpose. Mr. McGinnis left this morning on the train for Frisco, to complete the plans for the contest.

SCHOOL CENSUS ON

The school census is being taken throughout the county this week, and some of the teachers have already sent in their returns to the county superintendent. It is hoped that all returns will be made promptly, so that there may be no unnecessary delay in making the compilation at the superintendent's office, as required by the Oregon school laws.

WANTS TO BE CITIZEN

Alfred F. Leonetti, Italian, aged 19, has made application to the circuit court for admission to American citizenship.

CLUB MEETING

The Maccabees' Sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Volmer, 1095 Rose street, this city, Friday afternoon, October 31.

RAILWAY FILES TRUST DEED IN DESCHUTES CO.

BEND, Ore., Oct. 30.—To secure a \$1,000,000 bond issue for the construction of railroad lines from Bend to Klamath Falls, from near Silver Lake to Lakeview, from near Millican to Crane, and from this line to Burns and Narrows, the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway company has placed on file in the county clerk's office here a trust deed in favor of the Portland Trust company, covering all the property which the company now possesses or may acquire. The deed is one of the largest instruments ever filed here, covering 100 typewritten pages. It was recorded in Bend for the second time in its history, having previously been recorded in Klamath Falls by Robert E. Straborn. Property which the railroad company now owns in Deschutes county comprises the right of way outside of the city of Bend, which was acquired by the Bend Commercial club nearly three years ago, and deeded to Mr. Straborn, who in turn deeded to the Oregon, California & Eastern.

DRUG CLINICS TO BE ESTABLISHED

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 30.—As a part of the national movement under orders issued by the commissioner of internal revenue, J. P. Carter, collector of internal revenue for the southern district, will begin a campaign for the establishment of narcotic clinics in the larger cities of his district. Among the cities named where Collector Carter expects to have clinics in operation are Los Angeles, San Diego, Bakersfield, San Bernardino and San Luis Obispo, California.

The clinics will be established for the purpose of attempting a cure of those persons addicted to the use of narcotics, without leaving subject to the machinations of unscrupulous physicians and denizens of the underworld who maintain an illegal traffic in the narcotic drugs. The clinic plan is to administer doses in gradually diminishing amounts until the patient can do without the drug entirely.

OIL COMPANY TO ADD NIGHT SHIFT

The Klamath Oil company, incorporated by Captain J. W. Siemens and Bloomingham Bros. and drilling on the Merrill road about ten miles from this city, has decided to put on a night shift and keep the outfit in constant operation.

The well is down somewhere about 700 feet and the drillers have encountered a hard rock strata, where the drill cuts only one or two feet in a daily shift. They have penetrated the rock for about 100 feet.

By operating a night shift considerable time will be gained, it is expected, for with one shift the boiler grows cold over night and steaming up and getting underway each morning causes considerable curtailment of progress.

SCHOOL HEAD IS BACK FROM TRIP

Miss Twyla Head, county school superintendent, has just returned from a trip to Fort Klamath and the agency, where she has been visiting the county schools. Miss Head reports that the work is progressing nicely at the schools inspected.

CHURCH SERVICES AT MILLER HILL SUNDAY

Rev. E. P. Lawrence will preach at the Miller Hill school house on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All residents of the community are invited to attend the meeting.

ELKS WORK FOR WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Thrift is the real solution of the high cost of living. The Elks of Oregon, by conducting a campaign for the sale of war savings certificates, are urging every citizen in this county, young and old, to begin today in purchasing war savings certificates in a systematic manner, not only as the means of successfully subscribing Oregon's quota in this campaign, but in order that wasteful expenditures may be eliminated.

Several hundred persons in this county, perhaps more, will be requested by the Elks to purchase the very limit of war savings certificates, or \$1000 maturity value. The war savings certificates are now being sold in lieu of liberty bonds, bear a liberal rate of interest and, in addition, are subject to redemption on ten days' notice.

Harry G. Allen, president of the Oregon State Elks' association and associate director for the War Loan organization of this state, arrived in Klamath Falls last night. Mr. Allen will organize forces in this county to carry on the war savings campaign until the end of the present year. The local lodge of Elks has endorsed the campaign and a committee of prominent members of the antlered herd will meet with Mr. Allen today to conclude plans for the campaign.

"Oregon has never faltered in any federal drive in the past," said Mr. Allen. "The state has a perfect record thus far. There is danger that unless every loyal citizen of the state does his or her duty in purchasing war savings certificates that the state will feel the bitter sting of defeat for the first time. However, inasmuch as no one is asked to make a donation, but rather is urged to make a gilt-edged investment in government securities, I feel confident that Oregon will subscribe to its full quota. If the people who can afford to purchase the limit will do so, success is certain."

Mr. Allen is making a tour of the state and already has organization for the campaign virtually perfected. Although the war savings campaign is being conducted by the Elks, every organization, fraternal and commercial, will be urged to unite with the "Bills of Oregon" to bring success to this effort. The war savings campaign is fundamentally a government drive, and looms as the largest federal drive for funds which will be conducted. Subscriptions and purchases of war savings certificates can be made at any bank in the county and all citizens are urged to make plans immediately to purchase the stamps and certificates, as each month they become a trifle more expensive.

LOCAL BOYS GAIN HONORS AT U. OF O.

Two Klamath Falls students who are gaining considerable standing in student activities at the University of Oregon are Don and Carl Newbury, sons of Mrs. Wilbur Jones of this city.

Besides being chairman of the student committee, Don is a member of the University glee club. Out of 60 voices given a tryout for the glee club, he was one of the 22 finally chosen.

Carl is a member of the University orchestra and is the sophomore representative on the student committee. He is a graduate of the Klamath county high school.

SNOW BLOCKADES ASHLAND ROUTE

Travel between this city and Ashland will have to stop until the snow on Green Springs mountain melts, the reports being to the effect that it is impassable. Topsey grade has eight inches and the roads in that section are very muddy, making travel most difficult. Unless there is a change in weather conditions and a drying up of the roads, there will be very little auto travel over these highways for the rest of the season.

CONTEST FOR S. F. MAYORALTY GROWING WARM

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—District Attorney Charles M. Fickert, and Mayor James Rolph are carrying forward campaigns which they hope will result in their re-election at the general municipal election here November 4.

All of the county supervisors, two police judges and other city officials are also standing for re-election.

Matthew Brady, who has been endorsed by the San Francisco Labor Council and the County Democratic Committee, was said to be the leading candidate against Fickert for district attorney. Milton T. U'Ren withdrew from the race after it was too late to take his name from the official ballot. The other candidates are Daniel O'Connell, who was convicted in connection with alleged violation of war time laws, Gilbert D. Boalt and Arthur M. DeVal.

Fickert has been the center of a bitter controversy here ever since his office handled the prosecution of Thomas J. Mooney, Warren Billings, and others for complicity in the preparedness day bomb explosion here in 1916. Recently he underwent a serious operation, but this did not prevent him from entering the race for re-election. He has the endorsement of the Republican county committee and the civic league.

Eugene E. Schmitz, former mayor of San Francisco, who was convicted in the municipal graft case of 1907, is considered to be the leading candidate against Rolph for mayor. Schmitz, now a supervisor, stood out against a raise in the county tax rate and he advocated a liberal policy toward amusements.

Mayor Rolph is completing his second four year term as mayor of San Francisco. He was a candidate for governor in the last state-wide primary election in California. Because his name had been mentioned as a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator James D. Phelan next year some political writers here have held that the result of 1919 mayoralty race may be of more than usual importance. Rolph has the endorsement of the San Francisco Labor Council.

JUDGMENT GIVEN FREER BY COURT

Justice N. J. Chapman yesterday entered a decree in the action of William B. Freer against Harry F. Caton, restoring to plaintiff full possession of land which had been leased by defendant, thus sustaining plaintiff's allegations that covenants of the lease were not complied with by defendant.

Freer, formerly superintendent of the Klamath reservation, took a homestead in the Tule Lake district. When he entered the service he leased it to Caton for five years, on condition that the lessee was to make improvements. When Freer returned he found alfalfa that had been agreed would be planted was still in the sack. Other improvements had not been started. He demanded possession of his property, but the lessee refused to move, necessitating suit. Bert C. Thomas appeared for the plaintiff and W. H. Renner for defendant. The costs were assessed to Caton.

During the time that Freer was trying to regain the land, a quarrel arose that led to an alleged assault by Caton. As a result, Caton's trial on an assault and battery charge will be heard by Justice Chapman November 11.

NEWLY WEDS OFF FOR HONEYMOON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grohs left this morning on the train for a honeymoon trip to southern points. Mrs. Grohs was formerly Miss Neva McReynolds. The wedding took place about two weeks ago at the McReynolds home in Langell Valley. On their return from the trip the young couple expect to make their home on the Grohs ranch in Langell Valley.

FAR EAST SUBJECT FOR STUDY CLUB

The study department of the Woman's Library club will begin its year's work at a meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the club rooms.

The study this year will be of China and Japan, and at each meeting various phases of the development of each country will be discussed and contrasted.

At this time, when our relations with both China and Japan, both diplomatic and commercial, are becoming so important, it seems most suitable that the development of those countries should be studied, in order to understand more fully these present-day problems.

Following is the program of the meetings, which will be held the first Saturday in each month, and are open to all who are interested in cultural work:

China and Japan—November 1: Outlines of History, Miss Dougherty and Mrs. Krause; Dec. 6: Resources of the Countries, Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Wattenburg; Jan. 3: Literature, Mrs. Hogue and Miss Rankins; Feb. 7: Music and Drama, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Smith and Miss Armstrong; March 6: Art, Mrs. Ludden and Miss Mears; April 3: The People and Customs, Mrs. Worden and Mrs. Garrett; May 1: Our Relations With China and Japan.

RULER URGES ELKS ATTEND ROLL CALL

The annual roll call of Elks will take place tonight at the regular meeting of the lodge, and C. H. Underwood, exalted ruler, urges all Elks to attend the meeting. The roll call marks the beginning of winter activities among the Elk herd. Good music and helpful discussion will form a part of tonight's program. An informal smoker will be held.

Tomorrow night at the club room a big Halloween dance is scheduled. The Peerless orchestra has been engaged to furnish music. All Elks and their ladies are urged to attend the dance, which, to resort to a paradoxical figure of speech, will melt the ice that has gathered during the summer, since there has been no purely local dance in Elkdom since early spring.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

At a union meeting of the various Sunday schools of the city, held last evening a county interdenominational Sunday School association was formed and the following officers were chosen: W. S. Slough, president; C. R. Miller, vice-president; E. M. Chilcote, secretary-treasurer; superintendents: Primary department, Mrs. E. J. Mayer; young people's department, Miss Applegate; adult department, C. C. Hogue; administrative department, Rev. C. F. Trimble.

The organization voted to pursue work throughout the county in these various departments. Its quota toward the expenses of the state organization is \$20, which it is expected to raise at an early date.

NOTED WOMAN IS CALLED BY DEATH

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 30.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, noted author and poet, is dead here. She had been ill for three months, following a nervous breakdown which she suffered while doing war relief work in England.

TO EXHIBIT PHOTOS

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 30.—Photographs of scenes in Alaska, collected by J. L. McPherson, manager of the Alaska bureau of the Seattle chamber of commerce, are to be exhibited at the convention of the American Mining Congress to be held in St. Louis, November 17-22.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Generally fair with a heavy frost in western part of the state Friday; gentle northerly winds.

SWEEPING RAISE OF SALARIES IS TO BE VOTED ON

Raise of Salaries to Be Included in Ballot to Be Submitted at Special Election for Proposed Setting Aside of Tax Limit

Increase of salaries of all municipal employees and lifting the charter and constitutional limitations on the rate of tax levy will be submitted to the citizens of Klamath Falls at a special election next month, it was decided at a special meeting of the city council last night. An ordinance calling the election will be submitted for emergency passage Monday night.

The tax rate proposed will be 25 mills on the dollar. It was determined that a rate of 27.2 will be needed the coming year, which on a valuation of \$3,275,000 will raise approximately \$89,000. This year with a gross levy of approximately \$66,000 the city faces an estimated deficit of \$6,000, or more, to wipe the slate, meet needs created by city growth, guard against a deficit the coming year, and take care of proposed salary increases, the council decides that the only solution is an increased tax rate.

The city charter limits the tax rate to 15 mills, so this section will have to be amended before the increased rate can be made. On top of the city limitation, the state constitutional amendment limits the tax rate to a figure that will not increase the levy more than 6 per cent over the sum raised the previous year, except when the people at a general election vote for a special increase for one year only.

This constitutional amendment seems likely to prove a thorn in the side of the administrations of all growing cities for all time but it is written on the statute books of the state and is a fact to be dealt with. In a rapidly expanding city, such as Klamath Falls, however, it is likely to necessitate a special election each year to raise sufficient money to meet the budget, although a big boost in valuation might offer an alternative solution.

Besides the proposition of raising the charter limitation and abrogating the constitutional provision for the next year's levy, the voters will be called on to decide whether or not salaries of a city employees shall be raised. The proposal will be presented in such form that each individual increase may be voted on singly. That is, the voter may increase the mayor's pay if he desires but turn down some other officer.

It is proposed to raise the mayor's salary from \$1200 to \$1800 yearly; police judge \$1200 to \$1800; police chief \$1200 to \$1800; city treasurer \$500 to \$750; city health officer \$300 to \$600; councilmen pay from \$3 to \$5 for each meeting.

The fire chief, patrolmen and other municipal appointive employees do not come under the charter provision.

If the ordinance is passed next Monday night, the charter requires that 20 days notice of the election be given, so that the election cannot be held before November 23 or 24. It is probable that it will be held at as early a date as possible.

SLAYER ON TRIAL

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 30.—Martin Clark went on trial at this place today, charged with the murder of Charles L. Taylor, road supervisor, at McKenzie Falls, July 25, last.

PERRY EXPEDITION SURVIVOR DYING

Captain William Hardy, survivor of the Perry expedition to Japan, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. He is growing weaker and is not expected to live.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

A marriage license was issued yesterday by County Clerk DeLap to James E. Whalen and Pearl E. Riddle.