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RAILROAD EMPLOYEES GET RAISE

400,000 Train and Engine Men On National Lines Get Wage Increases Extending Back To January 1.

BI-PARTISAN BOARD TO DECIDE OVERTIME PAY

Director General Says Advances Made To Correct "Obvious Injustices" Of Last Year's Schedule.

Washington, April 11.—(United Press.)—Train and engine men on lines of the national railroads today were granted another increase in wages by Director General James. The order affects more than 400,000 employees and the increases are retroactive to January 1. Claims of the employees for time and a half for overtime in road services was left to a bipartisan board for decision.

Practically completing the "war cost" of wage advances, lines gave the four great railroad brotherhoods increases ranging from \$15 to \$55.30 for men paid by the month and from \$1.21 to \$1.53 for men paid on a day basis over their 1917 wage scales.

The advances are designed to readjust "obvious injustices" wrought by the general advance granted rail workers May 25, 1918. Claims of the conductors, trainmen, firemen and engineers have been pending since last December. Continuation of the case has occupied the time of the railroad administration wage board since the first of the year, when the hearings ended.

Amount to \$67,500,000.

Only an approximate estimate of the added burden of expense which will accrue as a result of the increase was obtainable by railroad officials. They estimated that if increases sought by the train and engine men, dining and sleep-

SPOKANE ENTERTAINS 600 NORTHWEST YANKS ON WAY TO CAMP LEWIS

Spokane, Wash., April 11.—Six hundred bronzed, husky veterans of the 318th engineers, 308th M. T. C. quartermasters and 10th and 11th Liberty Loan and War Loan regiments, arrived here this morning from the northern front at Camp Lewis, where they were discharged.

Seventy-three were from Spokane. Most of the balance were Seattle, Tacoma and other coast city boys.

The contingent is in command of Captain E. E. Johnson of Camp Merritt. The band from Fort Wright and a great throng of mothers and other relatives of the Spokane fighters were at the station when the train arrived. A welcoming committee composed of chamber of commerce and city officials was on hand. The men were marched to the Duvenport hotel where a big feed was waiting. The train will leave here, coast bound at 4 p. m.

OREGON NEARLY OVER IN ARMENIAN DRIVE

State Treasurer Sends Check For \$100,000 Of Quota Of \$184,000.

Chairman H. N. Aldrich, of the Armenian Relief committee, has recently received a letter from State Director Woodrucker, of Portland, calling attention to the fact that Ben Selling, state treasurer of the fund, had just sent forward a check for \$100,000 to apply upon Oregon's quota of \$184,000. Salem and Marion county may have the satisfaction of realizing that they are sharing in the huge contribution, though they have not as yet reached their assigned quota. Could our people realize how far a hundred thousand dollars would go in the famine-stricken district to save life and prevent suffering, there might be a more ready response to the appeal.

It is stated that the death rate in Armenia and Syria is 10,000 a week; and a few cents a month will save a life there. With regard to the contributions Mr. Selling says:

"This money has already been spent and is today actually saving human lives. We have kept our New York committee closely informed of the progress of our campaign, and they have advanced the money as fast as we reported it on hand.

"The state cannot give us too much

GERMANY MUST PAY IN FULL FOR CAMPAIGN OF WAR "FRIGHTFULNESS"

Former Kaiser And Accomplices To Be Reached Through Legal Prosecution In Countries Where Outrages Were Committed After Being Branded As Arch-Criminals Of History, According To Report Of Committee On Reparation And Responsibility For War.

By Fred S. Ferguson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, April 11.—Germany must pay in full for "frightfulness." The former kaiser and his accomplices will be branded as the greatest moral criminals of the age, with the way open for their legal prosecution in the countries where their crimes were committed.

This, in substance, is the finding of the committee on reparation and responsibility for the war, it was learned today. Although the "big four" has maintained official silence in this connection, these tangible conclusions have reached the surface.

MOTHER DIES, DAUGHTER SUICIDES AND HUSBAND ATTEMPTS TO TAKE LIFE

Bellingham, Wash., April 11.—A heart rending story of family troubles was brought to light here last night by the death of Mrs. Winifred Couch, the suicide of her daughter Ethel, and the attempt of her husband to end his life.

Mrs. Couch had been ailing since her attempt to secure a pardon for her son, who is in the penitentiary at Walla Walla, failed. Everett Couch, the son, was convicted last summer of the misappropriation of the funds of a Seattle bank and was sentenced from one to fifteen years in the penitentiary and he was allowed by Acting Governor Hart to visit his mother's death bed in company with his wife.

Ethel Couch, the daughter, had been with her mother at the sick bed constantly during the past ten days and a few moments after the death of her parent went upstairs and shot herself through the head. She died two hours later.

A few hours later the father attempted suicide but was prevented by members of the family.

The wife of Everett Couch said last night that if Couch were returned to prison she would end her life.

SEATTLE MAN KILLED IN LEAP FROM BURNING Y. M. C. A. HOTEL

San Francisco, April 11.—M. A. Hanson, 26, of Seattle was killed early today in a leap from the sixth story in an effort to escape a fire at the Y. M. C. A. hotel on the Embarcadero.

Hanson, a sailor, was awakened by fire in his room. Rushing into the hallway, he leaped to his death before comrades could detain him. The fire did slight damage.

Friends said Hanson planned to leave for Seattle today to visit his mother.

Dissatisfaction Of Small Nations To Be Aired Before Plenary Session Of Today

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, April 11.—The plenary session of the peace conference, called for today to receive the report of the committee on international labor legislation was expected to develop into a forum for airing the dissatisfaction of the small nations.

Many of the countries not represented in the "big four" are known to resent the assumption of supreme authority by that body. The belief was expressed that, despite the fact that formation of the "big four" has resulted in unusual speed in arranging a peace settlement, representatives of the little powers would seize the opportunity to place on record their disapproval of what they regard as deliberate evasion of their rights.

The league of nations commission last night agreed to the inclusion in the covenant of a clause specifically recognizing the Monroe doctrine. The amendment was prepared by Colonel House.

The "big four" was expected to announce shortly further agreement on important questions in line with President Wilson's fourteen points and the armistice terms.

MUNICIPAL PHONES TO BE MEETING TOPIC

Feasibility Of Installing City Owned Plant To Be Discussed Tonight.

For those who are interested in municipal telephones, especially since there is a prospect of an advance in rates, the meeting to be held at the city hall this evening will be of especial interest.

At the meeting of the council last Monday Mayor O. E. Albin appointed a committee consisting of Dr. O. L. Scott, Otto J. Wilson, W. A. West, Fred J. Smith and Dr. F. L. Utter to investigate the municipal telephone proposition for Salem.

Several weeks ago, at a council meeting, E. T. Buselle, consulting engineer, stated that plant equal if not better than the present telephone system in the city could be built for \$200,000 and that it could be maintained at 70 per cent of the present telephone charges. It is estimated that the Bell telephone plant in Salem has a valuation of about \$300,000.

The matter was brought before the city council by City Attorney B. W. Maey, who represented the city, with Mr. Buselle at the hearing held in Portland before the public service commission in which the telephone company asked for an advance in all telephone rates in Salem, running from 50 to 100 per cent increase.

There is an impression that the commission may grant the advance asked for, or at least compromise, which will mean a rather higher rate in Salem, although other points in the valley do not pay as high as Salem.

At the Portland hearing, Mr. Buselle made the point that the telephone company had picked on Salem for the advance when the city was already paying more than others in the valley.

He will address the special committee this evening and will be asked to answer practical questions involving the construction of a municipal plant, and other questions that will give the committee practical information with which to make its report to the council. By action of the council, the mayor was asked to appoint a committee to report on the advisability of putting in a municipal plant in the city.

CONFERENCE SPEEDS UP

Washington, April 11.—The peace conference has made more progress in the last two days than in the past two weeks, private advice to the White House stated today. Officials were plainly pleased with the turn of events and cables today indicate that the American delegates in Paris expect a settlement of the major points shortly.

The treasury of Mexico incurred a deficit of about 7,000,000 pesos in the 1918 fiscal year.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN NORTH RUSSIA ASSURED OF EARLY RETURN HOME

Washington, April 11.—Yankee troops in northern Russia will be assured by the war department that their tenure of Arctic service against the bolshevik will soon be over.

Chief of Staff March already has announced that the last man should be out of that region by June 1. Reassurances are expected here to quiet the unrest among American troops, some of whom nearly mutined several days ago as a climax to a long period of discontent as being held in service.

The refusal of some of these troops to go into front line trenches announced by the war department late yesterday has not been unexpected, it is known here. The morale of all the allied forces in north Russia is exceedingly bad. That of the British is generally rated best, the Yanks second, while the French morale is understood to be lowest.

JERSEY BREEDERS OF VALLEY TO CELEBRATE

Ten-Day Jubilee, Beginning In Portland May 15, Is Planned.

A Jersey jubilee will be held by Jersey breeders in the valley to celebrate the fact that in Marion county is the most famous Jersey cow in the world, with a world record for butter fat, "Vive la France." And besides "Vive la France," there are other champions owned in Marion county and the valley.

The jubilee will be held during the ten days beginning May 15, beginning at Portland. It is the intention of Jersey breeders to bring from the east the most prominent Jersey breeders and these men will accompany the party from place to place in the valley for the jubilee celebrations, going as far south as Eugene.

Congressman McArthur in his address yesterday said that if the Oregon breeders would properly advertise, that the entire country would eventually be coming to the Willamette valley to secure its Jersey stock.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon, a resolution was passed protesting against the standard being raised for gold medal requirements. It is held that the raising of the requirements to more than 700 pounds of butter fat a year would eliminate all but exceptional cows. Also that such a requirement would work a hardship to the smaller breeder who cannot devote his time to producing exceptional butter fat producers.

Another resolution passed was that the American Jersey cattle club be requested to arrange its publicity service of register of merit in order that proper announcement can be made after completing records that no unofficial claims or records might be published.

SOCIALISTS REGAIN GRIP ON BAVARIA

Wurzburg Is Captured And Munich Entirely Surrounded By Forces Raised By Deposed Ministry Officials.

BOLSHEVIKI SOLDIERS ARE EASILY DEFEATED

Situation Still Tense In Berlin, But City Remains Quiet.—Magdeburg Scene Of Street Fighting.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Berlin, April 10.—Wurzburg has been captured and Munich entirely surrounded by forces of the deposed socialist government, according to advices received here today.

After retreating from Nuremberg to Bamberg, Premier Hoffmann of Bavaria and several of his ministers are reported to have succeeded in rallying a formidable anti-soviet army consisting of soldiers, workmen and students. A large force re-took Wurzburg (140 miles north west of Munich) from the bolsheviks after a brief encounter yesterday. Most of the soviet officials and children are said to have surrendered. Another force has surrounded Munich, completely isolating it.

Government Optimistic.

The Scheidemann government, which has been temporarily removed to Weimar, was reported today as increasingly optimistic regarding the situation in Bavaria. Restoration of socialist control is now believed to have at least an even chance.

The general strike in Saxony and the Ruhr districts is reported to be growing, but the government has succeeded in regaining control of the situation in Magdeburg (capital of Saxony). Street fighting in that city resulted in heavy casualties.

Hamburg Paper Stormed.

Spartanists stormed an unnamed newspaper office in Hamburg, but their activities were reported to be limited and government forces were said to greatly outnumber the radicals in that city.

The situation in Berlin is tense. The city is quiet, however, under the

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Bolshevik Plan To SIEZE Germany True

By William Philip Simms
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, April 11.—Confirmation of a bolshevik plan to seize Germany as the initial step in a world-wide proletarian revolution, has been received in government circles here, it was announced today.

British Pilot Expected To Start On Trans-Ocean Flight Sometime Today

St. Johns, N. F., April 11.—That Lieutenant Harry Hawker would start to fly across the Atlantic in his Sopwith plane some time today was the belief expressed by representative aircraft officials here. The governor inspected the Sopwith plane this morning and it is believed that if good weather continues to prevail, Hawker may make his start this afternoon.

Hawker's plane made a successful flight of 35 minutes from the time of ascending here yesterday afternoon. It took just seven minutes for Hawker to reach the desired altitude, when he sailed in the direction of Cape Race. The wireless station at Mount Pearl kept in continual touch with the machine all through the flight. Hawker declared his speed while in the air had averaged 100 miles an hour. The machine carried full equipment, the same as will be carried on the trans-Atlantic flight. Hawker expressed entire satisfaction with the result of the test. All officials of the Sopwith company who witnessed the trial were elated over the prospect of an early start across the ocean.

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According to available information, the bolshevik scheme is this:

Spartanists—with possible acquiescence of the present government—will assume administrative power in Germany during or immediately after the Versailles congress.

Once in control, the Spartanists will greet the allied demands with folded arms and a general attitude of "do what you like, but as far as we are concerned we will do nothing"—meaning they will refuse to pay indemnities or carry out any of the other peace terms.

The Spartanists thus hope to force the allies to occupy central Europe, which they believe would embitter the allied peoples against their governments.

With the allied armies in the interior of Germany, with the Spartanists would carry on an active propaganda to convert the troops to bolshevism. Confidence of their success in this the Spartanists believe the troops returning to their own countries, would carry the seeds of revolt into a soil made fertile by mismanagement of the allies' peace plans combined with the general social unrest of the world.

Meanwhile, a closer alliance between the Russian and Hungarian soviet governments is being effected, according to official advices received here.

M. Lamelli, personal representative of Premier Lenin, is said to have arrived in Budapest. He is reported to have promised the Hungarians an army of \$150,000 to aid them in strengthening their control of the country. Lenin, it is said, continues to counsel moderation for the Hungarians and advises them to avoid Russia's excesses. He hopes soon to establish physical contact.

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157th Infantry, Including Northwest Boys In N. Y.

New York, April 11.—The 157th infantry complete 2700 men for Camp Funston, Kearny, Meade, Custer, Sheridan, Lewis, Dodge, Humphreys, Grant, Taylor, Sherman, Wadsworth, arrived on the transport Julia Luckenbach today.

The Pannonia was scheduled to arrive this afternoon with the 128th and 330th field artillery, headquarters, Second battalion, batteries D and E, 12 officers and 413 men.

The Cox county court last week is said to have ordered \$20,000 in orders of \$500 each, as the county's appropriation for construction of a national guard armory at Marshfield.

Abe Martin

Leahy Peters, who got married 'escape th' draft, is scared up worse'n Private Ike Lark just back from th' Argonne. What's become o' th' ole superstition that money you got in a questionable way didn't do you no good?

Wild Germans Talk of War of Revenge

By Frank J. Taylor
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, March 20—(By Mail)—German psychology has always baffled the rest of the world, or at least those who tried to understand why a German thought as he did. The world is due for a still worse baffling, if it tries to understand what goes on in the German mind today.

Grave Diggers On Strike And San Francisco Waits Two Weeks To Bury Dead

San Francisco, April 11.—There have been no burials in six San Francisco cemeteries since the Grave Diggers Union went on strike two weeks ago.

The cemeteries have been unable to get men to replace the strikers. Bodies are being cached in vaults.

The strikers demand a raise from \$4 to \$5 a day.

"There is something about a cemetery that even a strike breaker doesn't like," John O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco labor council, said.

"I predict that the grave diggers will win."

Holy Cross cemetery is paying the new scale. Those tied up by the strike are Cypress Lawn, Mt. Olive, Hills of Eternity, the Italian and Jewish cemeteries.

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