

PORTO RICO HAS NOVEL WORKMAN RELIEF COMMISSION

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, July 14.—The Workmen's Relief Commission, appointed by Governor Yager to carry out the provisions of the workmen's compensation law has issued schedules of rates which went into effect on July 1.

Many employers, particularly the proprietors of sugar centrals, however, consider the rates applicable to their employes too high and have signified their intention of exercising their option of rejecting insurance under the law, taking their chances of settling injury damage claims either in or out of court.

The rates provided by the Commission run from a fraction of one per cent to four per cent for the more hazardous occupations.

The new law had been pending for more than five years and during previous sessions was vigorously opposed by the employers. Its passage is considered a distinct victory for the labor element of the island and is looked upon as one of the most constructive pieces of legislation since American occupation.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ENDORSES COUNTY FAIR

By B. F. FLY.
The proposed Yuma County Fair took a long step in the direction of success yesterday afternoon when the Board of Directors of the Yuma County Commercial Club enthusiastically endorsed it and pledged the club's hearty co-operation.

An executive committee of seven was appointed by President TAOINN was appointed by President Ming to arrange all details, such as list of prizes, date for holding the fair, select a suitable place for the live stock exhibit, and the selection of a advisory committee to work in conjunction with Fair Commissioner Nelse Lind. It was the general consensus of opinion among the Board of Directors that practically every merchant in Yuma would be more than willing to offer special prizes, which will be in addition to the cash prizes that will be offered on behalf of the county.

The Sanquinette building, corner Second and Main streets, will be used for the display of all farm, garden and orchard exhibits. There will also be exhibits of everything made or grown in Yuma county and on Yuma project, the central idea being to demonstrate that this immediate section produces the finest of everything that can be found in the state of Arizona, and California thrown in for good measure.

A meeting will be held some afternoon of this week between the Fair Commissioner and the Executive Committee, at which the superintendent of the Government Experimental Farm of Bard and the superintendent of the State Experimental Farm will be requested to attend. A comprehensive plan of action will then be outlined, and from that time until the gates of

the Yuma Procet fair are opened there will be no let-up in the work of assembling the finest exhibit ever seen in Yuma county. All of these prize winners from Yuma county proper will be sent to the State Fair at Phoenix. All women's clubs of the project will be earnestly requested to lend their valuable aid to the good cause.

PARIS RAILROAD STRIKE
PARIS, July 13.—The Province of Madrid is declared to be in a state of siege on account of the great railway strikes.

LARGER PAPER SOON
Many friends of the Examiner ask when the Examiner will resume its six column, regular size, and the answer is probably next week. During the moving period for the past two weeks the uncertainties has made it difficult to issue even a small sheet and at the new Examiner plant during the past several days the gas has failed us about one-fourth of every day and the power another fourth, which cuts an eight-hour day in two. In time these worries will be adjusted, and in the meantime we would ask Examiner readers to be patient.

The regular six-column paper will resume just as quickly as the power will let us, and we promise a good live sheet—better than ever.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hon. Mulford Winsor has returned from a week's trip to Phoenix and thereabouts.

Wm. Low, Jack Thornton, Harry Wright, Beatty Griffen and Fred Vawter, members of Company L of the First Arizona infantry, stationed at Casa Grande, are visiting the home folks here for three or four days. All look well and report all the Yuma boys, nearly eighty in number, are well and hearty. No one knows when they will be home to stay.

Jim Clone, who was near death's door some weeks ago, following an accident on the ferry at Andrade, is out of the hospital, quite thin but glad to be alive.

Bo Whitesides, once speaker of the Arizona legislature and a well-known cigar drummer, is in the city from Patagonia, Ariz.

GERMAN CREW MAKES BIG OVATION TO RED CROSS

BALTIMORE, July 13.—The Deutschland today competed unloading her cargo and is rising in her hull, which has proved shorter than estimated. It is about 250 feet long by 25 wide. The crew has donated to the Red Cross the \$10,000 given to them by a German admirer of their valor.

FOR JOB PRINTING
Remember the Examiner's phone is 174J.

IMPERIAL VALLEY FARMERS FACE WATER SHORTAGE

By B. F. FLY.

It was one week ago last Saturday that the Imperial Valley canal overflowed its banks, washed away two railroad bridges and covered many hundreds of acres of land with water so impregnated with silt that it resembled nothing but submerged mud. Not a train has moved over the Mexican branch of the Southern Pacific since that time, and the daily train has also been abandoned to Potholes during the same time. And just in the face of these facts the Los Angeles papers declare that the break in the canal did no damage whatever. Had the same thing occurred on the Yuma canal the fact would have been printed on the first page of the Los Angeles papers and the world would have been told that Yuma had suffered a great disaster. But that's the way the Los Angeles papers always treat Yuma, and it's the way they misrepresent the facts about the great Imperial Valley.

My information is that Imperial Valley is worse off right now than ever before in its entire history. It is an acknowledged fact that the water shortage of last year caused a crop damage of upwards of six hundred thousand dollars. Thus far this year, caused by this break in the main canal, the damage is already estimated at over a million dollars, and yet the season of "water shortage" has but just begun.

The Imperial Press boldly states that the Imperial Canal Company has already defaulted in its interests on its bonds, amounting to \$100,000, and warns its people against the bull-headed extravagance of those who have the canal system in charge. It also calls attention to the fact that the so-called Volcano lake canal was to have been constructed for the sum of \$120,000, whereas, it has already cost \$200,000 and will not be finished for another month or more, though it

was to have been completed by the middle of July.

When the big break occurred a week ago last Saturday an attempt was made to close the break without shutting down the head-gates at Hanlon heading, but it was found this could not be done. But the very moment the gates were even partially closed down the intake canal filled so rapidly with silt and sand that this at once added a new danger to the situation. The river channel in front of the new Volcano lake intake is silting up so badly that it is highly probable water can not be obtained after the new canal shall have been completed, and in that event practically all the "west side" lands will have to go without water for the balance of the season, which will mean a loss to the Mexican side of the system of several millions of dollars.

In the meantime the "silt problem" is being studiously studied by former "Chief Engineer" Allison in his handsomely equipped Los Angeles office, where he has set himself up as a "consulting engineer," with a branch office at Calexico. Chief Engineer Rockwood is being severely criticised by all of Mr. Allison's friends, with the idea that this criticism will oust Mr. Rockwood and reinstate Mr. Allison. But it will have no such effect. The people over in Imperial Valley are slowly awakening to the fact that Mr. Allison controlled the situation for seven years, during which time he did absolutely nothing looking towards a solution of the "silt problem." Any one with a grain of sense knows that there is but one solution to the problem, and that is for the Imperial Irrigation Company to "hook on" to Yuma project and get its water from our great Laguna dam, where the "settling basin" solves the "silt problem" in the only manner it can be solved. This will require an expenditure of several million dollars, but this money will have

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