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FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

A. F. L. PRESIDENCY WILL BE CONTESTED BY JOHN LEWIS

Cottonwood-Sedona Contract First Under New Highway Program

LOCAL FIRM IS GIVEN WORK ON VERDE STRETCH

The first road contract to be let under the first road bond issue Yavapai county has ever passed, was let at a session of the highway commission yesterday afternoon to the Prescott Construction Engineering company, a local firm.

The contract covers the 20-mile road project between Cottonwood and Sedona.

At the same time, all bids for the Ash Fork-Del Rio road, called for simultaneously with those for the Cottonwood-Sedona work, were rejected by the commission.

Letting of the contract to the Prescott Construction Engineering company was due, it was understood, to the fact the bid of this concern was not only low, but the only complete one for the work, and was regarded as an answer to the recent speculation as to the possibility of the work being let to outside contractors as a result of the employment of a Los Angeles firm as consulting engineers. It was understood that the first project does not come under the purview of the consultants at this time, as the call for bids and their submission antedated the engagement of the advisors by the highway commission.

Work on the Cottonwood-Sedona project will start within 10 days after the signing of the contract, according to Chris Totten, one of the four local men in the Prescott Construction Engineering company. "We have every hope of being able to complete our job in three months," Totten told the Journal-Miner last evening.

The project covers about 20 miles. The road will start a mile outside the town limits of Cottonwood and go to the county line, about a mile this side of Sedona. The work involves excavating for the grade, surfacing and installation of corrugated iron culverts of the type used by the Santa Fe railroad. There will probably be two concrete aprons to carry the road through smaller washes.

Owing to the completeness of the bid, it is understood, there will be very little of the work on the project to be done by force account. "We know of none," Totten said about this feature.

Thirty or 40 men and 40 to 50 teams will be employed on the road, Totten said. Men, teams and equipment have already been prepared to go right to work. The bid of the P. C. E. company specified a time limit of eight months for the completion of the work, but it is expected the road can be completed in much less time. The company is composed of A. B. Peach, Chris Totten, O. M. Wold and Paul Lodge.

No total price could be made public on the work, it was stated by the engineer, H. L. Fishel, as the bids are called for on the basis of unit quantities. He thought the entire job might amount to about \$90,000. It was indicated in other quarters about the commission that the contract would be worth between \$75,000 and \$80,000 to the contractors for the excavation, grading and surfacing.

WEATHER

(Associated Press Night Wire) DENVER, June 20.—Tuesday and Wednesday—Fair; not much change in temperature.

COTTON MARKET

(Associated Press Night Wire) NEW YORK, June 20.—Cotton closed steady at a net decline of 50 to 58 points.

HOUSES RACE ONE ANOTHER TO PASS ANTI-BEER; LOWER HOUSE ONE MINDED

(Associated Press Night Wire)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—The senate started a race with the house today to outlaw medical beer.

Just after the house rule committee had ended a long hearing on a proposal to give the Volstead anti-beer and general prohibition tightening up measure right of way, Senator Willis, republican, of Ohio, introduced a special beer bill containing the beer and other uncontroverted sections of the Volstead bill with the hope of having it passed before the prohibition commissioner promulgates the new medical beer recommendation. In view of statements by prohibition leaders before the house committee that they were unwilling to redraft the Volstead supplemental bill and their request that it be expedited as emergency legislation, there was much speculation as to whether the Volstead or Willis measure could be put through first.

No friends have appeared in the house for beer as a medicine and Chairman Campbell of the rules committee expressed what was regarded as the general view by declaring a bill to prevent its sale on a doctor's prescription probably would be passed unanimously. The committee will decide later whether the Volstead bill or any part of it shall be given top place on the house calendar.

WHIPPLE BUILDING ORDERED FOR 400 CAPACITY INCREASE

(Associated Press Night Wire)

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Approval of seven hospital projects involving an expenditure of \$3,010,000 as recommended by the board of consultants on hospitalization for the treatment of former soldiers was announced today by Secretary Mellon of the treasury department.

The recommendations include provisions for the expenditure of \$850,000 at the United States Public Health Service hospital No. 55, Fort Bayard, N. M., for the construction of a permanent hospital unit of 250 beds and the improvement of existing facilities. At Whipple Barracks, Prescott, Ariz., expenditure of \$600,000 was approved for enlarging the present hospital by 400 beds for tuberculosis patients.

DON'T BUMP INTO A MOTOR CAR, IS RULE

(Associated Press Night Wire)

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 20.—H. C. Remier, a pedestrian, was arrested and fined \$7.40 today because he started to cross the street and bumped into an automobile. He was arraigned in police court after his injured head was bandaged. The charge was "bumping into an automobile."

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, June 20.—Bar silver: Foreign, 59 3/4c; domestic, 99 1/2c. Copper: Quiet.

COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT AS TO EMPLOYING ENGINEERS

To the Editor of the Journal-Miner.

Sir: We have observed with regret some criticism on account of the appointment of Olmsted & Gillean by the Yavapai county highway commission as consulting engineers, the undersigned members concurring.

In view of the policy of your good paper as being in favor of good roads, while we do not intend to enter into any controversy or argument, we believe the taxpayers who may have been misinformed are entitled to the facts in the case.

As members of the highway commission we are entrusted with the expenditure of \$1,500,000 of public funds for the construction of roads in accordance with the bond issue. We consider that we have a solemn duty to perform in securing the best possible results for the money expended. In view of this policy we decided that the Yavapai county roads would be constructed on an efficient business basis with no consideration for political patronage or favoritism of any nature whatsoever.

WANT EFFICIENCY AND HAVE FOUND IT

It is our contention that the members of the highway commission have neither the experience nor the time to give to the work the attention that efficient results demand. We further contend that no other man in Yavapai county has the engineering, executive or business training to give the county the results to which it is entitled unless he has had many years of practical experience in this particular line of work. We believe that the road work requires the combination of an engineer and a business executive and after investigating the standing of the firm of Olmsted & Gillean we believe that we have secured the services of such a combination.

We believe that we have engineers who are most efficient and well qualified to direct their duties, but if they were employed by a railroad company, power company, reclamation company or any other corporation, they would be under the direction of a trained executive with engineering experience. This policy, which is essential in corporations, is unfortunately not customary in public work and is no doubt responsible in many cases for the gross inefficiency and extravagance of public expenditures.

SIMS TO LAND ON BARE PIER TO HALT TWIN DEMONSTRATIONS

(Associated Press Night Wire)

NEW YORK, June 20.—When the Olympic on which Rear Admiral William S. Sims is returning by order of Secretary Denby, docks Wednesday it will be at a bare pier. Officials of the line decided today after a conference with port officials to exclude the public "in order to avoid discrimination."

DENBY MAKES NO PROVISION TAKE ADMIRAL OFF LINER; 'MUST LAND IN THE USUAL WAY'

(Associated Press Night Wire)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Secretary Denby today said Rear Admiral Sims on reaching New York Wednesday would land when the liner docked and that the navy had no intention of sending a vessel to take him off at quarantine or at sea. Referring to reports from New York that sympathizers were planning a demonstration for the naval officer the secretary said he hoped no situation would develop to make it impossible for the admiral to land in the ordinary way.

OIL TAX MEXICAN DODGE TO DEPRIVE AMERICANS, STATE SECRETARY IS TOLD

(Associated Press Night Wire)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—A group of oil operators who called at the state department today to protest against the increase in export taxes on petroleum in Mexico was assured by Secretary Hughes that he would give the subject careful consideration.

The right of Mexico to collect the new taxes, an increase of 25 per cent, was challenged by the representatives of practically every American company operating in Mexico. They placed before the secretary a memorandum setting forth the history of oil taxation by the Mexican administrations since the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz, expressed their opinion that in the latest levy unfairness and injustice had been displayed and asserted their conviction that not only was the tax an indication of an intention to confiscate their properties but that it was illegally imposed.

Secretary Hughes asked them to submit their assertions and arguments in the form of a brief. He was said to have told them that if the department should consider it necessary, action would be taken. The delegation included more than a dozen representatives of the various oil companies mobilized by the association of producers of petroleum in Mexico. At its head was E. L. Doherty president of the Mexican Petroleum company and the Pan-American company.

SPECIFIED FEE IS NOT AN EXCESSIVE ONE

After thorough consideration of the fee of 4 per cent, or \$60,000, we were satisfied that if the commission employed people to do the work which will be taken care of in the office of Olmsted & Gillean and purchase supplies which will be furnished by them, that it would cost the commission approximately the amount of this fee and we believe that their experience in this particular line of work will be of infinitely greater worth than an organization built up of people who have only a meager knowledge of this work.

We have given this subject much thought and have secured the favorable opinions and approval of the largest taxpayers in the county to our plans.

Possibly we have taken our task too seriously. It would have required less courage to have permitted matters to drift along as is usual in such work, and get less efficiency.

LACK OF EFFICIENCY CRIPPLES NATION

In our opinion the nation, the state and our county are in bad shape.

GOMPERS IS CANDIDATE BUT WILL NOT GO ABOUT ELECTIONEERING, HE SAYS

(Associated Press Night Wire)

DENVER, June 20.—Supporters of Samuel Gompers and John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight were marshaling their forces for the contest which will decide whether the veteran labor leader shall be returned to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor.

Both sides were canvassing the situation and declared they had mustered sufficient votes to win. The Gompers administration forces went into action immediately following the announcement by Lewis that he would be a candidate for the presidency with a declaration that the veteran labor chief would be a candidate and had no intention of withdrawing from the race.

Mr. Gompers stated, however, "that I consider the position as president of the American Federation of Labor so exalted and dignified I would not stoop to politics to attain it. No man in this convention nor out of it can truthfully say, and I do not believe he would untruthfully make such a statement, that I discussed the presidency with him or asked him for his vote."

Except for his brief announcement that he was a candidate, Mr. Lewis, who heads the largest union in the United States, declined to make any statement. His supporters, however, were active and claimed that they had pledged more than 20,000 of the 38,294 votes in the convention.

Although electioneering on behalf of Lewis had been in progress here for the last week, his announcement came as a surprise to many of the delegates. Many had believed that the miners' chiefs would formally withdraw from the race instead of being a candidate.

Labor leaders pointed out tonight that the candidacy of Lewis would change the whole complexion of the convention. It was said there probably would be candidates put into the field in opposition to those of the administration forces now on the executive council. Up to tonight, however, there had been no indication of such a move.

CHAMPION STUNG BY CRITICS GIVES HIS PARTNERS MERRY H.

(Associated Press Night Wire)

ATLANTIC CITY, June 20.—Jack Dempsey increased his boxing to eight three-minute rounds today, taking on four heavy sparring partners for two sessions each. Dempsey evidently had read what the boxing experts had written concerning his workout Sunday which was regarded as slow because today he set a warm pace, upsetting the rugged Larry Williams for the first time. Eddie O'Hare, who gave the champion considerable bother yesterday, repeatedly fainted for openings but Dempsey did not give him an opportunity to get set. O'Hare failed with his one-two punch with which he nailed Dempsey yesterday.

In rapid succession Dempsey boxed O'Hare, Battling Ghee, Williams and Jack Renault. Ghee always was on the defensive and took three steps backwards for every one forward. Once the champion crowded the Memphis negro into a corner and all but knocked him flat.

Dempsey was in a fighting mood after he had chased Ghee around for two rounds and when Williams entered the ring, the champion tried to upset him. Williams ran into a tornado of hooks and was sent sprawling into the ropes from a right to the chin in the second round. Dempsey staggered him with a left then crashed over a right that dropped him to a sitting position.

BRING NON-SUPPORT MAN

Jake Ferrin, wanted in this county on a charge of non-support, was brought to Prescott from Safford Sunday by the sheriff's office.

IDLE RIOT, BREAK UP BERLIN LABOR MEETING; GIVE US YOUR JOBS, DEMAND

(Associated Press Night Wire)

BERLIN, June 20.—Thousands of unemployed workmen today entered the labor union assembly and demanded that all employed workmen give up their jobs to give work to the idle. The president of the assembly was badly beaten with blackjacks and left bleeding on the floor. The fight spread until 5,000 persons were embroiled, using fists, chairs and sticks. Repeated alarms brought several hundred police who cleared the building after the uproar had continued two hours.

The president was taken to a restaurant, the doors of which were locked. The demonstrators attacked this building, broke in the doors and windows and demolished the furniture. The president was taken out by the back way. A rumor that the president had died was officially denied.

The trouble began while the labor union council was in session. The unemployed were holding a demonstration outside and sent delegates into the hall to lay their demands before the council. Immediately the council broke up and fighting began.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—A constitutional amendment under which states and municipalities would be prohibited from appropriating funds to any religious denomination, organization or institution was introduced in the house today. The amendment also would provide that no law should be passed respecting establishment of religion and its free exercise.

RELIGION BAR LAW AS U. S. AMENDMENT

(Associated Press Night Wire)

LANGLEY FIELD, Va., June 20.—The greatest armada of air fighters ever gathered by the army during peace is ready to hop from the field tomorrow for a tactical demonstration of air service claims that the day of capital battleships is past. Across Hampton Roads at the naval base several score of Uncle Sam's air boats are prepared to take first action in the bombing of the ex-German submarine U-117 which is to take place tomorrow off the Virginia capes. The vanguard of attacking planes will reach the target anchored 50 miles off Cape Charles at 9 a. m., none but navy machines participating in the opening attack.

Immediately behind will fly nine planes of the S-5-L type, each carrying four bombs. A torpedo plane division of five Martin bombers will follow with six bombs each. Four machines of the N-C type, similar to those used in the first trans-Atlantic flight, will come next with four bombs each and the column will be closed by a marine corps division of six De Havilland bombers carrying two bombs each.

Fliers at Langley field do not expect to have a chance at the U-117. Expert opinion, unofficially expressed, does not expect even that the last navy planes will find it necessary to release their bombs.

SHIP BOMBING TEST PLANES ARE READY TO HOP OFF TODAY

(Associated Press Night Wire)

PRISONER SENT SOUTH John Roberts, a Yuma county deputy sheriff, Sunday escorted C. M. Thompson back to Parker, where he is wanted on a warrant charging obtaining money under false pretenses. Thompson was arrested last week at Jerome in compliance with a request from Yuma county authorities.