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HICOST BATTLE RESUMED.

The Standard and other Utah newspapers today received word that its supply of print paper has been cut off by reason of the freezing-up of the Willamette river of Oregon. Paper mills which supply The Standard and other newspapers are situated along this river. Until the river thaws, the mills are idle.

This paper has a limited supply of paper stock on hand. If economy measures are followed the paper should last until the mills resume operation and the supply is replenished. So if the readers note a change in the size and typographical appearance of the paper, they will understand that The Standard is meeting the serious situation.

It will be the plan of the paper to present as much of the vital news as the situation warrants. The headlines will be smaller and the larger news stories will be condensed. Owing to the value of advertisements to the Christmas shopper, advertising space will not be curtailed until after Christmas.

England was confronted with a similar situation during the war. The size of newspapers was greatly reduced, but the war-time paper became immensely popular because of the splendid condensation of news and the elimination of much matter through which the busy reader dislikes to wade.

THE END OF THE WORLD.

"Astonishment was expressed by the superstitious when the earth did not come to an end today," says one of the clever New York writers for the Associated Press. In this sentence he emphasizes the persistence with which the superstitious cling to their beliefs despite the scientific counter-arguments of the wise.

The big how-de-do began last July when Prof. Albert Porta published an article in which he predicted that great storms would break upon the earth December 17, due to a giant sunspot. He used the word "cataclysm" to picture the extent of the earth's disturbance. Somebody exaggerated his statements and soon a large share of the population began to fear the earth was to be wiped out, despite the reassurance from the best astronomical minds.

But there really should be no surprise that many believed the earth's end was at hand. The many get-rich-

quick schemes disclose that even the wisest of us are credulous to a pitiful degree. In connection with this attention is called to the complaint of a Kansas farmer who seeks the arrest of a stranger who obtained \$20,000 from the farmer. The stranger had a scheme whereby a huge scoop was to lift ice from the North Pole and place it upon the farmer's property where it could be handled commercially. The farmer backed the scheme to the extent of \$20,000.

PAPER CRISIS HERE.

Attorney General Palmer announces plans for another assault on the cost of living. His plan of action not only calls for prosecution of profiteers but he seeks to have a campaign of education undertaken with a view to curbing the tendency of the people to pay extravagant prices for articles without question.

Mr. Palmer says he has five courses of action. These are as follows:

1. Organization of fair price committees in every city and county, backed by mayors and prosecuting attorneys with the committee supporting United States district attorneys.

2. Organization of women to refuse to buy anything but actual necessities until prices come down.

3. Holding of "conservation and economy meetings" in every community under the auspices of the civic bodies.

4. Influences of mayors and prosecutors to be brought to bear on the "warring elements" to prevent "factional disturbances in industry," and particularly to bring about an industrial peace of at least six months duration.

5. Remobilization of the "four-minute men" to deliver "work and save" addresses in theaters each night.

In our opinion the attorney general is displaying wisdom in calling upon the women to assist in the fight to reduce prices. He asks them to refuse to buy anything but necessities until prices topple. This is hitting directly at one reason for high costs, for at present there is such a demand for all articles, including luxuries, that dealers have no excuse for lowering prices. Customers seem willing to pay any price demanded.

The attorney general has two methods for eliminating the underproduction factor in the problem. Besides asking for a curtailment in the purchase of articles he seeks to have an industrial truce established for six months. Curtailed buying and production, unlimited by strikes, should go far toward re-stocking the nation's merchandise.

Mr. Palmer says he is determined to push the battle no matter what the obstacles may be. The consuming public has lost part of its confidence by reason of past failures to cut costs, but everybody wishes Mr. Palmer success in his new venture and if the public lends co-operation there seems little doubt that old "hicost" will get a staggering blow.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

The taxpayers of the Granite school district of Salt Lake county have replied to the pleas of the teachers for

more pay by voting to issue \$50,000 in school bonds. The sum realized from the sale of the bonds is to be used in great part to increase salaries.

There has been much said recently about teachers and their salaries and the danger faced by the schools when men and women are refusing to take up teaching as a profession because of the low wage paid.

We have failed to hear anybody express the opinion that a teacher is adequately paid. Everybody seems to be of the opinion that the importance of teaching, the preparation necessary and the actual work of instructing the youth justify adequate remuneration. But despite this unanimity of opinion on the part of the general public, which must pay the bill, teachers' salaries climb but slowly. The action taken in Granite is the exception rather than the rule.

Of course there are financial problems to be worked out before the school budget can be manipulated to provide for increased salaries. While these financial problems are being debated, many men and women are quitting their teaching jobs to take up more remunerative work. This evacuation of the school houses has caused the cry to go up that the best element in the teaching force is being lost to the school children.

But we are inclined to the opinion that there is plenty of good material left in the ranks of the teachers. The fact that hundreds are remaining in the teaching game is good evidence that they like the work, for there seems hardly any other reason for continuing at the post, and those who like the work are the instructors who get the best results.

Call on J. J. Brummitt at 2417 Hudson avenue, if you want to sell your Liberty bonds. Phone 59.

United States Loses Millions in Coal Strike

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—Loss to the United States on account of the recent coal strike amounted to approximately \$126,000,000, while that to Ohio was about \$27,000,000, according to W. D. McKinney, secretary of the southern Ohio coal exchange. Additional loss to railroads from curtailed service and to industries forced to shut down on account of the fuel situation could not be estimated and no allowance therefore is made in the estimate, Mr. McKinney stated.

The miners were the greatest losers in the strike. Mr. McKinney's figures showed. Sixty million dollars was his estimate of their losses in wages. The loss to the railroads he placed at \$40,000,000, while the operators' figures he set at \$26,000,000.

In Ohio the distribution of the loss, according to Mr. McKinney's estimate, was: Operators, 6,500,000; miners \$11,000,000; railroads, \$10,000,000. The last estimate includes revenue on coal only.

At the beginning of the strike the production was already forty million tons short of normal, Mr. McKinney stated. This had already assured the mines of the maximum tonnage that could be produced and handled by the railroads, he said. On account of the strike, he added, the Ohio mines alone lost another 7,500,000 tons. The figure for the entire country he placed at one million tons daily.

Cost of maintaining the average mine in working condition without producing coal, he placed at forty cents a ton, to which must be added twenty-five cents per ton for overhead. Profit per ton ranged from 20 to 25 cents, he said.

President Wilson has the honor of discovering the one and only way to keep congress quiet even for a short time. They all have to listen to his message.

TEACHERS GATHER AT UNIVERSITY FOR CONFERENCE

Principals of high schools, district and city superintendents and teachers from all parts of Utah were present yesterday at the first day's session of the educational conferences which will be held daily at the University of Utah until Saturday afternoon. More than 225 members of the teaching profession were in attendance.

The conference was called by George N. Child, state superintendent of schools, and is for the purpose of instructing superintendents, principals and teachers in the application of the principles of vitalized education. Under the new educational program it is planned to increase the value of school work by instructing pupils in subjects of practical use in the various localities of the state.

Upon the invitation of the state board of education, Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston, editor of the Journal of Education, and P. G. Holden, of the vocational department of the International Harvester company of Chicago, will conduct the courses.

I. B. Ball, state supervisor of agriculture in the public schools, and Francis W. Kirkham, director of vocational education, will assist Dr. Winship and Mr. Holden in the instruction of the delegates.

Dr. Winship declared in addressing the convention yesterday that "Utah has a real vision of the modern in education," and predicted that its program of practical education would be followed by many of the states of the union.

Mr. Holden made a plea for instruction that could be put to valuable use after the student has been graduated. "Education must deal with the problems of everyday life," he asserted.

Provision has been made for the training of the hands as well as the minds of those in attendance. Some of the seats were removed from the auditorium yesterday and work benches set up. Many of the men came to the conference, bringing coveralls and sets of carpenter tools.

Massacre of a British Garrison Officially Denied

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Official denial of the report circulated by the Russian Bolsheviks that hostile Persians had massacred the British garrison of 1,300 men at Meshed, Persia, was made by the war office today. The announcement stated that this report had been repeated to the war office without comment by the officer commanding at Meshed three days after the alleged destruction of himself and his command. The dispatch from the Meshed commander was received at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It is declared by officials here that the report was obviously a Bolshevik propaganda intended to stir up trouble in the east, particularly India.

Doug Fairbanks in "Mr. Fix It" at the Lyceum today only. Coming tomorrow, Madge Kennedy in "The Danger Game."

Move Launched For More Brigham Homes

BRIGHAM CITY, Dec. 17.—An extensive campaign is to be launched soon by active members of the Boxelder Commercial club to create a home builders' association in Brigham City, the purpose of which will be to erect apartment houses for rent and to give members of the association an opportunity to build their own homes.

John L. Pierce, president of the club, announces that this idea was suggested some time ago and that he and others had shown their willingness to co-operate with capitalists of the city in the organization of such an association by proffering their means as soon as the matter had been sifted sufficiently to assure prospective members that it could be successfully launched.

Mr. Pierce added that Brigham City is sorely in need of residences to accommodate the ever-increasing population of the municipality, and unless something was done soon its population would cease to grow. "Many people," said Mr. Pierce, "have been compelled to leave the city on account of not being able to obtain a house in which to live. I personally know of such cases. Something must be done immediately or the situation will become worse."

Mr. Pierce said further that Logan boasted of such an organization and it had been successful since its organization. The club officials, he said, anticipated taking the matter up with Logan at an early date to learn just how to organize and what procedure was necessary from the start.

Merchants Act to Curb Shoplifting

Precautionary measures of merchants of the city have resulted in the hiring of twenty detectives with the view of stopping shoplifting, which is common during the holiday season. The force is not confined to men, several clever women, with experience in this line, having been employed.

Merchants have stated that thieves caught in stores during holiday season will be treated as such, and will not be released as has often been the case in the past.

William S. Hart as the Two-Gun Man in "The Bargain," a big six-reel special that you have never seen. Also a Lyons-Moran comedy at the COZY today and tomorrow.

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Supt. Hopkins Urges Teaching Americanism

"Americanism should be taught the school children of America and racialism should be ousted," said Supt.

Karl Hopkins of the Ogden City schools at the meeting of teachers and principals held at the Central Junior high school yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called to discuss the state convention of the Utah Educational association. Patriotism and Americanism were urged in his speech. In concluding his talk Supt. Hopkins thanked the teachers for their work. The teachers will meet at Salt Lake City, December 21, 22, 23.

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