

SAILORS THREATEN TO GO ON STRIKE

Action at Grays Harbor May Affect Shipping of Entire Coast.

FIGHTING OPEN SHOP ISSUE

Grays Harbor Stevedoring Company, Backed by Millmen, Declares Against Demands Made by Union Longshoremen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—A strike that may involve possibly all the union longshoremen and sailors of the coast and tie up every vessel booked for Grays Harbor is imminent as the result of a decision by the directors of the Gray Harbor Stevedoring Company.

This decision followed on the proposal of the union longshoremen that the new company adopt the closed shop policy and hire none but union men. Nearly every mill on the harbor was represented at the meeting and the decision for an "open shop" was unanimous. The reply of the company has not yet been submitted to the longshoremen.

Take No Action Until Tuesday.

A meeting of the longshoremen will probably be held tomorrow. The sailors will take no action until after the visit here Tuesday night of Andrew Furesthal, of San Francisco, a leader in the sailors' union. Whatever action may be proposed by the sailors of the harbor will have to be ratified by the central body.

The situation today is tense. Union sailors refused this morning to work with the nonunion longshoremen engaged in loading the steamer Doric which arrived from San Francisco last night and is docked at the Hoquiam Lumber & Shingle Company at Hoquiam. There has been no trouble today on the Clatsop, as rumored.

Shipowners Are Interested.

Back of the stevedoring company are the shipowners of the coast and the millowners of the harbor and California. This gives some idea of the extent of the interests involved. On the other hand are the union sailors of the coast, and if the longshoremen here should declare a strike, vessels sent away from this harbor would probably not be loaded at points where union longshoremen prevail.

SMALL PROSPECT OF STRIKE

Longshoremen Declare Millmen Are Trying to Force Issue.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 10.—There will be no strike of longshoremen on Grays Harbor. The longshoremen declare that they will continue on in the even tenor of their way unless unusually severe measures are adopted by all of the millmen of the harbor.

According to a statement of union men, there has been an effort on the part of employers to precipitate a strike. The union men believe this effort was the result of a desire to upset labor conditions and establish the "open shop" on the harbor for all time, to many lines of industry as might be possible. Whether or not this belief had foundation, the union men, after much deliberation, concluded to ignore the situation occasioned by the formation of the millmen's stevedoring company. This company insists upon the open shop, and while not refusing to employ union men, will not consent to employ them exclusively. To this matter the longshoremen have paid no heed, further than to declare that they will not work for open shop concerns, but will continue to work for such concerns as employ union labor exclusively. As one of the union men expressed it tonight, the longshoremen will ignore the effort to induce them to declare a strike.

There is just one chance for a strike of the longshoremen. Should all of the millmen exclude union longshoremen from their docks, then a strike would ensue. This is a remote possibility.

As for the sailors of the coast, they will respect their agreement with the shipowners, according to Agent William Gohl. This agreement, he says, the union sailors shall run the ship, handling all freight aboard, while the owners take care of the docks in such manner as they may see fit. In other words, the sailors will work so long as non-union men do not go aboard.

"There will be no strike of sailors or longshoremen," said Agent Gohl.

WOULD BURN HIMSELF UP

Aged Washington County Farmer Is Adjudged Insane.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Peter Halter, a native of Germany, residing for 21 years near Tigardville, was yesterday adjudged insane. Halter is 75 years old, and is possessed of both homicidal and suicidal mania. A few days ago he tried to incinerate himself on a pile of straw, and he constantly states that he wishes to kill himself and daughter. His daughter, Mrs. Maggie Edwards, resides at 411 Third street, Portland. Halter speaks German, French and English, and his mental condition is due to senile decay.

PORTAGE EARNINGS LIGHT

Expenses During September Far in Excess of Income.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Maintenance, New work, Total, and Earnings.

Will Speak in Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Through the efforts of A. H. Miller, secretary of the Medford Commercial Club, John Barrett, Director-General of the International Bureau of American Republics, will stop over in Medford next Tuesday evening, on his way from San Francisco to Portland and address residents of this section, taking as his subject "What the Pacific Ocean Has in Store for Oregon."

will speak under the auspices of the Commercial Club. His address is to be non-partisan.

CHURCH CONFERENCE ENDS

Unitarians Enthusiastic Over Success of Hood River Meeting.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—The sixth annual session of the North Pacific conference came to a close Friday after what is said to have been the most notable gathering of those connected with this church in the district.

The delegates are enthusiastic in regard to the reception given them at Hood River and on leaving for their homes expressed themselves as very much pleased with their trip through the apple-growing districts of the valley.

The closing session of the conference was the most interesting of the convention, and was opened with a devotional service led by Rev. N. Baker, of Portland. This was followed by a violin solo by William Chandler, a young violinist of Hood River, who rendered one of Kubelik's selections with rare execution.

E. L. Smith then delivered the principal address of the evening, reviewing Unitarianism on the Coast. He told about arriving at San Francisco in the early '60s, just as the war was breaking out, carrying a letter of introduction to Star King, the pioneer Unitarian minister on the Coast, who toured the state, making hundreds of speeches and causing so much opposition to General Johnson's plans that

ROSEBURG YOUNG WOMAN GOES EAST TO STUDY MUSIC.

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Johnson was unable to carry out his plan in this work Mr. Smith said that King became a martyr to the cause, as the severe strain he underwent during the troublous times ruined his health. The speaker told of the struggles of the comparatively new denomination to get a foothold on the Coast, and paid a glowing tribute to Dr. T. L. Elliot, who was Portland's first Unitarian minister and who was present in the audience. It was through Mr. Elliot, he said, that Portland was largely indebted for its public library and two main reform movements, a charitable and prison work. The broadness of the Unitarian faith made it possible, the speaker averred, for the most untrained and thinkers to embrace it, and he called attention to the fact that Whittier, Emerson and Hawthorne, who he said were the greatest literary lights of the American continent, were Unitarians.

FARMER'S NECK IS BROKEN

Andrew Todd, of Hubbard, Falls beneath Wheels of Wagon.

HUBBARD, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Andrew Todd fell beneath a load of straw today in such a manner that the wheels of the vehicle passed over his body breaking his neck. Todd was a farmer, having resided just over the line in Clackamas County for 15 years. He was formerly a civil engineer and came to this country from England. He leaves a family of six children.

BIRDSHOT STRIKES WOMAN

Shell Explodes While Mrs. Ireland Is Burning Trash in Yard.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—While Mrs. Arthur Leland, of Tigardville, was burning trash in the yard, yesterday, a shotgun shell, which had unwittingly been raked into the blaze, exploded, a number of the shot striking her in the arms, face and breast. The wounds are not serious. Mrs. Leland is aged 22 years.

Astoria Marine Notes.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—The steamer Cascade cleared at the Custom-House today for San Francisco with a cargo of 569,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Rainier.

Captain Vasey made an examination of the steamer Guernsey yesterday and found the vessel had not been injured by striking while en route down the river.

Merchant Complains of Rate.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—H. Conway, a merchant at Hood River, has filed formal complaint with the Railroad Commission, alleging that the freight rates on flour and feed over the line of the Mount Hood Railroad Company are excessive. The rate between Hood River and Odell, a distance of 9.5 miles, is \$1.90 per ton either in carloads or less. The Commission has served notice upon the company to answer the complaint.

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ADRIFT FIVE DAYS

Castaways Rescued at Sea After Great Suffering.

SIX OTHERS ARE DROWNED

Schooner Sirocco Goes to Pieces in West Indian Hurricane—Two Survivors Keep Floating Without Food or Sleep.

NEWPORT, Va., Oct. 10.—Six men are believed to have perished and two others were saved only after undergoing harrowing experiences while adrift at sea for five days on a bit of wreckage as the result of the British three-masted schooner Sirocco going to pieces on a reef in the West Indies ten days ago. The two survivors, Mate Joseph Laing and Cook G. Roberts, were brought here on the British steamer Tiverton. The Sirocco of Nassau, laden with railroad iron, was bound from Brunswick, Ga., to Wilson City, Bahamas. She ran into an easterly gale that was blowing with fearful force on October 3, when off the Bahamas, Mate Joseph Laing and Cook G. Roberts were separated. The two men on their improvised raft were tossed about until last Monday noon. They were without water, food or sleep during that time. Finally they were sighted by the Tiverton and rescued.

RAILROAD WAR IMPENDING

MILWAUKEE AND HILL LINES SEND OUT SURVEYORS.

Construction Into Olympic Peninsula North of Grays Harbor Will Open Rich Section.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Returning engineers and surveyors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, who have been on a trip through the Peninsula country north of Grays Harbor investigating water courses and timber tracts and completing surveys made by a previous engineering party, say that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company has several surveying parties at work from Meclips north, surveying a route for the extension of the Meclips branch of the road.

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SCHOOLS SHOW DECREASE

FEWER PUPILS IN SEVERAL COUNTIES THAN IN 1898.

Linn County Has Dropped From 7200 to 6568—Curry and Tillamook Report Losses.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Though the school population of the state has increased nearly 30,000 in the past ten years, there are a few counties in the state that show an actual loss in number of children during that period. Linn County, for example, has dropped from a school population of 7200 in 1898 to 6568 in 1908. Curry County shows a decrease from 744 to 626 in the same time. Tillamook had 1886 children of school age in 1898, but reports only 1583 in 1908. Douglas County has remained almost stationary in school population.

WELLS-FARGO WINS SUIT

Douglas County Enjoined From Collecting Taxes on Business.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—The Wells-Fargo Express Company won the suit against Douglas County in the Circuit Court in this city today when Judge J. W. Hamilton handed down a decision enjoining the county from collecting taxes on the business done by the company in the county, and also on the mileage of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, over which road the company does business.

CRUSHED BY FALLING TREE

C. W. McNulty Fails to Heed Warning and Is Killed.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—C. W. McNulty, a native of Australia, about 35 years of age, was killed at the logging camp of the White Logging Company near here today. McNulty evidently failed to hear the warning cry of "timber" given by the fallers, and was crushed to death by a falling tree.

RIDES OUT AWFUL GALE

Ship Star of France Passes Through Alaska Storm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—The ship Star of France, belonging to the Alaska Packers' Association, arrived here today from the Arctic after experiencing one of the most severe storms ever passed through by her commander, Captain Starr. For three days she lay on her beam ends and her masts were stripped clear of canvas.

Sends Out School Warrants.

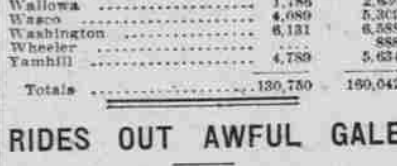
HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—M. C. Case, Superintendent of Schools, has sent out warrants for the October school apportionment, embracing the sum of \$25,800.81. The largest district apportionments are: Hillsboro, \$200,000; Forest Grove, \$1948; Beaverton, \$997; Cornelius, \$667; Buxton, \$456; Phillips, \$479.

Seven Divorces in 90 Minutes.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—All records were broken in the Circuit Court in this city today, when Judge J. W. Hamilton in an hour and a half granted seven divorces. In all cases the wife was the plaintiff, while the defendants were none of them present, nor were they represented by counsel. Cruel and inhuman treatment or desertion were the charges in all the cases.

Table with 3 columns: County, 1898, 1908. Rows include Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Cook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane.

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