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WILL STOP WORKERS

California Militia will Greet I. W. W. at Chico

"CHANGED CARS" AT ASHLAND

Want Free Talk but Object to Free Work—Railroad Co. Will Endeavor to Part With Workers at Dunsmuir.

(Special to The Evening News.) SACRAMENTO, Feb. 17.—Companies A and B of Chico and Redding, Cal., have been ordered to be in readiness to interrupt 200 Industrial Workers of the World who are enroute via the freight trains of the C. P. Co. to Fresno to take part in the fight against anti-street speaking ordinance recently passed in that city, and under the provisions of which several workers have lately come to grief. The fight against the city ordinance is of the same nature as was put up at Spokane a year ago, at which time as fast as one worker was arrested for violation of the ordinance another would climb up on the box and start the same afresh. This process was kept up until all the jails were full, and the guard house at the fort overflowing and all vacant places where a man could be locked up pressed into service. Efforts to work the prisoners were almost futile, and in some instances they nearly starved before they would work, maintaining that they had not committed any crime, because they were entitled to right of speech on the streets, and therefore refused to work while under arrest.

"Change Cars" at Ashland. ASHLAND, Feb. 17.—The Industrial Workers of the World, enroute to Fresno, Cal., from Portland, were thrown off the freight train when they reached Ashland this morning, having forcibly taken possession of a box car for their use. After being dispossessed of a ride the men congregated at a point about a mile down the track, piled obstructions on the rails, thus compelling the next freight to stop, when they again took possession of a car and compelled the trainmen to proceed. The Southern Pacific Company will make another attempt to separate itself from so unwelcome a "patronage" at Dunsmuir.

Passed Through Roseburg. Enroute to Fresno, Cal., where they intend to take a hand in protecting the American privilege of free speech, about 150 members of the "Industrial Workers of the World" passed through Roseburg last evening on southbound freight train No. 221.

According to members of the train crew, the men boarded the cars in the vicinity of Oregon City, and when ordered to alight refused. Realizing the folly of undertaking to control the mob, the conductor of the train simply reported the incident to Portland headquarters, and soon received orders to carry the men to their destination. Accordingly, two empty box cars were attached to the train, and the men are now traveling in apparent comfort.

Upon the arrival of the train here last evening the men formed in line, and after marching down Sheridan street to the corner of Lane, retraced their steps to the railroad yards where they remained until the departure of the train for the south. According to a member of the organization the men assembled at Portland, and in response to appeals from their "brothers" in the South, decided to proceed to Fresno that they might aid in regaining the right of free speech which has been denied members of the I. W. W. by the police of that city. The men have selected a treasurer, and according to accounts, have about \$25 in their possession. At each division point the treasurer purchases such supplies as are needed, and suffices to say that the men will reach their destination in good condition. The trouble between the members of the I. W. W. and the Fresno police originated several months ago.

when members of the organization were denied the privilege of free speech in that city. A sort of a war followed and as a result several hundred of their number were placed in jail and later sentenced to indeterminate sentences. Refusing to work on the streets the police, assisted by the Fresno fire department, even went so far as to drench the prisoners in their cells at the jail. This procedure is said to have aroused the ire of members of the order throughout the entire West, and an attempt will be made to get even. It is alleged that fully 1,000 additional members of the order are now in readiness to proceed South, and will probably leave Portland and Seattle during the latter part of the week.

PROMOTE THIS OFFICERS.

Only One in Oregon Not Looking for Salary Raise.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—Simon Lewis, county treasurer of Harney county, surprised Governor West today when the executive received a letter in which Lewis expressed his disapproval of having his salary raised. In explanation of his position Lewis says: I am informed by the papers that a bill has been introduced in the legislature to regulate the salaries of the public officials of Harney county—whether the bill aims to increase them I do not know. However, I wish to say that before I was elected county treasurer I told the people here that I believed the present salary of the office sufficient—that I would not seek a raise—and that I was against same. I am still of the same opinion and will ask you to do what you can to help me carry out my promise to the people of Harney county.

NEW COUNTY BILL PASSES.

Only Those Directly Effected to Vote On Question.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—Senator Wood's bill, providing a method for creating new counties, will pass the house, which today indefinitely postponed a bill by Eggleston on the same subject. The Eggleston bill was objected to because it was virtually a copy of the initiative bill rejected by the people in the November election. It left the question of creating new counties entirely to the voters in the territory of which the proposed county was to consist. The Wood bill requires a vote of 25 per cent of the residents of the county from which territory is taken and 65 per cent of the vote in the territory of the proposed new county before the new county asked for can be established legally.

ABSTRACT LAW DEFEATED.

Small Abstractor May Open Books at Will.

SALEM, Feb. 16.—Representative Cole's bill making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of making or compiling abstracts of title to real property without having for use in such business a complete set of abstract books, was unmercifully beaten in the house when it came up for final passage yesterday. It had few defenders and many detractors. It was argued against the bill that it would tend to compel small abstractors to go out of business while those who favored the bill said it was a measure deemed necessary for the protection of the public who were continually being supplied with abstracts that were not correct and against which damage the injured public had no recourse. The bill provided that abstract companies give a bond of \$10,000 for the payment of any damages that may accrue to any person by reason of any error, deficiency or mistake. Abstract companies in counties of less than 10,000 population were compelled to give a bond for \$5,000 instead of \$10,000.

The regular meeting of the Douglas County Fruit Growers Union will be held at the commercial club rooms tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. All members of the association are urged to be present on several matters are scheduled for consideration.

RUSSIA GETS WARNING

Powers Politely State that Caution is Necessary

CHINA WEAKENED BY PESTILENCE

Russia Takes Advantage of Conditions and Threatens to Force Concessions—May Ask U. S. to Intervent.

(Special to Evening News.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—All of the European chanceries sent warnings to Russia today to proceed cautiously with her military demonstrations against China. English newspapers are particularly apprehensive of the move Russia contemplates making, and predict that the gravest consequences may result.

Russia Takes Advantage.

PEKIN, Feb. 17.—It is the semi-official opinion here today that Russia intends to take advantage of the pestilence and famine prevailing in many of the Chinese provinces to force China to renew the treaty of 1881, which granted to Russia free trade in Mongolia as well as other concessions. For nearly a year negotiations over the treaty have been progressing, but China has shown an unwillingness to submit to Russian demands, therefore the determination of the latter power to force the issue at the moment when China is struggling under the double load of famine and plague is looked upon as a desperate resort to secure the coveted concessions. It is intimated that China will resist the treaty by every means save that of war, meanwhile trusting that the powers will come to her relief.

Wants Immediate Reply.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The announcement was semi-officially made here today that unless China yields to the demands of Russia before March 1 that an ultimatum will be sent. Minister Korotovitz has been instructed to deliver a note to China which will state that Russia cannot keep up the existing friendly relations, owing to China's apparent unwillingness to abide by the terms of the treaty. The note will ask China to act in the matter at once.

United States May Aid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The state department is hourly expecting China to send an appeal to the United States asking intervention in the menace of an invasion by Russian armies. Sympathy here is all with China, and it is not improbable that the United States will use her influence to secure an equitable and satisfactory adjustment of the differences existing between the two empires.

Bennett's Bill Beaten.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs, at the urgent request of President Taft, voted down Bennett's resolution asking for Canadian annexation to the United States. The vote stood 9 to 1. The president asked that the resolution be killed in the committee room in order to allay the fears of England and Canada and quiet the ill feeling caused by Champ Clark's recent speech.

Charges Bribery.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Charging that Mexican officials had bribed American officers, both state and federal, agents of the rebel leader, Madero, today requested speedy action in an investigation as provided by the Wilson resolution in congress. High government officials are implicated by affidavits indicating corruption. From information secured by secret agents it is alleged that United States officers on the border, under the guise of enforcing neutrality, are working against the insurgents.

Madero in Command.

EL PASO, Feb. 17.—A courier who arrived here today from the south and stated that Madero, the insurgent chief, has taken the field personally and in command of 800 men is preparing to march into Chihuahua. It is reported that 42 Americans are accompanying Blanco

M. C. WICKUM DEAD.

F. F. Patterson received a telegram this afternoon from his daughter, Mrs. Hazel Wickum, of Oak Grove, Cal., conveying the sad intelligence that her husband died at noon today. Mr. Wickum resided here for some time prior to his marriage to Miss Patterson when they moved to California. During his residence here he was engaged in the theatrical business and was very popular among the younger set. The news of his death is received here with regret.

Grand Jury Ready.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—The grand jury which will investigate the alleged operations of the vice syndicate in Seattle, was selected today, but the identity of the men composing the jury is kept a secret at the present in order to prevent the possibility of some friends of the old syndicate tampering with any of the jurymen.

Large Sum Appropriated.

SALEM, Feb. 17.—Grover Fraizer, head of the labor legislative committee, today requested that the senate to investigate the charge that money is being used by the corporations to influence legislation. In a letter to President Selling of the senate, Fraizer requests that witnesses be called to testify concerning the rumor that \$17,000 was taken from Portland to bribe certain senators. The story of bribery has been rumored around the capital for several days, and it is the opinion of a number that a bribery fund has been circulated among members of the senate. The fight on the Stelner administration of the state hospital for insane has not resulted harmfully to the support of the institution, as \$734,000 was set aside for maintenance today. The Corvallis Agricultural College received an appropriation of \$570,000. Other state institutions also received large sums, aggregating a million and a half of dollars.

Mr. Dubois, of Sutherland, who has been engaged in the undertaking business since January 12, today sold his stock to W. B. Hammitte, of this city, and retired from business. During Mr. Dubois' career in the undertaking business at Sutherland he failed to dispose of a casket, an incident which speaks well for the health conditions of that city.

PEARY IS A FAKE HERO

Explorer Gets Hot Roast in House

NOT ENTITLED TO ADMIRALTY

Arkansas Senator Says Some Things That Carry More Truth than Poetry—Other Prominent "Fakers" Mentioned.

(Special to The Evening News.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A bitter denunciation of Captain Robert E. Peary, as a "fake hero", who by means of an "impossible tale" seeks recognition by congress "for an alleged discovery" of the north pole, was given to the house of representatives today by Congressman Robert Bruce Macon, of Arkansas, speaking in opposition to the bill reported by the committee on naval affairs retiring the explorer as a rear admiral and granting him the thanks of congress.

Macon's speech abounded in acerbations, criticism and sarcasm. He prefaced his remarks by hot shot at newspaper editors who have made fun of his opposition to Peary.

"There are many thousands of human beings who think just as I do about this matter," said Macon, "because I would not accept the unsupported and unreasonable tale of Peary and allow great honors to be heaped upon him without corroboration, some of the newspapers of the country, like the New York Times and the New York Post that are edited by pea-eyed, pin-headed and putrid tongued infinitesimals, have been trying to persuade the public to believe that I am almost alone in the position I have taken. But, alas, if they could read the vast number of petitions, letter and newspaper clippings I have received from every quarter of nearly every state, the little toms would change their weak minds about the matter, if there is strength enough left in them to change.

"Peary roamed the fields of the north, getting rich as a fur trader, while the people were paying him a fat salary for 23 years," Macon continued. The Arkansas member declared that his story of reaching the pole was "wonderful, to put it mildly," and compared it with a piece of fiction where some imaginative writ-

er made the north pole the scene of a monarchy.

"I also remember to have read a novel written in the first person whose hero was a bombastic upstart and braggart who never knew defeat or met an equal," Macon said, "and yet the self-exalted, self-puffed acts of the self-appointed hero of that book does not in any way or in any degree exceed the self-told deeds of the wonderful hero who penned the narrative of 'The North Pole'."

Commenting upon heroes in general and fake heroes in particular Macon said:

"San Juan Hill had one of these for a time, but upon investigation it was shown that he would have been a Spanish prisoner instead of an American hero if it hadn't been for the intervention of negro troops. "Less than a year ago a conquering hero of legends and boasts marched forth from the jungles of Africa and crossed the European continent with majestic tread. Finally he landed upon our shores, where he was met by thousands of hero worshippers who received him as uncrowned emperor. But it was not many moons before many of these who paid him homage upon that occasion hung their heads and tried to forget it. Thus it will be seen that it will not do to put fake heroes upon pinnacles of fame.

In conclusion Macon said there was a "paid lobby" of the Peary Arctic Club and friends of the explorer at work "seeking to coax action of congress."

BUCHANAN BILL PASSES.

Attorney General Will Be Allowed Assistant.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—Buchanan's bill providing for assistants in the office of the Attorney-General was recognized in the senate and passed. President Selling was the only one to vote against it.

The bill was originally defeated because it was supposed to carry an emergency clause, but later it was discovered that this clause had been stricken off in the house. The bill gives legal status to the head assistant and also creates the office of brief clerk. The attorney-general's present assistant was found last year to be drawing his salary without warrant of law. The attorney-general asked for a brief clerk, stating that the litigation pending before the higher courts has reached such proportions it is an absolute necessity to create the new office to make any satisfactory progress.

County Assessor F. L. Calkins went to Drain this morning where he will place valuations of the holdings of the Southern Pacific Company in that locality.

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