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## STRIKE LEADERS ARRESTED TODAY

### Head of Railroads Expect to See Break in Ranks of Men on Walkout.

## VIOLATE LEVER LAW

### Master, Who Headed the Steel Strike, Was Located Today at His Home in Pittsburgh—Denies Any Connection.

(By Associated Press).

The leading railroad officials whose lines have been crippled by the unauthorized strike of operating employees, waited today for a big break in the ranks of the strikers, which they hoped would be produced by Attorney-General Palmer's announcement that the strike leadership has been traced to radical quarters.

### Officials Are Arrested.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Six officials of the "outlaw" railway unions were arrested today on warrants issued by United States Commissioner Mason, charging them with violation of the Lever act. Warrants have been issued for 24 other alleged insurgent railroad strike leaders, it was said at the federal building. The department of justice expects arraignment only before Commissioner Mason.

### Leader Is Located.

PITTSBURGH, April 15.—W. Z. Foster, leader of the late steel strike, whose name was brought out at Washington yesterday as the prince behind the outlaw railroad strike, was located at his home here today. He said he had only been out of Pittsburgh once in four months. He has been busy writing a book on the steel strike, but said that he may be something to say later regarding the Washington statements.

### Strike is Dying Out.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Reports from the rail centers of the central west and the Pacific coast out the assertions of the brotherhood and railroad officials that the insurgent railroad strike is dying out in those sections and that traffic conditions have been materially improved. The strikers are reported to be returning to work in a number of cities. The brotherhood officials said the backbone of the strike has been broken.

### Raids Are Made.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Federal agents raided a strike meeting at the headquarters of the yardmen's association and arrested John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, and three others. At another hall they made four arrests. Reports at the federal building say that 30 warrants have been issued and that this is only a starter and that over 200 members of the outlaw union have been marked for arrest.

## Police Reserves Ask For Assistance

(By Associated Press).

NEW YORK, April 15.—Police commanding the reserves are doing duty in the west side market district, where the teamsters and carters are on a strike, this afternoon. A call to headquarters for 400 reinforcements and reports were received that more trucks are being trucked.

## Another Country Sore at Germany

(By Associated Press).

BERLIN, April 15.—The Vossische Zeitung says the Polish government is informed the allied supreme council that it intends shortly to cede any German territory should Germany fail to carry out her agreements with the Poles.

## American League Strongest Is Claim

(By Associated Press).

CHICAGO, April 15.—"The American League is unquestionably the strongest of the minor leagues," declared Thomas J. Hickey, president of the league, upon the eve of the opening of the season. "We are to open our nineteenth season of continuous baseball, with the possible exception of two months during 1919, when we suspended by order of the government."

The association consists of the eight cities that originally constituted the organization.

We will play a post season series with either the Pacific coast or International League. However, our experience with the Vernon club was such that under no consideration

## BUILDING ASSOCIATION MEETS.

The Roseburg Building Homes association met last night at the office of the secretary, George Neuner, and elected officers. R. M. Drumfield being chosen president; George Chandler, vice president; George Neuner, secretary and attorney, and Jos. Micelli, treasurer. Seven directors were also chosen. This was the annual meeting and nearly all of the stockholders were present.

## John Reed Was Not Executed

(By Associated Press).

WASHINGTON, April 15.—John Reed, American magazine writer, reported recently to have been executed in Finland, is alive and well, according to an official report received at the state department today.

## Allies Agree on Versailles Treaty

(By Associated Press).

PARIS, April 15.—The allies have reached an accord concerning the execution of the Versailles treaty. It was stated here today, thus removing one of the causes of friction between France and Great Britain.

## Portland Librarian Passed Away Today

(By Associated Press).

PORTLAND, April 15.—Mary Frances Loom, county librarian, known over the entire coast for her work, died here today from cancer. She had been confined to her bed for the past few weeks and no hope was held out for her recovery.

## Striving to Make Model Penitentiary

(By Associated Press).

BEER LODGE, Mont., April 15.—Governor Sam W. Stewart, with Mrs. Stewart were guests of honor recently at the opening performance at the "House of Forget," the recently established theater in the Montana state penitentiary.

Warden Frank Conley is responsible, in a large way, for the theater, at which not only amateur performances will be given, but where professionals will appear. The theater is part of a program which he is working out to make the Deer Lodge prison a model penal institution.

## O. A. C. Hens Win First Prize

(By Associated Press).

CORVALLIS, April 15.—O. A. C. hens won first place in the Western Washington egg-laying contest for March. The pen of five "Oregonians" entered by the college led all other pens with an average production of 24.6 eggs a hen for the month. For the five-month period the Barred Rock pen entered by the college leads all others in production, having a record of 599 eggs. The "Oregonians" have a total production for the five-month period of 514 eggs.

The market value of the eggs of the "Oregonians" amounted to \$3.81 for the month of March. The Barred Rock production amounted to \$25.19 for the five-month period. The cost of feeding was 31 cents a bird for the month of March.

## Veteran's Magazine To Be Discontinued

(By Associated Press).

The Home Sector, a magazine for the former service men, conducted by former members of the editorial council of the Stars and Stripes of American expeditionary force fame, is to discontinue publication with the issue of April 17, and most of its editorial staff will join the American Legion Weekly in a similar capacity, according to a letter received in Portland yesterday and signed by Stanley B. Latschaw, advertising director of the Home Sector.

The printers' strike, the paper shortage and the fact that the field is covered by the American Legion Weekly are reasons given for the suspension of publication.

"The Home Sector has made a considerable number of friends, chiefly among readers, but also among advertisers," Mr. Latschaw says. "It is to be hoped that this friendship and allegiance will be transferred to the American Legion Weekly in its praiseworthy efforts toward a more complete Americanization."

Miss Iva McGilvray, of Canyonville, who spent yesterday in this city shopping and attending to business matters, left last night for her home.

## BUSINESS MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

### Mass Meeting at City Hall Last Night Makes B. O. S. S. Club a Reality.

## LACKLEVITY NOTICEABLE

### Meeting Characterized by Sincerity of Purpose Among All Present—Meet Next Week to Elect Officers, Perfect Plans.

Although there is a great field for humor in the fact that within the next few days, if the present plans carry, blue overalls and soft shirts, the historic habiliments of the small boy, of the "hayseed," will be the every-day dress of the majority of the most prominent business men in the city, the mass meeting at the city hall last night, called for the purpose of organizing the B. O. S. S. club, and getting together on the question, was characterized by a singular lack of levity, and by the seriousness and sincerity of purpose among those attending. They showed clearly that they were there for business and in an honest endeavor to do something which would have the effect of lowering the high cost of living, and that the matter was not a joke to them.

J. V. Starratt, of the Ak Sar Ben land company, acted as temporary chairman. Mr. Starratt has been instrumental in getting the movement started here and is very interested in its ultimate success. He called upon several well known men of the city to speak, among them being Jack Pelton, W. L. Dyringer, Principal C. H. McKnight, of the local high school, Mr. Inman, A. E. Street, Wm. Bell, C. A. Wilber and E. A. Clemens. All the speakers were heartily in favor of the proposed club, as were the majority of those present. There were no talks made in opposition, although such a sentiment has been expressed by several.

All were unanimously in opposition to the prevailing prices of all commodities and were against extravagance and luxury. The general opinion was that if enough of these clubs were formed, and if each town would do its part, the prices would necessarily be lowered and much good would result. Towns all over the United States are falling in line daily and forming either "old clothes," "khaki," or "overall" clubs, and some hold the idea that the good effects can already be felt. Several of the speakers had seen similar tactics in effect in other towns, and in every instance they were pronounced a distinct success.

It was decided to postpone definite organization until the next meeting which will take place the first part of next week. At this time committees will be appointed who will have certain aims relative to the purpose of the club which they will give the responsibility of carrying out. There are at the present time over 200 signers who are members of the club and a large increase on this number is expected. Many are appearing in their overalls and soft shirts today, and all are to appear in them by tomorrow. Those who have not signed up are also privileged to wear them to show their sympathy with the movement.

## Demelia Arrested Charge of Forgery

(By Associated Press).

Carmen "Kid" Demelia, a United States soldier who was in this city with a recruiting party a short time ago, and who sparred several rounds here while training for bouts in Granta Pass, and later knocked out his man in the southern city after three rounds of fighting, was arrested yesterday at Vancouver, Washington, on a warrant issued in Eugene charging him with forgery. Deputy Sheriff Cromer of Eugene, left this morning and will return with the soldier tonight. Demelia is charged with passing a fraudulent check for \$63 at the Southern Pacific station in Eugene.

SUFFERS STROKE.

Jim Craven, well known resident of the city, suffered a paralytic stroke last night. Mr. Craven has been in poor health for several years, having sustained a stroke some time ago. His condition at the present time is very serious.

PLANS APPROVED.

The plans for the proposed Reedsport high school building were approved this morning by County School Superintendent O. C. Brown and will be forwarded to the board of the district at once. The building is to be two stories in height and will be a credit to the community. It will accommodate the growth of the town for several years to come.

## BLUEBEARD WRITES MRS. BERT FRITCH

### Bride of Three Months of Former Resident Says She Wrote Him Just For Fun.

## MARRIED 25 TIMES

### Story of Matrimonial Adventures of Los Angeles Man is Startling—Solomon Had Nothing on Him, it Would Appear.

The Portland Oregonian in this morning's issue has a sensational story concerning Mrs. Bert Fritch, three-months' bride of Bert Fritch, a former resident of this city who was employed here with the Standard Oil company. The story has to do with the activities of the Los Angeles "Bluebeard" who married at least 25 women and with whom Mrs. Fritch states she corresponded "just for curiosity's sake." The account follows:

"I never knew it to fail; a woman's curiosity is always certain to get her into some sort of trouble."

Such was the frank admission of Mrs. Bert Fritch of Vancouver, Wash., formerly Mrs. Myrtle Briggs, 210 Elbridge apartments, Portland, who told a reporter of the Oregonian yesterday that she had carried on matrimonial correspondence with Richard Huit, alias Watson, the Los Angeles "Bluebeard," who is said to have married a score of women during recent years.

Mrs. Fritch, however, insists that their brief letter-writing courtship did not terminate at the altar, and in spite of the notoriety which she feels certain must come to her as a result of her letter-writing escapade, she finds solace in the fact that she cannot be listed as one of Huit's numerous wives.

Bride Has Worry.

Mrs. Fritch, who embarked on her third matrimonial venture, about three months ago, is a strikingly handsome woman of about 30 years, and her chief concern yesterday was in wondering what her bridegroom of three months might say when he learned that she might be brought into the matrimonial tangle of the much-married Huit.

"It was either last September or October, while living at Spokane, when I saw a personal in a Spokane Sunday newspaper in which Huit, under the name of Andrews, advertised for a wife," said Mrs. Fritch. "The personal stated that he was a lonely man of great wealth and could furnish the highest references as to his financial standing and good moral character."

"He gave his address at the time at a prominent hotel in Portland. One of my Spokane friends dared me to answer the personal, and I did. I am frank to admit that I was not adverse to finding out something about the man, although I am not in the habit of picking up with strangers."

Marriage Offer Made.

"A short time after that I moved to Portland and it was after I arrived here that I received the answer. Huit, or Andrews, expressed a fetid desire to meet me and wanted to know if I was really serious in consenting to consider his matrimonial offer."

"I had forgotten all about the man until I received that letter, and then my daughter-in-law thought it would be good fun to continue the correspondence. It was my son's daughter who wrote the next letter. At that time I believed he was either in Spokane or Seattle. It was then we got a reply in which he made the offer to marry. He promised to take the bride on a wedding trip to Honolulu and to give her everything possible for her pleasure and comfort."

"In this letter he said he would be in Portland soon and would stop at the Benson hotel. Later I called up the Benson hotel and learned that he had left the city the day before I telephoned.

"And that is as far as my dealings with the man went."

The report that Mrs. Carl Stoike, 214 East Ninth street, Vancouver, was one of Huit's numerous wives proved to be unfounded yesterday when investigation disclosed that Mrs. Stoike, formerly Mrs. Margaret Meyers of Spokane, is living happily with her husband, who is a machinist employed by the Union Manufacturing Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoike explained that relatives in Spokane had jumped at conclusions and expressed fear that she had married Huit because she had left Spokane suddenly to marry Stoike at Vancouver in January.

The Vancouver police chief yesterday telegraphed the Los Angeles officials that it was a plain case of mistaken identity.

F. J. Gellehr, president of the Service Sales agency of motor trucks with headquarters in Portland, was a business visitor in the city today.

## RATE DECISION IS WANTED NOW

### Alleged That Results of Hearing Are Being Withheld For Political Purposes.

## INCREASE IS EXPECTED

### Removed That Official of Corporation Stated That Commissioner Had Been "Swung" and That Higher Rates Be Charged.

Mayor Hamilton today instructed Attorney R. L. Eddy to get in touch with the Public Service commission of Oregon at once and secure if possible a decision on the hearing recently given the Douglas County Light & Water company's application for increased rates. This decision was said to be due about two weeks ago but it is hinted that it is being held up until after the May 21 election in order to influence the vote of local residents on the proposition for a municipal water and lighting system. Whether or not there is any truth in this allegation cannot be stated, but it is believed that a decision to grant increased rates if withheld until after election, would likely have a profound effect upon the proposed municipal plant movement and possibly upon the vote for some of the commissioners who again come up for nomination.

It is rumored that one of the officials of the local water and light corporation upon a recent visit to this city stated that one of the commissioners had been "swung" and that increased rates will be granted in the forthcoming decision. An alleged "leak" in the commission proceedings sponsors a rumor that the decision of the commission is already prepared but has been pigeonholed, presumably at the request of officials of the Douglas County Light & Water company, until after the people of Roseburg have voted on the proposed bond issue for the construction of a municipal power plant, water pumping station and distributing system. If the decision is in favor of increased rates, it will doubtless have a decided effect upon the votes to be cast for the commissioners at the coming election.

Believing that the decision is being withheld for the reasons given above, Mayor Hamilton, after discussing the matter with several of the councilmen, has requested Attorney Eddy who represented the city during the hearing, to write to the secretary of the commission and ask that the decision be handed down at once and that the voters of the community be informed on the outcome of the hearing in which there was a great interest displayed by the people of the city.

## A. E. Shiria Out For Representative

(By Associated Press).

A. E. Shiria, one of the best known citizens of Sutherlin, has filed nomination papers with the secretary of state for the office of state representative from Douglas county on the Republican ticket and his slogan is "Low taxes; real enforcement; will oppose all bills introduced unless constructive legislation."

Mr. Shiria has been a resident of Douglas county for many years, and came to Sutherlin from Grendale about 11 years ago and established a lumber yard and planing mill. He served several years on the city council and is recognized as one of our most progressive citizens. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and one of the most active members of the local organization—Sutherlin Sun.

## High School to Have Tag Day

(By Associated Press).

A student body meeting was held at the local high school just before noon yesterday for the purpose of organizing the students in the interests of the Near East relief fund. The students were addressed by S. S. Bruce, who is here from the Portland headquarters to get the campaign for funds started in this county. A committee was appointed from among the student body consisting of Iris Rice, chairman; James McClintock, Clarence Godee, Lois Cobb, Edward Kohlhausen, who will devise some way in which to raise money for the campaign. The committee today decided to have a tag day Saturday and will later hold an entertainment of some kind.

## REUNION OF OLD SCHOOLMATES.

(By Associated Press).

A pleasant event occurred at Yoncalla on April 5, when Mrs. J. T. Miller entertained five of her old schoolmates of the Yoncalla school of the year 1872. The afternoon was spent in much jollity and laughter, as the girls of '72 recalled

## APPLE GROWERS MUST ORGANIZE

### Writer For Sunset Says Speculators Threaten Fruit Industry of Coast.

(By Associated Press).

SALEM, April 15.—Colonel George A. White, former adjutant general of the state, resumed that position today, replacing Conrad Starlin, of Dallas, who held that place during the absence of White overseas.

## Airplane Carries Hoover Petitions

(By Associated Press).

SALEM, April 15.—An airplane carrying the petition to place the name of Herbert Hoover on the republican primary ballot, arrived here today shortly after noon from Portland.

## Shooting Affray Results 3 Deaths

(By Associated Press).

DUBLIN, April 15.—Three civilians were reported killed and nine wounded in a shooting affray in County Clare this morning. It was alleged the police and military were involved.

## Sugar May Advance To 25 Cents Pound

(By Associated Press).

PORTLAND, April 15.—An advance in sugar to the consumer is scheduled for Monday. One of the California refiners yesterday notified the trade of a rise of 11.25 a hundred in refinery prices, and this advance will take effect here as soon as sugar bought at the new figure arrives. The local wholesale quotation Monday will probably be 48-49 a sack, which will mean that the retail price must go up about 1 1/2 cents a pound.

As raw sugars are advancing rapidly in Cuba it is regarded by dealers as not improbable that consumers in Portland will before long have to pay 25 cents a pound. There is not much opportunity to lay in a supply against future advances, as neither wholesalers nor retailers can get more than a small quantity these days.

## Martial Law Is Proclaimed Today

(By Associated Press).

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, April 15.—Martial law was proclaimed here today in preparation for a possible attack by the Carranza forces, should the Mexican president's forces break through the barrier of soldiers the new republic of Sonora has stationed between here and Chihuahua, Sonora boundary. The Carranza troops are reported at Casa Grande, 200 miles from here, and are making ready to march into Sonora.

## Merchants Hold Business Session

(By Associated Press).

A very interesting meeting of the Roseburg Merchants' association was held at the Douglas National bank building last night. A communication was read from Winnie Brady, agent for the state exhibits at Portland, asking that exhibits from Southern Oregon be obtained and forwarded if possible. Another communication was read accepting the membership of the local organization in the Oregon State Retailers' association. The plans for the advertisement of the council in providing parking places for the cars issued, Mr. McClintock reported the action of the city council in taking charge of the camp site until election time and leaving the measure up to the people for settlement, and the merchants were well pleased with this solution of the problem. There was also considerable discussion pertaining to the aviation site and this will probably be put up to the people within the near future.

The Salem Capital Journal has the following to say in their editorial columns: "Roseburg business men are pledged to wear blue overalls to combat the high prices. If they do the hard work the overalls were intended for, it will help some."

## Miners Will Accept Government's Offer

(By Associated Press).

LONDON, April 15.—Members of the miners federation have decided to accept the government's offer of a 29 per cent increase on the gross earnings. The decision obviates the danger of a strike.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Riggs left this morning for Grants Pass, where they will visit with relatives for several days.

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## POOR PRICES EXPECTED

### Speculators and Dealers Lost Heavily on Last Crop and Will Not Be Willing to Buy During the Coming Season.

"If you had started two years ago your opportunities for rapid success would have been far greater than now," the Sunset magazine informs a reader who is asking regarding the advisability of going into the apple industry. The article contains a great deal of information concerning the prices paid for apples and what the future will probably be in this industry so far as prices are concerned. It continues:

"At present land prices everywhere in the country are very high, having risen rapidly in response to the extreme prices paid for farm produce of all kinds. Apple orchards which two years ago could be had for \$600 and \$700 per acre are now held at \$1500 to \$2000 an acre and bare apple land has gone up in proportion."

"If you have followed the development of the box-apple industry you will remember that after tremendous initial profits based upon a heavy demand which couldn't be supplied by the small bearing acreage, a remarkable boom occurred during which speculative prices of apple land went to dizzy heights. This boom was followed by a reaction which began in 1912 when the increased output from the new plantings began to come on the market. For several years prices were low, profits practically nonexistent and apple orchards became a drug on the market. During this time the growers were partially organized and the development of a large scale systematic co-operative marketing association promised to solve the problem and place the industry on a sound basis. Then the war upset all calculations. For the last three years the output of the orchards has been sold for very high prices. In the season of 1918-19 the Eastern apple crop was short, the box-apple crop was only of medium size and speculative buyers who purchased the crop made tremendous profits."

"As a result they proceeded last fall to buy every box-apple in sight at most exorbitant prices. Perhaps half the apple crop was sold by the growers to commission houses and speculators at prices better than \$2.50 a box. Unfortunately for the speculators the crop was a record one—25,000 carloads—and in addition the barrel-apple crop in the east was heavy. Also, lack of cold storage facilities in the apple districts forced an immediate movement into the markets and caused heavy losses through freezing. When the speculators sold to the dealers they were compelled to ask such high prices that the consumer declined to buy, the dealer lost and the crop did not move. There is at present in cold storage a very heavy per centage of last fall's crop and undoubtedly 80 per cent of the commission houses and speculators who paid the high prices last fall lost heavily."

"The future depends upon several factors. Undoubtedly the output in alternate years will exceed 25,000 cars; this quantity could be sold at a fair price and a reasonable profit if the growers would get together and organize so as to eliminate the speculator from the industry. Other growers, like the orange producers, the raisin and the cranberry growers, have demonstrated that it is possible to regulate the supply sent to market at any time, to bring about an even distribution of the crop throughout a long time and through this systematic marketing to dispose of even larger crops at a reasonable profit. The apple growers will have to follow suit or else they will lose heavily. The present season promises to reawaken them in the need of co-operative marketing and organization."

"You see from this outline that the problems of the box-apple industry are not yet solved. But we believe they will be solved and it is our opinion that the smaller crop next year will be sold at a good profit."

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