

MEETING TODAY
R. R. LABOR BOARD
Organization Is Formed and
Strike Situation Is Being
Rapidly Adjusted.

STRIKERS RETURNING
Ultimatum Delivered Warning the
Men That Their Chances for
Returning to Work Are
Very Limited.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, April 16.—The
railroad labor board perfected a
temporary organization at its initial
meeting today. Henry Hunt, former
mayor of Cincinnati, was elected
chairman, and G. V. Hawley, of
Washington, secretary. They are
both members of the public group.

Strike Breaking Up.
CHICAGO, April 16.—Speedy dis-
integration of the unauthorized rail-
road strikes in the central and far
west was forecasted today with the
serious blow struck by the govern-
ment in the arrest of 25 strike lead-
ers yesterday in their stronghold in
Chicago.

The return of strikers and im-
provement of service was reported
today by the railroads in various sec-
tions, as the newly appointed rail-
road labor board assembled in
Washington to consider the wage de-
mands of the rail workers. In the
New York district there were con-
flicting reports concerning the num-
ber of men who returned after the
railroads last night had delivered the
ultimatum that their last chance
would expire at noon tomorrow.

Some brotherhood officials ex-
pressed a fear that the men might
repudiate the ultimatum as a challenge
to prolong the walkout.

Want One Big Union.
CHICAGO, April 16.—Plans of the
Industrial Workers of the World to
advocate one big union movement
during the present unrest among the
railroad workers, was revealed in a
statement by William D. Haywood,
former general secretary and treas-
urer of the organization, and John
Sunderlin, editor of the One Big
Union monthly, which was published
here today.

Vote to Return.
TOLEDO, April 16.—By a large
majority, 4960 insurgent railroad
switchmen here voted to return to
work immediately.

Charters Are Revoked.
CHICAGO, April 16.—The char-
ters of three lodges of the Brother-
hood of Railway Trainmen were re-
voked today by Vice-President A. F.
Whitney. This takes away the mem-
bership of over 300 strikers here and
they lose their seniority and other
rights.

Preparing Resist
Carranza Attack
By Associated Press
AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico,
April 16.—The republic of Sonora
troops stationed at Cananea, num-
bering 800, have been ordered im-
mediately to defend this port, ac-
cording to General Plana, in order to
prepare against a possible invasion of
the state by Carranza troops from
United States territory. In the event
permission is granted the Mexican
government to route troops through
the United States.

Many Contributions
To Near East Relief
Encouraging progress was made
yesterday in the county campaign for
Near East relief, which runs from
April 14 to 21. Mrs. A. J. Liburn,
county chairman, makes the follow-
ing report of contributions:
A total of \$243 was collected yes-
terday from contributions in the
business section of Roseburg by two
teams, James Watson and Isador
Abraham, A. J. Liburn and George
W. Young. Mr. Watson is joint chair-
man, with J. H. Booth, of the city
campaign.

The Elks lodge voted a contribu-
tion of \$50 at its meeting last night.
Other contributions are: Presby-
terian Ladies' Aid, \$25; Ladies' Aid
of M. E. Church, South, \$10; school
district No. 111, R. C. Brown, clerk,
\$17.25; Women's Foreign Mission-
ary society of the M. E. church, \$10;
Eastern Star lodge, \$25.

Individual contributions ranging
in amount from \$1 to \$25 were re-
ceived, the list of which would be
too long for publication. A visitor
from Drain, Mr. Lea, was one of the
contributors. He felt impelled to
make his contribution immediately
upon seeing some of the photographs
of the starving refugees who had
applied for admission at relief stations
and who could not be admitted be-

cause the men were already at
the lowest possible rations.

The Presbyterian Sunday school
reported a contribution of \$115,
which had already been sent in to
national headquarters at Christmas
time. This was the regular Christ-
mas collection of the Sunday school
for the needy.

Germany Prepares
For Civil Wars
(By Associated Press).
LONDON, April 16.—Germany has
every appearance of preparing for a
civil war, says the Daily Mail's Ber-
lin correspondent. Baltic troops are
defiant at Camp Muenster, where
they have hoisted the "Kaiser's
flag," says the dispatch.

Hunger Strike
Again Undertaken
By Associated Press
DUBLIN, April 16.—Another hun-
ger strike is reported to have started
in Mount Joy prison, and the politi-
cal prisoners still retained refused to
take food last night.

Another Reel to
Mary's Divorce Case
By Associated Press
MINDEN, Nevada, April 16.—In
the interest of the state of Nevada,
a suit asking that the decree of di-
vorce granted on March 2 to Gladys
Moore, more familiarly known as
Mary Pickford, from her husband,
Owen Moore, be set aside, will be
filed in the district court here today
by the attorney-general.

Switchmen's Strike
Affects Roseburg
The switchmen's strike is gradu-
ally having its effect on the city of
Roseburg and the industries between
Eugene and this city. While the lo-
cal railroad office has not today re-
ceived any detailed report as to de-
velopments at the terminals, from
the fact that the embargo limits
have been shortened to Ashland on
the south and to Oregon City on the
north, the local officials gather that
the situation is not clearing up as
rapidly as had been hoped.

Indian War Vet
Dies Last Night
William L. Desaney, aged 85
years, a veteran of the Oregon Sol-
diers' home who served in the Indian
wars as a private in a company of
the First Oregon Scouts, passed away
last night at the home. Mr. Des-
aney had been ailing for some time
and his death was caused by his ad-
vanced age. He leaves a wife in
North Roseburg to mourn his loss.
He was quite well known in this city
and had resided here for many years.
The funeral services will be held to-
morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock at
the soldiers' home and interment
will follow in the cemetery at that
place.

JUNIOR RED CROSS
SUCCESSFUL HERE
Complete Report Compiled of
Work of Organization In
This County.

65 SCHOOLS ENROLLED
Douglas County Rated as One of the
Most Successful in Entire North-
west—Letters of Apprecia-
tion Are Received.

A complete record, showing the
accomplishments of the Douglas
county chapter of the Junior Red
Cross, has been compiled and placed
on file by City Superintendent of
Schools A. G. Smith. The organiza-
tion of the Junior Red Cross was
entered into by this county in Janu-
ary, 1918, under the following com-
mittee appointed by the American
Red Cross here: Supt. Aubrey G.
Smith, D. S. Houser, treasurer; An-
thony Jauregui, Mrs. O. P. Coshaw,
Mrs. George Neuner and O. C.
Brown. The unflinching efforts of
this committee resulted in the Dou-
glas county chapter receiving letters
of commendation and thanks from
many army officials, and being rated
as one of the most successful, if not
the most, in the entire northwest.

The Junior Red Cross organization
was almost entirely a school institu-
tion in this county, 65 public schools,
and one parochial, enrolling. The
complete enrollment of children was
2547, and each of these children re-
ceived instruction in much of the
Red Cross history and activities as
well as taking an active part them-
selves.

The total receipts raised by this
county was \$904.75. Of this amount,
\$252.92 went for supplies of various
kinds; \$90.59 into the general fund,
and \$376.23 went to the national
children's fund for relief of the lit-
tle children in foreign lands who
are in need, such as the Armenians
and Belgians. The surplus fund of
\$252.58 was returned to Supt. Smith
and a proportional amount will be
sent to each school contributing. A
letter accompanies these amounts
which are being returned in which
the general headquarters of the
Junior Red Cross asks that the
money be used for books, pictures,
or playground equipment for the
schools.

In addition to the actual money
raised, socks and sweaters were knitted
and a large amount of property,
bags sent to the various hospitals
and cantonments. Many of the
property bags were sent to the base
hospital at Camp Lewis, and a fine
letter of appreciation was received
by the society from Captain Booth,
who was at that time in charge of
the pneumonia ward there. The bags
were badly needed by the soldiers
receiving treatment there as the hos-
pital wards contained no places
where the patients' clothes and other
belongings could be kept.

The Junior organization of the
Red Cross is ended at this time, as
it was only a war measure, and one
which met with instant success over
the entire country. The Roseburg
chapter did its part well and has re-
ceived much credit.

No Reflection
On Commission
"It is not the intention of the city
authorities or the attorney repre-
senting the city to reflect on the
public service commission," says
Mayor W. S. Hamilton. "It is well
understood that the commission has
been overwhelmed with work and
undoubtedly the delay in rendering
a decision is due to that fact. Fur-
ther, the city being on the defensive,
has never attempted to hasten ac-
tion. It is not considered that the
decision could in any way affect the
views of the voters of Roseburg on
the proposed municipal plant, or that
there could be any political reason
whatever for delay in rendering a
decision or taking action adverse to
the city."

New Flagpole
Is Now Ready
A flagpole 68 feet in height has
been prepared and will be erected
by the Elks lodge on the summit of
Mt. Nebo. The present flagpole is
only 32 feet tall and will be replaced
by the one which is now ready to be
dragged to its position. The task of
getting the huge timber to the top of
the mountain is now puzzling those
concerned in the matter and several
local residents are debating how
the pole can best be taken to the
top of the mountain. The base of
redwood, is set in concrete and the
new pole will be braced with guy
wires.

NO HEARING GRANTED.
John E. Enger, local train-
master, today received the fol-
lowing telegram from A. T.
Mercier, division superinten-
dent, with offices in Portland:
"Mr. Dyer wires date: 'It has
come to my attention that re-
ports are being circulated and
statements are being made by
organizers and promoters of the
outlaw movement that they are
soon to be granted a hearing
by officials of the Southern Pa-
cific Co. These reports and
statements are untrue and are
made for no other purpose than
to mislead others into joining
or remaining with the move-
ment. This is to advise all
concerned that under no cir-
cumstances will the Southern
Pacific Co. grant a hearing to
or have any dealings with such
organization."
"A. T. MERCIER."

REEDSPORT IS
GOING FORWARD
Three Sawmills, Box Factory
and Shingle Mill Gives Big
Payroll to Coast Town.

FISH PLANT ENLARGED
Cannery Will Be Increased and Im-
proved in Order to Can Small
Fish and Open Up a New
Field of Industry.

"If Reedsport grows as much in
the next five years as she has in
the past year, Roseburg will have to
look to her laurels," was the state-
ment made by County Assessor F.
L. Calkins this morning following
his return from Reedsport, where
he had been spending the past three
days adjusting property valuations.
An adjustment, satisfactory to all
of the property owners of the town,
was completed and by the new fig-
ures Reedsport will take her place
as second in valuation in Douglas
county, Roseburg holding first place.
Heretofore Reedsport property
has been valued very low, lots be-
ing sold at as high as \$800 while on
the assessment record their value
was only \$50. This naturally
brought about a higher levy, the
last tax rate being 8.5 mills. The
new assessment will be on the same
basis as the remainder of the coun-
ty and will put the property at its
real value. The levy will thereby be
decreased but the amount of tax to
be paid will depend upon the special
taxes voted by the district which in
past years has voted special taxes
in large sums.

Reedsport now has three large
sawmills all in full operation. Re-
cently boats began loading lumber
for San Francisco and are now mak-
ing regular trips for the C. McC.
Johnson mill, a boat being in the
harbor at the present time receiv-
ing its cargo. There is also a shingle
and lath mill working night and day
shifts and a box factory is going up.
The Reedsport payroll is larger than
Roseburg's and many new indus-
tries are arising daily.

The fishing plant is also being
greatly improved and its capacity in-
creased. Machinery representing the
expenditure of several thousand dol-
lars is being installed in order that
small fish such as herring and shad
can be successfully canned and when
the new apparatus is put in opera-
tion an entirely new field will be
opened up. Fishermen are being
paid 14 cents per pound for salmon
delivered on the company docks, this
being the highest price ever paid.
Two of the residents of the com-
munity are fitting up some large
boats for deepsea fishing and will
go out after halibut soon.

Warren Reed is one of the busiest
men in the community and is doing
a great deal of constructive work in
the interest of the growing city. The
people pull together and apparently
there are no factions, the best of
feeling and co-operation being mani-
fested in their activities. Such a
spirit will put a town over the top
and Reedsport is certainly bound in
that direction.

On account of the press of busi-
ness at the office here, Mr. Calkins
was unable to get over to Gardiner,
being forced to return to Roseburg
sooner than he had intended. He
was very sorry, as he had desired to
go to that community before his re-
turn to Roseburg. However, Gard-
ner is also on the boom track, he
learned, and is growing rapidly.

So much publicity has recently
been given the Reedsport stills, Mr.
Calkins had expected to get a good
drink of homebrew, but was unable
to find anything stronger than root-
beer, but says that there was plenty
of that.

Abner Riddle, a pioneer of the
Riddle section, is in town this after-
noon looking after business matters.

CONSOLIDATION IS
ONLY SOLUTION
Unless Districts Unite and
Maintain School Teachers
Will Not Be Available.

HOLD MEETING TONIGHT
Five School Districts in Vicinity of
Greens Will Hold Joint Dis-
cussion of the Question There
This Evening.

That school consolidation is the
only solution for the teacher prob-
lem, is the statement made by Coun-
ty School Superintendent O. C.
Brown, who will speak at a school
meeting called at Greens tonight for
the purpose of considering the con-
solidation of the five school districts
of that locality. It is proposed to
unite Roberts Creek district 27,
Greens district 5, Winston district
48, Happy Valley district 87, and
Carnes district 109. A joint meeting
will be held at the Greens school
house tonight, at which time Mr.
Brown will present facts and figures
pertaining to the value of consoli-
dation, while a series of slides will
be shown by County Club Leader A. E.
Street. Mrs. O. C. Brown will speak
on the Armenian relief question.

These districts are well situated
geographically for such a consoli-
dation. Three are on the Pacific high-
way and will be served with a paved
road. The others are on good roads
where automobiles can be used dur-
ing the entire year. It is planned to
use the new building at Greens which
will be enlarged by the addition of
class rooms in the basement and an
adjoining structure if needed. The
pupils, of which there will be ap-
proximately 125, will be transferred
to and from their homes by autos
furnished by the district. The trans-
portation can be furnished with the
same money it would otherwise take
to keep up the schools.

"The scarcity of teachers and high
salaries demanded make either tem-
porary or permanent consolidation
necessary," said Mr. Brown, "and I
would advise, wherever the location
of districts will permit, that a grade
school consolidation be formed. In
this way the districts unite in main-
taining the school. Higher wages
can be paid teachers and better in-
structors employed. This means effi-
ciency and economy. Where a great
many pupils are gathered together
they have greater advantages, equal
to those of a city school, and this
works for higher education. There
are several points to be considered
in this matter.

"First, consolidation has resulted,
in districts where it has been given
a trial, in better attendance. With
transportation furnished, parents are
more willing to let their children go
to school on wet, cold, disagreeable
days, than when the child has to
walk through mud and water for a
considerable distance.

"Second, this same factor of trans-
portation conserves health for there
are no wet feet and consequently less
colds. Morals are also better, for
the children are not left to them-
selves to go to and from school,
fighting and quarrelling, but are al-
ways under the supervision of some
older person.

"As has already been explained,
teachers of better standing can be
employed, for with the aggregate
school money alluring salaries can
be offered and more valuable in-
structors obtained. This naturally
results in better work on the part
of the pupils. Students are also taught
the advantages of higher education
and statistics show that more pupils
from consolidated schools than from
individual districts complete high
school.

"Consolidation also improves
roads. It causes a keener interest in
roads in order that transportation
may be furnished and when the dis-
tricts to be served by a consolidated
school may have better roads to pro-
vide transportation, it is found eas-
ier to obtain money. Of course, this
also brings about higher property
values, for with good roads and good
schools the land will be sought for
by newcomers who always desire to
settle in proximity to good schools.

"At the present time there are be-
tween 12 and 15 projects for con-
solidation on foot. It is proposed
wherever possible to unite the dis-
tricts and provide automobile trans-
portation. Unless this is done we
will be entirely unable to supply
teachers for the district, as compe-
tent instructors are being offered
districts can afford to pay in other
localities. Taking all facts into con-
sideration, I am heartily in favor of
such consolidations, at least tempo-
rarily if not permanently. It is the
only solution for the scarcity of
teachers problem that seriously men-
aces our schools at the present
time."

F. A. Clemens, of this city, today
completed the purchase of the at-
tractive bungalow located on Com-

mercial avenue, which is the prop-
erty of Mrs. Lucy Hughes, of Seat-
tle, Washington. The deal was closed
by the Walker & Kilbourne
realty company. The house in ques-
tion is a modern and well arranged
home.

Mexico Wants
To Move Troops
By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, April 16.—Mexico
has asked permission of the United
States to move troops through
American territory in order to attack
the state of Sonora from the north.
No action on the request has yet
been taken.

Paper Drive
End Monday
The old paper drive which has
been carried on for the past few
weeks among the children of the
elementary grades will end tomor-
row night, and the students of the
various schools are making a last
canvass of the city today. In each
school a contest has been conducted
between the rooms, which has added
materially to the zest and interest,
and a keen competition has been
manifest. Several tons of paper has
already been collected and another
ton is expected by tomorrow night.
The fund derived from this work
will go to the various schools for
playground equipment, books, and
other articles which are needed at
the present time.

Former Resident
Has New Hotel
Word has been received here to-
day to the effect that L. W. Himes,
the former owner of the Grand hotel
in this city, has recently pur-
chased the Palace hotel, in Portland,
located at Washington and 12th
streets, which he will conduct in the
future. Since removing to Portland
some years ago, Mr. Himes has been
in active management of the Hotel
Hoyt at that place, and it is under-
stood that he will continue in charge
of both hostleries. Mr. Himes has
many friends in this city who are
pleased at his success in the hotel
business.

Hoaglin Trapper
Gets Four Cougar
C. M. Holcomb, a trapper residing
at Hoaglin, was in the city today
bearing two cougar pelts. The cats
were caught by Mr. Holcomb in No.
4 traps, which he had placed for
wolf sets. The larger of the two
animals measured 94 inches from tip
to tip, and was a beautiful specimen.
The other was slightly smaller. Both
hides were in their prime condition
and when treated will make exqui-
site rugs. Mr. Holcomb received \$25
as bounty on each animal and an
equal amount will be realized on the
hides. He states that he has caught
four cougar since the first of the
year. It was quite a surprise for
him to capture the cats, as there had
been no cougar in the vicinity for
several years. It is believed that the
forest fires on the headwaters of
the Calapooya caused them to drop
over the divide into the Umpqua
basin and as the set was located in
one of the runways they were suc-
cessfully trapped.

Bank Confirms Park
Site Agreement
A letter confirming the verbal
agreement between R. W. Schmeier
and S. D. Evans was received by
the city recorder today. The United
States National bank of Portland
agrees in the communication to do-
nate to the city Blocks 21 and 39
in Umpqua Park addition for park
purposes only conditional upon the
erection of a suitable bridge across
the Umpqua river to take the place
of the former Alexander bridge. The
bank agrees to deed the property to
the city upon the completion of the
bridge. This letter will be placed on
file and will doubtless result in the
immediate completion of plans for
the construction of the bridge.

The reason for salmon fishing
with nets closed last night at 6 o'-
clock and will remain closed until
May 15. This provision of the fish-
ing law was passed for the purpose
of allowing salmon to reach the up-
per water to spawn. This, it is be-
lieved, will prevent depletion of the
streams and will result in increased
numbers of salmon. Trolling, how-
ever, is still permitted and sports-
men may continue to fish with hook
and line. Fishing at Reedsport was
halted at exactly 6 o'clock last night
a very profitable season having
ended at that time.

Miss Mildred Kruse, who lives in
Oakland, arrived in Roseburg this
morning to spend the day shopping
and visiting with friends.

THEODORE N. VAIL
DIES IN N. Y. TODAY
Chairman of the Board of the
American Telephone and
Telegraph Company.

DEATH WAS EXPECTED
Was Taken to Hospital Last Sunday
in Serious Condition and Death
Was Caused by Kidney
Trouble.

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, April 16.—Theodore
Newton Vail, chairman of the board
of the American Telephone and Tele-
graph company, died at the hospital
this morning from complication of
cardiac and kidney troubles. He
was brought here last Sunday in a
serious condition and his death this
morning was not unexpected.

As president of the American Tele-
phone and Telegraph company, The-
odore Newton Vail was the head
of the largest telephone system in
the world. He was not only its
nominal head, but he was from the
first the genius that promoted the
popular use of the telephone, the
first man to establish long distance
communication by telephone and
when past 70 years of age, he was
still the initiative head of a system
that numbered nine million tele-
phone subscribers and represented
an investment of a billion and a
half dollars.

Mr. Vail was thirty-one years old
when Alexander Graham Bell in-
vented the telephone, and, notwith-
standing his age, he was filling the
responsible post of general superin-
tendent of the railway mail ser-
vice. Still earlier, however, he had
been a telegraph operator, and, in-
terested in the possibilities of elec-
trical communication, he had visioned
that Bell's "toy" would some day
be a great factor in American life.
Bell and his associates had equal
faith in Mr. Vail's organizing
genius, for he had already made a
name for himself as an organizer in
the promotion of the railway mail
service, and he was easily induced
to resign his government post to be-
come the general manager, in 1878,
of the first American Bell Telephone
company.

Even the most optimistic backers
of the telephone then thought that
the invention would serve only for
local communication, but Mr. Vail
had visions of its long-distance use.
It was he who inaugurated suc-
cessive steps of inter-city communi-
cation. The first line from Boston to
Providence was ridiculed as "Vail's
side-show", but some of the persons
who indulged in the ridicule at that
time lived to see Mr. Vail telephone,
not only from Boston to Providence,
but from New York to his San Fran-
cisco, in 1915, thirty-five years later.
Further, in October in that year,
they found that it was possible to
send the human voice more than
half way around the world, as was
done by wireless telephone from the
government station at Arlington,
Va., the words being recorded simulta-
neously at Honolulu, in the mid-
Pacific, and the Eiffel Tower, in
Paris.

One of the most ambitious pro-
jects which he planned was a mer-
ger of the Western Union Telegraph
company with the telephone com-
pany, and in 1910 when the tele-
phone interests succeeded in secur-
ing the controlling power in the
Western Union, Mr. Vail became
president of both these great cor-
porations.

While others may have marvelled
at the perfection of the great tele-
phone system, that now connects
more than 70,000 places in the United
States, Mr. Vail always believed
in the greater possibilities ahead.
He believed it would be only a short
time before New York would be able
to carry on wireless telephone con-
versation with European points al-
most as easily as it may communi-
cate with San Francisco by land
lines today.

Mr. Vail played as hard as he
worked. He was fond of good
music, books and pictures, and the
outdoor life. He had one of the
finest libraries in the state of Ver-
mont. The house on his 3,500-acre
farm at Lyndonville, although beau-
tiful, was a home rather than a pal-
ace. In it he had built a \$40,000
pipe organ, and once every year he
made the practice of bringing up
from New York some of the finest
musicians to give a concert to which
he invited the country people for
miles around. He also established
a farm school, hoping to encourage
Vermont boys to take up scientific
agriculture and remain in the coun-
try. He believed that New England
was facing a great renaissance.

Seed Corn Sent Out
County Club Leader A. E. Street
today sent out several packages of
seed corn to members of corn clubs
in the county. The seed was left
from the corn show of last year and
is well suited to the needs of the
clubs.