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## STRIKE RUMORS IN O. R. & N. CIRCLES

PERSISTENTLY RUMORED  
BIG STRIKE IS PENDING

General Manager O'Brien Says Men Have Made Demands For Readjustment of Wage Scale But Not Apprehended of Strike Rumors—Rumor Current That Union Pacific, Short Line and O. R. & N. Men Included in The Dissatisfied Banks.

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—It was learned here today from an authoritative source that machinists employed by the O. R. & N., Oregon Short Line, and Union Pacific, have made a demand for readjustment of their wage scale. Rumors are current in various round house centers that a great strike of machinists is pending on all Harriman lines mentioned.

General Manager O'Brien said here today that the men have made a demand for readjustment of the scale, machinists is pending on all Harriman lines mentioned.

Find Originators of Fire.  
PASADENA, Calif., Sept. 17.—Two brothers, named Thomas, are held on suspicion of being responsible for the forest fires. They are said to have admitted starting the fires to smoke out bees.

Will Not Seek Pole.  
ST. JOHNS, Sept. 17.—Commander Peary quoted here as denying he intends to search for the South Pole. He declares he won't make another expedition to either the arctic or antarctic zones.

## JOY RIDERS IN TROUBLE.

Portland Jury Returns Indictment Against Man And Woman.

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—Indictments against Hazel Maddux and Frank E. Rodman, charging them with involuntary manslaughter, having run down and killed Mrs. May Real on the Linton road, will be returned by the local grand jury this afternoon, according to information coming from the district attorney's office.

Attorney for the accused, are in the meantime trying to raise five thousand dollars bail for each, and the couple has already been arraigned on the charge of murder in the second degree for the death of Mrs. Real.

Operated on For Appendicitis.  
Dr. Anderson of Enterprise brought a little girl over today and took her to the hospital, where she was operated on for appendicitis.

## SCABS ASSAULT WOMEN STRIKERS

BLOODY BATTLE AT NEWCASTLE  
TIN FACTORY.

Sweethearts and Wives of the Striking Workers Brutally Beaten.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Sept. 17.—Several women here are suffering from serious injuries received when the wives and sweethearts of the striking tin workers of the Sheenango Mills were savagely attacked by the women who remained at work in the mills. Mrs. Francis Locke, a widow, was seriously injured and is now at the hospital. She was struck on the head with a heavy poker. Anna May was severely beaten by the amazons. The strike breakers attacked the wives of the strikers without provocation and the bystanders interfered, when a bloody battle resulted.

## BANKERS FLAYING TAFT BANK PLANS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS  
OPPOSED TO SAVINGS BANKS

In Strong Resolution National Association of Bankers Goes on Record as Opposed to Taft's Savings Bank Policy—Would be Dangerous Undertaking and Would Injure Credit—Select Los Angeles as 1910 Meeting Place.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—A spirited meeting of the National Bankers' association today selected Los Angeles as the 1910 meeting place. The discussion of the Postal Savings banks occupied the morning session. The principal address was made by James B. Forgan, President of the First National Bank of Chicago.

The bankers strongly criticized President Taft and passed the following resolution: "We are opposed to the passage of a Postal Savings Bank bill, to the investment of such funds in the state or municipal bonds, and to the investment of \$600,000,000 in United States bonds as advised by our chief executive, as we know such action will be a serious mistake, and will menace the national credit."

Magazine Explodes.

TANGIERS, Sept. 17.—Two hundred are reported killed, and twice that number injured by an explosion of a powder magazine at Iligh, province of Tarragout. The magazine is near the market place. Data is lacking, but authorities are requesting outside aid.

## RATE HEARING TIME NEARING

ATTORNEY OLIVER READY  
TO INTRODUCE EVIDENCE

Commission is Now Ready to Leave Chicago For Spokane—Is a Matter of Dollars and Cents to La Grande Which Will Take Active Part in Fighting Short Haul Charges—Evidence Will be Taken And Oral Arguments Likely.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are preparing for their western tour, to reach Spokane on September 29th. They will take evidence and listen to final arguments on a supplementing petition of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce in the railroads rate case. Before ending the tour they will visit Portland.

Few things or matters are attracting more attention from commercial and business circles in La Grande today, than the coming hearing at Spokane. Attorney Turner Oliver who has the rate matter in hand for the local commercial club will take his departure for Spokane on Sunday, following next Monday. He will introduce testimony bearing on the case and if oral arguments are heard at that time he will argue the matter for La Grande's interests. Written arguments are to be handed in after the hearing, however.

The cities of the inland empire are united in what is called the fostering of the Spokane rate case. La Grande is one of the many, and each city will have its own attorney and its own witnesses.

The fight is to remove the short haul provision: Shipments from the east are billed and freight charged to coast towns and the inland towns must pay for the short haul back to their respective places again. La Grande is one of the places that have joined with Spokane in fighting this objection to the recent decision of the commission which annulled the short haul charges. The railroads are attempting an enjoinder of the order. It is a matter that means dollars and cents to the merchants in La Grande.

## FIRE IS CONTROLLED.

Destructive Blazes in Lower California Controlled at Last.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 17.—Forest fires which for the last two days have swept Escondido and Sweetwater valley, are controlled today after devastating 2,400 acres. Long distance telephone lines are protected. Forest rangers are on duty to guard against a renewal.

## EXPLOSION KILLS TWELVE.

Fireworks Factory Explodes With Serious Results to Employees.

NAPLES, Sept. 17.—Twelve persons are known to be dead, and a score injured in an explosion of a fireworks factory at Riace, Calabria. The explosion demolished the factory. Twelve bodies have been recovered, and a number of missing are believed to be dead.

## CREEK PRIEST VISITS COLONY

ON MISSIONARY JUNCTURE TO THIS CITY.

Local Greeks Anxious to Aid in Construction of Portland Church.

C. J. Abramspaule, high priest of the Greek Catholic church in Oregon, with headquarters in Portland, and accompanied by T. H. Johnson, an interpreter from the Greek consulate at Portland, are in the city today conferring with influential members of the Greek colony, along matters pertaining to the construction of a Greek Catholic church at Portland to cost \$25,000. Mr. Abramspaule has been in Portland for three years and is somewhat conversant in the American tongue. His business with the general public was transacted by the interpreter.

The primary purpose of the visit to the La Grande colony of Greeks is to receive a volunteer contribution from the local foreigners. They had recently informed the priest of their willingness to aid in the construction of the Portland edifice. When he completes his work here he will go to Spokane and other northwest towns on the same mission. He is registered at the Foley today.

## FROST TONIGHT.

Weather Observer Beels of Portland, has predicted a light frost to fall tonight in this section of the state.

## PINCHOT SILENT ON HIS DEFEAT

EXPECTS TO WIN WHEN  
CONGRESS CONVENES AGAIN

Special Messenger Carries Notice of Pinchot's Defeat to Him on His Retreat in The Pacific Ocean—Receives Message From Taft—Is Slated to Speak in Seattle in a Few Days And Public Awaits His Spoken Stand on Matter.

SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—San Francisco and Los Angeles friends of Pinchot are endeavoring today to predict his attitude relative to Taft's decision in the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy in public speeches Pinchot is slated to deliver here next week. He refused to discuss the president's action in discharging Glavis, when he was reached by special messenger today. Mr. Pinchot said: "The power trust assuredly will send a big lobby to Washington when congress meets. I expect a big fight and a hard one, but I also expect a big victory."

Pinchot received the official communication from Taft to which he replied, but refused to disclose the contents of the message, or the reply.

Pinchot is fishing on an island far out in the Pacific ocean.

## Glavis Out.

SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—At the office of Louis R. Glavis, chief of the Seattle field division and local land office, that official this morning is engaged in preparing to turn over the office to Andrew Christensen, chief of the Portland division, his successor.

Glavis will leave the office tomorrow, but refused to make a statement until then. He may publish the data which has caused him to prefer charges against Ballinger to justify himself in the eyes of the public. He has received many commendatory telegrams.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Demetri Treschenko, the Russian, who murdered Dorothy Malankoff, a ten-year-old school girl, because he was infatuated with her, was found guilty of murder today in the first degree, and will hang. The murdered child was on her way to school. It was attempted to show that her father committed the murder.

## ESCONDIDO IN FIRE'S PATHWAY

CALIFORNIA FIRES BREAK OUT  
AFRESH TODAY.

Once Mastered But Breaks Out Second Time More Seriously.

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 17.—(3 o'clock Bulletin)—Fanned by a high wind, a second fire started today and is advancing rapidly on Escondido. Several thousand acres are already devastated and the fire is beyond control. Nearly every man in Escondido is fighting the flames. A barren strip nearly a mile wide is between the fire and the town.

The mayor of Escondido has issued a call for aid. The forest fire is sweeping upon the town. Meager details say it is within three miles.

## POST BILLS.

Union County Exposition Bill Poster at Work Over County.

Roy and George Currey left this afternoon for the east end of the county, where they will post the bills for the Union County Exposition. They expect to arrive back in La Grande Sunday evening.

**Are You Ready For the SCHOOL BELL**

**BRING THE CHILDREN HERE TODAY**

Fine full stocks and social offerings in Children's Clothing and school necessities.

**LOOK THESE OVER**

Lot 1--Boys School Suits \$2.85  
This lot comprises values up to \$6.00 and comes in all sizes and desirable colors.

Lot 2--Boys School Suits \$4.65  
Many of the best suits that we have are included in this lot. You will be surprised at the extraordinary value at this price.

MISSES SCHOOL DRESSES from 95c to \$3.00.  
MISSES SCHOOL CLOAKS \$2.50 and up. All new styles and patterns.

SEE OUR LINE OF SCHOOL SHOES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. WE'VE STUDIED THEIR NEEDS AND HAVE THE BEST LINES WE CAN OBTAIN FOR SERVICE.

**THE FAIR**

## LAND GRABBERS TO BE PROBED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT LEWISTON TO DIG DEEPER.

Portlanders And Many Lewiston People Said to be Involved.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 17.—The Federal Grand Jury of the Federal District court will convene at Moscow, October 25th, to investigate the cases popularly designated in the Northern Idaho land fraud cases. These are said to involve prominent Lewistoners and Portlanders. The jury will also investigate the charges of violation of the federal laws, prohibiting the introduction of liquor into the Nez Perse Indian reservation.

Secret Service Agents today seized several packages of liquor in express cars of Grangeville-Clearwater trains, consigned to residents in reservation towns.

## Laying Off Grounds.

Workmen are busy today laying off the grounds on Washington and Greenwood for the erection of the buildings necessary for the holding of the Union County Exposition.

## BIG RACE GROWS EXTREMELY WARM

CHICAGO CUBS DROP  
BEHIND 6 AND A HALF GAMES

Pittsburg Fans Helping Detroit Tigers Along to Compare Wagner With Cobb—Pittsburg Field Will Fly The 1909 National Pennant Says Clark—Chicago Cubs Loose to Giants Yesterday—Pittsburg Playing Great Ball Besides.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 17.—"Forbes field, the complete and finest baseball stadium in the world will fly the national league pennant for 1909." This is the claim of Manager Fred Clarke, and his plate band, who advance this argument to support his claim. By losing yesterday's game to the New York Giants, while Pittsburg was taking one from the Cincinnati Reds, the Chicago Cubs dropped six and one half games behind the league leaders.

The entire roster of Pittsburg is playing great ball, while the pitchers are stronger.

Pittsburg fans are rooting for Detroit to win the American League pennant, so as to compare the ability of T. Y. Cobb, the Tiger's right fielder, with Hags Wagner.