

WOMEN WILL ENTER FIGHT

CRUSADERS START FROM SEATTLE AS "WAGE WORKERS" TO AID I. W. W.

WILL EARN EXPENSE MONEY WITH SPEECHES ENROUTE.

Newly Organized Association Comes to the Aid of Industrial Workers in the Spokane Fight for Free Speech.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Six women members of the newly organized United Wage Workers are today on their way to Spokane where they intend to offer themselves as martyrs in the fight of the Industrial Workers for the right to speak on the streets.

Without sufficient funds with which to pay their way, the women propose to hold public meetings, by arousing sympathy for their Spokane compatriots they hope to be able to collect enough money with which to reach their destination in the next ten days.

The leader of the crusaders is Mrs. Emilie Hermann, the wife of a former leader and organizer of the social list party, and who was a candidate for congress on the ticket in the Second district and Mrs. Floyd Hyde, the wife of a Seattle mechanic. The identity of the other four has been kept a secret.

Schooner in Trouble.

Hoquiam, Wash. Dec. 28.—Late yesterday afternoon the schooner Minnie E. Crane, 97 days from China, en route to Bellingham, was towed into this port with the crew in a terrible condition from the lack of food. A little flour and some old beans was all the food that men had left. During the trip the vessel has encountered terrible storms and to make matters worse Captain Olson is on board and is dying of heart trouble.

C. E. Social.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church will hold a social on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Seemann on Washington avenue. A special invitation is extended to the Philathea and the Baracca classes.

TAKE STRIKE TO MR. TAFT

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE NOW RE-TARDS NATIONAL SHIPPING

President and Interstate Commerce Commission Appealed To.

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 28.—President Perham of the department of railways of the American Federation of Labor is enroute to Washington in an effort to secure federal aid in the settlement of the switchmen's strike which has practically demoralized freight traffic in the Northwest.

It is stated that Perham will make a personal appeal to President Taft and will endeavor to interest the president in the matter. He will also lay the claims of the strikers before the interstate commerce commission.

PREPARING FOR CONTEST

JEFFRIES TO OPEN TRAINING QUARTERS IN THREE WEEKS' TIME.

IMMATERIAL TO HIM WHERE FIGHT IS HELD HE SAYS.

Jeffries makes Arrangements for His Training Quarters at Los Angeles Commences in three Weeks

Peoria Ills. Dec. 28.—James J. Jeffries the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, said today that after three weeks more of theatrical life he will go to Los Angeles to start in to train for the big fight with Johnson.

Jeffries is appearing here in vaudeville in the local theatres. Jeffries said that he does not care whether he fights in California or in Utah but declares that he is 100 per cent better condition right now than is Jack Johnson.

Theatrical Manager Frazco who is guiding Jeffries's destiny through the paths of vaudeville, stated that so sure was the big fellow of winning the July match that he had already arranged for a theatrical tour for him later in the year.

Graduate Commits Suicide.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Fearful of his mind weakening and that he would have to end his life in a madhouse H. P. Lyons a graduate suicided today.

MANY READY TO GIVE AID

COMMITTEES FROM VARIOUS BODIES TO MEET IN NEAR FUTURE TO TALK BUSINESS.

CHAUTAQUA MOVEMENT FIRMLY ROOTED EVERYWHERE

President Collier Meets With Ready Response from Organizations in Effort for Chautauqua.

Concerted effort looking toward the maturity of the plans already launched for a chautauqua in La Grande in July next year are being taken in the ranks of various organizations of the city this week. The Tuesday musical has selected a committee to consult with other committees with this matter in mind. The Neighborhood club is naming a committee of this sort today and the Park association will also choose a committee at once. This is in accordance with the general desire to see the movement materialize and also comes as a request from President Collier of the Commercial Club. These several committees will meet at a nearby date to further the plans already started. A chautauqua for La Grande is now almost certain, the steps being taken now being merely a means to an end.

PEACE DOVE DRAWS NEAR

REVOLUTION LEADER AND PRESIDENT TO MEET.

President Madriz and Estrada will Hold Peace Conference.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 28.—The commissioners representing Jose Madrez the new president of Nicaragua and General Estrada the leader of the revolution will meet Saturday and discuss terms of peace.

Following the announcement of a conference it is believed a settlement of the difficulties is near at hand.

ATTEMPTS TO BURN GIRLS

MOTHER SUDDENLY INSANE PREVENTED FROM RASH ACT.

Drags Children to Burning Building But Neighbors Prevent Action.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—Becoming suddenly insane, Mrs. Mary Lipp, aged 38, today attempted to cremate four of her eight children. The lives of the four little ones was saved by a neighbor.

When the mania seized the woman she is reported to have set fire to the wood house and seizing the dog hurled it into the flames. The neighbors had been watching the woman's queer actions and arrived at the home barely in time to save the little children from the same fate. The mother in her crazed condition had seized the little ones and succeeded in dragging the into the vicinity of the fiercely burning wood house when the neighbors seized her and prevented the awful crime.

Class Meet Tonight.
Blue Mountain Association members are requested to meet promptly at 7:30 o'clock tonight for weekly gymnasium class work. On account of the high school entertainment tomorrow night, the classes will be held this evening.

MR. FREDMORE ILL.
Aged Resident of North Side Forced to Have Attendant in Home.

Mr. Fredmore, the 114 year old resident of North La Grande is reported to be in a dangerous condition as the result of a slight fall he experienced a few days ago. His lonely cottage is now occupied by a fellow man who watches with the pioneer, long since past the century mark.

ROADS WAR OVER GRAIN

SECOND DESCHUTES FIGHT NOW ON NEAR PULLMAN

Hill and Harriman Lines "Start" Something in Washington.

Pullman Washington, Dec. 28.—What promises to almost as bitter a railroad war as that of the Deschutes country in Oregon, has started in the Palouse country between the Hill and Harriman roads. The two roads are fighting for rich grain growing section lying between the main line of the O. R. & N., which runs through Colfax, Endicott, Winona and the Snake River branch running from Riparia to Lewiston, Idaho.

JAPS ANXIOUS TO BE HOSTS

WANT AMERICANS TO TOUR THE CELESTIAL STATE

Returning Japanese Anxious to Pay Back Gratitude to Yankees.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—Invitation to 300 American business men to visit Japan and familiarize themselves with the business and social conditions of the Mikado's Empire will be issued in a short time by the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Tokio. A general meeting is planned at which the intertainment of the visitors will be discussed. It is their intentions to give the Yankee business men a reception that will equal if not surpass that given the Japanese business men who paid a visit to the United States recently.

DENVER HAS A MYSTERY

UNOFFENSIVE WOMAN BRUTALLY MURDERED.

Wife of Railroad Employee Killed and Thrown into Platte River.

Denver, Dec. 28.—Half stripped of her clothing, skull crushed apparently by a heavy blow, the body of Mrs. Earnest Rupp, aged 26, was found today in the waters of the Platte river. The woman's husband is employed on the night shift of the local round house of the Burlington railroad. When he returned home, from work this morning he found the five children alone in the house, Mrs. Rupp according to the children left home last evening to call up on a neighbor. The peace of the family have been threatened several times by some negroes which have been prowling about the neighborhood and

COLLIERS ON THE WARPATH

BITTER ATTACK WILL BE CENTERED ON ADMINISTRATION IN NEXT ISSUE.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SAID TO BE FIGHTING PROBING.

Collier's Weekly Continues Their Fight Against the Interior Department—Bold Accusations Made in Article.

New York, Dec. 28.—Under the caption of "The Department of the Interior Vs. The People," Collier's Weekly for January 1, 1910 will allege that the interior department is working systematically against the policy of the conservation as energetically as it can possibly do so. The article calls attention to how much cheaper land reclaimed by the government is than that which has been reclaimed by private projects. Referring to the proposed congressional investigation of the Interior Department, Collier will say: "Observe the make-up of the investigating committee from the house and senate, with the closest scrutiny. The shrewdest politicians are working. A committee which will honestly try to get the proof of the actions of the Interior Department will be very hard to get."

A more serious charge is that the Interior Department has resorted to trickery to defeat suits that are now being conducted in connection with the Cunningham Coal land fraud cases of Alaska. It claimed that while it was supposed that these hearings was for the purpose of defending the public domain that the attorneys for the defendants are actually urging the case "This comedy is being arranged for innocent spectators," says Collier. "What actually confronted the department was how to loose the suit without exposure. A rather clever scheme was hit upon to send an honest but unexperienced and ignorant youth to Alaska to represent the government. The Interior department selected a man by the name of Sheridan. It care fully doctored the records with glowing tributes to his genius. Actually, he had had only one year's experience as a subordinate special agent in Denver. He emerged from night law school in 1907 and secured his government appointment. The sending of this inexperienced young man to investigate a case of the magnitude of this one was simply a farce of the worst kind.

the police have found it necessary to scatter the negroes and arrest them as vagrant. The negroes were tramps and had a camp on the banks of the Platt River. This morning the men were gone. Rupp started out in search of his wife after notifying the police, and he and the police found the body of the unfortunate woman in the river where it had undoubtedly lain all night. The entire police force of the city are now searching for the negroes and as all the railroad men entering and leaving the city have enlisted in an effort to catch the men it is not thought possible that they can escape. If caught it is feared that a short shift will be give them as the railroad men are vowing vengeance.

CLEARING UP ACCOUNTS

Lull in County Affairs Permits officials To Clean Up Records.

A decided lull in the affairs de court house, has given the county officials time to clean up accounts before the beginning of the coming year. Up to the present week the various officers have been taxed to care for current business, but this week conditions are such that all records and clerical work can be righted and completed before another year commences.

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