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STRIKERS MEN UNTIL FOUR P. M. TOMORROW TO RETURN

STRIKERS SAY 27 AT WORK FINAL WORD SAID TO MEN

MEETINGS HELD AT 9:30 DAILY TO GET REPORTS

CLIM CAUSE IS PROGRESSING IN THEIR FAVOR

Claim No. 6 Was Late Through Faulty Engines Refute Statement That 70 or 80 Men Are at Work—Assert That County Is Paying for Deputies—40 Pickets Help to Protect Company Property.

Statements coming directly from the La Grande strikers' headquarters were issued today noon by the publicity committee of the strikers. The men deny that there are anything like 70 or 80 men employed about the shops and assert that the wheel of fortune indicates it will stop in their favor. Already, they say, traffic is feeling the loss of the machinists heavily and that No. 6 was late this morning because it blew out three times coming from Umatilla to La Grande. Three engines went dead on a freight train Sunday, the strikers say.

"We understand that Union county is paying for officers who are protecting the property of the company," says the statement. "This is unnecessary as we are as anxious to protect property as the company. It is to our own interest as any injury done to company property will be blamed to us. The company maintains a force of about four deputies in the daytime and ten at night, who draw a salary of \$3.50 or \$4.00 a day. Some of them are La Grande people. They are posted in the shops, at the gates, in the yards and at points where they can watch the proceedings at close range. This is a needless expense to the county.

Forty Pickets Maintained.

"We have a force of about 40 pickets at work in La Grande. These men work a three hour shift each and are relieved at regular periods. They are posted at various places where they too, can watch the company's property for we are anxious that no damage be done the company—it is the custom to blame the strikers when any such things occur.

"We are hopeful of victory and everything looks encouraging.

"We wish also to deny the report that there are 70 men at work. Here is a list of men, most of them non-union, who are working today and

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FEDERAL PLAN REPUDIATED

STATE RIGHTS TRIUMPH AT LAND CONGRESS.

National Land Congress Adjourns After Hearing President Taft.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 3.—With federal control of the public domain hopelessly rejected and the state rights triumphant the public lands congress adjourned at noon today after an address on conservation by Taft. The congress last night repudiated the federal control proposition and adopted the state rights by a vote of 439 to 35.

FINAL WORD SAID TO MEN

O'BRIEN GIVES MEN UNTIL 4 TOMORROW TO RETURN

NO PREJUDICE HELD AGAINST THEM IF THEY RETURN THEN

Situation in Local Shops Today Slightly Improved Over Yesterday Say Officials—Between 75 and 80 Men, all Told, at Work Here Today—Ultimatum Arrives in La Grande From O'Brien.

THE O'BRIEN ULTIMATUM.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 3rd, 1911.—To all employes concerned: All employes who have left the service of the company since September 29th on account of labor troubles are given until 4 p. m. October 4th, 1911, to return to work without prejudice to their rights and privileges. Employes not returning to work by the date and hour specified, are not entitled to any rights and privileges and will be re-employed only at the company's pleasure as new employes. O. W. R. & N. COMPANY By J. P. O'BRIEN, vice president and General Manager

Thus General Manager O'Brien lays down the policy of the Harriman system to strikers who went out Saturday. Copies of the above ultimatum arrived in La Grande today noon and have been posted where they can be seen and have been given to local union leaders. It is presupposed that only a few if any will heed the ultimatum, however, and as announced at Portland, the order was issued more in the preclusion of subsequent criticism than as a hope of enticing men to return to work.

Between 75 and 80 men are reported at work in the local shops and roundhouse today, an increase over yesterday of between five and 10 men and conditions are said by local officials to be nearly normal. These men are not all skilled laborers, of course, including all that are at work about the shops. The division officers announced today that two new men had gone to work at Huntington and that Short Line and O.-W. trains were being handled with dispatch. The fact that No. 17 was six hours late today, was blamed to storms about Omaha that tied up President Taft for 11 hours Sunday night at Umatilla it is pointed out that enough men to handle the Washington division trains are at work as evidenced by the fact that connections are made by the Oregon division trains.

Outside of the additional men going to work here, there has been no change over yesterday. The strikers are making no effort to be obnoxious and are allowing matters to take a natural course without recourse to anything that borders on violence. The strikers are almost invariably men of family and home ties in La Grande who are not going to rough it to obtain the end desired.

Men Picketing all Shops. Portland, Oct. 3.—General Manager O'Brien, of the Harriman lines in Oregon issued an ultimatum to the northwest striking shopmen announcing all their rights will be forfeited unless they have returned to work by Wednesday at four o'clock. Provisions are

being taken into the shops and strike breakers will soon arrive. No disorders are reported but men are picketing all northwest shops.

Espee Is Close-Mouthed. San Francisco, Oct. 3.—The Espee bureau of economics today declined to give out any statement relative to the general strike situation.

No Coaxing After Today. Oakland, Oct. 3.—No effort after today will be made to have the men return to work. Officials say the traffic is running smoothly, and is experiencing no trouble is operating with strikebreakers.

Provisions For Strikebreakers. San Francisco, Oct. 3.—The railroad is preparing for a long siege. It is importing provisions for the strikebreakers already working.

Many Join Unions. Los Angeles, Oct. 3.—Work at Los Angeles shops received an additional setback today when 20 upholsterers walked out in sympathy with the strikers. The count today shows practically one-fourth of those who quit Saturday were non-unionists and 400 of them have since joined the union.

Provisions for Long Siege. Los Angeles, Oct. 3.—Apparently taking the final steps in preparation for a long strike, the Southern Pacific and Salt Lake railroads today are gathering cooks, provisions and bedding inside the stockade at the local shops. Labor leaders declare the action is a bluff and that the lines will be unable to find sufficient skilled mechanics to carry on the repair work. Railroad officials say 250 of the 400 employes who were dropped from the pay rolls six weeks ago, have returned to work. Unionists assert not over 45 including the bosses, are at work. There are no disorders.

Boy Scouts Meet Pres. Taft.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 3.—Three hundred boy scouts were at the union station this morning to greet President Taft upon his arrival from the east. The Colorado Yale club entertained the president at breakfast and later he addressed the student of Denver university. An automobile tour of the city and vicinity this afternoon and a big banquet tonight conclude the Denver program.

COW CARRIED ONE MILE IN BUILDING BY AUSTIN FLOODS

Austin, Oct. 3.—It was learned today that practical jokers are responsible for many deaths in the flood. Twice during the past fortnight jokers blew the town fire alarm to frighten the people from their beds. The third time the alarm was blown it was in earnest, but the people thought it was a joke and did not heed it.

Burials were started today. Laborers are arriving to assist in clearing up the ruins which cannot all be

MORTGAGE TAX PLAN FOUGHT

LOCAL CONCERN WILL BRING QUESTION TO ISSUE

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION HAS BEEN GRANTED NOW.

Effort to Get \$100,000 or More Back to Business Channels of Union County Commenced by Local Firm in a Suit in Circuit Court—Calls Mortgage Tax Double Tax and Unconstitutional.

Litigation that is intended to settle definitely the legal status of the so-called double taxation scheme in Oregon and revert to the channels of business in Union county a sum conservatively estimated at \$100,000 which was shooed away to other climes when Former County Assessor T. A. Rinehart lined up with five other counties in Oregon and assessed mortgages, has been commenced in the circuit court here by the La Grande Investment company. A temporary restraining order technically aimed at the sheriff to halt the collection of tax money on such mortgage assessments, has been granted by Circuit Judge Knowles. Final argument on the injunction will bring forth a heated proceeding which is bound to be finally adjusted in a decision by the court.

\$100,000 Scared Away

Two years ago County Assessor T. A. Rinehart went to the records and assessed the mortgages of Union county. Five other assessors of Oregon did similarly but the other assessors of the state did not. From a standpoint of Union county alone, the estimated \$400,000 circulated as loans by local and foreign money lenders, was reduced a sum conservatively estimated at \$100,000. This was the first effect for lenders immediately stud-

TAFT VISITS DENVER AND IS FACED WITH SEATTLE ISSUE

Denver, Oct. 3.—Opportunity for President Taft to make good on the statement that "words are good only when backed by deeds," was given him on his arrival here today when the Denver Daily Express presented him with an open letter demanding he take action in the cases of the Seattle citizens recently arrested as a result of a mass meeting in which Judge Hanford was denounced and the movement for his impeachment started.

Taft arrived this forenoon, and breakfasted at the Country club, a guest of the Yale association. When he returned he delivered a speech before the University of Denver students. At 11 o'clock he addressed the public lands convention. This afternoon he visited the ball park and then

searched for several days. Famine prices prevail despite the fact that food is being served free to the homeless. Stranded on the floor of a four story lumber company building, today was a live cow which had been carried a mile in the flood. She was rescued. Searchers began today hunting for bodies ten miles below the town. Only a few of the bodies are mangled as most were drowned.

Attached to and made a part of the complaint is a long tabulated statement from the tax commission which points out that though Multnomah county did not assess its mortgages, which run to \$301,000,000, the commission reduced its assessed valuation \$1,000,000 while Union county's valuation went up \$400,000 because of the assessed mortgages and as the state levy is the same it does not require a mathematician to figure out what happened. This is all recited in the complaint.

Dominion Architects in Session.

Montreal, Oct. 3.—A hundred or more of the foremost architects of the dominion were present today at the opening of the annual convention of the Royal Architectural institute of Canada. The convention will spend two days in the discussion of city planning, municipal architecture and kindred topics.

Taft Opposed by Aldrich.

Lincoln, Oct. 3.—In a letter published today Governor Aldrich comes out strongly for La Follette and announces he does not believe that Taft should be renominated. Aldrich charged that Taft did not redeem the party pledges, and concludes by saying: "If Taft does not do better in the future he will not be nominated, but if nominated, he will be defeated."

ITALIANS HAVE TAKEN 57 BOATS

FIFTY-SEVEN IN ALL TAKEN BY ITALIAN FLEET TO DATE

TURKEY'S APPEAL FOR HELP COMES FOR THIRD TIME

Tripoli Being Gunned but Not Known if Turkish Troops Had Evacuated the Port First—News Still Censored by Italy—Relief and Ammunition on Way to Tripoli for Turks Taken at High Sea.

Rome, Oct. 3.—Tripoli is being bombarded by the Italian fleet but censorship makes it impossible to ascertain whether the bombardment preceded evacuation of the fortifications by the Turks.

Turkey Appeals for Aid.

Constantinople, Oct. 3.—For the third time Turkey today appealed to the powers to intervene in the war, evidently with the idea of saving its territory from Latin occupation. The port accuses Italy of violating all international laws in declaring war and says it will retaliate to the fullest extent unless the powers take peace steps.

Italy Remains Greedy.

London, Oct. 3.—Absolute refusal by Italy to consider acceptance of intervention by the powers until Turkey relinquishes Tripoli is the burden of Rome dispatches. Malta cables say the Turks in the Tripoli garrison are suffering little from the bombardment. Sixty thousand Arabs are said to be marching to join the Turks and desperate battles are expected when the Italian landing is completed and the conquest of the interior starts. It is now certain the Turkish fleet is safe at anchor off Magar.

London, Oct. 3.—It is reported the Italians sank the Turkish transport Darna, before beginning the bombardment on Tripoli.

Italy Aiding Balkans.

Vienna, Oct. 3.—It is reported here that Italy is sending guns and ammunition across the Adriatic sea. It is unknown whether it is intended for the use of the Montenegrans or the Albanians who are planning to revolt against the Turks.

Many Vessels Captured.

Rome, Oct. 3.—It was officially announced tonight that Italy has thus far captured 57 Turkish vessels of all kinds including warships, transports and merchantmen. Turkey has captured three Italian vessels.

Ammunition Is Captured.

Berlin, Oct. 3.—Attempts to rush ammunition to the beleaguered Turkish troops in Tripoli was frustrated off the Tripolitan coast today when the Italian cruiser Marco Polo captured the Turkish transport Savah.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Italy's scout cruiser Chester left Gibraltar today for Malta where she will keep in touch with the situation at Tripoli.

NORTH SEA IS TURBULENT

FORTY-FIVE VESSELS REPORTED LOST SUNDAY.

Twenty-Five Bodies Have Been Washed Ashore at One Place.

Amsterdam, Oct. 3.—Advices today indicate a heavy loss of life as the result of a storm over the North sea Sunday. Forty-five large vessels were wrecked and many crews perished. It is known that 120 Mussel fishing boats had been destroyed or badly damaged and at Steenbergen 28 bodies were washed ashore.