

BUSINESSMEN BAND THEMSELVES TO PUT END TO LABOR RIOTS AND LAWLESSNESS EXISTING

Whereas, a number of persons have lately been insulted, abused and assaulted upon the streets and other public places in the city, and others have been threatened with personal violence and injury and intimidated from going upon the streets of the city, either on business or pleasure, and from passing to and from their homes to their places of business and labor; and

Whereas, the condition of affairs is such that the peace, good order, business and trade interests of the city have been and are suffering and are being greatly injured and damaged, and the fair name of our city is being brought into disrepute; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, by the undersigned business houses and citizens of the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, that we deplore this condition of affairs and demand that it be brought to a speedy end. We demand that every person, man, woman or child, striker or strikebreaker, citizen or stranger within our gates, shall be free to pass and repass upon our streets, on business or pleasure, day or night, without fear of insult, abuse or personal violence. To the city administration, its police and peace officers, in their efforts to terminate this unfortunate condition of affairs and to restore peace and good order to our city, and full protection of the law to its inhabitants, we pledge our financial and moral support, and if need be, our personal services.

Done and date at La Grande, Union county, Oregon this 6th day of December, A. D. 1911.

(Signed)

La Grande National Bank, by F. L. Meyers, cashier; United States National Bank, by T. J. Scroggins, cashier; La Grande Meat company, by E. Boch, president; Grande Ronde Meat company, by J. A. Russell, president; I. C. M. & M. Company, by Fred J. Holmes, president; The Evening Observer, by Bruce Dennis; Golden Rule company, by Mac Wood; Geddes Bros., by A. S. Geddes, president; Bolton & Bodmer, by S. N. Bolton, Morning Star by E. L. Eckley, manager; Grande Ronde Lumber company by George Stoddard, president; S. N. Bolton, J. G. Snodgrass, A. T. Hill, J. C. Henry, Fred Boch, J. H. Pearce, C. T. Bacon, N. K. West, F. J. Holmes, Will Selgrist, J. J. Carr, Bruce Dennis, C. S. Dunn, Jay Van Buren, E. E. Kirtley, F. L. Lilly, Herman Segrist, F. D. Halsten, J. A. Russell, A. B. Cherry, T. H. Crawford, C. H. Upton, C. A. McCrary, J. D. McKennon, Henry T. Hill, George W. Lamoreaux, J. R. Oliver, W. H. Ferguson, W. H. Bohnenkamp, W. K. Jones, H. R. Blackwell, M. S. Bloch, Julius Fisher, J. J. Harlan, Valley Creamery, James A. Bugg, A. Good, R. A. Masterton, J. A. Chandler, Ella R. Mason, Kossuth Deyal, Dutil's Bakery, Grande Ronde Cash company, Press Lewis, Stageberg & Sandberg, O. R. Stageberg, M. Ellidge, J. A. King, S. W. Seemann, D. Fitzgerald, Maynard R. Thompson, A. C. Huntington, S. K. Baker, J. B. Lindsey, W. S. Snook, F. J. Smith, Arthur Curtiss, L. M. Hoyt, B. Logsdon, Frank Harris, L. Zundell, August J. Stang, F. Welhelm, H. T. Love, P. A. Charlton, F. M. Billings, H. E. Coolidge, E. R.

Expressed in no uncertain words and reflecting the almost solid front of every business man in La Grande, the above resolution was passed at a meeting of about a half hundred business and professional men last night and signed today wherever presented, aims to effectively and speedily put a quietus on the incipient instances of violence that have occurred in the city during the 65 or 70 days that the federation strike has been in vogue. Action came after long and careful deliberations in which frequency of minor disturbances were discussed and the best methods to pursue to attain the best ends were gone over. Conservative business men realized that the continued existence of conditions as they are now is detrimental to the city's welfare. The innumerable times that strikebreakers have been exposed to varying methods of annoyance by strikers were recalled. The aim of the business men is to establish a condition that will permit the strikebreakers to leave the shops at any time and return to their family homes for meals and lodging—a condition admitted to be out of the question at this time. They want the strikebreakers to be in a condition

where it is possible for them to come to the business district and not be molested. It was on the other hand the sense of the meeting that any overt act on the part of the strikebreakers should be nipped in the bud and arrest and punishment invoked.

Aiming to insist on strikers and strikebreakers being held equally amenable to the law but on the other hand to give a strict enforcement of the city's laws on both factions, the resolution was drawn and it is expected that the guards will be removed from the yards in a few days and perfect order restored as existed prior to the strike.

Strikers Made Statement.

La Grande, Dec. 7.—To the business men and citizens of La Grande:—We, the Federation of Shopmen of La Grande, Oregon, are willing at all times to meet the business men's association, to listen to anything they have to offer or suggest for the welfare of our city.

We are desirous of stating that we invited the mayor and chief of police to address our meetings on the 2nd of October, or at any time they wished, but owing to the fact that they did not respond to our invitation, a committee

of our federation visited the mayor at his professional place of business and assured him that we would use every endeavor possible to keep our men from committing any violence. Our men were also instructed to keep off the railroad company's property, and to use no other means than moral suasion to keep the men who the company has employed from taking the positions that we claim belong to us. The right to use pickets has been conceded by the supreme court of the United States of America.

(Signed)

The Advisory Board of the Shop Employees of La Grande.

CHANGE MINAM HATCHERY.

Trout and Not Salmon Will Be Hatchery Heberafter, Says Official.

Salmon will no longer be propagated at the Minam hatchery. The state game warden today has a representative, a Mr. Wilson, at the hatchery commencing plans to reconstruct the working basis of the hatchery from salmon to trout and the move will undoubtedly be popular with Eastern Oregon fishermen. The change will be commenced at once.

Outbreaks Re-Commenced.

El Paso, Dec. 7.—Another outbreak against Madero is reported in Chihuahua. Troops are being rushed to the cities of Andres and Parral.

Bank Statement Wanted.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of the national banks at the close of business Dec. 5.

Yuan a Near Rebel.

Shanghai, Dec. 7.—The republicans are unsatisfied with the abdication of the regent and plan of organization here of the provisional assembly. Nanjing will be made the capital of the proclaimed republic and the rebel army is now occupying it. They will soon march on Peking. It is generally believed that the premier, Yuan Shi Kai, will soon join the rebels.

Nagel Leads for Bench.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It is declared openly in official circles today that Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel will probably be the next supreme judge appointed. Attorney General Wickersham is backing him strongly.

WOMEN DEFEAT LOCAL OPTION

DOWNFALL OF OPTION ISSUE DUE TO WOMEN.

Los Angeles Women Are Held Responsible for Big Margin.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—The first real test of the women's attitude toward prohibition came in the prohibition election here when the amendment was defeated by over three to one.

On the evening of Dec. 6, the latest available figures were: For prohibition 29,913, and against 21,111. The fight was waged for and against the adoption of an ordinance drafted by Attorney Nathan Newby, executive commissioner of the Good Government league. This is the first prohibition election in which the women of California have voted since they were granted the franchise. The women's political organizations formed to work for suffrage and afterwards to continue to educate the newly enfranchised women in their duties, declared strongly against the prohibition ordinance and worked against it.

Final Vote Known.

(By United Press.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—(By United Press)—The final vote shows a majority against prohibition of

MR. TAFT URGES NEUTRALITY

SPECIAL MESSAGE ON FOREIGN RELATION POINTED

WANTS HIS PEACE

Sends Appeal to Congress Asking for Creation of Federal Chamber of Commerce and Asks for Ratification of His Treaty—Shuster Affair Is Dealt With Lightly—Explains Mexican Move.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Urging establishment of a federal "chamber of commerce" ratification of arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France suggesting ship subsidy and declaring the neutrality of this country in foreign disturbances, President Taft today sent a special message on foreign relations to congress. The message is the second submitted to congress and will be followed by several others before the holidays.

Mexican Step Explained.

A detailed report of the Mexican rebellion is made by the president, reiterating that he never intended to intervene unless ordered by congress and declaring:

"The record of this government is very queer in regard to the recognition of constituted concluded authority in Mexico."

He tells of the recent arrest of General Reyes and other seeking arms assembled in Texas following an investigation of a reported conspiracy against Madero.

The president says that he ordered the mobilization of troops in Texas following a report from Ambassador Wilson "that President Diaz on a volcano of popular uprising," presenting a situation that endangered the lives of 40,000 American residents and very large American interests.

Urging reformation of a new government bureau to exploit American products abroad, the president suggests a central organization to keep American interests, including boards of trade and similar commercial organizations in closer touch with foreign trade opportunities. He says some offices of the state department and department of commerce and labor, now engaged in commercial exploitation, might be combined with representatives of appropriate committees of congress to furnish commercial news.

Pearce in Central America is a cause for congratulation, the president says. In furtherance of international peace, the president expresses "earnest hope" for "prompt and favorable action" by the senate upon the pending treaties with Great Britain and France. Asking ratification of the conventions of Nicaragua and Honduras, the president says:

"There rests with the United States the heavy responsibility of the fact that their rejection might consign the republics to still deeper submergence in bankruptcy, revolution and national jeopardy."

Maintenance of peace and order in Panama, without manifesting preference for success of either political party, is this country's concern, the president says.

"An attitude of strict impartiality" is maintained by this country with regard to the Chinese rebellion, the president asserts. He says American interests in China are being safeguarded in strict accordance with views of other countries.

The message recites two large loans placed by American capital in China for railroads and importance of China as a field for commercial conquest, on an equal footing with other powers maintaining Chinese integrity.

"In the war which unhappily exists between Italy and Turkey," President Taft says, "this government has no direct political interests. At the same time all necessary steps have been taken to safeguard the personal interests of Americans."

The message recites the great recent growth of Turkish commerce with this country.

The only reference to differences between Russia and Persia, over re-nation by Persia of W. Morgan Shuster

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OREGON SCOOPS OTHER STATES

LAND SHOW AT CHICAGO GO SEES UNIQUE "STUNTS"

JACK O'NEIL REPRESENTS HIS MAJESTY, O.

Buttons Given to Each Visitor Richardson and C. C. Cold at Big Meeting "Why Is Oregon?"—Land Show Has Oregon Oregonians Make the Best Is Possible.

(By executive committee United States Land and Irrigation Exposition at Chicago)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—(Special to the Observer)—Oregon planned a "scoop" on other states at the big land show in the coliseum here today. The day had been given over to the representatives of the states that are not, and Governor Oswald West has shown his interest by naming J. H. O'Neill, of the O.-W. R. & N. of Portland, as his official representative. Mr. O'Neill acted as chairman at an elaborate entertainment held in the afternoon. One of the big halls of the Union-Southern Pacific companies had been turned over to the state for the program which included speeches, music and other good things by well known persons.

Tom Richardson, who left the governors' special, with which he was traveling, to be here, was the chief speaker of the day. He told Chicagoans just "Why Is Oregon," and when Tom got through Chicagoans, that had the pleasure of hearing him talk about his state, knew just why Mr. Richardson is so enthusiastic.

Other speakers of the day were: Grover Simpson, general superintendent of the Wells-Fargo company; F. E. Verree, C. C. Cold, George DeHayen Hallett, W. Smith, F. H. Graham, Prof. Chamberlain and others.

Buttons for the Visitors.

As every visitor to the land show entered the big building he was given a silken badge bearing the one word "Oregon," and it was pinned on his coat. Then the Oregon exhibit was explained in detail and it is planned to give out thousands of booklets describing the different sections of the state.

"We shall tell all that it is possible to crowd in a few words about Oregon," said Charles S. Fee, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific last night. "I confidently believe that when Oregon day is over there will be 30,000 new boosters for the state. Oregon has much to tell about and with Tom Richardson tell it, we all know there will be a bunch of converts to Oregon and Oregon things that we could not get in any other way."

The Southern Pacific and its allied lines are co-operating with the people of Oregon in this boosting movement and with the stereopticon and moving pictures that we are showing daily in our big lecture halls we are proving the facts that our lectures are handing out.

Want an Accounting.

Indianapolis, Dec. 7.—Attorney Miller today demanded that Gompers sue for an accounting of what disposition was made of the McNamara defense funds, "as an evidence of good faith to show the people how much was used legitimately and how much for corruption and fees, and expenses."

King Reaches Delhi.

Delhi, Dec. 7.—King George with his court arrived at Delhi today amid the boom of cannon and were welcomed by the British viceroy, Lord Hardinge, and about 150 native rulers. The king received them. Then an imposing procession was seen. The coronation durbar Tuesday climaxes the big show.

Italians Kidnap Girl.

Olympia, Dec. 7.—Mary Manford, aged 14, and kidnapped by Frank Belloc, an Italian, was found along the roadside late yesterday and rescued. She said he made her accompany him and mistreated her. The Woods are being scoured for the fugitive.

FEDERAL PROBE WHEELS TURN

M'NAMIGAL FIRST TO TELL HIS STORY TO THE JURORS

OTH McNAMARAS REFUSE TO DIVULGE THEIR SECRETS

Grand Jury Will Not Hear Testimony of McNamaras Though John May Be Put on the Stand and Given a Chance to Refuse to Talk—Burns Answer, Charges Against Alexander—Men Alert.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—The McNamaras called Captain Gallagher, jailer of the county jail, to their cells today and told him they wouldn't under any circumstances make a statement to the federal grand jury, which began its sessions today, regarding their knowledge of the dynamiting conspiracy. It is expected that John will be called anyway and given an opportunity to decline to answer.

The local postoffice inspectors received instructions today to investigate the charges that the mails were misused in the gathering of the McNamara defense fund and turn the evidence over to the United States district attorney's office.

When the federal probe was started today it took over an hour to carry the books and documents, etc., to the jury rooms. It was the evidence gathered by Fredericks and Burns. It is expected that many prominent Pacific coast labor leaders are to be involved. Some of them have already retained Judge Hilton to defend them.

Ortle McNamagal the confessed dynamiter was taken before the federal grand jury this forenoon. Fredericks positively denied that McNamagal would be turned over to the Milwaukee or Peoria authorities after he had testified here. "We will loan him where a loan of his services is needed in the cause of justice, but will retain our prior right to prosecute him," said Fredericks.

In McNamagal's testimony is expected the whole groundwork from which the government will build the structure which may result in wholesale indictments. He will tell all his operations and whatever the McNamaras told him of the "inner circle" of dynamiters.

Every effort is being made by the federal officials to keep their intentions secret. Picked men guard the grand jury room and officials refuse to talk. While the jury probes the general conspiracy, Los Angeles authorities are working on the bribery charges which precipitated the crisis in the McNamara cases. Ford is marshalling his forces in the proceedings against Franklin who gets his first hearing next Monday.

It is believed that all efforts to drop the case have stopped. It is likely the McNamaras will be in San Quentin next week. They will be taken there secretly to prevent any demonstrations.

Ryan has started for Indianapolis without attending the meeting of the McNamara defense committee at the American Federation of Labor sessions.

Burns Explains Fund Source.

New York, Dec. 7.—Detective Burns who is here today, said: "Mayor Alexander hired me first to work on the McNamara case and for a time furnished me with money. I learned early that John McNamara was the man I was after, but I knew I couldn't arrest him on inclusive evidence. In getting proof I spent \$14,000 of my own money, still didn't have all the threads of evidence and I told Alexander I needed more funds. Alexander then 'got in bad' because he had hired me."

The big men in Los Angeles didn't want me on the job, so I quit. Later Alexander sent for me and I appeared before three members of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, and told them all. Then money was forthcoming again."

Burns goes back to Philadelphia tomorrow to continue his work.