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BUFFALO CAR LINE STRIKERS ARE FIRED AT

TROOPS CHARGE STRIKERS AS
THE LATTER STONE STREET
CAR ON MAIN ST.

SYMPATHY STRIKE AFOOT

Labor Council Considers Proposition
of Calling Into Strike all Forms of
Organized Labor in Buffalo—One
Element Calls for More Troops and
Another Wants None at All.

Buffalo, April 10.—Government troops charged 100 street car strikers here today while the strikers and sympathizers were stoning a street car in front of the police station on Main street. Several shots were fired but none were seriously injured.

With a possibility of the strikers rejecting the company's counter proposals to reinstate them without recognition of the union, the street car strike is becoming critical. More troops are asked for in anticipation of further rioting. The company is determined to operate its cars under military guard. Brigadier General Welch has advised the governor that if troops are to be used at all, the force of 2700 is insufficient and they should be greatly increased. Simultaneously many prominent citizens have wired the governor protesting against the employment of troops.

The executive board of the United Trades council has called a special meeting of the council to consider the general strike set for Monday unless the car company gives in. Two thousand men are affiliated with this council and would be affected if such a strike was called.

Federal Ownership Urged.

Los Angeles, April 10.—Taking a stand squarely for government ownership of all telegraph and telephone lines, the legislation committee of the Los Angeles city council recommended today that the council adopt resolutions urging the president and congress to take steps in that direction. Copies of the resolution, if adopted, will be forwarded to the president and all members of congress.

RECEIPT BOOKS READY.

All contestants can procure receipt books at the Observer office for taking subscriptions, as the books are now ready. Remember, one year's subscription to Observer is \$7.00 and carries 70,000 votes. It only takes a few subscriptions to make a million votes.

POSTMASTERSHIP TO BE DECIDED FRIDAY; ANNOUNCED SATURDAY

Washington, April 10.—Tomorrow will be appointment day for President Wilson. With Secretary of the Postmaster General Burleson, he will discuss the list of appointments for postmasterships, and will probably send them to the senate on Saturday. On Monday it is stated the executive offices will be reached and the appointment of Judge Will R. King as a member of the board of general ap-

Coast Resort Now is Dead

BARBARY COAST DISAPPEARS AS
A RESORT.

EX-FIGHTER IS CAUSE

Death Comes Hard but Transformation
has Today Been Completed.

San Francisco, April 10.—San Francisco's "Barbary Coast", home of romance, vice and crime, today has lapsed back into respectability after years of blackguardism, adventure and merry-making. The "coast" was the most famous tenderloin region of the world. It lived through the earthquake and thrived on sporadic efforts to reform it. Murder, robbery and abduction became so common that the city had to rise against it and now it is down for the count.

The "cleanup" came gradually and only in the last few weeks has its reform become complete. The city first limited the sale of liquor. "Vino" was the oil which kept the white lights burning, and when the oil ran low, the lights grew dim. Slumming parties were next prevented from making their nocturnal trips and thus the wily men who lay in wait for young girls lost much of their livelihood. Then the dancehall girls were banished and the low halls of frolic became deserted.

But the coast died hard. Frequent attempts were made by the dance hall men and lodging house landlords to stave off the millennium and they succeeded for a long time. But now commercialism supplants the clap trap theatres and the garish lights are replaced by more sober business signs.

In its palmy day, when yet it was the home of harmless Bohemianism, the coast was frequented by many literary men, notably Robert Louis Stevenson. It is believed the district got its name from that rollicking song in "Treasure Island" which closes: "Down on the Coast of High Barbaree" a song so often roared out by merry-makers in the cafes. But in those days it was not necessary for a visitor to hide his face as he entered a restaurant.

One of the factors that led to the downfall of the "Coast" was the Rev. "Kid" Wedge, a former prizefighter who, in a small Nebraska town preached the Presbyterian faith until he was forced from his pulpit because of his former calling. Then he came to San Francisco and engaged in missionary work on the coast. Many a time did he use his boxing skill to help out his eloquence and not a few times was he laid low by the blackjack of some thug. But his influence helped the reform movement and he left San Francisco with the knowledge that his work had not been in vain.

Mayor Rolph is credited with the reform in this historic tract, though for years the influences that made it grow were gradually working its downfall. It was the prospect of the big crowds expected at the exposition of 1915 that roused much of the sentiment against the coast in the

praisers of merchandise decided on. This is one of the best plums available at this time.

On the above schedule, La Grande's postoffice appointment will likely become public Saturday and be ratified—or rejected as such is a possibility—but not a probability—some time early next week after the committee on postoffices gets through the list.

POPE EXPECTS FULL RECOVERY BEFORE MAY 11

HEART ACTION REMAINS WEAK-
ENED AND THAT CAUSES
DOCTORS WORRY.

CORDIAL DISH FED HIM

After Refusing Food for Several Days
Pontiff Agrees to Take Refresh-
ments, and Announces His De-
termination to Recover—Merry Del Val
Called to the Bedside by Pope.

Rome, April 10.—Rallying after a night of unrest, the pope this afternoon called to his bedside Cardinal Merry Del Val the papal secretary of state and through him announced his determination not to die at this time.

"I am determined to recover," the pontiff said, "in time to personally celebrate the pentecostal mass at St. Peter's May 11 in honor of the Constantine year."

Dr. Marchiasava and Dr. Amici today said that for three days the pope has refused food and finally this morning consented to drink a mixture of cordial, milk, and yolk of egg. Physicians now believe the pontiff has passed the crisis of the relapse and though the crisis of influenza and fever has not yet arrived. The pope is in such a weakened condition that his sisters are forbidden to talk to him. He has not slept normally in two days.

Despite the restless night his condition was practically unchanged. His temperature is again normal, and heart action is feeble causing the doctors much concern. The physicians declared the pope is suffering from nothing more severe than the consequences of influenza and blame the patient's refusal to follow advice for his serious condition.

last few weeks. The mayor decreed that the city should be as clean morally as physically when the guests arrived. Throughout the city the same process has been going on, though nowhere with such vigor. With the last few resorts either closing up entirely or masking their activities, the last stand of the old regime has come.

CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNS.

Two Cases Disposed of—West Wins
in Sum of \$90 This Time.

Bringing in a verdict in favor of Foscoe West in the sum of \$90 in the case of West against McDonald which involves payment for a well drilled by the plaintiff, the circuit court jury called last Monday paved the way for adjournment of the session. In the meantime, a jury found for the plaintiff in the case of Yankey against Law which involved settlement of a bill of about \$10. The jury found for the full amount.

Court has adjourned its trial session, as the third case set for trial was continued for the term.

By keeping the trial going until 10 o'clock last night Judge Knowles saved the county \$42 expense which would have accrued had the trivial sum involved carried the case over until today. The expense anyway is much greater than the amount.

Ohio Is Still High.

Cairo, April 10.—Continued rains are holding the Ohio river at a high stage. No further floods are anticipated as the Mound City levees are secure.

MANY HANDS MAKE LABOR LIGHT.



—Sykes in Philadelphia Ledger.

MORE FACTS IN GREAT CONTEST

KEEN INTEREST TAKEN IN AUTO-
MOBILE RACE.

More Instructions to Contestants and
Those Anxious to "Get In."

With the first count of the ballots of the great contest the list of sixty-six candidates who so far announced their intention of entering the race only proves the popularity of the idea and the wisdom in selecting a McIntyre as first prize. The list of candidates printed is a large one that insures the fact of a close contest and an exciting race throughout.

As prophesied in our opening announcement the candidates are not confined to any one sex nor does there seem to be an age limit in either direction. It is difficult to tell who displays the most enthusiasm; the young folks or their usually more deliberate elders; when the door of the office swings open with a rush we know that it is an excited candidate with inquiries concerning the contest. We are at a loss, however, whether to look up and see the tall angular form of neighbor John Jones filling the doorway or to look down at a blue-eyed, curly haired tot who lisps, "Pleath thir, how many votes for a new thubscription?"

The list of candidates this week does not really tell anything about the race. The contest is so young yet and has so long to run that the votes cast now form merely a stepping stone. Undoubtedly this is true but it should not lead anyone, desiring to become a candidate to linger; neither should it encourage the candidates already entered to put off work in earnest. It should be remembered that constant dripping will wear away stone and also that the steady, consistent and systematic worker will have the best chance of winning. The old maxim that "A rolling stone gathers no moss" is reversed in a contest, for here it is the rolling stone gathers the most votes.

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WALSH COMING HERE AT ONCE

STEPS LOOKING TOWARD RECON-
STRUCTION READY.

Precise Time Required to Work Out
New System Unknown Yet.

Immediate steps to reorganize the management of the O.-W. in Eastern Oregon are to be taken. Tom Walsh who comes from Spokane to become superintendent of the division from Huntington to Umatilla and branch line points, was expected today but was delayed—he may arrive tonight he will commence the rather intricate task of re-assigning duties and of picking the men who are to help him in the various departments. Assistant General Manager J. D. Stack was in La Grande today. Superintendent Bolons is expected tonight or tomorrow and other officials will be likewise be here during the reconstruction period. Just how soon the new method will be put to working order is not known but no time is to be lost and it is known that the work will be speedily gone over. It was generally believed in rumor circles the new system would not go into vogue until the end of the fiscal year but it now appears it will transpire considerably before that. A month hence may see the system in full working order.

Mr. Walsh will be superintendent of considerable geographical area and of considerable line mileage, too. The Huntington-Umatilla division is 218 miles long. In addition to that the Pilot Rock branch with its approximately 90 miles making a total of about 320 miles which the new division will comprise. All the mechanical repairs to engines will of course be done here as now, and in railroad circles, La Grande becomes the keystone and very heart of a vast geographical area. All lines east of Huntington including the actually constructed branches up the Snake to Homestead, the Ontario and Dog Mountain lines are supervised by the O. S. L.

COBBS GENUINE HOLDOUT; CLUB IS MINUS HIM

DETROIT TIGERS MEET BROWNS
WITHOUT STELLAR HITTER
AND RUNNER.

RAIN HURTS BIG GAMES

National and American Leagues Open
Season Today With Two Games
Postponed—Big Eastern Crowds
Witness the Opening Games—Boston
Crowd Is Enormous.

St. Louis, April 10.—Minus the services of Ty Cobb, the star outfielder, who has developed into a genuine holdout, the Detroit Tigers opened the season today with the St. Louis Browns in the American league. The weather was clear but cold.

Cold in Washington Today.
Washington April 10.—A dark, windy day marked the opening of the baseball season but every seat in the American league park was sold before noon. Washington meets New York.

Boston Fans Turn Out.
Boston, April 10.—Despite very chilly weather and threatening clouds thousands of Boston fans stormed the gates of the American league park today to witness the opening of the season between Boston and the Philadelphia Americans.

Chicago, April 10.—The St. Louis and Chicago Nationals' game was postponed today on account of rain.

Cleveland, April 10.—Chicago and Cleveland Americans' game was postponed, on account of rain.

Clear in New York.
New York, April 10.—Clear weather assured a crowd of 35,000 at the Polo grounds at opening of the game with Boston in the National league. The gates opened two hours earlier than usual to accommodate the crowds.

Hunger Strike Long One.

London, April 10.—Expecting that the hunger strike conducted by Mrs. Pankhurst will result in her release, 8,000 gathered about Holloway prison today hoping to see her leave. The police dispersed them. Mrs. Pankhurst has not eaten a morsel of food since her sentence was imposed. Her vitality is surprising the prison authorities.

CRAZED WOMAN TORTURES SELF

"WANTS TASTES OF HELL FIRES"
IS HER EXPLANATION

Burns Body, Chops Off Finger and
Then Puts Feet in Hot Oven.

Tuftsburg, N. H., April 10.—While temporarily insane Mrs. Annie McKeen built a fire in a soaphouse at the rear of her home today, stepped into it and stayed until her clothing was burning. Her clothing in a mass of flames she then ran to her home, chopped off one finger, went to the kitchen, removed her shoes and stockings, then thrust her feet into a red hot oven. She told her friends she wished to get a taste of "hell's fire." She will die.