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Plans for a Big Strike to Tie Up Tacoma, Seattle Perhaps All Northwest

SEATTLE, Feb. 3.—Plans to tie up the industrial life of Seattle and Tacoma at ten o'clock Thursday, and if necessary to extend strike throughout the state of Washington and other localities are on their way today, it is reported by organized laborers. Following a conference of representatives of 110 unions out of 130 belonging to the Seattle central labor council. The conference decided to call a strike in sympathy out on strike in these two cities against the Macey board wage award. That newspapers will be unable to publish seems certain. The typographical union is to join the walkout and is telegraphing head offices. Longshoremen's union of 4500 members has decided to defy its national president who demands the men to remain at work.

OLD PIONEER'S JOURNEY ENDS

OTT VANDERMEULEN, AGED 86, PASSED AWAY

Deceased Had Been a Resident of the Community Principal Part of Fifty-six Years.

Ott Vandermeulen, one of the very early settlers of this valley, died last night, following an illness of but a short time. He was 86 years of age. With other members of the family he settled in Grande Ronde valley in 1863, and with the exception of a portion of the time in later years spent in California, he had been a resident of this locality for fifty-six years. He was unmarried and is survived by one brother, Orange Vandermeulen, whose home is north of Island City. Two brothers, Jacob and Egbert and two sisters, Mrs. Esther Hutch and Mrs. E. L. Bussey have answered the final call, the death of the sisters taking place within the last three years. While interested in investments in California Ott Vandermeulen also retained property interests in this valley and was the owner of a fine farm out in the valley. The remains are now at the Bohnenkamp chapel, where the funeral will be held Wednesday morning.

BACKS THE BELGIANS

A. F. of L. Will Not Attend Either Congress to Be Held at Berne.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The American Federation of Labor delegation, headed by Samuel Gompers, decided Saturday night to support the Belgian Socialists and trade unionists, who refuse to meet the Germans at either the Socialist or trade union congresses which will convene simultaneously at Berne next week. This decision was adhered to through a two-day session, despite the protests of the British and French trade unionists, who will go to Berne Sunday.

ELLIS BARBER SHOP FIRE

A small fire occurred this morning about six o'clock in the basement of the Ellis barber shop on Depot street. The fire department answered the call and distinguished the blaze before any loss was caused. Slight damage was done to the wiring in the basement.

SECOND HIGH SCHOOL LYCEUM ENTERTAINMENT PLEASURES

The entertainment given in the high school auditorium Friday evening last by the Parnells, musicians and entertainers, as the second number of the high school lyceum course, was a distinct success. While there was not as large an attendance as the excellent program given merited, those who did attend were most enthusiastic, the various numbers without exception pleasing all. Mr. Parnell's readings and songs were especially good. Mr. Parnell, as well as being an excellent singer, is an impersonator of great merit, and all his numbers, including also several selections on the accordion, were thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Parnell was at her best in her readings in child dialect, of which she gave several. Her accompaniments on the saxophone were also very much appreciated. The promoters of the lyceum course express themselves as greatly pleased with the quality of the entertainment, and of the previous one as well, and they promise La Grande people that the remaining three numbers of the course will merit their attendance.

MARRIED ON HIS DEATH BED

YOUNG LADY OF THE DAILIES GRANTS LAST REQUEST.

Within an Hour After the Marriage Ceremony Was Performed Husband Is a Corpse.

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—With death hovering over him Charles G. Watson, a local railroad man, was married this morning to Miss Agnes Gilbreth of The Dailies and one hour later he was dead. Miss Gilbreth had long been the fiancée of Mr. Watson, and when she received word that he was anxious to marry her before death should claim him she rushed from The Dailies to Portland where the ceremony was performed. Watson was well known in railroad circles throughout the northwest.

SERVICES RESUMED AT L. D. S. CHURCH

LET ENGINE RUN TOO LONG
F. D. Clark, of this city, left his automobile standing at the curb this morning with the engine running for a time longer than allowed by the city traffic regulations. Consequently he appeared in police court at 10 o'clock and paid a fine. It was the first offense and the judge let him off with a charge of \$2.50.

PORTS MUST BE FIRED

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Fighting between the Spartans and government troops continues in Bremen, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Gustav Noske, secretary for military affairs, is said to have declared that Bremen and other ports must be freed of the menace of Bolshevism to permit the movement of food steamers.

COFFEE STEAMER ASHORE

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 3.—The Brazilian steamer Therapia, formerly the German Sigmund, is ashore near Santos. Forty thousand sacks of coffee for Havre have been jettisoned and lost. An American transport saved a majority of the members of the crew, but some of the men are reported to have been lost.

WANT AMERICAN PROTECTION

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 3.—The Cosacks under Gen. Klamkoff, commander of the Ussuri river front, have grumbled and shot an officer. The Cosacks surrendered their arms and begged to the American troops, whose protection they requested. The men declared that they would no longer serve under Klamkoff.

GOVERNMENT TAKES DRASTIC HAND IN PROPOSED STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—There will be no strike by the 60,000 shipyard workers on the bay. At least that is the appearance this afternoon for the government stepped in and emphatically told the workers if they struck all orders on steel ships would be cancelled. When it is understood that the proposed walkout meant a cancellation of orders by the government the union reconsidered the matter and by a vote of 7 to 1 voted to remain at their posts of duty and depend upon government methods to handle the wage disputes which have been on for some time.

WEALTHY EUROPEAN BANKER IS DEAD

BARON ROTHSCHILD, MILLIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST PASSES AWAY

PARIS, Feb. 3.—Baron Lambert Rothschild, leading Brussels banker, who aided in the formation of the Belgian relief commission, died in Paris Thursday.

When the Germans occupied Belgium in 1914 and a famine was threatening Brussels because food was unobtainable, Baron Rothschild went to London with Hugh S. Gibson, secretary of the American location in Brussels and guaranteed to pay for 30,000 tons of foodstuffs. The food was purchased through Herbert C. Hoover, now the director-general of relief. It was the first purchase made by the organization which afterward became the commission for relief in Belgium.

Later when General Von Blissinge, the German governor general, levied a fine of 50,000,000 francs on the city of Brussels, the coffers of which were empty, Baron Rothschild came to the rescue and through his bank assumed responsibility for part of the tribute demanded.

Baron Rothschild's wife died in Paris during the war. She and her husband played a part in bringing Rumania into the war on the side of the allies. On one occasion, a courier being sent to Rumania was intercepted and suspicion was turned against Baroness Rothschild. She escaped arrest only through the intervention of Brand Whitlock, the American minister, but had to apologize to Von Blissinge and promised to refrain from such acts in the future. Baron Rothschild himself was held hostage by the Germans at one time because he was slow in paying a tribute of \$2,000,000.

Baron Rothschild's son was wounded severely while serving with the Belgian army.

OPPOSITION TO SALARY RAISE

LEGISLATION BESEIGED WITH APPEALS FOR ADVANCE.

One Prominent Opinion Is Voiced in the Statement That All Who Feel Underpaid Can Resign.

That public sentiment here is strictly against the wholesale raise in salaries of public officials is evidenced by the remarks of taxpayers heard on the streets and in public places.

It seems that the present legislation is being beset by officials all over the state who desire a raise in salary and some Union county officials are included in this effort for swelling the tax budget to a bursting point.

It is admitted on all sides that a dollar does not go as far as it once did but it is also admitted that officials accepted their present jobs at stipulated salaries which really became a contract with the citizen and state.

One very prominent citizen remarked on the matter of increasing salaries: "It is likely that things will not stay up as they are now and I am opposed to raising of salaries. If a man is working for these things he thinks he is worth he has the privilege of resigning. The time has come to begin to count up the expense and while it would be a fine thing to pay all anyone asks, I question the wisdom of such an act for the public treasury is suffering many drains that were formerly not expected."

GARFIELD TO SPEAK

SEATTLE, Feb. 3.—United States Federal Administrator H. A. Garfield will be the principal speaker at the commencement exercises of the University of Washington Monday, June 10, it was announced yesterday.

Bishop William Alfred Quigley of the Methodist Episcopal church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, June 15.

W. H. Coot, of Boise, representing the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, is in La Grande on a business visit today.

DON'T FORGET

Tomorrow evening at 7:30, at the Y. M. C. A., the Protestant Bible League will hold a service of prayer by 35 ministers of the Christian church, B. H. Coker. Everybody invited.

STRIKING OPERATORS FIRE SHOTS

RIOT CALL BRINGS OUT SQUAD OF POLICE WHO DISPERSE MEN AND WOMEN

MAN WHO DID SHOOTING IS NOT IDENTIFIED

Mill Agents Claim That Their Mills Are Running in All Departments—New Jersey Silk Workers Are Mostly Idle and Hold Meetings of Protest.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 3.—Shots were fired this afternoon by striking mill operatives who rushed to the rescue of a striker who was arrested by the police charged with loitering.

A riot call was sent to police headquarters, and a large squad of police with drawn clubs dispersed both the men and women who had congregated. The police say that the shots came from a man in the crowd, but they are unable to discover who did the shooting.

Cornelius Sheshan in the name of an officer who was attacked at noon. He sustained severe bruises.

Mill agents claim that their mills are running in all departments. Walter Parker, agent for the Pacific Mills, reported that all departments of his concern were in operation.

A great crowd which had gathered at the Wood & Ayer mills was dispersed by the police.

Silk Workers Idle.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 3.—Ninety per cent of the 2627 silk workers are not working today. Louis Magnit is the spokesman at protest meetings which are being held at various places over the city. The big millmen will hold a conference this afternoon.

A delegation of workers may go to Washington to lay the matter before the war labor council.

TOBACCO DEALERS TO TAKE INVENTORY

The pending revenue measure which will probably be passed within a very short time provides increased taxes on cigars, tobacco and cigarettes. Every dealer in these commodities will be required to inventory his stock on the day following the passage of the act and to pay additional tax on such stock covering the difference between the tax paid under the present act and that provided by the new act.

There will be certain exemptions allowed, but this matter, as well as the new rates, has not yet been definitely determined.

Every dealer should arrange to keep posted as to the date of the passage of the act and take his inventory on that day.

Blanks for the purpose of filling inventory and return will be furnished by Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, Portland, Oregon, as soon as they are received from the department at Washington. It is possible that arrangements will be made to distribute these blanks through the postoffice in Oregon, but any dealer who does not receive his blank should apply for it to the collector at Portland.

FAST SHIP WINS HONORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The steamship Northern, which with the sister ship, Northern Pacific, plied as a passenger ship for several years between the mouth of the Columbia river and San Francisco, has come out of the war with distinguished honors.

This ship established the speed record for the war by making the roundtrip from New York to Boston in 14 days with a stop of 28 hours in the French port. As a troopship it made 11 trips to Europe, carrying more than 30,000 soldiers and came to be known in naval circles as the "military ship." It has recently been overhauled and equipped for carrying wounded and ill soldiers.

WARRANT OUT FOR DIETZ
SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 3.—A warrant for the arrest of William (Dietz) Dietz, of Walla Walla, who was indicted Friday by the federal grand jury for alleged falsification of federal court.

Instructions were telegraphed by United States Marshal McGovern to the United States marshal at San Francisco to arrest Dietz.

MAKE RAPID STRIDES

Governor General Harrison Tells of Progress of Filipinos.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Francis Burton Harrison, governor general of the Philippine islands, denied emphatically upon his arrival here Sunday night on the motor ship Selandria from Manila, reports that he intended to resign his office. He explained that he merely is taking six months leave of absence, the first he has had since 1913, and will return to his post when his vacation is over.

Mr. Harrison applied for leave just before the United States entered the war, but withdrew his request when hostilities were declared. He said he came to the United States only to rest and to look after his personal business interests.

Will Go to Washington.
The governor general was accompanied by his brother, Archibald Harrison, and Colonel Francis Onate, head of the Philippine constabulary. The party will remain here for several days and then go to Washington.

Governor General Harrison said the Filipinos are making rapid strides under the Jones bill of August, 1916, which gave them virtual autonomy. There are seven Filipinos in his cabinet, he said, and the government has purchased the Manila railroad, which it is operating with great success.

Shortly before he sailed, he said, he signed a bill appropriating \$15,000,000 for a free public education system which will offer its advantages to every child on the island.

NEW Y. M. C. A. WORKERS HERE

MELVIN F. BOICE COMES AS PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

Will Organize Classes Among Men and Boys Who Are Interested in Y. M. C. A. Work.

Melvin F. Boice, a Y. M. C. A. worker who is to become physical director at the local institution, arrived in the city yesterday from Portland, accompanied by Mrs. Boice. Mr. Boice, who was formerly a newspaper man, has the reputation of being very much of a live wire and it is confidently expected that his association with the local Y. M. C. A. will prove a great benefit to those of its members who are interested in their individual betterment and the improvement of the institution.

Mr. Boice has spent the last few months working among the men of Uncle Sam's army, having spent five months in "Y" work at Camp Lewis and three or four months in the Washington Spruce areas. He announces his intention of getting down to work here immediately and doing as much for La Grande's young people as they will let him do.

Mr. Boice sees a special field for his efforts in the young boys of this city, and having specialized in athletics, and especially track work, when at college, he feels particularly qualified, and anxious, to work among them.

With the assistance of J. L. Kramer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Boice will organize classes among the boys and young men and older men for physical training, and he extends a general invitation for all to come along and get acquainted with him. He promises to do them good.

Mrs. Boice, who is a graduate of Oberlin University, Ohio, will take an active part in community welfare work and support other activities with which youth and moral betterment are concerned.

NO REPORT ON WATER, BUT IT IS CONSIDERED SAFE.

City Manager Collier, speaking to the Observer this morning, stated that while he had received no report from the state board of health on the samples of water from the Grande River, which the city is using for which he had sent them for analysis, he thought the water was very pure and safe for use without being boiled.

The two chlorine plants installed by the city at the Palmer mill pumping station some ten days ago are in constant use, and about two million gallons of water per day are being pumped from the river into the city's mains and treated by the chlorination process.

The act of purifying the water is very small, outside of the first cost of the chlorination plants. It is figured that forty cents per million gallons will supply the chlorine necessary, and the amount of water used from the city's mains each day is estimated at two million gallons.

No change in the state of affairs in regard to the water supply is looked for until spring weather arrives and releases a sufficient quantity of water from the hills to make up the shortage in the city reservoir.

It is apparent, however, that the householders in the city are using the water now without boiling, going on the assurance of the expert who installed the chlorination plants that their water is as safe as could be with practically absolute safety.

FEBRUARY COURT TERM IN SESSION

NEW GRAND JURY FOLLOWS THE ON DISCHARGED LAST FRIDAY.

MANY OF THE JURYMEN HAVE BEEN EXCUSED

Case of Dahlstrom vs. Lee, Involving Claim for Pasture Right and Appealed From the Justice Court, Is Now on Trial—Charge of Non-Support Denied.

The February term of circuit court convened this morning at 10 o'clock, to make a start on cleaning up the docket awaiting them. The drawing of the grand and petit juries was completed, the old grand jury having been discharged Friday last.

The list of those selected for the grand jury is:

M. L. Carter, foreman; J. P. Young, W. J. Saling, Raymond McKennon, Frank Ross, D. S. Kent, H. H. Gallows.

The petit jury members are: J. E. Witherspoon, James Gable, C. A. Hill, J. L. Woodell, Walter Richards, William Wigglesworth, R. S. Zweifel, J. H. Childs, R. A. West, Bruce Clark, L. C. Grant.

A number of the jurors who were drawn to attend this term of court were excused by Judge Knowles, and the attorneys having agreed, the case today was tried with a short panel.

Court resumed after lunch today at 1:30, when the case of O. P. Dahlstrom vs. David Lee was started. This case, which involved pasture rights, was appealed from the justice court, where it was tried on the 6th of last June and a judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiff. Both parties to the suit are from North Powder. George Cochran, of the firm of Cochran & Eberhard, appeared for the plaintiff, and Eugene Ashwill for the defendant. Examination of the jurors was completed at 2 o'clock, and the hearing was then proceeded with.

Henry J. Williamson of La Grande appeared on a charge of non-support of his wife and children and entered a plea of not guilty. His hearing was postponed by Judge Knowles until next week.

ASSISTANCE FOR INCOME RETURNS

Collector of Internal Revenue Milton A. Miller is receiving many inquiries concerning the provisions of the new revenue bill providing for income and other taxes, and numerous requests are being made for forms on which to make returns.

Collector Miller says that no definite information can be given or forms furnished, until the bill has finally passed congress and becomes a law. It will then take some little time to have forms printed and ready for distribution. He has made arrangements to send out a general notification from his office so that all taxpayers may be informed promptly of the provisions of the proposed law. The organization of his field force will be such as to render every possible assistance to taxpayers throughout the state of Oregon, and deputies will be located at many advantageous points so that information may be secured direct to guide them in making returns when the proper time arrives.

The basic principle of the old income tax law will so doubt be applied to the provisions of the new law, and it would be well for every individual and corporation to prepare figures and ascertain the exact amount of income so as to be ready to make return with as little delay as possible.