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Nation Wide Strike Is Now Imminent

BUILDERS' UNIONS WILL NOT STAND LOCKOUT

Seattle Industry Is Paralyzed By General Strike Called This Morning at 10 o'Clock

All Business Suspended—Police Department Is Busiest Place in City—Machine Guns Are Being Mounted on Trucks—1000 Special Policemen Sworn in—Soldiers Taking a Hand to Keep Order—No Disturbance Has Shown Up as Yet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Henry M. White, Thomas Barker and E. R. Marsh, labor commissioners, start for Seattle at once to confer with labor leaders regarding a settlement of the strike.

Hugh L. Kerwin, head of the division of conciliation of labor department, is in conference here with Miez of the Emergency Fleet corporation in an effort to clear up the situation as far as it affects the shipbuilders.

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—Industry is at a standstill in Seattle today. Fifty thousand men are out on strike.

Although it is declared the fight will be won by peaceful methods the Seattle police are preparing for war. The busiest place in the city is police headquarters following the calling out of all organized labor in a sympathetic strike with metal tradesmen who have been idle for two weeks. Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning practically all the industrial operations were stopped. Street cars returned to their barns, restaurants closed and streets became clogged with idle men.

At police headquarters a picked squad of fifty men with high-powered army rifles awaited developments. Outside returned soldiers and police were mounting machine guns on a big truck protected with bags of sand. Five other rapid fire rifles with plenty of ammunition were also on hand.

Chief of Police Warren called for 500 volunteer policemen and by noon 1000 special police had been sworn in and given their badges. So far there has been no disorder.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A nation wide strike involving 2,000,000 employees in the building trades is imminent today. According to Union officials announcement that followed a conference between W. J. Bowen, of Indianapolis, president of the brick layers, plasterers and masons union, with officials of the Building Trades Employers Association concerning threatened lockout of bricklayers and engineers who struck in sympathy with the carpenters.

The carpenters walked out November 12 and all efforts to settle the dispute by arbitration were met by the announcement of the arbitrary lockout.

Bowen said today "The nation-wide strike will result if the lockout is declared."

WILL LEAD NEW MEXICAN PARTY

GENERAL ANGELES CALLS ON REFORMERS TO JOIN

Principal That the Mexicans Have the Right to Fight Their Own Battles is Upheld.

EL PASO, Feb. 6.—Declaring his intention of heading an armed movement to restore the constitution of 1857 and depose the present Mexican government and nullify the alleged obnoxious constitution of Queretaro General Angeles, leading anti-reform party leader, published here a long, inflammatory circular all Mexicans together to reorganize the government before foreign powers intervene. He says that Mexicans have no assurance that the Wilsonian doctrine which recognizes Mexicans' rights to fight their own battles, although some American newspapers denounce it, will not be revoked by the American people under an administration.

\$200,000 STOLEN FROM ONE BANK

WEST VIRGINIAN INSTITUTION ROBBED OF ALL MONEY.

Robbers Hold Up Employees of Bank and Make Their Get-Away in Automobile.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 6.—Three masked robbers entered the Bank of Fulton at Fulton four miles east of here this afternoon, held up all bank employees and escaped in automobiles with \$200,000.

The bandits got away with practically every cent in the institution.

CONGRESS TO PAY TRIBUTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The programs of the congressional memorial service for Theodore Roosevelt, Sunday afternoon in the house have been announced. Members of the Roosevelt family, former President Taft, members of the cabinet and the supreme court, the diplomatic corps, high army and navy officers, have been invited to attend.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, a life-long friend of the former president, will be the only speaker.

FIGHT AGAINST CONFIRMATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The office of controller of the treasury would be abolished and the duties of the controller would be transferred to the federal reserve board under a bill presented in the senate this afternoon by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts.

Senator Weeks is leading the fight to prevent the confirmation of President Wilson's reappointment of John Skelton Williams to be controller of the treasury.

MAN REPORTED DEAD HOME

Centralia Woman Surprised When Husband Appears.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—Scores of Centralians were surprised Saturday when Harry Brown, a former member of the Centralia police force, whose death in Oklahoma was recently reported, arrived in the city. Probably the most surprised was Mrs. Brown, who had not been informed that the report of her husband's demise was erroneous. Mr. Brown was unconscious for five weeks during a serious illness, which fact was probably the foundation for the report of his death.

London Strike Spreading Press asks a Settlement

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Strikes have spread to the Great Western railway this afternoon. There is also a strike on the main line of the London & Brighton railway. Continuous conferences on the labor situation are being held by members of the government and Lloyd George, who is keeping in touch with things by wire from Paris. It is reported that a decision has been reached to fight the Bolshevik element.

The press is clamoring for decisive action to put an end to the strike. Confusion in the streets brought about by the unusual number of vehicles employed to take the place of subway trains and tram cars was increased today by fog, which turned mid day into the darkness of night.

4,000 MORE ARE AMONG STRIKERS

WOOLEN INDUSTRY IN NEW JERSEY IS PARALYZED.

Total of Ten Thousand Workers Are on Strike in One City of Mosquito State.

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 6.—Approximately 4000 additional woolen workers here walked out today, making the total number of strikers in that industry 10,000.

The workers are demanding a 11-hour week at increased pay.

SCHOOL BOY SEES OWN GOLD STAR

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—William Wheat, aged 18 years, former Yakima high school boy, reported killed in action, yesterday went to the high school building to see the gold star pinned on the gold service flag for him. The star was removed.

Wheat is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wheat of this city. Rejected in America, he enlisted in the Canadian army and went overseas within four weeks. He was gassed. He walked in on his parents yesterday morning, bringing an assortment of German helmets and other battlefield souvenirs. He may continue his high school studies, but says that after seeing men fight and die, school life seems dull.

FREIGHT RATE COMPETITION

CUT IS MADE ON TRANS-PACIFIC SHIPMENTS.

New Order Follows Reduction Made By British Shipping Companies to Regain Lost Trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—On and after March 1 there will be a drastic cut in the trans-Pacific freight rates between the Pacific coast ports and the Orient, from 230 per dead weight ton to 212. The new rates also include a reduction of from 235 to 214 per measurement ton.

Harold S. Eby, assistant director of operations here for the United States shipping board, announced today that he had received authorization to announce the new rates yesterday from Washington. The new rates signalize the Pacific coast effect of the recent reduction of freight rates in the east to 220 per ton on shipments between New York and the Orient by way of the Panama canal. The rate reductions are in line with the United States shipping board's policy recently announced at Washington to meet every slash in rates made by the British shipping companies in their attempt to regain their lost trade even though cargoes be carried at a loss to British operators announced a rate of 212 per ton on cargoes between Liverpool and the Orient by way of the Panama canal.

MAN REPORTED DEAD SHOWS UP ALIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—That four prisoners who escaped by craft from the army disciplinary barracks at Alcatraz island last November were not drowned as was supposed after being swept through the Golden Gate, but managed to land, was reported by Herman Kung, one of the number, who was apprehended here yesterday.

THREE DIE IN SEATTLE FIRE

Remains of Eldon Sparks Brought Home From Camp Sevier

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TAXES ARE LEVIED ON EVERYTHING

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT COMPLETES ITS NEW TAX LAW.

AMERICAN POCKETBOOK IS HIT HARD BY WAR BURDEN

Chairman Kitchin Gives Out the New Bill Which Affects Every American Industry and Every Citizen—From Soda Water to Movies People Must Pay the Price of War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The conference on the five billion five hundred million revenue bill carrying the taxes the American people must pay during the years 1919 and 1920 was submitted to the house this afternoon by Chairman Kitchin of the ways and means committee.

Taxes are laid on almost every conceivable article and the bill will hit the great American pocketbook from soda water to movies. Adoption of the conference report of the house and senate will mean that the bill will become a law as soon as it is signed by the president.

CANADA HAD A BIG AIR FORCE

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Canada sent 8000 aviation officers overseas to join the royal air service during the war, according to a statement Wednesday by Sir Edward W. Kemp, Canadian minister of overseas service.

BAKER SOLDIER DEAD

Remains of Eldon Sparks Brought Home From Camp Sevier

BAKER, Feb. 6.—On No. 17 yesterday morning the remains of Eldon Sparks, the soldier boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sparks, of this city, arrived, accompanied by Sergeant First-class Tony Luna, a former Baker boy, who was detailed by the camp officials to escort the body of his young friend and companion to Baker.

The remains were met at the depot by the sorrowing parents and relatives and taken to the West chapel. This morning they will be taken to the family home in Willowvale Addition where they can be viewed until the time of the funeral which will be a military affair and will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church. Members of the Home Guard and high school Cadets will attend in formation.

GRAPE MEN FIGHT PROHIBITION BILL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—A statewide referendum, directed against the federal prohibition amendment, is to be started in the next ten days under the direction of the California Grape Protection association and the association opposed to national prohibition, a national-wide organization, H. P. Stell, secretary of the grape association, announced here yesterday.

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THREE VETERAN FIREMEN KEEP THINGS MOVING

Search Being Made for Man to Head Important Division of City's Operations.

La Grande is practically without a fire department, owing to a number of changes that have recently come about. Fire Chief Muchison has resigned because his salary was not increased. He was receiving \$100 a month and stayed on the job last year with the understanding that he was to receive a raise when the budget was made up for this year. The item was carried into the budget by ex-City Manager Currey, but when the administration changed this feature was not considered and as a result the fire chief sought a field with better pay.

BREMEN HAS NEW GOVERNMENT

SCENE OF MUCH TROUBLE PULLS ITSELF TOGETHER.

Five Socialists Are a Part of the New Governmental Plan Adopted by German City.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 6.—A new government has been established at Bremen, including five Majority Socialists.

Bremen has been the scene of recent hard fighting between the Spartacists and government troops.

MOOSE LODGE HAS FINE TIME

WELCOME EXTENDED TO GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

Visitor Expresses Gratification Over Splendid Condition of the Local Branch of the Order.

La Grande Lodge of Moose held a remarkable meeting last evening when the members and immediate relatives gathered to welcome Owen P. Jones, direct representative of the Grand Lodge, who came to talk to the lodge on the ritualistic work and also to talk to the semi-public meeting on the good that the order is doing.

Mr. Jones is one of the best versed men in Moose lodge work in the northwest and has been at Mooseheart several times. Mooseheart is the great institution where Moose members take care of all charitable work and a description of it by the speaker last evening awakened a keen interest in the work the Moose is doing to benefit mankind.

In speaking of the La Grande lodge, Mr. Jones said: "It is very gratifying indeed to see such an excellent lodge in La Grande. At the meeting last evening there was a large attendance of interested people and I shall make an excellent report to the Grand Lodge on the meeting."

CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 6.—Cooperating with the chamber of commerce of Los Angeles to stimulate a knowledge of Oriental languages, the University of Southern California has opened a class in conversational Japanese. Dr. Riyo Sue Inui, professor of political science at the university, is conducting the class, and the first students to join include two chamber of commerce secretaries, two high school teachers, a banker and a number of women lawyers.

CLASS OF FIFTEEN TAKEN IN AT HAINES LAST NIGHT

Thirty-one members of Khaled Temple No. 170, Dramatic Order of Khorassan, put on the work of the initiatory degree of their order at Haines last night, fifteen candidates receiving their initiation. Representatives of the lodges at Baker, Elgin, Union and other towns were in attendance at the ceremony also. The local party speak of having had a royal time. A fine chicken dinner was served them upon their arrival, and before leaving early this morning to get their train home they were given a buffet lunch.

WIFE HELD THE WINNING HAND

SWINK, Colo., Feb. 6.—Armed with a big revolver Mrs. Oliver Smith last night held up her husband and six other men with whom he was playing poker and took all their money and left them lined up against the wall, with orders to "stay there for five minutes."

The holdup was prompted by Smith's loss of \$500 in the game. Mrs. Smith got her money back with interest.

The authorities have refused to issue a warrant for her arrest or to attempt to obtain the money.

EFFORT TO GET BOYS RETURNED

ARMY AND NAVY AUXILIARY HAS STARTED THE MOVEMENT.

HOSPITAL UNIT AS A WHOLE WILL BE URGED HOMEWARD

Many of the Boys Have Not Finished School—Some Want to Go to College and Many Are Needed by the Folks at Home Now That the World Struggle Is Over.

The Army and Navy Auxiliary today started a movement that is hoped to result in bringing home the La Grande hospital unit which has made such an excellent record in the world war and which is now detained on the other side in the army of occupation.

Patience has marked the attitude of every parent regarding the La Grande boys and today if there is good reason shown by the war department why the boys are needed abroad there will not be a murmur, for the parents of the boys from La Grande are the old blocks from which the chips came that served so faithfully in the struggle.

Some of the reasons given for the requested return are that many of the boys are not through school, many others have mapped out a college course for themselves and others are badly needed by home folks, provided the country can spare them at this time.

Be it understood firmly and emphatically that the present movement has started right here in La Grande and not a mother's son of the hospital unit now in Europe has ever so much as suggested such a procedure.

Today Judge Thomas H. Crawford volunteered to make the work of interesting Senator Chamberlain and the war department a personal matter and a program is being outlined this afternoon upon which all will work.

LARGE NUMBER IN THE HOSPITALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Hospital reports from the expeditionary forces show there were 95,962 sick and wounded among the American soldiers on January 16. This was a net decrease of 97,486 from that total on December 19. The total for January comprised 67,293 soldiers incapacitated as a result of disease and 28,669 from injuries.

Report on Grande Ronde Water is Now Favorable

A very favorable report on the samples of water from the Grande Ronde river sent to the health board for analysis, two weeks ago, was received by John C. O'Connell, city manager, yesterday.

Two samples of the water were sent on January 20th, a few days after the chlorination had been in operation. The samples of the 25th contained only an amount of bacteria and in the sample of the 30th...