

GENERAL STRIKE IN BUTTE APPEARS TO BE A FAILURE

Number of Unions Refuse to Walk Out—Predicted That Vote Will Be Against the Radicals—There Have Been No Disorders of Consequence and None Is Anticipated—Street Car Traffic Continues at a Standstill.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—With a number of unions refusing further to strike or walk out in support of the I. W. W. and independent strike called as a general protest to a \$1.00 a day cut in wages, the intended tie-up appears to be a failure and the force of the radicals seems to have been spent.

The workmen's union, together with the waiters and waitresses and other hotel and restaurant employees refuse to act in support of the strike, although the engineers' union is taking a referendum vote today on the issue.

Persons in close touch with the union members say that the vote will be against the radicals.

There have been no disorders of consequence in the past few days and no likelihood of any now, Major General Morrison, commander of the western department of the army, thinks that martial law will be unnecessary. Morrison is here on an investigation. Street car traffic is paralyzed and other lines are crippled.

TWELVE HURT ON RAILROAD

CONDITION OF SOME IS CONSIDERED SERIOUS.

Accident Was Caused by a Sixty Foot Girder Projecting From a Freight Train.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.—Twelve persons on a Pittsburgh and Cincinnati train, eastbound on the Pennsylvania lines were injured, some seriously, when a sixty foot girder on a west bound freight side-swiped three of the coaches at Oakland near here today.

Davis Draws Design for Monument for Soldiers Who Passed on in War

In order to give a local committee an idea of some sort of granite monument that would be suitable for erection to the memory of the dead soldiers, C. E. Davis of the Blue Mountain Marble and Granite Works today completed a drawing and will submit it to the local committee members.

Constitution Of League Of Nations Has Been Placed Before The Peace Conference

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The completed draft of the constitution of the league of nations was laid before the peace conference yesterday. It was presented and read by President Wilson as the report of the commission to formulate a plan for the league and was received with intense interest.

"I have a very great pleasure," said President Wilson as he began, "in presenting the report of the commission which has framed the constitution of a league of nations. I am particularly happy to be able to say it is a unanimous report, signed by the representatives of all the powers on the committee."

President Wilson spoke earnestly but without dramatic effect. "The best that I can make," the president continued, "is to read the document itself."

The report is read from a printed sheet the constitution of the league. While the president was reading, Mrs. Wilson accompanied by the president's naval aide was seated to a table back of the delegates.

SIXTY-FIFTH DUE HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

The troop train bringing home the Oregon boys of the sixth artillery is due to reach La Grande tomorrow (Sunday) evening, according to word received by The Observer. Just at the time of going to press, the first section will arrive at 9:15, and the second section will follow ten minutes later.

The committee which was appointed to promote plans for the big celebration for the boys here is getting right to work, and doughnuts and other eatables in ample quantities will be on hand when the trains pull in tomorrow night. The band will be on hand to sound out joyful strains of welcome, and all La Grande is expected to be out to greet the returning heroes.

STRIKE VOTE IS DEFERRED

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—Action on a coastwide strike vote of telephone operators and electrical workers was deferred by the local union of telephone switchboard operators Thursday night pending further investigation. Officials of the union said that the grievances of the cost operators may be laid before the special convention of the Pacific coast district metal trade council at Portland next Monday.

CLAIM KAISER WAS A THIEF

CHARGED WITH STEALING AUTOS AND MONEY.

German Government Is Considering the Question of Bringing the Accused to Trial.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—The German government is considering the question of putting the ex-kaizer on trial charged with stealing thirteen automobiles and \$150,000 from the German treasury before his escape into Holland, according to copies of German newspapers received here today.

BUILDING TRADE STRIKE CALLED

SYMPATHETIC WALK-OUT HAS BEEN DEMANDED.

Order Affects 25,000 Workers on 200 Contracts Most of Which Is Government Work.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The executive of the building trade department of the American Federation of Labor today ordered a sympathetic walk-out of all union employees throughout the country engaged in work on contracts for building trades employees association. Strike order affects 25,000 workers on approximately 200 contracts, 90 percent of which are government work. The strike order follows an executive meeting of the executive council at a local hotel for the New York building employers' association.

TEN PERSONS KILLED

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 15.—Fierce fighting broke out in Copenhagen today between the police and a group of strikers who were attempting to prevent strikers from leaving the city.

BRINGS 5 BULLETS BACK TO BUREAU. John L. Green has returned from France with five bullets still in his body. He was shot in the chest and arm while he was in the hands of the enemy. He says he could not get the bullets out of his body.

LEAVES A CUT IN SOLDIERS' PAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Pay of enlisted men in the army would be reduced to \$15 a month after July 1, as a result of the elimination in the house Friday, on a point of order, of the provision in the annual army appropriation bill continuing the present salary of \$30 a month.

GERMAN ARMY WILL DEMOBILIZE

WEIMAR, Feb. 15.—Friedrich Ebert, the president of Germany, has announced to newspaper men here that the government is arranging the details for complete disarmament and demobilization.

WILL RESUME STRIKE. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Representatives of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Building Trades Employers' association failed to agree on a wage scale at a conference late Thursday, and the carpenters will resume on Monday the strike which was suspended while negotiations were pending.

WEIGLEIN CASE TO JURY TODAY

VERDICT MAY BE REACHED SOME TIME TONIGHT.

Court Will Close Tonight, but Special Session Will Be Held for Other Cases.

Arguments for the defense and for the prosecution in the white slavery case of state vs. Weiglein were concluded about noon today and this afternoon Judge Knowles gave his instructions to the jury. They retired for deliberation shortly before 3 o'clock and it is likely that a verdict will be reached before night.

The defendant, May Weiglein, was jointly indicted with Grover Hodges and Robert Hill, who were convicted yesterday, the charge against all three of them being that they had taken Margaret Fugit to Baker for the purpose of prostitution.

Both cases received a very thorough airing in the court, and while it is considered in some quarters that the state has not as strong a case against Miss Weiglein as it had against Hill and Hodges, the prosecution has nevertheless produced much damaging testimony.

The evidence showed that the three defendants and Miss Fugit had gone to Baker together on October 29th last, had taken rooms adjoining each other at the Imperial hotel, and the next day had moved to the Kennedy hotel where the two men and their alleged partner in the conspiracy against Miss Fugit had secured adjoining rooms, with a door connecting them, and the Fugit girl had taken one further down the hall. The evidence of the Baker policemen stated that both these houses possessed an unsavory reputation.

It was brought out in the Hodges and Hill case that these two had visited pool rooms and other places in Baker, circulating the news of the presence in town of the Fugit girl, and as a consequence she was annoyed for several hours that night by men who sought admittance to her room. It was this fact that led to the arrest of the defendants.

Counsel for the defense, R. J. Green, in his argument before the jury this morning, contended that this evidence was not to the point. The point at issue, he said, was whether or not his client was guilty of inducing the Fugit girl to go to Baker, or of conspiring with Hodges and Hill to take her there. There was evidence introduced to show that she had made up her mind to go to Baker, in any event he said, Marion Hollman, a local youth, had testified that he, with another boy and girl and Margaret Fugit had arranged to go to Baker on the day in question, but the boys backed out and would not go.

The prosecution attorney, John Hodgins on the other hand argued that certain coincidences showed that the party had gone to Baker for the purpose which the indictment charged. For instance, he said, "if no previous arrangement had been made between them, it was strange that they should have gone to the same hotel and taken adjoining rooms, and again that they should have moved the next day to another hotel and again have taken adjoining rooms. The evidence showed, together, he declared that the defendant and Hodges had advised the girl to get out and earn some money, and then we had other points which he had unmistakably proved the defendant's guilt. Witnesses examined for the pro-

PRESIDENT IS ON THE WAY HOME

SAILED FROM BREST THIS MORNING ON THE LINER GEORGE WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE WAS CHEERED BY GREAT MULTITUDE

President Will Speak in Boston on His Return—Nine Days Is the Time That Is Anticipated for Making the Journey Homeward Across Atlantic.

BEST, France, Feb. 15.—Amidst impressive scenes, President Wilson sailed for the United States today, upon the liner George Washington. Cheered by a great multitude, President and Mrs. Wilson went on board the vessel during the morning and at 11:15 the ship weighed anchor and majestically sailed out to open sea, bringing to an end the first phase of the historic visit of the first American President to set foot on French soil. His departure struck deeper into the public interest than otherwise, because of his great victory in the first league of nations negotiations at Paris.

Will Speak in Boston.

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 15.—Joseph Tumulty, Secretary to President Wilson, received a cablegram announcing that the President would deliver an address at Boston upon his arrival in this country. He will speak at Boston at a meeting arranged by Mayor Peters. The George Washington carrying the Presidential party will make port at Boston on the return trip to America.

The voyage from Brest is expected to take nine days and she will arrive in Boston February 24.

COSTLY FIRE AT SAVANNAH

FERTILIZER AND CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS HEAVY LOSS

Destruction of Lumber, Warehouses and Ships Brings Total Damage Up to \$2,500,000.

SAVANNAH, Georgia, Feb. 15.—Fire blackened ruins and ashes are all that are left of the greater part of the seaboard airline terminals of the Southern Railway today. The Southern Fertilizer and Chemical companies estimate the loss at about one million dollars on both the plant and the stock on hand. Over one million dollars of stock stored in warehouses and wharfs were destroyed. About 2000 tons of nitrate and lumber and the railroad warehouses and ships were burned. The entire loss this morning was estimated at \$2,500,000.

The witnesses for the defense were Marion Hollman, Jay Dinn, Merle Ellis, Wm. Ellis, Grover Hodges, Robt. Hill, May Weiglein, R. J. Kitchen, C. K. McConnell.

The juryman on this case are: B. G. Fritz, J. A. Baker, M. H. Hanson, R. H. Haworth, J. W. Rothard, J. M. Choate, L. L. McConnon, Wm. Wier, H. P. Lewis, Franklin Zetrick, Remo McAllister, William Crandall.

Session Closes Tonight. The February term of circuit court closes tonight and Judge Knowles will leave Monday to hold court at Enterprise. Court has not been held at that place since November, 1917, the reason being that juryman could not be secured on account of the war, and the influenza epidemic also interfering. Judge Knowles announces that a special session will be held after his return from Enterprise. However, to try other cases which are pending.

BAND PROMISES SPLENDID PROGRAM

Plans for the O-W band concert, which will be held in the auditorium of the high school on the evening of Tuesday, February 19th, have been practically completed and the program will be printed in full in the Observer Monday. Manager Ridenour states candidly that this is going to be an event well worth attending. The best artists in the city will appear on the program and the band has been working faithfully on a number of fine selections with which they expect to delight their audience.

PORTUGAL REPUBLIC IS RESTORED

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The people of Oporto, supported by republican forces, have restored the republic in northern Portugal, according to a Lisbon dispatch received by the Portuguese legation. Pava Couciro, the royalist dictator, has been arrested.

JURY DECLARES MEN ARE GUILTY

HODGES AND HILL CONVICTED IN CIRCUIT COURT

White Slavery Case Ended Yesterday Afternoon—Penalty for Offense Very Severe.

Grover Hodges and Robert Hill were found guilty in the circuit court yesterday on the charge of white slavery under which they had been under trial for three days this week. Sentence was not passed by the judge. He will set the time for this later. The penalty for the offense of which Hodges and Hill have been convicted is a fine from \$100 to \$10,000, or imprisonment for from one year to ten years, or both.

The case went to the jury shortly before noon, and it was after 3 o'clock in the afternoon when they returned with their finding of guilty for both Hodges and Hill.

The arguments for the defense and for the prosecution were concluded shortly after 6 Thursday evening, when court adjourned, and in the morning, court convening again at 9, Judge Knowles delivered his charge to the jury.

The examination of witnesses was concluded about the middle of the afternoon Thursday and the case for the defense was then argued before the jury by R. J. Kitchen, attorney for the defendants. His address lasted for an hour and a half. He declared that Margaret Cusick, the chief witness for the prosecution, had impeached herself in the testimony she offered and attacked her on grounds of alleged misdeeds, in consideration of which, he said, her statements made against the defendants should not be accepted as truth against the word of the defendants to the contrary. He pleaded for sympathy with the prisoners, who, he declared, had been in jail three months waiting for trial and one of them, Hill, he said, had a wife and four children hoping for the complete exoneration of their husband and father. He declared that he could see nothing whatever in the evidence presented by the prosecution on which the gentlemen of the jury could justly convict the two defendants.

The prosecuting attorney, John Hodgins, made but a brief address to the jury. He stated that the counsel for the defense was pleading for their acquittal strictly on the grounds of sentiment. There was no doubt that as a matter of law they were guilty, he declared, and he could not see how any fair jury could fail to convict them. As far as the men having relatives dependent upon them, he said, every criminal was situated the same way, but if the men were guilty of the crime of which they were accused, it would be much better were they removed from their families and the children not brought up under an evil influence.

GOOD TIME AT Y. M. C. A.

The valentine social held at the Y. M. C. A. last evening was attended by a large number of young folks from around the city, and the evening was very pleasantly spent. Old-fashioned games were played and a thoroughly sociable time had all around. Very tasty refreshments were served toward the close of the evening.

It is understood that social evenings at the Y. M. C. A. for the city's young people will become a regular event, and it is predicted they will prove highly popular.

WEATHER FORECAST. Feb. 15.—Fair and warm Sunday.

SEATTLE CLEAN UP CONTINUES

ELEVEN OTHER I. W. W.'S UNDER ARREST ON CRIMINAL ANARCHY CHARGE

OTHERS ARE SOUGHT BY THE OFFICIALS

Three Hundred Copies of The Liberator, a Radical Magazine Published in New York, Were Seized by the Officials at an Interurban Depot in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Clearing Seattle of the Independent Workmen of the World, anarchists and Bolshevists continues today, under the direction of Fred Brown, county prosecuting attorney, and other officers of the court of justice.

Eleven more alleged I. W. W. are under arrest and charges of criminal anarchy against four more men have been issued. Seven others charged with criminal anarchy are now in jail and others are sought by officers in charge. More than 300 copies of The Liberator, a radical magazine published in New York, were seized at an interurban depot today.

BANDITS TERRORIZE HAMBURG

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—There is a panic at Hamburg as a result of depredations by the hands of thieves operating throughout the city, according to Berlin dispatches to the Handelsblad. The bands are said to travel in motor cars and to be heavily armed and it is reported that the residences of merchants have been pillaged and that the police are helpless. Twenty residences have already been robbed, it is stated.

INTERESTED IN RESCUE WORK

MISS JANET M. PENDEGAST AS ATTENDANT AT COURT

State Lecturer of Coast Rescue and Protective Society Takes Interest in Court Case.

Miss Janet M. Pendegast, one of the foremost social workers of the northwest, has been in La Grande this week attending the sessions of circuit court. Miss Pendegast represents the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society and is working in the interests of young girls throughout the states of Washington and Oregon. She is state lecturer for this society.

Miss Pendegast leaves tonight to return to Portland. She states that she has been unable to address the women of La Grande, owing to the demands made by her business at the court, but she expects to return to this city within the next month to deliver an address before the Neighborhood club. Mrs. Albert Hunter and Mrs. F. G. Schilke, who are prominent social workers, have extended Miss Pendegast a warm invitation to acquaint the women of La Grande with the work her society is doing and with the problems which it faces.

URGES DEPORTATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Deportation of aliens who surrendered their declaration of intention to become American citizens in order to escape military service was urged in the house Thursday by Representative Johnson of Washington.

SELLS STOLEN RING TO COP

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Selling a stolen ring to a policeman and "getting by" with it, the proud accomplishment of Cecil Payne of Chattanooga, who is jailed here charged with robbing many houses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and other cities, Payne confessed he had made so many raids he could not remember them all and told of selling a \$150 opal ring to a Knoxville policeman.