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WILL FIGHT FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

ORGANIZED LABOR WILL CONTINUE CONFLICT AGAINST GRANT AND PRIVILEGE.

REPRESENTATIVE OF LABOR ON THE WITNESS STAND

Labor Would Be Blind to Its Interests If It Tried to Impress Proposals Upon Public By Threat of Violence or Strike, Is Assertion of Glenn E. Plumb Before Committee.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Organized labor will not attempt to impose the Plumb plan for railroad control on other industries unless employes and the public desire it, and its fight for public ownership of utilities will not stop until it has reached the point where grant and privilege cease.

This was the message delivered today by Glenn E. Plumb, speaking as labor's representative to the house interstate committee, who for three days has been holding a hearing on "tripartite" control of the transportation systems. It was spoken calmly after the witness, worn out by the long ordeal on the witness stand, but still smiling, denied that the plan was Socialistic.

Again today Plumb pounded the table and denied in terms calculated, he said, to brook no repetition of the charge, that the railroad brotherhoods had attempted by threats of violence or strikes to force congress to adopt his plan for control of the railways by the public, or operating forces and the public. Denial was made in a statement from Plumb's office and signed by the heads of the fifteen brotherhoods, and while Plumb was entering a hot fire of questions from Representative Dewalt, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, who wanted to know where the new idea would stop.

"We unite in a definite assertion that we have no desire and have had none," said the statement and also Plumb, who paraphrased it, "to impress upon the public by violence or by threat our proposal that the railroads be nationalized under 'tripartite' control."

"Labor would be blind to its own interests," Plumb added with emphasis, "if it attempted such methods."

Later Plumb announced that information would be put before the committee in support of his charge that there had been systematic plundering of the great railway systems of the country.

Plumb stood his ground while Representatives Dewalt, Montague, Democrat, Virginia; Merritt, Republican, Connecticut, and others asked questions which they intended to point out defects in the Plumb plan. Represen-

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FRED GASKILL BUYS A G. M. C.

CONTRACTOR ON HIGHWAY WORK PUTS ON THIRD MACHINE.

Makes Good Record With Trucks for the Gravel and Sand Hauling.

Having contracted to furnish sand and gravel for the Highway under construction in Union county Fred Gaskell this week added another big G. M. C. to his fleet of trucks which are busy early and late transporting gravel and crushed rock to the Island City road.

Mr. Gaskell now has two large G. M. C. trucks and a Packard. He is making a great record with the machines and one day last week he hauled six tons of gravel and sand to near Summerville from La Grande in two hours and 45 minutes for the round trip.

In speaking of truck transportation Mr. Gaskell says it is the only way to do things and do them right. The day of horses for heavy work on hauling he believes has gone forever.

BUDAPEST SAID TO BE IN A STATE OF SIEGE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

VIENNA, Aug. 9.—A state of siege has been proclaimed in Budapest, it is reported. The inter-allied mission at Budapest, after a conference with Archduke Joseph and Premier Friederich, forwarded to Clemenceau, president of the peace conference, a report stating that the entente representatives are in full accord with the new Hungarian government.

SEVERAL DEATHS CAUSED BY EXPLOSION IN ELEVATOR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Aug. 9.—Five are reported killed, 14 are known to have been injured and 17 are missing as the result of an explosion and the wrecking of the government elevator at Fort Colbourne. A barge carrying a large crew is said to have been just off the elevator when the explosion occurred.

ANGLERS FAVOR HATCHERY SITE

THE SELECTION OF CATHERINE CREEK SATISFACTORY.

R. E. Clanton, Master Fish Warden Expected to Arrive This Week to Get Work Started.

The announcement that Union county's new fish hatchery is to be located on Catherine creek, below the town of Union, is received with general satisfaction and pleasure by the sportsmen of the county, who had worked earnestly for some time to have the state fish and game commission take such action. A. V. Andrews, secretary of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club, stated yesterday that R. E. Clanton, master fish warden of the state expected to be here some time this week to make arrangements for the erection of the plant and the installation of the machinery.

Fifteen thousand dollars is the estimated cost of the new hatchery, the site of which will be on the James Hutchinson farm. The state commission have intimated that they will send up a stock of black spotted trout, a new species in this part of the country and Rainbow and Eastern Brook trout. There will also be a car of black bass arrive to be placed in several sloughs in the valley. With these plans under way fishermen here are very optimistic as to the outlook for good fishing in the streams of Eastern Oregon in the future.

COUNTY HELPED SPEED HIGHWAY

BID ON FORCE ACCOUNT CAUSED REDUCTION.

Rock Work Contract Is Let From Lone Pine to Hot Lake By Commission.

Judge Frank Phy and Commissioner Townley have returned from Portland where they appeared before the highway commission relative to the contract for placing crushed rock on the highway from Lone Pine to Hot Lake.

When bids were opened the highway commission rejected them stating they were too high, whereupon the county court of this county offered to do the work at actual cost plus 10 per cent. This caused the Warren Construction company to revise its bid to within $300 of the engineer's estimate, and the county then withdrew its bid for the mission has been accomplished. The highway commission then granted the Warren company the contract.

This same company already has the contract for paving from La Grande to Lone Pine and with the added contract it will give them an opportunity to proceed with the work from Lone Pine to the Lake. The work is supposed to be completed by winter and then the paving will be laid.

SATURDAY GAMES IN COAST LEAGUE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Portland 7, Seattle 6, (12 innings).
Vernon 10, San Francisco 9.
Oakland 5, Los Angeles 1.
Sacramento 5, Salt Lake 1.

MAY BRING TWO AIRPLANES

PLANS FOR LABOR DAY CELEBRATION WORKING NICELY.

Air Circus Management Intimates That Second Plane May Be Available For Exhibitions Here.

The committee of the Central Labor Council of La Grande, handling the plans for the great labor celebration in this city on September 1, Labor Day, feel thoroughly pleased with the nicety with which their plans for the big occasion are working out. A wire received Friday from the aero circus the Watkins-Warner people, ordered hotel reservations for six men, indicating that the second plane, which the airmen stated they expected to receive the latter part of August, may be available for this celebration. They have also acknowledged receipt of their contract with the Central Labor Council committee.

The members of the committee have expressed their pleasure at the granting by the city commissioners of their request for permission to use part of Jefferson avenue for the carnival attraction which they have arranged for in connection with their celebration. They have also secured the use of certain private property near the street, practically without charge. The carnival will be located on Jefferson, west of Chestnut street.

The committee has not yet succeeded in arranging for the speaker they set out to find. They are still continuing their efforts, however, and intend to see that this part of the proposed program shall not fail.

The general advertising will be issued very shortly, and the special advertising which the air circus people have is on the way here for posting.

WITHDRAW GUARDS IN HOPE THAT MEN WILL RETURN

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Five hundred policemen, 250 deputy sheriffs and the last of troops have been withdrawn from the stockyards in the hope that striking employes will return to work. Eleven hundred police are still on duty. Labor leaders declared there would be no return to work until every guard is withdrawn. Permission was granted to unionize 900 negro employes.

STRIKE OF PRINTERS CAUSES JAPAN NEWSPAPERS TO QUIT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TOKIO, Aug. 9.—Virtually all the newspapers of Tokio have suspended publication owing to the demands of the printers for higher wages, which the owners refuse to grant. Numerous strikes are in progress elsewhere in Japan.

PACIFIC FLEET IS UNDER WAY FOR SAN PEDRO

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 9.—Headed by destroyer squadrons, the Pacific fleet got away today for San Pedro.

RUSH BEGINS WORK MONDAY

BRICK BUILDING FOR MANUAL TRAINING TO BE BUILT.

Will Be Located Just Back of High School and Will Face On M Avenue.

Contractor G. H. Rush will begin work tomorrow on the one-story brick building which will house the manual training and gas engine departments of the high school tomorrow.

He was given the contract by the board held some regrets at being building is to be $9,881.00. It will be 54x72 feet and will be constructed along modern lines. The location for the new structure is just back of the high school, facing M avenue.

This has long been needed and while the school held some regrets at being forced to build while construction is so high it was considered the wise thing to do so the schools will have ample facilities for the work of the two departments.

SLEUTHS TO GO HUNTING PROFITEERS

AGENTS OF THE SECRET SERVICE BUREAU GET ORDERS TO HUNT HOARDERS.

WILSON MAY CONSIDER HIGH COSTS ON TOUR

Department of Justice Officials Report Uncovering of Profiteering Is Being Vigorously Prosecuted and Many Prosecutions May Result at An Early Date.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Tangible results from the investigation of hoarding and profiteering initiated by Attorney General Palmer are expected to develop in the immediate future as the result of an order today directing the entire secret service of the bureau of investigation to assist the force now at work trying to uncover instances in which the public has been gouged by the illegal control of prices.

Officials of the Department of Justice said reports from many sections of the country show the search for evidence of extortion in the necessities of life proceeding vigorously and many prosecutions might come soon.

Announcement was also made today that congress would proceed promptly with legislative measures recommended by President Wilson as necessary to stop the "vicious practices" which have been largely responsible for the rising cost of living.

Republican Leader Mondell stated in the house that appropriations would be made at once to enable the government to attack the profiteers. The agricultural committee would begin hearing Monday on legislation to control the time food could be held in cold storage.

There were indications at the White House that the President might let the high cost of living pair with the league of nations speaking tour of the country, which he is to make.

FRUIT CROP IS REPORTED GOOD

YIELD NOT LARGE BUT QUALITY IS EXCELLENT.

County Agent Sees Promise Of Abundant Corn Harvest—Farmers Erect New Silos.

County Agriculturist Spillman, returning from a trip over part of the county Friday, states that the fruit crop is in fine shape around Imbler and in the Pumpkin Ridge section. The yield is not going to be heavy, he says; but the fruit is of splendid flavor and quality. Mr Spillman is greatly pleased with the results obtained by spraying the orchards early in the year, thus preventing the disastrous ravages of the apple leaf roller. There are very few worms to be found in the fruit in the orchards which were sprayed promptly, he states. An unidentified variety of parasite appeared in the Imbler orchards this year and is believed to have done much toward doing away with the apple leaf roller, though the spraying did the most.

Evidence of an abundant corn harvest was seen by the county agent on his trip, and as a result several new silos are on the way to completion in the district. George McDonald has a new one practically completed and Albert Hunter and Walter Pierce have each a new one on the way.

It is a little early yet to judge the results of the wheat harvest. Fields in which combines are working are the only ones from reports of the yield are coming and there are too few to allow any general estimate to be made. The winter wheat is all that has been touched so far, but the prospects for a good crop are quite promising. Reports from the North Powder district, which was earlier thought to be about the hardest hit part of the county, indicate that the things are going to be better there than was anticipated.

RICHEY BUYS A BUSINESS HOUSE

DEAL MADE YESTERDAY WITH S. A. GARDINIER.

Property Bought Is the Building Occupied By Hug Grocery Store.

Yesterday G. M. Richey purchased from S. A. Gardinier the two-story brick building now occupied by the Hug Grocery store. It is a first class brick building with modern front, a heating plant, and the second story contains fine living apartments. Possession will be given to Mr. Richey on September 1.

This is not the only first class business property owned by the purchaser, for Mr. Richey built the building on Washington and Depot streets, which he sold to Clyde Pennington.

"I have confidence in La Grande property," said Mr. Richey yesterday. "There are few of the smaller cities in the country where values in real estate are as good as they are here. One of the best evidences of that fact is the strong demand for business property and I believe if La Grande had another business block today it would be filled with business."

TO PROSECUTE PROFITEERS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HANEY FOLLOWS INSTRUCTIONS

Public Is Asked to Help the Official on Cases of Hoarding and on Excessive Profits.

PORTLAND, Aug. 10 — Food hoarding in Oregon will be investigated by the department of justice agents, under direction of B. F. Haney, United States attorney, in the nation-wide campaign to reduce the high cost of living. The machinery was put in motion yesterday by Mr. Haney, on instructions from the United States attorney-general. Prosecutions, if any are brought will come under the Sherman anti-trust act and the food control act.

While the food administration has passed out of existance, the law which the administration enforced has not been repealed and hoarding is as great an offense now as it was during the war.

"The excessive cost of living, in connection with the approach of winter, makes it imperative that nothing be overlooked in an attempt to reduce the cost of foodstuff," announced Mr. Haney. "It is the intention of the department of justice to prosecute any individual, firm or corporation deemed to be guilty of violation of the Sherman act of the food control act.

Reports of High Prices Asked For

"The public is vitally interested in this question, and I invite reports from any person indicating a violation of either of the acts mentioned.

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SCHOOL BEGINS IN A MONTH

CORPS OF TEACHERS SECURED AND READY FOR START.

Some Changes In Personnel, But Faculty For Coming Year Is Excellent One.

O, you kiddoes, one month more of fun and back to the books. Back to the tap of the gong, back to system and discipline. For a month now will find every child in his proper place and the books of learning open before him.

Superintendent Hampton is very well pleased with the teaching force which he has managed to save during these times of change. The ones who have decided to leave have been supplanted with strong teachers and La Grande schools will open with a good teaching force and with every indication of accomplishing excellent results during the school year.

STAGE HANDS IN NEW YORK JOIN IN ACTORS' STRIKE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A sympathetic strike on Monday of theatre musicians and stage hands in support of striking members of the Actors' Equity Association was forecast in a statement issued at the Equity headquarters tonight.

The statement quoted an address by James A. Holland, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, with which the actors are affiliated, in which he was said to have declared that unless the strike was settled tonight the musicians and stage hands would be called out Monday.

At headquarters of the international alliance of stage employes it was stated a sympathetic strike would not be called. The number of theatres closed by the strike was brought up to nine this afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS RALLYING TODAY

BIG MEETING BEING HELD IN GROVE NEAR ELGIN.

Is Annual Rally of American S. S Union, Schools in Northeast End of County Joining

The annual rally of the Sunday Schools in the Northeast end of the county organized by the American Sunday School Union, will be held today at Knight's Grove, about three miles from Elgin. The meeting will commence in the morning, with addresses by E. R. Martin, the district superintendent of the American S. S. Union for Oregon, Washington and Idaho; by W. F. Landrum, of La Grande, president of the Union County Sunday Schol Association; and by Jno Hodgin, of La Grande. The afternoon program will include addresses by Rev. R. Coker, pastor of the Christian church in La Grande, and by D. D. Randall, who is the Union's missions for the three counties of Baker, Union and Wallowa, with headquarters in this city. The addresses will follow one of the most important features of the program, a great basket dinner. All the visitors will be welcome to take their lunch along and enjoy a picnic with the others at the rally.

Superintendent Martin, who arrived yesterday, accompanied Mr. Randall to Elgin yesterday to make final arrangements in regard to the details of the rally.

"DESERT RAT" DUE ON TUESDAY

LOS ANGELES MAN MAKING LONG TRIP ON WAGER.

Left Home With $10.00 to Cross Continent and Return, Earning Expense Money.

For a couple of days this week La Grande will entertain Jimmy Drake, of Los Angeles, California, and his traveling companion, Col. Stanley, who have driven from Los Angeles in Mr. Drake's Maxwell, the "Desert Rat," to the Atlantic coast and back this far on their way to a $5,000 check which was wagered against them on their performance. Drake left his home city with $10 and was to make the whole trip in the car without drawing on his reserve funds for expense money. John E. Anderson, local Maxwell dealer, has received word that they will arrive in La Grande Tuesday and will stop over a couple of days.

From Detroit, where a visit was paid to the Maxwell factory, the return trip has been made via Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, Newcastle, Indianapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee and Bismarck, N. Dak., where the first accident to occur in the 10,000 miles of their trip met them. They were driving along a country road when several school children ran in front of the car. The driver swerved the machine and it went head first into a deep mud hole, the front end of the car sinking until the radiator cap was almost submerged. The machine was not damaged, however, and it was not long until the tourists were on their way again.

SHOPMEN TO STICK WITH THEIR GUNS

INTERVENTION OF PRESIDENT FAILS TO SEND THEM BACK TO WORK.

WILL STAY OUT UNTIL CONCESSION IS MADE

Conferences Held at Chicago to Influence Men to Return to Jobs Are Dominated By Representatives of the Shopmen's Union, Causing Failure of Efforts Made.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Representatives of the Chicago council of the federated railway shopmen's union, which called a strike on August 1 in defiance of the international officers of the shop craft, today dominated conferences at which some of the international officers sought to have the men return to work in obedience to the wishes of President Wilson.

The council sent a telegram to the President stating that unless some concession can be made the attitude of the men would remain unchanged and they will stay on strike. The secretary of the council asserted that notwithstanding the claims of the international officers and railroad officials that not more than 40,000 were on strike, and that not fewer than 250,000 were out.

In Chicago the secretary said no men had returned to work. In the Chicago district only a few had resumed work, at Champaign, Illinois, he said.

At the request of the district council, former Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, last night telegraphed to President Wilson a recommendation that the director general take up the subject with the view to bringing harmony between international officers and the heads of the men's committees or confer with the committees direct by having them go to Washington and sit with the grand lodge president in the conference, so that an agreement to get the men back at once might be reached.

The council asserted that their committee sent to Washington to serve notice of the strike decision were unable to secure a conference with the international officers or the railroad administration, hence the strike was called as ordered by the convention, and will remain in effect until some concession of the original demands presented on February 19, and retroactive to February 19, is granted.

Johnston Loses Singles Championship to William Tilden, of Philadelphia

NEWPORT, Aug. 9.—William Tilden, of Philadelphia, defeated William Johnston, of, San Francisco, in the final round of of the tennis single tournament.

BIG TRUCK WILL HAUL LUMBER

FELKER & GALLAGHER PURCHASE F. W. D. FROM McCRARY

Will Be Used In Transporting Lumber In The Elgin Country

Another firm to see the merits of the auto truck for lumber hauling in Eastern Oregon is the firm of Felker & Gallagher of Elgin who have just purchased one of the new F. W. D. five thousand dollar trucks from the McCrary Auto Company. The machine has been delivered and is now at work.

"One of the great advantages of this truck," said Mr. McCrary, "is it's power on the front as well as the rear wheels. It is made to last forever and a day and is a sturdy piece of machinery. In the army in France the government used many of the F. W. D. trucks but until recently it was not possible to procure them for this territory."