

## PORTION OF STRIKERS RETURNED

### RAILROAD EMPLOYEES IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ARE BACK ON JOB.

## TO TRAINS ARE YET MOVING TO LOS ANGELES

President is Asked to Intervene in the Controversy Between Steel Workers and United States Steel Corporation to Prevent a Walk-Out of the Operatives.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Railroad employes have returned to work throughout central California. Trains have not been sent to Los Angeles, where the strike is still on. Though the railways are willing to receive the men back on the former terms, not a single complete train crew has reported for work in Los Angeles and despite the international official's orders.

### Ask President to Intervene.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The president will be asked to take a hand in the controversy between the steel workers and the United States Steel corporation in an effort to prevent a general strike of the steel workers, it is announced. The workers claim the steel corporation is trying to force an issue before the president can handle it by "discharging men wholesale to force a strike."

## QUEEN CONTEST ON WITH A RUSH

### SEVERAL YOUNG LADIES HAVE ALREADY ENTERED.

Nominations Will Close Tomorrow Night, Is the Agreement Reached.

### NOMINATIONS FOR QUEEN.

- Miss Helen Sims,
- Miss Belle Dahlstrom,
- Miss Stella Desilet,
- Miss Lois Given,
- Miss Mae Keefer,
- Miss Lena Gerber,
- Miss Goldie Walker,
- Mrs. LoDesche Graham.

The Central Labor Council queen contest started with quite a number of entries from the ranks of the young ladies of La Grande and vicinity and there will doubtless be a keen rivalry between the locals to elect their respective candidates.

Besides the high honor, the prizes to be given, which are on an exhibition in the jewelry stores, are beautiful and are naturally desired by any young lady. The voting box is at Levy-Vogel's drug store. The queens will participate in the parade Monday and be given the highest position of honor within the power of the Labor Council.

At a meeting of the Central Labor Council last night it was decided to eliminate the possibility of late entries and to give the present nominees the benefit of all their effort from the start, and in order to do that all nominations must be in by tomorrow evening. The final and complete list of candidates will be published Sunday morning. Up until tomorrow, any lady will be eligible to enter who is a friend to organized labor.

**Conductor's Medicine Retained.**  
The suitcase, belonging to Conductor L. H. Nelson, stolen from the O. W. train here during the visit of the circus Monday, was found in one of the coaches of the circus train and returned to him. Chief of Police Roberts reported today that the suitcase was taken from the suitcase returned by an official of the circus at La Grande and he had been notified of the failure of the circus to return all of the contents. The chief has been reading much easier since the circus got out of Pendleton.

## TRIBUTE TO JAMES WATT, INVENTOR

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Aug. 12.—Tribute to the genius of James Watt, "dean of British inventors," for his services in improving the modern steam engine, will be paid at Birmingham when, on September 16, 17 and 18, the centenary of his death will be commemorated.

An effort is being made to found at Birmingham an international permanent memorial to Watt's achievements with the intention of "making Birmingham to engineers of the world, what Stratford on Avon is to lovers of Shakespeare and Mecca to the followers of Mahomet." Two Birmingham manufacturing firms have subscribed \$5,000 each to this permanent memorial fund.

## BOLSHEVIKI HAVE CAPTURED TOWNS

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The towns of Kupiansk and Paulouk on the Don river have been captured by Bolsheviks, it is reported.

## BOTH FINED AND JAILED

### BOOTLEGGER CASE FAILS TO REVEAL SOURCE OF WHISKEY

Charles Hyde Sentenced But Will Not Tell From Whom He Secured the Booze.

While a very interesting case in Judge Eakin's court this morning brought forth a fine of \$150 and a ninety day jail sentence for Charles Hyde, that gentleman resolutely refused to tell who the man is who furnished him the whiskey. The case really hinges upon Chief Christiansen's booze-hound qualifications, for when William Wallace stepped into the stairway of the La Grande National Bank to take a drink—out of a bottle—the chief became very suspicious. When the lad emerged with the cork and part of the seal showing the officer grabbed him and shoved him in jail. Then came the implication of Hyde, for on the witness stand Wallace claimed he gave Hyde nine dollars in perfectly good money. This happened in front of the Pastime pool hall. A few minutes later Hyde and Wallace entered the toilet where a third man was who had brought in a pint of whiskey and set it on the floor. Wallace says that the stranger put some money into his pocket and that Hyde picked up the bottle of booze, the two—Wallace and Hyde broke the seal and each took a drink. Then Wallace placed the bottle in his pocket and went down the street only to meet his fate when Christiansen focused his optics on his actions.

Hyde was called to the stand and denied that he had ever owned the whiskey, stating that he merely fell for the requests of young Wallace to get him some booze, and that he dealt not even as an agent but in a friendly way. This went fine until City Attorney Slater squared himself and said, "please tell the court, Mr. Hyde, who was the man who brought in the whiskey." Mr. Hyde hesitated a moment and informed the court that he would not tell. Then young Wallace was asked who the chief bootlegger was and he did not know. After the trial had progressed to the point where there was nothing more to flesh out, Judge Eakin informed Mr. Hyde that he was found guilty of violating the city ordinances and that, inasmuch as he refused to tell the name of the party who furnished the whiskey he would be sentenced to ninety days in jail and fined \$150. This did not move Hyde and he took the sentence without revealing the man's name.

Just who Wallace is was not quite clear. He appeared to be a willing witness after he had been caught and stated positively that he would know the man who furnished the whiskey if he could see him again. The police are expecting an excursion of bootleggers from the city before Wallace gets his eyes on the proper party.

"We are going to break up this nefarious business," said Chief Christiansen. "The bootleggers are thriving in and about La Grande. We have them spotted and they are not fooling us, but with a wink they have an advantage in that they can make their getaway to the city limits and there our jurisdiction ends."

It is probable that the sheriff's office and the police department may cooperate according to reports and clear the city authorities of the charge. The sheriff's department made up the charges, this forcing a demand which put upon the sheriff's office a difficult situation. The pint bottle of whiskey to get evidence was apparently a bottle of whisky and according to Attorney Slater and Chief Christiansen "it looks like whiskey and smells like whiskey."

## NEW CHANGE ASKED FOR THE TREATY

### COMMITTEE ADOPTS AMENDMENT INTENDED TO SECURE EQUAL REPRESENTATION.

## SENATOR KNOX SAYS THE TREATY IS IMPRACTICABLE

Cannot Be Enforced But Will Lay the Foundation of Centuries of Blood-Spilling—Advocates Negotiation of Separate Peace With Hard, Cruel Terms Imposed On Germany.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The foreign relations committee adopted another amendment to the peace treaty providing that the United States have as many representatives as the British empire in the league of nations assembly.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Declaring that the peace treaty cannot be enforced but will lay the foundation for centuries of "blood-letting," Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, told the senate that the United States should decline to become a party to the Versailles settlement. Senator Knox said the United States should negotiate a separate peace, with "hard, cruel terms" imposed as penalties on Germany, which has violated international law and engendered strife.

### THE CLOSING UNION SERVICE.

Next Sunday evening at 8 p. m. will be held the closing union service at Riverside Park. The Community Chorus will give an hour of special music, and Rev. R. H. Coker, minister of the Christian Church will speak on the Bible as a subject. Mr. Coker gave this address at the Eastern Oregon Christian Convention held at Milton two months ago, and it created not a little interest among Bible students and preachers as well as among a large number of others in attendance.

The Ministerial Association desires to express the appreciation of the excellent song service the Community Chorus has rendered at all of these meetings. They are glad that La Grande has a Community Chorus of such merit, and hope to see it grow to a larger number. They sing well and are worthy of patronage. The association also wishes to thank the public for its interest and attendance at all of these meetings. They are pleased to say that at least several hundred have regularly attended these services at the City Park.

### FAIR AND CONTINUED WARM.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—For Oregon, fair, continued warm except cooler in interior and southwest portion on Saturday. Gentle northwest orly winds.

## BRICHOUX HAD AN ACCOMPLICE

SALEM, Aug. 29.—Dave Brichoux has been brought back to the penitentiary. He declared that the seven-year old brother of E. E. Southwick, the other prisoner who escaped, was an accomplice in the escape.

## WILL PHOTOGRAPH FOREST FIRES

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—State Biologist Finley is to try tomorrow to take moving pictures of Oregon forest fires from a patrol air machine for educational and research work.

## LONGEST DROUGHT KNOWN TO STATE

### MUCH GRAIN HAS BEEN CUT FOR HAY IN OREGON.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Potato Yield Will Be Cut On Account of Dry Weather—Gardens Reported Dying.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—The present drought in Oregon is the most prolonged on record, says the local weather bureau in its weekly summary of weather and crop conditions in Oregon. The temperature generally was above normal last week. No rain of consequence fell anywhere. Over most of the state vegetation is very dry. Streams, springs and wells continued to fail. Forest fires are numerous and hard to control and in many places the air is heavy with smoke. The continued dry weather has been favorable to farm work, except that the beginning of plowing has been delayed. Wheat, oats, rye and barley are mature except in a few of the most elevated localities; the greater part of the acreage has been harvested, an unusual percentage having been cut for hay. Threshing is in progress. Irrigated corn continues to make good growth but unirrigated corn is mostly suffering from drought.

Prunes are ripening rapidly. Peaches and pears are plentiful. Harvest of evergreen blackberries continues. Much of the unirrigated fruit is of small size. The third cutting of alfalfa is in progress in some of the warmer districts, the yield being good where there has been sufficient water for irrigation. In a number of places alfalfa is suffering for lack of sufficient water. Pasturage continues to deteriorate, though there is still good feed in some mountain ranges. Over considerable areas stock is beginning to show the effects of short feed. The scarcity of stock water is increasing. Some stock is being taken off the range owing to danger from forest fires.

Potatoes are maturing rapidly. Irrigated potatoes promise good yields but the yield in unirrigated districts will be considerably lessened by the prolonged drought and high temperature. Unirrigated gardens are drying up. Hop picking will begin next week, the yield being somewhat below normal, owing to drought.

### Canadian Expert a Witness.

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## REPORT ON SPRUCE IS GIVEN OUT

### SENATOR THOMAS DEFENDS RYAN FROM "INSINUATIONS" MADE BY COMMITTEE

## CANADIAN AIR CRAFT MAN CALLED AS A WITNESS

Says That His Government Secured 26,500,000 Feet of Spruce in Six Months, Period Cheaper than Material in the United States—No Soldiers Employed.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, defended John D. Ryan, former assistant secretary of war in charge of aircraft production, from the "insinuations" in the report made last night to Secretary Baker by the two Republican members of the congressional sub-committee now in Portland investigating the spruce production. The report alleged that approximately \$5,000,000 of government funds were squandered in the construction of thirty-eight miles of railroad for spruce production, and converted to the uses of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, of which Ryan is a director.

While the committee may have found waste in the aircraft funds, Thomas said that the insinuations against Ryan were unjust and unreasonable. He read a letter from Disque saying that Ryan had no connection with the construction of the government road.

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## BOLSHEVIK HAVE COURAGEOUS CHIEF

### Intrepid Leader in Siberia Is Object of Much Speculation by Allied Forces

MENDVEJIA GORA, RUSSIAN LAPLAND, July 4.—Legends are springing up among the peasants in the territory about the Murmansk railway front, where American railway troops assisted the Russo-Allied forces against the Bolsheviks, about the personality of a Bolshevik chief-tain known as Sprodonoff.

Like the notorious "Maxo," a daring Bolshevik bandit whose fame has become widespread in the Ukraine, Sprodonoff has never been seen by any of the allied forces, though captured documents and overheard telephone conversations between Bolshevik commanders, convince the allies that Sprodonoff exists.

One of the stories about him is that, as Bolshevik commander of operations on the Murmansk front, he has been twice wounded, but now insists on being carried to the front in a chair, from which he directs front line operations. From peasants it is learned that he combines great personal daring with absolute ruthlessness in dealing with those who oppose him.

## CONVENTION OF FOUR L'S

### LOGGERS AND LUMBERMEN TO MEET TOMORROW.

### Big Time is Expected to Wind Up With Grand Ball at the Rex Hall Tomorrow Evening.

Tomorrow is to be loggers' and lumbermen's day in La Grande. A convention of all crafts of lumber production and distribution will be held at the city hall. Ex-Mayor Alboe of Portland, is to be one of the principal speakers and all phases of the lumber industry affecting both employe and employer are to be gone over for the mutual benefit of those engaged in this great industry.

As a climax to the convention a big dance is to be given at Rex Hall in the evening. Music will be furnished by a competent orchestra and there will be a line of refreshments in keeping with the general spirit of the occasion. It is expected that there will be a very large attendance both at the official part of the convention and at the closing festivities in the evening.

### TAPT RECEIVES PUZZLING LETTERS.

LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 29.—Having received 1825 letters in five years from so local resident whose writing was so poor the letters could not be read, former President William H. Taft, through his secretary, has asked Walter J. Desmond, postmaster here, to find the anonymous correspondent and ascertain what it is all about. W. W. Wisahler, Mr. Taft's secretary, writes that the missives seldom bear sufficient postage. Each letter generally covers six closely-written sheets. The opening lines always are:

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,  
The dark unathomed caves of ocean bear."

## STRIKES ADVOCATED AS A LAST RESORT

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The strike characterized as a "two-edged weapon" which should be used only as a last resort in enforcing worker's demands by James Henry Thomas, a member of Parliament for Derby and general secretary of the National Railways Union in his first public address after returning from a visit to the United States where he stated the labor situation.

America had strengthened her economic situation during the war and controlled or produced everything that the rest of the world required, Mr. Thomas declared. Unless England at once regained the losses of the post-war years, he said, disaster would stare the country in the face.

The speaker said he believed that the government itself did as much to popularize the strike by refusing to negotiate today what they would negotiate tomorrow merely on the threat of a strike.

The first essential is that confidence immediately be restored to the working classes," Mr. Thomas stated. "Employers must realize that the men and women who were responsible for saving the country expected fair and square dealing while working on their part, must not be carried away by the mistaken notion that wealth consisted in mere paper money—but must remember that the nation had to rely not only on confidence, but the confidence of the world."

## ROUTE IS MAPPED FOR PRESIDENT

### WILL VISIT THIRTY CITIES AND TOUR WILL LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30.

## DATE FOR PORTLAND IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 15

### Will Take Northern Route to Spokane and Will Return By Way of Salt Lake and Denver and As Far As Memphis—In Many Instances Will Speak Twice in One Day.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The President will visit thirty cities and will be absent from Washington until September 30. His first address will be next Thursday at Columbus. He will then proceed to Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Bismarck, Billings, Helena, Coeur d'Alene and is to be in Spokane September 12. He will make addresses at Tacoma and Seattle on the 14th and at Portland on September 15. He is to be in San Francisco on the 18th and will then visit San Diego, Los Angeles, Reno, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Denver, Pueblo, Wichita, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Memphis and Louisville. In many instances he will make two addresses a day in two different cities.

## CADDEN HAD A BUG IN HIS EAR

### STORY OF AIR PERFORMER NOW IN LA GRANDE.

### Man Does Everything in Flight Except Step Out and Watch the Flying Machine Go By.

The following story comes from Seattle:

Somebody put a bug into Sergeant Cadden's ear, or was it a fly? Well, anyhow, somebody put some insect in his ear just casually mentioning, "Yo know, Cad, some army officer was enervating the neurotics of the gentle public by getting out on the wing of an aeroplane while in flight toether day."

A gentle ripple of merriment appeared on Sergeant Cadden's face that might have been likened to a real artistic description of a celebrated work of art entitled, "Sunrise in Ireland." All of this including the Hibernian accent of Eros, occurred slightly previous to an ascent of the aeroplane of the Watkins-Warner Aero Circus, of which Sergeant Cadden is a star member, and that particular ascent was made for the sole purpose of increasing the pulse of the throngs "vox populi" assembled, gathered together, and others assembled for the sole purpose of being t-h-r-i-l-l-e-d.

Sergeant Cadden goes aboard, the motor is started, and the machine is seen to pat along, the field in graceful strides and then take the air, rising rapidly to a height of several thousand feet when in full view of the multitude Cadden could be seen crawling around and over that aeroplane—yes, over it, under it, and everywhere else, on the wings, on the fuselage, down on the landing gear.

Such the scene as that individual down at the depot goes over the baggage express cars with a hammer, Cadden did everything but stand off to one side and look at it, and there were grave doubts as to whether or not that was his intention. Perhaps on thinking the matter over he decided to put that little duty off until some other time, as he finally got back into his seat. Possibly he wrote an inspection report during the remainder of the flight. Anyhow, when he came back to the flying field again the friend that whispered in his ear was nowhere in sight.

Sergeant Cadden is with the air circus and will be seen in flights all next week.

## His Broad Acres

