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AGREEMENT IS TO BE PEACEFUL

SECOND CONFERENCE IS CALLED TODAY BY SECRETARY DAVIS.

OTHER DISPUTES WILL BE AMICABLY SETTLED

Alexander Howatt, of Kansas Miners Executive Committee, Has Called Strike of Miners In Defiance of the Industrial Court Ruling.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—The agreement between the packers and the employees through which the present wages and the other disputes will be amicably adjusted, was forecast today a short time before the second conference of the spokesmen for both sides with Secretary of Labor Davis.

Miners On Strike.
PITTSBURGH, Kan., Mar. 22.—Alexander Howatt, of the Kansas miners' executive committee, has called a strike of 150 miners, in defiance of the court industrial relations and the injunction of the district court.

Cut Accepted in Milwaukee.
MILWAUKEE, Mar. 22.—A wage cut of from 10 to 15 per cent went into effect yesterday for about 2000 Milwaukee packing house workers. Cudahy Brothers' workers accepted the wage cut when the plant agreed to retain the eight-hour day. Other packing house workers in connection with the national union referendum have voted to strike.

Kansas Workers Favor Strike.
CHICAGO, Mar. 22.—Stockyard employees in the Wichita, Kan., yards of the big five packers voted, 861 to 31 in favor of a strike, according to the official tabulation received at union headquarters here.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

MONDAY USHERS IN THE NEW SEASON.

If All Goes Well, Windy, Stormy Weather Ought to Be Over With Now.

Spring blew in yesterday morning. Those wise in matters pertaining to the weather say that spring comes at the height of the equinoctial storms. However that is, the storm of the past few days continued yesterday morning. But, by afternoon, things had calmed down a bit, the sun shone and even confirmed overcast wearers ventured forth without the heavy coats that have been doing service for a number of months and need a rest and overhauling.

While the last few days of winter were true to March form, there was plenty of advance spring weather during the early part of the month. Now if everything goes according to schedule the balmy spring weather should continue unmolested until its natural time is up.

BOLSHEVIKI OCCUPY BATUM

CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 22.—The Russian Bolsheviks have occupied Batum, after this city was evacuated by the Turks. The Bolsheviks pillaged the town.

I've Heard This?

By STRICKLAND GILMAN

He Had Said Others.
The lawyer said to the plaintiff on cross-examination:
"You can positively identify these chickens as your own?"
"Yes sir."
"How?"
"I know the breed."
"Hah! Well, suppose I told you I had some exactly like those, in my own yard?"
"Well, these ain't the first of my chickens that's been took."

PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED BY PRESIDENT HARDING CALLING SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 11

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—A proclamation convening congress in a special session at noon, April 11, was issued today by President Harding. The tariff and tax revisions would be the principal subjects before the new congress, but many other important subjects, including the transportation problem, the regulation of the packing and coal industries, and immigration restrictions, are expected to be taken up.

None of the subjects to be considered were mentioned in the President's call, which said that the public interests require congress to be convened "to receive such communications as may be made by the executive."

Five Men Now Under Arrest, Wanted In Connection With Wall Street Bomb Explosion.

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 22.—Five men, shackled hand and foot, were brought here today from Rio de Janeiro on the steamer Itashville. The five men are said to be wanted in connection with the Wall street bomb explosion which occurred last year. They were arrested on the steamer City of Alton, while working as members of the crew and were put in prison at Rio de Janeiro, where the Itashville picked them up.

No Evidence Found.
WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—Chief Flynn, of the department of justice bureau of investigation, said that the five men at New Orleans are being investigated in connection with the Wall street explosion, but that no evidence had been found connecting them with it.

FREIGHT TRAIN RUNS OVER MAN STOCK SHOW MEETING HELD

GEORGE MURRAY HAS BOTH LEGS CUT OFF.
Accident Happened Near City—Friend Of Injured Man Risks Life To Save Him.

J. F. Hutchinson Will Head Organization For the Coming Year.
W. B. Davis Secretary.

George Murray, of Spokane, was beating his way on an east-bound freight train this morning when he fell off, was run over and had both his legs cut off. The freight was going along at a 30 miles an hour clip when the accident happened. His partner, Lee Shaver, jumped off the freight, lighting on his head but not seriously injuring him, took a couple of handkerchiefs and tied up the stubs and then ran to La Grande, a mile or more distant, to call aid.

Murray was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital, where he was reported resting easily this afternoon, with good chances for recovery. The accident occurred a mile or more east of La Grande.

Shaver says that Murray is a game chap. However, Shaver himself is somewhat of a game chap, a freight rambling along at a 30-mile clip being a pretty dangerous proposition when it comes to jumping off, especially if one is wise to the game of travelling on them, as Shaver apparently is.

COUNTY COURT MOVES CRUSHER

NORTH POWDER, Mar. 22.—The stone crusher installed on the river road has been dismantled and moved from the uncompleted job. The power plant, machinery and tools were moved from the site late last week and it is unofficially announced that the county court has decided to abandon all post road work in the south end of the county for what, in its opinion, is more important work in the vicinity of Union and Cove. The crusher installed at North Powder a few weeks before the November election last year was to have been a permanent fixture in the south end of the county and the Powder River and Clover Creek roads were to have been graded and gravelled. A part of the river road has been completed and no work at all has been performed in the Clover creek district.

ROSS LESLIE MAKES GOOD AS DETECTIVE

Ross Leslie, of the Inland Motor company, qualified as a detective yesterday morning. A sneak thief removed a parcel containing an auto radio from the garage just before Leslie entered. Leslie jumped into his car and chased the thief. He collared him, jerked him into the car, and drove him to police headquarters. The man is registered as Harry Pierce, and the police allege that he is a drug addict. He will be tried tomorrow, remaining in the city jail in the meantime.

EGGS WILL BE LOWER BY THE END OF WEEK

BUYERS ARE PREDICTING 15-CENT EGGS IN PORTLAND.
Owing to No Shipping Outlet, the Supply is the Heaviest It Has Been For Several Years.

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—The larger buyers were offering 18 cents for eggs today, and predicted 15 cents before the end of the week, owing to the heaviest of supplies of years, with no shipping outlet. The public market is selling eggs at 26 cents. It is reported that storage operators cannot get financial assistance.

The price of cattle was steady today, hogs firm, sheep one dollar lower, east of the mountain lambs bringing \$7.50 and \$8.25; eggs are demoralized, but steady.

TRAIN RUNS INTO SLIDE

PATRICK B. COYNE, ENGINEER, IS KILLED.
Cloudburst Causes Slide Near Lyle, Wn.—None of the Coaches Left the Track Last Evening.

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—Patrick B. Coyne, engineer, was killed last night when the Spokane, Portland and Seattle train for Bend ran into a landslide near Lyle, Washington, caused by a cloudburst. The engine toppled over and Coyne was crushed to death. The fireman escaped by jumping. No cars left the track and none of the passengers were hurt.

FEDERAL MEN ARE KILLED

EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 22.—Federal prohibition agents S. E. Beckett and Arch Woods were shot to death early today when the prohibition agents were hunting for liquor on a ranch owned by Neil T. Sherman, near here.

REPLY WILL BE IN NEGATIVE

BERLIN, Mar. 22.—Germany's reply to the entente demand for the payment before March 23, of one billion marks of gold to apply on the reparation obligation, will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today.

HOTELMEN OF STATE BALK AT INCREASED PHONE RATES DURING PORTLAND MEETING YESTERDAY

SUPER-DREADNAUGHT LAUNCHED AT CAMDEN

CAMDEN, N. J., Mar. 22.—The superdreadnaught Colorado was launched at the New York shipbuilding corporation yard here today.

The Colorado is the second of the eleven great superdreadnaughts authorized in 1916 to be launched. A sister ship, the Maryland, is now nearing completion at Newport News and probably will be commissioned this year.

There are five ships of this class, the first in the American navy to be armed with 16-inch rifles. The others now building are the Maryland, Washington and West Virginia and all five were given names previously assigned to armored cruisers, which since have been named for cities.

Although far more powerful than any American warships now in commission, the Colorado class will be surpassed by the other six battleships authorized in 1916 and known as the Massachusetts-Iowa class. The Colorado class mount eight 16-inch guns each, whereas the others will carry twelve such guns.

FAVOR RESOLUTION ASKING FOR REHEARING ON INCREASE.

PAT FOLEY DECLARES SERVICE NOT WORTH IT

Other Cities and Towns of Oregon Are Invited By Portland City Council to Join the Movement—Threats to Take Out Phones Are Made.

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—The Portland city council late yesterday asked Governor Olcott to instruct the attorney general to take steps for a rehearing of the telephone rate case and also invited other cities to join Portland in the fight.

The Oregon hotelmen decided to tender payment for service at the old rates, and will fight through the courts any attempt of the company to cut off the service until a final settlement before the public service commission is made. They adopted a resolution asking the commission for a rehearing.

The vote came as the final action of the body on the matter after a discussion of grievances by members and a presentation of the side of the telephone company by C. E. Hickman, state manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, and Company Engineer Flegel. About 50 hotel owners, including a fair representation from all parts of the state as well as Portland, were present at the meeting.

Company's Attitude Resented.
Mr. Hickman was greeted by the members present and by George A. Mansfield, of Medford, president of the Oregon farm bureau, for the action of the company and its attitude relative to the rate rise protest.

When questioned why the rates reported to have been increased about 30 per cent, according to the commission's ruling had raised rates for hotel owners in amounts ranging from 50 to 225 per cent, Mr. Hickman stated that in prior telephone rate increases the company has sought to place a fair share of the burden on the hotel exchanges, as well as upon the business houses and private telephones, he declared.

Statements were freely made that the hotel men would take their exchanges out rather than submit to the new rates.

"The service isn't worth it," declared Pat Foley, of The Dalles, in response to Mr. Hickman's statement that he felt the service was worth the charge.

Shouts of "you're right, Pat," came from all parts of the room.

"What I want to know," continued Mr. Foley, "is why I can put in a four-party line in my hotel at a cost of \$1.75 a month for each phone, while it costs me \$2.50 a month for each phone when I have my own switchboard?"

"We are going to take our phones out," interrupted W. C. Birdsell, of Bend, with some heat, "and in addition the business men of Bend are going to consider taking every Pacific phone out of the city."

"The farmers of Oregon had to stand for price deflations and no argument can convince them at the present time that a rise in telephone rates is just," declared Mr. Mansfield. "Before the farmers will submit to it they will order out their telephones."

His sentiments were echoed by a number of the hotel men present.

Harrisburg in Action.
HARRISBURG, Mar. 22.—Refusal to pay the increased telephone rates and recall of the public service commission was emphasized in resolutions passed at a mass meeting of farmer telephone users, held here Saturday afternoon.

The rate on farm telephones was increased 100 per cent. Residence telephones in town were increased 30 per cent and quite a number of these telephones already have been ordered disconnected. As yet, however, the telephone company has taken none of the telephones out.

Explosion in Laboratory.
ATLANTA, Mar. 22.—Professor Bliss and several students were injured in an explosion in the laboratory at Emory university today.

TUBERCULAR CATTLE KILLED

ONE HERD HAD 74 PER CENT CONDEMNED.

Six Herds in La Grande Have All Sick Animals Weeded Out—Family Cows Are Found Healthy.

As the result of the tuberculin test being applied to six dairy herds in La Grande, 25 cows have been slaughtered because they were found to be tubercular. Fourteen family cows were also tested, according to the report just made by G. W. Trubey, who had charge of the work. Owners of all condemned cows will be reimbursed by the county, state and federal authorities as provided by law.

Dr. Trubey's report outlines in detail the results of his tests. The largest percentage of tuberculosis was found in a herd furnishing milk to a creamery, and retailing to hotels, restaurants and confectionaries, as well. In this herd 20 cows out of 27 were condemned, making 74 per cent tubercular.

The total number of animals inspected in the four herds is 134, leaving 109 healthy cows. One herd of 21 showed 3, or 14 per cent, tubercular; one herd of 14 cows, or 7 per cent, tubercular. Three herds, containing 11 and 25 animals, respectively, showed no tubercular animals. One of the latter herds was used entirely for furnishing milk to a creamery, while the other herds all sold to a retail dealer.

Dr. Trubey is working under the university extension and testing done by him is at no expense to the owner. It is necessary, however, for owners to agree to kill all animals found to be tubercular. In the case of grade cows, the reimbursement is sufficient to represent a fair market price of the animal.

LEGISLATORS OF COUNTY FEASTED

CITY OF UNION GIVES DINNER FOR MEMBERS OF SESSION

Event Was One of Great Pleasure to Everyone Who Attended—Many Speeches Made.

UNION, Mar. 22.—(Special.)—A general love feast and booster meeting was the result of last night's gathering, when the Commercial club gave a dinner for the Union county delegation in the legislature.

An excellent dinner was prepared by the ladies of Union and the attendance was large, everyone being desirous of expressing appreciation to the delegation of the work done in the last session, and anxious to hear the story of what was done at Salem along different lines.

M. S. Levy was toastmaster. After the last dinner course he called attention to the object of the meeting and in a few well-chosen words gave welcome to the guests. Senator Colman R. Eberhard spoke on the work of the session and gave a complete outline of many of the important measures that were up for consideration. Representative Hunter told of the work done in the House, as well as in the Senate, giving a few highlights that furnished additional information, as well as gave the entertainment feature for the evening. Bruce Dennis, of the Observer, was present and was called upon for a few remarks during the evening.

Responses to talks made by the visitors came from George Benson, former county clerk of Union county, Mayor Marion Davis of Union, Rev. Hughes, and several other citizens of Union.

It was a gathering of good cheer and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

GAME LAWS ARE RECEIVED HERE

NEW GAME LAWS PROVIDE FOR LICENSE CHANGES.

Trout Season Moved Up Two Weeks—Bass Fishing Is Now Open In This District.

Copies of the Oregon game laws have been received here during the past week. The main changes in the laws are in increasing the license fees and deferring the season until April 15, April 1 having been the beginning of the trout season heretofore.

Resident angler's license fees are \$3 this year and county hunters' license for persons between 14 and 18 years of age, entitling the holders to angle in the residents county only can be had for \$1.50. Combination hunter's and angler's licenses are \$5.

The state game commission or the county clerks will issue free licenses to civil war veterans, Indian war veterans and pioneers who became residents of Oregon prior to the year 1890 and Spanish-American war veterans who are residents of the Oregon state soldiers' home.

Unnaturalized persons must first obtain a \$25 gun license if they wish to fish or hunt, as well as both hunting and fishing licenses.

Trout fishing in district No. 2 of the state, which includes the territory east of the Cascades, begins April 15 and the season closes November 30. The limit is one day 25 fish or 20 pounds and but 60 fish or 50 pounds can be taken in one week. The limit allowed in one's possession at one time is 60 fish or 40 pounds.

Bass fishing is open from June 15 to April 15 of the following year, the limit being the same as for trout fishing. Catfish, carp, perch and sunfish can be taken at any time of the year, the limit being 20 pounds or 30 fish in one day.

The Beauty Doctor



WELL, D' GIRL IM GOING TO FIX YOU UP SO YOU'LL BE JUST ABOUT THE PRETTIEST LITTLE PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE

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