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LABOR MEN PROBE ROAD SITUATION

REPORTS OF ALIENS WORKING ON HIGHWAY STILL PERSIST.

INVESTIGATION MAY LEAD TO REQUEST FOR ACTION

One Contractor Hiring Citizens Declares that Americans are Good Workers—Service Men Claim They Were Turned Down—Contractors Hiring Foreigners Deny Charges.

This afternoon a number of representatives of the Central Labor Council went to Perry to investigate conditions in the road camp. It is also possible that they will go on to Casey, where it has also been reported that large numbers of foreigners are at work, while Americans applying for work are turned down.

In spite of statements by the contractors to the contrary, large numbers of foreigners are reported arriving to go to work, while Americans are not given an opportunity. Early were in a local store making purchases and told the clerk that they had come here to work and were going out this morning.

Representatives of the Central Labor Council expect, if conditions are found to be as they are reported, to lay the facts before Governor Olcott in order that action can be taken to force the contractors to give preference to American labor as is required of them in the contracts with the state.

Road work on the contracts recently let to the Security Construction company will probably begin next week, according to F. M. Sturgill, representing the company. The company is opening offices here today in the West-Jacobson building in the rooms formerly occupied by Attorney Eastman. Mr. Sturgill stated today that he has at present a small camp on a contract between Starkey and Hilgard and the men there, about 20 in number, are all local residents. This company has another contract at Pendleton and the camp there is also composed entirely of Americans.

Americans Good Workers.

In discussing the American citizen as a laborer, Mr. Sturgill says that he has always found that he can rely on Americans doing good work and that he believes there is much in knowing how to handle men. He will have several hundred men at work when all of his contracts are started.

H. E. Williams, representing the Rajotte-Winter company, which has the contract from La Grande to within a half a mile of Hilgard, stated today that, because of delay in receiving the steam shovel, the camp at Perry had not been in a position to hire men. Teams are expected today, these teams having been rented from Union county people.

Sub-Contracts Not Let.

The steam shovel was scheduled to arrive last Wednesday, but will not be here before next Wednesday. Several sub-contracts have been let and others are to be let yet, he declared. If local men wish to take these contracts, Mr. Williams stated, they have the privilege of bidding on them. About 20 men are at Perry now, the only work being done now being the building of the camp.

According to Max Kuncy, resident engineer for the state highway commission for the La Grande-Kamela section of the road, about 90 men are now at work at Casey and near Hilgard on the section of road being graded by the Elliott-Scroggins company.

Slaves Are Excited.

Mr. Kuncy declared that the station work was work that Americans seldom do and that practically all such work is done by foreigners. At Casey, he declared, the agitation against foreign labor has resulted in causing considerable excitement among the Austrians and Slavs. However, they are continuing their work and more are reported coming in every day. The full force on this section of road will be about 150 men, while on the lower end where Rajotte-Winters are working about 60 men will be all that will be hired.

NEW WORLD RECORD MADE

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 29.—The new world record of 55.4 seconds was made by A. Desch of Notre Dame university, in the first heat of the 440 yard hurdles today.

Townley Is Denied New Trial By Court

President of National Non-Partisan League and Partner Were Convicted of Conspiracy.

ST. PAUL, Apr. 29.—The state supreme court denied a new trial to A. C. Townley, president of the national non-partisan league, and Joseph Gilbert, former organization manager of the league, convicted of conspiracy to teach sedition. The case was tried on June 23, 1919.

LIFE OF THREE IS ENDANGERED

MACHINE CRASHES INTO WIRE ACROSS STREET.

Mrs. David I. Stoddard and Children Escape Unhurt When Car Is Partly Demolished.

Mrs. David I. Stoddard and two of her young children had a miraculous escape from death shortly after nine o'clock this morning, when Mrs. Stoddard's car, driven by herself, ran into a guy-wire that had been stretched across the street by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company at the intersection of Seventh, Spring, Fir and Washington.

According to witnesses Mrs. Stoddard was driving at a moderate speed, entirely within the speed limit when the accident occurred. She was coming down Spring street, facing the sun, and could not see the wire. No red flag had been placed on the wire, nor was a guard stationed to warn traffic.

Machine Damaged.

Mrs. Stoddard's presence of mind enabled her to come to a stop immediately. The cowl of the machine was badly damaged and will probably have to be replaced. The beveled plate glass windshield was completely demolished and the front end of the car will have to be repainted. The damage to the car is estimated at around \$150.

In spite of the flying glass, neither Mrs. Stoddard nor her children were injured in any way. The stretching of the guy-wire across the street was occasioned by the moving of a house down Washington avenue, electric light and telephone wires having to be moved in order to allow the house to pass under.

Safety Measures Ordered.

Following an investigation by the police the contractor moving the house was ordered to have guards placed at all points where wires or ropes were stretched across the street, endangering traffic. According to some of the men working on the job a guard had been placed at Spring street but had left shortly before the accident.

DENTISTS TO MEET IN MAY

PENDLETON, April 29.—Elaborate preparations are being made by Pendleton dentists for the convention of the Eastern Oregon District Dental Society, which meets here May 5 and 6. At least 45 delegates are expected to visit this city and enjoy its hospitality. All dentists east of the John Day have been invited as well as the dentists of Walla Walla.

The local men declare they have a two-day program that will pay all who attend many times for making the trip. Any of the papers or clinics will be well worth while the time and expense of attending the meeting, they say.

All meetings will be held in the Commercial club rooms, the first being scheduled for 7 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when Dr. E. P. Moorman will speak on "Reminiscences of Office Practice." At 5 o'clock Dr. Lloyd Edelman will lecture on "Black Angiosthenia." A recess will be taken from 8 o'clock until 7 o'clock, after which general discussion will take place. A banquet will follow.

Clinics will be conducted on Monday by Dr. Edelman at Pendleton, Dr. S. A. Fulton and Dr. Janz of Walla Walla. The convention will close early in the afternoon.

BOAT OFFICIALLY DECLARED DRAW

PORTLAND, Apr. 29.—The Leach Cross and the Joe German boat out night was officially declared a draw though newspaper opinion favored Cross.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION IS FAVORED

PROVISION PROVIDING SPECIAL PRIVILEGES PASSED

Knox Peace Resolution Has Hard Sledding; Senator Hitchcock Attacks It Today

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29.—The house immigration restriction bill was reported favorably today by the senate immigration committee after the elimination of provisions allowing special privileges for the entrance of minors and persons subject to religious persecutions.

The Knox peace resolution was attacked by Senator Hitchcock, the Nebraska democrat, as "idle and ineffective" and as an attempt to dictate the international policies of the President.

The Knox resolution was declared fraught with untold difficulties in the minority report submitted by the democratic members of the senate foreign relations committee.

WILL OPEN BRIDGE BIDS

HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO MEET MAY 26.

Number of Structures in Union County to Be Among Those For Which Estimates are Asked

Among the bridges involving an expenditure of approximately \$270,000, bids for which will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland on May 26, are a number of Union county structures. This meeting will be held in Portland and it is probable that the county court of Union county will be there in a body when the bids are opened. The following structures are the ones in this county for which bids will be received at that time:

One crossing of the O-W. R. & N. near Casey. One crossing of the O-W. R. & N. near Hilgard. Four small bridges between Kamela and La Grande in one contract. One crossing of the O-W. R. & N. near Telocaset. One crossing of the O-W. R. & N. at North Powder.

WILL TAKE OVER STORE AT MINAM

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Heasty will make their future home in Minam. Mr. Heasty having resigned his position with the J. G. Holm Grocery, to become owner of the general store at Minam. Mr. and Mrs. Heasty, during their several years' residence here, have made many friends, who will be sorry to lose them as residents of this city. Mr. Heasty will leave in the morning for his new location.

Mutton And Beef Reduced In Price

Retail Meat Dealers of Portland Cut the Price From Two to Four Cents Per Pound.

PORTLAND, Apr. 29.—Retail meat dealers have cut the price of beef and mutton 2 to 4 cents a pound. Notification of such a cut quickly spread to consumers. According to retailers, they have decided to give the public every benefit of lower prices at wholesale.

The new price of best steer chuck steak is 15 cents a pound, compared with the previous selling value of 18 cents generally.

Pot chuck is today 12 1/2 to 14 cents a pound, while the previous price was 15 to 17 cents a pound.

T-bone steak is 30 cents a pound, as compared with the old price of 33 cents, while tenderloin is 25 to 28 cents a pound, compared with 28 to 30 cents a pound.

Mutton is so cheap that the meat dealers say the public should have no cause for complaint at all. Mutton stew is selling in downtown shops at three pounds for 25 cents, while mutton chops are as low as 15 cents a pound, or 3 cents cheaper than recent values.

FIRST FLIGHT OF YEAR MADE

LOCAL AIR MEN MAKE TRIAL FLIGHT YESTERDAY

If Weather Permits Flying Season Will Be Opened Sunday Afternoon With Features

The first flight of the year to be undertaken by a plane of the La Grande Aircraft company was ten-minute hop made yesterday by Walter E. Lees. This was a trial flight and Mr. Lees went up alone.

If the weather changes so that it is dry and the air conditions are favorable the flying season will be opened on Sunday. It is Mr. Lees plan to make a special rate of \$10 for two passengers for the first ten flights.

The flights will be made on the field on the McCall ranch, just beyond J. F. Ph's ranch. This is reached by going out the Hot Lake road three miles, turning to the right and continuing on that road about half a mile. Mr. Lees expects to erect signs directing motorists along these roads.

American Legion Men Will Hold "Bonus Booster Meet"

The members of the La Grande American Legion Post are making arrangements for an elaborate entertainment to be known as a "Bonus Booster Meeting," and to which all ex-service men are invited, to be held in Eagles Hall on the evening of May 8. All of the American Legion posts in the county have been invited to participate in this county-wide celebration, and large delegations are expected from Elgin, Cove, Tubier and Union, all of which have Legion posts.

An athletic program will be staged, and Vaudeville numbers will also be an important feature. It is expected that within the next few days, speakers will be selected. At the midnight hour refreshments are to be served.

Charles Harding, chairman; Fred Kiddle and Lynn Bohnekamp are the committee making arrangements for the meeting.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Saturday, rain in the west. Rain or snow in the eastern portion of the state, also colder.

FIVE MEN ARE MISSING FROM LIGHTSHIP

WERE CAST ADRIFT LAST NIGHT IN 52-MILE GALE.

Boat Was Last Seen Drifting Toward the West Shore of Vancouver Island.

SEATTLE, Apr. 29.—A small boat containing five men from the Unmilla Reed lightship are missing after being cast adrift last night in a 52-mile gale, says a wireless message. The men put out for the steamer Queen to receive books and magazines for the lightship. They did not return to the lightship and the boat was last seen drifting toward the west shore of Vancouver Island. The Queen advised by wireless from Tatoosh that she had gone back to search for the boat but was unable to locate it.

The names of the five missing lightship men are: Robert Nelson, Engineer; E. Antonson, V. Helkel, J. Olson, Jens Monson.

Hope is expressed that they landed somewhere. There was a sixty-mile gale off the coast last night. The cutter Snohomish was forced to seek shelter after losing one boat and having three hatches smashed while hunting the men.

EXHIBITS WILL SHOW SATURDAY

The home Economics Class of the La Grande high school is giving a reception and exhibit in honor of the women of Union county on Saturday, April 30, from 2:30 to 5 p. m. Various articles made by the members of this class will be on display, and at 5 o'clock, the domestic science class will sell the food exhibits.

The Manual Training department is also planning to have their work on display. All are cordially invited to attend the displays in both departments.

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Unions Will Take Case To Harding

Representatives of Unions and Shipping Board Fail to Reach An Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29.—Failing to reach an agreement with the shipping board and the American steamship owners on the basis for the adjustment of wage and working conditions, in the conference today, representatives of the unions announced that they would lay their case before President Harding.

MEN SELECTED FOR TRACK MEET

FOURTEEN MEN WILL GO TO PENDLETON

Dual Meet Tomorrow at Pendleton—Local Boys Enter in Many Events

The La Grande high school track team will leave tomorrow morning on No. 17 for Pendleton where the local boys will meet the Pendleton high school in the afternoon. Coach Earl Reynolds will accompany the team of 14 men across the mountains.

Those making the trip and the events in which they will participate are: Theison, broad jump and 880-yard run; Bean, shotput and discus throw; M. Hekland, 880-yard run and mile; Black, javelin throw and pole vault; Christen, 440-yard run and relay race; Houghan, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and relay; Horstman, pole vault, discus throw, javelin and shotput; Kingwell, mile run, 220-yard dash and relay race; E. Larson, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, discus, shotput and relay race; T. Larsen, 440-yard dash, broad jump; B. Lynch, pole vault, high and low hurdles; S. Lynch, 440-yard dash, mile run and 880-yard run; Oliver, low and high hurdles and high jump; N. Smith, relay race, low and high hurdles, 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash; Smutz, 440-yard dash; Stoddard, javelin.

RAILROADS WANT SUMMER TRAVEL

When a business house finds itself loaded with a certain kind of goods that do not move the manager orders an advertising campaign of the goods at a cut-rate price.

This same business law has been taken up by the railroads of the country. They find that passenger travel is a department of their business that is not moving at present rates, hence the managers have ordered reduced prices and an advertising campaign to force this department to make a proper showing.

Some time ago rates to the west were put into effect, but realizing that many western people would go east if inducements were offered in the way of reduced rates, the railroad people have ordered a special round-trip rate for eastern points beginning June 1st. The following information on the matter has been issued by the Union Pacific:

"Selling dates are June 1st, 1921, to August 1st, 1921, inclusive, with final return limit three months from date of sale, but not later than October 31st, 1921.

"Fares apply via direct routes same as all year tourist rates. Where trip is made but one way through California points an arbitrary amount will be added.

Round trip fares to Atchison, Kan.; Council Bluffs, Ia.; Kansas City, Mo.; Leavenworth, Kan.; Omaha, Neb.; St. Joseph, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Denver, Colo.; Pueblo, Colo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Paul, Minn.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; New Orleans, La.; \$12.40. St. Paul, Minn., and Minneapolis via Rapid City, S.D.; \$12.40. St. Paul, Minn., and Minneapolis via Rapid City, S.D.; \$12.40. St. Paul, Minn., and Minneapolis via Rapid City, S.D.; \$12.40.

"At present there are no fares for the Pacific coast route east of Chicago, Ill., or St. Louis, Mo., but if fares should be made effective on this territory later, the announcement will be made.

"Stopovers are permitted on going trip with first limit east of Ashland, O.; Price River, B. B. Huntington, Oregon; Missoula, Mont.; White Fish, Mont.; Fernand, B. C.; and west of 1000 miles. On return trip, stopovers will be allowed at all points within first limit."

GERMAN HEAD REFUSES TO ATTEND MEET

DR. VON OERTZEN OF GERMAN WAR BURDENS COMMISSION WILL NOT ATTEND MEET.

LOYD GEORGE WILL NOT OPPOSE PENALTY

President Harding and Members of the Cabinet Today Reconsidered the German Reparations Proposals. It Is Understood England and Italy Are Not Opposed to Proposal.

PARIS, Apr. 29.—Dr. Von Oertzen, head of the German war burdens commission, refused to attend the meeting of the reparations commission today for the determining of the time and payments of the German payments.

Premier Briand left for London to attend the supreme council on Saturday. He has the unanimous French support for direct action in enforcing the penalties upon Germany.

London dispatches say Lloyd George will consent to the occupation of the Ruhr district only after an ultimatum granting a certain amount of delay.

Italy and England Favorable.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29.—President Harding and his cabinet are understood to have discussed the German reparations proposals again today. It became known that Great Britain and Italy had not definitely rejected the German offer as a basis for the negotiations. It was understood, however, that the French and Belgian views were that the terms were unacceptable. Charles Evans Hughes, secretary of state, is understood to be hopeful that the negotiations between the allies and Germany can be reopened. Even if the final decision is not reached before the French begin to move into additional German territory, exchanges can continue after that time.

MORE SEATS TO BE SOLD

It was announced this morning that 169 general admission tickets for the New York Philharmonic concert at the L. D. S. tabernacle tomorrow evening would be sold. These tickets will sell at \$1.10, including war tax, and no admissions will be sold after these have been disposed of. All of these tickets are now on sale at the Van Buren cigar store.

AMERICANS TURNED DOWN FOR JOBS AT CAMP'S IS REPORT

Last night about 200 men were registered for employment at the Central Labor Council office. Seven men came back from Casey yesterday morning, having gone there for the purpose of applying for work at the camp near there. All were refused work. Of these seven men, four were former service men.

It is reported that there are 160 men at work near Casey and a smaller number at the camp near Perry. All of these men are understood to be foreigners, the Americans applying at these camps having a hard time making themselves understood. These men who were told that they might be put to work as teamsters yesterday morning, went to Perry but found that the man telling them to go there was not on the ground and the Perry or fifty men there were all foreigners, none being able to understand English.

WILLOW CREEK SCHOOL

WILLOW PICNIC

1000. A. P. 25. Miss M. H. Schore, who has been teaching the past year at Willow Creek, closed her school with a community picnic today. The men and women of the district gathered at the schoolhouse for an all day picnic, breaking a beautiful day with them. The men played ball and the women played the whist and other games. Schore has taught at the Willow Creek school three years.

All Packed Up And No Place To Go

