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CUT RATES IS RAIL CHIEF'S SLOGAN NOW

Executives Make Decision Today on New Plan

UNION AGAINST THE WAGE REDUCTION

Piece Work Decided on by Rail Labor Board; Union Head and Chiefs May Meet.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Immediate reduction in freight rates on agricultural products for a period of 60 to 90 days is pending further action on wage reductions, according to announcement of the association of railway executives here today.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Warren E. Stone, grand chief of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, today requested a conference with railroad executives, who are in session here, on behalf of the six railroad unions which have voted to strike. Officers of 16 railroad unions met at one hotel today while over 100 railroad presidents met at another.

The presidents notified Mr. Stone by telephone that his letter would be considered. The railroad executives were expected to ask the railroad labor board for further reductions, promising to pass all future cuts along to the public in lower freight and passenger rates.

The railroad labor board today handed down a decision providing for restoration of piece work in railroad shops. This ruling pleased the railroad presidents but the union leaders feared its effect on the men who have voted to strike rather than accept a wage reduction or rules which they oppose.

To effect a reduction of freight rates and maintain present revenues, the plan announced Thursday night was formulated. Increased business brought about by lower freight rates is expected to provide the increased revenue necessary for the railroads to operate at a fair profit, it was stated

FOREST FIRES IN COVE COUNTRY

Fruit Crop Is Good and Favorable Weather for Its Harvest Is Appreciated.

COVE, Oct. 14 — (Special — A forest fire has been burning on Bald Mountain 14 miles southeast of here since Monday. Ranger Paul M. Ellis has left to assist in putting out the fire and it is reported that a crew of 30 men have it under control. Unless a strong wind arises before morning to spread the flames, there is little danger of serious damage being done.

The fruit crop in this section has been very good and with existing prices and favorable weather for harvesting this should be a good year for Cove farmers. Both packing houses have been operating with full crews since prunes began coming in. One packer shipped 12 cars of prunes and as many pears. He expects to pack and ship 20 cars of apples during the season. They will start on apples next week.

LA GRANDE TO MEET UNION IN FOOTBALL

Another Victory Expected to be Added to La Grande Record; Lineup Is Much Stronger.

At two-thirty tomorrow afternoon La Grande high school football team will meet the Union high school team on the local field and Coach Carl Lodell of the local team expects to make a much better showing with his team than last Saturday when Enterprise was defeated seven to nothing here.

During the institute this week a number of players were not able to practice as regularly as Lodell wished but he feel confident that the team will come out victorious. The team has shown much improvement during the past week in spite of several of the players having been slightly injured last week.

Every man has been shifted and the line-up that will meet Union tomorrow is much stronger than that of a week ago. Union is reported to have a team that is stronger than any it has put in the field for a number of years.

The line will be somewhat weakened tomorrow by the transferrance of Grant Bean from the line to the backfield. Ted Larsen will not be in uniform tomorrow because of a sprained ankle received last week. Ray Lynch has not recovered from the injuries received in the game of a week ago.

The line-up will be picked from the following: Berger and Jesse Bean center; Metcalf, Smutz and Kerr guards; Alstott, Woodell and Colt tackle; Ocker, Christian and Hawes ends; Tige Larsen, captain, Sherwood, Garrity, Grant Bean, Bearden and Sims, in the backfield.

COW TOWN ALSO A PONY TOWN

Midland, Texas, Raises Polo Ponies as Well as Cattle For Which it Is Famed.

MIDLAND, Texas., Oct. 14.—This "cow town," equi-distant from El Paso and Fort Worth, also claims to be a polo pony town. It is said to be the greatest shipping depot for polo ponies in the United States. Figures are submitted by men in the pony-raising business to prove it.

Polo ponies ridden in the big games in the north and east are Midland raised horses—at least many of them. Two Midland bred ponies, Snall and Hackleberry Slim, won first and second prizes in New York at the Meadowbrook club.

In the international 1921 polo games played in London, the American team won, and one of the ponies of the winning team, Lucky Strike, was a Midland product. Midland ships about 200 first class polo ponies every year to northern and eastern cities.

G. O. Coyle, of Midland, said to be the chaviest shipper here, declares a good polo pony is born, not made. He said the best polo pony is one about 15 hands high, weighs between 950 and 1100 pounds, is a quick starter, fast and easily reined.

The ponies sell for as high as $1,000.

REDS SEEK PEACE.

PEKIN, Oct. 14.—Bolshevik Russia has offered to mediate between China and the Mongolian republic in an effort to establish amicable relations.

EGGS UNSETTLED.

PORTLAND, Oct. 14.—The live stock market was steady today. Eggs were unsettled and butter was steady

Mine Workers Are Suspended

President Lewis Takes Very Drastic Action on Case

PITTSBURG, Kan., Oct. 14.—The Kansas district of the United Mine Workers of America, district No. 14 has been suspended by John L. Lewis international president. Alexander Howat and all other district officers are summarily removed, and George L. Peck, until the district's suspension, the international board member, has been appointed acting president of a provisional district.

The Kansas miners have been idle for two weeks, or since Howat and August Dorchy, the district vice president, went to jail at Columbus to serve a six months' sentence for violation of the Kansas industrial court law.

The cause of the action of Lewis however, in suspending the district is based upon the refusal of Howat and his district board to put back at work miners called out on strike at the Dean and Reliance mines last spring. The international organization holds that the strikes were in violation of agreements with the operators.

Nearly a Million Paid by Fans to See World Series

All Previous Records Smashed This Year; Attendance Record Much Larger Than Previous One.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The 1921 world series set new financial and attendance records. Total receipts for the eight games were $900,233, contributed by 269,976 spectators.

This was $177,819 more than the best previous gate collected in the 1919 series between Cincinnati and Chicago, when the total was $722,414 for the eight games of that year. The attendance in the series just closed was also 18,075 greater than the eight games of the Giants-Boston American play in 1912, when the total count registered 251,901, which has stood as a record for nine years.

MUST HANG.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 14.—James E. Mahoney, convicted of first degree murder for slaying his elderly wife and burying her body in a trunk in Lake Union here, was today sentenced to hang on January 6 at the state penitentiary at Walla Walla. The defense gave notice of appeal. Mahoney said he got a suspended sentence—suspended by the neck.

MINE EXPLOSION.

MARSHFIELD, Oct. 14.—A gas explosion in the Beaver Hill mine near Coquille today resulted in the serious injury of six and probably eight or nine others slightly injured. No deaths were reported nor further details learned.

ATTENDS FUNERAL.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—President Harding today attended the funeral services for Senator Philander C. Knox.

HATCHET IS IDENTIFIED BY MERCHANT

Sold to Dr. Brumfield Before Dennis Russell Slaying

BRUMFIELD WROTE TO CHAMBERMAID

"Dennis Russell" Letter Is Admitted in Evidence After Attorneys Have a Tilt Over it.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 14.—The state record rested its case in the Brumfield trial at 2:52 this afternoon.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 14.—The first testimony concerning the amount of life insurance held by Dr. Brumfield came out this afternoon when Charles McKinney, Roseburg insurance agent, gave testimony that on the day of the alleged crime Brumfield held a $16,000 policy in an Oregon life insurance company.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 14.—Pretty and petite, Mrs. Clara Killion, chambermaid at Chateau-Lake Louise, testified this morning at the Brumfield trial. She was dressed in black, wearing a veil. She said she met Dr. R. M. Brumfield, charged with the murder of Dennis Russell, July 19, while he occupied a room at the chateau.

From a laundry slip she learned that his name was Norman M. Whitney. He told her that he intended to sail for Australia on September 10. He left the hotel on August 2, she said, and after that wrote her one letter. The letter was not read.

After an argument between the attorneys the court permitted the prosecution to read the "Dennis Russell" letter, which the state contends Brumfield wrote intending to send it to the district attorney. The court overruled the defense's objection to the testimony of Florence Curry, former telegraph operator at Lake Louise and she told of Brumfield depositing hundreds of dollars to forward to Mrs. Whitney. Samuel B. Crouch, hardware merchant, identified the gun found in the wreck of the Brumfield car as one he sold to Dr. Brumfield.

WHEAT STEADY.

PORTLAND, Oct. 14.—Wheat was $1.03 to $1.08 today.

Court Admits Death Evidenee

Deaths of Four Husbands to be Told in Southard Trial

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Oct. 14.—The court ruled today that the state may introduce evidence regarding the deaths of three previous husbands of Lydia Meyer Southard, who is on trial for the alleged murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer.

Both sessions of the trial Thursday were devoted to the examination of expert medical witnesses for the state on a 3000-word hypothetical question which took Attorney General Black 35 minutes to read. After the examination of the first doctor, the remaining five listened to the propounding of the question in a body. The examination was then made individually.

The object of the hypothetical question was to determine the actual cause of Meyer's death by the testimony of the expert medical witnesses. Each doctor asserted the deceased had been killed with arsenical poison.

Corn Lower Than Coal Results in Burning Hog Feed

Iowa Corn Can Be Bought at Less Than Half Price of Coal and Much Expected to Burn this Winter

OMAHA, Oct. 14.—W. F. Hubbard Iowa county agricultural agent, with headquarters in Council Bluffs, Thursday predicted that Iowa farmers would burn corn as fuel instead of coal as soon as the weather got colder.

Farmers in Iowa were contracting to sell corn at $5.40 a ton, whereas a ton of good coal costs them from $11 to $11.50, Mr. Hubbard said, adding that he felt certain they would use the grain as fuel, merely as a matter of economy. No instances of corn burning had yet come to his notice, he said probably because no real cold weather has been experienced.

WINDOM, Minn., Oct. 14.—With corn at 25 cents a bushel, the city of Windom will use it for fuel at the municipal power plant, it was declared Thursday. Many farmers have announced an intention to burn corn instead of coal this winter.

VETS TO BE PREFERRED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The president by an executive order today inaugurated the fixed policy of giving preferential consideration to world war veterans applying for postmasterships.

TREATY RATIFIED.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Oct. 14.—The Colombian senate today ratified the treaty under which the United States will pay Colombia $25,000,000.

TO VOTE TODAY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—The house today will vote on the Siegel bill increasing membership in the house from 435 to 460. Oregon's quota will not be affected.

IRRIGATION PROJECTS TO BE SPEEDED

In Efforts to Create Employment for Jobless Government Will Act Rapidly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 14.—As a means of giving employment to 16,000 workers this winter the United States reclamation service has recommended to the public works committee of the president's unemployment conference that congress be called upon to appropriate $16,200,000 for speeding up work on 11 irrigation projects in the west.

These projects include one in Oregon, one in Washington and two in Idaho for which the following allotments would be made:

Klamath, in Oregon, $1,000,000; Yakima, in Washington, $3,600,000; Boise, in Idaho, $1,200,000, and Minidoka, in Idaho, $2,000,000.

In a letter to Senator Poindexter today, the acting director of reclamation said the estimate for Washington state made provision for beginning work on the Kennewick unit.

WEATHER GOOD FOR FARMERS

Silage Cutting Season Has Started in the Promise Section; Harvest Nears End.

PROMISE, Oct. 14.—(Special.)—The weather still continues warm and nice, and all the farmers are busy gathering their crops.

The silo men have been working on their engine the past few days.

B. C. Carper and wife, J. A. David, Miss Emaline McDonald, Miss Emma Carper and Delbert Simmons attended the fair at Enterprise the last of the week.

Mrs. B. E. Thompson stayed a few days with Mrs. J. W. Casper, who has been ill for the past week.

J. A. David, the house mover, moved L. N. Smith's house about 75 feet north of where it was, Monday.

Nona Carper, who has had the scarlet fever, is getting along fine.

J. K. Carper, W. W. Carper and David Garrett took a load of fruit to Enterprise Monday.

Joe Fleshman returned to La Grande Friday.

L. M. Fleshman and family visited his parents Sunday.

G. A. Fleshman took a load of fruit to Enterprise Tuesday.

B. E. Thompson and family visited with L. N. Smith and family Monday.

Mrs. Lacy Trump visited her mother Tuesday.

Miss Emma Carper and Carl Griffith came in on the stage Tuesday.

Mr. Carl Knighten came in Saturday from Idaho to visit Miss Nellie Poulson. He returned to Enterprise Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Phillips called on Mr. and Mrs. I. S. McDonald Sunday.

J. A. Doud, B. E. Thompson and son, Herbert, are working the road this week.

Truman Poulson came in Monday from Lostine, where he has been working. His nephew, Jack Horner, came with him.

Earl Shaffer of Wallowa came in Monday to help fix the silo engine.

Ada Brannan and daughters, Edta Dickford and children, from La Grande came up to visit C. P. Carper and family and I. S. McDonald and family.

BONDS APPROVED.

Word was received late this afternoon by J. H. Peare, newly appointed receiver of the land office here, and Carl Helm, newly appointed register of the land office here, that their bonds had been approved. They will take their offices tomorrow morning.

MEETING TO DISCUSS THE WATER BONDS

Labor Council Is Addressed Last Evening by R. E. Koon

MASS MEETING IN M. E. CHURCH TODAY

Immediate Improvement of Water System Must be Undertaken if City Is to be Protected.

The city commissioners and the city manager extend an invitation to all residents of La Grande to attend the mass meeting in the M. E. Church this evening at which R. E. Koon will talk on the present water system, the necessary improvements to be made, and on the financial condition of the city of La Grande, pointing out the favorable comparison between this city and others and that even if the water bonds are issued, the per capita tax would still be less than in Baker and Pendleton

At an opening meeting of the Central Labor Council last evening, at which a large crowd was in attendance, R. E. Koon, of the firm of Stevens and Koon, consulting engineers, discussed the water supply problem of La Grande and explained the plans of rehabilitating the old system. Following his talk, Mr. Koon answered questions put him by the audience. This meeting was the first of a series at which Mr. Koon will explain the situation to the voters of La Grande, the high school being addressed this afternoon at two o'clock and at 7:30 this evening another meeting being held in the Methodist church.

As an introduction to his talk on the local problem, Mr. Koon showed slides which illustrated the progress made in the construction of water supply systems. He showed pictures of aqueducts used by the early Romans, showing some also in Spain and then showed the development that has been made since them, the modern system being to siphon the water across canyons instead of building masonry aqueducts to carry it across as was done in the days when cities first found it necessary to bring a water supply from a great distance. Mr. Koon also showed slides showing modern pumping plants and sewage disposal plants in other cities.

Pipeline Unsafe.

Slides made from pictures taken between La Grande and the intake dam were shown after the introductory remarks by the speaker. Among the most interesting of these, and those emphatically showing the need of rehabilitating the present supply system were those showing holes in the pipe. The steel pipe is so badly corroded that there are hundreds of holes in it now and this means constant attention to keep the pipe line from going to pieces. The wooden portion of the pipe line is rotted through, especially at the joints and in many places it is merely a matter of a short time before sections will have to be replaced. The plans prepared by Mr. Koon call for the replacement of all pipe that is not in a serviceable condition.

Among the most interesting exhibits presented by Mr. Koon were those relating to the bonded indebtedness of the city and taxation statistics. A chart had been prepared by Mr. Koon

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WASHINGTON PROMISES TO BE A BIT CROWDED

"Bread or Revolution" Cries Hungry London Mob

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Thousands of England's unemployed assembled on the Embankment Thursday afternoon for the purpose of accompanying a deputation to Premier Lloyd George's official residence in Downing street to demand "work or maintenance at trade union rates of wages and uniform scales of relief."

The deputation was allowed to proceed to its destination and was admitted to the premier's residence.

It was the biggest demonstration of its kind ever seen in London.

When the unemployed tried to break through the police lines at Piccadilly circus the mounted men drew their batons. Clashes also occurred between the police and the unemployed at Cambridge circus. One police official said there were 14,000 men on duty in the west end Thursday afternoon.

The marchers carried banner, prominent among them being one reading "Bread or revolution."

A fight occurred in Shaftesbury avenue, between Cambridge and Piccadilly circuses, the unemployed using bricks and stones as ammunition, while mounted and foot police freely wielded their batons. When the avenue was cleared several men were lying injured on the pavement. Another clash occurred in St. Martins lane which leads into Trafalgar square. A number of persons also were injured here.

Imperial Wizzard Not Able To Testify Today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—William J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, who collapsed yesterday at the close of a lengthy hearing before the house committee, was prevented today from appearing before the committee for further examination as to the activities of the order by his illness.

The imperial wizard yesterday launched an attack against C. Anderson Wright, ex-klansman, who recently published what was purpoted to be an expose of the order.

The wizard denied that the organization had declined to pay checks or drafts drawn by Wright for services performed during a membership campaign. Simmons charged that Wright prior to his connection with the klan, "issued bum checks at Houston, Tex."

As the testimony proceeded it was evident that the imperial wizard, who recently had been ill, was speaking under a strain. Often he leaned heavily on a table as he stood during the examination.

Weather

Tonight and Saturday rain, with a strong southeasterly gale.