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Strike Date Is Set by Railroad Unions

BRUMFIELD TO TAKE STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

Eccentricities of Alleged Slayer Told to Jury Today

FRIEND OF FAMILY TESTIFIES FOR HIM

Anxious Crowds Flock to Court Room Early When Rumor Spreads That Dr. Brumfield Will Take the Stand.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 15.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield will probably go on the witness stand in his own defense late this afternoon, according to information from reliable sources. Crowds expecting Brumfield to testify in his own behalf on his trial for the alleged slaying of Dennis Russell near here July 13, flocked to the court room which was filled at eight o'clock.

Mrs. June Brown of Oakland, Oregon, friend of the Brumfield family, was cross-examined today. She told of many instances of eccentricity of Brumfield from April until he disappeared. Asked a direct question whether she thought him insane on July 12, she evaded a direct answer. She said Brumfield's nature seemed to change beginning with April, and that his conduct was marked by fits of excessive anger. He handed her a lamp chimney one day, she declared, and asked her to fall down stairs with it and see if it would break.

Dr. John A. Brumfield, of Fort Branch, Indiana, a brother of the accused, testified that twice during his youth the defendant was struck on the head and knocked unconscious. He was nervous and easily put in fever that would make him delirious. He suffered from intense headaches and walked in his sleep and nearly jumped out of a window once, he said.

Mrs. Carl D. Shoenaker, wife of the state master fish warden, testified that she saw Brumfield looking inert and distraught on the street on July 23th.

WATER MEETING WAS A FAILURE

Although the widest publicity was given the mass meeting called at the M. E. church last night for the purpose of hearing the engineer discuss the city water question and see the pictures of the present dam, reservoir and pipe lines, it seems that Old Man Lethargy had charge of the city and only fourteen people were in attendance.

To be met with such a small turnout when the very life of the city is almost in danger by having the dam or pipe line go out at any time was decidedly discouraging to the city commissioners and other officials.

Engineer Koon ran through the pictures and gave a short talk to the few who were present, and then left for Portland.

It is now up to the people as to whether they will vote the bonds necessary to guarantee water to La Grande. If the bonds are defeated any cold winter day may find La Grande without water.

Two Local Bankers Named as Bonus Act Appraisers

SALT LAKE, Oct. 15.—The names of the H. E. Coolidge, assistant cashier of the La Grande National bank; Charles R. Harding, assistant cashier of the United States National Bank, both of La Grande, and Frank E. Smith of Elgin, a retired merchant. Mr. Harding is a veteran of the World War and Mr. Coolidge is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. The appraisers named for Washington are C. T. McDaniel of Walla Walla, made by the applicant for the loan. F. D. McCully of Joseph and C. H. Zacher of Enterprise.

Newspapers win in Libel Case

City of Chicago Had No Case Said The Judge

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Judge Harry Fisher today sustained the demurrer of the Chicago Tribune to the ten million dollar libel suit brought by the city of Chicago. The judge declared that the city had no case or action.

The city sued the Tribune and the Chicago Daily News claiming that the papers printed false statements regarding Chicago's financial standing injuring the city's credit.

PLANING MILL BURNS DOWN AT UNION

Loss of \$20,000 Is Only Partially Covered by Insurance; Men Thrown Out of Work.

UNION, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Yesterday evening at about 6 o'clock the Union Pine Lumber Company mill caught fire and before the fire fighting equipment could get to the scene the building was nearly all ablaze. Within twenty minutes after the fire alarm was put in the building was practically gone. From all appearances the fire started in the boiler room. The plant had not been working during the day but was expecting to commence on Saturday and the boilers were steamed up for today's work.

The planer was insured for about \$12,000 but considerable loss was sustained by the owners, Jacobs and Jacobs of Union. The approximate estimate of the loss was about \$15,000 or \$20,000. The mill was one of Union's two active payrolls and is quite a loss to the city.

This is only another example of Union's poor fire fighting equipment. Within the last six months several small fires and two large fires, with disastrous consequences, have occurred. The mill employed between 15 and 20 men and has been running steadily for some time and a large amount of rough lumber was in the yards waiting to be finished, which would have kept it going a large part of the winter. Lumber has been hauled down from the mill all summer long for this fall's operation.

NEW FIRM WILL OPEN SHORTLY

Modern Cigar Store With Fountains and Games to Enter Field Here.

Ledy & Estes, two successful business men of Pendleton, have leased the Gardiner building where the Hughes cigar store has been located for a long time, and are having it completely rearranged and re-tinted preparatory to establishing a modern cigar store with fountain, billiard and game rooms. The place is to be furnished with specially made furniture and fittings.

In speaking of the new institution Mr. Gardiner said today that when the work is completed that has been planned the interior of the building will be as fine as can be made.

WHEAT MARKET. PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—Wheat was \$1.05 to \$1.08 here today.

Wrecks Furniture in Rooming House Without Cause

Frank Speelman Does Damage Estimated at \$250 Before Arrival of Police; Gets Jail Term.

Frank Speelman made an attempt to wreck the Arlington rooms last night. He broke up furniture, mirrors and whatever he could lay his hands on having wrecked most of the effects in seven rooms when the police arrived. Speelman is the former husband of Mrs. Birdie Rusk, who operates the rooming house. He appeared on the scene last night and, without any apparent cause began his destructive operations. Among other things he took some of Mrs. Rusk's clothing, placed it in a bath tub and turned the water on.

When brought into police court this morning to answer to a charge of disorderly conduct he was fined \$250 and sentenced to 10 days in jail. The damage to the furniture is estimated at over \$250.

Nelson Sings Praise of Union Ad Club To Portland People

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—A constructive plan designed to meet one phase of the unemployment problem by combating the high cost of living this coming winter, has been effected and put into operation by the Union County Ad Club, according to A. W. Nelson, Secretary-Manager of the La Grande organization which was in Portland yesterday conferring with State Chamber of Commerce officials. The project as carried out in Union county is as follows, according to Nelson: The schools of the county are put on a competitive basis, and prizes are to be given to that school whose students have collected and stored the most vegetable and fruit products. Vegetables and fruits which are not of commercial value, and which ordinarily would go to waste, are donated by the farmers of the surrounding country. In the winter, when the condition of the unemployed is expected to be acute, this food is to be distributed at a very nominal cost.

Union County schools have taken up the idea enthusiastically, according to Nelson, and the Ad Club has provided automobiles on specified days for the transportation of children to the various farms where the food products can be obtained.

"I consider this a highly commendable project," said Secretary Quyle of the State Chamber. "Not only will food be supplied when it is most needed, but school children will be provided wholesome and character building work during their idle time."

A letter outlining the La Grande project has been sent to every commercial club of the state urging immediate action along these lines, according to Quyle.

KANSAS COAL MINERS DEFY UNION ORDER

Five Thousand Meet and Vote to Disregard Action by Lewis

'MARTYR' HEAD OF STRIKERS UPHELD

Provisional Regime Denies That the 12,000 Strikers As a Body Favor Howatt

PITTSBURG, Kan., Oct. 15.—Between 4000 and 5000 Kansas coal miners, meeting at Franklin late Friday, adopted resolutions upholding the administration of Alexander M. Howatt, president of the Kansas union, suspended yesterday on order of John L. Lewis, president of the international mine workers' union. Resolutions also were adopted declining to recognize the provisional administration created under President Lewis' order, and refusing to comply with instructions sent out Friday by Acting President Pech that all striking miners return to work immediately.

About 12,000 miners have been on voluntary strike since the commitment to jail recently of Howatt and August Dorely, union vice president for violating the criminal section of the state industrial court law. Howatt and Dorely are serving six months' sentences in the Cherokee county jail at Columbus.

Supporters of the provisional regime asserted Friday that the Franklin meeting was attended only by friends of the suspended administration and that resolutions recognizing the new administration and voting to return to work would be adopted at a mass meeting of miners of the southern end of the field to be held at Seaman Friday night.

TO INVESTIGATE

SALEM, Oct. 15.—H. H. Pomroy, special arson investigator for the state marshal's department, will investigate mysterious fires that have occurred recently in the vicinity of La Grande.

Dollar Sees More Dollars in Future For Export Business

Robert Dollar, Famous Steamship Owner, Believes Big Trade Revival Is Due Soon in U. S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Robert Dollar, prominent Pacific steamship man, who returned today from a six months' trip around the world, said he thought the post-war depression in shipping had reached the bottom, and an upward turn was in sight. The United States, he asserted, with its large merchant marine, can and will have a full share of the world's business.

Leaving Seattle six months ago, Captain Dollar visited China, Japan, the Philippines and India, returning by way of Europe. In the Orient, he said, he received a generous greeting as a representative of commercial America.

SHOW TO BE FOR ADULTS ONLY

Out of attics, fields, barns and pastures will come paraphernalia, animals and material with which to present the nightly parades that will open the 'Days of '49' show under auspices of the Elks, October 19-22. Claude Scranton, Glen Thompson, Victor Eckley and others are gathering a vast collection of burros, stage coaches, old horses, cowboys, miners and other bands, all of which will appear in the 7:30 parades that will precede the shows themselves.

The committee in charge headed by J. C. Hughes, announces that there will be no children present unless accompanied by parents or guardians. Neither will they be allowed to play the games even if so accompanied. In the past there has been a luke-warm effort to make the show of older folks and not for children, but this year this policy will be vigorously enforced. There will be nothing rough or obnoxious in any respect.

The proceeds are for the children's Christmas trees and Christmas dinner gifts to those who might need them.

To those who do not understand the atmosphere that surrounds an attraction of this kind, it might be said that in the days of '49 men had steel nerves and god blood and they fought their weary way to the Pacific shore where they gave birth to the "Spirit of the West." Those were wild days—days of feverish gold rushes—fortunes hourly made and hourly lost. The roulette table was the center of the dance hall—all the echoes of the long dead past will be pictured in a harmless but realistic way during these shows. It is all a drama of the days of '49. As such it is given, as such it is participated in, and as such it should be supported.

Roseburg Next Meeting Place

Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar, Closes Its Session.

The Knights Templar grand commandery of the state of Oregon closed its session here with the election of officers and the selection of a meeting place for next year. Roseburg was the city chosen for the grand commandery that will meet in October of 1922.

The officers elected for the coming year are Charles W. Nims of Ashland, grand commander; Milton L. Meyers of Salem, deputy grand commander; Ralph D. Robinson, of Portland, grand generalissimo; F. A. Van Kirk of Portland, grand captain general; E. E. Mager of Klamath Falls, grand senior warden; George T. Cochran of La Grande, junior grand warden; John B. Cleland of Portland, grand treasurer; James E. Robinson of Portland, grand recorder; William Wallace Youngson, of Portland, grand prelate; H. L. Henderson of Astoria, grand standard bearer; F. A. Inman of Baker, grand sword bearer; A. P. Davis of Marshfield, grand swarden; George W. Dunn of Ashland, grand captain of the guard.

The visiting delegates expressed themselves greatly pleased with the way in which Eastern Oregon Commandery No. 6, the La Grande Commandery, entertained the state commandery.

TO TALK ON SCOUT DOINGS

Oscar Kirkham, Head of Salt Lake Boy Scouts to Address Meeting of Boys This Evening.

Oscar Kirkham, of Salt Lake City, arrived in La Grande this morning on his way to Portland, where he will attend the Pacific Boy Scout conference. Mr. Kirkham is head of the Boy Scout movement in Salt Lake City, where there are 2,500 boys in the organization. He is stopping over in La Grande for the purpose of giving a talk to boys interested in the Boy Scout movement this evening.

The talk this evening will be given in the M. I. A. hall at the corner of Fourth and N streets. For his subject Mr. Kirkham will choose the international Boy Scout jamboree in London last year. He was morale officer of the American delegation which included 301 boys from 21 cities. At the meeting 5,000 boys from 39 countries took part.

Mr. Kirkham is enthusiastic over the work he is engaged in and his talk promises to be of more than usual interest to boys.

West Can Learn From The East Says Priest

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—It's a long step from the tinkly temple bells of India to the rattles of the traps in a Broadway jazz palace.

So thinks Jai Gursoji Pavry, son of the High Priest of the Parabes, a graduate of Bombay University and at present a student at Columbia.

"We have much to learn from the West, but I wish the people of America were as fond of the spiritual as they are of amusement and diversion," said the youth, who, when he returns to become a Navaari Priest, a follower in India of Zoroaster, hopes to keep among his people the spirit of religion of daily devotion of temple worship.

Of Andra, the land that yearly sends missionaries to India to teach the heathen, he said:

"You are not religious enough. You need more spiritual life, more serious thought."

William Miller Sells His Large Apple Crop

William Miller has sold his 1921 apple crop from his seventy acres just north of Imbler to R. L. Roberts of 200 boxes. Mr. Roberts is leaving for Payette, Idaho. While he did not mention the price he received for his crop to be able to handle 25 cars more. C. he said that it is entirely satisfactory. That there was about 15 car loads of apples from his orchard.

The crop will be made up of Rome Beauty, Jonathan and others. The pickers were laid off Wednesday on account of the shortage of field boxes but it is expected that the apples will all be in the warehouse by next Wednesday.

CRISIS NEAR IN RAILROAD CONTROVERSY

President Calls Labor Board Members to White House

UNIONS HAVE SET DATE FOR STRIKE

Conference Yesterday Futile; Roads Refuse Lower Freight Rates But Insist on Slicing Wages.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Five hundred general chairmen of the Big Four brotherhoods and of the switchmen's union were today given final orders by the railroad union heads to call the men out in the progressive general strike called to begin at six a. m. on October 30, union leaders officially announced.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The president today called to the White House the three representatives of the public on the railroad labor board, presumably to discuss the means of avoiding the threatened railroad strike.

After conferring with the public representatives on the railroad labor board at the White House the president went with them to the interstate commerce building and left them in conference with the commission to find some way out of the railroad strike.

The White House statement said "the purpose of the meeting was a broad consideration of the possibility of early adjustment of railroad rates and wages, in expectation that it would contribute to industrial revival." No specific mention of the strike was made in the statement.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Sixteen railroad unions have voted for a strike if the officers deem a walkout advisable. C. J. Mannin, president of the order of railroad telegraphers announced today. At a meeting to be held at two o'clock today the Big Four Brotherhoods will submit plans to the twelve other unions.

October 30 is the day set for the strike. The brotherhoods selected ten roads on which the strike is to be effective the first day. Strikes will be ordered on additional units of ten roads every 48 hours until the roads give in or the walkout becomes nationwide.

The action of the railroad officials yesterday in deciding on further wage reductions is said to have destroyed the last hope of peace.

Representatives of the nation's railroads Friday announced that they cannot reduce freight rates at present without going into bankruptcy, and that they would immediately seek a further reduction in employees' wages from the United States railroad labor board. Later a futile conference was held with union leaders in an effort to reach an amicable settlement of wage difficulties which at times have threatened to tie up the transportation system of the country.

CENT A MILE RATE. PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—One cent a mile each way is the rate granted for the American Legion convention at Kansas City by the railroads.

