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Prevention of Strike Is Task Set By the Leaders of the Minor Unions

PUBLIC GROUP OF RAIL LABOR BOARD SUBMITS AT TENTATIVE SOLUTION

Warren S. Stone Sees no Hope in Reduction of Freight Rates, but Leaders of Over Three-fourths of Union Men Are Hopeful Still That Plans of "Big Five" Leaders Can be Thwarted and Worst Strike in Railroad History Prevented.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—While heads of the big four brotherhoods and the switchmen's union prepared to meet at Cleveland to morrow to complete plans for the big railroad strike, the leaders of some of the other eleven railroad labor organizations were still opposing the walk-out and will attempt to stop their men from striking. The big five includes only four hundred thousand of the two million railroad employees.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—The proposal of the public group of the railroad labor board to reduce freight rates to prevent a strike is not feasible, Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the brotherhood of railroad engineers said today. He declared that "by the time the reduction got to the consumer it would not amount to one half of one per cent. The middlemen would absorb all the difference."

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—Approximately 20,000 railroad employees in Oregon will be affected by the threatened nationwide railroad strike called to begin October 30, the men to go out in groups progressively and all to be on strike by November 2.

Among railroads in the first group affected are the Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific. This would leave Portland open for traffic from and to the east over the O.W. R. & N. and Union Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle and Great Northern until a day or two later.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Official Washington is today watching for the effect on the railway executives and labor leaders of the proposal of the public group of the railroad labor board to prevent a strike. The board proposed the following:

1. That requests for further wage decreases be withdrawn.

2. That employees withdraw strike orders pending action of the board upon any request for further wage reductions which the carriers may file.

Ben W. Hooper, one of the members of the public group, in discussion of the proposal of the board, said:

"The railroad labor board has undertaken to settle without intervention or supervision the manifold disputes they inherited from the war period. There is absolutely nothing in existing conditions that justify the carriers and their employees in inflicting the ruinous results of a strike on themselves and on the public. There is no amount of propaganda that can convince the people that either side is entirely blameless."

"On the first day of July, the labor board made effective a decision which reduced the wages of railway employees 12 per cent, aggregating about four hundred million dollars per year, basing the estimate on the

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ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

Two Days' Program Has Been Arranged by Women's Missionary Society.

The annual meeting of the women's synodical home and foreign missionary society of the synod of Oregon will be held Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the Presbyterian church. Delegates are asked to report to Miss Alvah Duryea, chairman of the hospital committee, on their arrival here. The guests of honor at the meeting will be Miss Lucy H. Dawson, general secretary of the women's board of home missions, of New York City, Mrs. Charles W. Williams, executive secretary of the North Pacific district of Portland, and Rev. E. T. Allen, D. D., recently of Urumia, Persia, now professor of Bible and Missions at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington.

The first session will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Mrs. Fletcher Linn, president, presiding. Devotional service at this session will be led by Mrs. W. O. Ashby of Portland. Reports will be made by the following: Mrs. A. S. Patallo, corresponding and recording secretary; Miss Anna Rate, financial secretary; Mrs. Edna Churchill, secretary for young people; Mrs. E. H. Hurd, secretary for children's work; Mrs. Ray F. Murphy, secretary for Westminster guild; Miss Stella Higgins, secretary for missionary education and literature; and Mrs. P. A. TenHaff, secretary for freedom.

Following the above reports messages from the presbyterial presidents will be heard. Those who will respond at this time are Mrs. G. A. Schirder of the Grande Ronde presbytery, Mrs. J. E. Akey of the Pendleton presbytery, Mrs. J. W. McMichael of the Portland presbytery, Mrs. Walter Puzzer Brown of the Southern Oregon presbytery, and Mrs. A. W. Blackburn of the Willamette presbytery.

A duet by Miss Ruth Schirder and Mrs. Will Hutchinson, both of Union will be followed by an address on "Challenging Voices," by Mrs. C. W. Williams, executive secretary of the North Pacific district of the women's board of foreign missions.

The feature of Wednesday evening will be the mothers and daughters dinner at 6:30. Dr. Margaret Ingie being selected for presiding at this affair. The object of this dinner is to bring the mothers and daughters into closer

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Contractors Close the Perry-Hilgard Section of Highway

Because of Construction Work No Traffic Will Be Allowed to Pass For Some Time During Day

The Old Oregon Trail between Perry and Hilgard will be closed from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 5 each day until further notice, according to announcement by Rajotte and Winters, contractors, today.

The reason for closing the road is that construction work is seriously interfered with during the day time if traffic is allowed to pass along the road continuously during the day.

JUSTICE BENSON OF SUPREME COURT DIES

Brother of Late Governor Passed Away Early Yesterday Morning at Salem

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 17.—Justice Henry L. Benson of the Oregon supreme court died at 12:35 Sunday morning at his home here.

His services as prosecutor and jurist in Oregon covered a period of nearly a quarter century and he had practiced law in the state for about 40 years.

It was a brother of the late Governor Frank W. Benson of Oregon. A sister is Mrs. George Carpy, of La Grande.

Funeral services will be held in the First Methodist church in Salem Tuesday afternoon. Dr. R. N. Avison, ex-pastor of the Salem Methodist church, but now of Forest Grove, will officiate. Brief eulogy will be delivered by Judge Wallace McCamant of Portland, at one time a member of the Oregon supreme court and a close friend of Justice Benson.

Palbearers will be George H. Burnett, Thomas A. McBride, John M. McCourt, Lawrence T. Harris, H. J. Bean and George M. Brown, justices of the supreme court.

Out of respect for Justice Benson a number of cases scheduled for hearing before the court Tuesday have been continued. Practically all state departments will be closed during the funeral hour, according to announcements made here today.

Mrs. N. C. Briggs of Hollister, Cal., and Harry Benson of Pendleton, daughter and son of Justice Benson, arrived here today to attend the funeral. Other members of the family will reach Salem tomorrow.

WHEAT DROPS HEAVILY ON STRIKE NEWS

Board of Trade Seampers Into Hiding re Transportation Problems Show

SEVEN CENTS IN ONE BIG SLUMP

Whole Country Awaits Anxiously the Outcome of the Strike Order and Business in Trading Circles Comes to a Standstill.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—With a drop of seven cents a bushel on wheat today when the strike of railroad employees seems apparent the nation felt its first pulse throb of what may be expected of the transportation problem is finally settled by strike methods.

The board of trade seemed to go in hiding as soon as it was generally believed that a railroad strike would be a certainty. All business in trading hit a standstill attitude awaiting further information regarding the proposed strike.

Amendments Turned Down by Senate in First Roll Call

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The senate in the first roll call on the German peace treaty rejected by seventy-one to seven an amendment by Senator Walsh of Montana to have the United States join with the other powers in a pledge to protect Germany against unwarranted invasion. It also rejected a second Walsh amendment by sixty-one to six proposing that the United States use its good offices in event of a wanton attack on Germany.

Justice Benson's body will be placed in the local mausoleum.

Many telegrams conveying sympathy to the family were received here from all sections of the state.

Co-operative Wheat Marketing Is a Success This Year

Farmers Get Several Cents More per Bushel Than Is Paid by Private Buyers, Says Manager.

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—Because of the ability of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers' association to finance the marketing of their wheat to greatest advantage the members are receiving several cents above the current quotations, according to a statement by A. H. Lea, the association's general manager.

"Probably the facilities of the association to satisfy Eastern buyers with any grades of wheat desired are responsible for the higher prices paid for association wheat," says Manager Lea. "Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 bushels of wheat are now stored in association warehouses, the product of the 2500 members, and this amount will be increased considerably, but it will be less than the total crop marketed."

"Through the association's officers advances have been made on the stored wheat by Portland clearing house banks amounting to \$1,000,000, the security being warehouse receipts."

To Expand Activities.

"Negotiations are pending to expand the activities of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers' association which will result in practically all of the wheat of the inland empire for export coming via the Columbia river routes."

BRUMFIELD IS ON STAND IN OWN BEHALF

Mrs. Brumfield Insists Her Husband Insane on July Thirteenth

DECLARES DOCTOR BOUGHT DYNAMITE

Wife Identifies Articles Offered in Evidence; Denies Lingerie Was Hers.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 17.—Brumfield went on the stand in his own defense today after his wife had testified concerning the several important features of the evidence.

She told of his headaches, identified the hat which was one like the murderer wore but which the defense claims was in the office at the time of the murder. She denied any articles in the box of lingerie belonged to her. Mrs. Brumfield showed surprise at the state declaring Deputy Sheriff Webb after returning from Canada with her husband, had said he believed Brumfield was insane. She insisted that her husband was out of his head July 13th when Dennis Russell was killed. She also declared the doctor bought dynamite for the purpose of blasting stumps on his ranch.

SPOUL REFUSES JOB.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—After returning from the funeral of United States Senator Knox yesterday, Governor Sproul definitely settled the rumor that he might resign the governorship to be appointed United States senator.

The governor said: "I shall not resign the governorship. The people of Pennsylvania elected me governor for four years and they expect me to finish out my term."

BOXERS ARRESTED.

WICHITA, Kansas, Oct. 17.—Mike Gibbons, Mike O'Dowd and all connected with the Gibbons-O'Dowd match Tuesday night were arrested today on the charge of violating the state boxing law.

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C. Johnson	rh
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Kieblock, Johnson for Blackner, C. Cook for C. Johnson.	La Grande—
Garrity for Sherwood; Sims for Larson, Colt for Woodell, J. Bean for Alstott, Larson for Sims.	
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Strike Order Taken Calmly In La Grande

Although La Grande is very much of a railroad town and a large percentage of the population is in some way connected with railroad work, the announcement in Saturday evening's issue of the Observer to the effect that a nation-wide strike had been called and that the first section of the strike would begin on October 30th, brought forth no excitement whatever.

Yesterday little comment was heard on the matter, although it is unquestionably the most important event in America's railroading history. It is understood, although no authentic information has ever been given out that while the unions have voted on strike the percentage of votes favoring the strike was not as large as in many railroad centers.

Some of the railroad men, even at this late date, express the belief there will be no strike. They contend that it is a case of give and take and that when the final show-down comes the railroads and the brotherhoods will get together and bridge the gulf that now apparently exists.



Tonight and Tuesday fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—A warning of a storm approaching from the north Pacific was today given Oregon and Washington by the U. S. weather bureau.

Oregon and Idaho Fight To a Tie--O. A. C. Wins

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—University of Portland, Leslie kicking goal. Oregon and University of Idaho, met for the fourteenth time Saturday, both sides with no fault to a tie score of 7 to 7 on more scoring.

Multnomah field. Idaho rushed things the first quarter and in the middle of the second quarter made her score. After Vols and S. Brasher fell on the scoring machine proved Willamette's fallen ball back of the line for a touch. Oregon came back savagely and eleven crashing their way through the in the latter part of the second quarter. Bearcat line for a total of eight touch scored a touchdown on a sense-down. The score: Oregon, Agricultural forward pass from Leslie to Loral college, 54; Willamette, 0.

