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RAIL BOARD SUMMONS THE UNION CHIEFS

Meeting of Dictators of Railroad Men is Called off

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD WORKS HARD

Crucial Moment in History of Board Has Arrived: Government's Power to be Shown

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Action of the Railroad Labor Board in summoning railroad union chiefs to Chicago for a conference is described in high official circles today as the first step to determine whether the Railway Labor Board is to be regarded as an efficient government agency or a failure.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The impression has been given out in administration quarters that freight rate reduction is being considered. The announcement may come within a few days.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 18.—The scheduled meeting today of the "Big Five" transportation brotherhoods was cancelled when five executives were requested by the railroad labor board to meet with the board in Chicago on Thursday.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Telegrams summoning the chiefs of the big four brotherhoods and the switchmen's union to a conference with the railroad labor board in an endeavor to forestall an actual walkout on the nation's railroads were despatched to labor chiefs.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 18.—The progressive railroad strike scheduled to begin October 30, can be settled by the railroads or the United States government, Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said Monday night when asked his opinion.

Mr. Stone said the cause of the strike is largely because of the action of the railroad managers in requesting a further 10 per cent wage reduction and elimination of favorable working agreements on upwards of 75 roads in addition to the 12 per cent wage reduction effective last July 1. The railroads can settle the strike by the elimination of these conditions, he said. "The government can prevent the strike by taking over the railroads, and this is what will happen eventually," he said. He also issued a statement covering the men's position and their reasons for striking.

"If it had been a question of wage reductions only, there would have been no strike. I have from 75 to 100 letters giving instances of attempts by different railroads to break down the working rules that have been secured by arbitration, by decisions of the railroad labor board and in other ways. The railroads can settle the strike by the elimination of these conditions and withdrawal of their request for a further 10 per cent wage reduction."

Cuts Impossible. CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Presidents of the leading middlewestern railroads in a statement Monday night turned down as "impossible" the proposal of the railroad labor board public group that freight rates be reduced immediately which loans are requested is appraised as a possible means of averting a general rail strike, and charged that the proposed walkout "would be a strike against the government, called by the unions primarily for the purpose of nullifying the transportation act creating the labor board."

"The thing it is proposed to strike is the transportation act."

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Reduction in Freight On Lumber Is Announced

Word has been received by the La Grande Lumber company of a Syracuse and common points the rate reduction in lumber rates to points east will be reduced from \$1.02 to 90¢ of Chicago that is expected to act as a stimulant to lumber shipments to the east. The announcement was made through the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association under date of October 14. The new rate to New England points will be 90¢ cents per hundred pounds compared to \$1.02, the present rate.

NEW HEAD OF HOSPITAL SCHOOL NAMED

Training School at Grande Ronde Hospital Has New Head; Has Had Extensive Experience.

Miss Mary Austin, R. N., has arrived from Tacoma, Washington, to take charge of the training school and act as superintendent of nurses at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Until the books were opened last February for enrollment of student nurses there had been no training school for nurses at the hospital for over a year. In order to afford young ladies of this locality an opportunity to secure training complying with the requirements of the regulations of the Oregon State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses the directors decided to again open a school.

In taking charge of this work Miss Austin comes well fitted to make this school not only a credit to the city but also the state. She is a graduate of Battle Creek, Mich., and registered in Indiana and Colorado. She has served under the famous Mayo brothers of Rochester, Minn., and for ten years in executive capacity in Battle Creek, Mich., Boulder and Cripple Creek, Colo.; Joliet, Ill.; Columbus Ind., and Tacoma, Wash.

In speaking of nursing, Miss Austin says: "There probably never was a time when it seemed so desirable for young women to educate and train themselves for some really worth while work in life. The thoughtful girl is not satisfied to take the first easy job which presents itself or a situation which brings an immediate money return. She wants something which will stir her ability and give her a chance to contribute something of real worth to the world in this great era into which we are just launching."

"The Great War has taught us very many things about what women can do. The ballot is placing upon us the responsibility of building a greater republic, of fostering a greater nation than the world has ever known. Higher education is the first stepping stone to the ideals to which we aspire. A true understanding of the world, its people, and the way to improve them physically, morally and mentally would seem the basis of the work which seems so deeply ours to share."

"The nursing profession although one of the newest professions, yet the most ancient work of women, lends great opportunity to those who desire to contribute their part."

Miss Austin announces that she will be glad to interview any young ladies who may be interested if they will call on her at the hospital.

FEDERAL FARM LOANS APPROVED

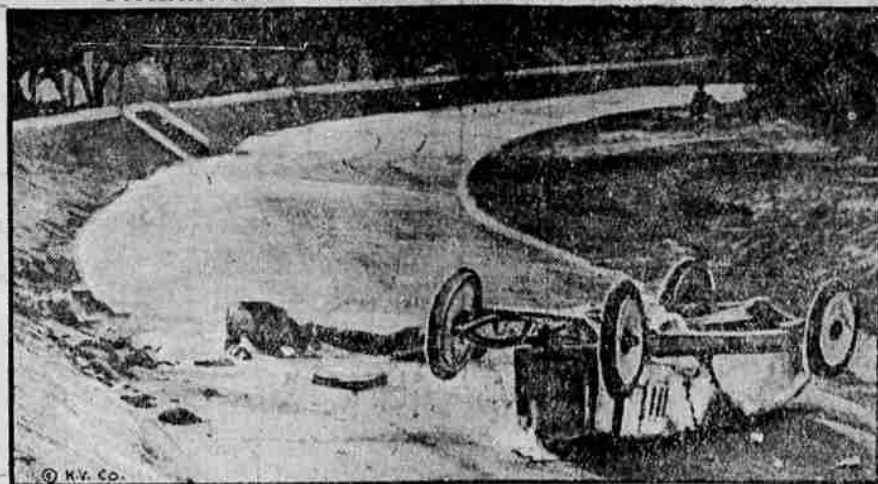
Sum of \$85,000 Will Soon be Placed by Government in Hands of Grande Ronde Farmers.

Federal farm loans aggregating \$85,000 were approved by the federal appraiser who was here yesterday and within a short time more money will be available for loans on Grande Ronde valley property, according to an announcement by Chas. E. Reynolds, secretary of the Grande Ronde National Farm Loan association.

Farmers wishing to make application for federal loans are asked by Mr. Reynolds to do so at the earliest possible opportunity. All land on which loans are requested is appraised after the government's own appraiser and the farmer will be assured of a loan at an early date so long as the money is available.

Iowa Wesleyan college will hold its annual scholastic basketball series in its new gym, March 9 and 11 next.

Remarkable Photo of Auto Race Accident



Knowing the turn to be a dangerous one, the photographer took his station there, and was rewarded with this remarkable action picture from the Berlin, Germany, races. The auto has turned completely over, but the driver and mechanic were thrown clear, and are shown on the ground.

WANT OREGON MADE DRY STATE

Resolution Passed at Mass Meeting Last Evening.

At a mass meeting held in the M. E. Church last evening a resolution was passed relative to the violation of the prohibition laws. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Leitch, president of the ministerial association.

The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas the state and national prohibition laws are being violated in La Grande and Union county, Oregon; "Resolved, that we earnestly request the local officials to rigidly enforce the prohibition laws and that we give them our hearty support in every way possible;

"Resolved, that we request the federal officials to rigidly enforce the national prohibition laws, using every means at their command to obtain evidence and to bring to justice all violators."

"Resolved, that we hereby express our appreciation of the work of Dr. Herwig and Captain Elbert in helping to make Oregon the driest state in the union."

APPEAL MADE FOR WASTE FOOD

All farmers or fruitmen who have waste foodstuffs such as uncommercial apples and vegetables, are asked to notify the Y. M. C. A. at La Grande of the location and nature of such articles, that they may be assembled and stored for distribution by the Red Cross should occasion demand it during the coming winter which is likely to bring on serious unemployment.

Mr. Craner secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is chairman of the committee under the Food Conservation commission and will gladly receive such information and attend to the cataloguing of information.

DEFENSE HAS RESTED CASE AT ROSEBURG

Jury May Get Brunfield Case Tomorrow Or Friday

ALIENIST SAYS THAT DENTIST IS INSANE

Accused Man Testified in His Own Behalf Yesterday Afternoon; Said to be Dangerous Now

ROSEBURG, Oct. 18.—The defense rested in the Brunfield case shortly before noon today after B. F. Scieffe, Eugene alienist, testified that Dr. Brunfield is still insane and homicidally dangerous. The case may go to the jury Thursday night or Friday morning.

Dr. Scieffe said he believed that Brunfield was insane on July 13, the day of the alleged murder, basing his conclusion on examinations of the defendant in the Roseburg jail September 25 and October 2, upon the family history and his "foolish attempts at flight and concealment." He said that depression, pains about the eyes, failure to remember and his habit of pacing the floor, indicated insanity.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 18.—With arms (Continued on Page Five.)

ULSTERITES ARE ORGANIZING NOW

Clash With Sinn Feiners Is Scented in Movement

RELFAST, Oct. 18.—Ulster volunteer forces were being organized today. Many ex-service Ulster men are enrolling. "Why shouldn't they be when Sinn Feins are drilling even in Belfast," was the comment in official quarters.

DELEGATES MAY FLY TO MEETING

Legion Members Insist that Rail Strike Will not Postpone Their Convention.

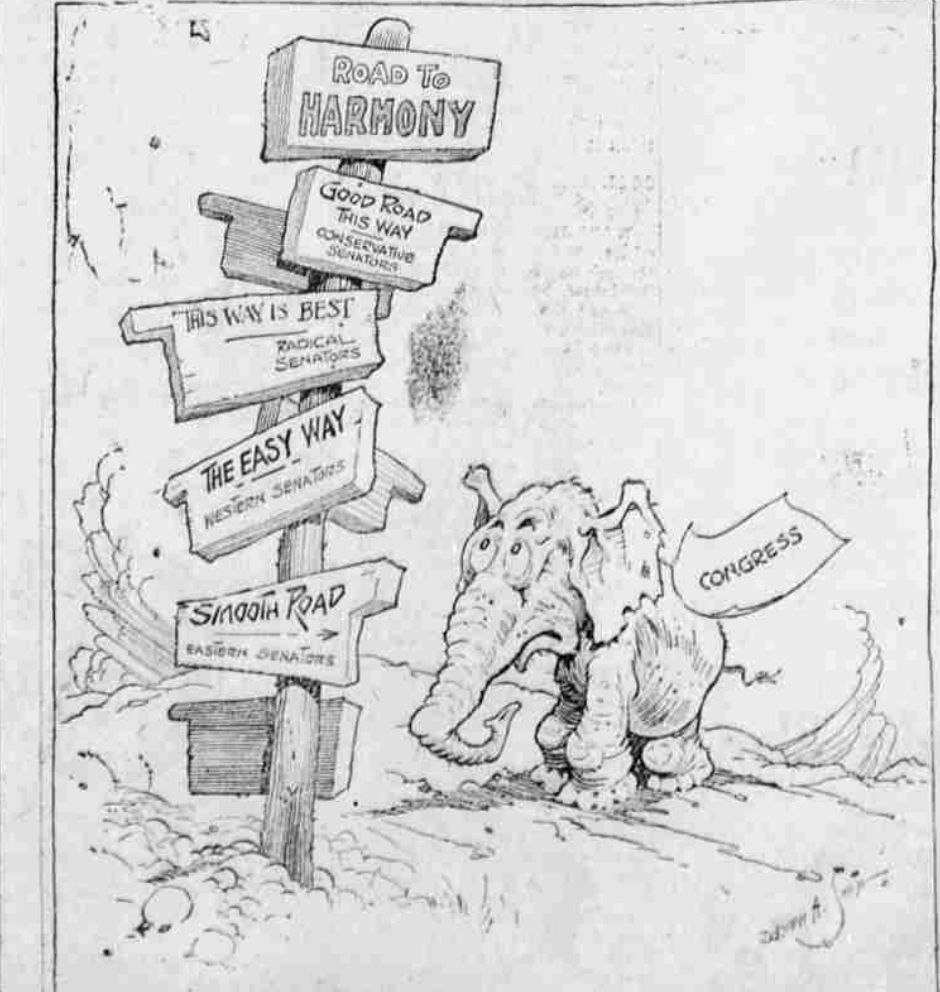
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 18.—That the American Legion will hold its national convention October 31 to November 2, regardless of whether or not the threatened nationwide railroad strike materializes, was indicated in an announcement here Monday by the aviation committee of the legion.

There now are 1400 passenger airplanes in operation throughout the United States; at least 1000 of which can be used for transporting guests, officials and delegates to this city, it was announced.

If the strike developed, airplanes are available to carry Marshal Foch and other distinguished guests and the delegates to the convention here, according to telegrams forwarded by the aviation committee to the national committee Monday night, at Indianapolis.

Kansas City, it was pointed out, is prepared to receive 100,000 delegates and visitors to the convention on the day the strike is scheduled to begin.

PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH HARDING' CAMPAIGN PLEDGE



QUAYLE MAKES ROUSING TALK TO AD CLUB

Three-Fingered Jack Goodwin Also Delivers Vigorous Talk at Luncheon.

George Quayle, who solves more state problems and gives out more information during the year about Oregon than any other one man, was the speaker at the Ad Club luncheon today. He is secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, and in his official capacity he brought a message of advancement and progress from that organization to the Union county people.

Mr. Quayle is positive that the future is bright for the state and he dealt with a number of economic problems, such as rates on transportation, the securing of new settlers, reclaiming of lands. He told of the work of the state organization and urged close and harmonious work between this county and the state chamber.

Another speaker at today's luncheon was Three-Fingered Jack Goodwin, an evangelist, who is here on special work in the industrial plants. Goodwin is said to have been a rouser in his earlier days and in Denver, where he held forth, his place of business was well known to a certain element. That was in the days before he became a religious man, for when he made the change he changed all over and began preaching the gospel. His work among laboring people is of the highest and the organizations who have a disloyal plank in their platform have Three-Fingered Jack to fear, for he has done more to disrupt their plans, according to general belief, than any other one man.

Arrangements are being made to have him preach one sermon while he is in the city and that will probably be next Sunday evening.

WAR VETERANS CONVENE SOON

OTTAWA, Oct. 18.—The annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association which is being held at Port Arthur, Ontario, now is endeavoring to find means to reduce the unemployment situation among former Canadian soldiers and sailors.

The Association is understood to regard unemployment as the most pressing national problem. It is expected that the convention will appoint a special committee composed of one member from each province to draw up resolutions on that subject.

The question of amalgamating all the soldiers' organizations in Canada will be brought before the convention. Representatives of other associations of ex-service men have been invited to attend to aid in discussing that problem.

The convention is expected to take steps to urge the Dominion Parliament to reestablish all ex-service men so far as possible in the economic position which they would have obtained but for their war service. It is likely also that the war veterans will ask Parliament to extend its housing loan to ex-service men.

Resolutions on limitation of armaments will be submitted. It is indicated that those approved by the British Empire Service League at its meeting in South Africa and will call for adequate defense in the Empire but with the understanding that armaments should not be built up for offensive purposes.

WORK FOR MANY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The federal highway bill as agreed on in conference carries appropriations which will make possible the employment of from 300,000 to 350,000 for six months the department of agriculture announced Monday.

KNOWLES MAY BE ELEVATED TO HIGH COURT

Name of Judge Knowles of La Grande Prominently Mentioned

APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE TONIGHT

Governor Ben Oleott Makes it Plain that Successor to Justice Benson Will be From Eastern Oregon

SALEM, Oct. 18.—Speculation was rife here today as to who Governor Oleott will appoint to succeed Henry L. Benson, justice of the Oregon supreme court, who died at his home in Salem early Sunday.

Political friends of the governor had predicted that the appointment would fall either to Percy Kelly, circuit judge with headquarters in Linn county, or John M. Coke, circuit judge of the Coos county district. This prediction was abandoned, however, when Governor Oleott made it plain that Justice Benson's successor would come from Eastern Oregon.

It is now the opinion of local politicians of prominence that one of four men will receive the appointment. The field under speculation includes Gilbert W. Phelps, circuit judge of the sixth judicial district, with headquarters in Pendleton; Gustav Anderson, circuit judge of the eighth judicial district, with headquarters in Baker; J. W. Knowles, of La Grande, judge of the 10th judicial district, and D. V. Kuykendall, circuit judge of the 13th judicial district. Judge Kuykendall resides at Klamath Falls.

The name of Judge J. W. Knowles of La Grande, circuit judge for Union and Walla Walla counties, is prominently connected up with the mention of an Eastern Oregon appointment. Friends of Judge Knowles, it is known, have repeatedly urged him as a candidate for the supreme bench and it is also known that he stands high in the estimation of the governor.

Governor Oleott, in a statement given out last night, indicated that the appointment of Justice Benson's successor would be announced today.

Flags on the state buildings were at half-mast today in respect for Justice Benson, and practically all governmental departments were done during the funeral hour.

Records show that nine members of the Oregon supreme court have retired through death, resignation or defeat at the polls during the last eighty-year period. Of these, Robert Eakin, Frank Moore and Henry L. Benson were removed by death, Wallace McCamant, A. C. Bennett and C. A. Johns resigned, while C. L. McNary, William M. Ramsey and Conrad P. Olson were defeated for re-election at the polls.

Judge Knowles has been a resident of La Grande for over thirty years and he has been circuit judge of Union and Walla Walla counties since 1903. He is the oldest Republican judge in Eastern Oregon in point of service. His judicial record is an enviable one. Less than 25 per cent of cases from his court that were appealed and came to trial before the supreme court, have been reversed. Although the work of the judicial district which he has been serving is large in volume his capacity for work has enabled him to keep his work up to date.

GERMAN MARKS LOWER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—German marks, continuing to make new low records, were approaching half a cent each in value Monday. Preliminary quotations varied from 0.54 to 0.55 cent.

Y. M. C. A. Drive Will Begin On Thursday

Beginning Thursday, the Y. M. C. A. have one composed of women. These will stage an intensive membership drive in La Grande. The leaders of the two teams that will meet on Thursday evening at the Foley hotel have been announced and at that time will perfect plans for the campaign. Dr. Ray Murphy will be general chairman of one of the teams, while H. E. Dixon will be general chairman of the other.

These two will each appoint four team captains, who in turn will each select four workers for their team. Each of the four groups of teams is to



Tonight and Wednesday, fair.