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A. F. of L. Cannot Support Strike

RATE CUTS ANNOUNCED BY THE I. C. C.

Interstate Commerce Commission Starts Slashing

DECISION INVOLVES ENTIRE SITUATION

Sixteen Per Cent Cut on Agricultural Commodities Ordered to be Made at Once.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—In a sweeping decision involving the entire railroad situation, wage scales, depression in industry and finances, the interstate commerce commission today ordered freight rates on western grain, grain products and hay through the western half of the United States reduced by an average of approximately 16 per cent.

Notice has been given to the carriers that the commission expected the reductions to be put into effect immediately and by November 20 at the latest and that the low state of railroad earnings which led to increases in 1920 should hereafter be rectified by reduction in wages and prices and that a downward tendency should be set for rates.

FIGHT OVER TAX HAS NOW BEGUN

Leaders in Congress Are Wrangling Over the Sur Tax Problems.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The long-threatened fight over the income-surplus tax rates to be written into the new revenue bill broke Friday in the senate, but despite a sizeable opposition, Republican leaders expressed confidence that the compromise plan embodying a maximum rate of 50 per cent would be adopted, probably Saturday.

Meantime as a result of the defeat Thursday of the proposal to exempt from taxation incomes of foreign traders and foreign trade corporations received from sources outside of the United States, the majority leaders sent out a hurry call to absent Republican senators to return.

Absence of Republican senators was commented on by Chairman Penrose of the finance committee.

"Questions of paramount importance are being disposed of here while Republican senators are absent and indifferent," he said. "I want to call the attention of the country to it. It will meet with comment and condemnation."

Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, Nebraska, called attention that 11 Republicans joined with the Democrats in defeating the committee amendment Thursday, while Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, said only 16 Republicans were absent and not voting, while 12 Democrats also were absent and not voting.

Time is Better Adjuster Than Mere Legislation

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the executive board of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, told members of the American Mining congress at their annual banquet Friday night that to his mind there is nothing in the business situation which time and the laws of trade and economics will not straighten out. The danger, he said, lies in the effort to force an adjustment through legislation. Legislators must give American industry an opportunity to adjust itself, he said. The country already is suffering from an excess of national, state and municipal overhead. "Prices have dropped irregularly," he said. "Wages have gone down in that adjustment," he said.

ELKS SHOW TO CLOSE TONIGHT WITH BIG TIME

Prize Blanket and Other Gifts to be Given Away Before Midnight.

By midnight tonight somebody is going to be presented with a wonderful blanket as a present and prize for having the biggest pile of "bones" now being strived for at the Elks' Days of '49 show. There are other handsome prizes, too, but the Indian blanket is an especially fine gift for some lucky person. The closing night will find an enormous crowd out, if history repeats, which it has been doing each of the three nights before today.

If a capacity house is out tonight, and both Elks and the public spend money as they usually do on the closing night, the Elks will have a very fine sum to buy Christmas goodies and Yuletide dinner baskets with for those who might be otherwise overlooked.

Hundred Per Cent Of Convictions in Liquor Cases

Wong Sing is Last of Ten Alleged Violators to Be Found Guilty of Selling Booze Illegally.

Wong Sing was yesterday found guilty of having violated the prohibition laws by selling liquor. Wong was arrested several weeks ago when the sheriff's office, the district attorney's office and the police department co-operated in staging a party for the benefit of liquor violators which resulted in ten prizes in the form of alleged violators falling to their lot. Some were tried immediately and some pleaded guilty, while others had their cases continued. Wong was the last one to have his case heard before Justice of the Peace Arthur C. Williams. Like all the rest he was found guilty, evidence being presented by the prosecution that left no doubt in the judge's mind. The fine was set at \$150 and costs.

Dr. Brumfield to Be Sentenced on Last Day of Month

ROSEBURG, Oct. 22.—Owing to his condition Dr. R. M. Brumfield, convicted of first degree murder in connection with the death of Dennis Russell July 13, was not taken to court today to receive his death sentence. Judge Bingham announced that if he recovers from his self-inflicted injuries he will be sentenced October 31. Brumfield this morning admitted that he may have attempted to cut his throat with a bridge saw from his teeth. He is suffering much and very nervous. He is not out of danger.

BONUS LAW UPHOLD

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—The constitutionality of the state bonus law was upheld today by Circuit Judge Stapleton. An appeal to the supreme court will be taken in a friendly suit to test the law preparatory to selling the bonds.

CELLAR CHAMPS SOLD

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—W. H. Kloppe and J. R. Bower, former presidents of the Seattle baseball club, announced today that they had purchased the Portland club of the Pacific coast league for \$150,000 from the McCredies, who have owned the club for the past 17 years.

WHEAT DOWN

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—Wheat was down to 35 cents to \$1 today.

Raw Materials for Booze Making Are Seized by Officers

Federal Dry Law Enforcers in St. Louis Take Quantity of Malt Extracts and Hops from Stores.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Federal prohibition agents seized large quantities of malt extract, hops, bottle cappers, crocks, siphons and other commodities which could be utilized in the manufacture of home-brew in the storerooms of a local importing company. The seizure was made by Andrew McCampbell, general prohibition agent from Washington, and other agents. No arrests were made.

McCampbell said similar seizures would be made in several other cities. The seizure is the first of its kind here. The manufacture of home brew is not permitted under the recent ruling of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

Members of the importing company said the seizure was regarded as a plan of the government to make a test case to determine whether dealers may sell hops and malt extracts, and similar necessities for home brewing.

KNOW THE TRUTH AND HAVE PEACE

Melbourne Editor Makes Appeal for Better International Understanding.

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 21.—While all the great nations are spending huge sums preparing for war, not one is spending a cent in attempting to make the war they fear impossible, Henry Stead, editor of Stead's Review of Melbourne, Australia, declared in an address here today before the Press Congress of the World.

"Millions of dollars are spent on building gigantic super-dreadnaughts which will be obsolete in five years, but not one dollar is set aside with the object of promoting better relations between the nations, getting them to know each other better, thus making war less likely," he said.

"What is needed in every country is a Ministry of Friendship in charge of a man whose duty it should be to apply the grease of truth to the international machinery when the friction between its parts becomes acute. We have secretaries of state, for war, for the navy, ministers of defense. Immensely complicated diplomatic services we also have whose nominal duty it is to work for peace but who, alas, are much more concerned in finding out the latest devices other nations have adopted in their armies and navies than they are in smoothing away these little irritations which so quickly give cause for war.

"We are, I think, all seized with the

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EX-EMPEROR BACK ON HIS THRONE TODAY

Charles of Austria-Hungary Flies into Oedenburg as King

TROOPS AND WIFE ESCORTED USURPER

Effort Already Made to Oust Him; Not the First Time He Tried to Gain Power Again

VIENNA, Oct. 22.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary arrived at Oedenburg in Burgenland, Friday afternoon in an airplane from Switzerland, according to a message from Oedenburg today, and is proceeding westward to Budapest, escorted by Oedenburg troops. A provisional government has been formed in Burgenland in the ex-emperor's interest under Count Julius Andrássy, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. Charles was proclaimed king by the Oedenburg troops.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Former Empress Zita is reported to have arrived at Oedenburg in the airplane with her husband.

May Be Ousted.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—The Hungarian government will take measures to expel ex-emperor Charles from the Hungarian territory as it did on previous attempts to regain the throne, it is declared here today.

ONE FORFEITS BAIL AND ANOTHER PAYS FINE

Fred Rice was arrested last night for being intoxicated. He deposited \$70 bail and this was forfeited by his non-appearance in municipal court this morning. A fine of \$5 was paid by a prominent young lady of La Grande who drove her car on Adams avenue. She asked to have her name changed to Jane Doe so far as the offense was concerned.

DISARMAMENT TO START

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Gradual withdrawal of American troops from Germany is reported to start within two weeks. It will involve reduction of the American forces there to about half the present strength of 13,500.

La Grande Man Was Not Killed as Was Reported Last Night

George C. Hopkins is Safe and Well, According to Word Received Late Last Night.

A report was received last night in La Grande that "Herbert Hopkins," said to be from La Grande, was killed in an accident in Illinois. At first it was thought that the Hopkins referred to was George C. Hopkins, proprietor and manager of the Blue Mountain Creamery, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. Herbert Hopkins, widow of his brother, in Illinois.

Mrs. Hopkins immediately wired her husband and found that he was in the best of health and that he had been in no automobile accident as had been reported. The man who was killed was also reported to be from Portland and according to one Portland paper has been practically identified as being a Portland boy who was attending school in the east.

COUNTY LIBRARY GROWS RAPIDLY

Seventeen Per Cent of Population Taking Advantage of Its Facilities.

Union county is rapidly developing into a reading county. During the nine months the Union County Library has been in existence, 17 per cent of the population of the county has become patrons of the libraries scattered throughout the county, and a daily increase in that percentage is noted as the service becomes better known. The highest aim libraries hold for patronage after two years' operation is 40 per cent or under.

These interesting facts came to light last evening at a joint meeting of county library boards held at the public library here with the La Grande board as host. Library workers from Imbler, Cove and Union attended, Elgin's board being unable to come. Dinner was served at 6:30 under the direction of the library staff here headed by Miss Nichols, and following the dinner, many vital matters were taken up and discussed. The meeting continued until 11 o'clock and the visitors present through discussion and standardized methods, became more efficient in their posts.

In the absence of Mrs. Stella Ingles, president, George T. Cochran presided. Among the matters discussed was the extremely popular co-operation between the schools of La Grande and the library. The method used here was held to be a model and other school-library combinations are expected. Standards of library service were carefully examined.

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Y. M. C. A. DRIVE BRINGS MANY MEMBERS IN

Organization's Plans for Increasing Membership are More Successful Than Expected.

The Y. M. C. A. membership drive is a greater success than was at first anticipated. The first man to report yesterday afternoon turned in twenty-five per cent more membership applications than his quota. Much interest is being shown in all quarters, according to the members of the various committees who are working under the leadership of Dr. Ray Murphy and H. E. Dixon.

This noon a luncheon is being held at which the members of the committees are making their first reports. The guest of honor at the luncheon was "Three-Fingered Jack" Godwin, railroad evangelist, who told the committee of the good the Y. M. C. A. is doing.

Godwin has been in all parts of the west and what he has to say about the good such organizations as the Y. M. C. A. are doing carries some weight for in combatting radicalism he has had an unusual opportunity of seeing how the influence for better things in life, for things that will better the body, soul and mind as exemplified in the Y. M. C. A., aid in downing the radical tendencies of mankind.

Two Prisoners to be Taken to Salem to Serve Sentences

Robber and Forger Slated to Go Down Tomorrow Accompanied by Representative of Sheriff's Office

Two prisoners will be taken down to Salem to serve sentences imposed by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. One is J. H. Ryan, who was convicted of robbery and will serve a sentence of three years, and the other is Clyde McLarey, alias Clyde Baxter, convicted of forgery, having forged Julius Fisher's name to several checks.

Ryan entered the Gates house on Second street on October 12 and exchanged his clothes for a suit in the house, gathered up some valuable and as he was about to leave, found that the neighbors had been aroused. The police had also been notified and as he was being chased Ryan ran into the arms of an officer who was hurrying to the scene.

LARGE TURNOVER OF TAXES MADE

Sheriff's Office Turns \$181,000 of Second Installment Over to County Treasurer

Tax collections in Union county for far short this year of the amount ordinarily collected. The sheriff's office has turned over \$181,000 to the county treasurer on the second installment and there still remains over \$75,000 to be turned over.

The total amount of taxes to be collected was \$638,000 and the year's collections so far have been about \$99,000 short of the total, which is about double the usual amount of delinquencies.

STOCK AND BUTTER STEADY

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—Livestock was steady today and eggs firm while butter was steady.

Thugs Beat Barber Into Unconsciousness at Night

A. M. Barker, who owns an interest in the barber shop located in Toy Young's pool hall, was slugged and beaten into unconsciousness last evening near the Elks' club on Depot street as he was on his way home. According to Barker he remembers only that someone seemed to be coming up behind him. He was hit in the back of his head and in the mouth, his lips being badly cut.

As he had some money on his person and as this was not taken he believes that it was "spite work" on the part of someone who resented his opening a shop here and doing doing work at cut prices. It has been alleged that efforts had been made to induce him to join the union and raise his rates and that his failure to do so last night. Members of the local barbers however deny that they have gone farther than to invite him to join the union and it has been suggested that the hold-up men were responsible for the affair last night and that someone approaching scared them off.

SHOP CRAFTS REFUSE TO GO ON THE STRIKE

Texas Unionists Defy Orders and Quit Their Jobs Today

TELEGRAPHERS SAY THEY WILL QUIT

Lee of Trainmen Wants Someone to Tell Him how the Men Can be Kept on Their Jobs.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—One-fourth of the railroad workers of America, 600,000 members of the federated shop crafts, today went on record against the strike. The decision deals a serious blow to the plans of the big five brotherhoods. Their action is said to bind the American Federation of Labor against active support of the railroad walkout.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The railroad labor board went into session to determine what action to take on the strike in Texas where switchmen and trainmen went out contrary to orders issued by the board.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The order of railroad telegraphers have decided to join the strike October 31. The federated shop crafts have decided not to strike.

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 22.—A hundred and fifty trainmen struck here today. Operating officials said that their places would be taken by new men.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 22.—Two hundred and fifty brakemen and switchmen of the international and Great Northern railroad struck here at noon today.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 22.—W. G. Lee, head of trainmen's union, in a statement following labor board citation, asks by what authority any one can compel a man to work, pointing out that the United States supreme court has upheld the right to strike.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Learned that possibility of President Harding exercising war time powers to run roads in case of strike was discussed officially but such action not yet contemplated.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Maintenance of way union, with more than three hundred seventy-five thousand members, and stationary firemen, numbering 25,000, announce overwhelming strike votes and prepare for a walkout.

Rebekahs Will Meet in Convention Here

The county convention of the Rebekahs will be held in La Grande November 8. A program is now being arranged by the local organization to take care of the visiting delegates who will attend from all parts of the county.

The county organization includes lodges from Union, Cove, Summerville, Elgin and La Grande.

Weather

Tonight and Sunday will probably be unsettled. Showers are probable in the eastern portion of the state.

