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MORE UNIONS DESERT RAIL STRIKE TODAY

Clerks and Station Employees Want to Stay at Work

CRUCIAL MEETING TO BE TOMORROW

Brotherhoods Notified That General Chairman Should Attend the Meeting and not Only Chiefs.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 25.—The headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees sent orders today to over 200,000 members not to strike, declaring that the organization was not in sympathy with the proposed strike.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Chairman Barton of the railroad labor board today telegraphed the heads of the brotherhoods, reiterating his previous announcement that all general chairmen are expected to attend the hearing tomorrow.

President Stine of the engineers had advised the general chairman of the engineers that they need not attend, holding that general officers only had power.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The railroad labor board does not intend to present any plan for settlement of the railroad strike situation when 1600 union and carrier chiefs convene with it Wednesday in response to its citation, and any such proposal must emanate from labor leaders or the railroad heads, board members declared Monday night.

Board members explained that the hearing technically is to determine if the transportation act has been violated and that they had decided in formal meetings that the board's province was merely to carry out the provisions of the act, although it would take any steps which might tend toward promoting a clearing up of the crisis.

The board also formally announced that "there was great hope for settling the strike," that all of the 1400 union men and the 165 rail heads summoned must attend every session and hired the Coliseum, scene of many great gatherings, for the hearing which will be open to the public.

FOOD FOR THE RUSSIANS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—A suggestion to congress that the war department donate the surplus war supplies for relieving the famine-stricken Russians, was made today by Secretary Hoover to Chairman Kahn of the house military affairs committee.

GETS A BIG DEER IN HAINES SECTION

HAINES, Ore., Oct. 25.—What is regarded as the largest buck deer ever killed in this vicinity was brought to Haines by Wm. Warren. The animal was of the "mule" variety and the carcase measured eleven inches from the skull to the tip. According to the number of prongs, the buck had attained the age of eight years. The estimated weight of the animal was 600 pounds. The deer was killed a short distance northwest of the North Powder lakes. J. B. Heyhurst, a member of the party, also brought down a five-point buck in the same vicinity.

Speed Trials to be Held in December

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Preliminary speed trials will be held December 1, 1921, on the new automobile speedway being built near here by the Greater San Francisco Speedway Association, it was announced recently. Drivers intending to enter the first speedway race, Dec. 11 must make at least 100 miles an hour in the trials December 1.

Speedway association officials have announced that an electric score board, to be operated at the track, will show the speed being maintained during the race by the various drivers, their relative position in the race, the number of laps they have covered and the like.

DIES FROM FOOTBALL INJURY.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Harry Johnson, 15, Evanston high school football player, died today from concussion of the brain caused when he was struck on the head in a scrimmage last Friday.

Ad Club Gives It's O. K. to the Water Bond Issue

Commissioner Stoddard Explains the Necessity of Voting Favorably On Bonds; Lethargy Overcome.

La Grande's water supply was the topic at the noon-day luncheon of the Ad Club today, with Dr. Verne Johnson presiding. After the luncheon and the pictures, with their explanations, the members went to the Cherry hotel and learned much about a La Grande industry of which many had only casual knowledge before.

City Commissioner David I. Stoddard, with the assistance of slides and diagrams, presented the water situation to the club in a graphic way and drove home the seriousness of the water question. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that the critical situation now prevailing can be relieved effectively by the plan the commission has in mind.

"To stimulate a heavy vote next Tuesday is the immediate mission of all who have the city's interest at heart," declared the speaker.

The opposition to the bonds to be voted on Tuesday is deemed to be largely brought about by lethargy and lack of sufficient knowledge of what the city plans to do.

REV. SITTON IS MADE CHAIRMAN

Red Cross Roll Call Will Proceed This Year Under His Management

Rev. Sitton, pastor of the Baptist church of La Grande, has been selected as chairman for the Roll Call of the Red Cross this year and has taken up his duties and begun formulating plans to have a very successful event of the annual feature.

Rev. Sitton is thoroughly conversant with the good work the Red Cross is doing, and his observation of the work in Union county has prompted him to come out strongly in support of those who are endeavoring to make the plans of the national organization apply to this locality in the most perfect manner possible.

Besides announcing through the press of the county his program for the roll call, the new chairman will probably ask all ministers of the county to preach special sermons on the Red Cross work. Headquarters to receive memberships will be opened in every town and community in the county, and it is believed the memberships this year will equal if not exceed any other year the roll call has been held in the county.

"People are gradually coming to understand the great work the Red Cross is doing," said Rev. Sitton, "and when once that is understood the annual membership follows at once, for everyone wants to be a member of such a noble and far-reaching organization."

Dead Baseballs in Favor With Japanese

SEATTLE, Wn., Oct. 25.—Baseball used in Japan are so "dead" it is almost impossible to knock them out of the infield, according to a letter received here from Ross Stokes, manager of the Canadian Stars, a team of Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., semi-professionals, now playing in Japan.

"Live" balls are not to be had in Japan, the letter said, and the Japanese insist that the Japanese-made balls be used, instead of the ball brought by the Americans. Pitchers have no trouble in holding the hits to the infield.

The Canadian Stars, up to September 14, when the letter was written, had won five and lost one game.

PROGRAM PREPARED.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 25.—The Argentine branch of the International Law Association has prepared, at the request of the executive committee in London, a program for discussion at the conference of the association to be held in Buenos Aires in 1922.

The topics include: Inviolability of mails on land and sea in wartime; international organization of labor in sea and river navigation; international law on freight contracts; regulations for the use of submarines during war; rules for the recognition of a "de facto" government by foreign states; an international responsibility of the state for damages suffered by foreigners in civil wars.

THE SMALLER REVOLVER

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—The estate of Gustavus 1904 was sold, consisting solely of a small .45 caliber revolver, which once sold for \$50, was admitted to probate today and no executor appointed.

Heyman's will provided that if any relative could prove a right to the estate, the contestant should be given \$10, but did not specify where the \$10 was coming from.

Expulsion Asked In Resolution

Blanton of Texas Alleged To Have Said Bad Things

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Expulsion from the House of representatives of Thomas L. Blanton, democrat of Texas, is asked in a resolution introduced by Representative Mondell, republican leader in the house. The ground for the request is the alleged publication in the congressional record as a part of an extension of remarks by Blanton of an affidavit relating to the row at the government printing house, which affidavit was characterized by some house members as obscene and unfit for transmission through the mails. In Blanton's absence consideration of the resolution was deferred until Thursday.

MEETING MAY BE DAY LATE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The opening meeting of the international conference on armament and the far east may be postponed until November 12, because the program originally drafted would interfere with the ceremonies incident to the Armistice day burial of America's unknown soldier.

BONDS PICKING UP.

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—More bidders, and better bids, on the issue of \$1,500,000 bonds featured the opening of the two-day session of the state highway commission today.

MAKING SEARCH.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 25.—Twenty-five carloads of searchers left today for Burton's cabin, 30 miles north-west of here, to hunt for Prentiss Puckett, who became lost while hunting Sunday. He may have been wounded.

BOUGHT INSECT KILLER.

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Oct. 25.—Mrs. L. Southard today took the witness stand in her own defense. She denied that she administered poison to Edward F. Meyer's fourth husband. She admitted buying two packages of insect exterminator but denied she purchased more.

GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILY MEN.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The senate today approved the house proposal of raising from \$2,000 to \$2,500 the exemption to heads of families having net incomes of \$5,000 or less.

Bandon Has Big Fire This Morning With \$20,000 LOSS

Tug Pumps Put Water on Fire and Saves Building Section; Theatre and Building Destroyed.

BANDON, Ore., Oct. 25.—A loss of probably \$20,000 was caused by a fire this morning which swept the Grand Theatre and the Odd Fellows building in which the theatre was located. The business district was threatened for a time. It was saved by the tug Klyham, which pumped salt water from the river.

MONARCHIST STORM HAS BLOWN OVER

Former Emperor Captured and Tries Suicide; Fails

FOLLOWERS ABANDON THEIR ROYAL LEADER

Man Who Violated His Probation in Switzerland by Flying Out Not to be Allowed to Return

BUDAPEST, Oct. 25.—Former Emperor Charles, whose attempt to regain the Magyar throne met dismal failure yesterday, attempted to shoot himself following his arrest near Kormor.

Former Empress Zita prevented him from carrying out his intentions.

The royalist forces abandoned Charles when Admiral Horthy, Hungarian regent, appealed to them not to ruin his country by supporting Charles. The Karlist premier, Rakovsky, and Count Andrássy were among the supporters of the former emperor who were captured. Charles will not be allowed to return to Switzerland. He may be held prisoner in some fortress until Europe's condition becomes stabilized.

HUGE SHORTAGE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Gold production in the United States during the calendar year 1920 fell off by \$9,146,500, as compared with 1919, according to final statistics made public by Director of the Mint Baker.

During 1920 the country produced 2,476,166 ounces of gold, valued at \$51,186,900, and 55,361,573 ounces of silver, valued at \$60,801,555.

WILL STAY IN SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The normal tax rates of four per cent on the first \$4,000 of income and eight per cent on all over that amount was approved today by the senate. These rates are now in force. The senate is to remain in continuous session until the tax bill is disposed of.

NEWSPAPER MAN DIES.

VERMILLIAN, S. D., Oct. 25.—A. L. ("Patsy") Davenport, aged 46, pub.

ALL STEADY.

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Livestock, eggs and butter were steady on the local market today.

Lumber Co. Claims Upheld

Federal Judge Bean Sustains Demurrer in Grand Ronde Lumber Case

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Possibility that the Grand Ronde Lumber company land fraud case may be thrown out of the federal court loomed Monday when Federal Judge R. S. Bean sustained a demurrer the company made to the governments second amended complaint.

The court found that the new corporation, which has only one official of the old company, could not be held liable for the acts of the old company.

The 25-year charter of the old Grand Ronde Lumber company expired in January, 1914, after which new articles of incorporation were taken out. The court said that if the old charter had been continued or had revived that the case would have presented a different question. In the eyes of the law the old corporation is "dead," the opinion states.

The government is suing the company to collect damages for timber cut in the Grand Ronde region. The timber is alleged to have been secured through the dummy entry process, the company using employees and stockholders as entrymen, the complaint states.

REDCROSS TO ELECT OFFICERS

La Grande Chapter, Which Includes Union County, to Hold Election.

The annual election of the Red Cross chapter will be held in the city hall at La Grande on Friday evening at 8 o'clock p. m. This is a public gathering of all Red Cross members, and the members at this meeting will choose the officers for the coming year.

Reports from different departments of the work will be read at the meeting and a financial statement of the funds of the chapter will be given out. Judge Crawford, head of the conservation department, will make a short talk on the work he is doing and ask what assistance he needs in the way of co-operation.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and the public as well as all members of the Red Cross is invited.

HARDING SPEECH-MAKING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The president left today on a special train for a four-day trip through the south. He will speak twice at Birmingham and once at Atlanta.

MURDERER GETTING BETTER.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 25.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield's wounds continued to heal today. Doctors say there is only slight infection and that is not dangerous. Brumfield appears cheerful.

Oldest Triangle of All Mentioned in Divorce Suit

Brother Steals Love of Wife and Now Husband Wants Freedom; Children Deserted, It Is Alleged.

PENDLETON, Oct. 25.—The old love plot built about the eternal triangle in which is bared a brother's infidelity to a brother was spread upon the records of the circuit court yesterday when F. L. Baker, a printer at the East Oregonian, filed a petition for divorce from his wife, Mary Ellen Baker.

Baker, in brief, accuses his brother of stealing his wife.

In the complaint Baker tells how his brother, Ray, came into his home upon being discharged from the army following service in the army and after two years won Mrs. Baker's affections and stole away with her to La Grande.

Baker says he became suspicious late in September of the brother and the wife. The wife, confronted by the husband, and the brother, questioned said he reciprocated Mrs. Baker's love. The wife, forced to choose between her husband and his brother, chose the latter, according to the complaint.

Baker relates how, incensed over the clandestine love affair, he ordered the brother from the home. The wife, he says, clung to the brother and kissed him good-bye at the parting and later went to him in La Grande.

The husband is seeking the divorce upon the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Baker and his wife were married in Pendleton in 1913. They have two children, a girl of five and a boy of seven. In going to La Grande the wife deserted the children, according to the petition, and Baker now has them in his custody. He asks that the court place them in his care.

Elks Receipts not So Heavy This Year

Mrs. L. R. Parker won the first prize for ladies, and Al. Hermann won the gentlemen's prize for having the cleaned the most "bones" during Elk's Days of '49 which ended Saturday night.

The total receipts reached close to \$1700.00 gross, which is a little less than annual programs have brought in for the Christmas tree fund.

SEATS ON SALE NEXT THURSDAY

Lycium Seats Will be Available on Friday Night at Door as Well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jester carried off the banner for approaching to 100 per cent complete in placing season tickets for the winter lycium yesterday. Each organization in the committee was assigned a block. The board for reservations for the season will go up at Silverthorn's Thursday morning, at which time anyone who holds a ticket may select the seat he prefers to sit in during all numbers for the year.

Anyone not supplied with tickets may obtain them there until Friday evening and at the door Friday evening.

A real treat is in store for the patrons the first evening when Ghost, the birdman, takes the platform in a nature lecture and bird imitation concert. He is known nationally as a gifted artist.

Suicide May be the Lost Banker Spurgin

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 25.—The "man of mystery" who committed suicide last Thursday night in a local hotel, was identified Sunday night as Warren C. Spurgin, missing president of the Michigan Avenue Trust company of Chicago by W. F. Bennett of Miami, former Chicago broker and intimate friend of Spurgin.

The body identified at first as that of "C. Hayden of New York" was found Friday when employees of the hotel forced an entrance to the room, a bullet wound in the forehead and a revolver, containing one spent cartridge, supported the theory of suicide.

STEAMER ON ROCKS.

SEATTLE, Oct. 25.—The passenger steamer Alameda of the Alaska city manager's salary 50 per cent, or steamship company is on the rocks, southeast of Seward, Alaska, but all there were plenty of men who would take the job at \$200 a month. It was finally decided to divorce the officers.

The Alameda is a vessel of 3105 tons and she was constructed in Philadelphia in 1883. Port Townsend, Wn., is her home port.

WHEAT A DOLLAR

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—A dollar to \$1.04 was the closing price of wheat here today.

BUDGET ITEMS CUT TO BONE IN COMMITTEE

Commissioner McKennon Makes Strong Appeal for Economy

ENGINEERING COSTS ALMOST ELIMINATED

City Manager Highly Praiseworthy for Efficient Handling of Difficult Water Problems.

At a meeting of the city commission and the advisory committee appointed from the taxpayers, held last night in the city hall, the tentative budget for the city was decided on and a number of changes in the preliminary estimates presented were made as the result of the discussion. On November 15 an open meeting of the city commission will be held at which time taxpayers will be given an opportunity to ask for changes that they believe are necessary for the welfare of the city, either reductions of items in the tentative budget or increases or additional provisions. The budget as presented provides for an estimated revenue of \$117,098.40, all but \$19,345.40 is provided for in the budget, the balance being provided for a general emergency fund.

Cry for Economy. Economy was the watchword of the advisory committee and the commission in making suggestions for changing the estimates presented.

Hearty approval on the part of the audience met the opening remarks of Commissioner J. D. McKennon when he announced his attitude towards the estimates presented as to "cut the budget very thoroughly from start to finish. It is an exaggerated budget and far in excess of any ever before presented. Many items we are called on to appropriate are unreasonable and exaggerated and not right."

Team Work Cut.

The first item on the estimate was team work for the street department. Considerable discussion of this particular item followed as the attitude towards expenditures in all departments was decided on by a thorough analysis of this particular item.

The item as estimated provided for 247 days of team work at \$7 per day, making a total of \$1,729. "There are lots of men to take jobs at lower wages and there is no reason why we should pay such a price for it when we can get it done for less," Commissioner McKennon declared. "Teams are being offered at \$5.50 and \$6 a day and on the farms teams are bringing only \$5 per day." J. E. Foley, one of the members of the advisory committee concurred with Mr. McKennon and declared he was paying \$5 a day for a number of teams he was using in the valley now. It was then decided that it would be wise to cut the price of teams, which includes the labor of a teamster, to a maximum of \$4 a day for next year. The sentiment of the commission was that in the future this work should be contracted, but this latter will be settled in a regular commission meeting.

No change was made in the estimated cost of common labor, \$3.00 per day, but it was the sentiment of all present that if labor rates come down there is no reason why the cut should not be taken advantage of as has been the custom during the past several years.

Surveying Sliced Heavily.

The estimated appropriations for engineering work suffered some of the highest cuts, all but the general surveying work being cut out, the original amount for engineering work found Friday when employees of the having been estimated at \$5,795, aside hotel forced an entrance to the room, a bullet wound in the forehead and a revolver, containing one spent cartridge, supported the theory of suicide.

Commissioner McKennon favored heavy cuts in salaries and pointed out that Astoria, Portland and other cities had cut salaries. He favored starting at the top, suggesting cutting the city manager's salary 50 per cent, or steamship company is on the rocks, southeast of Seward, Alaska, but all there were plenty of men who would take the job at \$200 a month. It was finally decided to divorce the officers.

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Weather

Tonight and Wednesday will be fair.