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AGREE ON A REDUCTION OF PACKER WAGE

"Big Five" Employees Examine Books and Decide to Accept Cut

NOVEL METHOD OF MAKING CUT IN PAY

Forty Thousand Employees Affected in Chicago and Over Hundred Thousand Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Following the acceptance yesterday by 40,000 packing house employees here of a wage cut, the stockyards workers in plants on the "big five" throughout the middle west are making their decision and it is expected that within a few days 125,000 employees will have accepted the scale.

Employees of Armour & Co., 26,000 in all, Friday, through their plant governing committee agreed with officials of the packing house that a wage reduction is necessary and fixed its amount. The cut is effective November 28.

First in History.

This is the first time in history of the industry that a wage reduction has been arrived at in such a manner.

The agreement between Armour & Co. and its employees followed a two-day conference. Twenty-four employees, representatives of the plant councils in nine cities, met with an equal number of officials representing the company. The financial situation of the company explained. The question was put to a vote, and the following reductions, effective in all plants except that at Fort Worth, Texas, accepted:

For piece workers, 8 per cent.

Unskilled labor, getting 45 cents an hour or less, 75 cents.

Semi-skilled labor, getting 45 and 50 cents an hour, 5 cents.

Skilled labor, getting over 50 cents an hour, 3 cents.

A minimum wage of 25 cents an hour for adult female labor is provided.

These reductions apply to plants in Chicago, St. Paul, Sioux City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Denver.

Reject Wage Cut.

OMAHA, Nov. 19.—The five thousand members of the Omaha chapter of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America will not accept the wage reduction agreement made Friday in Chicago between representatives of Armour & Co. and the "plant committee," according to J. W. Burns, secretary of district council No. 5, of the meat cutters and butcher workmen.

HORSEBACK CARRIER FOR EXTRA SERVICE.

Because of the difficulty the carrier boys have in delivering papers during the storm and the possibility that more subscribers than usual may be missed, the Observer has put on a horseback carrier to deliver papers to subscribers who do not receive their paper by 7:30 p. m. All subscribers not receiving a paper by that time are asked to call either the Observer office, Main 37, or Western Union, Main 24, and their paper will be sent out.

TOOTH PASTE KILLS BOY.

CENTRALIA, Nov. 19.—Eating a package of tooth paste is said to have caused the death of Walter Carter, 2-year-old son of Mrs. Frances Carter, Centralia from Los Angeles. The boy's body will be sent to California tomorrow for interment.

Red Cross Roll Call Brings Words of Praise

The Red Cross drive is continuing in spite of the inclement weather and Rev. A. R. Sifton, chairman of the roll call, is reporting satisfactory progress in spite of the work having been slightly slowed up yesterday when the snow began falling so heavily that traffic was interfered with.

Mr. Sifton is receiving assurance from many prominent men and women in the city that the community appreciates to the fullest extent the work that is being done in La Grande and Union county by the Red Cross workers.

One of these came from Dr. F. I. Nassman, president of the Ad Club, who wrote Mr. Sifton as follows:

"I sincerely hope that the Red Cross drive under your direction is to be a great success. Of all the agencies for the alleviation of distress and caring for the unfortunate few equal and none exceed the Red Cross in efficiency and in La Grande Chapter, at least, the money contributed is handled so efficiently that none need be afraid to make contributions, for they may be assured of wise administration of funds."

"It would seem hardly necessary to make a comment, but as this is being done I hope to see a large membership roll and hope that no one will miss the opportunity to aid in this great work."

REDUCTIONS IN RAIL RATES IN CONFUSION

Tariffs Have Not Been Filed by Roads: New Rates Should Be Effective Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Railroad rate reduction on agricultural products both the general decrease of 10 per cent agreed by railroad executives this week and the greater percentage decrease ordered throughout the west on grain and hay by the interstate commerce commission last month were left in considerable confusion Friday on the official records. The commission decided that the hay and grain schedules should be reduced by November 20 by amounts equal to one-half of the increases allowed the roads in 1920.

No Tariff Filed.

None of the railroads, it became known Friday, has filed new tariffs, and, at the same time, it is understood that the western carriers will seek to have the flat 10 per cent decrease voluntarily decided upon by the railroads for all agricultural products to constitute the only reduction on grain. However, neither a formal notification of the 10 per cent reduction nor tariffs embodying it were filed with the commission by railroad agents.

It is expected that further proceedings and hearings of the commission will be necessary before any reductions are put into effect, particularly if the railroads attempt to install the smaller decrease on the grain and hay products. In deciding the grain cases, brought by complaint of 24 states and agricultural organizations, the commission did not issue a formal order for the reductions but directed that a cut, estimated at approximately 15 per cent, should be made.

A failure of the railroads to comply with the direction will entail the issuance now of an order to make the cuts, or a reopening of the case.

BULLETINS

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—Forty-three units of the ninety-sixth division of the army reserve corps were assigned to Oregon, according to announcement made today.

La Grande was assigned Company I, 381st infantry, and Company E, 321st engineers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Rate reductions on lumber, shingles and lumber products from Pacific coast points to the east and New England from 12 to 10 1/2 per cent were announced here today.

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—Wheat was 96 cents to \$1.03 here today.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 19.—Before 55,000 spectators Harvard defeated Yale here this afternoon, 10 to 3.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—A manifesto was issued today by the British labor party that promises to support any steps to make the American proposals for naval armament reduction effective and calls for an extension of the proposals to all forms of armament.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Completing the revision of the tax bill the house and senate conferees today agreed to a corporation income tax rate of twelve and a half per cent, the figure fixed in the original house measure. This is an increase of two and a half per cent over the present rate, but two and a half per cent under the senate figure.

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Cyclone Claims A Dozen Lives

Arkansas Swept by Terrific Storm: Snow in Texas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 19.—Twelve persons were killed, 30 or more injured and considerable property damage done by two cyclones which struck in widely separated parts of this state Thursday night.

One storm near Mena in the extreme western part of the state wiped out a family of eight persons.

Another storm striking a lumber camp near Arkadelphia killed one person, injured 24 others and then skipped north to a point near Malvern, where three more persons were killed and a number injured.

Snow Falls in Texas.

AMARILLO, Tex., Nov. 19.—Flurries of snow fell here Friday. The temperature dropped to 30 degrees, the lowest of the winter. Fall of the mercury within the next 24 hours is from 10 to 15 above zero was predicted.

Death Toll Heavy.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Eleven persons were killed and a funeral limousine in which they were riding was demolished when a fast Santa Fe train crashed into the machine at a crossing in one of Chicago's suburbs during a snow storm. While railroad officials reported seven dead witnesses said they counted eleven bodies.

IRELAND SHOWN ON THE SCREEN

Rev. William L. Quinn Has Lecture to Deliver on the Old Country.

Monday evening at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Rev. William L. Quinn, prominent lecturer and well known scholar, will deliver a lecture on Ireland to the people of La Grande.

This lecture is illustrated by many pictures taken by Rev. Quinn personally and until lately they have not been released for public exhibition.

The evening will be spent in showing Ireland as she has been in the past and Ireland as she is at the present time. The question and trouble of the island will be brought forth vividly to the audience and those who wish to learn more of conditions over there will have a splendid opportunity.

Any student of history will be pleased with this lecture and indications now point to a large attendance.

EGGS FIRM TODAY

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—Livestock was steady today, eggs were firm and butter was steady.

IF THE NEW GERMAN EMBASSY PAYS WITH MARKS

LISTEN OSCAR—FOR 10 MILLION MARKS I CAN GET YOU A BOTTLE OF BONDED STUFF.

OH DEAR! AFTER I PAY THE DRYMAN I'LL HAVE ABOUT 50 CENTS LEFT.

I'M GOING OUT IF THE BOSS DON'T STOP SENDIN' ME OUT AFTER CIGARS.

EMBASSY STENOGRAPHER TAKING HOME HER WEEKLY PAY

AND HE SEES—RUDOLPH, THE MOST I CAN RAISE YOUR SALARY IS 500,000 MARKS

ADOLPH, CAN YOU LET ME HAVE 3,752,394 MARKS FOR A NEW HAT?

JAPAN MAY AGREE WITH THE CHINESE

Friendly Attitude of Delegation is Reported Today

SHIDEHARA SAID TO BE VERY FRIENDLY

All of Japanese Delegates Said to Have Agreed at Least in Principle With Proposals.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—In a statement on behalf of Japan on several questions relating to the far east made at today's session of the conference committee on Pacific affairs, Ambassador Shidehara in presenting Japan's proposals was said to have shown a friendly attitude towards the Chinese proposals and to have indicated on material objection that Japan should have toward making them a part of the proposed agreement on far eastern problems. All of the delegation heads are said to have expressed agreement at least in principle with China's ten proposals.

SALVATION ARMY TO FEED HUNGRY

Today the Salvation Army opened an eating house in the rear of the hall on Fir street to care for the hungry. The captain is giving it personal supervision and this morning he put the "kettle on" early and it was filled with the kind of food that makes the hungry glad.

While distress in La Grande is not heavy at present there are some people who are hungry and these will be fed and cared for. The heavy storm will make the army's headquarters greatly appreciated by the people who have no place to go and who really need the assistance which the army always gives.

The general public of the city endorses the work of the army and the need of caring for home folk, as enunciated by Jack Godwin in his revival sermons, has been taken up by the army in a practical manner.

May Never See Fighting Days

New Super-Dreadnaught Takes to Water Today and May Be Scrapped

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Nov. 19.—The superdreadnaught West Virginia, the newest addition to the American navy, and scheduled to grace the scrap pile within a few months under the reduction program, was successfully launched here today.

Denver Ed Martin Knocked Out in a Hurry by Wills

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—Harry Wills, negro heavyweight, knocked out Denver Ed Martin in the first round last night.

SINNOTT BREAKS ON TAX MATTER

Oregon Congressman Refuses to Follow the President on Important Issue.

On Thursday when the matter came before the house of representatives regarding the surtax and President Harding's wishes that not more than 40 per cent be included in the measure Congressman Sinnott of the second congressional district of Oregon broke with the president on the matter and led the fight for a fifty per cent tax.

"In this case," said the Oregon congressman, "I think the president has been given bad advice. On the authority of the book of Job, we can say that great men are not always wise. The republicans have promised the people tax reduction, and the people will not be satisfied unless it is real. Now can any one justify the great discriminations in favor of the wealthiest tax payers in this bill we are asked by the house leaders to support?"

Sinnott declared that for months he has made efforts to secure information from the treasury as to the amount of tax exempt securities held by the big tax payers, but has been unable to learn what is held by the 12,000 persons with incomes over \$50,000 who, it is said, are turning their money into tax exempt securities.

Gardner of Texas interrupted to say that the senate put a provision into the present bill to make such information available, but added the prediction that this will be stricken out before the bill is passed.

"It ought not to be stricken," said Sinnott. "We ought to have that information."

Sinnott's speech was received with

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ROBBERS GET AWAY WITH A HUGE AMOUNT

Over Hundred Thousand Stolen in Early Morning Jewelry Holdup in St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 19.—Three robbers who entered the Gittleson Jewelry company's store during the night overpowered Harry Weidman, manager, upon his arrival before eight o'clock this morning, forcing him to open his safe door and shut off the burglar alarm. They escaped with jewels worth \$100,000.

Nurse of Dead Girl Is Placed on Stand in Arbuckle Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—Miss Grace Halstead, nurse who attended Miss Virginia Rappe at the time of her death, testified in the trial of Rose (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, charged with manslaughter in connection with Miss Rappe's death, today.

She testified that bruises on the body could not have been inflicted after death. The testimony was offered to offset statements by physicians that the bruises might have been caused after death while the blood still was warm.

Dr. Arthur Beardslee, St. Francis house physician, testified that he found Miss Rappe in great pain when called to attend her.

La Grande, like other parts of eastern Oregon, is today covered by the heaviest blanket of snow that has fallen at such an early date in many years. This noon the snow was 16 inches and was still falling.

Train No. 24 from the west was over an hour late today, but the O-W maintained its schedule time from the east as well as maintaining schedule time on eastbound trains during the night.

At a late hour this afternoon snow was still falling. Judging from other years' weather, there is little likelihood that the present snow will stay. Farmers in town today expressed the opinion that crops will be helped greatly by the additional moisture given by the storm and business houses of all kinds reported that the first storm of the season had the usual effect of putting new life into business.

Reports from Walla Walla and Baker counties indicate that the snow fall is general over the eastern part of the state.

Coasting to be on Sixth Street Hill; Prohibited on Others

All boys wanting to enjoy coasting were warned today by city officials to stay off Fourth street, O avenue and the Second street viaduct. Barriers were ordered placed at the foot of Fourth street hill and coasting will not be allowed down this hill as in years past. Motorists approaching Sixth street from O avenue are warned to be extremely cautious because often coasters nearly reach the corner of O and Sixth.

DEFIED MILITARY; FAILED.

WALSBERG, Colo., Nov. 19.—J. F. Coas, editor of the Independent, a semi-weekly newspaper here, was arrested today by state rangers and charged with criticizing in his newspaper the methods employed by state officials in handling the strike.

After being warned not to print any further criticism of the military, Coas was released.

On Tuesday last the Independent carried an editorial criticizing the importation of state rangers here for strike duty.

NEGRO SHOT AND BURNED.

HELENA, Ark., Nov. 19.—Will Turner, a negro, charged with attacking a young white woman today was taken by a mob from a sheriff's posse while being removed to Marianna for safekeeping.

After being shot to death his body was brought here and burned in the city park.

PORTLAND SEES BOND HOPE GOING

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—A cold rainy day gave an unpromising aspect this morning to the special election on the bond issue for the 1925 fair.

Work of Completing the Victory Way Is Halted

Work on the Victory Way was halted yesterday because of the snow storm. Considerable progress in the grading had been made during the past week and if the contractor could have continued working steadily without interference of the weather he would have completed the work within two weeks.

The city commissioners and the county court have both made provisions for finishing the work immediately if weather permits.

Weather

Tonight and Sunday snow in the eastern portion of the state and rain in the western portion.