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IRISH RAIL LINES SEIZED BY STRIKERS

Event is Unprecedented in History of Ireland

NO OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED

More Pay and Revision of Working Rules Is Demand of Rail Workers; No Trains Moving.

(By Associated Press)
CORK, Feb. 11.—An event unprecedented in the history of the Irish railways occurred Friday when 800 striking railway workers assembled outside strike headquarters and were ordered to march to the various railway stations and take possession of them on behalf of the Railmen's Industrial Operative society.

The railways were seized at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon with no disorder. No opposition was encountered by the strikers, whose officials installed themselves in the board rooms of the stations.

The action of the strikers was due to the men having refused to accept the terms of settlement of the strike, arrived at by the Dublin conference Thursday. The strikers are demanding a 70 shillings weekly pay and a revision of their hours of work.

No trains were moved over any of the lines Friday, but arrangements were being made Friday night to start the services Saturday. It is expected that the ministry of labor will intervene in the situation.

Damage to Wheat Expected To Be Light in Valley

December weather has been injurious to winter wheat, report many farmers in the Grande Ronde valley, especially to wheat that had been planted late and in heavy soil. The farmers state that they lay the blame to the alternate freezing and thawing preliminary to the December freeze. Some fields of wheat were damaged to some extent by the heavy winds that have been sweeping over the valley in the last few weeks.

The full extent of the damage is not as yet known but some of the farmers are expecting to be forced to replant their crop to insure a yield. Wheat that is covered with snow and protected from the high winds is in good condition and is expected to yield a heavy crop. Until later it will be unable to estimate whether the percentage of wheat injured is sufficient to seriously hurt the spring yield or not but the farmers are hopeful that the damage will prove to be a small nature.

OPEN TUESDAY

French and Green, who expected to open their exclusive ladies ready-to-wear and ladies and childrens shoe store today, announced last night that, owing to a delay in the arrival of their stock their opening day has been postponed until next Tuesday.

Cow Testing to be One of Farmers Week Topics

The matter of organizing a cow testing association in Union county and also discussions of feeding the dairy cow will be prominent features of the Farmers' Week program being arranged by County Agent Avery in cooperation with the Extension Service of the Oregon Agricultural College for February 21 to 24, inclusive. Cow testing associations pay big dividends, according to reports of dairymen in Tillamook county. They also believe the real value of cow testing associations comes from continuing the work year after year and showing in that way to indicate that such is the case. Records going back to 1900 show that the 1,000 cows in the Tillamook testing association, which has been in continuous operation since its organization in 1912, had an average production of 3,000 pounds of milk and 368.7 pounds of fat. This at average prices for that year in Tillamook county, showed an average income of \$301.81 per cow. This record was not equaled in any other place in Oregon, and, according to W. D. Pine, county agent for Tillamook county, was exceeded by only one other association in the United States, that being in Humboldt county, California. Records show that the 12,214 cows in the Tillamook testing association had an average annual production of 10,400 pounds of milk and 165 pounds of fat. This at the same prices taken above would mean an annual income of \$1,350 per cow or approximately \$1,350 million dollars less than it would have been had the average production equaled the production of the cows in the Tillamook testing association.

BIDS OPENED BY U. S. ON WOODEN SHIPS

Highest Offer was \$150,000 for 75 Ships in Various Stages of Completion.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The high bid offered the shipping board for 75 wooden ships recently offered at auction on the Pacific coast was presented by Robert J. McGahie, San Francisco, totalling approximately \$150,000. The ships are in various stages of completion in Pacific coast shipyards.

BOYS ARRESTED AS RUNAWAYS

The police department arrested two boys who were going to Elgin this morning. They gave their names as Russell Hendrickson and Harry Wortman and came from Chehalis, Washington.

Harry Wortman is out on parole from the State Training School at Chehalis and was attempting to beat his way to California, and was intending to visit Elgin on his way. His grandparents live at that city.

A girl, name unknown, accompanied the boys as far as The Dalles, where she was arrested and sent back to Chehalis.

The boys are at present in the city jail awaiting word as to when they shall be returned.

Cove Councilmen Held Not Liable in Sidewalk Case

The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendants in the case of Edna Comstock vs. City of Cove.

Miss Comstock brought suit against the City of Cove and the Cove councilmen, but, owing to the fact that the City of Cove's charter made the city liable to only \$100.00 for such cases, she withdrew her case against the city and sued the councilmen for \$5,000 damages.

Miss Comstock fell through a defective sidewalk several months ago and received permanent injuries. She has been taking treatment in an attempt to cure the injuries for several months but without success.

The Cove councilmen are: S. H. Weimar, Louis Bloom, C. L. Kove, F. Musick, Dan Peterson, J. D. Brugh, and Jonas Weimar.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—Five children of Edward Rhodes, of Clabber, Wash., died today within an hour after the mother gave them doses of what she believed was Epsom salts purchased at the general store in Clabber.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—Charles Pettig, Southern Oregon draft evader, was given a nine months' sentence today.

(By Associated Press)
GLASGOW, Scotland, Feb. 11.—Robert Stewart, Scottish checker champion, won the international championship by defeating the American champion, Newell W. Banks, of Detroit, Mich. Of 40 games Stewart won two, Banks one and 37 were played to a draw.

(By Associated Press)
SPOKANE, Feb. 11.—Eugene H. Day of Wallace, Idaho, millionaire mining operator of the Coeur d'Alene district, died here today.

MILLIONS IN RUSSIA SAID TO BE DYING

Russian Relief Committee Incensed at Secretary Hoover

DECLARE SUSPICION BASIS OF CHARGE

Action Against Alleged Communist Relief Societies Said To Be "Crime Against Humanity."

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Executives of the American committee for Russian famine relief today wired President Harding a request for an opportunity to "meet and refute" charges by Secretary Hoover that over 200 such organizations operating in this country were "frankly communistic."

The telegram declared that millions of children in Russia will die unless every available legitimate relief agency is utilized and "we think it a crime against humanity to have our widespread machinery halted because it is founded merely on suspicion."

SALEM WOMAN DIVORCED

SALEM, Feb. 11.—Ellen Harris today was legally separated from her husband, Harvey Harris, in a decree issued by Judge G. C. Bingham. Mrs. Harris alleged that her husband represented to her that he owned a large ranch in Iowa and borrowed \$82 from her to make a trip to it. Harris then went into seclusion, according to his wife. The story regarding the ranch was untrue, she said.

\$1000 FOR W. C. T. U.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 11.—Mrs. E. B. Andrews, who is financial treasurer of Clackamas county in the drive to collect funds to assist in establishing the children's farm home of the Oregon W. C. T. U. at Corvallis, has succeeded in getting \$1000. The quota from Clackamas county is \$2200.

CREDIT DEBATED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Means of lending the aid of the government's credit to the railroads are under consideration in administration circles, it was indicated Thursday by high officials. Any such plan, however, it was said, would not involve use of government money for rendering financial assistance to the carriers, but the use of federal credit.

MRS. ORENCHAIN ON TRIAL

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—Madeline Orenchain, charged with the murder of her sweetheart, J. Bolton Kennedy, Thursday heard the first testimony and saw the first evidence against her.

SHIPPING IS NEXT MATTER FOR ACTION

President Expected to Make Recommendations to Congress on Merchant Marine in Two Weeks.

(Special to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The president having transmitted the arms conference treaties to the senate he plans to turn his attention toward quick action on relief legislation for merchant marine aid, Chairman Lasker of the shipping board said after a conference with the president. The executive is extremely interested in the marine situation, said Lasker. He expects to submit recommendations to congress within two weeks.

Lincoln's Birthday Observed in Schools of City Yesterday

The public schools in La Grande observed Lincoln's birthday yesterday afternoon instead of Monday. The high school held a mass meeting in the auditorium at 3 o'clock and were addressed by Father Lonsner, of the Catholic church, on Lincoln. At the close of his speech the student body was dismissed for the day.

In central school a special assembly for the uppergrades was held in the afternoon and a delightful program was enacted. In the lower grades in Central school and the various grades of the Riveria and Greenwood schools fitting programs were held in the rooms.

Lubbes Wins Over Kid Sarp in Baker City Last Evening

(Special to The Observer)
BAKER, Feb. 11.—Battling Lubbes won a decision over Kid Sarp in their 10-round go here Friday. Both men were on their feet at the end of the go.

Lubbes weighed in at 143 while Sarp was down to light weight 135 pounds, but at that it was a fine go. Kid Sarp is one of the best boys in his division and the La Grande fans may have a chance to see him in action here as he intends to make La Grande his home and will probably fight Lubbes there around about the 15th of this month.

The special event of 4 rounds was won by young Butler of La Grande by a knockout in the second round. Ah. Turner was Butler's opponent.

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ONE NEVER CAN TELL



Democrats Reported as Supporting The Four Power Treaty Now Before Senate Foreign Relations Committee

EDISON IS WORKING ON BIRTHDAY

(By Associated Press)
WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 11.—Seventy-five years ago today Thomas A. Edison was born. Today, however, was just another Saturday in his busy life. At the great Edison plant he and his fellow workers faced the same routine. The "Edison Pioneers," the men employed since 1885, gave their annual dinner.

Record Made in Reinstating Five High School Pupils

A new record in reinstating suspended pupils was made at the high school yesterday afternoon. Five students were called before the school authorities on complaint of a freshman girl and her parents. The charge was that an effort was made to force the girl to braid her hair and wear green ribbons, this having been asked by the upper-class students and all but three responding to the request. Two of the three allowed their older girl friends to do the braiding but one did not want her coiffure spoiled and appealed to her parents and the school authorities.

The five were suspended and in almost the same breath reinstated, it is reported. Those reported to have gone through the suspension and reinstatement were Ted Larson, Wm. Heughan, Reda Parsons, Mildred Gotheier and Lea Lyman.

600 IN COMMUNITY CLUB.
VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 11.—The membership of the Community club of the American Legion community building, today passed the 600 mark and indications and hopes were that the number will pass 1000 before the year is over, according to Charles A. Watts, commander of Smith-Reynolds post.

Every Saturday morning the swimming tank is thrown open to the children of the city free, and several hundred children always are present. A business men's athletic class has been started for two hours a week between 5 and 6 o'clock, Tuesday and Thursday.

(By Associated Press)
SPOKANE, Feb. 11.—K. O. Barclay, aged 27, local photographer, was arrested today charged with possessing stolen property. Police allege that he directed the operations of a group of young men who recently have burglarized local stores. Three of the younger men have already been arrested, two here and one in Great Falls, Mont., on burglary charges.

WALLA WALLA WHEAT UP

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 11.—Wheat prices which have been looking up for several days have resulted in some sales, over more than 50,000 bushels having been disposed of here in the last two days.

Politicians Troubled Over Uncle Joe Cannon

(By Associated Press)
DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 11.—Will Uncle Joe Cannon make the race for Congressman from this district? This is the question that is admittedly troubling a number of men who open in the United States House of Representatives but who just as openly announce they will not run if "Uncle" Joe intends to.

Only one man has thus far broken through the ranks. He is State Representative William P. Holaday, who announced recently that he would be a candidate before the April primary. He is a question of a few months ago who it was announced Chicago's Uncle Joe would not run again, preparations were being made by several to surround their old chief.

from Danville's famous member of congress to the effect that he had not authorized such announcement and that he would inform his constituents of his intentions in good time. This brightened the budding hopes of local leaders, with the single exception of Representative Holaday. Cannon's relatives and local managers declare they have received no instructions from him regarding the matter. In the meantime Holaday is canvassing the district and effecting an organization among his friends.

Senator Lodge Reiterates Contention that U. S. will Not be Obligated to Use Force by Treaty When Borah and Brandegee Voice Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The treaty defining the rights of the United States in Yap and other islands mandated to Japan was signed today by Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Shidehara.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Consideration of the four powers Pacific treaty, one of the seven laid before the senate yesterday by the president, was begun today by the senate foreign relations committee, which after lengthy discussion adjourned until Tuesday.

Senator Lodge, after the session, said that it was possible the committee would not consider the seven treaties at one time but would report one at a time. Borah and Brandegee, who have been inclined to be opposed to the four-power Pacific treaty, raised points as to moral obligations of the United States to use force in its observance of the treaty.

For Discussion Only.
Lodge vigorously reiterated the contention that there is no obligation to use force and only an obligation for discussion in event the question should arise challenging the four powers insular rights in the Pacific. Considerable democratic support for the four powers treaty is reported.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The treaties negotiated at the Washington arms conference were laid before the senate by President Harding yesterday with the request that they be ratified as guarantees of peace. Appearing in person, the president declared that the new agreements would "serve to put an end to contradictions to remove ambiguities and establish clear understandings."

No Alliance.
Seven treaties were submitted by the president. The first was the five powers agreement on naval limitation, the second was the submarine and poison gas treaty, the third was the four power pact, the fourth and fifth were supplemental to the four power pact. The others related to the far east and the Chinese tariff.

The president said they were interwoven in a scheme of peace and contained nothing committing the United States to any kind of an alliance, entanglement or involvement.

BANK CASHIER IS HELD.
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Robert Conroy, cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Hammond, N. Y., is held today following his arrest last night while federal and state bank examiners make a further examination of his books.

Conroy's shortage was reported to be \$75,000. The bank was closed today by order of the directors, pending the result of the examination.

THE FIRST ROBIN

The first robin reported arriving in La Grande as a forerunner of spring, was seen here yesterday. He was reported in the neighborhood of the post office on Fourth street and was singing cheerfully, evidently contented with the balmy, spring-like weather the Grande Ronde valley is having.

Weather

Tonight and Sunday occasional rain.