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FARMING OUT SHOP WORK IS ILLEGAL

Railroad Board Renders Decision Affecting Contracted Work

WAGE DIFFERENCES TO BE SETTLED

Jurisdiction of U. S. Board to be Extended to Men Now Working on Contract Jobs.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, May 11.—Contracting shop repair work to outside firms by a railroad company was declared a violation of the transportation act and contract provisions conflicting with the wages and working rules laid down by the United States railroad labor board were branded illegal in a decision handed down by the board Wednesday. The decision was characterized by the board as the most important it has rendered since its establishment.

The decision, which is the first of a series of judgments to be handed down on disputes over "farming out" railroad labor, was made in the controversy between the union shop crafts and the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad. The board declared its pronouncement went to the vitals of the transportation act. "No more important dispute," the decision added, "has ever come before this board for adjudication."

All are Affected.

While the decision applied only to the one road, which last September contracted for repair work to the Burnham Car Repair company, the general principles established will govern all subsequent decisions.

There now are 36 such cases pending before the board, involving 17 railroads, and union officials have intimated that unless they could escape the rapid spread of contracting shop work, there would be a flood of protests filed before the board.

Each case, however, will be decided on its own merits, the board announced, but the principles of the Indiana Harbor Belt decision will stand.

Wages Restored.

Under Wednesday's decision thousands of former railway employees now working for contractors at wages varying from the labor board scale are formally brought under the board's jurisdiction. Rules varying from those laid down by the board are likewise in effect declared illegal, and the contractors' employees restored to the working rules promulgated by the board.

The board declared in its decision that if a railroad company could remove its employees from the jurisdiction of the labor board, as was contended in the Indiana Harbor Belt case, "then the entire transportation act would be nullified and the will of the congress of the United States set at naught."

At the present time various roads have contracted to independent companies the work of six different classes of employees, shopmen, maintenance of way laborers, clerks, firemen and others, hostlers and signal men—and the board declared that if one class of employees could be removed from jurisdiction under the transportation act, "there is no sound reason why each and every railroad employee in the United States cannot be given like treatment."

Chautauqua Program Is One of New Features

At the first meeting this year of the directors of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua Association, held last evening in the office of the Ad Club, the directors got their first glimpse of the program for the coming season. Two pleasing features especially attracted themselves to the assembly (50 year). There are no "repeaters" in the program, unless Opie Road, who was here in 1920 nine years ago, might be called a "repeater." Not a single speaker, outside of Mr. Road, or any of the musicians have been heard in La Grande before. The outstanding number is "Cappy Ricks," a play well known to theatre goers and presenting characters familiar to readers of the Saturday Evening Post. A contract was entered into with Ellison White for the talent.

A second feature that pleases everyone, apparently, is that the assembly will be held at a considerably later date than usual, the days being July 20-27, inclusive.

"She" Gets 'Em



If rough-necked disturb auto sporting parties in Cambridge, Mass., they are likely to get a stiff punch in the jaw. Inspector Jack Nelson dresses as a woman and speaks with a man, waiting for the rowdies to be thus decoyed.

WIND-UP OF CAMPAIGN IS NEARLY HERE

Y. M. C. A. Workers Report That Large Portion of Territory Assigned Has Been Covered With Success.

With all teams out one working hard today, an effort is being made to practically wind up the Y. M. C. A. drive for maintenance funds. The team that was unable to go into the field today expects to wind up its work tomorrow, if possible.

At the banquet served last evening in the Y. M. C. A. reports by the various teams showed that the response to the workers' invitation to contribute was unusually cordial, very few who were canvassed being unable to respond.

Team No. 1, under the captaincy of Chase Bohnenkamp, was out for a portion of the day yesterday and reported good success. In district No. 2, with Floyd McKennon as captain, two-thirds of the territory was covered yesterday. A. C. Hampton, captain of the team canvassing district No. 3 reported that his team had completed about 99 per cent of its canvass. F. L. Meyers, captain of district No. 4, also reported that 99 per cent of his territory had been gone over. C. E. Short, of district No. 5 reports 60 per cent of his territory canvassed and H. E. Dixon of team No. 6 reports 80 per cent canvassed.

The banquet last evening was served by Mesdames G. L. Larson, A. J. Stange, T. J. Scroggin, Chase Bohnenkamp and Floyd McKennon. A report of all teams will be made this evening at 6 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A., at which time Mrs. F. L. Meyers, Mrs. H. K. O'Brien, Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. A. C. Hampton and Mrs. Albert Hunter will serve the luncheon.

PROGRAM FRIDAY.
In connection with the observance of National Hospital Day tomorrow at the Grande Ronde hospital a program has been arranged. The program will be rendered between 3 and 4 p. m. and the public is invited to attend.

CONFERENCE CRISIS HAS BEEN REACHED

Russian Reply to Memorandum is Being Studied Today

NATIONALIZATION IS BIG PROBLEM

Lloyd George Says He Will Stick Even if France and Belgium Give up, Says London Paper.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 11.—A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Genoa says that the French and Belgians quit the conference Lloyd George will remain "and try to work the ship to port with a short-handed crew."

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, May 11.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine handed the Russian reply to the allied memorandum today to Foreign Minister Schanzer of Italy. The first part of the note, which consists of 15 pages, is argumentative. The second half is reported to be constructive, making proposals dealing with financial questions.

Many rumors are afloat in connection with Russia's attitude toward nationalization of property, which is a vital issue of the negotiations. This is the question on which France and Belgium have split with the other powers. The Russian note, it is said, suggests the appointment of a new special commission by the conference to continue negotiations after the close of the Genoa meeting.

Japan is reported as having joined forces with France in the latter's determination not to indulge in protracted negotiations with the Russians.

Change To Be Made In State Highway Near Oregon City

Dangerous Piece of Road Will Be Eliminated by Decision Reached Today by Commission.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 11.—The state highway commission today decided to eliminate a dangerous bit of the Pacific highway just south of the paper mills at Oregon City where it runs between the Willamette river and the railroad. The new route will cost \$110,000, to be furnished by Oregon City, Clackamas county, the paper mills, the Southern Pacific and the Portland Railway, Light and Power company.

TRACK MEET RESULT IS UNCERTAIN

Pendleton, La Grande and Union Expected to be Close Contenders for First Place.

With the Eastern Oregon track meet scheduled for Saturday afternoon at Pendleton the La Grande team is hopeful of placing first. However, the outlook is not the brightest and Pendleton is the favorite for high honors in some quarters.

"I look for a close meet between Pendleton, La Grande and Union," states Coach Carl Lodell. "The worst obstacle in our path is the fact that both Union and La Grande are strong in practically the same events and will probably cut each other's throat, thus leaving Pendleton a clear field."

La Grande is nearly certain to win the broad jump and shot put. Pendleton should walk away with the 440 yard dash, the mile, the discus, the high jump, the javelin and the low hurdles. Union should place first in the 220 yard dash and Cove is expected to win the pole vault.

Very little is known concerning the teams Joseph and the towns close to Pendleton will enter but they are expected to furnish enough dark horses to make the meet uncertain.

Pendleton will be lucky if she even places in the sprints. Cook, of Union, and Sandberg, of La Grande, are the favorites for the 220 and 100 yard dashes and Dallen of Union and Hengman of La Grande are better men than Pendleton's sprinters. One of the races that will furnish a few thrills will be the century, with Cook and Sandberg straining for first.

With a trio of jumpers that do over five feet, the Round-Up City will likely take three of the places in the high jump. Sandberg, in the broad jump, hasn't an equal in this section of the state. Lacey, of Cove, from his showing at the county meet at Union, will probably take the blue ribbon in the pole vault event.

In the weights Pendleton and La Grande are about equal. Captain Bean, with a first in last year's Eastern Oregon meet, is nearly sure to repeat in the shot put, and Nuwaton, of Pendleton, is the best bet in the discus. Warner, of Pendleton, is about the only safe wager in the javelin.

The high hurdles will find some class competition between Kuhn, of Union, Larson, of La Grande, and Warner of Pendleton. Warner should have little trouble in leaving the field in the low hurdles.

The half mile will be a close race between Johnson of Union and Earnhardt of Pendleton. Both are good men and if Earnhardt wins this year's half mile it will mean three successive wins, which will entitle him to permanent possession of a cup which he now has kept for two years.

Again in the mile Johnson will furnish Pendleton the strongest competition.

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OFFICIALS VINDICATED BY PROBE

Inventory Shows no Material Output of Illegal Paper

SOME SPECIAL BOND PAPER IS MISSING

Inventory's Completion Reveals Nothing to be Startled About, Announcement Says.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 11.—The report of the special treasury committee which made an inventory of the bureau of printing and engraving is understood to be a substantial vindication of the treasury officials' declaration that no material output of illegal bonds, note or stamp issues occurred. Investigators, however, reported the finding of a discrepancy of some 50 sheets of special paper used in the bureau for printing bonds and notes.

Crowd Hoots Carpenter

Knocks Out Lewis on Break Away; Crowd Doesn't Like Decision.

LONDON, May 11.—Georges Carpenter won over Ted Lewis in the first round of a scheduled 20-round match for the world's heavy weight championship here tonight after two minutes, 15 seconds of fighting. Carpenter's knockout blow was on a break away. He was entitled to do this but spectators raised a clamor. Many cries of "foul" were raised as he returned to his dressing room. After knocking Lewis out he was hooted by a section of the crowd.

OREGON'S LIFE MENACED

MEXICO CITY.—President Obregon has recently received three letters threatening his life, his friends state. Two letters were mailed in the United States.

DUPLICATED ACCIDENT

ROCHDALE, Eng.—A street car ran wild down a steep hill here and smashed a shop. Seventeen were injured. Eight years ago to the day a similar accident also injured 17.

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES—AND SIGNS



Peggy's Latest



This photo of Peggy Joyce, light hearted and enjoying a cigarette, was taken in front of the Chicago Press last week before William Erra committed suicide because of his unrequited love for her.

PATTERSON CHALLENGES SENATOR HALL

PORTLAND, May 11.—Charging that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company controls the telephone company of which Senator Charles Hall, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, is the president, Senator I. L. Patterson, also candidate for the nomination, today challenged Hall to a public debate on the propriety of his candidacy under the circumstances.

The challenge was issued through W. E. Burke, chairman of the Patterson campaign committee, and he informs Hall that it will be agreeable to Patterson to debate the subject either in Albany on May 12, or at Oregon City on May 13.

"I am enclosing a statement taken from the report of the Coos & Curry Telephone company for the year 1921, filed with the public service commission March last," reads the challenge.

"According to this report, the Coos & Curry Telephone company of which you are president is controlled by officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. It is shown plainly, in fact, since C. E. Hickman, division superintendent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company of Portland, voted all the preferred stock and one share of the common stock as shown by an extract from the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors on January 16, 1922; and of the dividends declared for the year 1921, the preferred stock holders, all of which stock was voted by C. E. Hickman, received \$10,000, and that the common stockholders received \$4,800.00."

"This report would naturally put you in a compromising position before the people at this time, as there will be a bill before the people at the fall election, which, in case it should carry, would make the public service commission appointive by the governor."

AEROPLANES GO ASTRAY

GRIMSBY, Eng.—A fleet of 16 aeroplanes which had lost its bearings halted above Grimsby. The commander finally descended, got his bearings and led the fleet away.

FARMS FOR BLIND

LONDON.—Fifty-six blinded soldiers have been provided with small farm holdings by various county councils.

LEE-A-BED WIFE

GLASGOW.—Roderick McGregor kicked his wife out of bed because she wouldn't get up to get his breakfast. He was heavily fined, but Mrs. McGregor was reprimanded also.

Scouts and Club Women to Aid During Clean-up

Next week, from May 15 to May 19, inclusive, will be observed here as "Clean-Up Week," a time when all residents are expected to clean away all rubbish from their property.

The local Boy Scouts are uniting with the city authorities and the Neighborhood Club in aiding in the work during this week. The city is divided into 28 districts for this purpose, and two or three scouts will be assigned to each division. They will assist in many ways. On next Saturday they will make a canvass of the town, going to each house and reminding the occupants of the coming of clean-up week. On Monday they will make a survey of the town and will report to the city manager as to how many sacks of rubbish they estimate are to be dumped.

Weather

All rubbish that cannot be burned will be placed in sacks and boxes. Along the paved streets the sacks should not be put in the street but should be placed in the alleys, where possible.

Paper, weeds, ashes, dirt and other rubbish that may be easily disposed of will not be taken.

Between the dates of May 15 and May 20 no resident need apply for a special fire permit, but at the expiration of the week the ordinance providing for the issuance of a permit to burn rubbish will be enforced.

CHICAGO IS IN A STATE OF WARFARE

Judge Declares Conditions Serious; Refuses Writs of Habeas Corpus

150 LEADERS ARE HELD BY POLICE

Building Trades Alleged To Be at Bottom of Yesterday's Bombings and Killings.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, May 11.—Declaring that he agreed with the police contention that "Chicago is in a state of warfare," Judge Seaton today refused to issue a habeas corpus writs for releasing Cornelius Shea, John Lafferty and W. Tabor, labor leaders arrested in connection with the murder of two policemen yesterday during labor bombings.

At the same time Judge Davin refused to release "Bif Tim" Murphy and Fred Maher, poisoning the case until tomorrow at the request of the police.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., May 11.—Fred (Frenchy) Mader, president of the Chicago Building Trades council, and more than 150 other labor leaders, were being held Wednesday, after having been caught in a dozen spectacular raids on various union headquarters.

"I have the officers and representatives of every union in the Building Trades council, and some other unions too, represented among those arrested," Chief Fitzmorris said after the raids late Wednesday afternoon. "Those arrested will be treated like ordinary prisoners and held until they can be questioned."

The buildings bombed were a garage and a printing plant.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president has signed a bill extending for two years from June 30 the three per cent immigration restriction act.

(By Associated Press)

SPOKANE, May 11.—The school board and a committee of citizens has promised immediate action on the grand jury report that immorality exists in Spokane grade and high schools.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Local chapters of the Red Cross were requested today by National Chairman Payne to solicit contributions for the fund for the relief of flooded areas of the Mississippi, Illinois and Ohio river valleys. Half a million dollars is needed, said Payne. President Harding endorsed the appeal.

Weather

Light fair and warmer in the east with showers in the west portion and showers on Friday.