

STRIKE CALL ISSUED TODAY

POLK COUNTY BLOCKS SOME ROAD WORK

Court Action Proves a Stumbling Block to Many Counties.

BIDS RECEIVED ON UNION COUNTY WORK

State Highway Commission Will Attempt to Secure Supreme Court Decision on Market Road Funds.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, June 29.—The highway commission today declined to remove advertising signs on the highway rights of way and on private property wherever permission can be obtained. Engineer Naim said they menaced safety, distracting drivers' attention. This on eight projects were opened today.

PORTLAND, June 29.—Road work in about ten counties is being held up and counties inconvenienced because of Polk county's. This statement was made direct to the Polk county court yesterday by members of the state highway commission.

The road obstructionists in Polk county, not content with blocking completion of the west side highway through the courts, have "gummed up the road game" in many other counties through attacking the agreement of the Polk county court to contribute market road lands on the unfinished state highway in that county. Market road money was about all the court had and the obstructionists went to court and a decision was obtained from Circuit Judge Kelly to the effect that market road funds cannot be placed on state highways. Nearly a dozen counties have been so placing market road funds and in view of Judge Kelly's decision, this road work must stop.

As soon as possible, the commission will try to get a decision from the supreme court. The development has brought down a shower of criticism against Polk county as a whole, although the members of the county court, with some heat, denied yesterday that they were responsible.

The commission took action on the following bids at yesterday's meeting.

Umatilla county, Pendleton-Cold Springs road, Holdman-Harr's ranch section, three miles grading and rocking, Pat Lonergan, \$44,419. Referred to engineer for consultation with the county court.

Union county, La Grande-Enterprise highway, Wallowa hill section, 5.4 miles rock surfacing, Sloan Construction company, \$28,375. Referred to engineer to consult county court.

Wheeler county, Tachoo highway forest boundary to Mitchell section, 12 miles grading and rocking, Greenwood & Dan, \$139,543. Referred to engineer to consult county court.

Douglas county, Pacific highway, abutments for bridge over Myrtle creek, work to be done by force account.

Lincoln county, three wooden bridges over Siletz river, referred to engineer for consultation with county court.

Sherman-Gilliam counties, bridge across John Da' river, Portland Bridge company, \$12,983. Awarded.

WILL ENLARGE SHOPS.

EVERETT, Wash., June 29.—It was announced at Great Northern division offices here that freight yards at Burlington are to be enlarged, work beginning July 1, at an estimated cost of \$100,000. Increasing freight business is given as the reason for the improvement.

New License Fees Fixed for Theater and Shows

An ordinance regulating theaters, circuses, traveling shows, merry-go-rounds, carnivals and all allied entertainments and repealing all previous ordinances and sections of ordinances covering the broad classification, passed its first reading at the city commission meeting last evening. The ordinance fixes the license fee for shows, etc., at \$3 per each show, \$15 per week, \$40 per quarter, \$60 for a six-months license and \$100 per year when a license is taken out for that period. School and church entertainments, educational lectures, home talent and educational exhibitions such as Chautauques are excluded from the licensing provision. The license fee for circuses was fixed at \$50 for the first performance and \$25 for each additional per-

REBELS HAVE WITHDRAWN IN MEXICO

Threats Made, However, to Return. According to Report Made to Washington Today.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 29.—Mexican rebels who seized 40 Americans and the property of the Cortez Oil company in the Tampico region Sunday, holding them for 15,000 pesos ransom, withdrew Monday, but threatened to return, according to a consular report today.

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, June 29.—Mexican government officials believe that the kidnapping of A. Bruce Dick, in the state of Morelos, and the capture of 40 other Americans near Tampico, within a few hours of each other, are isolated cases of banditry which will be adequately attended to by the federal troops now in pursuit.

Secretary of War Serrano has not yet been officially advised of the seizure of the Cortez oil company's property near Tampico and the detention of the 40 employees, but newspaper reports caused him to direct Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez, federal commander in that zone, to start a campaign against the rebels in the entire region.

MEEKER SPEAKS THIS EVENING

Considerable interest is manifested today about town in the talk that is to be given tonight by Ezra Meeker, who is visiting in La Grande. Yesterday he accepted the invitation of the management of The Gardens to speak there at 7:30 promptly this evening. The lecture will be over at 8:15. There will be no admission to the address.

Mr. Meeker yesterday visited the old monument in south La Grande in company with Sam Harris. Mr. Meeker erected the monument several years ago to mark the spot where the Old Oregon Trail ends across the foot hills. He found the monument in good shape and was pleased with the situation. Today he visited the Hot Lake Sematorium and had a chat with Dr. Fly. Tomorrow he goes on to Baker where he will remain until after the Pioneer Picnic.

GENERAL READS FROM THE BIBLE

(By Associated Press) PEKING, June 29.—General Feng Yushiang is known throughout China as a Christian commander who reads to his troops from the Bible. He led Wu Pei-fu's soldiers in the battle outside the gates of Peking. To him is credited the first victories which resulted in the rout of Chang Tso-lin's forces and their retreat from the vicinity of the Chinese capital to a point north of Tientsin.

When the wounded from General Feng's division were treated it was found that each wore on his left arm a strip of parchment upon which was written:

"All officers should die loyally, faithfully and bravely for God and Country."
"The enemy must be killed; if the rifle is broken, use the butt; if the butt is broken, use the fist; if the fist is disabled, use the teeth."
"If one loses his life in rescuing a wounded companion, that is true bravery."

performance on the same day where the circus carries over 15 cars in its trains. The license fee for a circus carrying 15 cars or less was fixed at \$25 for the first performance and \$15 for each additional performance on that day. This classification was made in order to be fair to the dog and pony shows that sometimes want to show here and which could not pay the heavy fee of the large circus. A provision prohibiting merry-go-rounds from operating after 10 p. m. and on Sundays was included in the section fixing the merry-go-round license at \$10 per week or part thereof. The license fee for carnivals was fixed at \$10 per concession and the Sunday and 10 p. m. limitations were also included in this section.

FIGHTING IS SHUTTING DUBLIN SHOPS

Late This Afternoon Irregulars Received Some Reinforcements.

THREE MORE KILLED IN FIGHTING TODAY

Fighting Continued All Day Yesterday and Today; Papers Seized by Irregulars.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, June 29.—Fighting in the streets of Dublin is increasing, says a Central News dispatch at 3 p. m. today. Irregulars on the outskirts of the besieged Four Courts districts are receiving reinforcements. Three civilians were killed in today's fighting, bringing the total to 19. Business houses, as well as banks, are closing. Newspapers suspended publication. Irregulars occupied the offices of the Evening Herald for a time today.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, June 29.—A message from the office of Freeman's Journal in Dublin received in London Thursday morning at 1:30 o'clock says that the fighting continues and there are no signs of a truce.

"The boys are glorious and will fight for the republic till the end, said a communique issued Wednesday afternoon by Rory O'Connor, commandant of the insurgents under attack in the Four Courts. He said the only casualties sustained so far by the insurgents were three slightly wounded."

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, June 29.—Michael Collins, head of the Irish Free state government took active measure against the republican insurgents under Rory O'Connor, in their stronghold in the center of Dublin Four Courts. An ultimatum for the surrender of the insurgents was ignored and at the expiration of a brief time limit, Free state troops in armored cars and motor-torries began a movement against the insurgents, which was met with an immediate fusillade from the buildings.

MAKES RECORD TRIP

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, June 29.—Told that an operation by a specialist was necessary to save her sight, Mrs. John Daly arrived in Seattle Wednesday on the tug Sea Lion, after making the 1900-mile trip from Bristol Bay, Alaska, in seven days, three and a half hours.

PRIVY COUNCIL APPROVES THE NAVAL TREATY

Prince Regent of Japan Must Act Upon Washington Conference's Proposal Now.

(By Associated Press)

TOKYO, June 29.—The privy council approved the naval treaty adopted at the Washington arms conference and submitted it today to the prince regent for ratification. The committee found the ratio of ships appertaining to Japan disadvantageous to the empire but from a spirit of respect for the Washington conference and a desire to maintain the world's peace recommended ratification.

COMES AFTER ALLEGED ROBBER

Special Agent Noel of the American Express Co. arrived in La Grande this morning on No. 6 and is making arrangements for taking Dick Carr, the alleged express robber who was captured Tuesday evening in La Grande, to Watertown, South Dakota, to face charges for an express robbery that occurred about two years ago. Carr was moved to the county jail last evening on account of better accommodations and will be taken east either this evening or in the morning.

Carr has been here for about three weeks and was apprehended when a postal clerk noticed his likeness on a photograph and arrested him. The special agent has been on his trail for some time but lost track of him about three weeks ago, which was about the time Carr came to La Grande.

Regular Services to Be Held in Lutheran Church in La Grande

Rev. R. Bogstad, pastor of the Zion English Lutheran church, announced today that regular services will be held in the church, 909 M avenue, every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. A class is now being formed of young people wishing to take instruction for confirmation. Those intending to join this class will meet at 10 a. m. Sunday in the church. Ten young people have already signified their intention of joining.

A Sunday school class is being organized also. The work at the services and in the Sunday school will be carried on exclusively in the English language. In order to accommodate any old people who do not understand English, private services in German and Scandinavian will be arranged if necessary.

M'CUMBER IS LEADING IN NORTH DAKOTA

Reports Give Him Substantial Gain Over Nearest Competitor.

CITIES GAVE THE SENATOR BIG VOTE

Country Precincts Seem to be Leaning Towards Non-Partisan Candidates and Cities Towards Opposing Faction.

(By Associated Press)

FARGO, N. D., June 29.—Returns from 400 precincts out of 2,004 for the (Republican) senatorial nomination gave McCumber 27,915; Frazier, 19,802; and McClung, 1,684. Earlier returns had given McCumber a lead of 2 to 1.

(By Associated Press)

FARGO, N. D., June 29.—When first returns from Wednesday's statewide primary in North Dakota had been tabulated, Wednesday night Senator Porter J. McCumber and Governor R. A. Nestos were leading for the Republican senatorial and gubernatorial nomination, respectively. Democratic returns were not tabulated.

These early returns were from the population centers—Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks and Minot—and represented precincts favorable to the anti-Nonpartisan league or Independent Republican in previous elections. They showed a falling off in the vote of nearly 25 per cent as compared with the recall election last fall.

The lead Governor Nestos had in early returns over R. F. Baker, Nonpartisan league independent candidate, and H. L. Stegner, self-termed "lean up" candidate was of slightly greater ratio than that Senator McCumber had over Lynn J. Frazier, Nonpartisan, and Ormsby McHardy, McCumber's former private secretary.

Thirty-eight out of the state's 203 precincts, all in the larger cities, gave McCumber 4541. Frazier 2366, and McClung 92. The same number of different precincts gave Nestos 2477 Baker 950, and Stegner 69.

JAILS CROWDED

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, June 29.—All southern California jails are crowded with bootleggers, except the battle in Imperial county, which will be used to house all persons convicted of violating the dry-law within the next 30 days. This announcement was made Wednesday by Federal Judge Bledsoe.

BOND MARKET OUTLOOK GOOD FOR THE CITY

Improvement District Bonds Wanted By Contractors at Par; May Mean Doing Work This Year.

The bond market has improved to such an extent that the improvement bonds of La Grande can be marketed at par, according to City Manager Kratz, who reported to the city commission on the paving situation last evening. Mr. Kratz declared that a representative of the Warren Construction company had called upon him recently and told him the market is such at present that they would be able to handle La Grande bonds at par and that the president of the United Construction company, which is doing some work at Pendleton, now, also declared that he would be willing to bid on paving work and take the bonds at par.

In view of this situation and of the failure of over half of the petitions on the proposed charter election to be presented to the commission, the commission decided that it would defer calling a special election until the general election in November, the cost to the city being as great to the city whether it calls an election now or whether the election is held in November, simultaneously with the general election.

It was decided to prepare a resolution creating a special improvement district along Island avenue and adjacent streets where improvements are asked in order to see if bids at par will be received. The charter provides that if the city fails to sell the bonds the contractor must take them at par in payment and this is one of the stumbling blocks that has kept improvement work from going forward the past two years, the bond market being such as not to enable contractors to bid on work where they were certain that if the city fails to sell the bonds the contractor must take them at par that could not be sold at par.

A petition for sewers in that section of town near the Riviera school was also received at the meeting last evening. While the school district and one large property holder had not signed, it was known that the school board wants the sewers bid in and that the other large property owner would probably not object if some of the details which he did not have clear in his mind were explained, bringing the petitioners to 41 per cent of the property affected.

Practically all of the resident property owners are in favor of the sewers and the non-resident owners will, it is believed, not make serious objections. The matter was laid over until next week when a district will be created, also including another petition presented last year which asked for sewers and is adjacent to this one.

Several other important petitions were received but no further action taken.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) DENVER, Colo., June 29.—Two mine tunnels were burned and one coal mine flooded and two railway bridges burned in the Colorado coal fields in Boulder and Huerfano counties last night.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Demagogues today formally accepted the challenge of Harry Wills, negro, for a bout for the world championship. He requested a conference to set a date.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The senate conference committee approved the rivers and harbors bill, adding to the house measure amendments including the removal of the sand bars in the Snake river and at Umpqua, Oregon.

ENGINEERS TO REMAIN ON THE JOB

Shop Craft Unions Expect To Cease Work on Saturday, July 1.

NEARLY HALF A MILLION AFFECTED

U.S. Railroad Labor Board Has Called Meeting For Tomorrow to Consider The Situation.

(By Associated Press)

This morning the local shop craft workers received instructions from the railway employment department of the A. F. of L. to the effect that all employees below the rank of general foremen are granted sanction to suspend work at 10 a. m. Saturday, July 1, the order being effective in all railroad and Pullman shops in the U. S.

(By Associated Press)

CLEVELAND, June 29.—Engineers and trainmen will continue to work but will not take the pieces or do the work of any railway employee on strike in connection with the action of the shop crafts, the brotherhood chiefs announced today.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, June 29.—Strike orders signed by six craft presidents of railroad shop men's organizations were sent out today to the general chairman representing 400,000 men authorizing a strike at 11 a. m. July 1, on all railroads and Pullman shops in the United States.

The U. S. railroad labor board today cited the national officers of six shop craft unions to appear before the board for inquiry into the threatened interruption of traffic.

BAKER DANCES JULY FOURTH

(Special to The Observer) BAKER, June 29.—Among the big features of the pioneer celebration on July Fourth here will be a concert by the band and a dance in the evening. The dance is to be made a real old time affair.

Old time fiddlers will play old time tunes and old and young will dance and make merry on the streets. Costumes of the '50s and '60s will be worn by many couples and those appearing in modern clothes will feel somewhat ahead of the time.

The dancing will be on the paved streets, assuming a good "float" for the merry-makers. The pavement will be the only modern feature of the dance if the committee in charge can possibly put its plans over the way it expects to. But with the bellies of the '50s and '60s and their gallant escorts out in large numbers no one will be liable to cast his eye down towards the pavement to distract from the pioneer atmosphere.

MINES TO REOPEN

WALLACE, Ida., June 29.—Operation of the Hercules and Tamarack-Custer mines will be resumed early in July. It was learned Tuesday at the Wallace offices of the two companies. The mines suspended work in April, 1921.

While no formal announcement of the opening has been made, orders have been received at the mines and mills to make all necessary preparations for operation of the properties.

Jobs Plentiful But Men are Hard to Find Today

Although there were calls for over eight hours with board charged at the rate of \$1.20 per day. The having season, as well as the munny mills and logging camps starting up, is in part responsible for the demand for men at present.

The city free employment bureau attempts to be of service to both employer and employe by putting men into the kind of jobs they are best fitted for as well as doing all possible to see that those badly in need of employment secure either temporary or permanent work.



Weather

Tonight and Friday fair.