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FREE STATE TROOPS GAIN MORE GROUND

Claremorris in County Mayo Freed from the Irregulars.

OFFICIAL REPORTS ON MORE VICTORIES

West Ireland has now Large Areas in Control of the Free Staters; Insurgents Retire.

(By Associated Press.)
DUBLIN, July 25.—Additional large areas of West Ireland were occupied by Free State forces before whom the Republican insurgents are retiring precipitately, according to today's official report.

Claremorris, County Mayo, is the latest town freed from irregulars.

OPIE READ TO SPEAK IN BAKER

Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, was in La Grande this morning and drove Mr. and Mrs. Opie Read to Baker, where Mr. Read will speak at the luncheon of the Kiwanis club this noon and appear on the Chautauqua program this evening.

BANKERS OPPOSE NEW MEASURES

La Grande Financial Heads Home from Convention of Bankers in Portland.

The bankers of Oregon at their recent convention in Portland passed resolutions against the graduated income tax bill, which the Grange has initiated and also the bill providing for legal contract rate of interest in this state at seven per cent. William Pollman of Baker was author of and introduced the resolutions and they received unanimous support.

It is argued by the bankers that should the graduated income tax become operative industry could not react just opposite to the intention of the financial men that should the seven per cent contract interest rate be passed capital will seek investment elsewhere, this also acting against development, for it is claimed to be necessary a borrowing state in order that natural resources may be developed. Building and loan companies would have to cease business for under their plan of doing business they receive an interest rate of about ten per cent, it is stated.

General tendency is good, according to the bankers, and, while the bill is a long one, most of the bad bits have been charged off in the different banks and a new start has been made.

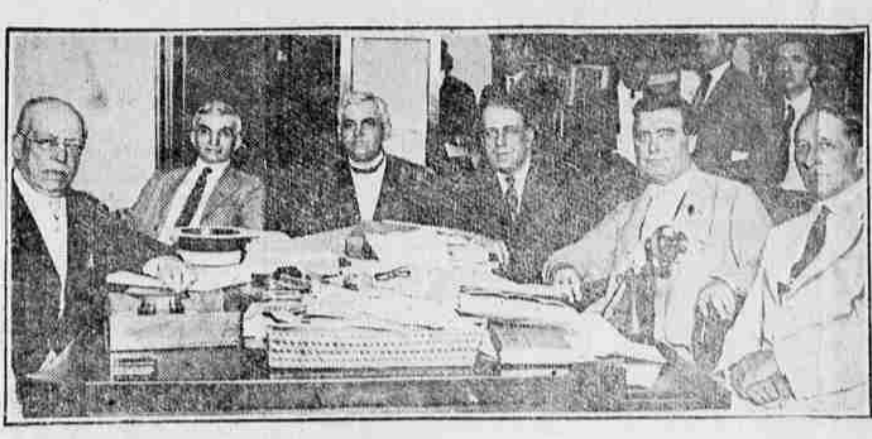
F. L. Meyers of the La Grande National and J. S. Scroggin of the United States National attended from this city. William Pollman, C. R. Wheeler and Tom Montgomery, of Baker, and C. J. Blackby of Ontario, were among the other Eastern Oregon bankers in attendance.

County Celebration on Armistice Day Arranged

The entire county will celebrate in La Grande on Armistice Day with the La Grande American Legion Post No. 43. At a meeting of the American Legion County Council last evening at Imbler, the other cities accepted La Grande's invitation to participate with them in making Armistice Day one long to be remembered. All ex-service men will be in uniform for this occasion. Arrangements having been made to that effect.

In more respects than one, this was the best county council held since the council has been organized. Twenty-eight new representatives of the county were seated around the table. The finest chicken dinner that I have ever partaken of, as Lynn Bohnebaum said, and they all agreed with Lynn in his statement. In addition to the chicken, fruit salad, dessert, new potatoes, and everything else that tempt one's appetite, even

These Men Seek Industrial Settlement



Members of the Senate and the American Federation of Labor in conference seeking a solution of strike problems and labor conditions generally. Left to right: Samuel Gompers, Edgar Wallace, legislative representative of the A. F. of L., Frank Morrison, A. F. of L. secretary, and Senators David Walsh, Borah and King.

CHAUTAUQUA CROWD HEARS OPIE READ

Famous Lecturer and Author Delights Large Audience; "Cappy Rieks" to be Here Tonight.

Any Chautauqua patron who has no means of transportation to go to the park tonight to hear "Cappy Rieks" can find means of reaching the park by coming to the Y. M. C. A. at 7:30. A group of Chautauqua boosters have volunteered to drive by the "Y" at 7:30 and take out and bring back any one who might want to go and has no transportation means.

Opie Read, the genial philosopher whose pen has entertained the people of the United States and whose tongue has charmed millions, was the banner attraction at yesterday's Chautauqua. His lecture last evening was characteristic of Opie Read, "Human Nature and Politics" made up his theme, but it was largely a human nature exercise. His stories, which he can tell so well, were intended to picture certain phases of human nature and human characteristics.

The Oceanic Quintet presented the afternoon program. The general opinion is that these five girls are the weakest number of the program so far. Their afternoon program fell rather flat and was not up to standard. The prelude in the evening was slightly better.

Saturday Evening Post readers who followed the "Cappy Rieks" yarns dealing with sea life in and around San Francisco and up the Columbia River know how particularly charming and funny these stories are. Consequently such readers will be thoroughly sure that the Percival-Vivian player have chosen a splendid number to present to the Chautauqua tonight. "Cappy Rieks" is a comedy pure and simple and any one that finds a good sound laugh will find good entertainment. As an entertainment number "Cappy Rieks" is a big feature of the whole week. Music lovers, on the other hand, who prefer concerts to dramatic entertainment, are looking forward to the closing night, when light opera will be furnished.

It has been the history of chautauqua everywhere this year that "Cappy Rieks" draws the biggest crowd. Arrangements for seating an extra attendance have been made.

Tomorrow is Union Day and as a feature in that connection a picnic will be held in the park about 6:00, to which the directors of the Chautauqua will be hosts and to which patrons are cordially invited. Coffee will be furnished.

J. C. Herberman will be the lecturer tomorrow afternoon and Electric Platt and Vernon Stone will provide the music both afternoon and evening.

Counter-Suit may be Filed

Governor Olcott's Attorney Preparing to Attack Hall.

PORTLAND, July 25.—Numerous errors favoring Charles Hall, defeated candidate in the primaries for the republican gubernatorial nomination, will be charged in a counter-suit which will be filed by Governor Olcott today in the circuit court of Marion county. The counter-suit will deny all the allegations contained in the complaint filed by Hall in his attack upon the election count.

UNION DAY WEDNESDAY

Tomorrow will be Union Day at the Chautauqua, announced the manager of the Chautauqua this morning. The date had been set for Tuesday, but owing to a conflict with a fraternal convention at Union the Commercial Club requested that the date be changed. Union will be covered on mass, with their picnic lunches, according to reports. The stores and other business places in Union will be closed for the day and all Union will be present to take in the program tomorrow.

LARGE WHEAT FIELD BURNED IN UMATILLA

PENDLETON, Or., July 25.—Approximately 1000 acres of certified Jenkins club wheat on the big farm of the Westinghouse Ranch company, eight miles east of Pendleton on the Umatilla Indian reservation, was burned Monday. Between 45,000 and 50,000 bushels of the finest grain in Umatilla county was destroyed.

The fire started from sparks from the big caterpillar engine pulling the combine and swept steadily over the big two-section field. About 200 acres had been harvested but much of the sacked grain was burned and little of the 1250-acre field was saved.

That the wheat was of good classification and would have brought better than \$1 a bushel was the statement of several farmers who estimated the loss at \$50,000.

According to men in the Brinker harvesting crew, the fire started and was put out with an extinguisher, but in a few minutes broke out again and got beyond control.

HELPER ENGINES SENT OUT AGAIN

Apparently things are looking better for the railroads as some of the helpers have been called out of the division points and are now being stationed at their former stations along the line in the second division. The complete force of helpers has been re-established at Pleasant Valley and the officials are contemplating having them all back in a short time.

GULLIVER UP-TO-DATE

Reports from the strike committee indicate that a number of men who went on strike have come to work at other places.

GOVERNMENT POLICY IS MADE KNOWN

Control Program on Coal Output to be Effective Immediately.

PROTECTION TO BE CONTINUED

What Steps Will be Taken if Production Does Not Meet Expectations is Not Announced.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 25.—The immediate policy of the government in the coal strike was declared at the White House today by the continuation of endeavors to furnish protection to men willing to work and to put in motion machinery to decide upon the distribution of the dwindling coal supply.

Should coal not be produced in appreciable quantities under this program, some other steps might be taken, but President Harding is unwilling to consider at this time what they might be. Secretary Hoover announced that the emergency coal control program will begin functioning within 48 hours.

LAND SLIDING DOWN MOUNTAIN

While at the head of Five Point creek recently Floyd Kendall, U. S. forest ranger, discovered a strip of land that had sunk from three to six feet since the last time he was in that section, in the spring of 1921.

The strip is in a heavily timbered swale and about a mile and a half in length and from 25 to 250 yards wide. It is marshy and a crack is plainly noticeable around the edges where it has sunk.

RADIO EAR REACHING

(By Associated Press.)
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, July 25.—Honduras will have radio communication with the outside world within a few weeks. A powerful wireless station, now nearing completion, will be able to communicate with the United States and Europe. It is being erected by an American company.

HOOVER DRAFTS PLAN TO HELP CONSERVE COAL

Allocation of Freight Cars Provided for; Prices of June First to Govern.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 25.—Agreement upon a tentative plan for distribution of coal and for restriction of unfair prices was announced Monday night by Secretary Hoover after a series of conferences during the day with representatives of producing operators, the railroads, the interstate commerce commission and other departments of the government.

The plan, which was described by Attorney General Daugherty in an opinion as "entirely legal," is to be discussed further Tuesday, and the agreement of operators present is dependent upon the approval of their various associations.

Under the proposed plan President Harding would appoint a commission which would have general supervision over the measures to be adopted for emergency fuel control, designed to safeguard the public from an impending coal famine.

Allocate Freight Cars. Application of the law governing interstate commerce through the interstate commerce commission would enable the allocation of freight cars to be governed by the maintenance of fair prices for coal among the operators. The tentative plan follows:

"A committee in Washington, to be appointed by the president of representatives of the department of commerce, the interstate commerce commission, the department of justice and the department of the interior to be designated as the presidential committee. This committee to have general supervision of the measures to be taken hereunder and to authorize

PENNANT RACE NEARING END

(By Associated Press.)
A few more days and the pennant race will be over and either the Pirates or Colts will be in possession of the blue banner, and also in line for a game or series of games with the Boise Mountaineers, who Sunday got a strange hold on the leadership when they defeated Weiser, their strongest rival.

Only one more game remains for the Mountaineers to win and that is with one of the second division teams that should be easy meat for the Boise lads.

Last year when Weiser came to La Grande and played Cove, the 1921 champions, a custom was started that will very probably be carried on for many years—the champions of Idaho against the champions of the eastern part of Oregon.

Not only is it a battle for the honor of winning but the gate proceeds amount to several thousands of dollars with such a game as an attraction. When Weiser played Cove last year, Weiser took \$2500 home and La Grande took nearly the same amount. Boise is And La Grande has a much stronger team this year than Cove 499 when they played Weiser. Should Baker win, they would be able to play Boise a strong game, also.

At any rate it is almost a cliché that the winner of the Intermountain League will journey to Boise to kick horns with the winner of the Western Idaho League. Interest in the games is just as strong in Idaho as it is in Oregon and it is very unlikely that a game will not be arranged.

A movement is in progress to ask the various drugstores, billiard parlors and other places of business to close their doors for two hours in the afternoon during the game as this will be the first time that La Grande has been within striking distance of a pennant for many years.

EXTRA

STRIKERS ENJOINED

PORTLAND, July 25.—Temporary restraining orders enjoining federated shop crafts at The Dalles, La Grande, Huntington and Reith from interfering with workers employed by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company and from picketing in groups larger than one, of interfering with interstate commerce or with the United States mails, was issued today by Judge Waverton in Federal Court, upon petition of railroad attorneys. The hearing has been set for Monday, July 31.

U. S. STILL RECOGNIZES LABOR BOARD

President Keeping in Touch with Action taken by Board.

DIGNITY OF U. S. IS TO BE UPHOLD

New York Railroads make Effort to Contract Shop Work to Ship Yards but Union Men Announce Refusal to do Work.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 25.—The railroad labor board remains the only agency through which the government can and will deal with the railroad strikes. Though the president is continuing to hold himself in constant touch with the action the board takes, it was said at the White House that, as in the coal controversy, the administration intends to proceed with fairness to its interests and with determination to maintain the dignity of the government.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 25.—The use of shipyard machine shops for repairing rolling stock of the railroads is the latest development of the shopmen's strike. Some repair contracts have been reported let and a general survey of the shipyard plants is being made. Strike leaders say workers will refuse to take work from railroad shop crafts.

(By Associated Press.)
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 25.—Violence occurred in the railroad strike here early today. One man who came to work for the Rock Island was beaten and thrown into a slough but escaped. Another fired by the Illinois Central was roughly handled.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, July 25.—The supreme court today upheld the lower court in the case of Dr. R. M. Brantfield, Roseburg dentist, sentenced to hang for the murder, July 13 of last year, of Dennis Russell. The opinion was written by Justice McBride.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 25.—An airplane in which Major W. T. Blake, British aviator, was attempting an around-the-world flight, crashed at Sibi, in British Beluchistan, Saturday, says a dispatch from Karachi. The aviator escaped injury. The under carriage of the plane was smashed.

Drivers of Wrecked Cars on Trial Today

The cases of the City of La Grande against Lewis Stepan and the City of La Grande against H. Knutson, both charged with violations of the traffic law, which resulted in a collision between the two cars on the intersection of 6th avenue and Fourth street Saturday about 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, were tried in the police court this morning by Judge B. H. Kitchen.

The evidence was taken in the case against Knutson, who is a resident of Portland, but no judgment was made and the case against Lewis Stepan was continued until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Judge Kitchen will render his decision on the former case this afternoon about two o'clock. The two cases were started about two o'clock this morning and continued until noon. According to several witnesses, the two cars were about an even distance from each other when

first seen and the Dodge, driven by Knutson, coming down O avenue, failed to give the right of way to the Hudson, driven by Stepan, and in trying to avoid hitting the Dodge the Hudson swung from the road, brushing the other car and striking the P. S. Robinson porch, damaging it badly. The Hudson was apparently going about 12 miles per hour and the Dodge about 25 or 30 miles, according to one of the witnesses.

Weather

Tonight and Wednesday fair.

