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GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE IS SET FORTH

President Harding Blames Miners for the Coal Strike.

LOCAL AGREEMENTS CANNOT BE CHANGED

Head of Mine Workers' Organization Believes Joint State Conferences Will End Trouble.

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America today reiterated that he had every reason to believe the interstate joint conference will be called within a few days. He added that powerful influences were at work to end the coal strike.

(By Associated Press) LANSING, Mich., July 28.—A letter from President Harding to Governor Greenback today declared the federal government was powerless to interfere with the attitude of the United Mine Workers toward independent local agreements and that nothing could be done except enable the men willing to work in safety and that the big issue of the coal strike is national in character, assumed by mine workers, which must be taken care of by legislation.

The letter replied to a telegram from Greenback informing Harding that the governor had asked President Lewis of the miners to grant Michigan miners permission to enter agreements independently of the national affiliation.

PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—Standing in the lobby of the Bellevue-Stratford hotel, where he has been conferring with the district presidents of the union from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, John L. Lewis dictated the following statement to newspaper men:

Victory Claimed.

"It is undoubtedly true that to all purposes and effect the mine workers have won their present strike, and it is almost universally recognized in industrial and financial circles throughout the country that no wage reductions can be applied to mining industry."

"It only remains for an interstate joint conference to be convened in order to permit of the immediate negotiation of a new wage agreement. This is the only way by which a settlement can be made. There will be no dispute or separate settlements."

"I have every reason to believe that an interstate joint conference of the central competitive fields will be arranged within a few days. Such an arrangement will permit a resumption of mining, a relief to embarrassed industries and a suffering public."

Highway Engineer Investigates Wreck

Albert Esteb, of Caldwell, Idaho, and four other people who were in the car that tumbled over on the approach to the Tolovet, crossed crossing Wednesday evening on their way to Union, left Union yesterday afternoon bound for the coast, continuing their touring trip. Mr. Esteb was the most severely injured of the party, suffering a broken arm. The remains of the occupants of the car, a father, mother, daughter and one child, whose names are not known, accompanied him and were only bruised.

W. C. Crews, of the state highway commission division engineer's office, drove to Tolovet yesterday afternoon to investigate and found that apparently the cause of the accident was not due to lack of signals but to carelessness or to the driver becoming blinded by the glare of the lights on an approaching car.

The occupants of the car asserted that there were no danger signals, but investigation proved that one danger signal was erected about fifty feet north of the scene of the accident and also the detour was in plain view for at least 1,000 feet. The car, driven at about 10 miles per hour, climbed the embankment on the approach and tipped over, slightly damaging the car. The party then went to Union, where they spent the night.

"Skeet" Reynolds is New Football Coach

Joe Reynolds, better known as "Skeet," has been selected by the La Grande high school executive committee as the football coach for this year. He is listed among the finalists and will be in charge of the state and county teams.

Under the new ruling regarding eligibility, Reynolds, who has been a member of the faculty by the students, is an alumnus of the La Grande high school, where he made quite a show in athletics.

CHAUTAUQUA CLOSED SEASON LAST EVENING

Concert Yesterday Concluded Program; New Directors Are Elected.

Another session of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association came to a close last evening when the Gilman Opera company presented a short concert and concluded their program with a light opera selection. Campers on the grounds are moving in today and by night the park will be back to its normal complexion.

As the closing number was finished the general verdict of patrons was that the program as a whole was very satisfactory, some numbers pleasing some more than others, which is natural.

The striking reaction on the chautauqua this year very apparently is that friends of that institution have come to realize that the chautauqua must progress and go on and on, and there is a decided improvement in community interest, judging from expressions heard on every hand. One evidence of this is that a movement was started last evening to fill the park with campers next year, a large number of families having already verbally agreed to camp next season. The retiring board realized that this was the crucial year, and frankly told the patrons so. The response was such as to convince the directors that chautauquism must live. About 100 have already subscribed for memberships at \$10.00 each.

As is an annual custom, the new directors were chosen last evening. Four retire and four were elected. Those retiring were Gorge T. Cochran, who has been continuously in the harness for 13 years, Mrs. Anna Polack, a past president and untiring worker, A. W. Nelson and Carl Helm.

J. E. Reynolds, Dr. E. P. Mossman and L. L. McKennon were the nominating committee and their report suggested the following new directors: Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, A. C. Hampton, H. E. Dixon and Ernest Young. These were unanimously chosen.

Yesterday afternoon the membership of the Junior chautauqua comprising some 40 or 50 youngsters of La Grande, presented "Progress of Peace," under the direction of Mrs. Landis, junior director. The little folks presented enclosed in famous peace treaties in which America has a part. Each little actor took his part well.

Miss Florence Lynch played two violin selections and sang two vocal numbers at the conclusion of the afternoon performance which were well received.

A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools, said today that he would not be able to accept the election to director of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association. He will be in the east standing all of next summer and this will make it impossible for him to accept the directorship.

Mr. Hampton was not at the meeting last evening when his election took place and therefore was not able to make a declaration at that time.

PAT POWERS IS STRIKERS HOST

Strikers and their friends gathered in the Zuber Hall last evening in attending the strikers' benefit dance given by Pat Powers, who is well known locally for his old time dances. One of the largest crowds that ever gathered in the Zuber Hall was present and all made merry until the hour of midnight.

A collection amounting to \$87.85 was taken up and presented to aid the strikers' cause.

Mr. Powers announced last evening that another benefit dance would be given for the strikers in the Zuber Hall on the evening of August 17.

ALL GOING WELL

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 28.—Confident that enough coal will be produced to meet the country's needs, the president contemplates an armistice in the coal strike.

Mountaineer Killed in Fall

Head of American Alpine Club Dies in Glacier Park.

Glacier Park, Mont., July 28.—Dr. Frank B. Wynn of Indianapolis, president of the American Alpine Club and one of the country's foremost mountaineers, was killed Thursday in a 600-foot fall from a cliff near the summit of Mt. Stien, one of the highest peaks in Glacier National park.

According to Dr. H. Goldard, also of Indianapolis, who was a few yards behind Dr. Wynn in the trail the latter's fall from the narrow ledge on which the party was crossing, followed what appeared to be an apoplectic stroke. Dr. Wynn was 56 years old and while apparently in good health, it is believed that the 10,000 foot altitude and the exertion of the climb proved too much for him.

FOREST SERVICE BUILDING ROAD

BAKER, July 28.—The forest service has started work on the Antone creek road to Anthony or North Powder lakes. A crew of men went out the first of the week to establish the line. This is the work that was delayed during the spring owing to the washing out of bridges on North Powder by the breaking of the Dutch Flat reservoir. It will require about \$15,000 to complete the road to the lakes, and owing to the delay in getting started it is doubtful if it will be completed this season. The work is in charge of the forest service and is being paid by the service.

Good progress is reported as being made with the Olive lake road work. A five-ton Holt caterpillar is being used on this work and is reported as proving its worth in pulling the heavy grader.

New Oil Station is Opened at Imbler

IMBLER, July 28.—The new Standard Oil Sub-station was officially opened here today, with R. H. Osborne in charge as general manager. The station is a sub-station to the Standard Oil Central Station at La Grande and is located near the old plating mill. The new station is equipped with three 20,000 gallon storage tanks that will supply the immediate vicinity and the price of oil, distillate and gasoline is the same as in La Grande.

WITNESS MISSING

(By Associated Press) MEDFORD, July 28.—Arthur Burr, colored, first victim of the night riding in Jackson county, now being investigated by the grand jury was listed among the missing today. He left Medford at 6 this morning to testify. Federal agents met the train, but he was not aboard. The grand jury will probably adjourn Saturday. Today testimony on the hanging of Johnson of Jacksonville.

EXCURSION OF FARMERS YESTERDAY

Large Group Study Field Crops With Extension Men.

NEW VARIETIES OF WHEAT ARE GROWN

Frank McKennon Had First Field of Hard Federation in County Last Year and Big Field This Year.

A good sized group of farmers attended the Imbler farm crops excursion held yesterday, considering that combines were breaking badly in several fields and binders and headers were cutting grain.

Leaving Imbler at 10:30 in the morning the party spent the day visiting the grain fields. They arrived near Imbler at about 5 p. m. after completing a race which took in farms on the west side of the valley and in the Summerville section. A picnic dinner was held at noon at the N. K. West ranch.

The tour was arranged by the county agricultural agent, H. G. Avery, the object being to see new varieties of grain and successful farming methods being demonstrated this year. Dr. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro Experiment station, and E. R. Jackman, field specialist on farm crops from the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college, discussed the results of different demonstrations visited.

Hard Federation Wheat.

The first field of Hard Federation ever grown in the county last year was on the farm of Frank McKennon, and this farm was the first stop on the day. Mr. McKennon has some 30 acres sowed to this variety and last year secured what was believed to be a record yield for spring wheat on land for 1921, harvesting over 30

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LECTURER TO BE HERE SOON

A meeting of the Central Labor council was held last evening, a large number of members attending. The present labor situation was the main topic of discussion. Reviewed among all organizations of their support to the striking railroad men was given.

A committee of the B. of L. F. & E. met with the council in connection with the lecture to be given August 11 by Chas. W. Maitland, general representative of the Grand Lodge of the B. of L. F. & E. Mr. Maitland is said to be a very forceful speaker and has made an extensive study of labor and economic questions. The general public is invited to attend the lecture.

WILD TIME AT THE DALLES AS LEGION MEETS

State Commander in His Opening Address Asks for War-time Unity Among Service Men.

THE DALLES, July 28.—Ku Klux Klan politics in the Legion was rapped hard this morning by State Commander Lane Goodell in his opening address.

"I am going to touch on a subject that is very delicate, but it seems to me it should be touched on," he declared. "Some of our posts have been split, possibly not openly, certainly underneath. Loyal friends will not speak. We move or less look askance at one another wondering, 'is he or isn't he?'"

"It strikes me as a terrible thing in our organization, an organization whose membership has the fellowship of service to our country."

"We had no religious lines, we had no lines of birth in the army. We did not have until a year ago. Now we seem to have. I am sure it will not live."

"I know the Legion will live. To me my buddy means much more than someone who was not a buddy, who happens to belong to the same church that I do and I cannot believe that a true Legionnaire would belong to any organization which would influence him to put his buddy of a different religion on the other side."

Long applause greeted this declaration. At last night's banquet of the "Fifty and Eight," Goodell declared: "There isn't any religious creed in our organization and there shouldn't be."

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PRESIDENT HARDING HAS MADE SUGGESTIONS THAT MAY END RAILROAD STRIKE

Offers Plans for Three Possible Settlement of Controversies.

CONTRACTING WORK WOULD BE STOPPED

Each Plan Has a Different Solution for the Question of Seniority Rights of Returning Men.

(WASHINGTON, July 28.—Three proposals for immediate ending of the railroad strike have been submitted by representatives of the railroad executives and labor unions by President Harding. The proposals will be submitted to the executives at a meeting in New York on Tuesday and to the employees at a conference in Chicago to be arranged by U. M. Jewell.

Outside railroad contracting, it is said, would be abandoned by the railroads under each of the three proposals. One of the proposals would be for the railroads to waive the seniority question and take all strikers back. Another would give all "loyal" men who have remained prior seniority rights over strikers and the third would provide separate adjustments of the seniority disputes by each road with its own employees through a joint committee.

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IRISH PEACE IS LOOMING ON HORIZON

Main Roads in Connemara have been Cleared of Insurgent Troops; Parliament Convenes Soon.

DUBLIN, July 28.—All main roads in Connemara district have been cleared of insurgent troops and rapid progress is being made by the national forces in the west and in Munster provinces, says an official dispatch. The report adds that there is good reason for hoping that within a fortnight organized resistance of republican irregulars will have been so broken that further postponement of the Irish parliament will be unnecessary.

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FURTHER LIST FILED BY HALL

More illegal voting alleged by defeated candidate for Governor in Papers Filed Today.

SALEM, July 28.—Attorneys for Charles Hall filed today in Salem a further list of precincts and counties in which illegal votes are said to have been cast in the primary election, and ask to have this list added to the petition already filed asking for a recount.

It is not an amendment of the complaint in the full sense, according to John Collier, who with W. S. U'Ren is handling the suit for Mr. Hall. A stipulation between the attorneys for Hall and for O'Leary provided that either side might have ten days, starting July 25 in which to add precincts and counties to their lists. This was done because both sides had scant time in which to prepare their petitions after collecting their evidence.

Two entire paragraphs have been added to the original petition. They state that irregularities have been found in four additional counties, including Baker, Klamath, Sherman and Wasco, and that irregularities have been found in additional precincts which were enumerated in the original petition. The total number of irregular votes listed in the amended petition is 189.

A difficult angle of the investigation lies in the fact that there were many changes of registration and no legal affiliation at the polls were illegal inasmuch as "blank A" was used instead of "blank B." The latter blank, filed with the county clerk, provides for cancellation of previous registration, while "blank A" does not.

The only manner in which votes cast under illegal re-registrations will be determined is to call in the regular voters and require from them a statement of how their votes were cast—which may be done legally under the election statutes dealing with illegally cast votes. It is estimated that a thousand voters used the wrong blank at the election.

Under the direction of S. M. DeNeffe, who is associated with Jay Bowman as counsel for Governor O'Leary in the recount proceedings, six women this morning began a scrutiny of the Multnomah county registration books to determine if there are irregularities. Workers for Hall did the same thing several weeks ago in preparing for the suit against the governor.

Local Committee Has Withdrawn Pickets

The pickets that have been on duty at the local shops have been withdrawn by the strike committee here in conformance with a temporary injunction issued in Portland in federal court. G. H. Furwood, vice-chairman of the strike committee will go to Portland to represent the local strikers at the hearing to be given on the injunction.

Tennis Tournament will be Played off Next Week

The Union County Tennis Tournament will begin next week with the first division of both Junior and senior singles and doubles scheduled to be played off before Sunday. Entrants from Union, Imbler and La Grande will battle for the two silver loving cups to be given to the winners of the senior singles and doubles. The doubles are Francis Robinson and Kelley vs. Taylor and Smith vs. Lynch and Jacobson and Robinson and Kelley vs. Larson and Bennett.

Tonight and Saturday, fair.

