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BROTHERHOODS TAKE HAND

CLEARER SKY FOR ROADS ON WEST COAST

Western Pacific Has Numerous Trains Running and Embargo is Lifted

UNION PACIFIC BACK ON JOB

Santa Fe, While Hardest Hit of any of the Roads, is Relieving Congestion at Many Points on its Lines.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—All Western Pacific trains which had been annulled on account of the strike were reinstated today as a result of the settlement of the strike yesterday. Embargo on perishables was lifted.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The transportation situation today for western railroads is much easier.

All the big four men out on the Western Pacific returned to work and a few hours later the railroad announced all embargoed trains between San Francisco and Salt Lake.

The Union Pacific line is cleared by the return of the men at Las Vegas.

BAND CONCERT THIS EVENING

The La Grande Municipal Band will present another of its delightful concerts this evening on the corner of Greenwood street and Washington avenue at eight o'clock. The concert was to have been held Tuesday but was postponed for various reasons.

An excellent program, partly popular and partly standard, has been prepared and Andrew Loney band director, promises the public that they will be well pleased with the concert. As usual, the streets will be roped off one block each way to allow cars to drive up and attend the concert.

Oregon Contributes Well to the Near East Relief Campaign, Says Report

Contributions in cash and commodities totaling \$156,155.21 were made by Oregon for Near East Relief during the year ending June 30, 1922, according to an audit of the accounts of J. J. Handaker State Director just completed by John S. Whitte National Auditor and reported by him to Arthur W. Brookings of Ladd and Tilton Bank, State Treasurer of Near East Relief.

"In view of the size of the state its comparatively sparse population and the small force of workers employed by the Near East Relief, I feel that much credit is due the state for raising this amount at an overhead of less than 10 per cent," states Mr. Whitte. "Contributions received from the wealthy, populous states of the east, where one city will raise more than the entire state of Oregon and where the cost of securing the fund is consequently lower, enables us to report an average overhead for the whole United States of less than 5 per cent. In other words, more than 95 of every dollar contributed to Near East Relief goes into actual relief work."

TOWNS IN DANGER.
(Special The Observer)
DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 17.—Strong winds in the last twenty-four hours have fanned numerous smoldering forest fires into threatening blazes and a half dozen towns are reported in danger.



PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Tonight will be fair and Friday will be warm.

EAST IMPROVES SAYS MR. PEARE

Trip to Atlantic Coast with Many Stops Convinces La Grande Man that Conditions are Better.

After spending three weeks in the east attending the Knights of Columbus Supreme convention at Atlantic City stopping in Philadelphia for a few days, visiting in Washington, D. C., where he in company with the Oregon delegation in congress called on President Harding, stopping off in Omaha and Chicago, J. H. Peare arrived home yesterday feeling fine and looking like a young man, which he is, and assuring everyone that the old U. S. A. is going to come out of the dumps with the flag flying and with her people happy.

"I was much impressed with the general conditions in the east. They are improving, not booming but improving and business is trotting along at a very satisfactory gait. Of course, the strikes have temporarily bungled things up some but everyone is hopeful of an early settlement, for it is argued, and I believe quite correctly, that there is so much business on the waiting list that every man in the United States who can work and will work will find something to do."

"The Supreme convention was a great gathering of delegates from all over the nation and some of the speeches delivered gave a good clear conception of the public mind of today relative to industrial conditions."

Among the many interesting things experienced by Mr. Peare while away was an electrical storm in Nebraska. He has never lived where the "thunder rolls and the lightning flashes," and he was caught in that storm and was not sure but what the end of the world had come.

"The sky was as black as ink and great sharp flashes of lightning and with forked tongues whipped in every direction followed by a tremendous roar and bombardment which seemed to indicate that calm old nature had grown tired of the way people are acting and decided to bring an end to everything," said Jack. "I'll confess," he continued, "that was the worst storm I have ever seen and people who are reared in the middle states where these storms are as regular as matinee picture shows have nothing further to fear in this world—and probably the next, as well."

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 17.—An Inland Empire horseshoe-pitching tournament, under the direction of the Spokane Horseshoe Pitchers' association, will be held here in connection with the Spokane Interstate Fair, from September 4 to 9, inclusive.

Invitations will be sent to all horseshoe pitching teams in the state to attend the meet. The meet will be conducted under the rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association. Prizes will be awarded.

OIL WILL BE FUEL FOR O.-W.

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Passenger locomotives of the O.-W. R. & N. company are being converted to use oil instead of coal as fuel in the future as a means of economy, said an announcement issued today at the offices of J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the railway.

Conversion work started at the Albina shops Saturday and the general manager's office reported that two of the engines are being completed daily. As rapidly as the oil burners are being placed in service and the entire passenger equipment is expected to be changed to oil burning by September 1.

After the passenger equipment is converted it is probable that the company likewise will change their freight motive power to the same type. New oil tanks are being constructed and oil tanks are being rebuilt for the new operating method. Oil was used as fuel by the O.-W. R. & N. up to 1913, when steadily increasing prices in this fuel forced the line to change to coal as fuel. Officers of the O.-W. reported that they were in no danger of a coal shortage this winter because mines from which they received their supply had been in constant operation, but said that increased cost of coal and lower prices of oil made the change to be desired from an economic standpoint. Elimination of cinders and soot by the use of oil made the use of oil doubly desirable.

SEALS WILL TRAIN AT BOYES SPRINGS

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Boyes Springs, located in the valley of the Moon in the coast mountains above San Francisco, next year again will be used as the training camp for the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

TIRE BUSINESS TO BE BUILT

F. C. Gibbons is Positive the Field is Virgin for an Extensive Manufacturing Concern.

"I know there is one line of business which should and will be developed at an early date in this northwest that will keep millions of dollars on the coast instead of sending it to Akron, Ohio, and other eastern cities never again to return," said F. C. Gibbons today, who is here representing a tire plant which is soon to begin operation in Portland for the manufacture of a standard automobile tire to compete with all the tires now on the market.

Mr. Gibbons puts forth apparently sound argument why the money spent for tires should be left in the west and calls to mind the patent fact that when once a bunch of money goes east it does not return. He is in La Grande to lease a building and make all necessary preparations for housing the Eastern Oregon distributing station for the new tire company, Harris French, a La Grande citizen, has been appointed as district manager to handle the jobbing business of the tires throughout eastern Oregon.

BOMBS THROWN AFTER TRAIN

(By Associated Press.)
SAN BERNARDINO, Aug. 17.—Move to deport five strikers who were arrested last night with three other men following a riot at the Santa Fe yards here in which several railroad employees were beaten up, were taken by the federal officers today.

After arrest of several men three bombs were thrown at a Santa Fe train which was forced to slow down because of slippery tracks which had been oiled by strike sympathizers.

WILL CONTEST TO BITTER END

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Several precincts not mentioned before in John B. Coffey's petition for a recount of the republican primary ballot for legislative nominees in Multnomah county were added to the list Tuesday afternoon when Presiding Judge Evans admitted an amendment to the original motion.

Precinct 201, which is now under grand jury investigation as a result of the discovery of discrepancies in the Hall-Oleott count, was one of the new precincts added to the challenge list.

During the Hall-Oleott recount an unofficial check over the legislative ballot revealed that Coffey had either been robbed of 10 votes or had lost them through carelessness, his complaint says.

The votes for R. J. Kirkwood, Herbert Gordon, E. R. Campbell and Louis Kouhn are contested by Coffey. As soon as the defendants file their answers to the complaint the actual work of recounting will be ready to proceed. It was reported today the defendants would file their answers at an early date.

W. W. Banks, who is contesting the vote of W. H. J. Clark, the nominee for joint representative on the republican ticket, will conduct his recount at the same time of the Coffey recount, since both men are contesting virtually the same precincts, and by consolidating their forces, will be able to reduce the expense.

It has been reported that in one precinct Kirkwood was credited with four more votes than were polled by candidates who were without opposition.

FIREMAN ABLE TO BE OUT TODAY

Fred Kofford the fireman who was scalded yesterday at Huron when engine 3620 sprung some kind of a leak, is able to be around today. He was brought in at once and was given treatment at the Grande Ronde hospital but his injuries do not require him to remain in the institution.

In speaking of the accident Mr. Kofford said he did not know how it happened or what happened. He was sitting in the cab when suddenly he was deluged with hot water and steam, indicating that something gave way in the engine boiler.

His face and neck were scalded pretty badly but aside from that he is not injured.

HOW IS YOUR COAL BIN?



Program for Ending the Strike to be Submitted to Railroad Officials Today

HARDING DEFERS STRIKE MESSAGE

(Special to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—President Harding today decided to defer his address to congress on the strike situation until tomorrow or later.

PORTSIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

(By Associated Press)
DEL MONTE, Aug. 17.—Only left handed players will be eligible to compete in a special golf tournament to be held here in connection with the California amateur championships September 2-10.

Southpaws of the northern and southern sections will meet in the special tourney. A warning is being sent out to spectators to be on their guard for books and gloves when the left-handers get into action.

Lewis R. Alderman Given Divorce from Wife He Married in Canada

According to a Portland newspaper, Lewis R. Alderman, Portland's superintendent of public schools from 1913 to 1918, was granted a divorce today from Irene M. Alderman by Presiding Judge Evans on grounds of desertion. Mrs. Alderman, who was the former school superintendent's second wife, left him less than four months after the wedding, which was a big social event in Vancouver, B. C., March 28, 1921, according to the divorce complaint.

Alderman told the court his wife was dissatisfied when he went to Washington, D. C., to live, because his social rank was not equal to the one she occupied back in Canada. The divorce was not contested. Alderman served behind the battle lines in France with the Y. M. C. A. He is now director of education with the navy in San Diego. Mrs. Alderman lives in Vancouver, B. C.

HOWARD BOUND OVER TO COURT

F. L. Howard alias N. Lewis, who was captured in Baker recently after a thrilling chase by the police, and was brought to La Grande where he was wanted on the charge of passing bad checks, appeared before the justice court yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock for arraignment. He waived examination and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury under \$200 bonds, which he could not raise.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Calves ranged from \$4 to \$9.50 today, while hogs and sheep remained steady. Eggs were firm with stronger undertone, and butter was steady.

NO CARS PROVIDED

(By Associated Press)
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 17.—Coal profiteers in Alabama will not be provided with cars, according to a statement issued by Governor Kilby today.

BADE RUTHING AGAIN

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17.—The Walker hit out his 28th home run today.

ANGELS' STAR PITCHER TO JOIN CINCINNATI

(By Associated Press.)
OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 17.—Purchase of Ray ("Wee") Kremer, star pitcher of the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast Baseball league, by the Cincinnati club of the National league, has been recommended by Carl Zamocho, scout of the Reds. Cincinnati needs pitchers and Zamocho thinks Kremer could step in and win.

CHINA MAY LOSE POPULAR MOVE

PERIN, Aug. 17.—An attempt to revive popular government in China is on the verge of collapsing, according to information from foreign legations. Military leaders are openly opposing such a movement, and the cabinet ministers refuse to assume the responsibility. Li Han Hung has renewed peace co-operations with Sun Yat Sen to prevent a militarist control.

BAKER GETS PRESBYTRY

The officers and heads of departments of the Grande Ronde Presbyterial association met yesterday at the home of Mrs. A. T. Hill from 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the noon hour being spent at luncheon. Mrs. C. M. Humphreys, president of the association, presided at the meeting.

The business session continued during the entire meeting and several matters of importance were brought up.

Baker Gets Meeting.
After considerable discussion, it was decided to hold the regular Presbyterial meeting at Baker on October 4, which will be one of the big meetings of the year.

The association also accepted two field workers, Mrs. Aldrich and Miss Study, both field workers in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The former will be here for two weeks in October and the latter will be here in January.

Gang Fight Last Night Resulted in One Man Getting Bruised Up

Although it is claimed no strikers participated in a little altercation last night when some of the men now employed in the shops returning from a local restaurant were set upon by a number of young men and one of them, it is the first thing of the kind on up, it is the first thing of the kind that has occurred in La Grande since the strike situation spread over this city.

The men had finished eating in the Silver Grill and had started back to the railroad yards when a bunch of young chaps from the dance hailed them and one said "You had better get back in the hall pen." One of the men remonstrated with the speaker and a small sized gang fight followed, which resulted in beating up the man who had remonstrated with the bunch from the dance. However, nothing of a serious nature resulted.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Hallway executives and Brotherhood chiefs failed to reach an agreement on the settlement of the railroad strike. Indications point to a continuance of the conference tomorrow.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Decisions were submitted today by Secretary Weeks from Col. J. A. Hull, acting Judge Advocate General of the Army, holding that the present strike situation does not constitute an emergency which would authorize the recruiting of an army to war strength and that there exists no authority for drafting men by the government in time of peace.

Weeks, in announcing these decisions, stated that they had been asked for not because the government had in mind any such action, but to clear up any uncertainty in the minds of officials and put the public mind at rest as to the powers of the government during the present strike situation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Five Brotherhood leaders representing the running trades of the American railroads today went into formal conference to draw up a program for the ending of the nationwide shippers' strike.

This program will be submitted some time today to the railroad executives representing the one hundred forty-eight roads.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The scenes of negotiations toward railroad peace were again shifted from Washington to New York today when the presidents of the railroads and the union heads met in conference here today which marks the fifth attempt to solve the seniority issue.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Chiefs of the Big Four are arriving today for meeting with railroad officials and declare they are without definite plan for solution of the seniority question. They had "several half formed proposals" to make but none which they were prepared to make public.

Notwithstanding the futility of all negotiations to date both sides recognized that the situation they have to meet is one which the strikers have agreed to return to their jobs on the basis of wage recommended by the Labor Board scale but insist that all men be taken back with seniority and pension rights unimpaired.

BULLETINS

WHEAT MARKET
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Wheat was \$1.03 to \$1.08 here today.

DORAN TESTIFIES
(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—In the trial of the 36 men alleged to be Klansmen, indicted for Ingwood raid, the feature today was the testimony of Doran. He was called by the prosecution and read a letter from the indicted men in which was stated that 23 of the defendants admitted participation in the raid.

"LOVE HEALER" IN COURT

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Albert J. Moore, self styled "love healer," was brought into police court today to face charges of deception in representing a religious cult. He is said to have collected thousands of dollars from prominent women to "heal their homes" and make them "divorce proof."