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DAYS TO END STRIKES ARE NUMBERED

Seizure of Rail Lines and Coal Mines Seems to Be in the Air.

LEGISLATION IS BEING PLANNED

Government Control of Institutions Now Having Labor Troubles is Freely Predicted at National Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—The administration will seek legislation from congress authorizing the taking over of certain railroads and anthracite mines if there is not a radical improvement in the industrial situation within a few days, it was indicated after Senator Cummins, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee and Attorney-General Daugherty had conferred with President Harding for more than an hour.

Railroads will be given an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to furnish adequate service, it was declared, but those which cannot give proper service will be taken over by the government under present plans.

Few Days are Allowed.

If production of anthracite coal is not resumed "within a few days," it was added, a bill will be introduced in congress to authorize the government to take over the mines and produce coal. Legislation to enable such seizures, Senator Cummins predicted, would quickly be rushed through congress.

The conference at the White House was held after President Harding had discussed the entire situation with his cabinet at its regular meeting and after the New York rail conference had been terminated without result. Before tonight's conference, however, it was stated by an administration spokesman that "no new steps were under consideration," and that the president had nothing definite to announce.

Bill to Be Introduced.

Senator Cummins said after the conference that the anthracite operators and miners would be given one more opportunity to settle their differences.

"If there isn't a settlement in a few days," he said, "I will introduce a bill authorizing the government to operate the mines."

Likewise, he said, the railroads would receive a "reasonable" time in which to demonstrate their ability to furnish adequate service and that those unable to do so would be taken over.

Senator Cummins expressed confidence that legislation for both purposes could be rushed through congress without delay. It was indicated that consideration of these steps would not operate to interfere with proposed legislation now pending and designed to curb profiteering in coal.

Conference to Resume.

It was stated that the conference would be resumed tomorrow.

Before tonight's conference the groundwork had been laid through administration overtures for a further meeting between the parties to the anthracite dispute, to be held next week at some point in Pennsylvania. It was indicated that certain proposals would be made which it was hoped would bring about an adjustment of the difficulty which disrupted the sessions at Philadelphia earlier this week.

While no detailed explanation was given as to how the government would operate anthracite mines in the event of their seizure, it was indicated that the first step would be to fix a wage scale and then request or direct the miners to return to work. Coal mined, it was stated, would be marketed through the regular commercial chanels, the government taking steps to prevent possible profiteering.

THE WEATHER.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Aug. 26.—Tonight and Sunday will be unsettled weather, probably thunderstorms in the eastern portion, also cooler tonight in the eastern part of the state.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Aug. 26.—Live stock eggs and butter were all steady today.

ENTERPRISE PLANNING ON COUNTY FAIR

ENTERPRISE, Aug. 26—With all the attractive features of last year's program retained and others added and with many improvements to the grounds, the county fair looms up in the near future. The dates are October 2 to 7.

Improvements to the grounds include the new cattle barn, patterned after similar buildings at the large fairs, with plenty of room for comfortable display of stock of permanent construction with concrete foundation and finished walls. This is counted on to bring out an even larger exhibit of cattle than has been shown in the past and give the fair a new character in this department.

The present bleachers will be torn out and the space used for auto parking ground. It will give room for 50 cars, just west of the grand stand and close to the finish on the track. Space will be rented to cars.

New bleachers to seat 1500 will be erected east of the grand stand, filling the space along the track almost to the open area where the concessions gather. These seats will be convenient for the crowd and will do away with the familiar old time line of standing men and women hanging over the rail or pushing up for a position at the front. Bleachers will cover all the track-side approach to the grand stand.

The stand will be enlarged and improved by dropping the box seats to lower levels, continuing the seats on down in front almost to the ground. This will give additional rows of seats and will give to persons in the back part of the stand an unobstructed view of the track, correcting a defect in the original design. There will be a total seating capacity of 3000.

KU KLUX KLAN ARE SET FREE

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26.—Thirty-five alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan, tried on felony charges in connection with the Inglewood raid last April, are free today following the verdict of acquittal last night.

CREW MISSING FROM THE BOAT

(By Associated Press.)

BREST, Aug. 26.—The French dreadnaught, "France," capsized today and is sinking in ten fathoms of water in Quiberon bay after striking a rock. Fifteen of the crew are missing.

EXPLODED MINE UNDER A LORRY

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A mine exploded under a lorry loaded with Irish National troops at Bushfield today, according to a report. Irregulars then opened fire. One Nationalist was killed but National re-enforcements were rushed to the scene.

PARTY EATS GROUSE AT COUNTRY CLUB

A grouse dinner of the finest order was served Wednesday evening at the Country Club at the conclusion of a grouse hunt that netted several birds. Mr. and Mrs. Al Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coolidge, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill, and Misses Marcella Berry and Lorna Coolidge were all present at the dinner and enjoyed themselves very much.

Al Andrews and H. E. Coolidge were the mighty hunters.

SCOTT NOT A CORPSE.

(By Associated Press)

PENDLETON, Aug. 26.—Walter Scott, a farm hand of Helix, today walked into the coroner's office and denied he was the corpse found Wednesday near Pendleton. The body, which had been identified by Scott's friends, was found near the Columbia river highway.

INCREASE ASKED BY TRACK MEN

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Increase in minimum wage for four hundred thousand maintenance of way employes from the rate of 29 cents an hour to 40 cents an hour will be asked Monday before the United State Labor Board, E. F. Grable, president of the organization, announced today.

The present scale of wages for maintenance of way men ranges from 24 to 45 cents an hour.

FINISH FIGHT IN RAILROAD TROUBLE ON

Decks Cleared Today in New York for the Death Struggle.

BOTH SIDES ARE LINING FORCES

Each Side Predicts an Early Victory; Shopmen will Return to Their First Demands Made.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Action on the administration bill to prevent coal profiteering through extension of the Interstate Commerce Commission's powers and creation of a federal fuel distributing agency was blocked today in the senate interstate commerce committee and the subject went over until Monday.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—With peace efforts launched by the Big Five Brotherhoods definitely abandoned by both the railroad executives and shop crafts leaders today realigned their forces for a fight to the finish in which both sides predicted an early victory.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Negotiation between 23 railroads, operating 87,000 miles of trackage, and the chiefs of the operating brotherhoods, acting on behalf of the 400,000 striking shopmen, has collapsed. Both sides then prepared for a "fight to the finish." B. M. Jewell, president of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor, said that the road executives who had acted in today's conference now could bring to their "hard-shelled colleagues the railroad strike in its grim reality."

Spokesmen for the roads said that they had offered to take back the men with full pension rights, but had not been able to accept the proposal, the first one made by President Harding.

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WILL GIVE VETERANS TRAINING

Plans to give disabled war veterans of this district taking training on their own land projects special winter courses at state agricultual schools of Washington, Oregon and Idaho were formulated this week at a conference of United States Veterans' Bureau agricultural supervisors held in Seattle. A total of 230 service men receive $80 to $135 a month each while establishing themselves on small land projects and 500 others are taking agriculture along various lines.

The training supervisors of the northwest district also recommended that war veterans carry on diversified farming rather than to specialize in the production of one thing on the grounds that it is more profitable and a safer investment. The veteran should have at least $500 in cash before taking up land for himself, it was voted. Announcement was made that the project trainees are paying approximately half of their government compensation toward land purchase.

Vocational training of disabled war veterans will hereafter be accepted by the Civil Service commission as meeting preliminary requirements of Civil Service examinations, according to an announcement made by L. C. Jesseph, northwest district manager of the Veterans' Bureau.

This move on the part of the Commission means a great deal to veterans who have complete their vocational training courses Mr. Jesseph said. More than 900 veterans have completed training in this district and many of them are now unemployed, it was announced. A total of 3,300 are taking training at the present time.

CHINA GUNNERS FIRE ON BOATS

(By Associated Press.)

PEKING, Aug. 26.—Gun boats of the foreign powers including U. S. S. Isabel, flagship of Rear Admiral Bullard, commanding the Yangtse river patrol, have been ordered to Tangtze Gorge district and instructed to exterminate bands of disorganized soldiers who have been firing on foreign merchant craft in that section.

Ford Motor Company's Plants Will Shut Down Because of Coal Shortage

(By Associated Press)

DETROIT, Mich., Aug 26.—The Ford Motor company's plant at Highland Park, Dearborn and River Rogue, suburbs of Detroit, will close down on September 16th because of no coal to operate, Henry Ford announced today.

The suspension will affect upwards of fifty thousand workers in three plants and indirectly will affect several hundred thousand others throughout the country, including those employed in Ford assembling plants. The assembling plants will also be closed, it was announced.

The actual number of Ford employes affected by the shutdown is approximately eighty-five thousand and others affected are employes of concerns dependent upon Ford orders.

TOOZE SEES REPUBLICAN SUPREMACY

Chairman Republican State Central Committee Visits City.

MAKING TOUR OF ENTIRE STATE

Says Organization is Essential for any Movement and That Party Organization in Oregon is Needed.

Arriving today from Baker where he held a successful republican meeting yesterday Walter L. Tooze, Jr., head of the republican state central committee, spoke in positive terms of republican success in November.

According to the state chairman the trend of political support is toward republican candidates more pronounced this year than it has been in the past decade.

"Never since the unfortunate eruption in 1912 has republican solidarity been so pronounced," said Mr. Tooze. "I have traveled over a great deal of Oregon and my mission is to further perfect the republican party's organization, for without organization nothing can prosper. Organization is recognized as essential from the largest business to the most remote rural undertaking, and in this state our organization had been to a certain extent neglected. However, it is very gratifying to state that in every county that I have visited I have found the voters in the republican ranks in large majorities, and I also find that they are anxious to have party unity to the end that results may be accomplished in the way of reducing the public tax burden which now mounts to a fearfully high point."

In speaking of political affairs the state chairman did not overlook the fact that a political party is no longer a man's organization for he said:

"It is very essential that the ladies of Oregon, now possessing the right of franchise as they do, should become thoroughly interested and conversant with political matters. As a political home I am proud to state that the grand old party of Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt offers to the ladies a place in governmental affairs and meets with a cordial welcome and a request to take their place alongside of men of republican faith helping to reform and make better our government."

Meeting This Afternoon.

At the city hall this afternoon a meeting of republicans is being held and the state chairman is delivering an address on the subject of party welfare, the work of the next legislature, tax reductions and other important subjects.

SPORTSMEN TO TRY NEW PLAN

The members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club of La Grande have a plan that has been tried out several places and has proved very successful in regards to the farmers and sportsmen co-operating during the hunting season, thus making it possible for the hunters to not be deprived of their sport and also to protect the farmers in every way against loss or damage.

The plan is still in the making but as it was outlined today by one of the club officials is as follows.

The club will convene with the farmers and will ask them for permission to hunt upon their lands under the following conditions. To begin with, the club stands solidly together in that any damage, loss or depredation will be paid for fully if perpetrated by a member of the club. Then, if the farmers are agreeable, each member will be supplied with credentials and will be allowed to hunt upon receiving permission to hunt by the owner of the land. That is the matter in brief and it will be worked out further in the next few days.

The above system has been tried out successfully in Lane county and last year only one item of damage occurred. One of the members shot a hog, which was fully settled for.

PETTY THIEVES STILL BUSY

Apparently the ring of petty thieves composed mostly of small boys and shoplifters, is not done away with in La Grande. In addition to several attempted and some more successful robberies that occurred within the last few months, several of the La Grande stores report that they have missed items from their stock recently.

Among those who have suffered from these petty depredations are Shannon's Harness Shop, Newlin's Drug Store and several others. In some cases small boys have been apprehended and turned over under parole to their parents.

Man Who Sold Reberio Gun that Killed Alvah Price is Under Arrest

PORTLAND, Aug. 26. — George Reberio, slayer of Alvah R. Price in an auto bus in Columbia county several days ago, is not so insane but that he took Sheriff Wellington of Columbia county and Detective J. E. Abbott of Portland to Philip Rosumny's pawn shop at Sixth and Everett streets, and accused Rosumny of selling him the revolver with which he killed Price and wounded R. Widing.

Although Rosumny denied that he had sold the gun, he admitted that Reberio was in his store seeking to buy a gun.

Reberio told Rosumny in the presence of the officers that the pawnbroker had tried to sell him two big guns which he took from his safe. The police found those two guns in the safe.

The slayer said that the pawnbroker wanted too much for the big guns so he bought a small gun from him, giving him a $5 gold piece with a chain attached to it and 50 cents in cash.

Abbott swore to a warrant for Rosumny's arrest at noon today.

Reberio has been placed in the Multnomah county jail for safe keeping, as the Columbia county jail is somewhat "leaky."

KIDNAPPED BY CHINA BRIGANDS

(By Associated Press)

PEKING, Aug. 26.—A Greek surveyor, a French engineer and his daughter, living at Shanchow, province of Hoanan, have been kidnapped by brigands and are being held for a hundred thousand dollars ransom, according to the foreign legation advices.

Towns in the neighborhood of Shanchow are reported to have been looted.

Brigands are also reported active along the Chinese Eastern railway in Manchuria.

WILL TAKE UP BONUS BILL.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Agreement to take up the soldiers' bonus bill Monday and push it to the final vote was entered today by the senate with a view of getting a vote on the measure Tuesday; it was agreed to limit the debate.

ARREST MADE IN PORTLAND FRAUD CASE

W. H. Emerick, Chairman of Night Board of Precinct 201, Charged.

CORRUPT CONDUCT IS ALLEGATION

Claim is Made that Klan Ticket was Favored by the Presiding Judge Who is Supposed to Read off Names.

PORTLAND, Aug. 26.—The grand jury investigating the precinct 201 election scandal today pointed its finger at W. H. Emerick, chairman of the night board.

Emerick is under arrest.

Five indictments charging him with responsibility for the frauds were returned by the grand jury.

Four of the maccuse him of "willful neglect in the discharge of duties as an election officer."

Corrupt Acts Charged.

The fifth charges him with "willful neglect and corrupt conduct."

Bail was fixed at $2500.

The true bills charge that Emrick threw votes from Ben W. Olcott to Charles Hall, from Newton McCoy to Fred G. Buchtel, from T. M. Kerrigan to Fred W. Williams, from John B. Coffey to R. J. Kirkwood and from C. H. Gram to W. A. Dalziel.

In the first four instances he is accused of "wilful neglect."

In the Gram-Dalziel race for labor commissioner he is accused of "corrupt conduct."

Personal sympathies or personal interest was, according to the indictments, the basis of all five instances of irregularity.

Manager for Dalziel.

District Attorney Meyers explained that in the Gram-Dalziel case the "corrupt conduct" charge had been included because personal interest could probably be shown in the fact that Emerick was a campaign manager for Dalziel.

The shift in recall votes was said to have been based on the fact that the Law and Order League, of which Emerick is president, opposed the recall.

Rumors of Ku Klux sympathies, circulated at the time the irregularities were discovered by the Marion county circuit court during the Hall-Olcott recount, are not mentioned in the true bills in connection with the Hall-Olcott and Coffey-Kirkwood shift of votes.

Emerick's method, the true bills charge, was simply to misread ballots to the tellers, so that the count set down on the tally sheets was not the result that the ballots showed, but what his personal sympathies indicated.

Prosecutor Irate.

The indictments, according to Myers, are the most complicated turned out during his administration. Indefiniteness of the election laws, he said, is the reason. Each of the counts covers five or six legal sheets, with singlespaced typewritten charges.

Myers was strenuous in his denun-

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Funeral of Marion Davis, Mayor of Union, Tomorrow

UNION, Aug. 26.—The remains of the late mayor of Union, Marion Davis, who passed on at Hot Lake yesterday morning at the conclusion of a lingering illness, will be laid to rest tomorrow afternoon in the Union cemetery.

The funeral services will be held at the Methodist Church at Union at two thirty o'clock with Reverend R. C. Lee, of Haines, delivering the funeral sermon. Reverend L. A. Cook, of Union, will lead in prayer. All friends of the deceased are invited to be present. The funeral is to be held under auspices of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Union.

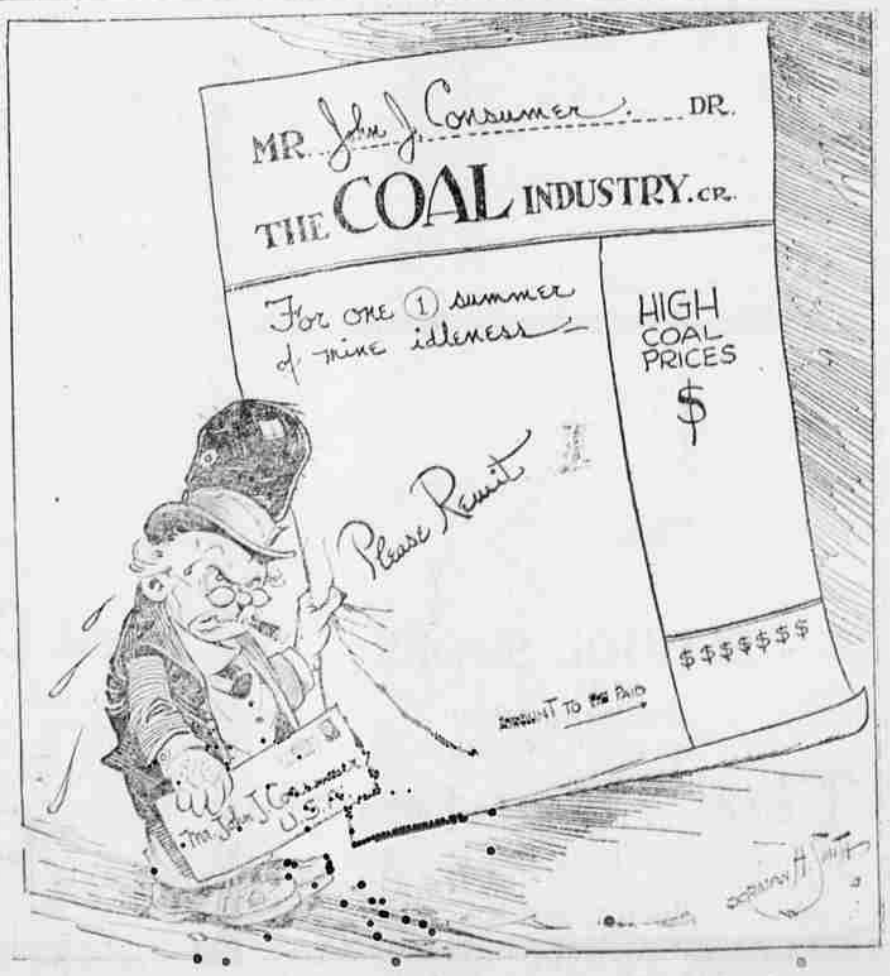
RICH PEOPLE IN TROUBLE.

(By Associated Press)

OAKLAND, Aug. 26.—Suit for $30,000 damages against Edith Huntington Wakefield, divorced wife of the late Jack Spreckles, for alleged alienation of the affections of Rodney Kendrick was filed today by Mrs. Nell Kendrick. Mrs. Kendrick also filed divorce proceedings. She alleges that she was offered a hundred dollars a month to give up her husband.

Judge Knowles Over Portland Recount Case

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Aug. 26— Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles of La Grande will preside over the recount contests brought by W. W. Banks, who was defeated in the official returns for joint senator in Multnomah county, and John B. Coffey, who was defeated by ninety votes according to the official vote for state representative from Multnomah county. The two cases will open in circuit court here Monday and will be heard together. Virtually the same precincts are included in both contests.

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