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LABOR BOARD NOW HEARING WAGE DEMAND

Maintenance of Way Brotherhood Asks for Substantial Increase.

OVER HUNDRED ROADS AFFECTED

Would Have 48 Cents as the Minimum Hour Wage, with Eight Hour Day and Time and a Half for Over-Time.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—The hearing by the Railroad Labor Board began today on the petition of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees and railroad shop laborers of over one hundred railroads of the nation for an increase in the minimum wages from 23 cents to 48 cents an hour, and a virtual demand for the recognition of the basic eight-hour day with time and a half for overtime.

Asks Probe of Executives. NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Investigation of the Association of Railway Executives by the United States senate as directly responsible for the failure to end the railroad shopmen's strike was suggested in a telegram sent Sunday by John J. Dowd, chairman of the central strike committee for the metropolitan district, to Albert E. Cummins, chairman of the interstate commerce committee of the senate.

After suggesting that the committee investigate the association "in its relation to the present shopmen's strike and of its organization and activities in general," the telegram continued:

Balked Strike Settlement. "This group of individuals has effectively prevented a settlement of the railroad strike, even when such a settlement was urged by the president of the United States and agreed upon by the unions involved."

Asserting that the rejection of mediation proposals by the railway executives did not represent the opinion of a majority, the telegram added:

"The evidence is overwhelming that the proceedings of this association have, for the past year, been manipulated and controlled, contrary to the best interests of the railroads and the public, by T. Dewitt Cuyler and L. F. Lorge. An examination of individual members of this association on the witness stand would reveal a situation that would startle the country and prove of inestimable benefit both to the American railroad industry and to the public at large."

Commenting on the telegram, Chairman Dowd said:

No Peace in Industry. "There will never be peace in the railroad industry while the Association of Railway Executives continues to exist."

"Here is a union more dangerous than any labor union could ever be. The members of this inner circle are out to establish the open shop on American railroads."

"It is four weeks now since this union defied the nation. Since then it has closed the door upon any possibility of peace. It is this one union that is beyond all public control."

SECOND AND O CONCERT POINT

The semi-weekly band concert will be held tomorrow night and the location has been fixed at Second and O streets. This particular section of the city has not yet enjoyed a concert in its midst. Management of the band has in mind one concert for the extreme south of La Grande, one for North Second, and one for extreme East end of Adams avenue. Leader Andrew Loney has a very fine program arranged for tomorrow night and the usual parking rulings will prevail.

Girls Friendly Society On Two Weeks Outing

The Girls Friendly Society left this morning in two big carloads for the Birnie cabin in Mill canyon, where they will spend a couple of weeks outing.

This morning Mrs. Claude Seranton and Mrs. A. Krause took a carload of girls up to the cabin and quite a number of the girls followed on horseback. While on the outing the girls will be in the care of Mrs. Geo. Birnie and Mrs. R. A. Pratt.

LIVE STOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Steers and cows were steady today. Upgraded cattle were weak, hogs and sheep steady, eggs firm and butter was steady.

HIGHWAY TO THE WEST IS PROGRESSING

Contractors Are Pushing Every Section; Deadman's Pass to Kamela Nearly Half Graveled.

It will not be long before people in La Grande can cease to stagger and hang their heads when tourists ask how the road is toward Pendleton, for the work being done this summer is telling and soon the road will be a boulevard and the "horrible hill" in the Blue Mountains, known from Portland to New York, will be like Wallowa hill—a matter of memory, and unpleasant memory, only.

The Pendleton-East Oregonian is reviewing what is being done on the road, says:

The work of grading on the 14 mile section of new highway between Deadman's Pass and Kamela is approximately one half completed, the rock crusher is nearly ready to start operations and it is expected to have the work of surfacing the new road underway within a few days, probably by the first of the month. Whether or not the road can be entirely surfaced this fall is going to be a close question, dependent much upon the weather this fall.

These facts were ascertained in the course of an inspection trip yesterday by members of the county court and Road Master Lee Shannon. The general contract for the road is held by Carlson & Nyberg and they have four sub-contractors at work. The sub-contractors call for clearing the right of way, which over much of the route is no small job, for grading, etc. Swift progress has been made in clearing the right of way and in grading work. It is evident the grading work can be easily completed and much surfacing done. However, fall is approaching and freezing weather in the mountains may put the road into such shape that the graveling work may have to be stopped before it is all complete.

The main camp of Carlson & Nyberg is located between Meacham and Kamela and the rock crusher has been set up near this camp. The work has started there because it represents that part of the road with the highest altitude and consequently the part in need of improvement first in order to get ahead of the winter.

Throughout most of the 14 miles the highway follows an entirely new route and when the work is completed local people and tourists will have a new country to look at. At Meacham an overhead crossing is to be provided just east of town, near the O. W. R. & N. water tank.

CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY TALK

The Promise Grange held a very important meeting Sunday, August 27, several matters being discussed at this time. Professor E. T. Bailor, lecturer of the Wallowa Grange, M. D. Major, secretary of the Wallowa Grange, J. Chinworth, of Wallowa and W. R. Gekeler, of La Grande, were among those in attendance.

Among other matters that were discussed it was decided to prepare a special entertainment for the arrival of State Grange Master C. E. Spence who will arrive in Promise on Wednesday, September 27, the date set for a local fair.

Among the questions discussed was the grange tax reduction program and the question of a co-operative creamery for the graniers of Union, Wallowa and Baker county.

The grange has divided into two teams for a literary contest and the loser will furnish a banquet to the winner about the first of the year. Miss Emeline McDonald and Mrs. Nellie Fieshman are captains of the opposing teams.

The Promise residents are planning on having a large exhibit at the Wallowa Community Fair that will be held in the near future.

Ambulance Makes Long Journey to Bring Mrs. Wilson to Hospital

Mrs. Wilson, of Bartlett, Oregon, was brought to La Grande yesterday morning by the Snodgrass and Zimmerman company ambulance and enrolled in the Grande Ronde hospital for treatment for typhoid fever. Her case is quite serious, according to reports, and a call was sent to La Grande, Lot Snodgrass leaving with the ambulance late Saturday afternoon and returning Sunday. The round trip amounted to 188 miles, as Bartlett is on the Washington-Oregon line in Wallowa county.

Many Will Attend the Elgin Legion Meeting

The American Legion County Council will meet tonight at Elgin at 7 o'clock in their regular meeting. Several matters, among them being the plans for Armistice day celebration, the formation of the "Chevaux 40 Hommes 8" society and others, will be attended to at this time.

M'NARY BACKS BONUS FIGHT AMENDMENT

Oregon Senator Would Tack on Reclamation of Arid and Swamp Lands.

LAND AID AS A PRECEDENT

Amendment Offered Provides for Expenditure of 350 Millions of Dollars by Government.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—"Congress has an opportunity to do a grand thing in an empire building in connection with the Soldier Bonus," Senator Charles McNary of Oregon declared today in the senate urging his reclamation amendment to the bonus measure.

Declaring that in every war the government had provided aid and land for veterans, he argued that there was no good reason for the abandonment of this policy at this time.

Senator McNary claimed the amendment contemplates the ultimate expenditure for reclamation of the arid and semi-arid and overflooded lands to the sum of 350 million dollars and that the amendment does not supersede or displace the present reclamation law.

TRAFFIC TIED UP ON ALTON ROAD

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, Aug. 28.—Passenger and freight service on the Western Division of the Chicago and Alton railroad are at a complete standstill today as a result of the walkout of engineers, firemen, conductors and switchmen as a protest against the armed guards at Salter, Mo., and Roodhouse, Ill.

W. G. LEE TALKS. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 28.—Members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen who walked out on the Chicago & Alton at Roodhouse, are in danger of having their charters revoked unless they return to work and remain there until proper strike action is taken.

W. G. Lee, president of the organization, declared here Sunday night.

Mr. Lee said he had sent a telegram to the officers of lodge No. 44, at Roodhouse, advising them against the illegal action "which of necessity must result in the loss of their membership."

The telegram was in reply to one sent by the lodge to Mr. Lee.

Announcement that the heads of the "Big Five" brotherhoods would meet here Tuesday to discuss the shopmen's strike situation as it affects their organizations was made by Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

"I wired them that if true, the strike is contrary to our law," Mr. Lee said, "I told them if they go out illegally I will have to enforce our laws. I also advised against any action of the members in violation of the constitution of the brotherhood which of necessity must result in the loss of their membership."

Must Call Meeting. The trainmen's constitution provides that in case of grievances the system general chairman must call a meeting of the executive committee for the system. The executive committee may vote a strike which must be sanctioned by the president.

Mr. Stone returned Sunday from New York, where, with the heads of the other transportation trades, he was unsuccessful in mediating the shopmen's controversy.

When told of reports that the engineers had joined in the strike at Roodhouse, Mr. Stone said he had not heard of it. Until he received an official report he declined to comment.

Seventy-five Men Trapped in the Old Argonaut Mine by Flames Raging in Shaft

(By Associated Press.) JACKSON, Calif., Aug. 28.—Seventy-five men who were entombed in the famous old Argonaut gold mine on the thirty-five hundred foot level by fire, which broke out in the main shaft at midnight, were still in the mine this morning at 7:30 o'clock. Efforts were being made to rescue the miners through the abandoned Muldoon shaft.

BOLD BANDITS ARE AT LARGE

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, Aug. 28.—Police between Tacoma and Portland are seeking two bandits who staged a bold daylight robbery of a fruit store here yesterday and kidnaped a taxi driver, driving his car to Portland. They threw the driver of the car out at Chehalis after robbing him. The taxicab was abandoned at Castle Rock.

TWO ROADS MAKE ADJUSTMENTS

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Aug. 28.—Clerks and station employees of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad and the El Paso & Southwestern road, have effected a settlement on wages and working conditions, union headquarters announced here today.

WHEAT MARKET. (By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Wheat was sold at \$1.06 to \$1.11 today.

PORTLAND MAN HANGS HIMSELF

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Louis Bergman, a croak and suit dealer, was found dead today in the washroom of his store. The body was suspended by a rope about the neck. Workmen repairing the roof of the building saw the body through the skylight.

Police are unable to find any motive for the apparent suicide, they said.

ALLEGED THEY ARE SHOP MEN

(By Associated Press.) GARY, Ind., Aug. 28.—Four of the nine men arrested in connection with the wrecking of the Michigan Central express train here on August 22nd, alleged they are striking railroad shopmen and one of them claimed they loosened the rail which derailed the express train and killed the engineer and fireman.

MADE A FLYING TURTLE. Editor Claude E. Ingalls, of the Corvallis Gazette, was in La Grande this morning just thirty minutes. He had expected to meet Walter L. Tozse, state chairman of the republican central committee here, but found that his chief had started for Pendleton in his Olds car. Mr. Ingalls paid his respects to the Observer and caught train No. 17 over the hills to attend a political meeting this afternoon.

AH LEE CAUGHT IN PENDLETON

Ah Lee, Chinese, who was implicated in the sale of opium in La Grande and who had also been bringing opium to La Grande according to his own statements, was re-arrested in Pendleton Friday by a United States Marshall and was arraigned before United States Commissioner S. A. Newberry the following day. He waived examination and was committed to the Malheur county jail under bonds of \$2500, which he failed to furnish, to await the action of the United States grand jury.

Ah Lee was arrested in La Grande on Friday, August 18 following a raid on the "1-41" place on Jefferson avenue, and a warrant for his arrest was issued by United States Commissioner Nolan Skiff. It was necessary, however, to bring in a United States deputy marshal to serve the warrant and in the intervening time Ah Lee was set free on account of a legal technicality which prevented the officials from holding him without the warrant having been served. He went to Pendleton on the night of his release and was under surveillance when he was re-arrested.

DAVIS FUNERAL WELL ATTENDED

One of the largest funerals ever held in Union occurred yesterday afternoon when the city gathered to do honor to the memory of Marjorie Davis, mayor of Union, who passed on at Hot Lake Friday morning.

The services were held in the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock with Reverend E. C. Lee of Haines, delivering the funeral sermon. The church was packed with his many friends several minutes before the opening of the services. Reverend L. A. Cook, of Union, led the prayer.

Following the services at the church, the procession went to the Union cemetery where the remains of Union's beloved mayor found their last resting place. Not only did the entire town do homage to their departed citizen but many out of town people were present, as Mr. Davis was known and liked all over the Pacific coast. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, in which the deceased had been honored many times.

ANDERSON IS IN SECOND AUTO WRECK

Hits County Agent Avery's Car; Vehicle Driving at Fast Speed on Hot Lake Highway.

For the second time within six weeks the Hayes car owned by Beryl Anderson, of this city, factored in an accident on the La Grande-Hot Lake highway, both accidents occurring at practically the same spot. The car was dented and one man, Jesse Link, was injured when Anderson attempted to drive between County Agent H. G. Avery's car and a horse drawn vehicle, the front wheel of Anderson's car colliding with the Ford and tearing the wheel from the former, throwing it into the ditch on the left hand side of the road. The accident occurred at 8:30 o'clock last night about three miles from La Grande.

According to reports, the Hayes was being driven at a fast speed and approached a wagon coming from Hot Lake. In attempting to swerve around the wagon he struck the Ford car, tearing the tire off of the left front wheel of the latter and also damaging the fender. The velocity threw the Hayes clear of the other car and swerved it into the ditch, smashing the radiator hood and tearing off the wheel besides other minor injuries. When the car struck the bank Link's jaw was thrust into the windshield, breaking his jaw and otherwise injuring the lower section of his face. He bled profusely and was rushed to the Grande Ronde hospital where he is resting easy today according to the latest reports.

The Ford car was able to come into town on its own power but the other was towed in. Three other men were supposed to have been in the Hayes but they were uninjured. Several others who were driving along the highway reported that Anderson had been driving recklessly and had nearly went into the ditch upon passing them.

State Traffic Officer Lowery was on the scene and although no arrest have been made, it is understood that action will be taken on the matter.

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RACING CAR DEALS DEATH ON HIGHWAY

Failing to Give Road California Speed Wagon Hits Car on Columbia Road

RACER STOPPED 50 MILES AWAY

One Person Killed and Five Injured from Terrible Speed; Car that Was Hit Goes Over Bank.

Edward M. Hill, blacksmith of Dufur, 47 years old, was fatally injured, his wife crushed probably fatally and four of their children badly cut and bruised when the Hill machine was struck and hurled from the Columbia highway at noon Sunday by a speedy California roadster, which did not stop until it was halted by a town marshal 50 miles from the scene of the crash, says a dispatch from The Dalles.

Two men were in the car when it was stopped at Arlington, 50 miles east of here. They were Frank Gilchrist and A. H. Pullen, both of whom said that their homes were in Pasadena.

The men were captured as the result of Sheriff Chrisman of The Dalles notifying all officers along the route which they took in their flight to watch for the California roadster.

Both men are nervous. The two men were arrested less than two hours after the accident. Sheriff Chrisman took charge of the prisoners and brought them back to The Dalles tonight.

Both men were so nervous they could hardly speak a word, the town marshal said, but finally he elicited their names. Neither is more than 25 years old. The men were said to have been on their way to Lewiston, Idaho. They left Portland this morning.

Neither was able to say a word about the accident here, although they did not deny having struck another car. Their own machine suffered a deeply dented right fender and a scratch on the right front wheel.

The Hills had been on a vacation near Mount Hood and were returning to their home by making the loop trip through Portland. Last night they were at Hood River with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hill, parents of Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill was driving toward The Dalles when the California car approached them from behind, at a high rate of speed, was said.

Hill Auto Goes Over Bank. In endeavoring to pass the Hill machine, the roadster did not give enough room and hooked and dragged the Hill car about eight feet. It plunged along the embankment for forty feet before dropping over the precipitous edge. The car dropped 20 feet, turning completely over and landing on its wheels. The occupants were thrown out. Hill was found a considerable distance from the machine.

Dr. A. A. Estess, of The Dalles, was one of the first at the scene. He summoned an ambulance and also notified the police. In the meantime the eye that had caused the accident had passed through The Dalles and disappeared. Mr. Hill died as he was being placed on the operating table in the hospital here. The body was taken in charge by Deputy Coroner Mogan, who, following an investigation announced that he would hold an inquest Monday night.

Four Children Injured. The four children, Helen, 15; Wendell, 12; James, 8; and Marshall, 6, were badly cut and bruised. Mrs. Hill suffered a fractured pelvis and other injuries so serious that her recovery was tonight regarded as extremely doubtful. Physicians at the hospital, where they were brought by passing motorists, said they believed the youngsters would be all right in a few days. The accident happened about two miles west of the city limits and just east of Crates Point.

Besides his parents at Hood River, Mr. Hill is survived by a brother, Roy Hill of near The Dalles, and three sisters, Miss Milna Hill of Portland, Mrs. Julia Atwell, New York, and Bertha Siggins of Hood River. Mr. Hill ran a shop at Dufur and was widely known over the country.

PIRATES TO ELECT OFFICERS SOON

The members of the La Grande Pirates, of the Intermountain baseball league, who placed second in the percentage column this year, will meet Wednesday evening at eight o'clock in the offices of the Union County Ad Club, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming season. President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and manager will be elected at this time. All connected with the team are urged to be present at this meeting.

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