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ORDER MARKS OPENING DAY OF WALK-OUT

I. W. W. Marine Transport
Workers Strike Through-
out the Entire Nation.

POLICE PICKETING
PORT WATERFRONTS

William Ford States That
Strike Will Be 100 Per
Cent. Effective In Rose
City.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Apr. 25.—Obeying the I. W. W. strike call, loggers in 27 camps in Grays Harbor struck today. Leaders say that 2,000 quit and another 1,000 will walk out tomorrow. Loggers in the largest logging operations in the harbor district did not walk out. The strikers presented no demands, it was announced that the strike aims to effect the release of wartime prisoners and obtain pardons for I. W. W.'s convicted in connection with the Centralia Armistice day killing. About 30 per cent of the water front workers also quit today.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 25.—While the police picketed the water front preserving comparative quiet which ushered in the strike of the marine transport workers of the division of the I. W. W., officials of the organization, which claims 90,000 members, were reported receiving messages from seaport locals, saying the strike was highly effective at Boston, San Pedro, California; Seattle; San Francisco; Portland and New Orleans.

Quiet at Portland.
PORTLAND, Apr. 25.—All members of the marine transport workers on ships arriving here will be called out and the strike will be 100 per cent effective, according to a statement today by William Ford, spokesman for the union here. The water front is quiet here early today.

Strike Pressure Small.
PORTLAND, Apr. 25.—James Crighton, local director of the United States Shipping Board, said so far as the shipping board was concerned, there was no I. W. W. strike. He said that no noticeable effect was felt today due to the "strike order" and that no trouble was expected in filling crews.

OLD POSEY REPORTED DEAD
SALT LAKE, Apr. 25.—Old Posey, renegade Pink Indian chief, who was reported to have led the recent uprising of a band of Indians in southeastern Utah, was found dead Tuesday by federal officers near Comb, Utah, according to a special to the Tribune Tuesday night. The body was found in a niche in the rocks of a canyon, where it is believed to have been shot fatally in a skirmish with white settlers, on or about March 28, according to the dispatch. United States Marshal J. Ray Ward, with several other officials, was led to the body by four of the captured members of Posey's band, it was reported.

HEADQUARTERS WANTED
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Apr. 25.—Shippers and others vitally interested in keeping headquarters for the third division of the O. W. R. & N. here will meet tomorrow afternoon with officials of the railroad, P. J. O'Brien, general manager, and A. S. Edmonds, traffic manager of the company telegraphed today that they will arrive tomorrow morning for a conference. Vigorous protest was made by 40 canyon firms when it was learned that the headquarters were to be moved to Spokane the first of May.

Spanish War Veterans to Dine This Evening

Elaborate plans have been prepared for the joint banquet of Union and Baker county Spanish War Veterans to be held at the Union Hotel this evening at eight o'clock, according to Ralph Huron, a member of the La Grande detachment.

Musical by the Union orchestra and

Weather Forecast

Portland, Apr. 25.—Fair tonight. Thursday light to heavy frost in east portion.

Two Cases of Scarlet Fever Develop In the Imbler Grade School

(Special to the Observer)
IMBLER, Apr. 25.—Two cases of scarlet fever were discovered in the Imbler school last week. Newton Fuller and Norval Woodie were the pupils who had contracted the contagious disease. The former is getting along nicely but the latter's condition is held quite serious. Residents of Imbler became alarmed and for a while there was considerable talk of taking steps to close school. After a thorough consideration of the matter, however, the idea was abandoned.

The third and fourth grade rooms, where the cases developed, were thoroughly fumigated.

JURY DECIDES
FAVOR COSTER,
HALL IN SUIT

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 25.—Verdicts in favor of Charles Hall and R. R. Coster, defendants in Attorney Garland's \$52,500 damage suit were returned by a jury today.

Non-suits for the other defendants were granted yesterday by Judge Roseman.

W. MEACHAM
TO SPEAK HERE

Will Give "Old Oregon
Trail" Address in Meth-
odist Church Sunday Eve.

Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Old Oregon Trail association, will give his famous lecture on the "Old Oregon Trail" in the Methodist church here Sunday evening, according to an announcement made today by Reverend G. H. Quigley.

Mr. Meacham's "Old Oregon Trail" address has been given many times to clubs and dinner luncheons, and once before the Union County Ad club and wherever given, has always met with a wonderful reception.

The address is a beautiful, thoughtful and inspiring speech, says Reverend Joseph Chester, pastor of the Baker Methodist church, "and I have heard it twice and could listen to it again." Such a tribute, coming from Reverend Chester, is ample proof of the high quality and value of the address invariably displayed.

TO ENTER SOCCER MATCHES
NEW YORK, Apr. 25.—The association soccer games of the 1924 Olympiad at Paris, the first in which the United States will participate, have been scheduled from May 15 to June 2, 1924.

William S. Haddock of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Olympic games committee of the United States Football association, has asked the state members of the organization to arrange local games for the American Olympic games soccer fund. Each state association will be limited to two entries in the trials for places on the American team to go to Paris.

California, which, because of its isolation from the soccer region of the country, has not participated in previous amateur competitions, probably will try for representation on the American team.

PORTLAND PLANS TRACK MEET
PORTLAND, Apr. 25.—A dual track and field meet between Multnomah Amateur Athletic club of Portland, and an eastern or middle western college will be held on Multnomah field here this summer, it plans of Vern Windham, track chairman of the Multnomah A. A. C. is being carried through. A similar meet was held here two years ago with the New York Athletic club.

TURK'S STAND AT LAUSANNE IS UNCHANGED

LAUSANNE, Apr. 25.—The resumed East conference got under way Tuesday, with the Turks apparently in no more conciliatory frame of mind than at the previous conference, which collapsed over the economic and financial problems of the proposed peace treaty.

The Ankara delegates, allied spokesmen said Tuesday night, gave no impression during the day's proceedings of an intention to make concessions on any of the disputed points.

Hassan Bey, the Turkish financial expert, told the financial committee of the conference at its first meeting that Turkey wanted the whole world to understand that she was ready and determined to pay her just share of the Ottoman debt, but wanted a definite understanding that the provinces detached from her territory as a result of the great war should also bear their just share of the total debt burden.

He contended further that the secession states, including Syria, Palestine, Mesopotamia and the others, should stand a portion of the withdrawal from circulation of the Turkish paper money.

Allies Reject Plan.
The allies flatly declined to accept the Turkish contention that the paper money constitutes a debt to be borne by the detached provinces, but agreed that division of the Ottoman debt shall be obligatory, and the matter will be submitted to experts, who will work out the details.

Numerous other financial questions of an extremely technical nature were attacked, but the majority were referred to the experts.

ALPHA COX NUCLEUS
OF WHITMAN SQUAD

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 25.—With two meets scheduled, one against Gonzaga at Walla Walla, May 12, and another with the University of Idaho, May 26, Alpha (Cady) Cox, newly appointed track mentor for Whitman college, is building his team around Hal Holmes.

Twelve other players from a triangular meet between Gonzaga, Whitman and Pacific university have been made.

Holmes has marks of 10:1-5 in the 100; 22 seconds in the 220; 21 feet, six inches in the broad jump, and 50 seconds in the low hurdles. Jerry Neeter, Whitman's captain, will pole vault. Byron Schmidt, half-miler and miler, and Walker Bleakney, quarter-miler and discus and javelin man, are other lettermen.

ALLEGED POACHER DIES
VANCOUVER, B. C., Apr. 25.—J. M. Yorke, a member of the crew of the Seattle Fishing Schooner Siloam, died today of wounds received yesterday when the Siloam, suspected of poaching in Canadian waters, was captured by Canadian fisher's patrol boat. Four members of the Siloam's crew escaped after scuttling the schooner.

Temblors Fatal to Many in Kamchatka

Alleged Navy Deserter
Confesses Slaying Rabbi

(By Associated Press)
PHOENIX, Ariz., Apr. 25.—Gladwell G. Richardson, alleged navy deserter, confessed today to the slaying of Rabbi G. Lafee in a San Francisco hotel on April 4th in a statement to assistant county attorney Louis Hart.

MOSCOW, Apr. 25.—Tremendous earth and sea disturbances have taken place recently in the Arctic, and are still continuing according to Chita dispatches Tuesday giving details of the earthquake recently reported at Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka, which carried several buildings into the sea. The total casualties are not known, but the loss of 21 lives already is definitely established.

When the last word was received from Petropavlovsk on April 15, the earthquakes were continuing every six minutes on the average in that region. The radio station was destroyed, and news of the occurrences is trickling in slowly. The sparse population is homeless and famine-stricken, all the warehouses with their provisions having been swept into the ocean.

Terrific Tidal Wave.
According to one Petropavlovsk dispatch, there had been up to April 13 a total of 195 slight earthquakes, accompanied by ramblings of the ground. On April 13 new shocks of much greater force were felt, accompanied by a tidal wave which swept across the ice-covered seas, causing the masses of water and ice to crash against the coast, crushing business buildings and houses, and then receding seaward, dragging with it the debris.

The employees of some of the fish canning factories saved themselves in small steamers and tugs, which were carried out to sea. The women and children in most of the villages of the region have been moved inland to a place of safety in the mountains. The shores are yet covered with ice and wet snow.

On the little island of Taoshka three Russians, five Japanese and eight Chinese, making up the entire population, all perished in the disaster. The volcanoes of Ananisky and Stunofsky, the dispatches state, are active.

FIRE DAMAGES TWO
SEASHORE RESORTS
NEW YORK, Apr. 25.—Coney Island and Far Rockaway, two of New York's best known seashore resorts, were visited late Tuesday by fires that caused damage estimated at \$500,000.

A tiny spark flying from an electric mortar-mining machine, set the blaze in Far Rockaway that destroyed the 350-room hotel Tack-a-Pou-Sha and 300 bath houses on Ostend beach.

The new Traymore hotel of 250 rooms and the Ostend hotel, 400 rooms, directly in the path of the fire, were saved from destruction by the prompt work of firemen of four seashore towns, who answered the fire alarms.

SUGAR PRICE IS UP
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 25.—A forty-five cent advance in sugar was announced today by wholesalers. Cane granulated is now \$16.80 per sack, a gain of one dollar since April 11. Retailers are selling cheaper than wholesale prices.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 25.—Hard White, \$1.26; Western Red \$1.23.

FUTILITY



Jury Held to Have the Right to Drink Evidence In Bootlegging Cases

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 25.—Juries in bootlegging cases are legally entitled to drink the evidence, according to W. Maxwell Gurke, deputy district attorney. His ruling followed the trial of Joe Laking, charged with violation of the Wright act. Gurke introduced a bottle of liquor as evidence. When it returned, it was hung, seven to five for conviction. The evidence was gone. "A jury has the right to sample the evidence," said Gurke. "It has a right to take the liquor into the jury room and determine whether it is liquor. I found the evidence genuine, but you would not know it by the disagreement as to guilt or innocence."

With the evidence gone, Gurke said, it is improbable Laking will be tried again.

SINNOTT WILL
ATTEND TRAIL
CELEBRATION

BAKER, Apr. 25.—Happy again to be in his own home state and eager for the few short weeks of rest which he hopes to enjoy following his arrival at his home in The Dalles, Congressman N. J. Sinnott passed through Baker yesterday morning. Nick Sinnott is known as a worker wherever he is and despite the fact that he is big enough to take all kinds of punishment, he was not at all backward admitting that the past long session of congress wore him out. Now he is home to condition himself for the next seige.

That the reclamation department is favorably considering the proposal of the Union Pacific president, Carl Gray, to stand half of the expense of the removal of the railroad company's track in the vicinity of the Baker irrigation project, was the opinion expressed yesterday morning by Mr. Sinnott. On behalf of the Old Oregon association, Walter Meacham extended to Mr. Sinnott an invitation to attend the celebration to be held July 4, on the summit of the Blue mountains and the congressman assured that he will extend every effort to be present. Without doubt Mr. Sinnott will again visit Baker during the summer months.

Yesterday Congressman N. J. Sinnott, wife, two daughters and one son, passed through La Grande on their way to the home in The Dalles where they will spend the summer. The congressman will make a trip over the district during the vacation of congress and personally look into the different irrigation and other problems that claim attention of the national government.

"Nick" expressed a deep pleasure at being able to summer in Oregon and said it was a joy indescribable to get away from Washington, D. C., during the hot months.

MARKET ROAD
WORK FOR YEAR

Crews Are Busy Now On
Lone Pine-Ladd Canyon
Stretch; Other Roads to
Be Worked Later.

The spring work on Union county market roads has already been commenced on one stretch, according to a report received today. A crew is putting the Lone Pine-Ladd Canyon road in shape at present, having started working on this section a few days ago.

Within the next thirty days work will begin on the extension of the Hunter-Lane market road and also on the North Powder-Clover Creek road.

At a slightly later date, possibly early in the summer season, the Union-Cove road will be completed. Approximately \$58,000 is being spent on market road building and improvements in Union county this year.

Horse and Cattle Men
to Attend Union Meet

According to S. O. Correll, secretary of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, the 10th annual convention which will be held in Union June 4th and 5th bids fair to be the most successful convention the association has ever held. Several men of national prominence will be in attendance and topics of vital interest to the horse and cattle men will be discussed. In addition to the addresses the convention will dispose of much important business, states the Baker Herald.

\$40,000,000 ALLOTMENT IS DISTRIBUTED

Secretary Weeks Apportions
Greater Part of the
Appropriation.

\$2,217,500 IS GIVEN
TO NORTHWEST WORK

Distribution of Appropriation
Was Protested By
the Budget Bureau; For
Improvement of Rivers
and Harbors.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 25.—About \$40,000,000 of \$56,589,000 appropriated by congress under the protest of the Budget Bureau for the improvement of rivers and harbors, has already been allotted by Secretary Weeks and the remainder will be distributed among the various projects.

The budget director had recommended that the appropriation be only \$27,000,000 and it had been intimated that the administration might hold the expenditures to that figure.

Northwest Allotments.
WASHINGTON, Apr. 25.—Allotments already include: Coos Bay \$900,000; Coos river \$9,000; Umpqua river \$215,000; Yaquina Bay and harbor \$139,000; Columbia and tributaries above Celilo Falls to the mouth of Snake river \$13,500; Snake river, Oregon, Washington and Idaho \$13,000; Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Vancouver, Washington, and Portland \$300,000; Clatskanie river \$9,000; Willamette river above Portland and Yamhill river \$25,000.

HERMIT FOUND
WHO WILL WORK

(By Associated Press)
SPOKANE, Apr. 25.—A hermit is always a curiosity, but a hermit who, in addition to being everything that an orthodox specimen ought to be, has a great deal of ambition for work, is a wonder indeed.

Such a recluse is Paul Ackerman, known as the Snake river hermit, who lives in stone houses, which he built with his own hands on the banks of the Snake river, about ten miles above Astoria. There the great walls of basalt crowd close to the water line and form the portal to the canyon of the upper Snake. Ackerman will not discuss his philosophy of life. He cannot understand who the world should be interested in the matter. He located on his present place 44 years ago as a homesteader. He grazed cattle and sheep for a period on the hills nearby and accumulated some money. Then 30 years ago, he abandoned this pursuit to engage upon his building operations.

Year by year his massive fences have grown in extent until they are now about two miles long, four feet wide at the bottom and two at the top and eight feet high. The weight of this pile is said to be 2542 tons. He has also built two stone houses, doing all of the work himself. The hillside has been burrowed in a search for water and several caverns, one several rods in length, have been excavated.

TAX WOULD APPLY
OVER VAST AREA

(By Associated Press)
EDMONTON, Alta., Apr. 25.—Alberta's proposed new tax on mineral, gas and petroleum leases in the province will apply on over fifteen million acres of land now held by corporations and individuals and is expected to yield a revenue of \$300,000 annually.