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MILL MEN AND STRIKERS IN RIOT

LARGE GATHERING WATCHES ROUGH-HOUSE FIGHT ON STREETS OF CITY

POLICE NOT ON THE JOB

Employees of Crown-Willamette Mill and Former Workmen Mix in Battle on Saturday

Fully 100 men engaged in a free-for-all fight on the east end of the suspension bridge here Saturday evening, from 4:45 to 5:15, and broken noses, lacerated features and torn clothing were much in evidence following the fracas.

The battle, long expected, was between the striking paper mill men and those who had been employed at the Crown-Willamette plant in the past. Intimation that 5 o'clock Saturday night would be the "zero" hour for the attack, reached here during the middle of the week, and while the officers of the city police and the sheriff's department had been notified to expect trouble, not an effort was made to have extra officers on hand—nor were any of the regular men on the job until the riot was half over. Then Deputy Sheriff H. H. Hughes and Officer Burk stepped in and succeeded in partially quelling the disturbance. It was necessary for them to draw fire-arms and threaten to club the combatants before the semi-crazed belligerents would part.

Since the strike of several months ago, at which time a large percentage of the employees of the paper mills walked out and secured employment in the ship-yards and other industries, bad blood has been existing between the strikers and those who remained on the job, or who were later employed to take their place. Several little clashes, between individuals, have taken place from time to time, but the grand melee of Saturday night was the culmination of plans long laid and worked out. The strikers reached the city at about 4:30, and congregated on the bridge, at Main and Seventh streets, in the heart of the city. The word had been so well disseminated that a fight was to be staged that not only were there hundreds of citizens lined up on the streets, tops of buildings, telephone poles, and in office windows, but a force of newspaper men were on hand to witness the fray, including those of the local papers and men from both the Portland Labor Press and the Daily News.

At about 4:45 the first groups of mill workers started across the bridge. The fighting visitors were lined up on the railings of the approach, and the first stragglers on-coming got through the gauntlet with no more injury than some insulting and sneering remarks. It seemed for a time that hostilities would not come to a head, but any idea of this was dispelled when a group of fully 50 mill workers was seen to be coming along, in close formation, and covering the full width of the bridge. They were preceded by a few feet by Manager B. T. McBain, of the Crown-Willamette plant. The air was surcharged with strife, and the spirit of fight on a hair-trigger edge. Close behind their manager came the strike-breakers, six abreast. They marched sturdily along, without a pause, and passed unheeded the taunting remarks hurled at them by the men on the side lines—many of whom were by this time standing on their feet. Then someone was heard to say, "If anyone gets a wallop here tonight I hope it will be McBain first." In the same instant, one of the mill workers dropped, or had kicked from his hands, his tin dinner bucket. The noise, in the intense stillness of the moment, sounded like a crash, and acted as a signal for the opening of one of the most disgraceful and ugly mix-ups that ever took place on the streets of Oregon City.

The men who had passed through the lines returned to the melee. Some jumped over the railing and circumvented their enemies, making their escape. The majority of them, however, stayed for the fracas, and in another second the approach of the bridge was a swirling, whirling mass of struggling humans. Blood commenced to flow freely, clothing was torn to strips, faces were battered and teeth knocked out. One of the workers, G. W. Moriarity, working on machine 6 at the mill, was the "ace" of their side. Single handed he was credited with besting eight of the invaders, among whom was their leader, a young man by the name of Roy Ott. When Moriarity and Ott tumbled over the railing of the bridge in close embrace, the smaller struggles ceased for the time being, while the whole crowd gathered around to witness the star performance. Dozens of cries of "Kill him!" were heard, and might have referred to either one. On-lookers from upstairs windows increased the excitement by shouting that someone had a gun out, and that another was using a knife. The sit-

JUSTICE COURT JURY FREES COMBATANTS

MULINO YOUTHS IN COURT ON CHARGE OF ASSAULT WERE JUSTIFIED, SAYS JURY

When a justice court jury last Friday afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation of no fine, in the case of August Olson against the three Utiger boys, of Mulino, the crowd in the court room cheered and applauded. The events leading up to the trial included a visit of the three boys, Harold, Ed and Fred Utiger, to Mulino, from their home a few miles out. While in town they espied a house which carried no war decoration. No Red Cross, food card, or flag was displayed. The boys promptly purchased a nice American flag, and proceeded to nail it tightly to the door. They investigated and found that the place belonged to one August Olson, the proprietor of a livery stable, and the operator of the village jitney.

All went well after this until a few days later the boys noticed the flag was gone. At a dance a few nights ago they met Olson, and asked if he had taken the flag down. He said that he had, but had done so because someone had decorated it with spoiled eggs, and he wished to remove the banner from the contamination of the putrid mess. The excuses evidently did not please the fiery patriots, and they promptly landed on the suspected anti-loyalist. The three of them were more than the livery man could handle, and he came out a little the worse for wear, with black eyes, etc., as the marks of battle. He straightway secured a warrant for the arrest of his assailants on a charge of assault and battery, and the trial before Judge Sievers Friday resulted.

The evidence tended to show that the Utiger boys did not throw the rotten eggs at the home of Olson, but that they had been put there before they nailed the flag up. Olson admitted that he had taken the flag down, and the boys admitted that they had done him up for so doing. So the jury deliberated, and came out with a verdict which read like this:—"We, your jury, find the de-

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STURDY LADS DEPART FOR TRAINING CAMP

RECENT CONTINGENT OF 83 REGISTRANTS GOES TO AMERICAN LAKE

Reporting here on Sunday afternoon for final inspection, the 83 young men in the draft call for Camp Lewis, were made guests of the Commercial club, and for those who wished to attend, there was a banquet and informal program at the Electric hotel. A number of the boys wished to spend their last evening at home, and they prevailed upon the club to forego their scheduled entertainment in their honor. The affair at the hotel Sunday evening was for those unable to reach their homes, and who were in the city for the night any way.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock the men again assembled on the court house lawn, where the line-up for the march to the train was made. Here the last farewells were said, and the sturdy youths marched to the depot, where they entrained at 8:40, amid the cheers of the crowd. The increment was in charge of Charles Austin, of Oswego, as captain.

There being four of the men in the call not reporting, that many substitutes were taken from the list of 7 held as alternates. Those to be taken were, Albert George Schunk, John Ringo, George Pierce Rush, and William Henry Geiger.

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AUTO THIEF MAKES GET-AWAY WITH HUDSON CAR

In connection with the robbery of the Mt. Pleasant store in the early hours of Tuesday morning, the police are inclined to believe that the theft of the automobile of W. A. Long, was perpetrated by the same burglars. The store was entered some time after 1 a. m., and it is the supposition that the miscreants had made their get away in an automobile. The absence of the new Hudson super-six of Mr. Long's, was not noted until about 11 o'clock Tuesday, at which time an investigation showed that the hap to the lock of his private garage, at his home at 7th and Madison streets, had been fled away. Up until a late hour today no trace of the machine had been found, although the sheriff's office had notified every county in the state to be on the lookout. The car carried Oregon state license 52000, while the factory number was M7191, and the motor number 51458. Mr. Long is the proprietor of the Star theatre here. Another garage, across the street from the Long residence was entered, by forcing the lock, but the choice of cars evidently did not suit this fastidious thief, as nothing but a Ford was in sight.

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CITY DADS ASK SHERIFF'S HELP

STORMY SESSION OF COUNCIL DISCUSSES MEASURES TO MAINTAIN ORDER

WORKERS ASKS PROTECTION

Recent Episode on City Streets Calls Forth Caustic Comment From General Public

At a special meeting of the city council held Wednesday night to consider ways and means of preserving peace and order among the striking mill men and those employed to take their places, the city dads received a communication from the employees of the Crown-Willamette plant, in which they demanded the protection of the police, in preventing any disturbance similar to the riot of last Saturday, at which time a dozen men were severely bruised in a free-for-all fist fight on the corner of Seventh and Main streets.

In addition to the petition of the mill men, in which they threatened direct action against their enemies unless the city took a hand, and also in which they threatened to boycott the merchants of the city unless some action was taken to prevent a repetition of the disgraceful occurrence of last week—a delegation of business men were present to voice their sentiments on the proposition. They demanded of the city that their property and established business be protected from future demonstrations, and reported that the city was becoming the laughing-stock of the whole state for its ineffective methods of quelling the disturbance.

After considerable discussion, in which entered the mayor, members of the council, and other officials, a motion was made by Councilman Templeton to pass the buck to Sheriff Wilson, and he was given the job of protecting the peace of the city on occasions demanding his action. In turning over the job to the county officers, the civic authorities virtually admitted their inability to cope with the situation, which has become decidedly serious. Some of the councilmen, and business men present, reported that they had received from reputable sources, information leading them to believe that the striking union men were to come to this city again on a week from next Saturday, at which time they expect to do the job up right—or in other words to "clean-up" the men employed at the mills in a rough and tumble fight. It is also said that they are coming with brass knuckles, and loaded slugs, and the sentiment of the council seemed that if drastic action was not taken, there would be something more than cracked heads and bleeding faces result from the fray. In the opinion of some of the citizens here, these threats are not true, but the council is led to believe they are, and take them at face value. Evident relief was manifest when Sheriff Wilson accepted the responsibility for handling the situation, and it is expected that there will be no more disturbances. Just what his plans are is not known, but from the manner of his taking hold of the job, it looks bad for any outsider who may attempt to interfere with the peaceful pedestrian passing to and fro across the suspension bridge.

One of the surprising announcements at the meeting last night was the report of Chief of Police Henry Cooke, who, when asked to state the attitude of the city police on the disturbance of last Saturday, said that he had purposely absented himself from the scene of strife, with the full knowledge that there would in all probability be a riot of no small dimensions. In extenuation of his action, he claimed that he had long wished this matter to come to a head, and he saw in the scheduled fight of last Saturday an opportunity of calling the matter before higher officials. He was ordered by the council to co-operate with the office of the sheriff in future disturbances, and was subordinated to a minor part in the campaign in law and order.

Appearing in the delegation of business men were Linn Jones, Al A. Price, and George Hankins, all of whom made short talks. They told of the black-eye Oregon City was receiving all over the country as a result of the open fights staged here, and urgently requested the council to make assurance to the mill men that they would receive protection in the future.

Recorder Loder came in for a deal of criticism from some of the officials, who claimed that it was useless to make arrests, as they were never sentenced in the city court. Mr. Loder made a defense of his position by explaining why some of the recent cases had been dropped. He felt that the criticisms of his office were unjust, and maintained that he had always been an exponent of law and order, and had done his best to handle the situations in an open and fair-minded manner.

The communication from the committee of mill workers to the council-

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RED CROSS WORKERS RALLY TO THE CALL

BUSY WORK-ROOM OF LOCAL BRANCH PREPARES MANY HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

Working at top speed under pressure of rush orders, the Oregon City branch of the Red Cross has accomplished wonders within the past few days. A small army of volunteer workers has responded to the appeal for more help, and the emergency demands for thousands of sphagnum moss absorbent pads and tampons are being filled at a rapid rate. Under a recent ruling of the executive committee of the American Red Cross, the local work room is not in a position to divulge the exact amount of work accomplished, but the fact that hundreds of women have worked almost night and day during the past week shows that a vast quantity of supplies has been prepared for shipment to the cantonments and hospitals abroad. The sphagnum pads are prepared from a moss found in the swamps of the coast counties, and the local branch will receive their supply direct from Tillamook in the future. Arrangements will be made here to sort and dry it. This moss is twenty times more absorbent than the best of cotton, and is rapidly displacing that staple product in hospital usage.

The tampons are small balls of cotton, twisted to a point in order to retain their shape, and are used in the first-aid kits of the men in the front lines, for cleansing wounds and stopping the flow of blood until medical aid can be attained.

The work room, under the capable direction of Mrs. Linn B. Jones as chairman, presents a scene of brisk activity, and the attendance has lately run up from a daily average of 20 to a maximum of 125 women. The assistance of four men was greatly appreciated one day during the week, at which time they proved of great value in handling the large bolts of cloth and massive shipping cases. These men, who put in a day on the job, were Rev. Herbert Crocker, F. D. Forbes, J. E. Jack, John Hickman and Mr. Straight. A. L. Beattie, of the commission firm of Beattie Bros., has donated the use of his

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W. S. S. CAMPAIGN ON WITH VIGOR

REPORTS FROM FEW DISTRICTS SHOW BIG SUBSCRIPTIONS TO HUGE WAR FUND

"OVER THE TOP" THE SLOGAN

County Campaign Committee Surprised at First Returns—Damas-cus Now in Lead

Up until noon today the following districts had reported "Over the top" in the W. S. S. campaign in Clackamas county:

- 67, Advance; 7, Currinsville; 89, Barton; 97, Barlow; 19, Kelso; 30, Stone; 46, Sandy; 31, Rock Creek; 51, Holcomb; 116, Fir Grove; 76, Monte Cristo; 40, Mackaburg, over-subscribed \$1000; 44, Viola; 26, Union; 16, Marquam, \$1200 over-subscribed; 94, Deep Creek, reports an over-subscription of \$300, district 50, Douglas-Ridge has \$400 more than their quota, and to top the list with the record of the campaign to date, comes district 77, Damascus, who report \$4300 in cash, and \$7000 more in pledges subscribed. Their quota was a little over \$4000.

To date there has been approximately \$20,000 over-subscribed in the 18 districts which have reported, out of the 135.

The Clackamas County War Savings drive is on. Commencing last Saturday with a rally and convention at the court house, the campaign for funds with which to carry on the war to a successful conclusion has been waged strongly. Indefatigable workers have canvassed every home in the county, and recorded with a card index system the status of every citizen. They have marked down the pledges and have taken note of those failing to subscribe.

Those of us who remain at home while others do the fighting, have an ever increasing number of opportunities to do definite and highly important work for our country. The purchase of War Savings stamps gives us an expression of the gratitude we feel in being privileged to continue at our usual work. Should we do less than our brave boys in the army and navy—who, beside facing the Hun butcher—are setting aside portions of their meagre incomes for the purchase of bonds, war stamps and for Red Cross donations?

National War Savings Day, set by proclamation of our president for the 28th of June, is to be the great rallying day on which everyone in our country is expected to pledge himself or herself to thrift and economy. Our government asks us to pledge ourselves to purchase a definite

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ABSENCE OF TRUTH CHARGED TO PAPER

DAILY CONTEMPORARY CHASTISED FOR INACCURACY IN COLUMNS

OREGON CITY—June 24—(To the Editor)—I have just been reading an account of an automobile accident in the Morning Enterprise in which Mr. Lloyd Allen and myself were the principals. Though we gave full and accurate account of the "spill" to any and all who made inquiries, if our names had been left out we would never have recognized the article. We wish to congratulate the above mentioned sheet, through your columns, upon the brilliant imagination of the printer's devil, office boy, janitor, or whoever else gets it out, but wish to caution him against too much speed with a bum steering gear, for the combination doesn't work well, whether under the "hood" or under the hat. With a new radiator between the cerebrum and cerebellum he might make a reporter some day.

We wish further to state that if the street between the S. P. tracks and the Abernethy bridge had been safeguarded, the accident, which came near costing Lloyd Allen his life, and Uncle Sam a splendid soldier, would never have occurred, as we were going at a slow speed and any kind of a railing would have turned or stopped the car. As long as the street is left without a safeguard an accident may happen to anyone else at any time, and the next ones may not be as fortunate as we were in getting out of it.

Respectfully yours,

FRED H. WILCOX.

DRAFT RANKS MAY BE SWELLED JULY 1

"WORK OR FIGHT" LAW TO BECOME OPERATIVE AND MEN WILL BE REPORTED

All persons who can give information in regard to any draft registrant whose status is affected by the work or fight regulations, which become effective July 1, are particularly requested by the local War Board to do so.

In fact, the regulations make it the duty of all citizens to report at once all facts which may come to their knowledge concerning registrants who are idle, or who are engaged in a non-productive occupation or employment. This report should be made to the draft board at the court house.

Persons writing or giving this information in person need have no fear their names will be revealed, for the information will be regarded in this sense as strictly confidential. Under the head of "Idlers," who will receive scant consideration from the local boards in their re-classification of such registrants who decline to enter a useful occupation of employment, the government lists such occupations as "gamblers of all description and employes of race tracks and bucket shops, and fortune tellers, clairvoyants, palmists and the like."

And here are the regulations defining non-productive occupations or employment:

"The employment or engagement of any able-bodied registrant of military age in any of the following occupations or employments is not sufficiently effective, in the present emergency, to justify the postponement of his call into military service, notwithstanding he may have a late order number and notwithstanding he may have been placed in Class II, III or IV on the ground of dependency; and all registrants engaged as follows are to be considered by local and district boards as engaged in non-productive occupations or employments:

"Persons engaged in the serving of food and drink, or either, in public places, including hotels and social clubs;

"Passenger-elevator operators and attendants; and door men, footmen, carriage openers and other attendants in clubs, hotels, stores, apartment houses, office buildings and bathhouses;

"Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged and occupied in and in connection with games, sports, and amusements, excepting actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theatrical performances;

"Persons employed in domestic service;

"Sales clerks and other clerks employed in stores and other mercantile establishments."

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ENTIRE CITY SHOCKED AT DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD

The funeral of little Clayton Youngchild, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Youngchild, of Jefferson street, was held on Monday morning at 8:30 at the Catholic church, with burial in the Catholic cemetery.

The little tot lost his life by drowning in an unprotected fish pond, on Friday afternoon, in the yard of a neighbor, where it was his custom to visit each day.

The child was playing with the neighbor children but a little while before his body was found floating in the pond, the face turned downward. It was thought that the body had been in the water about half an hour, and all efforts at resuscitation with a pulmotor were unavailing. The body was taken from the water by Kenneth Childs, of Kansas City, who is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Nash, where the accident occurred. It was thought that he was endeavoring to secure a rope which was found in the water a little way from the bank of the pond. His foot was supposed to have slipped, and precipitating him into the water, where he was immediately drowned, as no cries were heard by his playmates.

His parents, who have resided here but a year, and the entire community are grief stricken at the tragedy, as the child was a general favorite.

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YOUNG MAN PAYS HIGH PRICE FOR STOLEN RIDES

A young man, giving his name as Harry Newell, of Idaho, lost his right foot in an accident in the yards of the Southern Pacific on last Thursday night. Young Newell, in company with another lad, was beating his way south, and, in endeavoring to climb on a moving train, slipped beneath the cars. His foot was completely severed just below the ankle. He was able to hop back to the depot, where a number of people were congregated. His foot was bound up as best they could, until the arrival of Dr. Mount. The boy—he was about 19 years old—was taken to the Oregon City hospital, where amputation above the ankle was found to be necessary. He is a stranger to these parts, but claims to have folks in Idaho, and a sister residing at Prineville.

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CALL TO COLORS TAKES MANY MEN

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD HAS BUSY MONTH OF DRAFT WORK AHEAD

CLASS ONE IS EXHAUSTED

Last Increment Scheduled to Leave July 22—Names of 55 Who Go July 5th Given

The 30 day period extending from June 22 to July 22 bids fair to be one of the busiest months in local draft circles ever experienced. The exemption board at the court house has had fitted up a special office, with Deputy Orena May in charge, to handle the details of the various draft calls, and within the past few days a total of four increments, numbering nearly 300 class one men, have been passed through the channels of the Clackamas county selective service system.

With the departure on Monday of 33 men for Camp Lewis, a list of 12 for San Francisco is scheduled to follow on the 10th. On July 5th there will be a contingent of 55 young fellows to go to Fort McJannet, and in a call received within 48 hours after the one, for this squad, came orders for 39 more men, to embark on July 22 for Camp Lewis.

Class one will be practically cleaned up in the filing of these quotas. Some deferred classifications will be available under the new regulations, as some class 5 men will be taken in, and some of the men in the snip yards will be called. There will be a number come in under the 1918 registration who will be ready for service within a couple of months. The questionnaires are being mailed at the rate of 48 each week, and it is expected that a good percentage of the men will come within the class one quota.

Before the departure of the 88 men on last Monday, the order numbers were taken to around 1500. The list of the following 55 took the number up to around 1800, and the call for the 89 men for July 22 will practically deplete the list. No intima-

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PATRIOTIC PROGRAM ON AT CHAUTAUQUA

ONE OF MANY SPECIAL DAYS WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO GLORY OF FLAG

Special advantages are being offered the Chautauqua visitors at Gladstone park this season, in an effort to induce them to camp out there during the season. With a location convenient both to Portland and Oregon City, and with splendid transportation facilities and good auto roads, the business man of the city is asked by the board of directors to arrange for a vacation at the Chautauqua. On the grounds are stores and all modern conveniences, and the huge, wonderful of a natural park embraces 75 acres of the most delightful woods in the Northwest.

The final touches are being put to the grounds at Gladstone, and all will be in readiness for the grand opening there on July 9th. The assembly this year will run for 13 days, and the program on each will be replete with special events of worth-while interest. Patriotism is the big key-note of the 1918 session, and the latest war developments will be handled by the group of lectur-

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TOBIN AND TEMPLETON IN CLASH AT MEETING

One of the interesting side-lights at the meeting of the council Wednesday night, was the report of the special committee on the water situation. Councilmen Tobin and Van Auker came in with a report, as did Councilman Henry Templeton, who presented a mass of figures which he termed a minority report. Tobin and Templeton locked horns several times throughout the discussion, and the interested spectators were not disappointed in their anticipation of lively debate.

The nucleus of the whole situation was the request by the water board of a joint meeting to discuss the alarming water shortage. For the city were Tobin, Templeton, and Van Auker, and they met with the commissioners on July 13th. At this time the board recommended the electrification of the municipal elevator, claiming that the 3000,000 gallons of water used each day to be too severe a drain on the system. The supply in the reservoirs was daily being depleted, and immediate action was necessary. Upon the joint recommendation of the committee of councilmen and the board, the eleva-

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