



## SWITCHMEN OUT, LAKES TO COAST

### Strike Order Promptly Answered in West.

## FREIGHT TRAINS STAND STILL

### Passenger Service Aided by Executive Staff.

## 2300 MEN ARE INVOLVED

### Demand Is for Increased Wages, Elimination of Physical Test and Age Limits—Railroads Are Charging Bad Faith.

**STRIKE ORDER OBTAINED**  
 Prompt obedience of a general switchmen's strike order tied up all freight trains on the Hill lines and others in the Northwest at 6 o'clock last night.

Twenty-three hundred men are involved.

All Hill line switchmen in Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, Everett, Spokane and other Western division points are out.

Passenger trains, where necessary, are being made up by terminal superintendents and their assistants.

The railroad managers charge that the strike order is a violation of the spirit of a conference pending to obtain arbitration under the federal law.

The switchmen declare the railroads forced the issue.

The men's demands are for 9 cents an hour increased wages; punitive overtime; and a modification of the physical test and age-limit rules.

**ST. PAUL, Nov. 30.**—After 15 days of negotiation between the Switchmen's Union of North America and the joint committee of railroad managers, representing 12 railroads of the Northwest, a strike involving 2300 switchmen became effective at 6 o'clock tonight.

The men are employed by railroads running west and north of St. Paul from Lake Superior to the Pacific Coast, and, unless speedily settled, the strike will mean a serious interruption to the traffic.

The first effect of the strike was a sharp bulge in the price of wheat in the Chicago grain market late today. Loads entering the Twin Cities and Duluth and Superior are largely grain carriers from the West.

**Wage Increase Demanded.**  
 The demands of the switchmen are for double pay for Sundays, holidays and overtime; an advance of 50 cents a day of ten hours in the wages of switchmen, switch tenders, towermen, engine herders and assistant yardmasters; a modification of the rule providing for a payment of penalty in case of failure to permit switchmen to secure their meals in the middle of their shift at a stated period, which contemplates double pay in cases where it became necessary to work a portion of the night, and the elimination of the physical examination and the age limit placed upon switchmen entering the service.

**Bad Faith Charged.**  
 Both sides to the dispute issued statements tonight. That of the railroad managers declares that an increase of 2 cents an hour, or 30 cents a day, was offered by the railroads in territory west of Billings and Havre, Mont., but declined. Further increases were refused, the statement says, because pay of switchmen had been increased previously and now averages more than \$100 a month. The railroads say the strike order was issued while a conference with United States Commerce Commissioner Knapp and United States Commissioner of Labor Neil, looking to arbitration under the Erdman act, was pending. Bad faith in calling the strike is charged.

Speaking for "the switchmen tonight," President Hawley said:  
 "We have had no further communication from the railroad officials. The switchmen have been fair in their requests.

**Overtime Is Penalty.**  
 "We want an advance of 5 cents an hour in pay and the elimination of overtime and Sunday work as far as possible, and the request for double pay for overtime is in the nature of a penalty more than anything else, as we want to discourage overtime, Sunday and holiday work.

"We also ask for a modification of the physical requirements and age-limit rules. Examination for employment on railroads now are as rigid as those required for service in the Regular Army.

"I have never seen a time when the men were so thoroughly organized and ready for concerted action as in the present instance. This strike will result in the most complete tieup of railroad traffic in the territory affected that ever has been known, not even excepting the great strike of 1894. From now on not a switch engine will move in the territory between the head of the lakes and the Pacific Coast.

"The switchmen greatly regret the action that they have been forced to take.

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## ST. CROIX VICTIM TELLS HIS STORY

### PASSENGER TESTIFIES IN FEDERAL INQUIRY.

### Henry Thomas Says No Attempt Was Made to Put Out Fire on Ill-Fated Vessel.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.**—Henry Thomas, who was a passenger on the steamer St. Croix at the time of her destruction by fire, caused something of a sensation today before the Federal inspectors investigating the disaster, when he charged that no attempt was made to subdue the flames, the crew of the vessel devoting themselves to manning the lifeboats.

He declared that he saw members of the crew running about the decks, tossing bottles of liquor into the boats, while the fire hose, uncoiled on the saloon deck, was neglected. The water was not turned on, he said.

Thomas stated that he noticed smoke in the dining saloon before the fire was reported and called the attention of stewards and waiters to it. He said that this was about 12:10 P. M., but that the fire extinguishers were not put into action until 12:45.

The testimony of the passenger did not serve to throw any light upon the cause of the fire, however, nor did that of many other witnesses, and the day ended with the origin of the fire as much a mystery as ever.

## RIFLE SHOT; BOY IS DEAD

### Son of William Ohms Killed or Committed Suicide.

**LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 30.**—(Special.)—A special dispatch from Elgin today stated that Walter Ohms, the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ohms, either committed suicide or was accidentally killed by a .22-caliber rifle bullet this morning on the outskirts of the city. He was found by his brother a few minutes after the discharge of the rifle, but was dead.

The young man had gone out with his brother to inspect some coyote traps and was returning, when the boys separated for a short time. No one saw the shot or saw the boy fall. No reason for suicide is known, and it is equally difficult to ascertain how the lad could have shot himself, as the ground was smooth and level where he was walking.

## ELECTION IS NO SETBACK

### Alabama Senator Defends State in Recent "Wet" Victory.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 30.**—United States Senator Joseph F. Johnston, of Alabama, this afternoon issued the following statement on the effect of Monday's defeat for the prohibition amendment in Alabama:

"The election determined that the men of Alabama did not wish to write into their constitution police measures nor surrender rights they have expressly reserved.

"It does not mean the return of the saloons, nor any backward step in public morals. It means that Alabama is conservative and not to be shaken off her feet by mere sentimental appeals."

## REBELS DEFEAT BIG FORCE

### Hundred Men Are Reported Killed in Mountain Battle.

**COLON, Nov. 30.**—A wireless dispatch received from Bluefields says:  
 After five hours of fighting yesterday, 600 revolutionists under General Matuy defeated 1000 government troops under General Zaquez in the mountains above Rama.

Several standards and a quantity of arms and ammunition fell into the hands of General Matuy when the government troops withdrew.

The Zelayan troops lost 80 men killed and many wounded, while the revolutionists, who fought behind boulders and other protections, lost 20 men killed.

## EXCHANGE SEAT, \$94,000

### Stock Market Price Comes Within \$1000 of Record.

**NEW YORK, Nov. 30.**—A price within \$1000 of the record was paid today for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. It brought \$94,000 against the record figure of \$95,000 paid for a seat several years ago. The late E. H. Harriman's seat was sold to Robert H. Loeb for \$85,000 only two weeks ago. Since then another seat has sold for \$92,000.

## SEAMEN ADRIFT 80 HOURS

### Five of Gunboat Crew Not Yet Reported Safe.

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.**—Adrift in the Caribbean Sea for more than 80 hours, the five men, who were lost Friday night in the whaleboat of the gunboat Marietta now at Port Limon, Costa Rica, still are missing.

It is believed they had enough food and water in the boat to sustain life several days.

## OFFICIALS UNDER ARREST

### Colorado Mayor Charged With Selling Liquor to Soldiers.

**DENVER, Nov. 30.**—Mayor Charles M. Lawton, Treasurer Patrick Sliney, ex-Mayor Harry Livingstone and ex-Treasurer Epland, of the town of Fort Logan, near the Army post of that name, in the outskirts of Denver, were arrested last night, charged with selling liquor to soldiers.

## LORDS DEFEAT BRITISH BUDGET

### Counsel of Leaders Ignored, 350 to 75.

## PEOPLE NOW WILL DECIDE

### Calm, Broken by Few Cheers, Greets Surprising Outcome.

## CAWDOR CHARGES EVASION

### Effort Made, Declares ex-Lord of Admiralty, to Overload Bill With Taxes—Curzon Calls the Measure Socialistic.

**LONDON, Nov. 30.**—The House of Lords tonight, for the first time in 300 years, refused its formal assent to the budget, thereby making it illegal for the King's agents to collect taxes with which to carry on the government.

This action of the peers was taken in direct disregard of the advice of such able members as Rosebery, Morley, Lord James of Hereford, Lord Cromer, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Earl of Lytton, Lord Courtney and the Archbishop of Canterbury and of York.

The budget will now go before the country for its approval or rejection; that is, the crown, through the ministry, will dissolve the House of Commons and order a general election. Whether the present Liberal House and Ministry shall be sustained in insisting on the budget will be the issue in the contest at the polls.

**House Cleared for Action.**  
 After six days' debate, notable for the high standard of the oratory as well as of the arguments for and against the budget and placing in every possible light the great constitutional questions involved, the House of Lords cleared for action at 11:30 o'clock tonight. The scene was impressive but in no sense exciting, except that the House was packed to its utmost capacity. A great array of strange faces was seen on the benches, as numbers of peers were present who seldom appear in the House.

None would have supposed that the event proceeding was destined not only to prove memorable in the annals of British history, but possibly would involve far-reaching changes in the British constitution. Indeed, there was unusual animation in the public galleries, which were crowded with newspapers, members of the House of Commons and ambassadors. But on the floor almost complete calm prevailed.

**Few Cheers Greet Vote.**  
 The vote was on Lord Lansdowne's amendment that the House was not justified in giving its consent to the bill until it had been submitted to the judgment of the country. Nearly 15 minutes (Concluded on Page 3.)

## PITIFUL TALE OF CRUELTY IS TOLD

### MAN ACCUSES WIFE AND SON OF MISTREATING HIM.

### Married for 30 Years, Farmer Asks Divorce From Woman Who Turns Against Him.

**SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 30.**—(Special.)—Ejected from his home farm on Four Mound Prairie by his wife, Elizabeth McDonald, with whom he has lived for nearly 30 years, Angus McDonald has started suit for divorce and alimony, for a receiver to take charge of and sell the farm crops now harvested and for a division of the property.

Since 1877, the plaintiff alleges, he has been a resident of Spokane County, when he located a homestead near Spangle. He now owns a fine farm of 240 acres on Four Mound Prairie, purchased with the proceeds of the homestead. The following his homestead location he was married to the woman whom he is now seeking to divorce.

For the last six years, the pioneer alleges, his wife and son have usurped his authority and the control of the property. He is 65 years old and is no longer able to assert or maintain his rights and authority in the management and control of his property.

Two days ago, according to the complaint, Mrs. McDonald and her son attacked the plaintiff and beat him with a hammer, threw him upon a hot stove, knocked him upon the floor and ejected him from the house, forbidding him to return.

Judge Hinkle has issued an order prohibiting the woman and her son from harassing McDonald if he returns home, and from disposing of any of the property until a hearing can be had on December 3. They are further requested to repay the husband and father \$30 for suit expenses, \$30 per month temporary alimony, and \$250 to apply on counsel fees.

## CITY'S WATER IN DANGER

### Large Crew Works Hard to Save Seattle's Pipelines.

**SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 30.**—(Special.)—The Milwaukee Railroad is working crews aggregating over 100 men in a hasty effort to right the mischief which threatens to destroy the city's two pipelines, carrying a supply of 60,000,000 gallons a day to Seattle.

Unless the road can complete temporary switch tracks within the next 48 hours and the rain stops, the bridge carrying the two stave pipes across the Cedar River, near Dryden, will probably go down stream.

The flooded stream is now eating its way through a gravel bank around the western end of the bridge, threatening at any moment to carry the structure away.

## FIVE LEADERS ARRESTED

### Woman Orator Among Those Placed in Spokane Jail.

**SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 30.**—Five leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World were arrested tonight under warrants charging conspiracy to incite riots. They are held in the County Jail, bonds for release being placed at \$5000 in each case, none of which has been furnished.

Among those arrested is Elizabeth Gureley Flynn, a woman orator, who has been particularly active. Warrants are out for the arrest of about a dozen others on conspiracy charges under a state law. If convicted they may be imprisoned two years. (Concluded on Page 4.)

## BALLINGER WINS; PINCHOT IS LOSER

### President Puts Lid on Forestry Service.

## PINCHOT STAYS, PROVIDING

### Forester Must Stop Attacks on Ballinger.

## MUST WORK IN HARMONY

### It Is Understood President Became Satisfied That Pinchot's Men Had Inspired Attacks on Ballinger—Issues Letter.

**OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 30.**—President Taft has put the lid down tight and hard on the Forestry Service and directed that in the future no official or employee of that bureau shall inspire or disseminate any story or report reflecting upon Secretary Ballinger or other officials of the Interior Department.

Gifford Pinchot has been notified to this effect in a letter from President Taft, and is given to understand that he will be permitted to remain at the head of the Forestry Service so long as he works in harmony with the Administration. But two conditions are imposed: First, he must see to it that no more attacks by his men are directed at Ballinger; second, he must in all forestry matters proceed hereafter in strict accordance with the law and must desist in his former practice of legislating by regulations.

Mr. Pinchot has been deeply concerned of late over his situation and his friends indicate he will now willingly comply with the President's requirements. It is understood that the President became thoroughly satisfied that various officials of the Forestry Service had inspired many attacks upon Mr. Ballinger and it is his foremost purpose to protect Ballinger, as far as he can, and to retain him in his Cabinet in spite of the opposition of conservationists.

## PINCHOT WAITS ON CONGRESS

### Chief Forester Throws Down Gauntlet to Ballinger.

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.**—Gifford Pinchot, supervisor of the Forestry Department, has thrown down the gauntlet to Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in regard to the conservation policy. He declared that Congress must decide at its coming session whether the great coal fields of the country shall remain in the hands of the people or be gobbled up by monopolies and whether great water-power sites shall be given away to special interests or be controlled by the people.

Mr. Pinchot makes known his views upon these two chief sources of power of the present and future in a letter to Dr. (Concluded on Page 4.)

## FRIENDS FEAR SHE IS BURIED ALIVE

### EXCITED TILLAMOOK PEOPLE EXHUME ARGO VICTIM.

### Report Is That Woman's Body Was Limp and Face Flushed When Casket Was Closed.

**TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 30.**—To make certain Mrs. L. A. Holdrege, one of the four victims of the wreck of the steamer Argo, which foundered Friday last, is dead, 200 excited people, including the best-known residents of Tillamook, went to the cemetery where the woman was buried late today to exhume the body.

As she lay in her casket, Mrs. Holdrege's body is declared to have been limp, her limbs relaxed and her face highly colored. After burial, fear was expressed that the woman had been buried alive, and excitement increased until tonight a decision was made to uncover the body.

The coroner, who lives at Bay City, was called to the telephone and is said to have declared he took every precaution to make sure that life was extinct before he issued the burial permit. He said, however, that he had no objection to the body being exhumed, and readily gave permission.

Preparation was at once made and the trip to the cemetery begun at 10:30 o'clock tonight.

## BENSON, MAROONED, SAFE

### Governor Makes Perilous Trip to Salem Without Accident.

**SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.**—(Special.)—Governor Benson and Dr. E. Lee Steiner arrived home this morning from Gardiner, where they had been hunting ducks and where they had been marooned for several days by high water.

The Governor was the first man to venture out since the high water. He went from Gardiner to Scottsburg, 20 miles, by steamer; from Scottsburg to Elkton, 21 miles, by private conveyance, and from Elkton to Drain, 16 miles, by stage. There was some difficulty in avoiding washouts, but the trip was made in safety, and the executive appears to be much benefited in health by his outing.

## CHILD ORDERED RELEASED

### Judge Insists Little One Cannot Be Held Under Chattel Lien.

**FRESNO, Cal., Nov. 30.**—By a writ of habeas corpus Mrs. Minnie Spring today regained possession of her 4-year-old daughter, Ruth, held by Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Holland for debt. The Hollands claimed \$50 for the care of the child.

Judge Church, who issued the writ, said that in this civilized age the holding of a child under lien or chattel mortgage was not to be thought of.

The charges were brought under an old territorial law. The officials and ex-officials, all of whom gave bond, say their interest in the case of persecution and not prosecution.

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## STATE WILL SHOW WOMEN GOT COIN

### Trial of Hamilton Is Under Way.

## TWO AFFINITIES FAVORED

### Cash Obtained by State Vouchers Traced to Purchased.

## DEFENSE RULED AGAINST

### Attempt to Have Case Thrown Out of Court Is Frustrated—Jameson, Assistant Auditor, Identifies Vouchers He Examined.

**OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 30.**—(Special.)—That the state will introduce into the trial details of the expenditures made by ex-Adjutant-General Orin Hamilton on behalf of his two affinities, Florence or Hazel Moore and Norah Hamilton, was evidenced by the opening statement made today by Assistant Attorney-General Magill to the jury which is to hear the embezzlement charges against the former head of the militia.

Mr. Magill said the state would prove that Hamilton had deliberately entered upon a comprehensive system of forged and fraudulent vouchers upon which improperly to draw state moneys, which he had lavished upon his affinities, and that in one instance at Seattle he had purchased \$1600 worth of furniture for "our home," after having been introduced to the dealer by Hazel Moore as her "husband, Frank Moore, a wealthy copper mining man from Alaska."

## DEFENSE LOSES POINT

### The state announced also it would show that money secured from the state fraudulently was sent by Hamilton to Norah.

In this particular case the embezzlement of \$1188 is charged, in violation of two sections of Ballinger's code of state laws.

The defense attempted this morning to have trial Judge Mitchell dismiss the case because of the contention this section had been erroneously copied by Ballinger from old territorial statutes which had never been re-enacted by the state code of 1881. Other reasons were urged, but Judge Mitchell said they were identical with those raised and decided adversely to the defense in the habeas corpus proceedings. The Judge also ruled against the demand of the defense that the state elect which of the two sections it would try Hamilton under, holding that the embezzlement and conversion could properly be united in one charge.

## AUDITOR IDENTIFIES VOUCHER

The only witness examined today was F. J. Jameson, Assistant State Auditor, who personally had audited and allowed nearly all of the alleged fraudulent vouchers.

Hamilton and Jameson were classmates at Bishop Scott Academy in Portland years ago, and were warm personal friends until Hamilton's arrest. Checks and vouchers and sub-vouchers by the dozen and score were examined by Jameson on the witness stand, and the handwriting and signature of Hamilton there identified by him.

The state manager will be in evidence the original \$1188 voucher on which the charge is based, the sub-voucher attached thereto, the warrants issued by the state to Hamilton in settlement of the voucher, and one of Hamilton's checks on the local bank in which he carried a deposit for a time.

## NOTATIONS REMAIN ON VOUCHER

In offering the original vouchers Mr. Magill asked leave to make erasures of certain pencil memoranda thereon, stating the same had been added by different parties during the investigation following Hamilton's arrest for various purposes. One of these pencil notations is said to be in Governor Hay's handwriting and was written at the time of Hamilton's alleged confession to the Governor to identify the vouchers as one Hamilton admitted was false. The defense objected to any erasures from the voucher and the court ruled the voucher might not be considered in the record.

On cross-examination, the state brought out that since Hamilton's arrest this voucher has not been in the office of the State Auditor, but has been in possession at different times of a number of state officers. This is in pursuance of an announced intention of the defense that it will attempt to show a conspiracy on the part of state officers to "get" Hamilton. The state, however, brought out the positive identification of the voucher as one belonging in the office of the State Auditor and upon which the warrant was issued.

## DALLAN ON STAND TODAY

Tomorrow Frank M. Dallan, Jr., private secretary of Governor Mead, and now of Governor Hay, will be the first witness called. Boyd Hamilton, banker and brother of the defendant, arrived here tonight from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

## PORTLAND FIRM INCORPORATES

**SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.**—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation for the Portland Stationery and Woodmenware Company were filed today in the office of the Secretary of State. Capital stock \$150,000.

