

BAGGAGE DRIVERS THREATEN STRIKE Teamsters' Union Declares It Is Entitled to Least to Arbitration.

'INCREASED WAGES ASKED Additional 25 Cents a Day Is Demanded, and Double Time for Sundays and Holidays Is Demanded to Be Prohibitive.

Unless their demand for an increase of 25 cents a day in wages is granted, 2500 Portland teamsters will go on strike on June 1. This resolution was adopted at a meeting held Tuesday night in the teamsters' league hall.

The Team Owners' Association announced positively that it will not grant the increase in wages demanded by the teamsters, and the teamsters say that the latest difficulties in Portland have been settled in the past by arbitration and that for the past year the privilege of arbitration has been extended to other trades unions.

"Unless our demands are granted," said a member of the Teamsters' Union last night, "we shall start a strike that will involve every branch of the baggage and transfer business in Portland. Other labor organizations have at least had the privilege of arbitration, but the Team Owners' Association has denied us even that. If we strike we expect 2500 of our own men to walk out."

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting last night: "To the Press and the People of Portland: There are about 2500 teamsters in Portland. They work ten hours a day and more in most cases more than ten hours, and their wages range from \$10 per week for light delivery wagon drivers to \$3 per day for the highest skilled and hardest worked drivers.

"The Teamsters' Union is now asking an increase of 25 cents per day for different grades of drivers. For overtime it requests time and one-half, and for work on Sundays and holidays double time. "The teamsters believe that with the rest of the workers of Portland they are entitled to some wage increase. While some of the trades have secured an increase from 50 cents to \$1 a day, the teamsters are satisfied with 25 cents per day. The teamsters believe that ten hours per day is a long enough work-day. If employers then need extra service let them pay time and one-half. That is fair.

"The teamsters do not want to work on Sundays and holidays. Such work is detrimental to society. Hence they ask double time pay, to practically restrict it to the necessary minimum.

"In the conference with the employers, embracing the transfer companies (teaming concerns), the union committee stood out for reasonable demands. When refused, the committee offered to submit the entire matter to arbitration, three members to be chosen by the employer and three by the union, the seventh man to be selected by the six. This also was refused.

"The teamsters' union regrets this deadlock, but in justice to its members and their families, is prepared to enforce its new wage scale on June 1. It hopes by the meantime that the better judgment of the transfer companies will avert industrial warfare in the transportation lines."

RAILROAD MUST BE BUILT Gilliam and Wheeler Give Harriman and Hill First Chance.

FOSSIL, Or., May 25.—(Special)—The representative citizens of Southern Gilliam and Northern Wheeler Counties met in a monster railroad mass meeting here today.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to secure data brought in a very favorable report. Two and one-half billion feet of marketable timber is now in Wheeler County, and all the cereals that can be transported in Southern Gilliam County are raised at the present time. Very much tillable land is now unutilized because there is no way of getting the products to the market except by freight team.

The right-of-way committee reported that the right of way could be secured at a very reasonable price. A committee of three was appointed to take the data to the Harriman officials, who have a line as far as Condon, and give them an opportunity to extend their line to Fossil, should they not do so, the Hill interests will be approached. Should the committee fail there, the ample local capital to build a portion of the road and bond that part to build the remainder. The citizens as a whole are determined to have a road and that soon.

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This increase was effected by the stockholders taking a pro rata share of the \$500,000 additional issue. This stock is held principally by the Corbett estate, the Falling estate, Jacob Kamm, the Lead estate, T. H. Wakefield and a few others, the first three shareholders holding the large majority.

The increase of the First National Bank of Portland has been effected, however, not by any merger, but by a steady increase of business. The bank is the oldest National bank on the Pacific Coast. The necessity for the increase is an index of the great increase of business in Portland. Under the National banking laws a bank is not permitted to lend to an individual more than 20 per cent of its capital stock or 10 per cent of its combined capital and surplus.

WOMEN WANT TO TALK BAN OF SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS MAY GO. Those Who Would Give Them Opportunity in General Assembly Are in Dead Earnest.

LEWISBURG, W. Va., May 25.—At the first General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church was inclined to give scant consideration to the overture of the Lafayette Church of New Orleans for information as to whether or not the church still maintained its position in opposition to women addressing gatherings in which both men and women were assembled, by photometric measurements of the overtures was appointed the advocates of women made it known that they were in earnest.

"The women appeared to be heard. Some men, however, are arguing that, with the Methodists, Baptists and other denominations permitting the women to speak at all assemblies, the Presbyterians are regarded as being behind the times.

These advocates of women are not inclined to be belligerent and if the committee on bills and overtures turns them down they probably will not demur on the floor, believing that sooner or later the assembly will rein in regard to the rigid enforcement of silence on women.

NEW COMET TAIL IS SEEN Harvard Group Sees Jet of Light Shooting From Nucleus.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 25.—When the party at the Harvard Astronomical Observatory obtained tonight for the first time an adequate view of Halley's coming discovery was made by Professor O. C. Wendell. He saw a jet of light for two or three minutes projecting toward the southwest from the nucleus, that is somewhat toward the sun, while the tail itself was streaming away to the east or toward the sun.

Photometric measurements of the nucleus in the comet were also made by Professor Wendell, which indicate that the nucleus was of 6.37 magnitude, that it is slightly below the limit of visibility.

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WAR VEERAN, SUICIDE 'CAPTAIN' WILLIAM O. GORMAN TAKES LIFE BY BULLET. Dead Man Leaves Note, Giving His Watch and Money to a Brother in the East; Never Married.

"Captain" William O. Gorman, 50 years of age, a veteran of two wars and for 40 years a soldier in the United States Army, ended his life by shooting himself through the nucleus, that is somewhat toward the sun, while the tail itself was streaming away to the east or toward the sun.

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TAFT GETS ALLOWANCE HOUSE GRANTS \$250,000 FOR TARIFF COMMISSION. Party Lines Drawn Strictly—Effort to Reduce Amount to \$75,000 Comes to Naught.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Chairman Tawney of the House Appropriations committee has succeeded in framing an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing the President with \$250,000 to obtain information on prices of manufactured articles that stood the test of the rules of the House.

By a strict party vote of 110 to 83 the amendment was adopted. Previously the House by a vote of 166 to 106 rejected the Fitzgerald amendment reducing the amount to \$75,000. Tawney in the course of his discussion accused the Democrats of being in ignorance of facts about the tariff.

When the appropriation of \$25,000 for distinctive paper for the National currency was reported Tawney explained that the proposed plans for laundering paper money had not yet reached such a satisfactory stage as to warrant reductions. The House discussed the efforts of the Administration to reduce the expenditure of the Government. Tawney declared that from the time of Alexander Hamilton there had been no change in the system of the Treasury except until the present effort to improve it.

Fitzgerald declared that system could not be improved. He said any increase of capital stock of a private business would result in a lot of men being sent to the penitentiary. Governmental and private business, he said, were not essentially different.

POSTMASTER NEAR DEATH Mr. Young's Physicians Abandon All Hope of His Recovery.

The death of Postmaster Young is mourned in the range of the mines as a tragedy was said to be sinking rapidly. The attending physicians have given up hope. Gathered about the bedside of the man in the apartments of the family, at Second and Hall streets, last night were all the members of his family and several other relatives, awaiting the inevitable.

SOLDIERS FIRE ON SHIP One Man Mortally Hurt When Schooner Gets in Target Range.

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 25.—Coming within the range of the rifles of a target squad from Fort Barrancas yesterday, a seaman on the schooner John M. Keown was mortally injured and others wounded when the ship was fired on by soldiers in the city. The injury only by quickly secreting themselves behind rigging.

LEGISLATURE BOARDS CARS Louisiana Off for Washington to Boost for Exposition Project.

BATON ROUGE, La., May 25.—In a special train of 14 coaches, including sleepers and baggage-cars, both the upper and lower houses of the Louisiana General Assembly started yesterday for Washington, to present claims of New Orleans for the Panama Exposition, to be held in 1915. The delegation is headed by Governor Sanders.

MISCHIEF SINKS DRYDOCK? Easy to Tamper With Valves of Dewey, Say Naval Officers.

MANILA, May 25.—In connection with the sinking of the drydock Dewey, naval officers here say it would be an easy matter for some mischievous person to tamper with the powerful valves, which are operated by electricity. If one were to slip past the guard and open the valves, a board is investigating the sinking, and divers have been at work examining the bottom of the drydock. The amount of the damage has not yet been determined. Operations will be begun at once to raise the craft.

A GIRL IN SILK MILLS Hard Work Paid at Rate of \$4 Per Week.

Haver's. Industrially, life presents a vista of days of toil in which the work never varies, and the weekly recompense never rises above the \$2.50 mark. We have met many girls who, after eight or nine years of work in one factory receiving only \$5; and I have talked with a few others in a mill where the wage standard was especially low, who, after 10 years of work, were being paid \$4.00 a week. There is no incentive to develop skill, since the only reward of merit is the imposition of more disagreeable and difficult tasks. The clearest instance which I recall of this was in the case of a young Italian who was assigned as my "partner" at doubling. She was a pretty girl of about 18, with a face striking in its clear pallor and its sweet and gentle expression—very different from the rather rough Slav and Irish girls working on the neighboring frames. "Maggie" the best doubler on this floor," confided one of these same Irish friends to me. "She's a great learner, too; there ain't no one can tie up ends so fast on this floor; she's been here seven years, and so I was impelled to ask Margaret

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WHO IS LAWFUL WIDOW? BENSON WILL FILED IN SAN FRANCISCO; CONTEST LIKELY. Divorced Wife Lays Claim to Estate and Second Wife Has Hold; Debts Were Numerous. SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—(Special)—With the filing of the last will and testament of John A. Benson comes the possibility of a contest in the courts to determine whether Mrs. Mary E. Benson or Mrs. Grace V. Benson is the only lawful widow of the deceased land operator. The will, which is dated September 14, 1908, was filed today by Alexander Heineman, acting as attorney for Mrs. Grace V. Benson, divorced wife of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates, to whom Benson was married in 1905.

QUAKE CAUSES NEAR-PANIC Reggio, Italy, Feels Shock—People Rush to Streets. REGGIO, Italy, May 25.—A heavy earth shock occurred here this evening, causing the people to run into the streets. No damage was done. READ THIS. Salem, Oregon, Jan. 1, 1910.—I have sold Hall's Texas Wonder, of 2326 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo., for 10 years, and recommend it to be the best kidney, bladder and rheumatic remedy I have ever sold. Dr. S. C. Stone, drug dealer, 109 1/2 N. 1st St., treatment \$1.00 by mail, or drugist.

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THAW WANTS CHAMPAGNE Assets Include 125 Cases, Which Cannot Be Found, Says Trustee. PITTSBURG, May 25.—Trustee Roger O'Mara, acting for Harry K. Thaw, has declared in an inventory to Referee in Bankruptcy Blair, the 125 cases of champagne and \$900 in cash are among the assets of Thaw's estate which have

Great Benefit Always Derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla in the Spring. Miss Sara J. Robinson, Box 830, Albion, N. Y., writes: "My father, who is a stone cutter by trade, used to feel worse in the Spring of the year than when he was done work in the Fall. For several years in succession he has taken several bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla in the Spring, and has always derived great benefit from it."

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