

PRESIDENT TAKES UP RAILWAY MEN'S PAY

Wilson Holds Conference With Director-General.

RATES MAY BE INCREASED

Congressional Appropriation to Meet Deficit From Higher Wages Is Another Possibility.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Early action to settle unrest in the ranks of the railroad employees who have been demanding new wage increases was forecast today.

After a lengthy conference with the representatives of the six shop craft Director-General Hines went to the White House to discuss with President Wilson the problems facing the railroad administration. While no announcement was made, it was understood the entire question was reviewed, including the obvious necessity for an increase in rates or another congressional appropriation to provide funds for any wage advances that may be made, since the administration has been incurring a deficit every month this year due to the falling off in business and the higher cost of labor and materials.

Inquiry Not to be Awaited.

Mr. Hines promised the shopmen's leaders that he would give careful consideration to all the facts presented and would endeavor to reach a final decision in the near future, indicating that he will order into effect any changes in the wage scale without referring the demands to a board for investigation. The shopmen's demands were presented in the spring to the board of railway wages and working conditions, which took extensive testimony and then divided evenly for and against a rise. Delay in acting on the demands eventually resulted in the recent unauthorized strikes in many sections of the country.

Leaders of the shopmen, outlining the reasons for their demands, said that they did not rest primarily on the increased cost of living, although that was a contributing factor, but were based on the proposition that the wages of railroad shopmen ought to be more in line with wages for similar work in other industries.

Wages Said to be Lower.

It was claimed by the union officials that the wages paid railroad shopmen are materially lower than those paid shopmen in private industries and shipyards and navy yards under government control. The minimum rate paid by the railroads now is 48 cents an hour, which is asked to be advanced to 55 cents, an increase of 25 per cent.

Until the shopmen's demands are out of the way, Mr. Hines is not taking up the demands of other classes of employees, virtually all of whom want more money.

CRAWFORD STILL FIRM

MAN CHARGED WITH FORGERY PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Senior Member of Realty Firm Picks Prisoner From County Jail Group.

Just how much longer W. H. Crawford, being held in the county jail on an indictment charging him with the successful forgery of a \$5000 check, will maintain that his true name is William Carter and that he saw Portland for the first time when he arrived here Sunday night in custody of a deputy sheriff who had returned him from Texas is problematical.

In addition to several unofficial identifications by persons who knew him while he was working as a public accountant in Portland last spring, James Wakefield, junior member of the firm of Wakefield, Fries & Co., on which the check was passed, picked Crawford from a long corridor full of prisoners yesterday.

Crawford entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of forgery when arraigned before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh yesterday.

What may be a damaging bit of evidence against Crawford is the discovery that his signature on the property receipt and at the county jail, written last April, when Crawford left Portland to answer to a charge of wife desertion in Arizona, is held by handwriting experts to be identical with the signature on a series stolen from the firm checkbook and which already was counterfeited by D. W. Wakefield, its president.

2-YEAR EMBARGO ASKED

(Continued From First Page.) Requirement that aliens landing at American ports must have passports with a...



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time limit will break up the great inflow of foreigners. The bill provides that aliens coming within exemption clauses of the present law must obtain passports from their own governments, advised by consular agents of the United States and limited as to time.

Prospective Citizens.

But the bill does not stop there. Aliens who under present laws are eligible to citizenship would be permitted to come to the United States without passports, providing they state in writing their belief that they intend to reside here and become citizens. They must agree to register at least once a year, failure to do so being a cause for deportation. Failure to take out papers at the end of two years' residence also is cause for deportation.

After taking out papers aliens must remain here five years for final citizenship, with a time allowance off for knowledge of the elements of the American plan of government and proficiency in the English language. If an alien does not acquire citizenship in eight years he is sent home. The committee hopes to provide a plan by which citizens of contiguous territory, Canada and Mexico, may visit the United States on cards issued annually.

Chairman Johnson is trying to have congress send a special committee comprising eastern and middle west members to the Pacific coast to study the Japanese situation.

ELKS GATHER AT YAKIMA

CONVENTION POLITICS MINGLE WITH PREPARATIONS.

Theodore Johnson of Seattle and Paul Wells of Bellingham Leading Candidates for Presidency.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 20.—Hurry and confusion of the last hours of preparation for the 15th annual Elks' state association convention, which opens tomorrow, are mingled with an undercurrent of convention politics. Theodore Johnson of Seattle, lodge No. 32, who has the unanimous endorsement of his home herd for president, is here organizing his supporters.

Paul Wells of Bellingham is the other outstanding candidate for the presidency. There is talk of others, but so far none have been announced.

It seemed likely today that Glen Wilkins of Anacortes would be re-elected secretary. If that happens it will be a case of the office seeking the man.

Dr. John Siegel of Tacoma is here with the unanimous endorsement of his home lodge for the vice-presidency. He appears the only aspirant.

Aberdeen and Vancouver are asking for the 1920 convention and are making spirited campaigns.

President H. G. Allen of the Oregon state association of Elks, today telegraphed to President Manning, expressing the hope that the convention might be the largest and best in the history of Elksdom in this state.

Throughout the three days of the convention the coronation sessions will be devoted to business and the remainder of the days to pleasures.

An announcement was made today by President Manning of a striking ceremony in connection with the coronation observance of the eleventh hour at the concluding banquet of the season Saturday night. At the first stroke of a bomb exploded over the city, throwing out showers of purple and white stars. Others will follow at intervals of a few seconds.

Major F. H. Sweet, for the city, and Exalted Ruler Sydney Livesly, of Yakima lodge, will make the address of welcome at the Yakima armory, where the big gathering will be held. President Charles O. Bates will respond.

FRUIT MAN GETS DAMAGES

Roseburg Grower to Collect for Delayed Pear Shipment.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—W. C. Harding, a fruit grower of this county, who consigned several carloads of pears to the Northwest Fruit Distributors, C. A. Malbeuf, sales agent, in 1917, has just received word that a decision of the Washington state supreme court has awarded him payment for the fruit.

The pears involved in the transaction were shipped from one point to another by the distributors until they were overripe and badly damaged, finally being disposed of at a price far below original value. The Impqua sales agent, as Mr. Harding's agent, brought action to collect the amount alleged to be equal to the difference between what the pears were worth when consigned and what they sold for. A judgment was secured in the circuit court for \$2500. The case was appealed, and after months' litigation the Washington tribunal affirmed the ruling of the lower court.

INSPECTION CIRCUIT ASKED

Northwest States May Change Agricultural Conference Dates.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The state department of agriculture for the northwestern states to arrange the dates of their state conferences of agricultural workers so as to form an inspection circuit has been referred to the extension directors of those states by O. D. Center, O. A. C. director.

The date for the Oregon conferences has been set for farmers' week, December 29 to January 3, and adjustment to meet the convenience of the federal inspectors must be made by the other states.

BOY ROBBERS TAKEN BACK

Lads Captured at Vancouver Sent to State Reform School.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Ernest Lind and Floyd Cochran, aged 17 years respectively, and F. Baker, who were brought here yesterday from Vancouver, Wash., where they were arrested on charges of stealing an automobile belonging to E. F. Smith of this city, and robbing a store at Marion, were arraigned before County Judge Bushey last night.

Lind and Cochran were committed to the state reform school, while Baker is being held pending the arrival of relatives.

Road Work Pleases Engineer.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Herbert Nunn, state engineer, returned last night from Roseburg and other southern Oregon points, where he inspected much of the construction work now in progress on the Pacific highway. Mr. Nunn said operations were proceeding satisfactorily, and that much of the road between Portland and the California line will be paved before the end of the present summer.

WAR BY SEA AGAINST CHINESE IS PICTURED

League Binds America to Aid Japan, McCormick Says.

BRITISH ACTS LAMBASTED

Senator Predicts Young Men of U. S. Will March by Thousands to Fight in Far East.

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scattered off with them to some hiding place in the rocks. A white mouse was seen at the top of the mountain by one of the guides, who killed the animal and turned the skin over to me for a record. It is almost inconceivable how the little animals made their way across the snow fields. They undoubtedly followed the mountain climbers. Other life that we discovered at the top of the mountain this year included butterflies, bees, birds and green moss.

The chipmunks may enjoy steam heated "apartments" on the top of the mountain during the winter, according to Mr. Finley. At certain points in the crater warm streams of air are continually arising from the slumbering volcano. It was considered likely that the little animals spend their long periods of hibernation curled up among the rocks.

Mr. Finley is surveying natural bird and animal life in Oregon and Washington by the national parks service. An elaborate booklet is to be prepared by the bureau shortly upon life within the parks and Mr. Finley will contribute a large number of the photographs.

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"IN-LAWS" ALSO FIGURE IN GILLETTE DIVORCE.

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AMERICAN IDEAS REFUSED, TACOMA WOMAN AVERS.

Official Charges Orientals Teach Own Ideals in Defiance of Educational Authorities.

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This was revealed Wednesday by Mrs. Minnie D. Bean, county school superintendent. The Japanese school at Firwood employs a Japanese teacher and occupies a building owned by the Firwood school district. The school has been in existence for nearly a year.

Japanese children, after attending the regular session in the new Firwood school next door to the old building, are required by their parents to spend several hours in the Japanese school, where white children are banished. Japanese children also are required to study their own teachings on Saturdays.

School authorities have started an investigation.

MARE ISLAND GETS SHIPS

Transport Sheridan, Submarines and Collies to Be Repaired.

VALLEJO, Cal., Aug. 20.—The United States army transport Sheridan and the submarines H-3, H-9 and the P-3 are scheduled to arrive at the Mare Island navy yard next week for repairs. The Sheridan is to have a tail-shaft replaced, and the submarines are to have an extensive overhauling.

The collies Orion and Vulcan, which originally were to have been repaired at the Bremerton navy yard, also have been ordered to the Mare Island navy yard in view of the navy department's desire to expedite all repair work. After September 1 four destroyers are to be sent to the Mare Island navy yard every fortnight for repairs.

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