

DISQUE IS UNFAIR, LOGGERS TESTIFY

Favoritism to Big Spruce Concern Asserted.

SMALL FIRMS ANTAGONISTIC

“Czar-Like Terms” Provoke Offer to Work at Cost.

SOLDIERS HELD UNDERFERD

Operators Say Seims-Carey Concern Permitted to Violate Wage Schedule and Gain Undue Advantage.

BY BEN HUR LAMPFMAN, SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)

In a clockwork sequence witnesses summoned before the spruce probe subcommittee at its Seattle inquiry regarding logging operations of the spruce production corporation in the Olympia peninsula district charged Brigadier-General Bruce P. Disque, former head of production, with favoring the Seims-Carey-F. S. Kerbaugh company in the allotment of contracts, and with discriminating against patriotic private operators.

Terms Held Too Restrictive.

It was shown that responsible logging operators, who balked at accepting subcontracts to furnish timber for the mills constructed by the Seims-Carey company, had offered to the government their entire industry for the production without profit of the spruce required, and had placed their combined output at 1,000,000,000 bushels.

No Reason for Mills Seen.

A. A. Scott, president of the Puget Sound Lumber & Milling company, of Fort Angeles, told the subcommittee that in his opinion no reason had existed for the construction of the Seims-Carey concern of the spruce production mills at Fort Angeles and Lake Pleasant, which cost \$2,200,000, and added that the existing lumber industry could have supplied all the spruce required.

“Were they experienced loggers?” asked Chairman Frear, speaking of the Seims-Carey company.

“I never heard of them till they came to this country,” was the reply.

Promptly to the defense came Representative Lea, democratic committee member, who drew from Mr. Scott the statement that one of his claims for right of way was destroyed, the land utilized and the timber felled, in the construction of the spruce road to Lake Pleasant across his property in Lyre canyon near the beginning of the line.

Wage Scale Violated, Testimony.

But it remained for E. S. China, vice-president of the Loggers’ Formation association, comprising a membership of 30 prominent Washington operators, and Seattle leader in the expose of spruce operations, to prove the star witness of the inquiry of the day’s session.

This witness informed the committee that as head of an employment bureau conducted by his association, he had definite proof that the Seims-Carey, H. S. Kerbaugh company, alleged favorites of the spruce production corporation, constantly violated the wage schedule posted by General Disque and drew men from other operators by offering higher wages. Had the offense been committed by a private operator, rather than by one of the cost-plus contractors, declared the witness, the penalty would have been tallied.

Disque’s Offer Not Attractive.

“What would the penalty have been?” asked the chairman.

“As I understand it,” returned the witness, “wire ropes and other supplies would have been refused us through the priority provision.”

At a conference with General Disque in Portland, the witness continued, he and other loggers of the northwest had talked of taking contracts, but were not impressed with the liberality of General Disque’s offer, believing that it would not cover the expense. Another factor remained to be settled, and the spokesman of the loggers asked General Disque what the status of the Seims-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh cost-plus contract, to which all objected, would be if they accepted.

“Colonel Disque said the contract was not made by him, but was made over his head in Washington and sent to him for signature,” said the witness.

Director-General Ryan of the aircraft production bureau is named in the Ray report as having authorized the \$25,000,000 spruce contract with Seims-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh company. The contract awarded to the same com-

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NET PROFIT IN SHOES HIDDEN BY RETAILERS

SPOKANE DEALERS REFUSE TO MAKE SECRET PUBLIC.

Postmaster Alleges Profit-Feeling by Manufacturers—Fair-Price Committee Probes.

SPOKANE, Aug. 22.—Retail shoe dealers of Spokane today refused to show their net profits for the last five years during a hearing on the prices of shoes held before the Spokane county fair-price committee. The dealers said they were willing to give the figures to the committee, but not for newspaper publication, as they did not wish to disclose their business secrets to the public at large.

United States District Attorney F. A. Garrecht, Charles H. Leavey, his assistant, and Dana Child, postmaster, took a prominent part in the questioning of the shoe men in an effort to determine the costs and profits from manufacturers to user.

During the hearing, Postmaster Child charged that the manufacturers were profiteering, basing his statement on a notice received by a retailer of an increase in price of an army shoe from \$4 to \$5.25.

CHURCH BELL OUT OF DATE

Hokiam Pastor Says Newspaper Publicity More Advantageous.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Principally because of the development of leaks that are difficult to locate and repair, the upper portion of the tower on the Methodist church of this city is being removed and the bell will be sold.

“A bell is all right on a country church, but it is an unnecessary antique on a twentieth century house of worship in a progressive city or town that has the advantage of newspaper publicity,” was the statement made by Rev. W. W. Switzer, the pastor, when asked about the destination of the ancient equipment for calling a congregation together.

PRINCESSES FEEL COLD

South Sea Visitors Shiver on Sunny Day in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.—South sea princesses seem to think Seattle’s warm summer days are cold. Princess Tarahata Kiram, daughter of the sultan of Sulu, and Miss Carmen Arguinaldo, daughter of Emilio Arguinaldo, one-time Filipino rebel, both of whom are here on their way east to school, stood and shivered in their hotel room here today. Outside the sun was shining brightly.

“Oh, but it’s cold,” said the princess. “I can’t help but shiver,” Miss Arguinaldo remarked. Both went shopping today “to get some more clothes,” as they said.

DAHILIA HAS TEDDY GRIN

Hood River Florist Names New Variety “The Roosevelt Smile.”

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Judson G. Ruggles, Hood River dahlia fancier, who has more than 50 varieties of gorgeous flowers, has developed a specimen this season that he calls “The Roosevelt Smile.” The freak flowers are on the Siamese twin order, and double bloomers. The petals are a cream color, with the double center of old gold. The center is so bright that one immediately notices a likeness to Teddy’s characteristic grin, so favored of cartoonists. Mr. Ruggles will try further development of the dahlia next year.

MOTHER OF 13 IS DEAD

Mrs. P. A. Caspell of Macleay Passes, Aged 63.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. P. A. Caspell, mother of 13, died here this morning at the age of 63 years. Mrs. Caspell was born near Macleay and lived in that vicinity practically all of her life.

Her children are Mrs. Ernest Long, Mrs. Lida Brown, Miss Leeta Caspell, Miss Fay Caspell, Miss Marcella Caspell, Miss Hazel Caspell and Frank Caspell of Salem, Archie Caspell of Stayton, Fred Caspell of Mill City, George Caspell of Shaw, Mrs. Orpha Childs-worth of Macleay and Elmer Caspell, who is in the United States navy.

DOCTOR SUED FOR \$10,000

Logger Complains Fractures Were Not Properly Set.

BEND, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Allegations of improper treatment of injuries sustained in March of the present year were made by John Payne, logger, who filed suit today against Dr. G. L. Cousineau of this city, asking \$10,000 damages.

SOLDIERS DISPERSE MOB

More Than 1000 in Crowd Scattered at Hammond, Ind.

HAMMOND, Ind., Aug. 22.—State troops dispersed a mob tonight which attempted to parade past the plant of the Standard Steel Car company, whose employees are on strike.

Officers estimated that there were 1000 men in the crowd which formed in the parade following a mass meeting. The mob scattered when approached by the troops.

FOOD-CONTROL ACT SCOPE IS WIDENED

House Votes to Include Other Necessities.

SMALL RETAILERS AFFECTED

Little Profiteers Put Within Range of Law.

COLD STORAGE BILL COMING

Measure Recommended by President to Be Reported Next Week; Debate Is Long.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Without amendment and with practically no opposition, the house today voted to amend the Lever food-control act to extend its provisions to include clothing, fuel oil and implements used in production of necessities and to penalize profiteering by a \$5000 fine or two years’ imprisonment.

Proposals to make the act apply to profiteering in house and room rents, adopted by the house in committee of the whole, were stricken out in the final vote.

The senate agriculture sub-committee named to consider amendments to the food control act discussed with Attorney-General Palmer today a proposed amendment to define “reasonable prices and just profits.” Mr. Palmer urged adoption of amendments recommended by him to stop profiteering, but no agreement was reached.

Gasoline Kept Out.

Efforts were made by both republicans and democrats to have the amendment’s provisions cover necessities other than those included in the amendment as reported by the agriculture committee. Inclusion of kerosene and gasoline was proposed by Representative Strong, republican of Kansas, who said the prices of these products had increased 300 per cent in the last two years, but his amendment was rejected by a close vote, while that of Representative Newton, republican, Minnesota, to include raw cotton, was eliminated on a point of order by Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas.

Attempts to bring farmers and farm organizations within the jurisdiction of the amendment also were blocked. Recommendations of Attorney-General Palmer to include retailers doing business of less than \$100,000 under the profiteering section so that the department of justice might go after the “little ones” were included in the measure as passed.

Debate Lasts Five Hours.

Five hours of general debate preceded passage of the measure—the first legislative step in carrying out the recommendations of Attorney-General Palmer.

Business Loaded With Movie Actors Hit by Trolley at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—Twenty-six persons were injured, several of them very seriously, when a Van Nuys electric car crashed into a sight-seeing car carrying 30 motion picture actors who were going out on location.

The accident occurred at Casuanga pass and Burbank road. A number of the injured were women.

TEXT BOOK SHORTAGE THREATENS SCHOOLS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DEALERS OBTAIN NO SUPPLIES.

Retailers Refuse to Handle Manuals Until Margin of Profit Is Increased to 20 Per Cent.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Unless publishers and jobbers meet with the demands of Oregon dealers outside of Portland within the next few days pupils attending school in September are likely to find themselves without the necessary text books, according to Hal Hatton, secretary of the Willamette Valley Dealers’ association. Members of the association have flatly refused to handle text books this year on a 15 per cent margin, according to Mr. Patton, and demand has been made upon the jobber that this sum be increased to 20 per cent. The jobber, in turn, has passed the buck to the publisher and as the matter now stands, Willamette valley dealers are making no effort to obtain their usual supply of books for the fall opening of the schools.

Allowances for books in exchange have also added to the complications, according to Mr. Patton. The allowance on arithmetics originally sold at from 35 to 40 cents will be only 2 to 3 cents. Mr. Patton says that under the text book law, publishers of books adopted by the state board of education are compelled to establish one dealership in each county and this may help to solve the present problem.

In a statement to the attorney-general Mr. Patton said the present law governing the text book situation was in many ways unsatisfactory and that amendments would be offered for ratification at the next session of the legislature.

VANCOUVER MAN IS SHOT

Mrs. J. J. Beaugard Taken Into Custody Following Quarrel.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. J. Beaugard, prominent Vancouver woman, tonight shot and seriously injured her husband as the result of a quarrel of several days’ duration. The bullet passed through the right arm and side of the man, who was rushed to St. Joseph’s hospital.

Mrs. Beaugard was taken to the police station, where the officers tonight were questioning her. The shooting took place at 8:30 o’clock at the store that is operated at Main and Seventh streets by Mr. Beaugard.

The Beaugards have been residents of Vancouver for the past 15 years and have been prominent in civic activities.

Charges have not yet been filed against Mrs. Beaugard.

26 ARE HURT IN CAR CRASH

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UNCLE SAM: “DEAR ME! I FEAR I SHALL HAVE TO TAKE HIM OUT TO THE WOODSHED, AFTER ALL.”



RAILROAD RATES TOO LOW—LOVETT

Transportation Problem Held One of Credit.

EARLY SOLUTION IS URGED

Howard Elliott Asks Prompt Remedial Programme.

FEDERAL BOARD IS WANTED

Body to Aid Interstate Commerce Commission Needed, House Committee Is Told.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Private operation of railroads cannot be restored at existing rates, Robert S. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific railroad, today told the house interstate commerce committee during a discussion in which he contended the railroad problem “is solely a question of railroad credit.”

Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, another witness, urged early adoption of a national transportation policy, declaring delay today tended to make “all classes uncertain and unsettled.” In adoption of the transportation policy he thought congress should observe four principles as follows:

Government regulatory machinery to encourage the present transportation system so that rates will pay all costs, including new capital needed for expansion of facilities; abandonment of present methods of adjusting wage and working disputes, with substitution of “a sane method of deciding these questions,” including abolition of strikes; modification of the Sherman law to permit consolidations or making of federal authority supreme in regulation of rates, securities and accounts.

Railroads should have the right to initiate rates, Mr. Elliott argued, adding that the interstate commerce commission should have the right of suspension and review.

Executive Plan Urged. Both Judge Lovett and Mr. Elliott urged the adoption of the reorganization plan of the Association of Railroad Executives, including provision for a federal transportation board, representing the public, to aid the interstate commerce commission. Referring to the Plumb or organized labor plan for tripartite control of the railroads, Judge Lovett said:

“It is a rather bold move of the American bolsheviks to take for the Russianization of the one industry that affects all the people.”

Railroad employees, he added, do not understand the Plumb proposal, but when they do “they will repudiate and refuse to support it.”

“If the railroads were turned back to their owners today under existing conditions, they would be ruined.”

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ANNA LOUISE STRONG ACCUSED OF HOARDING

SEATTLE OFFICERS CHASING ELUSIVE CAR OF “SPUDS.”

Potatoes Held in Writer’s Name Are Shipped Out Just Before Trail Is Found by Food Sleuths.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—After the seizure late yesterday of several hundred thousand pounds of last year’s potatoes, held in cold storage so long that a large proportion of them were found spoiled, developments in the federal food investigation in Seattle today centered in efforts by United States agents to find a carload of potatoes alleged in a government complaint to have been hoarded here by Anna Louise Strong.

Miss Strong is a daughter of Rev. Sydney Strong, Seattle clergyman, and a former member of the Seattle school board. She at present is attached to the editorial staff of the Seattle Union Record.

Fred R. Conway, assistant United States attorney, in charge of the federal food inquiry in Seattle, said today that when deputy marshals yesterday visited the port commission warehouse at the Spokane street terminal, they were told by dock agents that the potatoes held in Miss Strong’s name had been shipped out the day before. Further investigation today, according to the government prosecutor, revealed the fact that these potatoes, a lot of 51,900 pounds, last Wednesday were sold to the Pacific Meat company of Seattle, the latter firm shipping them to a Redmond farmer for use as hog feed.

Mr. Conway said today that the car containing the potatoes had not yet reached Redmond, but that when it does it will be seized under a warrant now in the hands of the United States marshal.

MINOTTO LOYAL AMERICAN

“Count,” Held as Pro-German, to Be Citizen of United States.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Instead of sailing yesterday for Copenhagen on the Frederick VIII, as reported, Count James Minotto, son-in-law of Louis F. Swift, Chicago packer, who was detained for a brief period during the war on a technical charge because of his birth in Germany, intends not only to remain in the United States, but to renounce his Italian citizenship and become an American.

“Mr. James Minotto, as he prefers to be called, will apply for his final citizenship papers within a short time and drop his title. His friends, asserting his Americanism has been beyond question, say officials who were connected in his case, now stand ready to endorse him.”

It was Count D. Minotto and Countess Minotto, his parents, who sailed yesterday, en route for Italy.

AIRPLANE FLIES OFF ROOF

Machine Alights on Top of Building, Then Resumes Voyage.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 22.—An airplane landed on the roof of a building today, then made a flight from the roof. Edwin E. Ballough, formerly of the Canadian aviation service and now in the employ of a local drygoods firm as an aviator, carrying one passenger, climbed the arched stairmaster stairs of a building from a height of 700 feet and landed on the roof, which is 957 feet long and 89 feet wide.

The machine then was wheeled to one end of the roof, taxied a short distance and took the air. The feat was accomplished in Paris a year ago.

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Training ship Iris will dock in Portland tonight.
Eelback sailing opens regular service to Europe.
Sports.
Pacific Coast league results: Vernon 6, Portland 5; San Francisco 5, Salt Lake 2; Seattle 7, Oakland 6; Sacramento 12, Los Angeles 4.
Portland gridiron fans to see many football games this season.
Bobby Jones and Herron meet in final round for amateur golf championship.
Vernon 5, Portland 6; Seattle 7, Oakland 6; Sacramento 12, Los Angeles 4; San Francisco 5, Salt Lake 2.
Mike O’Dowd wins verdict over Jack Britton in eight-round bout.
Portland and Vicinity.
Fleet reception plans wait on list of warships to come here.
Mayor Baker offers to help Myers conduct postoffice.
Advance in price of shoes and clothes now anticipated.
Wife silently watches sons beat aged father, but he still pleads against separation.
New fires reported in Oregon forests.

RAILROAD FREIGHT TIEUP COMPLETE

Santa Fe Cancels Trains Out of Los Angeles.

FRUIT GROWERS FACE BIG LOSS

Packing Plants May Close for Lack of Raw Material.

STRIKERS “RESIGN” POSTS

Statement Says They Will Stay Out Until Electric Line Workers Are Reinstated.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—The Santa Fe railroad officials announced tonight that all trains scheduled to leave after 8 o’clock had been annulled because of inability to get engine crews to man them. They also announced that unless conditions changed they would halt all inbound trains at San Bernardino tomorrow because of congested yards here.

A strike situation without precedent in the history of Los Angeles confronted the public here tonight. The steam roads running into the city—the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake systems—were not attempting to move any freight and were supplying a crippled service for passengers by using officials as switchmen. Later, even this service was cut off on the Santa Fe.

Armed Guards Man Cars.

The Pacific Electric system, operating despite a strike now in process for a week, said it was “trying” to move freight and that its passenger service was “nearly normal.” But it had an armed guard on nearly every car and its terminals were piled high with merchandise, much of it perishable.

The Los Angeles Street Railway company, also working against a strike of its week’s duration, had a partial service in operation today. Both the street cars and the Pacific Electric lines have withdrawn night service and neither was operating after 8 o’clock tonight. The street car system operated today, in spite of a number of minor clashes between strike sympathizers and platform men.

Men Quit “as Individuals.”

Sidelights on the situation were a declaration by striking switchmen that they had left their posts as individuals and not as a unit; that they were not strikers, but had resigned, and would not return to work until the platform men of the two electric companies were reinstated and all persons hired during the strike period were discharged; a statement from E. G. Dallas, assistant general manager of the California Fruit Growers’ exchange, that continuation of the strike would cause a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to fruit growers and packers because the packing plants would have to close for lack of raw material; sporadic outbreaks of minor violence at points outside the city with “flying squadrons” of deputy sheriffs pushing by automobile to quiet them; and continuing effort by a city mediation committee to get the platform men and their employers together by compromise. These efforts seemed late today to be a failure, the street railway company having declined to confer with the strikers.

Truckmen May Strike.

Added factors were the uneasiness caused among mercantile firms by rumors that a well defined rumor that all union truck men would strike late today or early tomorrow and a rumor of a renewal of a strike vote by telephone operators of the southern California Telephone company.

Late today the city rescinded an ordinance forbidding the operation of jitneys and arranged to permit them everywhere except in the congested business district.

Officials of the Southern Pacific Railway here tonight sent a telegram to William Sproule, president, at San Francisco, advising him that the striking yardmen and trainmen would return if conditions stated by them are met.

Southern Pacific officials here refused to comment on the demands, or to hazard a guess at Mr. Sproule’s probable action.

These conditions were the reinstatement by the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Street Railway company of all men now on strike, the discharge of all persons employed as strike-breakers, the discharge of employees who moved stock trains in the railway yards today to permit caring for the stock, and full pay for the time the strikers have been out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, what asked tonight if he had received the demands of the striking yard and trainmen at Los Angeles, replied in the affirmative and added that these had been forwarded to Hale Holden, regional director for the central west at Chicago.

WHITTIER, Cal., Aug. 22.—Four fruit-packing houses near here closed down today because the transportation strikes in this section prevented the receipt of materials and the clearing away of manufactured goods. Several hundred men and women were thrown out of work.

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