

POLICE IGNORE EDICT OF FORMING UNION

Show-Down Fight With City Officials Is Expected.

ACTION DUE IN TEN DAYS

Membership to Include 90 Per Cent of Force, Despite Mayor's Threat of Dismissal, Say Leaders.

In the face of strong opposition on the part of Mayor Baker and the city commission, the Portland policemen are quietly completing plans for the formation of a policemen's union, and a show-down in the expected fight between the police and the city administration is expected to materialize within the next week or 10 days.

A charter from the American Federation of Labor has been granted the policemen, according to an announcement which has been made by Otto Hartwig, president of the state federation of labor.

Officials of the new union announced yesterday if it is the charter for which they petitioned, they expect to complete their organization and affiliate with the Portland central council at an early date.

City Fights Union Plan.

The police, when they applied for a charter from the American Federation of Labor several months ago, asked that they receive a non-striking and non-assessable charter. They have not yet learned if this has been done by the national labor officials.

The city officials some time ago notified the police that in the event they attempt to organize a policemen's union, those taking part would be dismissed from the city.

Officials of the policemen's organization said yesterday that 90 per cent of the men on the police force have joined the new organization and are ready to join if the charter is found to be satisfactory. It was said yesterday that as soon as official notice is received from the American Federation of Labor, a meeting will be called at which time final action will be taken by the blue-coats.

A provision of the civil service rules states that all employees who are discharged by the mayor cannot again obtain employment in civil service positions which would mean that if the policemen should quit because of some difference existing between the city administration and their union, they could not return to their jobs once they decided to walk out.

The police said yesterday that although there is a provision which prohibits them from going out on a strike there is nothing to prevent any or all members of the force from quitting their jobs. Nor is there anything which might prevent them from threatening to quit during the negotiations between the proposed union and the city.

Mayor Baker will be out of the city for the present week, and no official statement could be had from him yesterday with reference to the next step which might be taken if the police persist in their present attitude and organize their union in spite of the official opposition.

LAND OPENING IS OPPOSED

INDIAN OFFICE WANTS KLAMATH TIMBER SOLD FIRST.

Bill for Construction of Railways in Reservation Country Is Held Up in Congress.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 24.—Failure to open the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon and California is interfering with the progress of construction of the system of railroads which Robert E. Strahorn has been trying to build from Oregon into both California and Nevada.

A bill was introduced in the last congress by Senator Ashurst of Arizona providing for the opening of the reservation which will require special legislation to dispose of the surplus lands after the Indians have received their allotments. The bill made no progress, however, because the Indians who are opposed to having such legislation until it has been possible to dispose of the valuable timber on the reservation.

Allotments are being made rapidly and in the course of time will be completed, but the Indian office hopes to hold up action by congress until the timber is sold because it is contended that the welfare of the Indians is best served by permitting the disposal of this timber by Uncle Sam as guardian for the red men.

Letters have reached members of congress from the Klamath country urging congress to act in order to remove the principal barrier to railroad development. The Indians are said to favor the opening.

EASTERN GROWERS SLACK

Hood River Orchardist Reports on Conditions in Nova Scotia.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Dr. H. D. Pinedo, local orchardist-dentist, who, after service as a first lieutenant in the dental reserve corps, left here last winter for a visit with relatives in Halifax, reports that the Nova Scotia apple crop is a large one. "But the growers there do not seem to realize the importance of properly caring for their orchards," says Dr. Pinedo. "I toured the entire fruit section and I found the growers who pruned once every two or three years. They spray about twice a year. While they will have about 1,500,000 barrels of apples, their quality cannot compare with that of Oregon fruit."

Klamath School Opens Sept. 8.

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Klamath county high school will open its doors on Monday, September 8 with an enrollment probably greater than in any previous year.

Registration and conferences with instructors are set for September 5, according to J. P. Wells, principal. A new ruling provides that all boys must take military training and provide themselves with uniforms.

Ship Committee Will Go to Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The four congressmen now in the west to probe emergency fleet shipbuilding are expected here the first of the week. Members of the committee are Joseph Walsh, Massachusetts; Lin H. Hoadley, Bellingham; P. H. Kelly, Michigan and L. M. Foster, Ohio.

SUMMER AMUSEMENT BILLS

Hippodrome. "THE Bells of New York," a film interpretation of the great stage success of 20 years ago, is the photoplay feature of the new Hippodrome show which began yesterday. Beautiful Marion Davies, in the stellar role, has an excellent vehicle for her charms and dramatic ability.

The story is replete with thrilling and melodramatic action. A girl's father dies because of the shock caused by the theft of his invention. Later the girl falls in love with the son of the thief. The thief repents, and the sweet character of the girl leads the son to restitution and a new life of happiness. The Gaumont News completes the motion picture portion of the bill.

A highly original singing offering, carrying a Dempsey-like punch of surprise, is presented by three made all as the "Three Beauties." They are all vocally gifted and captured the house with their turns.

Al Conrad and youthful Miss Jones have an out-of-the-ordinary musical specialty in which they are as much at home in the masses of classical pieces as they are when setting the audience humming to popular jazz and ragtime songs. The girl plays the piano with artistic finish while her partner accompanies her on the violin.

Marker and Schenck, a Handsome man and a plump miss, offer a pleasant number of popular songs, sprinkled with clever dancing. Miss Schenck has an array of dainty frocks, and Marker and Schenck, a Handsome man and a plump miss, offer a pleasant number of popular songs, sprinkled with clever dancing.

Adolfo, past master at manipulating the accordion, keeps a beautiful store of tuneful melodies in the instrument and has a winning way of coaxing them out to delight the crowd.

Kayie and Coyne, who open the vaudeville program, live up to their names by producing a million dollars' worth of fun and amusement with a capital juggling feature. The pair work with snap, and are funsters of a high quality.

With a background of gorgeous tropical scenery, the three Fishes close the bill in a contortionist act of the first order. The trio is composed of two men and a shapely girl. Their bizarre twistings set the house rocking with well-merited applause.

MORNING CUP IMPOSSIBLE

GERMANY MUST DO WITHOUT HER COFFEE, SAYS MINISTER.

Shortage of Food Runs Into Millions of Tons, Says Statement, and Imports Are Curtailed.

BERLIN, July 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The German deficit in food, the difference between the amount produced in Germany and Germany's normal needs, amounts to 2,500,000 tons of wheat, 1,000,000 tons of meat and 1,000,000 tons of fats, says the imperial food ministry.

Immediate payment for these necessary foodstuffs with inland resources in the country, but the ministry asserts, if long-term credits can help and the acceptance of such credits is only possible if Germany works, for only then can the average between import and export be maintained.

Immediate decisive effect of the removal of the blockade on the German food market is not expected by the ministry, but rather a long, slow continuation of improvement which already makes itself felt. It declares that control of export must remain until the average between import and export has been established.

Germany must make up its mind to do without coffee very largely in the future, says the imperial commissioner for commodities.

Authorities say Germany must sharply restrict her imports of chocolate because of the low value of the mark and must try to rely on her own chocolate, the first production of which is expected soon.

FINE GRAIN FIELDS SEEN

Surprises Promised at Coming Hood River County Fair.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—R. V. Wright, head of the agricultural department of the Hood River high school, just back from a tour of the upper valley grain fields, says that exhibits of growers at the county fair to be held September 19 and 20, will surprise many.

"I have never seen finer yields of grain," says Mr. Wright. "The upper valley will produce about 9000 bushels of fine wheat as over was seen. J. E. Van Nuy, rural mail carrier of Parkdale, has a tract that will thresh out 50 bushels to the acre."

Mr. Wright says that applications of nitrate of soda have been found as beneficial for grain crops here as for increasing the production of apples.

City Heating Plant Started.

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Construction has started on the foundation of the heating plant that will be used to heat the business section of Klamath Falls. Boilers and pipe for the plant have arrived.

Centralia Music Academy to Open.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Centralia Academy of Music will open its ninth year on September 5. The academy is now doing extension work for the Ellensburg and Bellingham Normal schools.

NEW MOTION PICTURE FIRM SIGNS POPULAR STAR.

Mildred Harris, wife of Charlie Chaplin, who has just charged her to the first National Motion Picture company. She will be seen in "Forbidden," the last picture she made for M. S. Weber, at the Strand theater on Wednesday.

Fair Crowds to Dance

Many Exhibits and Amusements to Be on Cowitts Programme.

WOODLAND, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—E. C. Swart, secretary of the Cowitts County Fair association, assures the county that the annual fair here this fall will be the biggest and best that the association has ever held. Crops have been the best for years and as the premium list, which is already out, is a good one there is a surety of a large exhibit.

The association will give a novel street dance here on the Labor day, September 1, Wednesday to Saturday, 24 to 27, will be the days for this year.

Labor Day to Be Observed.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Monday, September 1, will be observed as Labor day in Pendleton by the closing of most of the business houses of the city. The members of the various organized trades are planning a demonstration in observance of the day.

DAVID'S REIGN HALLED AS KING DAVID'S SUCCESSOR

ALL records for the number of persons to enter the water at Columbia Beach were broken yesterday. Between 12,000 and 15,000 persons milled their way through the gates of the popular bathing resort and amusement park and more than half of that number took to the waters of the cool Columbia river in an effort to get relief from the heat, which kept the thermometer at 80 degrees yesterday. The spacious bath house at Columbia beach was filled to capacity and hundreds of persons were forced to go back to the woods to enjoy their bathing suits.

Another record was broken yesterday and that was for the number of passengers carried in the Curtis airplane piloted by Lieutenant Archie E. Roth. Incidentally Roth supplied the big thrill of the day when he circled the hot hot air balloon with his machine just before the latter was cut loose in his parachute leap.

The engine of the Hydro-Merrie, the latest water ride in the country, was not allowed to start yesterday. The ride and space at every trip was at a premium. Water toboggans were gobbled up as fast as swimmers relinquished holds on them.

Oaks.

THURSDAY will be Orphan's day at the Oaks. The place will be thrown open to orphans all day and every arrangement has been completed by Manager John Cordray to make the annual outing a success. There will be more than 1500 guests at the big picnic, according to Mrs. A. E. Mattingley, who is in charge of the event.

Free transportation will be furnished by President Franklin T. Griffith of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and everything else will be provided by the management of the Oaks, except lunches, which will be taken by the orphans and their friends. There will be no dearth of food, however.

One of the principal attractions offered at the Oaks this week and one that is sure to draw a large number of girls who come out Thursday is the show being put on by the Armstrong Follies company. The piece is entitled "A Jolly Widow" and is sparkling with wit and amusing situations from start to finish.

This is the last week of the Armstrong Follies company's summer engagement at the Oaks. The company will conclude its performance on Labor day, September 1. The play chosen for the final week is well calculated to leave pleasant memories of this company of entertainers in the minds of patrons of the Oaks.

Several excellent musical numbers are on the programme and the Winter Garden girls have a lot of chorus work and dancing which fits in nicely with the spirit of the play.

MOSIER FRUIT HIGH GRADE

Apple Crop Reported Undamaged by Hot Weather.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Mosier apple crop, estimated at about 100 cars, according to Dr. C. A. Macrum, county agent of the district, here today, will run heavily to extra fancy stock. While hot weather recently has prevailed, no reports record no damage from sunburn.

"Our fruit this season and hereafter," says Dr. Macrum, "probably will be handled more scientifically than any other northern fruit as a whole. We are building a community packing and storage plant that is attracting nation-wide interest. One hundred percent of the apples of this district, shipped through the co-operative plant, will be graded and packed at the new home of our association."

BERRY-STAINED MEN FREED

Portland Tourists at Roseburg Are Accused of Killing Deer.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—E. C. Hall and five Portland tourists, stopped in the Cove creek canyon yesterday to eat berries. Both succeeded in staining their shirts fronts but unharmed by the spots, filled a large handkerchiefs with the luscious berries.

A few miles farther on some inquisitive person saw the stains on the otherwise immaculate linen worn by the two hunters and reported to the game warden that the travelers had killed a deer. They were arrested in Roseburg, but were detained for only a few moments.

ACTOR HELD FOR THEFT

Franklin Gilmore Is Said to Have Confessed Sale of Furs.

When Franklin Gilmore alias Franklin O'Day, was taken to police headquarters yesterday on complaint of his wife, who charged him with stealing her fur, he confessed he was wanted on a fugitive warrant issued at Sacramento for alleged theft of furs from a former employer.

THREE JOYS FOUND IN SORROW

Rev. Harold W. Griffith Discusses Beatitudes Spoken by Christ.

At the First Christian church the Rev. Harold H. Griffith discussed the practical bearings of the second Beatitude, pointing out the special meaning of the life of the Christian.

"The joys of sorrow" was the subject. "Many people," said the speaker, "have a wrong conception of the Beatitudes. They regard these utterances of the Savior as arbitrary and as having authority only because they were spoken by the Christ. But a little reflection soon reveals the error of this. These Beatitudes are true not simply because Jesus spoke them, but Jesus spoke them because they were true."

"That is to say, these utterances of the Christ are great fundamental principles of human living and as such find their exemplification.

"The joys of sorrow are of three kinds. First, those that attend the personal benefit of the endurance of sorrow. Suffering is not punitive but redemptive. It comes not as a punishment but as an education. There are some lessons in life that can be learned only in the school of suffering; there are some virtues that can be formed only in the fire.

"The second kind of joy resulting from sorrow comes to us because our sorrow enables us to enter into sympathy with the afflictions of others. Sorrow not only makes us strong but also ordains us to a strength-giving ministry.

Rev. F. O. Belden Pictures Great King's Dominance.

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Israel's Great Poet Extolled as Benefactor of All Mankind; Actions Are Glorified.

Rev. Frank O. Belden of the San Diego First Baptist church took as his subject, "Coming to the Kingdom" for the evening address which he delivered last evening in the Portland White temple. Rev. William A. Waldo is east on his vacation and Rev. Belden will occupy the pulpit the remainder of this month.

He took for his text Chron. 1:28-29. "And the time came when David said to the Lord, 'I have sinned against thee, and thou art just, but let me not be despised.'" "The historian in the book of Chronicles is summing up the life of King David and is surprised to think he did it in so few words. In this epitome of the king's life we have the phrase we have chosen for our text. By these words we are reminded of the brief periods of life in which the king passed. It is in this life that I shall talk about David tonight.

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retary of the Portland Church federation in a sermon delivered yesterday at the Pilgrim Congregational church. "The last wishes of loved ones are generally considered binding, at least in civilized nations," he said. "Yet for 2000 years Christian people have in some considerable measure failed to observe the meaning of Jesus' great commandment. He prayed that all who believed in him might be one, even as he and the Father were one. Five times during that one great prayer near the close of his life, he directly or indirectly prayed that all his followers might be one. And at last Christian people are beginning to understand what he desired.

"At a recent gathering of representatives from some 70-odd Christian churches in the city of Portland a clergyman remarked: 'What would St. Paul or St. Peter think if he were to come into this room?'

"And so the Portland Church federation had its birth—because the representative churches in our city determined to work together on the great problems which confront the Church of Jesus Christ."

"Those who understand the aims and programme of the Portland Church federation are agreed that there is no philosophy also behind the new movement."

WORLD GREED IS DEPLORED

"True Christianity Only Cure for Greed," Says Rev. Mr. Stansfield.

In his sermon at the First Methodist church Sunday morning on "Constructive Forces in Christianity," Dr. Stansfield took as his text II Peter 1:7, "Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, to temperance brotherly kindness, to brotherly kindness charity or love." He said: "After the devastating world war we are now supposed to be in a period of reconstruction, but it is evident to any thoughtful and observant person, that the most destructive forces and passions of human life are flagrantly at work.

"Profit-seeking and greed by individuals and groups and organizations of both capital and labor in industry and commerce, and national and international affairs, is rampant. Our age seems intoxicated with power and greed and the only thing that can possibly save the world today is an influx of genuine Christianity—the true Christian spirit.

"True Christianity is thoroughly and constantly constructive to noble, manly character and life in the individual, in society and in the nation.

"Christianity is more than a system of doctrine; it is pre-eminently a life of a certain character and spirit and manner. Further, by its ideals and standards it imparts to each individual personal character and conduct, it is the highest and best constructive force in and for mankind. It is primarily a life of faith, faith in the nature and true sense of power in man which sees the invisible and senses the eternal and the real of life. Faith sees honor, justice, truth, love, God, humanity.

"Faith senses and appreciates the highest and deepest and best of life, and is a mighty dynamic to character and conduct. The world today, even the so-called best part of it—the allied nations—is intoxicated with the lusts of power and greed. America today is jeopardized and endangered from organized classes and groups with a far worse autocracy and tyranny than she has ever yet known. What alone can save the so-called 'great and strongest people of the world' of this age—the after-changing and constructive forces of Christianity.

"Never was there a time when it was so urgent and so imperative for every Christian man and woman to be outstandingly, effectively and helpfully Christian as today. Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love, and ye shall neither be barren nor fruitless in the knowledge of Jesus Christ."

CHARACTER SHOULD BE CLEAR

Rev. John Rice Discourses on Identification of Christians.

Rev. John Rice of the Inter-church world movement spoke yesterday morning at St. Phillip's Episcopal church on Russell street. Until recently he was general missionary for this Episcopal diocese, but was appointed early this month as field secretary of the new organization.

"What is it that really identifies a man?" asked Rev. Mr. Rice. "In some circumstances it might be the laundry mark on his collar or the name sewed in his coat. There are also identifications of wealth, political influence and social positions.

"Such marks of identification we find are not the greatest when it comes to testing Christian character. If a professor of Christianity complies with the tests he will be identified with those worthy of trust and confidence. Such a person is an apostle of clean living, righteousness and a valuable asset to a community.

"Christian character should assert itself. The influence of such persons is needed in our age, there are great issues in which moral and economic factors mingle. Here strong opinions, grounded on a certainty of their rightness, are essential. Strong principles are wanted, but they must be unselfish principles."

PHONE HEARING ON TODAY

Public Service Commission Considering Hood River Case.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Hearing on an application of the Oregon-Washington Telephone

Centralia School Levy 13 Mills.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A special school election was held in Centralia yesterday to authorize a levy of 13 mills for next year, 3 mills more than this year. The vote was 179 affirmative and 26 negative. The 3 mills increase will permit a rise in teachers' salaries and the retirement of outstanding warrants.

Union County Forms Legion Posts.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Formation of an American Legion in La Grande and other Union county points is under way. O. G. Walker is making the preliminary arrangements. On August 27 State Chairman Elvers will formally inaugurate the local legion. The Elgin post will be established on August 28.

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