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PORTLAND STRIKE APPEARS ON WANE

Switchmen Reported to Be Deserting Walkout.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC IS RESUMED

Companies' Ultimatum for Return to Be Enforced.

UNION MEETING IS HELD

Joint Session of Loyal and Rebelious Factions Considers Next Steps to Take.

SUMMARY OF STRIKE CONDITIONS.

The strike of insurgent switchmen yesterday was marked by:

The decision of 600 yardmen at Chicago to return to work today, breaking strike at point where it originated. Freight embargoes lifted.

Defections from ranks of strikers reported everywhere.

Large sections of country, notably New England, southeastern, northwestern and mountain states, virtually unaffected by walkout.

Fears of food famine in New York allayed by arrival of supplies.

New Jersey traffic hampered by strike of several thousand men.

Seven hundred switchmen at Milwaukee vote not to return to work.

Two hundred and fifty strike at Wellsville, Ohio.

More quit in Pittsburg region.

Five hundred abandon jobs at Peoria, Ill.

Cleveland blast and steel mills begin laying off men.

Evidences yesterday were plentiful to sustain the belief that the switchmen's strike in Portland terminal railroad yards, which has halted local freight operations almost entirely for three days past, was beyond its crest and was shrinking steadily.

Freight movement increased yesterday, when all lines reported the resumption of shipments from their terminals, and, in some instances, the return of striking switchmen to their jobs. Approximately 16 men have deserted the illegal strike, it was said, ten returning to the O.-W. R. & N. company and six to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle yards.

Switchmen Hold Meeting.

Late last night the switchmen, both strikers and those who remained at work, were in session in Albina, in their union hall, to determine whether the strike should continue. The assembly was called by W. J. Babe, deputy vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who is in Portland as an emissary for the restoration of order among the switchmen, and to persuade them to acquiesce in the demands of their union officials and end the unofficial strike.

At no time has the passenger service been seriously hampered by the strike. Trains from the Northern Pacific terminal yards, Union station, left and arrived on schedule time yesterday, with four full crews working. The switchmen constituting these crews are men who have been long in the service of the company and who declined to join the rebel unionists.

Switching Work Simplified.

Passenger trains arriving at Union station are backed across the river and turned on the "Y" when it is time for them to make the return trip. Once reversed in this simplified fashion, without the aid of the customary switching crews, a new engine is coupled on and the train backs into the station again for departure—on schedule.

The Southern Pacific mustered one yard crew at Brooklyn yards yesterday—three switchmen and a foreman—and worked to such effect that three freight trains were moved last night, ending the tie-up in the Southern Pacific yards.

Ultimatum to Be Enforced.

The men on the new crew were unemployed switchmen who answered an advertisement calling for strikebreakers. Company officials said that the ultimatum against strikers, which went into effect Saturday, will be rigorously enforced and that none of the rebel unionists will be reinstated.

All yesterday morning the O. W. R. & N. company, in its Albina yards, had five switch engines working, with complete crews. During the afternoon shift, however, only one crew was at work, company officials saying that this was sufficient to take care of the business while connections with other lines remained inadequate.

At Umatilla, according to the O. W. R. & N. dispatcher, where the night shift struck early yesterday, the switchmen have all reported back for work. But at The Dalles, by late reports, the entire yard crew was still out on strike.

Two switch engines, with full complements of men, were at work yes-

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JAPANESE SEIZE RAIL LINE FROM RUSSIANS

REPORT SAYS ENTIRE LENGTH OF USSURI ROAD CAPTURED.

American General Declares Siberian Question Will Adjust Itself When Invaders Leave.

HONOLULU, T. H., April 11.—(By the Associated Press.) — Japanese troops have captured the entire length of the Ussuri railroad from Vladivostok to Khabarovsk.

This was indicated in a cablegram from Tokio received today by Shinpo, a Japanese language newspaper here.

MANILA, P. I., April 9.—(Delayed.)—The Russian situation will adjust itself when the Japanese leave Siberia, it was declared here today by Brigadier-General William S. Graves, commander in chief of the American expeditionary forces which recently evacuated Siberia and are stationed here.

"The majority of people in Siberia are bolshevists," said General Graves. "They are working for peace and the good of the country and in my opinion they are trying to be fair and just to the people. I estimate that 98 per cent are bolsheviki.

"The anti-bolsheviki do not want the Japanese to leave, because of the immense concessions granted them by the crown before the Russian debacle, and which they would lose only for the presence of the Japanese forces."

SUICIDE PREVENTED TWICE

San Diego Prisoner, Held for Seattle, Fails in Two Attempts.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 11.—A second attempt to take his life was made by Andrew Huirt at the county hospital here last night, Huirt being unsuccessful in attempting to cut the arteries in his wrist, according to hospital officials.

The man, wanted in Seattle in connection with the disappearance of a woman, was a patient at the institution following his first unsuccessful attempt at suicide soon after reaching here yesterday. Huirt, who was said to have lived under several names, was brought here Saturday by Los Angeles officers. Huirt had informed them that he could furnish evidence here which would disprove any accusation against him.

Huirt was able to be taken to Los Angeles today and left in custody of two deputy sheriffs of Los Angeles county.

APRIL "OLD OREGON" OUT

Alumni Quarterly Gives Much Space to Millage Bill.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 11.—(Special.)—"Old Oregon," the quarterly magazine issued by and for the alumni of the University of Oregon, is just off the press for April. This number is devoted in considerable measure to the campaign for the passage of the higher educational relief bill. The 48 pages of the magazine are bound in light green paper printed in dark green ink and bearing in lemon yellow the seal of the university as the cover ornament.

Two editorials on the millage bill, one of them by Homer D. Angell, 1900, president of the alumni association, and a signed article by President Campbell on state-wide university day, urging work for the pending measure, are contained in the issue.

Miss Charlie R. Fenton, '16, is editor and Miss Jeannette Calkins, '15, is advertising manager of the publication.

MEXICO VOICES PROTEST

Invasion Charge Made Against U. S. Naval Detachment.

EL PASO, Tex., April 11.—The Mexican government has formally protested and requested an explanation from the United States for the invasion of Mexican territory by American warships, it was announced here Saturday at the Mexican consulate.

The Mexican authorities, it was said, charge that the submarine H-1 and four other submarines entered Magdalena bay in Lower California without permission, and that, after anchoring, sailors went ashore and pitched tents. A Mexican officer, who demanded to know the reason for the landing, was said to have been informed by an American officer that they were hunting game and that immediately after they returned to their ships the submarines would leave.

The answer of the American officer is not taken as true by the Mexican government, it was said.

NON-STOP FLIGHT RECORD

490 Miles Covered in Four Hours and One Minute.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 11.—Records for the longest non-stop flight on the Pacific coast were broken yesterday, it was officially announced here today, when Lieutenant F. D. Hackett flew from Mather field, Sacramento, to Ream field in a DeHaviland U. S.-9 plane in four hours and one minute.

A new record was also established in the length of time the flight was made, this being the shortest time recorded in covering the air line distance between the two fields, 490 miles.

ALLEGED SLAYERS FREED

Man and Wife Accused of Killing Mrs. Hilda Neamy.

DEADWOOD, S. D., April 11.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. Searle today were acquitted of charges of killing Mrs. Hilda Neamy, whose body was found in the furnace of her home in Lead, S. D., last January.

Mrs. Neamy was Mrs. Searles' mother.

CREEL CHARGED WITH NEWS ABUSE

Printing Committee Files Scathing Report.

LEGAL ACTION RECOMMENDED

Clique Used Bulletin for Propaganda, Charge.

FUND MISUSE ALLEGED

Work of Ring Extends Even to Amaroc News Assert Members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Legal proceedings by the government against George Creel, former chairman of the committee on public information; Roger W. Babson of Wellesley Hills, Mass., and others concerned in the transfer of the committee's war publication, the Official Bulletin, to Babson are recommended in a report made public today by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, chairman, and Representative Kiess, republican, Pennsylvania, vice-chairman of the joint congressional printing committee.

The report charges that Babson obtained the Bulletin in March, 1919, by "secret connivance" with Creel and others, "without the government receiving a cent in compensation," and urges that suit be brought to obtain "just compensation" for the government.

Numerous abuses in government publications, including army and navy and other war service journals, are charged in the report. Many of these publications, it says, were used for propaganda favorable to the league of nations, the liquor interests and officers in charge. Advertisements, the report asserted, included "get-rich-quick" oil speculations and political propaganda improper in government publications.

Funds Abused Is Allegation.

Another alleged abuse of government funds charged by the report was printing of 30,144,362 copies of speeches of federal officials at an expense of $442,798 to the government. Paper consumed totaled 1,451,000 pounds.

The report says the committee under its power to supervise government printing investigated 266 journals, magazines and periodicals and discontinued 111 at a saving of $1,200,000 annually. Eight army and navy newspapers and magazines were suppressed at a saving of $400,000.

"This has been done," the report states, "without a single protest from any man in the ranks, chiefly in whose interests it has been urged the publications were printed. The

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'OTHER WOMAN' SAYS SOCIETY SPLIT SHONTS

$1,000,000 ALIENATION SUIT DEFENDANT FILES ANSWER.

Late Head of New York Transit Company Also Declared Opposed to Duke's Wedding Daughter.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Mrs. Amanda Thomas, defendant in a suit for $1,000,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of Theodore P. Shonts, late head of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, filed an amended answer to the suit late yesterday.

She produced documentary evidence, purporting to show Mr. and Mrs. Shonts executed a private separation agreement in 1917. The answer alleged the quarrel between Mr. Shonts and his wife, who brought the suit against Mrs. Thomas, residuary legatee under Mr. Shonts' will, arose out of the marriage of Mary Theodora Shonts, youngest daughter of the traction magnate, to the Duke de Chaulne of France.

In a letter alleged to have been written to his daughters in Paris, introduced in the answer, Mr. Shonts accused his wife of "blackmailing methods" and "a systematic campaign of villification and slander, a campaign of lies too low and vile for decent people to repeat." He also attacked Mrs. Shonts' social ambitions as "of a character not in keeping with the ideals of a plain citizen of the United States." He declared his aversion to "foreign alliances."

Shortly after Mrs. Shonts began a suit for separation in 1915, Mrs. Thomas said in her answer that an alienation suit had been instituted against Mrs. Thomas. This suit was dropped, she said, and Mrs. Shonts signed a release in which she agreed not to bring legal action against Mrs. Thomas for any grievance she had at the time.

STEAMER WABAN CRIPPLE

Blade Lost by Portland-Yokohama Freight Carrier.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—A report was received here last night by the Pacific Steamship company that the steamer Waban, which loaded flour and steel at Portland for Yokohama, had lost a blade from her propeller when she had reached a point 2000 miles from Portland.

The report stated that she was making slow progress toward her destination but that Captain Watts expects to make port without assistance.

LINER'S RELEASE SOUGHT

North German Lloyd Line Would Have Service Resumed.

BERLIN, April 11.—The Bremen correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung has reported that the North German Lloyd steamship company, following the example of the Hamburg-American company, is negotiating with the United States shipping board with a view to resuming its services.

The company aims to have its former steamers released and sail under the American flag, while it offers crews, port workers and technical equipment.

BALTIMORE-PORTLAND LINE IS ANNOUNCED

MONTHLY FREIGHT SERVICE TO BE WESTBOUND ONLY.

Pacific Mail Steamship Company Gets Six New Vessels; Seattle Also to Be Port of Call.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Establishment of a monthly freight service, westbound only, between Baltimore, Portland and Seattle, was announced today by the Pacific Mail Steamship company. Six 8800-ton vessels have been allocated to the Pacific Mail by the United States shipping board for this service.

The first sailing will be the steamer Westward Ho, now loading at Baltimore, some time this month. All of the vessels are scheduled for delivery at Baltimore. After arriving at Portland and Seattle the ships will be loaded and re-assigned by the shipping board.

J. G. Melvin, of the freight department of the Pacific Mail, left here today for Portland to open offices for his company in the north to take care of the service. The officers of W. R. Grace & Co. in Seattle, will act as agents for the Pacific Mail in that port.

RADIO STUDENTS UNITE

Astoria Amateur Wireless Association Is Reorganized.

ASTORIA, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The Astoria Amateur Wireless association, with E. P. Hawkins, president; Carl Josephson, vice-president; E. A. Smith, secretary and treasurer, and a charter membership of 15, reorganized April 1. The former organization was discontinued at the outbreak of the war.

The aim of this association is to place all amateur wireless men of the Lower Columbia river district under one head. Classes will be held each week under the supervision of Messrs. Hawkins, Josephson and Smith, all experienced commercial operators. A chain of relay stations to Portland is contemplated.

J. R. CHISHOLM DROWNS

Astoria Man Falls From Launch at Knappa; Body Recovered.

ASTORIA, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—J. Robert Chisholm, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chisholm of this city, was drowned at Knappa last night by falling overboard from a launch on which he was employed by the Big Creek Logging company.

The body was recovered about three hours after the accident. He was 26 years of age and besides his parents, is survived by a widow, one child, a brother and two sisters.

MONEY IS GIVEN BY POPE

Farewell to Austrian Accompanied by 1,000,000-Lire Check.

ROME, April 11.—Pope Benedict, bidding farewell to Dr. Karl Renner, the Australian chancellor, handed him a check for 1,000,000 lire, payable to Cardinal Piffl, archbishop of Vienna.

This sum is to be used for the benefit of Viennese philanthropic institutions.

IT'S A SAD CASE.

WOOD HAS 68 OUT OF 444 DELEGATES

Johnson Nearest Competitor, With 40.

NEW YORK GENERAL'S HOPE

Michigan Setback Expected to Be Offset.

DARK HORSE POSSIBILITY

Compromise May Be Effected Either on Harding or Hughes, More Likely the Latter.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 11.—With 444 delegates chosen to the republican national convention at Chicago, 68 are instructed for Leonard Wood, 40 for Hiram Johnson and eight for Governor Lowden.

The delegates who are uninstructed must be examined to determine what candidate at present is in the lead. Unquestionably General Wood can count for himself fully half of the uninstructed delegates against all competitors and this would be a conservative claim. An uninstructed delegate, however, is always a doubtful quantity because, being unpledged, he is subject to all of the cross currents of politics and likely at any time to be swept into another column if not tied to his original choice by some strong personal likes. It is necessary, therefore for Wood, in order to win, to hold his present strength among the unpledged delegates of whom it might be more nearly true to say he has three-fifths.

Michigan Is Explained.

It was a severe setback he received in Michigan during the last week, but one which is easily explained by an insight to the local conditions in that state. The best evidence that General Wood remains in the lead is the fact that the battle is still divided on the lines of the field against Wood. It will be noticed that the other contestants are not fighting among themselves, except to the extent that Hiram Johnson is attacking Hoover, and that is due almost entirely to the California situation, wherein Johnson must contest with Hoover for his home state.

While the spirits of Wood men fell last Tuesday night on the announcement of a Johnson landslide in Michigan, they were buoyed up the following day by the information that of the 88 unpledged delegates chosen in New York 80 were inclined to support Wood. The substantial vote of Illinois next Tuesday will boost his stock, although no one doubts that the state will give its support to its favorite son, Governor Lowden, who, by the way, is second candidate in the race, notwithstanding failure of the uninstructed column to indicate it.

There are no Wood delegates on the ballot in the Illinois primary, General Wood's "object being merely to show to the country that he is the second choice of Illinois republicans by a good vote."

Results Are Summarized.

The instructed delegates heretofore enumerated are divided as follows:

Wood—Georgia 2, Minnesota 12, Mississippi 12, New Hampshire 8, New Mexico 6, Oklahoma 2, South Dakota 10, Tennessee 12, Virginia 2, Philippines 2; total 68.

Johnson—Michigan 39, North Dakota 10; total 40.

Lowden—Missouri 2, Virginia 6; total 8.

There appears to be considerable doubt about the ten delegates in North Dakota credited to Johnson. These delegates were originally picked as Wood men, but won in a primary in which Johnson's "men were the only ones on the ballot." The delegates are understood to contend that the primary preference is not binding because the voters had no opportunity to express themselves on any candidate except Johnson.

Dark Horse in Prospect.

The chances for a dark horse still exist with one candidate, Senator Harding of Ohio, directing his course straight toward that goal. Harding has tried to keep on good terms with all other candidates and their friends and would not have shown any opposition to General Wood had not the latter's "friends in Ohio insisted that his name should go on the ballot against Harding." As a consequence, Harding is playing Hiram Johnson in Ohio for second choice. It has been remarked several times of late that the probable dark horse, if there shoud be a call for one, is more likely to be Charles E. Hughes, who, by his own personal course, has jockeyed himself into the position of a popular favorite and the ideal compromise between the ultra conservative and those of the other extreme.

The one event of the last week of least significance appears to have been the LaFollette victory in Wisconsin. An analysis shows it to have been nothing more than a victory of the Germans, the Victor Berger socialists and the Plumb plan leaguers. LaFollette could not muster the same strength in any future battle of this campaign, it is pointed out, because in their other contests in Wisconsin this year the socialists will have their own candidates. The nature of the

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SPRING BURSTS BONDS AS 'OLD SOL' BEAMS

HIGHWAYS OUT OF PORTLAND FILLED BY MOTORISTS.

Sunshine Golden as Fresh-Churned Butter and Breeze Redolent of Blossom Breath.

The same impulse that makes the lambs gambol, where they crop the tender green of Willamette's pasturage, filled the roads and paved highways yesterday, from the call of the morning meadow lark to the last drowsy chirp of the song sparrow, with long and unending streams of motor vacationists.

No matter what the calendar may say, or the almanac asseverate, yesterday was the first day of spring. That is to observe, that its components were clear sunshine, golden as fresh-churned butter, a breeze that was redolent of blossom breath, and a sky that was blue as the corn flower.

And with all these, as if to bind them into the perfect entity, a certain realization everywhere that the quality of the breeze and the fluid mellowness of the sunshine were the genuine brewage of spring—heady and delightful. For the first time this season, in numbers at least, the big gray ground squirrels—alias "diggers"—came out and raced over the rocky pastures, flirting their tails at the joyous weather. The wild currant, blooming hitherto as though it didn't care a great deal, burst suddenly into a riot of rose color.

Motorists who followed the Columbia River highway yesterday say that the scenic road was patronized as heavily as ever it was in the "good old summer time," while picnic parties were in evidence all the way to Multnomah falls and beyond.

And the picnickers and gophers and motorists — like the wild currant — don't really bloom in profusion until spring is truly ours.

BIG APPLE CROP OUTLOOK

Yakima Grower Declares Fears of Winter Kill Are Groundless.

YAKIMA, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—Yakima orchards will yield one of the largest apple crops of apples this year in their history, according to H. M. Gilbert, a veteran grower and fruit shipper, who said yesterday that it had become evident, with spring development of the trees, that fears felt last winter that the fruit buds had been killed by extreme cold were entirely groundless so far as apples were concerned.

Peaches were killed to some extent, but Mr. Gilbert said there would be a fair crop of that fruit, as well as of cherries, apricots and prunes, while pears appeared not to have suffered at all.

ARM BROKEN IN CRUSHER

Washougal Man Has Narrow Escape When Dragged by Chain.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—Dave Wright, a pioneer resident of Clarke county, met with a serious accident Saturday when his arm was caught in the rock crusher located near town and nearly torn from his body. It was broken several times below the elbow. There is serious doubt whether the doctors can save it.

He was working on the city crusher, which has been operated by him nearly all the time since it was purchased several years ago. He was caught by the chain attached to the machine and hauled between 20 and 30 feet in the air, where he hung suspended by the mangled arm until the power was turned off.

WIND CAUSE OF DAMAGE

Communication Lines Broken Between Kansas and Colorado.

PUEBLO, Colo., April 11.—A high wind accompanied by snow caused considerable damage to communication lines of Pueblo today and this city is shut off from wire communication with the east.

The Missouri Pacific railroad is blocked by snow drifts between Ordway, Colo., and McCracken, Kan.

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'REPUBLIC' POWER COMPLETE

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SINALOA INDORSES ACTION

Next Move Up to Carranza, Declare Officials; Railroad Appeals for Assistance.

NOGALES, Sonora, April 11.—Customs-houses and all property of the federal government of Mexico were formally seized in the name of the "Republic of Sonora" here today.

Sonora state officials, headed by Governor Adolfo Dela Huerta, governor of Sonora, who has been proclaimed "supreme power of the republic of Sonora," by the state congress, declared today while the state had seceded, it would return to the Mexican republic upon guarantees from the national administration that there would be no infringement of the state's rights by the federal government.

"Next Move" Carranza's.

The secession, according to the officials, was brought about by Carranza ordering federal troops into the state. They said the next move was up to Carranza. Unless he acts, political leaders of Sonora said, the new republic would defy the Mexican federal government and resist with armed forces any attempt of Carranza to take back the state by force.

General P. Elias Calles, former governor of Sonora and who recently resigned from the Carranza cabinet, has been made supreme military commander of the state's military forces. Calles has issued a proclamation calling for volunteers and calling on all soldiers in the state to rally against any threatened invasion by Carranza forces.

Spread of the secession movement to other sections unless the government acts quickly was forecast here. The Sinaloa state congress, according to information received here, has indorsed the action of the Sonora congress in demanding constitutional rights and Lower California, according to these reports, is expected to do the same. Sinaloa politics are closely interwoven with Sonora's and both states are largely controlled by General Alvara Obregon.

Sinaloa Supports Seizure.

Governor De Huerta's seizure of the Southern Pacific de Mexico railroad, according to reports here, has won supporters in Sinaloa where vast quantities of agricultural products are awaiting shipment. In an interview today the governor said the state would hold the road within the state until the railroad arbitrated or otherwise settled the strike. The governor declared neither the strikers nor the officials have the right to tie up the road and leave perishable crops to ruin. Crops now are moving freely over the road, which is being operated by strikers paid by the state, the governor said.

Officials of the Southern Pacific have appealed to the Mexican federal government for assistance but Sonora state officials said any attempt by Carranza to force return of the property would be met by bloodshed.

A proposal to send a delegation of Sonora citizens to Washington in an effort to have the United States settle the difficulties will depend on Carranza's answer to Sonora, it was said.

GENERAL OBREGON ACCUSED

Officer Alleged to Have Aided General Cejudo.

EL PASO, Texas, April 11.—General Obregon is formally accused of aiding General Cejudo, according to a report received here. General Obregon was called to Mexico City last week to testify at Cejudo's trial.

Mexico City newspapers of Wednesday quoted officials of the Mexican war department to the effect that the department has such a volume of evidence against Obregon and his alleged connections with Cejudo to warrant his arrest and trial as a co-defendant with Cejudo. Cejudo is on trial and Obregon was called to Mexico City a few days ago as a witness.

The first official intimation Obregon had he might be before the court as a defendant instead of a witness came, the newspapers said, when he testified Tuesday. Then, it was reported, the federal judge informed Obregon that by orders of the war department the court would be compelled to treat him not as a witness but as a defendant. Obregon then declined to testify fully. Newspaper men were excluded from the trial.

One of the chief bits of alleged evidence against Obregon, it was said, was a letter which purports to have been written by Cejudo to Obregon saying the rebel leader would continue to receive Obregon's instructions.

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