

RAIL UNIONS SEND PLAN TO HARDING

Conference to Draw Up New Rules Opposed.

12 BASIC POINTS OUTLINED

Collective Bargaining and 8-Hour Day Demanded.

WAGE TRUCE SUGGESTED

Right of Craft to Select Own Delegates and Overtime Also Featured.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Five railroad labor unions with 500,000 members tonight submitted to President Harding's labor plan for ending industrial disputes between the roads and their workers, proposing that the president call a conference of representatives of both sides at which new rules governing working conditions would be made to take the place of the national agreements, now in dispute before the railroad labor board.

The proposal was contained in a statement by representatives of the five mechanical unions and was sent to the president by E. M. Jewell, president of the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor.

President Asks Plan.

The telegram was sent in response to a request from President Harding that the labor submit its plan for ending the railroad industrial troubles. It included 12 points which were termed "labor's self-imposed limitations on its rights" which, it said, would have to be settled at the proposed conference, and specified that the national agreements should not be discounted in any way pending the outcome of the proposed conference.

It was suggested that the conference be held under the jurisdiction of the railroad labor board.

Included in the 12 points were the basic eight-hour day, the right of collective bargaining, the right of each craft to decide what organization should represent it in conferences with employers, and adjustment of "proper pay" for overtime.

The statement outlined the 12 points as follows:

"The right to organize and negotiate collectively through representative of their own choosing."

"The protection of workers against discrimination because of membership in trade unions or because of legitimate trade union activities."

"The right of the majority in each craft on each railroad to determine what organization shall represent them in conferences with employers."

"The right of the majority of each craft on each railroad to select a committee or representatives who shall handle all grievances which may arise affecting all employees of the craft in accordance with the provision of the agreement."

"Eight hours as the recognized measure of the standard work day."

"As a protective measure to safeguard the standard work day, payment for time worked in excess of the regular eight hours at proportionate overtime rates."

"The beginning and ending of working shifts to be so arranged as to permit of living arrangements by employees and their families."

"Clear and concise definition in the case of each craft of the work to be performed by mechanics and helpers."

"Establishment of apprenticeship requirements so as to develop a sufficient number of competent mechanics."

"Applicants for employment as mechanics to show that they have served an apprenticeship of four years or performed mechanical work for a similar period and not to be denied employment when their services are needed for any reason other than their inability to perform the work for which they are making application."

"Craft point seniority to be recognized."

"Establishment of reasonable safeguards for the protection of health and safety of employees."

The railroad labor board today announced that a consolidated hearing of all wage reduction petitions would be held April 18.

Twenty-six roads, which have filed appeal for lower wage scales in the last 30 days, were named in the hearing docket today. Other roads presenting similar requests also will be included in the same hearing.

The decision to act quickly on the wage reduction appeals came at the same time that permission was denied the New York Central railroad to make a provisional cut, effective April 1. The New York Central will be among the roads which are parties to the hearing April 18 and which will decide whether a permanent reduction in the wages of unskilled labor may be made.

In order to save time, the board will restrict each side of the conference to a single representative.

FLASH, NOISE, QUIVER, PUZZLE TO NEWBERG

FALL OF METEOR REPORTED, BUT NO TRACE FOUND.

Load Explosion Rouses Residents and Homes Are Shaken—Autoists See Gravel Move.

NEWBERG, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Residents of this section were aroused about 10 o'clock last night by a sound like a loud explosion and a simultaneous concussion which shook houses and buildings for miles around. The cause of the phenomenon has not been determined, although many believe it was the result of a meteor striking Parrett mountain, two and one-half miles east of the city.

This theory was advanced by Henry McGuire, who lives northeast of Newberg. He said he had gone out on the porch of his home to get a drink of water and that he saw the meteor fall. The noise, he said, followed an instant later.

The same theory was upheld by a party of autoists, who said they were near the mountain at the time, and that the concussion was so violent that the gravel on the road was shaken as though the earth had been struck with a mighty hammer.

Parrett mountain is a peak near Rex, and is about two miles long and 1200 feet high. Mr. McGuire thought the meteor hit between Rex and the mountain, and quite close to the highway. Efforts to find traces of a meteor on the mountain have failed. Mr. McGuire said the visitant gave off a bright blue light as it flashed across the sky.

BOY, 18, SAVES GIRL'S LIFE

McMinnville Youth Rescues 3-Year-Old From Deep Creek.

McMINNVILLE, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Francis Coffey, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Coffey of this city, was saved from drowning yesterday by Harold Waldron, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Waldron.

The little girl had wandered away from home and through the city park, where young Waldron sat reading. He watched her for some time, but he heard her cry and discovered that she had fallen into Cozine creek, which skirts the park on the west. The creek is deep and swift at this point but not wide. Young Waldron jumped in after her and brought her to land just as others came up, but the mother was out looking for her daughter and saw her being carried across the park toward home. This was the mother's first knowledge of the danger the little girl was in.

Young Waldron graduated from high school last year.

HIKE FOR BONUS IS PLAN

Ex-Soldier Says He'll Walk From Seattle to North Dakota.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—P. E. Leigh, 2919 Ninth avenue, will walk 2266 miles to collect a \$250 soldier's bonus. Leigh enlisted in the army from North Dakota, and as that state has voted a bonus to its ex-service men, with the provision that they collect in person, he will return to North Dakota to collect, walking to Minneapolis. He has taken several cross-state jaunts, and intends to make the cross-country trip a pleasant excursion.

MORE LIFE BOATS FOUND

Equipment of Sunken Liner Washed Ashore on Whidby Island.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—Two more capsize life boats from the passenger liner Governor, rammed and sunk off Point Wilson early Friday morning by the freighter West Hartland, were found today by searching parties on the shore of Whidby Island, several miles from the scene of the disaster.

Residents of Coupeville reported finding the boats. The searching parties were headed by Robert Markov, who was first officer of the Governor.

CANTON NAMES PRESIDENT

Dr. Sun Yat Sen Is Elected Head of "Chinese Republic."

HONOLULU, April 7.—The Chinese parliament sitting at Canton has unanimously elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first provisional president of China at the time a republican form of government was substituted for the empire, as "president of the Chinese republic," said a dispatch received from Canton, China.

The news was received today by the Liberty News, a Chinese newspaper here.

ALL GREECE CELEBRATES

Hundredth Anniversary of Freedom From Turks Observed.

ATHENS, April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Greece today celebrated the 100th anniversary of her freedom from the Turkish yoke, there being a street parade and many mass meetings.

Members of the royal family, cabinet members, ministers and high church dignitaries attended a service at the cathedral.

WILLIAMS FAVORS PHONE REHEARING

Washington Report Says Buchtel Does, Too.

PETITION DRAFT IS RECEIVED

Commission Head Sees Merit in Portland Claims.

CASE IS UP APRIL 18

Airing of All Allegations of Inequalities and Discriminations Is Held Justified.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Fred A. Williams, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, following his return here tonight from southern Oregon, issued a statement in which he said that, in the face of representations set out in a draft of a petition prepared by the city attorney's office in Portland, asking for a reconsideration of the decision in the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph rate case, he would favor a rehearing of all the facts previously submitted to the commission and new evidence bearing on the situation.

Mr. Williams made it plain, however, that he was discussing the case from a personal standpoint and was not speaking for the commission.

Buchtel Reported in Favor. A report today from Washington indicated that Fred Buchtel, another member of the commission, also had expressed himself in favor of a rehearing of the case.

H. H. Corey, the third member of the commission, was in eastern Oregon and his attitude on the issue could not be learned.

"Through the city attorney's office of Portland, I have just received a draft of the petition for rehearing in the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company rate case," said Mr. Williams in his statement.

"The date for a hearing on the petition, as set out in the draft received by me today, is April 18.

Explanation Held Needed. "Seldom is a member of a tribunal clothed with judicial duties justified in commenting upon a matter pending before final order; but personally I feel in this instance that there are misapprehensions as to the law and facts involved that impose upon me the obligation of an explanation."

"I believe without reservation that the commission should encourage the

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SEATTLE UNIVERSITY CLUB RAIDED; 2 HELD

238 QUARTS OF LIQUOR ARE SEIZED BY POLICE.

Attendant Declared to Have Been Making Liquor in Basement, Where Mash Is Found.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 8.—Police early today raided the exclusive University club, in the Madison-street residence district, arrested two club members and an attendant and seized 238 quarts of liquor said to have been found in the basement of the club building.

David Brown and John Martin, club members were arrested leaving the building with suitcases filled with liquor, the police said. T. Yamada, club attendant, is said by the police to have been manufacturing liquor in the club basement, where, it is alleged, a quantity of mash was found.

DOCTOR'S LICENSE HIT

Alleged Drug Addict May Lose His Right to Practice Medicine.

BOISE, Idaho, April 7.—(Special.)—Action will be brought in the district court for Latah county by Robert O. Jones, commissioner of law enforcement, to revoke the license for the practice of medicine now held by Dr. C. K. Hinkle of Troy, on the ground that he is an alleged drug addict.

The action will be brought on the recommendation of the state committee of medical examiners, which today held a hearing in the caucus room of the senate chamber.

Dr. Hinkle has been confined in an infirmary in the Northern Idaho sanitarium at Orofino.

STREET CAR HITS CHILD

3-Year-Old Evelyn Cato Probably Is Fatally Hurt.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—When the street car passed a street car this afternoon while playing in the street in front of her home, Evelyn Cato, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Cato, was injured so seriously that her death is expected.

The wheels of the car passed over her, cutting off her right arm below the elbow and fracturing her skull.

The injured girl was rushed to a hospital, where it is said there was no hope for her life.

MARINE PLANES IN CUBA

Trail Blazers, on Way to Virgin Islands, Reach Guantanamo.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The two airplanes piloted by marine corps aviators, now making a trail-blazing flight to the Virgin Islands, arrived at Guantanamo, Cuba, at 2:40 yesterday afternoon, the navy department was advised today.

The planes are to leave for Port au Prince, Hayti, tomorrow, the message said.

PANAMA STANDS PAT IN COSTA RICA ROW

HUGHES TOLD WHITE AWARD IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Assembly Declares Country Is Prepared to Accept Consequences of Its Decision.

PANAMA, April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The foreign office's reply to the note of Secretary of State Hughes of March 18, reiterating Panama's refusal to accept the White award as a basis for settlement of the Costa Rican border dispute, was approved unanimously by the national assembly tonight.

The assembly declared it was prepared to accept whatever consequences might follow national determination to preserve territorial integrity. It is expected that the note will be forwarded to Washington tomorrow.

The assembly passed the first reading of the proposed decree granting the president the right to expend \$50,000 to retain the services of three Panamanian and three foreign experts for the purpose of supporting the government in its fight against the White award.

The first consignment of arms and ammunition ordered during the Costa Rican hostilities has reached Panama from Buena Ventura. It included 100 rifles, three machine guns, heavy grenades and ammunition. Another shipment is expected shortly.

CAPTIVE TWICE ESCAPES

Prisoner Fulfills Boast He Would Be Out on Day of Sentence.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—J. W. Wells, who escaped from the county jail here on the night of February 2, and was rearrested in Sellwood three days ago, again escaped from the county jail by picking the lock to the main door of the jail room about 12 o'clock last night.

Wells was first arrested on a burglary charge, and was indicted by the grand jury. When he was recaptured, Judge Campbell sentenced him to six months in jail, and fined him \$75. When sentenced, he boasted he would be out the next day. Prisoners in the jail rooms say they did not hear this morning that the jail door was open.

When captured the second time Wells was found operating a still in the basement of an abandoned school house in Sellwood.

TIMBER BRINGS \$225,000

Portland Lumber Concern Closes Deal in Washington.

TACOMA, Wash., April 7.—The Weyerhaeuser timber company, with western headquarters here, has completed the sale of 63,900,000 feet of timber in Coville county to the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company. The price was \$3.50 a thousand and the timber standing on two tracts brought approximately \$225,000.

The lumber company will begin logging operations soon.

Terminus Is at Waldport.

The Alsea highway connects with a forest road and has its terminus at Waldport, in Lincoln county. It is one of the principal roads of Benton county that the state take over the county road between Corvallis and Albany was placed on file. Some action may be taken on this at the May meeting.

As the long-standing controversy with Polk county has terminated, the commission is eager to clear up the road work there, which has been delayed by legal tangles and objections. In May the commission wants to place under contract the grading of the highway from Holmes Gap to Rickreall and from Monmouth south. Also the commission has directed Oskar Huber to resume paving of the Salem-Dallas road. But for the controversy Polk county's state roads would have been completed this summer.

Another 25 Miles to Be Let.

Another 25 miles of the Oregon-Washington highway in Morrow county is to be let this month or next. There will be grading from Heppner to Lexington and macadamizing from Lexington to Morgan and grading from Heppner to Jones' hill, toward Pilot Rock, in Umatilla county. In Union county there will be work let from Hot Lake to North Powder which with the jobs let Wednesday from Kameia to La Grande, will mean that all of the old Oregon trails in Union county will be under contract.

On the Roosevelt highway the commission will co-operate with Curry county, which plans a bond issue, half of the bond money to be spent north of Gold Beach and half south of that point. The commission will start this summer grading from Brush creek to Arizona Inn, at Corbin.

Two Paving Jobs Awarded.

Two paving jobs which will gladden the hearts of motorists are to be let within a few weeks. One is the Canby-Aurora section of the Pacific highway, the only un paved link between Portland and Salem, and the ten miles between The Dalles and Rowena, on the Columbia river highway.

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Toledo-Newport, Lincoln county, survey 7.2 miles.

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BIDS ON 125 MILES ROAD WORK NEXT

Awards to Be Considered in April and May.

PROGRAMME TO BE RUSHED

Alsea Highway Is Finally Put on State Map.

OLD TROUBLE SETTLED

Benton County Award Is Made Matter of Record—New Jobs to Cost About \$1,500,000.

DOINGS OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Engineer is ordered to prepare for advertising 125.5 miles of road work for April and May meetings.

Alsea road is put on map, in accordance with old agreement with Benton county.

Decision made to try to advertise 42 miles of road in Lake county in May.

Twenty-five miles of road work is decided on for Morrow county.

Wheeler county gets offer of \$100,000 for matching on John Day highway.

Grading from Monmouth south and from Holmes Gap to Rickreall in Polk county to be advertised in May.

Commission will meet with Wasco county at The Dalles Saturday noon.

To rush road work and get as much as possible under contract early so that the jobs can be in progress this summer. The state highway commission yesterday ordered 125.5 miles of grading, surfacing and paving advertised for April 22.

Such jobs as the state engineering department cannot have ready for the April meeting will be advertised for May letting.

Benton county received its long-desired award yesterday, when the commission for the second time placed the Alsea highway on the state map and made it a matter of record. A couple of years ago the commission agreed to place this road on the map, and on that agreement the county voted \$100,000 for co-operation, but somehow or other the action of the commission did not get into the record and the affair hung fire until Commissioners Teon and Barratt confirmed the agreement yesterday.

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ALLIES ARE EXPECTED TO RECOGNIZE RIGHTS

DECISIONS BY LEAGUE HELD NOT BINDING.

Shantung Agreement Is Not at Issue, "Overseas Possessions" Being Used Advisedly.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Administration officials confidently expect the allies to accept the principle restated by Secretary Hughes in his notes of Monday, that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in the overseas possessions of Germany and that it cannot be bound by decisions affecting these, "made by the league of nations without its assent."

There is reason to believe that the correspondence, begun in November, will not be closed with the receipt of the replies from Japan, Great Britain, France and Italy. If the expectations of American officials are realized, details regarding American rights will have to be worked out in negotiation. If not, probable action is a matter of conjecture only.

The Shantung settlement, which has been sharply criticized, is not at issue. It was learned that the phrase, "overseas possessions," was used advisedly and it was pointed out that Shantung was not a German possession.

It was pointed out that the view of the Harding administration on the Shantung settlement has not been stated, but this settlement was vigorously opposed by the new administration leaders in the Senate while the treaty of Versailles was under consideration.

The latest notes were known to form a third chapter, at least in the diplomatic exchange with the allied governments on mandates in general and the island of Yap in particular.

The notes were known to be first stated by Secretary Coby in his notes of November 2 and was supplemented in a note to the league of nations council.

The notes of November 9 were never made public, nor has it been decided what the allied governments replied. The note sent to the council was referred by it to those governments, the council explaining this was a proper course, since it dealt with the Japanese mandate to Yap, which it was claimed was voted by the supreme council May 7, 1919, while the peace treaty was being framed.

Japan, however, has replied to at least one American protest. It was received March 2, and in it Japan insisted on its right to a mandate over Yap by reason of the treaty of 1919, supreme council. There also have been reports that Japan made the further point that its forces had captured this and other Pacific islands from the Germans.

Immediate replies to Mr. Hughes' communications were not expected.

BRITISH STICK BY TREATY

Important Official Says Provisions Are Not in Melting Pot.

LONDON, April 7.—The British government is only willing to discuss with America questions arising from the peace treaty on the basis that previous decisions are binding and that the treaty provisions are still in the melting pot. It was learned from

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HUGE CORPORATION TO HANDLE GRAIN

Chicago Convention Unit for Co-operation.

FARM PROJECT IS APPROVED

Work of Organizing Concern to Begin at Once.

COMPULSORY POOL FAILS

Report of Committee of 17, Result of Six Months' Deliberation, Comprehensive One.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Representatives of the farmers in convention tonight voted unanimously to accept the report of the committee of 17, which provided formation of a co-operative agency to market the nation's grain.

The report was adopted after a two-day fight in which delegates sought to have it amended so that pooling of grain by the farmers would be compulsory instead of optional, as provided in the report. An amendment to that effect was defeated tonight, 61 to 28. Another amendment offered by Carl Williams of Oklahoma that the pooling be made compulsory in states where wheat is the predominant grain, also was defeated, and the convention then unanimously adopted the committee's report.

Under the plan a non-profit stock corporation will be formed through which the grain will be handled from the time it is raised until it reaches the manufacturer or consumer. Local agencies will be formed throughout the country and elevators, terminal warehouse corporations, port corporations, service departments and other subsidiary departments will be a part of the plan.

Early Organizations Planned. Each member of the corporation will pay a fee of \$10 which will be used for expenses. Surplus over expenses will be returned to the members.

The organization will be governed by a board of directors elected by the grain growers.

The committee of 17 has been at work for six months on the plan. It has held hearings in all the grain states, called scores of persons to discuss the plan and sifted dozens of proposals.

Organization of the corporation will be begun immediately and it is hoped to have it working in time to handle part of the 1921 crop.

The farmers' conference voted late tonight to have the committee of 17 divide the grain growing sections of the country into 21 districts, apportioned according to the value of the grain marketed in the past 10 years.

Market centers, rather than state lines, would govern the limits of the districts, it was stated.