

STEEL HEADS TALK OF WAGE REDUCTION

Financial District Expects Tentative Schedule Today.

WORKMEN TO CONVENE

New Scale and Working Agreement for Independent Mills Will Be Considered.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Presidents of the various subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation conferred today with Chairman E. H. Gary. While no announcement was made regarding the object of the conference, it was understood that the question of revised wage schedules would receive chief attention.

HAMILTON, Ont., May 2.—A new wage scale and working agreement for the independent steel mills of the United States will be the most important matter before the biennial convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers, which will open here tomorrow with representatives of 25,000 steel workers present.

150,000 to Be Affected. While the wage scale adopted by the convention will only directly affect the plants with which the Amalgamated has contracts, Michael Tighe, international president, pointed out that it would also eventually affect 150,000 steel workers in the plants of the United States Steel corporation whose wages are generally based on the standard set by our organization.

Mr. Tighe declined to indicate the probable action of the convention. "We cannot tell until our wage committee reports what the men want," he explained. "It may recommend increases or continuance of the old scale. Our committee has been sifting out the various resolutions and will present a concrete proposal."

"The amalgamated during the time of the present agreement has maintained most beneficial relations with the steel companies," Mr. Tighe said. "We have an exceptionally smooth-working contract, providing for wage reductions or increases, according to business conditions as shown by the companies' books."

Wages Above Pre-War Basis. "The employers have adhered to our agreement and we have had little trouble in making adjustments. While our men have taken reductions in many cases, their wages is still considerably above the pre-war basis."

Because of depressed industrial conditions, Mr. Tighe said that the attendance at the convention was not expected to be as large as in past years. "Thousands of our men are out of work," he said, "as many of the independent companies have closed down or are working at greatly reduced capacity."

"Conditions are the worst we have experienced in years. Not only are unemployed men in the streets of the United States but working men are in the streets of their capacity."

Unification Drive Planned. The convention, which probably will continue for nearly three weeks, will be executive sessions, unless a new rule is adopted opening the meetings to the public. Mr. Tighe said that he favors "open sessions" and such action may be taken.

Important amendments to the by-laws and constitution of the Amalgamated are also to be considered during the sessions, as well as other resolutions affecting the welfare of the organization.

Resolutions tending to support the campaign of the executive council of national and international organizations in the steel industry to unify the plants of the United States Steel corporation are also to be considered. This committee, headed by Mr. Tighe, will launch its active campaign June 15.

LAW PROPAGANDA ASKED

University Dean Pleads for More Americanism Education. SALEM, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Wider dissemination of the knowledge of law and the machinery for its administration was advocated by Dean W. G. Hale of the University of Oregon school of law in an address before the business men of Salem at a luncheon today.

COLLEGE GIRL SUICIDE

Daughter of Shipping Board Official Ends Life Near School. NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 2.—The body of Miss Harriet A. DeLaney of Waterbury, Conn., sophomore at Smith college, was found hanging by a rope from the Hoe shop dam near the college campus today.

In a diary belonging to Miss DeLaney, who was the daughter of Daraghe De Lacey, chairman of the bureau of international relations of the United States shipping board, was a statement saying she was despondent because she felt she had not made the success of her life that she had hoped.

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PROJECT TO BE ASSIGNED

CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION DISTRICT IS AFFECTED.

Portland Company Stands Ready to Complete Development at Expenditure of \$750,000.

SALEM, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The formal assignment papers looking toward the transfer to the Title & Trust company of Portland of all interests of the Central Oregon Irrigation company, in the central Oregon irrigation district, with the exception of such rights as are necessary to protect the company's present contracts with settlers, today was submitted for approval of the desert land board.

Two protests against the proposed sale of the irrigation company's interests in the project have been filed with the board. One of these protests was prepared by attorneys for the central Oregon irrigation district, while the other was from the Deschutes river board. The former protest was general in character, and asked that the board defer taking any definite action with relation to the transfer until the several persons and corporations interested in the deal get an opportunity to be heard.

The Deschutes river board protested the sale on the grounds that it might jeopardize an appropriation of \$100,000 authorized by the United States reclamation service, with which to start work on the Deschutes irrigation project.

Plans for the transfer were discussed at a meeting of the desert land board held here last week. At that time the history of the irrigation company was reviewed, and it was indicated that the development work had not progressed as satisfactorily as had been anticipated.

E. E. Smith, representing the Title & Trust company, told the board on that occasion that his corporation was desirous of taking over the interests of the irrigation company, with the exception of sold lands, and would proceed and complete the development at a cost estimated at approximately \$750,000.

Before any transfer of the property is sanctioned, the board will hold a hearing, and all persons interested in the deal have an opportunity to present their statements, according to announcement by the secretary of the board today.

IDLE RAILROADER SUICIDE

Fred Twigger Takes Life When He Cannot Find Job. Fred Twigger, 45 years old and married, killed himself yesterday morning when he shot himself in the head at the family home, 574 Liberty street. Despondency because he was unable to find work was given as the cause of the suicide.

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CRITTENDEN WINS SUIT

District Court of Appeals Upholds Medford Company Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—A decision upholding a contract in which William C. Crittenden, attorney, is named to receive \$67,000 and 6 per cent interest for his interest in the Oregon Gas & Electric company of Medford, Or., from Wilbur E. Boardman, capitalist, was handed down today by the district court of appeal.

Boardman had claimed that the contract was obtained through "fraud, duress and menace."

The contract was obtained, according to Crittenden's action, after he had invested in the company on Boardman's representation that it was worth \$125,000. Later he found it was worth between \$50,000 and \$80,000 and induced Boardman to sign the contract. Boardman attacked the contract in the courts, the action being first heard in Alameda county, where Crittenden also was upheld. Boardman is now in Europe.

WIFE ABHORS DOG THREAT

Divorce Suit Follows Separation and Remarriage.

SALEM, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Because P. A. Price is alleged to have told his wife that he would trade her for a yellow dog and then kill the dog, Mrs. Minnie A. Price today filed suit for divorce. Mr. and Mrs. Price have twice been married, their first wedding ceremony having taken place in Portland in 1910. They were divorced seven years later.

In 1918 they were remarried in Vancouver, Wash., and later came to Salem to make their home. Mrs. Price charges that her husband threatened to kill her on several occasions and that she was once compelled to seek protection of an officer.

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THREE GET JAIL TERMS

VIOLATIONS OF WHITE SLAVE ACT ADMITTED.

Light Sentences Imposed Because of Absence of Evidence of Commercial Vice.

Three men admitted violation of the Mann white slave act yesterday before Judge Bean in federal court and received short jail sentences. None of the cases contained elements of commercial vice, and Thomas H. McGuire, assistant United States attorney, recommended leniency in two instances.

The men sentenced were John Devereaux, Paul L. Chambers and William W. Atterbury. Devereaux and Chambers got jail sentences of three months, while Atterbury got two months. Devereaux maintained that he had brought Margaret Silver to Portland from Tacoma to aid her in obtaining a divorce from her husband. They intended to be married as soon as this little detail was attended to, he said.

The same excuse was used by Chambers to explain his transportation of Mrs. James Long from Roseburg to Louisiana. They also were to be married as soon as Mrs. Long obtained a divorce from her husband. The divorce has been granted since the offense was committed, and the new ceremony, it is said, will take place as soon as Chambers is released from jail.

Three years ago Atterbury and Miss Hazel Wilson went to Prosser, Wash., to be married. Their witness did not show up, and rather than admit failure the couple came home and announced that they were married. Since that time, it was said, they have been living as man and wife.

Receiver Fined for Contempt. DALLAS, Or., May 2.—A fine of \$50 was imposed by H. H. Bell, circuit court judge, here Saturday afternoon upon John E. Cronin of Portland. Cronin was held in contempt in having failed to obey an order of the court to make an accounting of his trust as receiver of the Pickney dairy. By consent of attorneys for the creditors of the defunct dairy company, Cronin got two weeks more in which to prepare and file his report.

Hallowell Orchard Sold. WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—The Hallowell orchard, two miles north of town on the Snowdon road, changed hands last week, when James Trotter purchased it. The consideration was understood to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The holdings consist of 125 acres, 35 of which are cleared and 23 in bearing orchard, the balance being timber land. George Hallowell will leave soon for California, later going to Minneapolis, where he formerly lived. Mr. Trotter will take possession immediately.

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