RAILROADS CLOSE PAY-CUT ARGUMENT

Labor's Charge of Waste Held Irrelevant.

HEARING IS AT END

Board Not Expected to Make Decision, Taking at Least Month to Digest Evidence.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Railroad representatives made their final drive for a wage clash on behalf of nearly 100 carriers before the railroad labor board yesterday. Devoting most of their argument to denials of the charges of waste and mismanagement made by the employes, counsel for the roads finally cast the charges aside as irrelevant and stood on their original contention that wages in outside industries and the cost of living had declined.

The board was told it should consider only the factors laid down in the transportation act in fixing just and reasonable wages by F. W. Sargent, solicitor for the Chicago & Northwestern. W. J. Lauck, the unions' economist, had asked the board to abandon those factors, he said.

Theory Held Impracticable.

"If the board should set up a standard of a so-called living wage for five, as urged by Mr. Lauck, the board should also fix a different standard for different sizes of families and for individuals," he said. "The very statement of the proposition illustrates how impracticable it is to apply the theory.

"I maintain that if the former wage award was just at the time it became effective, May 1, 1920, it follows that a reduction of compensation must be granted in view of the overwhelming evidence regarding changed conditions."

To adopt the theory of the living wage as a basis for determining railroad wages would be to accept "an untried theory of state socialism or to countenance creation of a super-privileged class," according to John G. Walber, summing up the testimony of the carriers. Mr. Walber, who represented the eastern roads, completed the roads' rebuttal.

"Living Wage" Attacked.

The living wage, according to the railroads' investigations, he said, was not an amount necessary to maintain an employe and his family, "but represents a standard on which certain persons would like to live."

"The theory of the living wage is not new," he continued. "We do not intend to ignore it, but we believe the American people should know its real purport and the ultimate effect of such a socialistic theory as that laid down by the railroad employes. We have no quarrel with the ambitions or desires of any American citizen to better himself. However, establishment of an artificial minimum wage would be as fatal as attempting to stifle initiative and incentive, removing hope of reward and fear of failure."

He declared that railroad exhibits prove that, contrary to the employes' contentions, railroad wages had increased in greater proportion than the cost of living.

No intimation was given as to when a decision would be handed down, but it was said the board would require at least a month to digest the evidence.

PAIR PLEAD NOT GUILTY

MRS. CORBIN AND LILGE ARRAIGNED FOR ARSON.

Assistant Fire Chief Declares That Third Fire Was Started in $42,000 Spokane Home.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 8.—Pleas of not guilty were entered in superior ocurt here yesterday by Mrs. Anna L. Corbin and Louis F. Lilge, her chauffeur, when they were arraigned on charges of first degree arson. Mrs. Corbin confessed to the authorities that she conspired with Lilge to set fire to the residence left her by the late D. C. Corbin in order to collect the $42,000 insurance.

Mrs. Corbin is at liberty under $5000 bonds. Lilge has returned to the county jail in default of bonds of $10,000.

Discovery that a third isolated fire had been started in the Corbin home was made this morning by Assistant Fire Chief Lindsay, who was still investigating.

That Mrs. Corbin had made several offers to sell her home to the American Legion for a club house was the declaration of Edward F. Hull, chairman of the building committee of the Spokane post of the legion. Mrs. Corbin called legion officials at five different times in an effort to have them consider purchase of her property, Mr. Hull said.

Extensive speculation in oil stocks by Mrs. Corbin was related by W. V. Garrett, of the Garrett Investment company. Mr. Garret declared that he first sold Mrs. Corbin 2000 shares of Bayou-Homer oil stock and later Fisher stock. Almost immediately after Mrs. Corbin had purchased her first stock, Lilge consulted Mr. Garrett and purchased about 500 shares of Bayou-Homer stock, Mr. Garrett said.

INSANE MAN COMMITTED

Martin Gilbert Becomes Violent in Oregon City Hospital.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Martin Gilbert, who was taken into custody by Sheriff Wilson Friday afternoon, believed to have been drugged before coming to Oregon City from Portland, and later moved to the Oregon City hospital, was taken to the state hospital this evening. Gilbert became violent during the night, and it was necessary to place him in a straitjacket.

The man was well dressed and he had $317 in bills and $700 in bonds. Gilbert said he had a brother in Portland, but did not know his address.

EMERGENCY FUND ASKED

State Board to Meet May 11 to Consider $70,000 Request.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—The state emergency board will meet in Salem Wednesday, May 11, to consider granting a deficiency appropriation of approximately $70,000 to provide funds for a continuance of the work of eradicating harmful rodents under the direction of the Oregon agricultural college and for the payment of one-half of bounties granted for the destruction of certain wild animals.

This appropriation, if authorized by the emergency board, will be used by the extension department of the college in carrying out its part of the programme in co-operation with the United States biological survey. The appropriation is intended to cover the years 1921 and 1922.

It was necessary to call a meeting of the emergency board, according to Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, because of an error in the appropriation bill passed at the last session of the legislature. This bill, as engrossed, appropriated $100,000 for the years 1919 and 1920, but made no provision for the years 1921 and 1922.

BLAZE ROUTS STUDENTS

AUBURN, WASH., ACADEMY BUILDINGS BURN.

Young Men by Heroic Work Save Portion of Library and Much Other Equipment.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—Seventy students of the Western Washington academy, a Seventh-Day Adventist institution five miles east of Auburn were made homeless Friday night when both the boys' and girls' dormitories and main administration building were burned to the ground. L. C. Wilcox, principal, said the structures undoubtedly would be rebuilt.

Mrs. J. W. Wall of Seattle, head of the academy's music department noticed the fire first, about 10:30 o'clock. She aroused the engineer and the alarm was given to both students and the Auburn fire department which sent a small chemical cart.

The main building was a three-story frame building 128x98 feet. The girls' dormitory was an L structure built on the north and the men's dormitory an L built on the south side.

The young men students, having more time to leave their building than the girls, helped to save as much of the school equipment as possible. More than half of the 4000-volume library, four of six pianos, laboratory and other equipment were saved. The girl students were cared for during the night by the Auburn chamber of commerce, at the principal's home, in the gymnasium and the faculty house.

The Auburn chemical cart was unable to quell the blaze and gave its attention to protection of the gymnasium.

The school had an enrollment of about 150. It was opened in October, 1919.

44-HOUR WEEK OPPOSED

Chicago Purchasing Agents Commend Portland Opposition.

Support of the employing printers in their opposition to the demands of printers for a reduction in hours from 48 to 44 a week was urged by resolutions adopted by a meeting of the Chicago Association of Purchasing Agents, according to a telegram received in Portland by Leon Hirsch of the Oregon Association of Purchasing Agents.

The resolution commends the employing printers in the stand which they have taken for co-operating with other industries in returning business to a normal and economical basis. It declares that the reduction to a 44-hour week would raise the costs of printing in the face of an economical demand for a reduction in prices

Action on the same question will be brought up at a meeting of the Oregon Association of Purchasing Agents to be held Tuesday, according to Mr. Hirsch.

CO-EDS PLAY WITH TOTS

Girl Students Majoring in Physical Education Direct Games.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 8.—(Special.)—Practical experience for women students who are majoring in physical education took a novel turn Friday, when the campus west of Villard hall became a temporary playground for 350 children. All manner of games, from girls' baseball to blindman's buff, made th staid old halls ring with the echoes of happy child laughter.

The children were in charge of the members of Miss Conklin's class in playgrounds supervision, which is composed of members of the junior class. The girls in charge were Echo Balderee of Dallas, Emma Garbade of Portland, Lois Barnett of Wasco, Geneva Stebno of Eugene, Alice Evans of Portland, Elsie Hildebrand of Eugene, Florence Furuset of Eugene, Margaret Russell of Tacoma, Wash.; Grace Tigard of Tigard, and Myrtle Magerle of Rogue River.

MT. TABOR CLUB LOCATED

Site at East Sixtieth and Taylor Streets Is Chosen.

A definite site at the corner of East Sixtieth and Taylor streets was selected Saturday for the new Mount Tabor club house. The membership drive and building preparations will be completed as soon as possible. The building will face Taylor street with a frontage of 170 feet and 100 feet on Sixtieth street.

A final decision is expected at a meeting May 18 at the Presbyterian church, East Fifty-fifth and Belmont streets. The membership drive will get under way this week.

It is planned to construct a modern hall, including club rooms and dance floor to cost $20,000.

SURVIVORS RESUME TRIP

Tokuyo Maru Victims Leave on Alabama Maru for Japan.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—Sixty-five survivors of the wreck of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha freighter Tokuyo Maru, burned off the Oregon coast last Monday, with the loss of eight lives, sailed yesterday for Japan on the liner Alabama Maru.

H. S. Todd, shipping manager of Suzuki & Co., local representative of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, arranged for their transportation.

Albers Retrial Demanded.

DALLAS, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Carl B. Fenton post, American Legion, at its regular monthly meeting Friday night, adopted resolutions condemning the dismissal by the department of justice of the Albers case and demanding that Albers be retried. Polk county's slacker list also was read at this meeting. This list contains the names of only 10 men. Two of these have been removed as evidence was produced to show that they were in the service, and another is believed to have died before being called to service.

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JOHNSON ATTACKS BLAIR APPOINTMENT

Tax Refunds Held Against Slated Revenue Appointee.

TREASURY BOOKS SHOWN

Senator Declares North Carolinan Violated Primary Law as Delegate to Convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—Testimony for and against senate confirmation of David H. Blair of Winston-Salem, N. C., to be internal revenue commissioner, was heard yesterday by the senate finance committee in secret session, but a decision was deferred. The committee will meet again Thursday.

Charges of Senator Johnson, republican, California, that Mr. Blair violated the North Carolina primary law as a delegate to the republican national convention last year and that because of federal tax refund claims of members of his family he should not become the internal revenue commissioner were examined thoroughly. Senator Johnson was said to have detailed his charges, while Mr. Blair and J. M. Morehead, republican national committeeman for North Carolina, denied the charges.

Books of the treasury department showing the entries and claims in the case were submitted yesterday and explained by employes of the income tax office. The treasury books were said to have shown that a refund of $30,000 had been made to Mrs. Blair as the stockholder in one of her father's corporations.

Denials were said to have been entered by Mr. Blair and also by John M. Morehead, republican national committeeman of North Carolina to the charges that Mr. Blair had violated the North Carolina primary law at Chicago. They were reported to have testified that North Carolina's delegates at Chicago had not been instructed, except by the republican state convention.

With relation to Mr. Blair's action at Chicago, the committee was said to have been told that a meeting of the North Carolina delegation was held there to consider whether press reports reaching Chicago justified the delegation in "splitting" its vote and giving at least a proportionate share to Senator Johnson. Mr. Morehead was said to have opposed such a course and Mr. Blair testified, it was reported, that he regarded Mr. Morehead as a state leader and himself a "lieutenant," and as such agreed with Mr. Morehead.

Senator Johnson contended that the reports from the primary as well as the delegation's consideration of the matter indicated that Mr. Morehead as "boss" swayed the delegation.

BISHOP WILSON IN CITY

NEW YORK PRELATE HERE TO ATTEND SPRING SESSION.

Gotham Head of Methodist Episcopal Church Glad to Be in West Again.

Bishop Luther B. Wilson of New York arrived in Portland Saturday at 7:45 o'clock and was met at the Union station by a reception committee and escorted to the Benson hotel. He was the second general superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church to reach the city preparatory to the spring session of the board, to be held this week. His colleague, Bishop William F. Anderson of Cincinnati preceded him by one day.

Bishop Wilson was weary from his long journey across the continent and begged to be excused from a detailed interview, but as a Methodist bishop who had often been under shell fire while serving as director in charge of all Y. M. C. A. religious work in France during the war, he withstood a slight barrage of interrogations last night and expressed himself as happy to be in Portland and the west again.

"I am very happy to know that President Harding and the state department have consented to have the United States represented at the session of the supreme council," said Bishop Wilson, when asked if he had any comment on current events. "We most certainly should be thus represented. It is a big step and an important one. The world is indeed sadly torn with strife and affliction of various kinds, and anything we as a nation can do to alleviate suffering or to assist in any way to make things better should be done."

Speaking of Methodism, Bishop Wilson said his area is experiencing excellent growth and development, which, he said, is world-wide in the denomination at this time. His own episcopal supervision as to resident activity extends to many features having to do with a population of 15,000,000 people, including greater New York and some of its suburbs.

WOMAN SHOOTS HERSELF

Mrs. Lewis Scheile Said to Have Attempted Suicide.

Mrs. Lewis Scheile, 606½ Thurman street, 31 years old, attempted to commit suicide Saturday afternoon by firing a revolver shot into her left side. She will recover.

Mrs. Scheile had been in St. Vincent's hospital, where the youngest of five children was born ten days ago. She was discharged from the hospital yesterday, but the nurse who was caring for her told Detective Collins that she acted queerly and that she had locked herself in the bedroom. Fearing insanity, the nurse called Mr. Scheile, who is an employe of the Willamette Iron Works. Upon his return he found his wife suffering from the gunshot wound. She had reloaded the revolver, replaced it in a bureau drawer and had pinned a waist over her dress to hide the wound.

The attending physician, it was said Saturday night, warned the family that Mrs. Scheile was suffering from nervous depression and should be closely watched.

REED WINS IN DEBATE

University of British Columbia Defeated by 2-to-1 Vote.

Reed college triumphed over the university of British Columbia by a two-to-one decision Saturday night at the White Temple in the debate in which they upheld the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, That the Anglo-Japanese alliance is a menace to the future of British-American relations."

Lewis W. Jones and Jacob Weinstein appeared for Reed college while James L. Lawrence and George S. Clark represented the university of British Columbia.

Arguments from both sides were spirited and while both in rebuttal and constructive speeches the presentation of the opposite sides was grilled, no touch of anything but the most cordial feeling was injected into the debate.

John P. Trent, British consul, was chairman. Judges were Guy C. H. Corliss, ex-chief justice of the supreme court of North Dakota, Judge Robert Tucker and Richard W. Montague.

WONG MAY BE DEPORTED

ORIENTAL LIKELY TO GET A FREE TRIP TO CHINA.

Clever Scheme to Deceive Immigration Officials Said to Have Been Exposed.

Wong Yick of Astoria, alias "John Chinaman," whose true name is unknown here, probably will get a free trip back to China in place of a trip at his own expense, as the result of the exposure by R. P. Bonham, immigration inspector, of a clever scheme. The true Wong Yick is believed to have died several years ago, but his certificate of residence and photograph fell into the hands of another Chinese.

Under the name of Wong Yick, the oriental applied to Mr. Bonham for papers permitting him to leave the United States for China and return. He had made the same trip on the same paper before, according to the records of the immigration office, but a comparison of photographs by Mr. Bonham showed little resemblance. The records have been sent to Washington for comparison, and if Mr. Bonham's findings are substantiated Wong Yick will be sent to China, but forbidden to return.

Another alleged subterfuge practiced to gain illegal entry into the United States has been exposed by the immigration inspector. Lum Wong, was arrested in an automobile entering the United States from Canada a few months ago.

Wong declared he was born in Astoria. Influential Chinese of that city came to his aid. The driver of the automobile is alleged to have been bribed to jump his bond and return to Canada. Unfortunately for Lum Wong, the police had already taken the driver's sworn statement of the incident, and the bond money, in the neighborhood of $1000, was lost. This case also has been referred to Washington.

FISH MEN MEET MONDAY

Settlement of Strike Rumored to Be Plan of Boatman.

ASTORIA, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—As a result of the meeting held by the fishermen of the lower Columbia river yesterday at Cathlamet, a mass meeting has been called for tomorrow afternoon at Astoria. Two hundred delegates from the up-river districts will be present, according to information received late tonight. A unanimous vote to stand for the 10-cent price was made. More than 400 voted, according to local delegates.

A few fishermen were reported to be working near Rainier and other up-river points and said to be receiving the 10-cent rate. It was not known if those operating during the last few days will continue. The river last night was void of boats because of the state Sunday law. Rumors have it that a settlement is expected by tomorrow night.

LINE PLANS NEW SIGNALS

Automatic Interlocking Block System Is to Be Used.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—A. T. Mercier, superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, has notified Fred A. Williams, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, that the railroad corporation will immediately start the installation of an automatic interlocking block system on the west side electric line operated by that company.

Following the wreck at Bertha last summer in which ten lives were lost, the public service commission appealed to the Southern Pacific company to install additional safety appliances. The request later was submitted for the consideration of the directors of the railroad corporation with the result that orders were issued recently to proceed with the work.

100,000 CAN VOTE HERE

County Clerk Says 10,000 Less Are Registered Than in November.

Approximately 100,000 residents of Multnomah county will be eligible to vote at the special election on June 7, at which the chief measure, from the viewpoint of general interest, will be the state aid bill providing a bonus or loan for ex-service men, announced County Clerk Beveridge Saturday at the close of registration books.

This figure is about 10,000 lighter than the registration for the general election last November, the decrease being due to persons moving and failing to register again or the dropping of names from the rolls for failure to vote in the last two elections. Registration crowds at the courthouse were very light during the past week.

Franchise to Be Submitted.

BEND, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Voters of Bend will be permitted to pass on the water works franchise ordinance recently presented by the city council to Mayor Gilson, it was decided by the council Friday night in response to the second referendum petition since the passing of the franchise ordinance. June 7 was set as the election date. It was probable that at the same time a charter amendment to allow issuance of Bancroft bonds on a basis of improved property valuation, rather than on the bare value of unimproved realty, will be voted on.

WOODBURN BANK OPENS

Officers of Institution Receive Visitors Formally.

WOODBURN, Or., May 8.—(Special).—Crowds attended the formal opening of the new home of the Bank of Woodburn here yesterday and were received by President Bingham, vice-president Powell, cashier Courtney and their corps of assistants.

Several, including bankers, were present from Salem. The new quarters are commodious. It is considered one of the finest banking houses in the Willamette valley, the appointment being of the most modern type. The reception lasted until 8 o'clock at night. In resources the Bank of Woodburn is nearing the million mark.

Logger Instantly Killed.

DALLAS, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—John Johnson, a Finlander, was instantly killed while working in the camp of the Valley & Siletz Logging company in the Siletz basin. He was struck by the limb of a falling tree. So far as known, Johnson had no relatives in this country. He was about 35 years of age.

PAINTERS TO GO BACK

10 Per Cent Reduction Accepted and Men Will Resume Work.

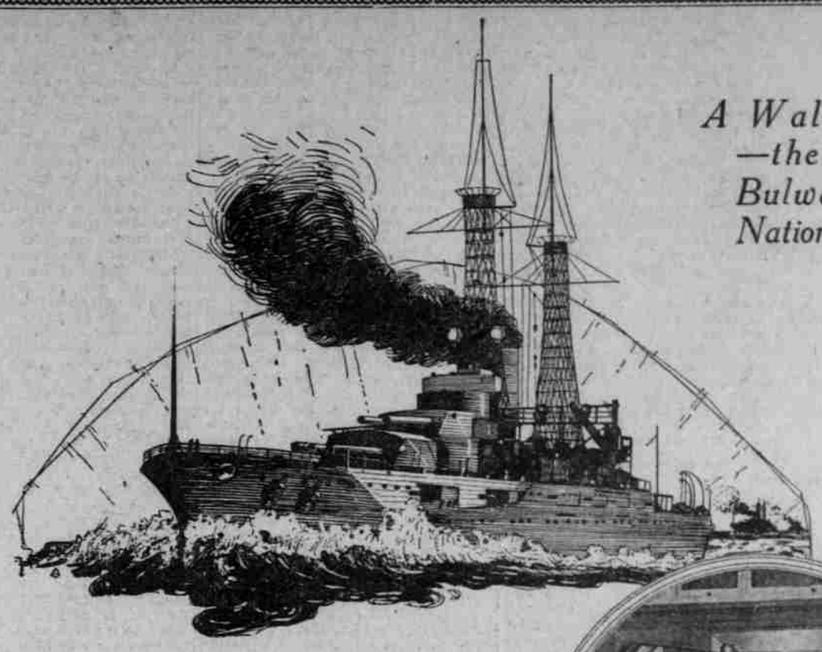
Painters who have been out on strike for a week will return to work today on the basis of the 10 per cent wage reduction, it was announced last night.

The painters and employers held a meeting Friday night in the effort to effect a reconciliation and the painters then held another meeting yesterday to decide what steps to take.

It was said that a working agreement probably would be worked out between the painters and the employers in the future.

It was announced Saturday that an adjustment had also been reached with electrical workers.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.



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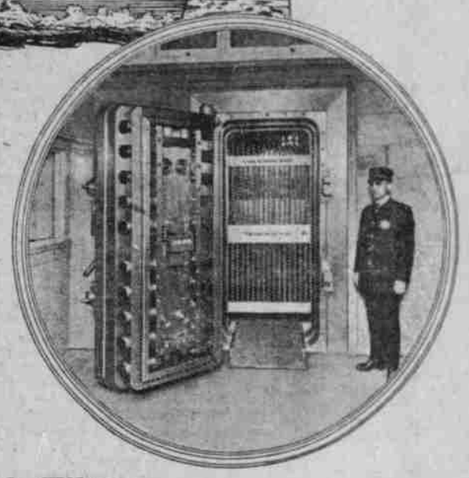

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