



## RAIL LABOR BOARD DECIDES FOR CUT

Million Unskilled Employees Affected.

AMOUNT TO BE SET JUNE 1

Hearings on Other Classes to Start June 6.

ACTION NOT EXPECTED

Prevailing Conditions Justify Readjustment to Extent, Yet to Be Determined, Is Finding.

CHICAGO, May 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The United States railroad labor board late today announced its intention of revising downward wages of more than one million unskilled rail workers, effective July 1. The amount of the decrease will be made public on June 1. The board also announced that it would hold hearings June 6 regarding proposals by the roads to decrease the wages of other classes of employees and would also make its decision in these cases effective on the same date. A similar decision on skilled workers would affect approximately two million men.

Decision Is Unexpected.

The announcement, which said "prevailing conditions justify to some extent, yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of wages," was unexpected and came only a few hours after the close of the hearings which had been in progress since early in April.

On July 20, 1920, the board increased the pay of all classes of railroad employees approximately 21 per cent of about \$60,000,000 a year.

Several months ago several roads announced that they could no longer operate under this wage award and announced pay reductions averaging about 20 per cent for unskilled employees. The workers appealed to the board, which decided that the roads could not make summary reductions, but must first hold conferences with their men and then, if no agreement could be reached, submit the case to the board.

Roads Held Conferences.

Practically every large road then held conferences with its unskilled employees, and when the employees refused to accept cuts they carried the case to the board. About 98 cases were thus appealed, and the board decided to hear them as a unit.

The roads pleaded that they were being forced to pay more for labor than they could employ for in the open market; that reduction in the cost of living justified a reduction in wages; that they were being forced to operate in many cases at a loss, and that they wished to reduce their rates for the benefit of the public, but could not do so while forced to pay a war-time scale to labor.

Mismanagement Is Charged.

The employees charged that the financial embarrassment of the roads was due to gross mismanagement, that increased rentals had practically nullified decreases in other necessities, and that the wages were still below that paid in other lines.

Railway officials expressed themselves as being pleased with the award today, and expressed the opinion that the same conditions which it was found applied to unskilled labor would also be applied to skilled workers.

Representatives of the employees refused to comment on the board's announcement until they could study it carefully.

Standardization Not Tried.

"The occupational classification," the board said, "is not considered by the board as setting up jurisdictional lines for occupations or as limiting the kind of work which employees may perform, or the duties which they may assume. In preparing the classification the board has not aimed to standardize for any railroad occupational duties assigned to, or the kinds of work performed by, its employees, and nothing in the classification could be construed in this light.

"Its purpose is to so group positions that the wage and other data reported by the railroads to the interstate commerce commission and to the railroad labor board may be used for administrative and public purposes. It provides against grouping together positions of widely different duties and responsibilities, as well as rates of compensation.

"Such distinctions as are made between different types of positions are founded on functional differences in duties and responsibilities, to the end that a uniform language may be applied to similar kinds of work and that the classifications may use descriptions and illustrations of positions uniform in character, consistent in outline and specific in terminology."

Announcement Is Made.

The board's announcement follows: "Whereas, Under date of April 8, 1921, the railroad labor board adopted a resolution which recited, among other things, that in the judgment of the board it is desirable to hear at one time and decide in one decision, so far as may be possible, the ques-

## POLICE KEEP DOCKS FREE FROM CLASHES

HEAVILY-ARMED PATROLMEN GUARD ALL LANDINGS.

Strikers Who Rioted Monday Night Show No Disposition to Defy Blue-Coated Contingent.

With a dozen blue-coated and heavily-armed policemen guarding all docks where there was any reason to anticipate trouble, and reserves at police headquarters ready to answer the call, the Portland waterfront was quiet yesterday, following clashes between strikers and non-union men Monday.

In the only serious affair of Monday's encounters, a boarding party of strikers took possession of the steamer Swiftscot at the Eastern & West-ern mill and chased her non-union crew ashore.

Later in the day, after it was thought the trouble was all over, Arthur Mason, 265 East Forty-ninth street, was attacked by a group of strikers and cruelly beaten. This incident took place in Front street near the North Bank dock. Witnesses summoned the police and the rioters scattered when they heard the patrol wagon coming.

The third brush was a minor affair near the Victoria dolphins, where the strike-bus steamer, *Albatross*, was moored while awaiting the completion of their crew. At 5:07 P. M. the captain of one of the idle steamers telephoned to the police that a crowd of men had gathered and a fight was imminent. By the time two motorcycles reached the east end of the Broadway bridge the crowd was gone. A telephone recently was installed on the steamer in anticipation of just such an emergency.

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FARMERS TO BE QUERIED

National Referendum on Important Questions Called.

ST. PAUL, May 17.—A referendum covering 15 questions of an agricultural nature pending in congress will be voted upon by approximately 2,000,000 farmers, it was announced today. The call for the national referendum was issued by the American Farm Bureau federation.

The call for the poll also involves an attack upon the so-called voluntary reductions in freight rates on the part of railroads by demonstrating that lower rates would result in large traffic increases that would more than make up for reduced charges.

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## GAY RED GARTERS PERPLEX TEACHER

Giddy Little Marys Provide Problems.

EDUCATORS GIVE OPINIONS

Mothers to Blame, Says One Dean of Girls.

ANOTHER DIFFERS LITTLE

Some Maidens Will Often Listen to Outsiders More Quickly Than to Parents, Is Other View.

Gay red garters, worn to school by Giddy Little Mary, symbolize perplexity for at least one Portland teacher interested in holding the rising generation to proper standards of citizenship.

This particular teacher, dean of girls in a high school, has declared the east end of the Broadway bridge the crowd was gone. A telephone recently was installed on the steamer in anticipation of just such an emergency.

Another dean has asserted that in matters of proper dress and conduct schoolgirls will often listen to an "outsider" more quickly than to their own mothers.

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## RAPHAEL INVENTED STRAW, SAYS PUPIL

LIST OF 50 QUESTIONS GIVEN PORTLAND SCHOOLS.

"Lusitania Wrote Hungarian Rhap-sodies" Is Another Amusing Answer in Tests.

Pupils in the Portland high schools and the seventh and eighth grades in the grammar schools are having an opportunity this week to show whether they consider Trapsley, for instance, a seasoning or a boxer. They are answering a list of 50 questions, which were sent to the office of the city superintendent of schools from a publishing company.

About one-third of the names in the list are characters of history, some are people and places prominent during the world war, a few are geographical names and others are familiar persons principal.

In the schools which have had the test, some strange answers have been made. The papers have not been corrected as yet but a report will be made soon of the percentages scored by the pupils. In the high schools only those in the history classes received the list.

One grammar school child thought "Pasture was a place where cows eat," and "Friday, a negro person who helped Caruso."

To the question, "Who was Raphael?" another replied, "The man who invented straw to make baskets." "Ulysses fought in the war of 1812," declared one boy, and another wrote, "Mohammed was the leader of the Mormons."

"The effect of the music memory contest is seen in the following reply: 'Copenhagen is an extra fine quality of snuff,' wrote another, evidently putting to use information gained in the family circle.

"Satan was characterized as the 'governor of purgatory, manager of hell, the inventor of satin cloth,' and one child wrote 'Satan was the devil many, many years ago.'

"Cooper is a woman known as a vamp," and "Plata was the man who steers ships," were other answers.

"The pupils in the seventh and eighth grades and in the history that 'there has never been a time when girls were so hard to reach, when their manner of dressing and dancing was so much in need of reform.'"

The majority of men and women interviewed on the tendency of young persons to go to excess in their desire for entertainment, took an optimistic attitude. They declared that "the west is freer from excess than the east and that there is, on the whole, a most wholesome companionship between boys and girls of both high school and college ages."

Opinions expressed by local educators paralleled in many cases those of prominent men and women throughout the country, who have been discussing the problem. The fact that Portlanders do not agree, is typical of the discussions which have been taking place in many cities of the United States.

"I have been much impressed with..."

## CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE HOVERS NEAR DEATH

HOPE FOR SUPREME COURT MEMBER IS GIVEN UP.

Relapse Is Suffered Following Operation; Pulse Is Reported to Be Weak and Heart Bad.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court was not expected to live through the night, his physicians said late tonight.

"His pulse is weak and his heart is bad," Dr. Francis R. Hagner said after a visit to the bedside at Garfield hospital. "He probably will not survive the night."

The chief justice submitted to an operation for bladder trouble Friday and had improved steadily until late today, when he suffered a relapse.

Dr. Hagner said that the patient's temperature was normal until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when he suffered a chill and then declined rapidly. Late tonight he lapsed into unconsciousness. For four months he had been ill, the doctor said, but refused to leave his work, saying it was important and if necessary he would die rather than stop for treatment.

WHITMAN TO GET \$75,000

Weyerhaeuser Gift to Washington College Announced.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 17.—A contribution of \$75,000 to Whitman college by the children of the late Frederick Weyerhaeuser for the establishment of a department of biblical instruction was announced today by Dr. S. B. L. Penrose, president of the college.

The gift, to be paid in installments of \$25,000 each on June 1, September 1 and December 1, is made in memory of Frederick Weyerhaeuser and wife. A western school was selected, Dr. Penrose said, because Mr. Weyerhaeuser, who was a wealthy lumberman of St. Paul, Minn., had made much of his money in the west.

CENSUS TOTAL IS RAISED

Continental United States Has 103,710,620 Inhabitants.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Final statistics placing the total population of continental United States at 103,710,620, or 27,517 more than was announced last October, when preliminary figures were given out, were submitted today to Speaker Gillet of the house of representatives for apportionment purposes by the census bureau.

Final figures place the total population of the outlying possessions of the United States at 12,148,738, which brings the population for the entire country and its possessions to 115,859,358.

BULLET OUT, BRAIN O. K.

Convict Returned to Prison Cured of His Insanity.

OSSINGTON, N. Y., May 17.—Roman Leonardowski, the Sing Sing prisoner from whose brain Dr. William L. Chapman, invalid physician of Brooklyn, removed a bullet several weeks ago, was yesterday taken to the Danmora hospital for the criminal insane to be recommitted to prison as cured of his insanity.

## BOHAWINS POINT ON DISARMAMENT

Conference Request Appears Certain.

NAVY BILL AMENDMENT UP

Administration Leaders Suddenly Switch Support.

ADOPTION IS PREDICTED

King and La Follette Criticize Appropriation Programme; Bill Makes Little Progress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Senator Borah of Idaho and those associated with him in the senate on questions of naval policy, virtually won the fight today for incorporation in the \$500,000,000 naval appropriation bill of the Borah amendment requesting the president to call a naval disarmament conference of the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington in charge of the bill, and other administration leaders suddenly came to the support of the amendment and leaders generally joined in predictions of its adoption.

Although Senator Poindexter and other republican leaders said they had not heard further from President Harding, there were reports that he had been in communication with republican leaders.

Change Causes Surprise.

Both in senate debate and in a statement to the press, Senator Poindexter announced his intention to vote for the Borah amendment and also to withhold a parliamentary point of order against it, which would have required a two-thirds vote for its adoption. Senator Lodge, the republican leader, said he would vote for the amendment and that he expected general republican support for it.

The change occasioned considerable surprise. After a conference with the president, Senator Poindexter announced recently that the president preferred not to have the Borah amendment adopted.

No Progress Made Today.

No progress was made today on the bill. Senator King, democrat, Utah, and La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, again spoke in criticism of the appropriation programme, but tomorrow it was expected that the senate would get down to disposition of many amendments.

Senator Poindexter, acting chairman of the naval committee, said opponents of the bill were "using figures recklessly," in estimating naval costs.

"On my own responsibility," he said, "I can state that the cost of completing the 1916 construction programme will not exceed \$50,000,000."

Poindexter Gives Challenge.

"And I say," said Senator King, "that when this fleet has been completed, equipped and manned, when the new docks and the new yards to care for it have been provided it will cost a billion and a half dollars and the ships will be obsolete, if not obsolete when completed."

"I cannot let that go unchallenged," said Senator Poindexter. "The models of the ships we have laid down were fixed in the light of the experiences of the world war."

ACID THROWER DEFENDED

Husband Stands by Woman Who Assaulted School Teacher.

PRESOTT, Ark., May 17.—Clarence V. Hopkins, husband of Mrs. Anna Irene Hopkins, today took the stand in defense of his wife, who is on trial here charged with having thrown acid into the face of Miss Lucille Gallagher, a school teacher of Jerome, Ark., March 31.

Mr. Hopkins spent most of his time on the stand telling of his wife's visit to a fortune teller and of the effects of the prophesies of the fortune teller on Mrs. Hopkins.

ELOPER TO BE RETURNED

California Governor Orders Extradition of Seattle Man.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 17.—Request for the extradition of William J. Sheehan, who while a Seattle police officer was alleged to have eloped with Mamie Watson, wife of C. K. Watson of Seattle, Wash., was granted today by Governor Stephens of California.

Sheehan, who is held at Redding, is charged with a statutory crime, as is the woman, who, it was stated, has returned to the state of Washington.

## 25,000 IN OREGON WOULD GET BONUS

DEPUTY ASSESSOR DECLARES 15,000 WOULD TAKE LOANS.

About 10,000 to Apply for Cash if Measure Is Approved by Voters, Is Declaration.

SALEM, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Approximately 25,000 men and women in Oregon will be eligible to benefits under the so-called soldiers bonus law, in case the measure approved by the voters at the special election to be held on June 7, according to figures compiled today by James Crawford, deputy state treasurer.

The number of persons who will seek a cash bonus was estimated at 10,000, while the number of persons who will prefer loans under the act was estimated at 15,000. To meet these loans it has been proposed to issue bonds equivalent to 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of the state, which would raise a total of \$31,225,117.47. This sum will be repaid to the state, according to Mr. Crawford.

The cash bonus payments, estimated at \$1,200,000, will not be repaid to the state, but will be taken care of by a 1-mill levy. This levy, based on the present valuations of the state, will raise \$1,040,829.04 annually.

Mr. Crawford's statement said that while in some cases these loans may run for a period of 25 years, being amortized at 2 per cent annually and 4 per cent being paid in interest, it is fair to assume that a great majority of the borrowers would repay their obligations in 20 years.

Based on these figures, Mr. Crawford estimated that the aggregate cost to the state for paying a cash bonus or loaning its funds to 25,000 men and women will in all probability not exceed \$15,000,000 during the next 20 years.

Against this expense Mr. Crawford estimated that the additional value accruing to the state on account of home building and farm development would aggregate many thousands of dollars.

ELLENSBURG FEARS FLOOD

Yakima River Up Four Feet and Water Plant Threatened.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., May 17.—The Yakima river, fed by heavy rains in the Cascade mountains, has risen four feet in the last three days and at noon today flooded waters were within three feet of the dyke protecting the Ellensburg municipal water plant, according to a telephone message. The river was reported steadily rising and serious flood conditions were feared. Creek waters above Ellensburg broke over their banks this morning, flooding a number of city streets. Considerable damage has been done on farm lands at Thorp, near here.

BANKER'S ARREST ASKED

Head of Washington Institution Charged With Larceny.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17.—Warrant was issued here today for the arrest on a charge of grand larceny of Thomas P. Fournier, president of the State Bank of Black Diamond at Black Diamond, Wash. The bank was closed by the state bank commissioner last Friday, when the commissioner was notified that Fournier had disappeared a week ago, leaving only a girl in charge.

Assets of the bank were removed to Seattle for examination.

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## GERMANS PREPARE SILESIA OFFENSIVE

New War Machine May Take Week to Perfect.

QUICK, EFFECTIVE BLOW AIM

Speedy Defeat of Korfanty Is Predicted.

FRENCH HELD POWERLESS

Arno Dosch Fleuret Believes General Le Rond Will Do Nothing. Easy Victory Is Foreseen.

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BERLIN, May 17.—(Special cable.)—The military machine of the Germans in upper Silesia may take perhaps