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RAILWAY UNIONS CALL OFF STRIKE

Leaders Take Action at Night Session.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

Decision Follows Board's Threat of Drastic Action as Alternative.

TELEGRAPHERS YET TO VOTE

Union of Keymen Expected to Follow Suit and Rescind Walkout Order.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The rail strike, scheduled for October 30, was averted tonight when leaders of the switchmen, trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen at a joint meeting adopted resolutions withdrawing authorization of a walkout and officials of the railroad telegraphers' organization announced they would take similar action.

These were the only unions which had authorized a strike.

The vote calling off the strike was unanimous by organizations, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announced.

Strike Order Is Cancelled.

The official wording of the resolution adopted was that the "strike be declared not effective."

The vote in the individual unions was usually close, however, the firemen particularly holding lengthy arguments before agreeing to cancellation of the strike order, the labor chiefs said. In some of the groups the ballot was described as "the closest in history of a similar question." All of the differences were ironed out by the different unions, however, and the final show-down found all of them casting their ballots for "no strike."

Public Opinion Factor.

L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railroad Conductors, said that the unions had decided to call off the strike because of "the growing public opinion that the strike would be against the labor board and consequently the government and not against the railroads."

"It was evident also that the entire Washington administration was opposed to us and that we had little chance of gaining our objectives," said Mr. Sheppard.

"We called this strike to gain certain rights to which our men were entitled," Mr. Sheppard told the Associated Press.

Propaganda Held Misleading.

"It soon became evident, however, that the roads were succeeding in their misleading propaganda to the effect that we really would be striking against the government."

"This railroad propaganda found its way to the United States railroad labor board. This governmental agency told us that it would look on a strike as against it and the government and not against the roads, and that the full force of the government would be brought to bear against us if we walked out. Under such circumstances there was nothing to do but annul our orders for the October 30 walkout."

All Union Conferees Smile.

The first announcement of the executives' action was made by Mr. Lee. Rushing to the floor below the hotel meeting room where dozens of newspaper men were congregated, he smilingly shouted:

"The strike is off, boys, but I've only got one copy of the resolution, and I'll show that to you tomorrow."

All of the union men were smiling as they came out, and many of them jocularly pushed and shoved each other down the stairs. To all queries most of them merely replied:

"It's all settled. See you tomorrow."

The code messages calling off the strike, arranged in advance, will be sent out tomorrow morning, the union heads said. A code word will be sent to each general chairman of the unions and he will turn for-

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AMERICAN GIRLS TOLD THEY AREN'T BEAUTIES

BLONDES ASSURED AFRICANS ARE MORE COMELY.

Professor Starr Says Lack of Ugliness Is Good-Naturedly Termed Prettiness.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—(Special.)—"There are no beautiful women in the United States. It is only our American good nature that makes us call a girl who is not phenomenally ugly a pretty girl."

Frederick Starr, professor of anthropology, has been added to the Society of Noted Crepe Hangers by University of Chicago co-ed because of the foregoing statement, which he made to a startled class.

Then he continued:

"A handsome man or woman is the rarest of all creatures. There is no real beauty in the United States. Only among the Libyans and kindred races of real beauty to be found."

Then after praising African belles he asserted Americans were too hybrid to be beautiful.

"Our standards of beauty would be denied by any European nation," he said. "The Korean yellow race quite frequently surpasses us in specimens of beauty. The Igorrotes at the world's fair were everywhere marvelled at for their physical attributes."

"Beauty in a blond race is next to impossible. It is more difficult for a blond to measure up to beauty standards than it is for a brunette."

The blond co-eds glared at him and made a noise like indignation.

OLD INDIAN FIGHTER DIES

Last Survivor of Steptoe Expedition Passes at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 27.—Moses Kinney, 84 years of age, last survivor of the famous Steptoe expedition against the Indians of 1857, died at his home here today. Mr. Kinney, a native of Ireland, came to this section with the army in the early '50s and was stationed at old Fort Walla Walla for a time. His company joined the Steptoe expedition and two years later he received an honorable discharge from the army.

The property which was his home for more than half a century was purchased from a gold prospector for a rifle. It is 120 feet square and is in the heart of the business district of the city.

Kinney and Thomas J. Beall were the last two survivors of the famous Indian fighting expedition. Beall died at his home in Lewiston, Idaho, last Saturday.

UNION AND PEACE PRESIDENT'S IDEAL

Chief Reconsecrates His Administration.

SOUTH IS FOUND RESPONSIVE

Thousands Cheer Executive at Atlanta, Ga.

WORLD CONCORD VISIONED

If Armament Conference Fails It Will Not Be Fault of America, Says Mr. Harding.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 27.—President Harding concluded his visit to the south today with speeches in Georgia, reconsecrating his administration to the task of finally obliterating sectional divisions.

In two addresses here and one at Columbus he told cheering crowds that it was one of his fondest hopes to see his presidency bring north and south into complete harmony and co-operation.

At the statue here of Henry W. Grady, Atlanta's apostle of national reconciliation, Mr. Harding, broadened his gospel of "understanding and good will" to include all the world and gave notice that if the armament conference fails to bring the nations into complete concord "it will be no fault of the United States."

Many thousands cheered the chief executive at the monument and a smaller gathering of business men applauded when he expressed a similar plea at a luncheon.

Atlanta Streets Jammed.

Applause greeted him during a parade and despite a "drizzling rain" the streets were jammed.

So great was the crowd about the Grady monument that many could not hear, and those on the outskirts made such a disturbance that the president twice stopped to try to quiet them. The noise continued, however. At last police reserves joined the soldiers and cadets assigned to preserve order.

Following his address the president was escorted to the Georgia Terrace hotel, where he was tendered a short reception before leaving for Washington.

The president's visits to Atlanta and Columbus followed an early morning stop at the infantry school at Camp Benning, where the chief executive saw a demonstration of an infantry attack.

Mr. Harding today did not again mention the race problem, on which he delivered an address yesterday in

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ALLIES PUT EX-RULER ON BRITISH CRUISER

DISPOSITION OF CHARLES NOT YET FINALLY DECIDED.

Action Is Taken Pending Another Meeting of Ambassadors' Council Tomorrow.

PARIS, Oct. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allied council of ambassadors today decided that ex-emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and ex-empress Zita should be placed immediately upon a British battle cruiser in the Danube pending another meeting of the council next Saturday, when a final decision regarding their disposition is to be made.

The ambassadors were unable to reach a final decision today because they were faced with the disinclination of various countries to furnish asylum for the ex-monarch. It was said their final disposition was proving to be an awkward problem.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The little entente, composed of Roumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, has dispatched a note to Hungary demanding the surrender of ex-emperor Charles, the demobilization of the Hungarian army and reparations sufficient to defray the expenses of the little entente's mobilization, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Central News agency today.

Unless Hungary replies satisfactorily within two days the little entente troops will enter Hungary, the dispatch said.

BRUMFIELD IS BETTER

Alleged Slayer Is Expected to Hear Death Sentence Monday.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, convicted of the murder of Dennis Russell, will be able to appear in court Monday morning to hear his sentence pronounced by Judge Higginham.

Dr. C. B. Wade, county health officer, today declared that Brumfield's condition has shown a marked improvement and his strength is rapidly returning to him. He is beginning to eat heartily and the wounds inflicted in his attempt at suicide are practically healed. Guards will be kept over the prisoner at all times, day and night, four men being employed for this purpose, and no opportunity will be given him again to injure himself. In the event the sentence is pronounced in the morning, as is now expected, Sheriff Starmer will take the afternoon train on Monday and deliver the prisoner to the officers at the penitentiary.

TAX BILL CHANGES REJECTED BY SENATE

LEVY ON UNDISTRIBUTED CORPORATION PROFITS FAILS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—An unsuccessful fight was made today in the senate to write into the tax revision bill a provision to tax undistributed profits of corporations. Three amendments proposing such a tax were rejected, one without a roll-call.

Also without a record vote the senate voted down an amendment by Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, which would have authorized the treasury to refund the \$11,000,000,000 of foreign debts into long-time bonds, the interest on which would be payable January 1.

All of these amendments were on the section dealing with the corporation income tax, but the section itself was passed over until tomorrow.

One amendment proposed by majority members of the finance committee was defeated after a strenuous fight. It would have limited the exemption from taxation of building and loan associations to only such associations all of whose loans were made to members.

The senate adjourned shortly before 7 o'clock when the amendment of Senator Wadsworth, republican, New York, proposing taxes on beer, wines and whisky used for medicinal purposes was presented and promised prompt debate.

Senator Wadsworth invited attention to what he said was the possibility of raising revenue on medicinal beer, wine and whisky. He estimated \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 of revenue was in sight. He said treasury estimates estimated his amendment would raise about \$12,000,000 on wine and medicine and from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 on distilled spirits.

LOOT MORE THAN MILLION

Postmaster-General Reports on Holdup in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The loot obtained in the holdup of a mail truck here Monday night was announced by Postmaster-General Hays today as \$1,554,129.85.

This comprised: Cash \$27,104.82, jewelry \$11,993.97, negotiable bonds \$74,306.08, stock \$222,546.83, non-negotiable bonds \$1,654,977.52, coupons \$870.59, notes and drafts \$37,322.04, letters, papers and notices \$23,938.74.

STEEL TRADE FALLS OFF

Bethlehem Reports Decline; U.S. Dividends Declared.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The Bethlehem Steel corporation today declared its regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4 per cent on both classes of common stock.

President Grace of the corporation announced that the value of orders on the books as of September 30 was \$70,000,000 or \$14,000,000 less than the billings of the previous quarter.

Other Proposals Received.

Other proposals for beautifying the highway were received. The town of Harrisburg, for instance, proposes planting walnut trees along the Pacific highway in that vicinity. No action was taken on this as the trees cannot be planted until the pavement is laid, as the saplings would be destroyed during road construction. It was not specified as to who would be entitled to collect the walnut harvest of the future. From Scappoose, on the lower Columbia river highway, arrives a plan for making the highway more ornamental by planting rose bushes. Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, had a proposal of his own—he suggested the planting of English ivy to hold slopes. A delegation from the Portland Chamber of Commerce presented a request that the highway commission build the proposed Wallula cut-off, which would run along the Columbia river from Umatilla to a junction with a road on the Washington side of the line.

Great Saving Predicted.

It was argued that this would be a great saving for certain traffic which, by use of the cut-off, would not be compelled to go around through Pendleton to reach the Columbia river highway. John B. Yeon, commissioner, expressed himself as believing that the cut-off is logical, but that there is no chance of the commission placing any more new roads on the map until further funds have been furnished. The Wallula cut-off has been before the commission two or three times. It is ardently opposed by the people of Pendleton.

Bids for grading the Roseburg-Coos bay highway from Bridge to Myrtle Point were ordered advertised for the next meeting. The distance is about ten miles. Coos county asked that the commission lay a concrete pavement between Myrtle Point and Coquille, but the commission explained that it

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4 HIGHWAY PARKS OFFERED TO STATE

Other Beautification of Roads Is Suggested.

TREE PLANTING IS PROPOSED

Total of \$1,100,000 in Jobs Let During Session.

WALLULA CUT-OFF WAITS

Project Is Taken Under Advisement Pending Receipt of Funds by Commission.

DOINGS OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Jobs aggregating \$1,100,000 let during present session.

Parks received from M. A. Mayer, J. Henry Booth, E. M. Strauss and California-Oregon Power company.

Aid to be given in macadamizing Columbia River highway at Rainier.

Request for building Wallula cut-off at Umatilla is taken under advisement pending receipt of more funds.

Three proposals are received for planting trees and shrubs along state highways.

John Day highway section between Arlington and Condon is ordered advertised.

Four park sites were offered to the state highway commission yesterday. The need of parks along the trunk lines has been recognized since the development of the road program, and public-spirited citizens are co-operating with the commission to supply them.

M. A. Mayer of Mayersdale has offered about 250 acres as a park site on the Columbia River highway. The tract includes the loops on Rowena hill, between Mosier and The Dalles. One of the beauty spots of the upper highway.

J. Henry Booth, brother of Chairman Booth of the highway commission, has offered a half-mile strip along the Umpqua river gorge between Dillard and Myrtle Creek, flanked by the Pacific highway on one side and the foaming Umpqua river on the other.

Prospect Park Offered.

In behalf of the California-Oregon Power company, Henry Walters of Medford offers a small land for a park as the commission may desire near Prospect, on the Crater Lake highway. The site will include Rogue river falls, noted for its attractiveness.

E. M. Strauss, mayor of Mosier, offers for the city a camp site at the bridge which crosses Mosier creek. The creek rolls along what was once the path of a gigantic glacier.

On Eola hill, on the road between Dallas and Salem, there a spring which would make an ideal campground and small park, and there is a prospect of this being presented to the state.

JAPANESE STEAMER SINKS; ALL ARE SAVED

FUKUKI MARU GOES DOWN 350 MILES OFF FLATTERY.

West Ivan Rescues All Passengers and Crew, According to Reports by Wireless.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 28.—The Japanese steamship Fukuki Maru sank 350 miles off Cape Flattery, Wash., at midnight last night, but all passengers and crew were picked up by the freighter West Ivan, according to a wireless message received by the harbor department here early this morning.

The message said the vessel went down in a hurricane. Her position was given as 32°12' north, 121°37' west. The Fukuki Maru was bound for Seattle from Koba.

The West Ivan was bound for Japan, and will continue to the orient, the wireless indicated.

Although the list of those aboard the Fukuki Maru is not available here, she is believed to have carried few passengers.

No further details were received from the West Ivan.

The Fukuki Maru, of 3087 tons, was built in Liverpool in 1896. She was owned by the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha, and had been on the trans-Pacific run for many years.

MR. WELLS EXPECTS AMITY

Noted British Author Gives Views on Disarmament Conference.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—(Special.)—"I consider it a great privilege to witness the meeting and deliberations at Washington, where I hope to see a new chapter beginning in the history of mankind," said H. G. Wells, noted British author who will report the arms conference for The Oregonian and certain other papers.

"I anticipate a complete revision of the hasty and disastrous decisions at Versailles and the establishment of some wide control of the present monetary and economic chaos, and the foundation of a new and more just and generous system of international relationships, in which not merely the victors in the late war, but the Germans, the Russians, the Chinese, and all sorts of men, may have a fair and equal prospect of service and liberty."

"For no justice or prosperity is possible in the world, any more but world justice and prosperity."

CHURCH NEEDS VIEWED

Sunday School Missionaries of Northwest Discuss Problems.

The American Sunday school missionaries of the northwest, including Oregon, Washington and Idaho, continued their sessions yesterday for instruction, in the First Methodist church, Twelfth and Taylor streets. The conference is in session from October 25 to 29.

Talks were made yesterday by Dr. H. L. Bowman, pastor First Presbyterian church, James W. Palmer, Y. M. C. A. worker, and Dr. G. P. Williams, secretary of missions. Maps of the various local fields in the northwest were displayed. The maps showed great needs and gave other valuable information. More than 1000 schools had been established in the last seven months, it was shown.

KING WILL RETURN HOME

Alexander Expected in Belgrade October 30 for Coronation.

BELGRADE, Oct. 27.—King Alexander will arrive here from Paris October 30, it is announced by the official Avaza news agency. Arrangements for his coronation will probably follow his arrival.

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Thomas Blanton Barely Misses Expulsion.

FAINT FOLLOWS REPRIMAND

Tears Stream Down Face as Representative Leaves.

OWN ACTION DEFENDED

Fire of Questions Causes Defendant to Cut Hearing Short and Go Out of Room.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—Thomas L. Blanton, a Texas democrat, shaved from being thrown out of the house of representatives by only eight votes, was publicly reprimanded today by Speaker Gillett, in accordance with a resolution of censure, against which no man cast a vote.

Then, a moment later, as he walked out of the chamber with all eyes on him, he toppled over in a heap. Some of his colleagues who had voted to expel him, picked him up and placed him on a lounge. But he did not stay there long. Rousing himself, he stumbled out, tears streaming down his cheeks. He was heard to express the hope that he might never see the house again.

Fight Made in Defense.

There was no doubt, as members expressed it, that the Texas vote was crushed and worn by his experience of the day, an experience that seldom comes during the life of a man in congress. For an hour and ten minutes, with hostile eyes on him, he fought to defend himself from the charge that he had transgressed the law by putting into the congressional record a document described as "unspeakably vile."

Before he got up to speak, it was the view of republicans and democrats that action upon the resolution to expel him would depend on his own attitude. He sat with folded hands as Representative Mondell, republican leader, pleaded to have him cast out. And then, pale and smiling, he stepped to the front as the leader sat down.

His voice hoarse and broken, he testified rapidly upon the charges, and turning upon his old-time fighting fire returned. At the beginning he said he knew the house was prepared to expel him.

When a rap of the gavel sounded the end of the hour allotted him, he stopped in the midst of a sentence and declared an intention to mail \$50,000 copies of the undelivered speech, with its offending affidavit, after the house had ordered it stricken from the record.

Representatives Are Roused.

Only a lack of money, he said, prevented its mailing to every voting man.

Instantly half a dozen representatives were on their feet. Blanton had represented his constituents for 17 years. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

H. G. WELLS, HISTORIAN, TO COVER ARMS CONFERENCE FOR THE OREGONIAN.

Is the arms conference going to change history and civilization for the better?

That is the question of this year, which may make this the year of years.

As the one historian who can best interpret the momentous parley at Washington, H. G. Wells comes on the invitation of the leading newspapers of the United States, England, Japan and South America to tell the world of this move toward universal peace.

Mr. Wells has been a leader in the making of a better civilization. His greatest work—"The Outline of History"—was written solely with that betterment in mind. He did not write primarily as a historian; he wrote with a view of making plain the lessons of the past, so they might be applied to the problems of the present and future. His is a living force. Statesmen of all nations have acclaimed his "Outline" and are in hearty approval of the plan to have him interpret the Washington conference. His articles will appear in The Oregonian.



SPORTING NOTE: BILL SMITH HAS BEEN PLAYING FOOT BALL 130 YEARS HE PROMISES TO DEVELOP INTO A GREAT PLAYER.

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