

LOSSES BY RAILWAY STRIKE SUBVIEWED

Attorney for Men Says Some Lost Homes, Suicide and Insanity Resulted.

AVERAGE FAMILIES SMALL

Julius Kruttschnitt Expresses Opinion That Public Opinion Ultimately Settles Conflicts Usually Correctly.

CHICAGO, April 10.—The havoc wrought among the 30,000 shopmen whose strike against the so-called Harriman lines in 1911 was lost, was sketched statistically today before the United States commission on industrial relations.

The witness was Frank Comerford, for many years attorney for the men. One thousand question blanks were sent at random to the strikers 32 months after the strike. His figures, Mr. Comerford explained, applied to those thousand men, and he thought that a social survey of the whole number could be made by multiplying his figures by 30.

Families Abnormally Small. Of the 1000 men whose replies were checked up, according to Mr. Comerford, 188 were single when the strike was called September 30, 1911. There were 1742 children, a small number which he thought might be traced to low wages and an abnormal scale of living. Forty-two per cent of the men owned their homes or were buying them. The strike cost 15 per cent of these their homes, and of the whole number 31 per cent moved from their lowly domiciles to even cheaper quarters.

Twelve per cent of the strikers had to sell their furniture and 10 per cent to seek charity. The average period of idleness occasioned by the strike was one year. The witness asserted that he had traced 16 cases of suicide to the strike and nine cases of insanity.

"This, in brief, is an attempt to represent human values in dollars," said Mr. Comerford.

Portions of the testimony of Mr. Comerford and of Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of the Southern Pacific, formed a symposium on the force of public opinion and the channels by which it is influenced.

Mr. Kruttschnitt expressed the view that public opinion settled most strikes and generally with a correct vision. He suggested the need of a labor controversy could be presented to the public, remarking that such an agency was available in Canada.

Arrests Widely Published. "Yet public opinion was influenced against the strikers just in proportion as their arrests were more widely published than their acquittal. One page of the metropolitan advertising which the railroad bought broadcast would take a year's salary of a shopman. We believe in public opinion," Mr. Kruttschnitt said, but these facts speak for themselves.

Mr. Comerford spoke of how Illinois Central employed men in influential positions. "Lemon & Lemon, Clinton, Ill., attorneys for the road at that point, control its policies, and the mayor of the town is a paid surgeon of the road, and the business incomes of other officials of the city depend to some extent on the railroad. It seems unlikely, in this connection, that honest mistakes were made in the arrests of 115 men out of 115."

The witness said that coal mines which could not obtain sufficient cars from the Illinois Central because of the strike sued the railroad and recovered damages. "For the miners who were thrown out of work by the strike, there was no way for them to recover," said he.

The hearing will be resumed Monday, with Mr. Comerford on the stand. "Mr. strike, that I recall," said Mr. Kruttschnitt, in answer to a question, "never succeeded with public opinion against it. The great American public settles them all. I am convinced that the more I am convinced that the task of settling labor troubles is the task of keeping the public informed."

"The Government now controls the railroad, their earnings and even their expenses. It's only right that labor disputes which may involve the railroad in additional expense shall be referred to it, so that among other things, it may point out where money for increased wages is to come from."

Mr. Kruttschnitt said that the beginning of the railway strike of 1911. He said the company's relations with the men always had been pleasant, and he was in favor of dealing with the individual crafts. He held a conference with the representatives of the federation idea. Mr. Kruttschnitt added: "I told them that if the men felt that they must have the federation or trouble, I did not see how the Harriman line could avoid trouble. I said that if we accepted their plan we would have entered into an agreement with so strong a body that the companies would be helpless. We would be unable to resist any demands of the men. The grievance of a tinsmith in New Orleans might be enough to tip us every mile of our lines."

Demands Declared Wholly Unjust. "I have done hard physical work myself, and I sympathize with the men. For 32 years I got along nicely with my fellow workmen, but the demands of 1911 were too unjust to be tolerated."

Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the Commission, asked if the witness recalled that in 1902, when Union Pacific crafts struck in opposition to the powerwork system, E. H. Harriman met with the federated crafts of that road. "I was general manager of the Southern Pacific at the time, and had no connection with the Union Pacific," replied Mr. Kruttschnitt.

"My close association with Mr. Harriman began in 1904, after this trouble," said the witness. "I was thoroughly acquainted and in harmony with his views of the labor question. He never questioned my views and he was not backward about criticizing."

Mr. Walsh asked if Mr. Harriman had not suggested that the men federate. "I was very intimate with Mr. Harriman, and I got along nicely with him all the time," said Mr. Kruttschnitt.

LEE MILLER SANATORIUM For the private care and treatment of patients suffering from mental diseases, alcoholic and drug addictions.

LAW SCHOOL FOR EUGENE (Continued From First Page.) of new and modern structures, was Dressed and settled upon. Under this

provision Oregon will be in a position to erect a new building every two years and to furnish ample accommodations for a predicted increase in enrollment. The first new building will be under way by the Fall of 1915, and the second will be given to the departments of education and commerce. A dean of commerce, whose salary is not to exceed \$5000 yearly, was authorized. The new dean will be nominated at the last meeting of the regents in June. At present no such office has been recognized by the faculty, but E. B. Miller, of Portland, has acted as director of the commercial department.

Salary Limit is \$1800. An instructor in free hand drawing, who will work in connection with the department of architecture, will be employed. The salary limit for this position was placed at \$1800 yearly.

In the law department the dean will be hired at \$2500 a year, and nominations for this office will be deferred until June. An arrangement with Dr. E. S. Bates, of Eugene, was made a week ago. This arrangement will culminate when he arrives in Eugene next September to act as head of the department of rhetoric. Dr. Bates, who is offering his services in capacity at the University of New Mexico, and at present is at Columbia University, New York. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is rated as a man high in his profession. No releases in the rhetoric department will be enacted, because additional instructors were needed. All freshmen are required to take this course before a diploma is issued at their graduation.

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LAND TO GET WATER

Farmers Near Grants Pass Form Own Company.

1000 ACRES IN PROJECT

Centrifugal Pump Driven by Electric Motor to Supply System From River—Nearly 2 Miles of Ditches Complete.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 8.—Ten members of the House committee on appropriations, headed by Chairman Fitzgerald, will visit the two Government irrigation projects in Oregon in June and will make a brief stay in Portland en route from Klamath to Umatilla. Less than five hours has been allowed for the visit to Portland, and if the people of that city and the officials of the state are to present a showing of past discrimination against Oregon they must be prepared to entertain the committee and present their case between 1:50 P. M. and 3:30 P. M. June 30.

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from the Oregon viewpoint, than the work already completed. To reach the Klamath project, prior to the visit to Portland, the committee will leave Salem by special train, arriving at Klamath the morning of June 15, where one day will be spent. The committee's car is then switched back to Elsieon, and goes to Portland over the Southern Pacific mainline.

The one set of projects which the committee does not plan to visit are those in Eastern Washington, they having been omitted in the interest of economy. From the Umatilla project the committee goes direct to the Boies project and will view the Arrowrock dam, over the main project in association, then visit the Twin Falls project, Shoshone Falls, and inspect the Mindoko project before going on to Sait Lake.

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SOUTHERN FAIR PAYS

Low Rates Draw Tourists to San Diego Exposition.

SPECIAL FEATURES BEGIN

Staging of "Creation" Easter Sunday to Be Followed by Engagement of Creator's Band and Several Others.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 10.—The San Diego Exposition has passed its third month with the best profit shown to date, and has broken all records in exposition history by paying expenses with a good margin of profit so early in the year. The success at the gates is attributed in great measure to the fact that the low railway rates from Eastern points went into effect March 1, and immediately released an enormous touring population that refused to travel in the first two months of the year.

With the financial success of the fair assured, as the bulk of the Eastern tourist business is not yet under way, the exposition has begun the presentation of special events which were delayed until the visiting crowds should warrant the expenditure.

Musical Events Set. The first considerable addition was in the realm of music, and started with the presentation of Hayden's "Creation" on Easter Sunday, and will continue with the engagement of Creator's band for the last week of April and the first week of May. The engagement of Giuseppe Creatore and his famous band will begin April 24. The Italian leader leaped into immediate popularity several years ago in the East, and since that time has added

to his reputation at almost every first-class city of the country. Two concerts will be given daily, one from the podium of the great music pavilion which contains the largest outdoor organ ever built, recitals on which have been a daily feature since the opening of the Exposition and will so continue through the year. The engagement will be Creator's only appearance in San Diego in 1915, unless there is a revision of his schedule.

Long Beach Band to Play. His appearance will be followed immediately with the engagement of the Long Beach concert band.

It also is contemplated to start the imposing pageants shortly. Detailed plans for these were prepared months ago, but the schedule was delayed until Spring. These are planned in connection with the special days set aside for the states. April 12-13 is set aside for the New England States, the last day being Patriots' day in New England.

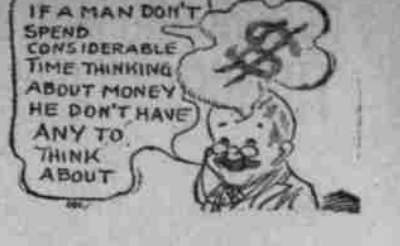
The biggest motor tour thus far in the year is scheduled for April 17, when the Automobile Club of Southern California moves down from Los Angeles. Five hundred cars are already promised by the managers, and this number should be amplified by additions from nearby motoring centers.

UTILITIES CASES ARE 226 Expenses of Idaho Commission in 11 Months Total \$37,350.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 10.—(Special.)—During the first 11 months of the life of the Public Utilities Commission the total cost to the state was \$37,350. This includes the expenses of the Tax Commission. Two hundred and twenty-six cases were handled by the Public Utilities Commission during the period.

The following are the estimated savings by reason of public utilities orders: Shoshone Power Company, \$20,000; Reductions by Southern Idaho Company, \$15,000, and reductions in Pocatello water rates, \$7884.

Gains by reason of Tax Commission's work: Added to revenue of taxing districts, \$75,000; additional property placed on tax rolls, \$2,000,000, and increased personal property collections, \$150,000.



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