

PAPER MILL STRIKE MAY BE MEDIATED

Governor Appoints Judicial Board to Act in Oregon City Trouble.

1000 WORKERS INVOLVED

Settlement Urged by State's Executive on Ground That Condition of Country Demands Activity of Every Man in It.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe this afternoon took definite steps to bring about a settlement of the paper mill strike affecting the mills of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company, and the Crown Willamette Paper Company, at Oregon City, by the appointment of a mediation board, consisting of Circuit Judge J. U. Campbell, County Judge H. S. Anderson and District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges. The strike has lasted more than six weeks, and has involved more than 1000 men, who walked out when the mills declined to grant their demands or to agree to arbitrate them. The strike was first called on the Crown Willamette Paper Company, and within 12 hours the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company accepted an order for the manufacture of 10 tons of paper for the Crown Willamette, and the Hawley union employes promptly walked out.

Mills Import Skilled Workmen.

During the last six weeks the mills have succeeded in importing enough skilled workmen to operate most of their machines, and hundreds of their former employes have obtained work in the shipyards, while at least 150 others have been idle.

From the very beginning of the trouble the Governor has urged a settlement on the ground that the condition of the country demanded the activity of every man. In announcing the appointment of the mediation committee today, the Governor issued the following statement:

"This committee is appointed with the hope of settling the Oregon City strike. As a patriotic duty, the employer and employe should be willing to make any reasonable sacrifice to avert industrial strife when our country is in such great peril. We should all put forth our utmost efforts for the largest possible production in all lines of industrial activity. This is no time for strikes, but a time when we, as patriotic American citizens, should stand as a unit, backing our Government, our President and our brave boys at the front."

Strike No Nearer Settlement.

The strike is no nearer a settlement today than it was three weeks ago, and within the last month there has been violence on both sides, which has taken up the time of the courts and has resulted in several men being arrested on violation of the state law. In order to preserve order in Oregon City, the Governor was obliged to appoint 14 state deputies, who are working under the direction of Parole Officer Keller. This action has restored the peaceful condition that formerly existed, but it has not assisted in ending the strike. The paper mill employes' unions asked for a flat increase of 25 cents per day in pay; that Sunday work cease, or that overtime be allowed for Sunday work if it was necessary for the mills to operate Sunday, and the recognition of the grievance committee of the unions by the mill companies. On the latter proposition, the mills and the men locked horns.

The members of the committee named today have indicated their acceptance, with the feeling that it is their patriotic duty to do what they can to end the strike, and they will meet Monday for organization and for the formation of a definite line of action.

PICKETS TO BE GIVEN CARDS

Identification of Union Men at All Times to Be Possible.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Deploping any and all violence and professing a desire to co-operate with the police in the enforcement of law and order, the paper mill strikers Friday appointed a special police committee to work with State Officer Keller.

The union men further instituted a plan of furnishing picket identification cards to their members on picket duty. Under this scheme all union men doing night picketing will carry authorization cards from union headquarters which identify them at all times when accosted by the officials. The union men feel that this measure is one for their own protection, so that the responsibility of the activities of their men may be centered and that acts by those outside of the union and unauthorized by the organization can be taken care of in the proper manner.

The officials will demand these cards after 11 o'clock at night, and unauthorized persons and those who are unable to give a satisfactory explanation of their appearance on the streets, will be sent in their way or arrested on vagrancy charges.

The scheme meets the approval of both the officials and strikers, as it is rumored that outsiders, unaffiliated with either the union or the strike-breakers, have been hanging about the city, lured by the news that a strike was in progress.

The union men are perfectly willing to assume responsibility for their pickets, who will be carefully selected each day, but they do not feel they should be held responsible for the acts of unknown loiterers.

Officer Keller stated Friday evening that his policy was not to interfere in any way with picketing and that he would not ask the tops limit the number of pickets. "As long as the union boys give them identification cards and choose responsible men for the task they need fear no interference from our department," said Mr. Keller. "The new plan applies only at night and will be invoked to keep irresponsible and unaffiliated loiterers from getting themselves and the unions into dispute."

Hammel Funeral Tomorrow.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Monday afternoon has been set as the time for the funeral of J. C. Hammel, who died unexpectedly of heart failure in this city yesterday. The stores and banks will be closed in his honor. The Masonic fraternity will have charge of the services at the cemetery.

WOMAN, FOR WHOSE MURDER IN NORTH CAROLINA, GASTON MEANS IS ON TRIAL, WITH SOME OF HER FRIENDS.



Mrs. Maude A. King is Standing Facing a Noted Italian Tenor. Those Seated Are Mrs. C. A. Parker and Her Son.

MEANS IS GRILLED

Alleged Murderer Gets Hard Cross-Examination.

BUSINESS CAREER TRACED

Defendant Declares He Was Not Mrs. King's Financial Agent and Won No Money With Loaded Dice.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—

Mrs. Maude A. King, for whose death Gaston B. Means is being tried at Concord, N. C., was an intimate friend of the C. A. Parker family, of New York City. Mr. Parker, who is on Coos Bay on business, related the entire history of the influence exerted over Mrs. King by the man on trial for his life. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are theatrical people and Mrs. Parker has instructed many present stage stars.

Mr. Parker referred to Mrs. King as a very likable and jovial woman, one who was happiest when she could have a party of friends about to participate in her hospitality, and always enjoyed intimate social affairs, where she could discuss with her friends the topics of the day and things interesting in the musical or theatrical world.

This open disposition led her, Mr. Parker said, and she became a recluse soon after her employment of Gaston Means as a detective. Her friends saw her seldom, if ever, and nobody knew her address for more than a year at one time. They finally discovered her living at an expensive hotel in Chicago, with Mrs. King's mother as a member of the family. According to Mr. Parker's knowledge of the early association of Means and the murdered woman, the accused man was engaged to obtain evidence for Mrs. Means against her husband for use in divorce proceedings. Means soon gained control of the woman and her finances, and her former friends saw no more of her. Mrs. King's death at Concord, N. C., was a surprise to her old friends, who supposed she was still in Chicago.

GASTON MEANS TELLS STORY

Alleged Murderer of Mrs. Maude King Given Long Grilling.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 8.—Gaston B. Means, on trial in Cabarrus County Court for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was subjected to long hours of grilling cross-examination today by Assistant District Attorney Dooling, of New York, but when he left the stand tonight he apparently was as fresh and as confident as when he began, three days ago, the recital of his version of the death of the wealthy Chicago widow.

Means' examination took him over the long trail of his various and somewhat spectacular financial transactions from the time he became connected with Mrs. King's financial affairs until the time of her death. He never acted as her "business agent," he said, as he never was given power of attorney by her. However, he advised her as to the handling of her funds.

Frequently Means' answers to questions were prompt and positive, but almost as frequently they were evasive, or his answer was that he could not recall without refreshing his memory from receipts and other documents which were not in court. Often he sought to place the burden for their absence on the prosecution, alleging that he left them in his New York apartment and that they were taken in the raid by the police in New York.

The name of Mrs. J. B. Foraker, Jr., wife of the son of the late J. B. Foraker, ex-Senator from Ohio, was brought into the case late today by Mr. Dooling when he asked Means if he had not won thousands of dollars from Mrs. Foraker in New York with the long dice. Means indignantly declared that he never threw "loaded" dice or won a thousand dollars or any other amount, either from Mrs. Foraker or Mrs. King.

Albany Mourns Late J. C. Hammel.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—J. C. Hammel, who died yesterday at his home in Corvallis, was a leading hotel man in Albany for several years. He formerly conducted the old Revere House in this city for several years and was the new six-story Hotel Albany, at first called the Hotel Hammel, was constructed he managed that hotel for some time. Mr. Hammel was a member of the Albany lodges of Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons and Elks.

Pendleton Man Elected President.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—To meet again after the war is the principal object of the students in the second class in ordnance stores accounting, now in session on the campus, in organizing themselves into a permanent body. F.

W. Bond, of Pendleton, president, and E. R. Slade, of Salem, secretary, are the officers elected.

During the time they are at the university the class plans to hold several social affairs. They will complete their work here December 22, and before being mustered into the Federal service in different parts of the country the members of the class will spend a week studying the methods used in receiving, storing and handling goods in Portland commercial and industrial plants.

OPIUM SMUGGLER CAUGHT

Coast Guard Gathers in Former Treasury Department Agent.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—Roy Sisco, former special agent of the Treasury Department engaged in running down drug smugglers, today was in all at Anacortes, Wash., charged with attempting to smuggle 100 cans of opium into Seattle from Vancouver, B. C., according to word received here.

Sisco, while piloting a launch in the darkness across Deception Strait, was overhauled and arrested last night by Captain B. F. Lichtenberg, of the United States Coast Guard cutter Scout Lichtenberg and Sisco formerly worked together in the service.

The launch and the 100 cans of opium found aboard were confiscated. It is said the opium is worth \$7500. Sisco was held in jail in default of \$3000 bail.

"OLDER BOYS" IN SESSION

J. W. Boyer, of Baker, Elected President; Meet Next at Enterprise.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—It was another big day for the Eastern Oregon boys who are here to attend the seventh annual conference of "Older Boys."

At the business session this morning Enterprise was selected for the next meeting, place and J. W. Boyer, of Baker, for president, to succeed George McDonald, of La Grande; Arthur Rudd, of Joseph, as vice-president; Paul Mortimer, of Pendleton, for secretary-treasurer.

Half a dozen prominent Y. M. C. A. and church workers of Eastern Oregon spoke.

Tonight the La Grande Y. M. C. A. was host at a banquet to the boys, at which 350 youngsters were seated.

High School Dedicated.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The new high school building was appropriately dedicated here last night with practically the whole town in attendance at the services. George W. Denman, president of the School Board, presented the building to the public and B. W. Johnson, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, accepted for the school district. The high school enrollment in Corvallis has increased from 89 in 1909 to 430 in 1917.

Tigard Man Dies at Tigard.

J. T. Moylan died on November 25 at the home of his mother in Tigard after an illness of two years. His death was a shock to his many friends. Mr. Moylan came to Oregon in the '80s and became engaged in the timber and logging business with his brother, the late R. J. Moylan. He is survived by his mother, two brothers, Martha and Pat, and one sister, Mrs. James O'Mara, all of Tigard.

McMinnville Officials Hooverize.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The McMinnville Park Commissioners are recognizing the Hoover plan and several animals at the city zoo will be disposed of. One of the bears has been purchased by the Texas officials and shipped to one of the public parks in the southern part of the state. The other two bears of the deer are also to be sent away.

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