

NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL BELIEVED DROWNED

Esther Chapman Disappears
at Oswego Lake Resort.

KIDNAPING HELD POSSIBLE

Child Last Seen in Wading, but
Tale of Strange Man Is Told.
Parents Live in Portland.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—Esther, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chapman, 1022 1/2 Hawthorne avenue, Portland, is probably drowned in Oswego Lake, though persistent search has failed to recover her body.

The little girl was last seen at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. A half hour previously she was given permission by her mother to go bathing in the lake off the pier at Lake Grove, and in company with another little girl, and clad in bloomers covered by a singlet dress, she was wading around in the water, which is not more than four feet deep at the end of the pier.

Suddenly the girl was missed, and her parents, with scores of the hundreds of people spending the day at the lake, searched in vain for her until after dark.

Search Proves Fruitless.
Bathers formed a ring and swept the lake near the pier, but to no avail. This morning Dave Grant, Paul E. Holmes, Robert Thayer, George Wright and Ernest Valliant dragged the lake around the pier.

Within a stone's throw of the end of the pier the water deepens suddenly, and it may have been that the little girl stepped into this depression at the bottom of the lake. Another theory is that she was struck by one of the many motor boats cruising in the lake close to the pier.

Her parents refuse to believe she is drowned. Some of the bathers Friday noticed an elderly man, with a gray mustache, who urged a number of the young girls to go bathing with him, but this story was not told until late yesterday and the man was not to be found.

Dog Finds No Scents.

Deputy Sheriff Meade, Hughes and Snyder were notified of the child's disappearance Saturday morning and went to the lake. Snyder, who lives at 1014 1/2, taking his dog with him, but this dog was given one of the little girl's stockings for a scent, but was unable to locate a trail.

Chapman is a realty broker of Portland, and was camping with his family about 150 feet from the pier. Esther was an only child. She had light brown hair, dark brown eyes, with black lashes and was of slender build. Her parents are more inclined to believe she was lured away rather than drowned.

Snyder R. Vincent, publicity agent for the Chamber of Commerce, has organized a party of about 15 to search for the missing child today. He is anxious to have Portland volunteers join the party in beating up the woods. They probably will ask Mayor Baker to allow Municipal Grappler Brady to go and search for the body, although the lake is outside the city limits.

MILITARY QUESTION LOOMS

EARLY PASSAGE OF ARMY BILL
HELD NEED.

Four Exposed Secretary Baker's
Order Reducing Forces Will
Demoralize Organization.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The question of a permanent military policy probably will be forced before the present session of congress by Secretary Baker's order reducing the army to 223,000 officers and men by September 30. Military experts here believe only speedy passage of the army reorganization bill will prevent demoralization of the military establishment.

The recent army bill makes mandatory the continuation of the four new staff corps—chemical warfare, motor transport, tank and air service—none of which was provided for in the national defense act. Officers and men must be drawn from the line and from the regular staff personnel to provide the necessary overhead for these branches.

"A return to the status of 1908," was the prediction of one officer concerning the effects. In that year congress could muster only 25 men and regiments frequently were under one major and one captain.

The general staff already is at work on some programs which will permit the retention of a skeleton establishment which may be expanded for war.

Plans for the organization of the air service and tank corps looking to further progress will have to be abandoned, it was conceded. Service will be kept active through a headquarters organization with replacement and guards at the various depots.

PROPAGANDA IS PLANNED

MEXICANS WOULD PROMOTE
CAUSE IN UNITED STATES.

Carranza Organ Declares Million
Pesos Should Be Spent in Subsidizing 'Writers of Prestige.'

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Reported attempts by the Mexican government to purchase the support of American newspapers for spreading Mexican propaganda, in connection with a recent defense of Mexican policy toward American oil operators issued by General Carranza, have been called to the attention of the state department. The situation is being watched by officials here.

The Monterey, Mexico, organ of the Carranza administration, first to call public attention to it, said, in discussing the advisability of a propaganda campaign in the United States:

"Our chancellery should know all the details of this grave question; should sound all appropriations and direct an active press campaign in the United States. This last is of the utmost importance. Not 1908 or 1909, but 1,900,000 pesos, if it is necessary, should be spent in purchasing Yankee newspapers (there are those that will not refuse the business) so that they will defend us, and in subsidizing writers of some prestige who will translate the arguments which our own chancellery will give them. It is necessary to prepare in the very bosom of the United

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sion on Phone Strike.

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WASHINGTON, July 5.—Agitation by the I. W. W. has been renewed in Mexico, according to official reports received here today. While no actual violence has been reported, it was said there had been threats of serious trouble.

With the forcible deportation recently of a number of leaders who caused the strike in Mexico, the I. W. W. authorities believed that they had completely suppressed the I. W. W. agitation.

El PASO, Tex., July 5.—Francisco Villa and 60 followers were seen going southeast toward Satevo, Chihuahua, yesterday afternoon, a telegram received here from Chihuahua City today stated. Satevo is 45 miles southeast of San Antonio, where Villa captured and killed 40 home guards and executed the mayor Tuesday.

ARMY ASKS 154,000 MEN

GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS
INCLUDE 8000 ON RHINE.

Demobilization Proceeds Rapidly,
2,611,416 Soldiers Being Al-
ready Mustered Out.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Army men are now being discharged at an average rate of 15,000 a day, a war department statement today said. The grand total of discharges to date was given as 2,611,416. Enlistments have increased sharply since July 1, the total now being more than 70,000.

Nine replacement battalions of 1000 men each have been sent abroad.

Primary troop requirements which must be met include: 1,000,000 for the Philippines, Hawaii and the Panama canal, conservatively figured at 50,000 men; a guard for the southern border, now maintained at 20,000; a force of 8000 on the Rhine, and for the time being at least, 8000 men for Siberia. These total 96,000 officers and men at army posts, with a further addition for the coast defenses. War department plans approved as late as March provide 53,000 officers and men for the coast defenses.

12,000 temporary officers who have applied for permanent commissions in the regular army must be discharged forthwith because of lack of money.

ALBANY PARADE UNIQUE

Parents Who Had Four and Five
Sons in Service Honored.

ALBANY, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—Albany had one feature in its big Fourth of July celebration here yesterday which probably few cities at its size could equal. In a car in a post of honor rode the parents of five boys who were in the service and the parents of four boys who were also in the great war.

O. A. Archibald, vice-president of the Albany State bank, and Mrs. Archibald, and P. D. Gilbert, ex-mayor of Albany, and chairman of the Lin county unit of the National Council of Defense, and Mrs. Gilbert, rode in a car at the head of the parade. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald had five sons in the service and Mrs. P. D. Gilbert had four boys in the army.

LOGGERS TAKE TUG-OF-WAR

Montesano Struggle Goes Over Hour
Before Farmers Are Beaten.

MONTESANO, Wash., July 5.—(Special.)—The tug-of-war, which has been an annual feature at the harbor for many years, was pulled off in Montesano yesterday afternoon and was witnessed by more than 12,000 people. A great surprise was sprung in the defeat of the farmers' team, which had held the championship for the past six years.

The loggers' team captured the title after a struggle lasting one hour and 12 minutes. For the first 45 minutes it looked as if the farmers would again be proclaimed champions, holding a margin of six inches of rope, but the loggers, who had fought tenaciously, finally got in their hard work and won.

LONDON HAS CELEBRATION

Thousands of Britons Pay Honor to
American Holiday.

LONDON, July 5.—London had her own victory celebration today—quite distinct from the national celebration to be held July 19—when the London regiments which participated in the war, after a review by the king at Buckingham palace, marched through the streets to Tower Hill.

It was the most spectacular military event in London since the armistice. Twenty thousand men from various regiments participated and London, a great lover of spectacles, gave her own sons a welcome which would be hard to surpass.

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Through a misunderstanding the state conciliation board, now making an investigation in the strike of the telephone operators and electrical workers in Oregon, did not convene yesterday as was planned, but will meet Monday morning in Library hall to take up a continued hearing.

No reply to the telegram dispatched to Postmaster-General Burleson by the conciliation board yesterday. The strike situation remained quiet, with no apparent new developments. A copy of the demands made by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company was presented to William F. Woodward, chairman of the board. This demand, in the form of an agreement, was presented to the company by the California delegates on June 20 and followed the presentation of another agreement which sought more concessions than are included in this agreement.

Reason for the failure of the Oregon Branch of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to derive profits from its business in this state, as alleged by Judge Charles T. Carey, legal representative of the company, will be the subject for investigation of the board, beginning tomorrow, according to Chairman Woodward.

Explanation Is Sought.
Mr. Woodward contends that certain statements have been made which should be explained and which have a distinct connection with the present controversy between the company and its employees.

For instance, Chairman Woodward points to the testimony of representatives of the telephone company that 85 per cent of the gross revenue of the Oregon company is reverted to the parent company and that the bulk of the supplies used by the telephone company in Oregon is purchased from the Western Electric company, said to be a subsidiary company of the Bell telephone interests. These purchases, according to Mr. Woodward, are alleged to be made at prices much higher than might be obtained if purchased on the open market.

Woodward believes, and fellow-members of the conciliation board concur in his belief, that there must be some valid reason for the failure of the Oregon company to derive profits from its business, and that the general public is entitled to enlightenment as to those reasons.

Strikers Number 455.

A revised estimate made yesterday placed the number of men on strike in Portland and the state of Oregon at 455, which is said to be almost 100 per cent of organized electrical workers.

Miss Mabel Leslie, organizer, who had been in Portland in the interests of the telephone operators' strike, has gone to Tacoma to assist the girls who walked out there. Estimates prepared yesterday showed approximately 750 girls in Portland and other towns of the state to be out, 530 of these being employees of the Portland exchange. The ranks continue to grow, seven applications having been received Friday. Reports from Tacoma indicate a 100 per cent walkout.

The Portland strike fund continues to grow. A collection taken on the street in front of the Main exchange Friday netted \$21, and the Scandinavian socialist picnic held Friday contributed \$140.65.

Patrons Complain of Service.
Strikers were encouraged yesterday by the report that one of the "gunners" employed at the Woodlawn exchange had been discharged by the company for alleged disrespect to pickets of the

operators' union. They found satisfaction, also, in reports that telephone subscribers are complaining of poor service and threatening to contest payment of monthly bills unless relief is given by the company.

Miss Helene Jones, an organizer who had been in Astoria, reported that 50 per cent of the operators employed in that exchange responded to the strike call, nine out of 16 leaving the switchboard.

The meeting of strikers held in Woodmen of the World hall yesterday afternoon was largely attended and encouraging reports were heard. Owing to the weekend holiday, little activity has been shown in the strike situation, but both electrical workers and telephone operators appeared more optimistic than at any time since the call was issued.

Terms of Agreement.
The agreement received by the conciliation board provides for an eight-hour day, double pay for overtime, and holidays; payment of board for foremen sent away from headquarters; free transportation; semi-monthly payment of employees, and designates classifications of workmen engaged in various lines of work. Working rules require that the company employ only members of the brotherhood, so far as they are able to furnish them, and the scale of wages is outlined, ranging from \$175 per month for foremen to \$6.40 per day for journeymen.

The agreement provides further that grievances of employees shall be taken up first with the immediate superior of the aggrieved employee, and in case no adjustment is made the case shall be transferred to a board consisting of one member representing the company and one member representing the brotherhood, and a third member to be chosen by the two already named.

CAR TIEUP IMPENDING

5200 UNION MEN EXPECTED TO
STRIKE IN CLEVELAND.

Offer by City Council of Allowance
Sufficient to Meet Demands Re-
jected by Company.

CLEVELAND, O., July 5.—Unless something unforeseen develops before 4 o'clock tomorrow morning 2600 union motormen and conductors of the Cleveland Railway company will strike because of the deadlock between the employees, the company and city officials over the men's demand for an increase in wages of 15 cents an hour.

The city council made a final effort this afternoon to avert a strike by granting the railway company a sufficient extra allowance, under the Taylor plan, whereby the city controls street car lines, to pay the men the increased wage they demand, but it was rejected by President Stanley of the company.

Mr. Stanley has issued instructions to operate all cars possible tomorrow. Mr. Stanley asked Superintendent of Police Sitt for police protection tomorrow in operating the cars.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 5.—The Los Angeles Shipbuilding & Drydock company, which closed its plant in the harbor district of Los Angeles about six weeks ago when its employees instituted a strike, announced today that it would reopen Monday "for the benefit of former employees whom we may be able to employ and who may desire work." The strike has remained unbroken.

In the company's announcement it was set forth that the company and the strike committee have been unable to agree on terms, the company holding that the ship company should be selected from employees without regard to union affiliations or their lack, and the strike leaders have contended for a company committee. No wage dispute was involved in the strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—A suggestion by the San Francisco Labor council that the matters in dispute between the electricians and operators and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company be placed for arbitration in the hands of a board headed by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna and Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco has been rejected by D. P. Fullerton, plant superintendent, on behalf of the company.

A statement today from William T. Bonser, president of the labor council, and Michael J. McGuire, vice-president, scored the attitude of the company and promised to the strikers united support of San Francisco's organized labor in their fight.

Fullerton, in refusing the proffer of arbitration, declared the company's of-

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fer of a basic scale for electricians of \$6 a day and for operator beginners of \$5 a day, increased to \$2.11 at the end of five years' service, represented the greatest increase the company felt it possible to offer and there was nothing left to arbitrate.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 5.—Joseph Lyons of Chicago, general representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who is in Louisville in connection with a strike of approximately 400 telephone workers, issued a statement today asserting that steps are being taken to call a strike in telephone exchanges in the south.

BUTTE, Mont., July 5.—Telephone and street-car service continued uninterrupted here today despite a strike by members of the electrical workers' union in protest against the imprisonment of Thomas J. Mooney for murder. Several of the buildings trashed were affected, but it was stated that the

strike had not attained large proportions. Mining operations here and work in the smelters at Anaconda and Great Falls were continuing today as usual. Delegates were arriving today for the "one big union" convention to meet here tomorrow and continue Monday.

Phone Operators Net \$350.
ASHLAND, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—Striking telephone operators here amassed the sum of \$350 for their strike fund by operating a refreshment stand in Lithia park on July 4. Pretty hello girls made a hit with the celebration crowd. Imported operators are maintaining service at the local office.

Trained Workers Needed.
Because of a shortage of trained workers for the public library it has been necessary to open a class of instruction, and applications for this will be received at once. All young men and

women between 20 and 30 years, who have had a good high school education and are in good physical condition, are eligible to enter the school. They should communicate with Miss Ethel R. Sawyer, director of the training class at the Central Library.

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