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**GENERAL RAILWAY
TIE-UP FORECAST****Nation-Wide Strike De-
clared Impending.****ACTION DEMANDED BY UNIONS****Immediate Reply to Plea for
Huge Lift Asked.****DESIGNS HELD DISCLOSED****Brotherhoods, It Is Said, Want
Government Agreement Before
Roads Pass to Private Hands.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,
Washington, Feb. 7.—A great nation-
wide railroad strike is forecast in the
events of the last two or three days.

The test will come in demands from
the railroad brotherhoods for an im-
mediate answer to their request for
increased wages amounting to be-
tween \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.
The first move of the impending con-
flict is seen in the action of the gen-
eral chairman of the maintenance of
way employees and shop laborers' union
in their conference in Detroit
yesterday in voting unanimously to
call a nation-wide strike unless Direc-
tor-General Hines accedes to a request
for increased wages within seven
days.

This union alone has 200,000 mem-
bers and its demands affect every
road under government control.

Design Seen in Action.

Commenting on the action of this
group of employees, a member of con-
gress declared today that the purpose
of the brotherhoods is to secure from
the railroad administration a definite
agreement granting them a wage in-
crease of 40 per cent. Obviously such
an agreement would be binding on the
railroad administration until March 1
only, at which time the roads revert
to their owners under the president's
proclamation, but it would be binding
upon the private owners indefinitely.

The plain intention, this member of
congress continued, is, if the director-
general declines in seven days to
grant an increase, to call a strike. If,
however, the private owners, after
private operation is resumed, attempt
to lower wages, the brotherhoods will
justify a strike by saying that the
justice and propriety of their demands
were recognized by the railroad ad-
ministration.

Poor Public Disregarded.

"It would seem, therefore," he con-
tinued, "that the public is confronted
with the proposition 'you shall and
you shall not'—you shall and you shall
not, and you shall not, and you shall
be damned if you don't."

In the guarantee provision of the
new railroad bill, as brought out of
conference, is seen the germ of a long
series of strikes and the choking of
transportation in such a manner as to
demonstrate the strangle-hold it gives
the brotherhoods on the public throat.

The original Cummins bill contained
this guarantee of returns to the rail-
roads of 5 1/2 per cent above all oper-
ating costs, including labor, but it
also carried an anti-strike provision.

Admitting for the sake of argu-
ment, the fairness of a guarantee
provision, it is declared that such a
guarantee presents a sure menace to
the public interest unless accompa-
nied by legislation to curb strikes,
which the conference bill does not
carry. This guarantee, with no strike
deterrent, it is said, will necessarily
tempt the brotherhoods to make one
demand after another for increased
wages, knowing that each such extra
charge upon the roads will be passed
on to the consuming public in the
form of increased rates.

Naturally, the first desire of the
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**CHEATING AT POKER
IS CHARGED IN SUIT****NEW YORK COURT BEGINS
PROBE OF \$35,000 LOSS.****Five Times Amount Involved Is
Demanded—Prominent Men
Take Part in Games.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Investigation
of reports that certain poker players
had been cheated out of \$35,000 by
the use of marked cards was begun
today by Justice Kernochan on re-
quest of District Attorney Swann.
The law firm of William Travers
Jerome, ex-district attorney, made a
complaint to Mr. Swann in behalf of
several men in the cloak and suit
trade and motion picture industry
whose series of stud poker games
ended abruptly after six months
with a flat fight, when suspicion was
aroused that the most consistent win-
ner had introduced "cold decks" with
shadings on the back of each card to
indicate its nature.

Suit for five times the amount said
to have been won by this individual
has been suggested by the commis-
sioner of charities under a statute
permitting the recovery of such dam-
ages in behalf of the poor.

WEST POINT LIST OUT**Names of Men to Take Examinations
Are Announced.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The
western department of the army to-
day announced the names of enlisted
men designated to take examinations
for admission to the West Point mili-
tary academy.

The list included the following to
be examined at these army posts:
Vancouver Barracks—Platt P. Hop-
kins; Fort William H. Seward, Alas-
ka, Herbert S. Cooley; Fort Lawton,
Wash., John S. Thompson; Seattle,
Wash.,

Fort Douglas—Bruce W. Bidwell
and Charles M. Reading, Salt Lake
City.

Fort William H. Seward—Kenneth
E. Fravel, Hogan, Alaska; Homer
L. Lemons, Fort Liscum, Alaska.

FINZER IS TRANSFERRED**Former Oregon Adjutant-General
Goes to Texas Camp.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,
Washington, Feb. 7.—Colonel William
E. Finzer, former adjutant-general of
Oregon, is relieved from his present
duties at the western department,
San Francisco, and from the war
plans divisions of the general staff,
and detailed on duty with the 9th
infantry at Camp Travis, Tex.

Lieutenant Colonel William H.
Brooke, retired, now at San Francisco,
has been placed on active duty and
ordered to Portland, Or., as assistant
to the local army recruiting officer.

RAIN IS WEEK'S FORECAST**Precipitation in Middle and End of
Period, Oregon Prediction.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Weather
predictions for the week beginning
Monday are:

Northern Rocky mountain and
plateau regions: Local snows about
the middle and end of the week.
Temperatures below normal first of
the week and above normal there-
after.

Pacific states: Rains in Washing-
ton and Oregon in the middle of the
week and again about the end of
the week. Seasonal temperatures.

MIDDLE CLASS UNIONIZES**Host of "Refined, Intelligent" In-
dividuals Incorporated.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Middle
Class union of New York state, the
first organization of its kind in the
state, was today granted a certificate
of incorporation in the Brooklyn su-
preme court. The membership of
the organization, according to Joseph
Wolff, a lawyer and an incorporator,
will consist of "that host of refined,
intelligent, but unorganized individ-
uals who are neither labor unionists,
politicians, nor capitalists."

**11 AVOWED I. W. W.
HEAR INDICTMENT****Courtroom Hushed When
Charges Are Recited.****MONTESSANO TRIAL IS BEGUN****Prosecutor Sketches Details
of Alleged Plot.****ARMISTICE DAY RECALLED****Defendants Closely Attentive as At-
torney Allen for State Cites Events
Leading Up to Tragedy.**

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.
MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Spe-
cial.)—Eleven openly avowed mem-
bers of the I. W. W., charged with
the murder of Lieutenant Warren O.
Grimm, sat in a hushed courtroom
here this afternoon and heard the
Centralia armistice day crime, which
cost the lives of four ex-service men,
detailed by the opening statement of
the prosecution.

With the conclusion of the state-
ment, Judge John M. Wilson, presid-
ing, adjourned court until 9:30 Mon-
day morning. At that time the prose-
cution will begin the introduction of
evidence and testimony, first present-
ing maps and diagrams of the Cen-
tralía section where the armistice
day tragedy of November 11 was
staged.

Individual instances of alleged par-
ticipation in the crime, and in the
plot which the state declares was
the forerunner of the deadly rifle
fire, rang in the ears of the accused
men themselves, deliberate statement
after statement, as Herman Allen,
prosecuting attorney for Lewis com-
mitted, sketched the contents of the state.
He opened the state's case at 1:30
o'clock.

Accused Keenly Interested.

The defendants, a row of roughly
dressed men on an oaken bench, paid
fierce, intent forward, paid
melancholy heed as the prosecutor
named them in the crimes they are al-
leged to have fired and designated the
strategic positions in ambush
which the defendants are alleged to
have taken.

For the first few minutes, while
Allen stood before the jury and
launched the statement, the accused
I. W. W. were tense and immobile.
Here and there a face twitched with
repressed nervousness. As the story
of the crime progressed, however,
nonchalance came back to them in
part, and several made whispered
comment.

Britt Smith, defendant, secretary of
the Centralia I. W. W. local and al-
leged moving spirit in the plan to
fire upon the patriotic paraders,
grinned at Bland, another defendant,
named them the state, they are al-
leged to have fired and designated the
strategic positions in ambush
which the defendants are alleged to
have taken.

Not So Clumsy, Perhaps.

All of the accused laughed openly
in amusement when Mike Sheehan,
oldest of the 11, a grizzled lumber-
jack, was described in the statement
as "too clumsy to be trusted with a
rifle."

Beginning his statement at 1:30,
Prosecutor Allen spoke for less than
an hour, ending with a plea for con-
viction as charged, should the jury,
after hearing the testimony and
weighing the evidence, find both to
be in accord with the contents of the
state in the case against the de-
fendants.

Elmer Smith, defendant, former
practicing attorney of Centralia and
charged with equal guilt as an acces-
sary, (Continued on Page 6, Column 1.)

**\$5,000,000 MORE IS
ASKED FOR WEST****SECRETARY LANE INCREASES
REQUEST TO \$12,873,000.****President Wilson Said to Approve
Estimated Expenditures—Ore-
gon Projects Mentioned.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary
Lane today asked congress to increase
appropriations for work on irriga-
tion projects next year from \$7,873,000
to \$12,873,000. The secretary said
President Wilson had approved the
estimated expenditures.

Nineteen irrigation projects in Ari-
zona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North
and South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyo-
ming, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas,
California, Oregon and Washington
would receive increased funds, per-
mitting greater development work.
The oil lands leasing measure re-
cently agreed upon in conference
provides for a division between the
royalties paid the government for use
of the mineral lands, and the secre-
tary said the prospects of enactment
of the bill make "it now seem prob-
able that the reclamation fund will be
increased by five to seven million
dollars."

Urging reclamation of arid lands as
fast as funds are available, Mr. Lane
said it was advisable to have been wait-
ing many years for a water supply.

Projects which would receive in-
creased appropriations under the Lane
plan include the Yuma, Grand valley,
Uncompagne valley, Boise, King hill,
Minidoka, Untley, Milk river, Lower
Yellowstone, North Platte, Newlands,
Carlsbad, Rio Grande, Umatilla,
Klamath, Belle Fourche, Strawberry
valley, Yakima valley and Shoshone.

LODGE TO VISIT SEATTLE**Members of Portland Elks Will
Help Initiate Large Class.**

Members of Portland Elks lodge,
No. 142, are planning to make a fra-
ternity visit to Seattle on Saturday,
February 21, for the purpose of con-
ducting the initiatory service for a
large class of candidates for Seattle
lodge, No. 92. This will be the first
time in years that Portland Elks have
made such a trip, and reservations
are being signed in rapid order.

A special train has been chartered
by the committee in charge of the
excursion, which will leave union sta-
tion at 11 o'clock Saturday morning,
February 21. Tickets will be honored
for the return trip up to midnight
Wednesday, February 25. A special
fare of \$7.84 for the round trip has
been obtained from the United States
railway administration. The commit-
tee in charge of the trip is composed
of W. E. McDonald, William F. Mc-
Kenney, Dr. Ben L. Norden, Frank
Lonergan and Frank V. Smith.

RAILROAD CHIEF BURIED**Funeral of Edward P. Ripley Is
Widely Attended.**

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Feb. 7.—
Many railroad officials of California
and Arizona were in attendance at
the funeral here today of Edward P.
Ripley, ex-president of the Santa Fe
system.

William Sproule, president of the
Southern Pacific, came in a special
car with a number of high railroad
men, including President Grey of the
Union Pacific and E. E. Calvin, fed-
eral manager of the Union Pacific.
Telegrams of condolence were re-
ceived today from W. G. McAdoo,
Walker D. Hines, federal director of
railroads, and the presidents, super-
intendents and managers of every
railroad company in the United States
and Canada.

CHICAGO THEATERS MERGE**World's Largest Managers' Asso-
ciation Organized.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The interests of
410 Chicago theaters today were
merged into the Allied Amusements
association of Chicago.
The organization comprises all dra-
matic, vaudeville, burlesque and mo-
tion picture theaters here, forming, it
was said, the world's largest theatri-
cal managers' association.

**LATIN WOULD CALL
IT ROOSEVELT CANAL****PROPOSAL MADE TO CHANGE
NAME OF PANAMA CANAL.****Former President Credited With
Bringing Pan-Americanism Out
of Camp of Idealism.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A change in the
name of Panama canal to the
Roosevelt canal in honor of former
President Roosevelt, was suggested
by Jose Tejada, president of the
chamber of commerce of Bolivia and
delegate to the pan-American fi-
nancial congress at a luncheon of the
National Republican club today.
"Colonel Roosevelt brought pan-
Americanism out of the camp of
idealism to the reality that we now
contemplate with so much pleasure,"
Senator Tejada said. "That magnificent
achievement, the construction of the
Panama canal, 'is one of the most
useful on this continent and of the
century in which he lived and we
live. It stands today in all its
majestic grandeur, fully completed,
working perfectly."

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**MARKET JUGGLING
CHARGED BY JURY****M. H. Houser, Hoover
and Others Involved.****BIG WHEAT 'DEALS' ALLEGED****Grain Corporation Official Ac-
cused of Manipulation.****FEDERAL ACTION IS URGED****Advantage Said to Have Been
Taken of Government Position
to Boost Grain Prices.**

GRAIN CORPORATION OFFI-
CIAL DENIES CHARGES.
M. H. Houser declared yester-
day there was no basis what-
ever for the allegations made
by the Spokane grand jury.
He said:

"The allegations made by the
federal grand jury at Spokane
are untrue. The whole thing is a
misstatement and distortion
of facts. The charges are ridi-
culous and absurd, and they can-
not get figures to substantiate
them. They are talking about
the average price paid to the
farmer for hard wheat was far
above what the grand jury
claimed, and wheat was not sold
to the mills at the prices al-
leged. Had the mills paid such
prices as charged they would
have had to sell their flour at
over \$15 a barrel, whereas the
flour price has averaged under
\$12 a barrel.

"The \$2.07 price mentioned is
the average price of soft wheat
and soft wheat flour can be
bought at \$10 a barrel anywhere
in the northwest in lots, with
an additional cost for cotton
sacks."

National.

"I have had absolutely noth-
ing to do with the management
of any of these concerns, not-
withstanding what the grand
jury may say to the contrary.
If I were loose from the grain
corporation and anxious to col-
lect a few filthy dollars, I would
not put in my time day after
day with the thankless job of
trying to handle the grain cor-
poration here in the northwest.

For the past three years, while
with the grain corporation, the
Pacific Grain company did only
a fourth as much business as
formerly, as I did not give it
my personal attention."

Domestic.

Speculation in grain by milling com-
panies of the Pacific northwest,
among them three Portland concerns,
in which Max H. Houser, vice-presi-
dent of the United States Grain cor-
poration for the northwest, is de-
clared by the report to be interested,
is charged in a return made by a
United States grand jury here this
afternoon.

Purchases of grain at the govern-
ment fixed price, estimated by the re-
port to total 85 per cent of the Wash-
ington state crop of 42,000,000 bushels
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**MORE DEATHS ARE
LAID TO RIPE OLIVES****INQUIRY INTO CAUSE IS BE-
GUN BY GOVERNMENT.****California Public Health Board Is
Co-operating in Probe; Mush-
rooms Poison Seven.**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 7.—Deaths
from eating canned ripe olives, which
caused ptomaine poisoning, were in-
creased to five here today. Two
other persons, guests at a luncheon
at which the victims also were pres-
ent, are critically ill.
Health officials are endeavoring to
trace the shipment of olives.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Inquiry has
been instituted at the source by the
public health service to determine the
cause of recent deaths from eating
ripe olives. Co-operation with the
state board of health of California
and the research department of
Leland Stanford university and the
University of California, the public
health service is endeavoring to as-
certain the conditions under which
the fruit develops poison, so that
only good olives will get on the mar-
ket hereafter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Seven
persons were removed to an emer-
gency hospital early today suffering
from ptomaine poisoning said to have
resulted from eating mushrooms.
Physicians said that probably all the
victims will recover.

MOONSHINE WHISKY FOUND**Barney Patrick's Home Raided and
200 Pint Bottles Discovered.**

Barney Patrick explained to Deputy
Sheriffs Christofferson and Kendall,
when they broke into his home at 15
Fifty-third street yesterday noon
and discovered 200 pint bottles of
raisin moonshine whisky hidden be-
hind flour bins in the kitchen, that he
had bought the liquor and was never
engaged in its manufacture.

The finding of 80 gallons of raisin
mash in the basement of the house
and a copper boiler discredited his
tale somewhat, and he was taken to
the county jail. No trace was found
of the coils and apparatus of the still
itself.

TWO ELEVATORS PLANNED**Colfax and Moscow to Get Large
Grain Elevators.**

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Spe-
cial.)—Two grain elevators and ware-
houses, with a capacity of 200,000
bushels each, will be erected at Mos-
cow, Idaho, and Colfax, Wash., this
summer by Alloway & George, Spo-
kane contractors, according to plans
made public today.

Work on the two structures will
begin in March, according to Mr. Al-
loway, and the construction will be
of reinforced concrete. The elevator at
Moscow will be for the Mark P. Miller
milling company.

PARSON TO FLY AGAIN**Lieutenant Maynard Will Cross
Country on Recruiting Trip.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Lieutenant
Melvin W. Maynard, the "flying par-
son," winner of the trans-continental
air derby, will leave Minnola, N. Y.,
Monday on a 2,000-mile flight across
the country in the interests of army
enlistments.

The route will include Washington,
Jacksonville Fla.; Jackson, Miss.;
New Orleans, La.; Louisville, Ky.;
Greensboro, N. C.; Richmond, Va.,
and back to Washington.

POET'S MEN SEIZE SHIP**Destroyer on Way to Pola Captured
by Insurgents.**

TRIESTE, Feb. 7.—The forces of
Gabriel d'Annunzio, Italian insurgent
leader at Piume, have seized the de-
stroyer Carlo Alberto Raccchia. The
destroyer was on the way from Brin-
disi to Pola when taken.
A train of foodstuffs has been
seized at St. Pietro del Carso by d'An-
nunzio volunteers masquerading as
railroad engineers.

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**BITS OF SLASHED
HUMAN PICKED UP****Growsome Find Made in
Sullivan's Gulch.****MURDER MYSTERY APPEARS****Parts of Legs and Body
Wrapped in Newspapers.****POLICE INVESTIGATE CASE****Indications Are That Fragments
Were Thrown From Grand Ave-
nue Bridge, Say Officials.**

Indications of a mysterious murder
were brought to light yesterday af-
ternoon, when portions of the lower
part of the body of a man were found
in Sullivan's gulch, just east of the
Grand avenue bridge.

Deputy Coroner Goetsch, who took
charge of the body, declared that the
man had apparently not been dead
more than five days.
The dismembered corpse was
wrapped in two different packages
with a newspaper, and was discov-
ered by Louis Demano, 5222 Fifty-
eighth avenue Southeast, who works
on the section gang for the Spokane,
Portland & Seattle railway. Demano
did not report his find to the police
until he was relieved from duty late
yesterday.

The parts of the body found in-
cluded the lower portion of the trunk,
the upper portion of one leg and the
lower portion of both legs. There
were no feet. Each portion was sev-
ered from the rest and all bore indica-
tions that a saw and other rude in-
struments had been used to cut up
the man's body. All the parts were
badly mutilated and it was difficult
for Deputy Coroner Goetsch to iden-
tify the portions as those of the body
of a man.

Find Made Near Bridge.