MINERS YIELD POINT; CONFERENCE IS SET

Premier Makes New Offer; Settlement Seems Nearer.

LABOR RAPS ITS LEADERS

Men Become Disgruntled Because of Threat to Call Strike Without Ballot by Members.

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men, transport workers and the government and had been accepted by the miners.

The triple alliance will remain in session during the negotiations.

The press association says:

"There is definite hope that the negotiations will proceed smoothly and that not only will active intervention by the railway men and transport workers be avoided but that the miners' stoppage will be ended. The early return of the pump men is possible."

Today representatives of the triple alliance continued efforts to bring about negotiations between the miners and the government. After the third interview between railway men and transport workers with the premier, J. H. Thomas and Harry Gosling, leader of the transport workers, reported that the deputation would discuss matters again with the miners, but would not see the premier again until tomorrow.

After this conference the premier had an audience with the king.

During the day it was reported that, provided the pumping difficulty could be surmounted, the government was not averse to negotiating the wage question on a national basis, as claimed by the miners. It is not certain, however, that the government will go that far.

The cabinet today sanctioned measures to insure the safety of the mines and batches of naval ratings were sent to Wales and Scotland to protect volunteers and pumpers, together with additional troops to aid civil authorities.

Reservists Ordered In.

Government preparations for meeting the emergency created by the threatened walkout of hundreds of thousands of transport and rail workers in sympathy with the mine workers next Tuesday midnight were speeded up this morning. Although there was little evidence of these activities noticeable all reservists were under instructions to report at their "places of joining" without waiting for individual notice from the authorities.

The government's proclamation calling upon army and navy reserves for service during the strike invited "loyal citizens, including those serving in territorial forces, capable of bearing arms and between the ages of 18 and 40, to report at the nearest territorial drill hall for the purpose of being commissioned or attested for temporary military service with the regular army in new units called 'defense units.'"

The reservists were asked to bring uniforms, if possible, one day's food, blankets, mess kits and other service gear.

Wires Being Laid.

The volunteers, who will be subject to 90 days' service, together with the special constabulary, are to be employed in assisting the regular crown forces in preserving order.

Members of the signal corps were busy this morning running lines from the wireless receiving station in Kensington gardens into Hyde park, adjoining, indicating the imminent utilization of Hyde park as a food depot, as was done during the railway strike in the autumn of 1919. The government already has stated the other parks would be taken over for the same purpose.

At the railway stations this morning men carrying kit rolls, marking them as reservists, were seen proceeding to their bases. Preparations to cope with the strike were not confined to the military branches of the service. At the Rosyth, Scotland, naval base, unusual activities were observed. All the warships in this base had steam up today. It was reported the air ministry had considered the practicability of pressing four large cargo-carrying airships into service for food transportation to inland centers.

Trains for several important football matches scheduled for this afternoon were cancelled and horse race meetings for the next few days called off.

Non-commissioned officers in charge of the territorials' drill halls and officials in other places designated as recruiting centers for the several civilian and military emergency services found "queues" of volunteers, representatives of all classes of citizens, awaiting their arrival early this morning. The response of those willing to assist in meeting the situation was declared by the officials to be most gratifying. Volunteers for the civilian services included many women.

Should the strikers seek to return to work they will have to accept a wage scale considerably lower than the one they refused when they struck a week ago, it was officially declared this afternon. This scale was based on output and on account of the damage already done the mines and the consequent reduction of their productive power the original wage offer "cannot stand when any future negotiations are entered into," it was said.

The executive board of the triple alliance held several sessions today, ostensibly in preparation for the strike ordered for next Tuesday. It is understood, however, that the meetings were concerned chiefly with attempts to find a new basis for peace, in view of the unresponsivenes of the many railway locals to the strike declaration.

Cabinet in Session.

Two meetings of the cabinet occurred during the day, one of which was attended by Earl Beatty, commander of the grand fleet, and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, chief of the British imperial staff. Baron Stratfordham, private secretary to King George, who made a hurried trip to London today from Windsor, conferred with the prime minister in Downing street with regard to the strike situation.

The prime minister telegraphed to the lord lieutenant of England, Scotland and Wales today impressing upon them the urgency of encouraging recruiting of the emergency force and requesting them to persuade employers of labor to release men for this purpose and keep their places open.

The war office announced that the response to the call for recruits in London and the provinces had exceeded all expectations. The printed supply of attestation forms was exhausted as early as noon today.

The department of mines of the board of trade has sent circulars to all the lighting and water supply organizations and to local authorities urging the utmost economy in the use of coal.

From the board of trade also came an order prohibiting any household purchasing more than one week's supply of food at a time and forbidding food hoarding.

The board of trade likewise mobilized the emergency staff of the food department to have it in readiness should rationing become necessary.

Reports from various parts of England, Scotland and Wales indicated that the triple alliance executive board may have more to do than the mere issuance of its strike decree in order to bring about a general cessation of work by the railwaymen and the transport workers, who with the miners make up the membership of this big labor organization.

Strike Call Challenged.

From the Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, Edinburgh and several other important locals of the National Union of Railwaymen comes word that the rank and file are challenging the right of the railwaymen's national executive body to call a strike without balloting by the men.

Some of these local bodies of railway workers declare the miners' resistance to the cuts in their wages, which brought about the strike in the coal industry, is justifiable, but they do not consider that they have anything to thank the miners for, and therefore should not be stampeded into a sympathetic walkout.

Further disorders were reported today from districts where the coal miners are on strike.

In Wales there were many cases of looting. In one instance a coal train was held up and a large quantity of the fuel taken. Raiders also are killing sheep pasturing in the hilly regions. Billboards, trees, fences and other fixtures of wood have been taken for fuel. In the Newcastle district there have been numerous fires and many telephone and telegraph poles have been destroyed.

Acute distress is already being felt in several districts and the Salvation Army is distributing food.

Phone Company Reports Loss.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The Multnomah & Clackamas Mutual Telephone company suffered a net loss of $2167.82, based on its investment and operating revenue, in 1920, according to a report filed with the Oregon public service commission today.

Price of Soap Cut.

CHICAGO, April 9. — Reductions ranging from 7 to 17 per cent in the price of all grades of soap were announced today by a large manufacturer.

Smoke a Say-So today.—Adv.

BRIDGES IN OREGON TO COST $1,045,200

Highway Engineer Lists Projects for 1921.

WORK WILL START SOON

Structures Carried Over From Last Year and Now Under Way Aggregate $519,700.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Bridges aggregating a cost of $1,045,200 will be constructed in Oregon during the year 1921 under the direction of the state highway commission, according to a report prepared here today by C. B. McCullugh, bridge engineer for the highway department.

Cost of the bridges carried over from last year and now under construction was estimated by Mr. McCullugh at $525,500, while structures contracted thus far this year aggregate a cost of $519,700. Work on most of the latter structures will start at an early date so that the contracts may be completed before the end of the year.

Bridges carried over from last year, together with their cost and location, follow:

Clatsop county—Coast highway, Youngs bay span, steel bascule type, $365,000.

Crook county—Crooked river highway, old bed crossing, wood truss, $3000.

Crook county—Crooked river highway, Dry Creek, wood truss, $1200.

Josephine county—Pacific highway, Harris creek, wood truss, $2000.

Linn county—Pacific highway, miscellaneous wood trestles, $5300.

Malheur county—John Day highway, Malheur river, steel truss, $45,000.

Tillamook county — Coast highway, Kilches river, steel truss, $28,500.

Tillamook county—Coast highway, Nestucca river, steel truss, $46,500.

Umatilla county — Oregon-Washington highway, Dry Creek, steel truss, $11,600.

Wasco county—Columbia river highway, concrete viaduct involving tracks of Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, $19,400.

Bridge Contracts Listed.

Bridges contracted thus far this year, together with cost and location, follow:

Clackamas county—Clackamas river at Parkplace steel truss, $54,000.

Coos county—Coquille river at Coquille, steel truss, $83,000.

Crook county—Crooked river, wood truss, $23,000.

Crook county—Crooked river highway, Bear creek, wood truss, $9200.

Douglas county—Pacific highway, Umpqua river at Myrtle creek, concrete arch, $83,000.

Douglas county—Pacific highway, Canyon creek, girder, $15,000.

Douglas county—Pacific highway, South Umpqua river, steel truss, $41,500.

Douglas county—Umpqua river in Roseburg, wood truss, $30,000.

Grant county—John Day river highway, John Day river and four other small openings, wood trusses, $44,000.

Lane county—Pacific highway, concrete viaduct over tracks of Southern Pacific railroad at Springfield, $42,000.

Malheur county—Old Oregon trail, Burnt river, two crossings, steel trusses, $34,000.

Malheur county—Old Oregon trail, Burnt river, truss, $32,000.

Tillamook county—North fork of Nehalem river, $29,000.

Contemplated Projects Numerous.

Other bridges contemplated for the year 1921, for which contracts have not yet been awarded, follow:

Clackamas county—Pacific highway, Willamette river, encased steel arch.

Linn county—Pacific Highway, Murder creek, concrete bridge.

Linn county—Pacific highway, Calapooia river, covered wood truss.

Lane county—Pacific highway, Southern Pacific railroad at Cresswell, concrete.

Lane county—Pacific highway, coast fork Willamette river, steel truss.

Yamhill county—West side highway North Yamhill river, concrete.

Umatilla county—Oregon trail, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, concrete.

Umatilla county—Old Oregon trail, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, concrete.

Union County Gets Many.

Proposed bridges in Union county, which are more numerous than in any of the other counties, follow:

Old Oregon trail, Spring creek, concrete; Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, concrete; Grand Ronde river, concrete; Grand Ronde river, concrete; irrigation ditch, concrete; Katherine creek, steel; Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, concrete; Wolf Creek, concrete; Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, concrete.

Baker county—Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, steel.

Baker county—Chicken creek, steel.

Malheur county—Old Oregon trail, Malheur river, steel.

Lake county—La Pine-Lakeview, Chewaucan river, concrete.

Yamhill county—McMinnville-Tillamook highway, Yamhill river, wood truss.

Coos county—Coos Bay-Roseburg highway, Sandy creek, covered wood truss.

In most instances the contemplated bridges are on routes now being improved, making their construction necessary at an early date.

WEEK'S CONTRACTS $2,000,000

Oregon Counties Beginning to Exhaust Road Funds.

More than $2,000,000 in road contracts were awarded during the past week by the state highway commission. This sum represents 135.74 miles. Another 124 miles will go under contract this month and next, at a cost of approximately $1,500,000. There is barely an average of $150,000 left for each of the 35 counties—exclusive of Multnomah, which receives no state highway money—and this money must be spread over a period of two years.

Main roads are nearing completion. To finish the Pacific highway, for example, there remains 1.2 miles of grading; 9.5 miles of macadam and 91.7 miles of paving. This artery will be finished next year to the last inch. The Columbia highway is paved from Astoria to Hood River and is under contract for paving to Mosier and next month contracts will be awarded for paving from Rowena to The Dalles. This will leave unpaved only the short section between Mosier and Rowena.

With these primary roads virtually disposed of, the commission is turning its attention to The Dalles-California highway, on which considerable work has been done in Jefferson, Deschutes, Klamath and Lake counties. Of particular importance was the adoption of a location of the northern end of this highway from The Dalles to Madras. The commission made this decision during the past week. To put this road through will cost about $1,500,000 for the 100 miles between The Dalles and Madras. Wasco county has $160,000 available and will try to vote an issue of $800,000 road bonds in June for co-operative purposes. Some of the proposed bonds are for linking The Dalles-California highway with the Mount Hood loop, which will shorten the distance between central Oregon and Portland by 40 miles.

The three big projects now in view are development of The Dalles-California highway, the Mount Hood loop and the Roseburg-California road via Coos and Curry counties. These are future improvements and will be taken up as rapidly as possible. Meanwhile the commission is anxious to drive the Old Oregon trail to its finish across eastern Oregon from Pendleton to the Idaho line.

36 ARE FOUND GUILTY

CONSPIRING TO ROB EXPRESS COMPANY IS CHARGE.

Jury Debates Evidence 28 Hours Before Convicting Alleged $1,000,000 Plotters.

MACON, Ga., April 9.—Verdicts of guilty on all five charges of the indictment were returned in federal court today against 36 persons accused of conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express company of property valued at $1,000,000. The jury deliberated 28 hours.

Four of the 64 persons indicted never were arrested; nine were found not guilty by the jury; nine verdicts of not guilty were directed by Judge Beverly Evans; five pleaded and one case was not pressed.

The trial consumed four weeks. Sentence will be passed April 38.

During the government's presentation of evidence it was shown that there was a system of signals used in the conspiracy. "Will he ride?" was a query to determine whether a person alluded to was "all right," the "all right" being an answering signal.

The maximum sentence is two years in prison or a fine of $10,000 or both.

MR. HARDING GUEST AT GRIDIRON DINNER

Correspondents' Club Jests With Federal Officials.

POLITICAL QUIPS KEEN

N. O. Messenger of Washington Evening Star Is Inaugurated as New President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—The Gridiron club of Washington correspondents, at its spring dinner, had as its guests President Harding and Vice-President Coolidge, members of the cabinet, members of congress, the diplomatic corps, officers of the army and navy and other figures. The fun centered about the departure of the old administration and the inauguration of the new.

Guests entered through an antechamber converted into a scene reminiscent of the Florida trip of the president.

No sooner were the guests seated than the tramping of heavy feet and the rattling of dinner pails was heard.

The presiding officer demanded an explanation.

"That dismal sound, Mr. President," came the answer, "is the democrats going to work."

An early feature wa. the inauguration, with "simplicity and economy," of N. O. Messenger of the Washington Evening Star as president of the club.

Cost Query Is Jest.

"How much did that inauguration cost" was demanded.

"S-s-s-h-h-h," was the reply. "Thirty cents, but don't tell Senator Borah."

The dinner was interrupted by a steamboat whistle and the ringing of bells.

"What's all this racket?" was asked.

"Senator Frelinghuysen's yacht Victoria, with the president-elect on board, is stuck in the mud again," was the answer.

A dilapidated individual, wearing an old bathrobe, sandals, whiskers, a battered plug hat and carrying a lantern, forced himself in and introduced himself as Diogenes. He asserted that he had found an honest man.

Diogenes Is Introduced.

"Just outside I met one of President Harding's cabinet. I slapped him on the back and asked him: 'How's the new job?' He whispered: 'Say, Diog, old scout, I don't know a thing about it so far.' There's an honest man for you. Then I whispered: 'Mr. Secretary, believe me, you are only starting in where the last cabinet left off.'"

Later a silk-hatted gentleman, carrying a portfolio of papers, was discovered rushing violently across the room, only to retrace his steps. After several trips he turned out to be Vice-President Coolidge.

"He says," reported a club officer, "he is a-doing his best to keep his engagements between the cabinet room and the senate."

Among those initiated as new members was Robert B. Armstrong of the Los Angeles Times.

An Arkansan has patented a swimming pool in which a gentle current of water carries bathers through long and narrow parallel channels, one after another until the start is reached again.

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Mark him! Mark that up-and-doing look, that appearance of a man who has got his stride in life. Yes, good clothes *do* help—more than you can figure in dollars and cents. And to be well-dressed costs so little now-a-days—when Kirschbaum Clothes, with their fine fabrics, their correct lines, their good tailoring, may be had at twenty-five to forty-five dollars.

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Prelude ..... Jarnfelt
Tarentella - Forosetta ..... Arditi
Tarentella - Tarenght ..... Bohm
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The theme throughout the picture will be "O Sole Mio"—Italian Song.

Again America's sweetheart demonstrates she is without a peer among screen actresses! In this wonderful drama Mary carries you to the heights of ecstasy, moves you to tears, and then convulses you with laughter.

IT IS INCOMPARABLE!

STARTS SUNDAY

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NO ADVANCE IN PRICES FOR THIS DOUBLE BILL

Thursday Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro"

LOEW'S HIPPODROME

Thursday Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro"

TODAY—LOIS WEBER'S

"What's Worth While"

Love without her aristocratic surroundings, or the same surroundings and a man she doesn't love—which?

WRITTEN BY A WOMAN, PLAYED BY A WOMAN, DIRECTED BY A WOMAN, AND PRODUCED BY A WOMAN

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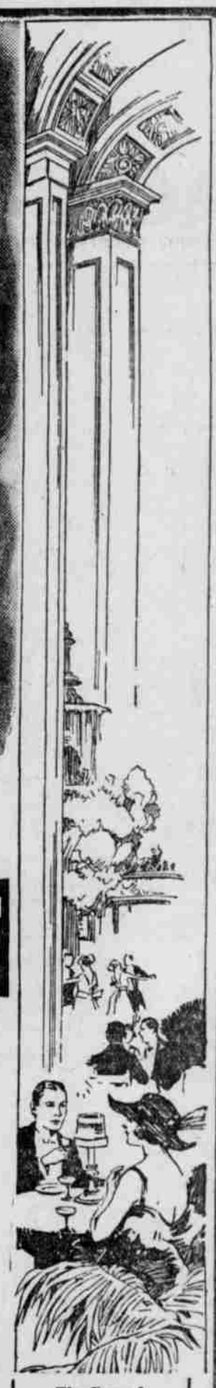

Coming Back! "Passion" will finish its run Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. These days mark your last chance.

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11 A.M. to 11 P.M.

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The Run of "Passion" had to be postponed until the latter part of the week, owing to a positive booking Saturday (yesterday) of "What's Worth While"

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