

## 600,000 REFUSE TO JOIN STRIKE

### Half of Railworkers Reject Proposal.

### 8 UNIONS MAKE DECISION

### Order Calling Out Maintenance of Way Employees Is to Be Withdrawn.

### TELEGRAPHERS TO QUIT

### Only Fourth of Railroad Men Will Go Out if Strike Is Executed as Planned.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Officials of unions with more than half of the rail employees of the nation in their membership tonight announced that their men will not be authorized to join the "big five" organizations in the strike called for October 30 in protest of wage cuts.

Announcements that they would not join in a walkout came from eight of the 11 "standard" rail unions which for a week had been withholding final strike decisions, although in most of them the members had voted overwhelmingly to quit work rather than accept a recent 12 1/2 per cent wage reduction authorized by the railroad labor board. Only one of these 11 groups now is determined to stand by the "big five"; it was announced, but two others have not yet taken final action.

### Telegraphers Left to Strike.

Following announcement by heads of the six shop crafts organizations, controlling 600,000 men, that they would not sanction a walkout, leaders of the 375,000 maintenance-of-way employees and of the 25,000 statoropery firemen at an executive meeting voted to withdraw their authorization of a walkout, leaving only the 75,000 railroad telegraphers positively with the "big five." Chiefs of the 350,000 clerks will make their decision tomorrow and the signalmen, 35,000 strong, also are yet to act.

Officials of the clerks said tonight they probably would not authorize a strike at their meeting, scheduled tomorrow, thus indicating, union leaders said, that a strike, if it materialized, would affect less than one-fourth of the country's railroad employees, being confined to the switchmen, conductors, firemen, engineers, trainmen and the telegraphers.

### Another Vote Probable.

The organizations which decided not to join an immediate walkout will take new strike votes after an expected labor board decision in regard to the rules and working conditions, it was said.

Action of these organizations was said by labor leaders to be the most serious anti-strike blow yet given the "big five" unions, which have called a strike. It came with bomb-

## HOMES OWNED HERE RATE 44.4 PER CENT

### RENTERS IN PORTLAND TOTAL 55.1 PER CENT.

### Census Reports 67,045 Dwellings in City, 53.8 Per Cent Being Free From Incumbrance.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Oct. 22.—A preliminary report made by the census bureau today shows that 67,045 homes were enumerated in Portland in January, 1920, of which number 44.4 per cent were owned by the occupants and 55.1 per cent were rented. Of the homes owned, 53.8 per cent were free from incumbrance and 46.5 per cent were mortgaged. Of the 13,552 mortgaged homes enumerated, reports were secured from 74.2 per cent.

The average market value of the mortgaged homes was \$4024 and the average mortgage \$1676. Based on the above values, the estimated market value of the mortgaged homes was \$55,000,000 and the mortgage debt \$22,000,000.

The prevailing rate of interest was 7 per cent, this being the rate for 52.5 per cent of the homes reported as mortgaged, and 36.5 per cent of the mortgages reported were bearing rates of interest from 6 to 8 per cent.

Where the mortgage represented 23.4 per cent of the market value, and for homes valued at less than \$2500 the incumbrance represented 48.6 per cent of the market value January 1, 1920.

### JAPAN SENDING MISSION

### Industrial and Business Leaders Coming for Trade Survey.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Masanao Kobayashi, chairman of a New York committee on arrangements for the reception of Japanese business leaders, arriving at Seattle October 28, left tonight to meet the party. It includes 23 of the leading industrial and business leaders of Japan, headed by Dr. Takuma Dan, who is said to parallel in Japan the position of J. Pierpont Morgan in this country.

### "\$3000 GIRL" IS MARRIED

### Wedding Follows Rejection of Oil Man's Proposed Loan.

JULIET, Ill., Oct. 22.—Catherine Peterson, 19, the "39000 girl," who several months ago offered to marry any man who would give her \$3900 for an education, was married today to John Edward Miller of Shreveport, La. Her offer drew scores of replies.

### BRADY ADDS TO EVIDENCE

### New Material Gathered to Aid State in Arburckle Prosecution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Matthew F. Brady, district attorney, returned from Los Angeles today with the announcement that he had "found much new evidence to aid the state" in the manslaughter case against Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arburckle, in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress.

## 'LET 'EM STRIKE' IS PUBLIC MANIFESTO

### People Are Standing Pat on Railroad Issue.

### CONSEQUENCES NOT FEARED

### Millions Now Jobless Ready to Serve as Carriers.

### FARMER IS NOT STRIKING

### Sentiment Generally Seems to Be That This Would Be Good Time for Railroad Cleanup.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Oct. 22.—"Let 'em strike." This quotation, which is from a number of telegrams reaching government officials here, within the last few days, sums up the public attitude toward the threatened walkout of the railroad brotherhoods.

Instead of being uneasy about the strike scare, the public at large appears to be suffering only from the fear that the railway men will not carry out their threat. In other words, the public is standing pat and is demanding that the government do the same thing. The feeling is widespread that almost everybody else has been deflated except the railroad workers and that it is time for them to contribute something toward reduction of the cost of living.

### Farmer Is Not Striking.

An Iowa farmer writes to remark that he does not intend to strike because he can get only 18 cents a bushel for his corn, and suggests that if the trainmen insist on taking a punitive vacation at this time they leave his corn rotting in the field. He is positive in his assertion that nothing should be placed in the way of the strike, referring to his own losses in the last year in this good-natured style:

"I have had to take up my belt three holes, and my wife (that I love) ordinarily inclined to be stout, has taken the third reef in her corset since this year's crops were harvested. It seems to me that what these railroad men need is a chance to know what hard times mean. Their wives should be made permanent and trucked to enough. Let them find out right now that McAdoo is not running the railroads any more and that the men who are in charge of the government now are onto them and know that their gun is not loaded."

### Millions Now Jobless.

A new factor also enters the controversy to make matters different this time. On other occasions these walkouts have been staged under more favorable auspices for the railroad workmen. This time there are approximately 3,000,000 jobless men in this country of whom possibly two-thirds believe, in the present state of their appetite, that they could operate a train better than Warren S. Stone, B. M. Jewell or W. G. Lee.

And the chances are that they could do it better, because Mr. Stone and Mr. Jewell and Mr. Lee have not been running trains for some time, but instead have been running the brotherhoods at fancy salaries. Stone, for example, receives \$25,000 a year. These jobless men are applying for jobs by thousands and are ready to go to work October 30. They are not standing on any ceremony or shrinking from employment because of any union rules.

## CYCLONE HITS VESSEL OF JAPANESE ENVOYS

### HEAD OF ARMS DELEGATION HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

### Terrific Tempest Demolishes Furniture and Tumbles Passengers Into Scuppers.

ABOARD STEAMSHIP KASHIMA MARU, Oct. 22.—(By Radio to the Associated Press.)—A terrific cyclone characterized by the ship's commander, Captain Itano as the worst in his 30 years' experience at sea, Thursday struck this ship, carrying among other passengers the principal delegates of the Japanese mission to the Washington conference.

Prince Tokugawa, head of the delegation, narrowly escaped injury when a tremendous wave smashed the door of his room to splinters and hurled fragments of the broken mirror in his bureau flying about the compartment.

Scarcely 120 feet high, towering 60 feet above the ship's flying bridge, swept aboard, demolished furniture in the saloon and cabins, sent trunks and other articles spinning across the decks, wrenched the chairs in the dining saloon from their fastenings and tumbled passengers into the scuppers.

Captain Itano drove his ship aloft into the teeth of the wind in his effort to flee to safety from the swirling storm that was dragging her toward the vortex of the disturbance. Today the vessel finally broke out of the cyclone's grip, 1665 miles out of Yokohama.

With the danger passed, Captain Itano addressed the passengers in the saloon today. He declared that (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

## JURY AWARDS \$29,227 ON LUMBER CONTRACT

### CIVIL ACTION ALLEGING NON-FULFILLMENT IS WON.

### Federal Court Allows Full Amount Which San Francisco Concern Demanded of Medford Mill.

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The southern Oregon term of the United States district court, which has been held here for more than two weeks, ended this afternoon, and Judge C. E. Wolverton, Chief United States Deputy Marshal Mann and Deputy Clerk of Court Morton left for Portland tonight.

A jury in the court today noon in the civil action of the McComber-Savidge Lumber company of San Francisco, against the Big Pine Lumber company of Medford, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The suit probably will be appealed to the United States court of appeals. The suit was for the collection of \$29,227.66, alleged to be due for non-fulfillment of contract, and this was the jury's award.

By a decision handed down this morning by Judge Wolverton, it was held that Charles H. Owen of Salt Lake City could not be served with papers in a civil action, when brought into the state on extradition papers, growing out of his indictment in the Bank of Jacksonville failure, and a civil suit filed by State Bank Superintendent Bramwell. After he had been returned to the state of Oregon and was in the custody of the sheriff in Medford, Owen was served in the civil suit.

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## WOLF, 13, BECOMES COP'S PROUD SON

### Patrolman Burdick Idol of Little Red-Head.

### LAD FOUND AT UNION STATION

### Trip Made From Sheridan in Search of Fortune.

### WANDERER IS LUCKY

### And Just to Prove It, He Says His Birthday Is Every Year an 'It Might a' Been Every 4 Years.

Floyd E. Biggs, 13, red-headed and shy, arrived in Portland last night from Sheridan, Or., to seek his fortune. Within 20 minutes after arrival he had been picked up by Patrolman Burdick, of the Union station beat, and adopted by Patrolman Burdick of Sergeant Gorman's narcotics squad. Floyd was born lucky. He was ushered into this world at 11:45 P. M. on February 28, 1908. If the angel of luck had not been perched upon his right shoulder, he would have been born on February 29.

### Straightforward Story Told.

"An' then I'd only have a birthday every four years," he informed Burdick. "Did you notice my initials? I was born in February an' my initials are F. E. B."

The boy was simple and straightforward in telling his story. He answered cross-examination on his statements in such a manner as to convince auditors that he was telling the simple truth. Few boys who are brought to police headquarters tell the truth, but they are city bred and have two parents, whereas Floyd was born in the country and had no parents for six years.

### Brother Is in Marines.

"I got a brother in the marines down in Panama—he's a regular marine and went over to France. Two of my sisters died and my little brother, but I got another brother in Bellingham. He's not very old, though."

"I got a lot of aunts and things. Let me see, they's five half-aunts, an' one real aunt, and I got six half-uncles. I been livin' with one aunt at a time, but none of them got very much money. After I stayed with them a while they got hard up and I went to live with another aunt."

"All of this last year I been livin' with my aunt in Sheridan. She was good to me, an' I went to school an' joined the Boy Scouts, but they bust up like they always do in small places. I passed the tenderfoot examination, though."

### Uncle Is Carpenter.

"My uncle, he's a carpenter. He doesn't get much work now. My aunt has got two children of her own, and she has a hard time getting along. They're wearing raggs. You know, before I left Sheridan I sold my school books. She bought them second-hand for me, but we sold them third-hand. She got \$3.55 for them and she bought her kids some underclothes with the money."

## RAIL FUNDING BILL FAVORED IN SENATE

### INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE TAKES ACTION.

### Cummins Amendment Would Permit Marketing of Securities Held by Administration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—The administration bill for funding \$500,000,000 of railroad debt was reported favorably today by the senate interstate commerce committee.

The bill included amendments by Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, chairman, broadening the financing operations. One amendment by Senator Cummins adopted would permit marketing of railroad securities now in the hands of the railroad administration through private channels, in addition to through purchase by the War Finance corporation. This provision would operate to extend the sale possibly beyond the \$500,000,000 limit fixed on the War Finance corporation.

### REDS TO BE RESTRAINED

### Demonstration at U. S. Embassy in Paris Forbidden.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French government today prohibited the proposed communist demonstration tomorrow outside the American embassy. It was reported that the communists would attempt to hold the demonstration anyway.

### 6500 TROOPS TO RETURN

### Army of Occupation in Germany to Be Cut One-Half.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—The gradual withdrawal of American troops from Germany, expected to start within two weeks, will involve a reduction of the American forces there to about one-half of the present strength of 12,000 officers and men.

### WEEK GENERALLY FAIR

### Occasional Rains Are Predicted With Normal Temperatures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Rocky mountain and plateau regions—Normal temperatures and generally fair weather. Pacific states—Normal temperatures and generally fair, except for occasional rains along the north coast.

### BULGAR MINISTER SLAIN

### War Secretary Victim of Assassination and Three Others Killed.

SOFIA, Oct. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—M. Dimitroff, Bulgarian minister of war, was assassinated today while motoring near Kosterdil, a resort 42 miles southwest of this city. His chauffeur and two companions also were killed.

## FARMER ADMITS ROBBERY OF BANK

### W. O. Brinson Is Held for Holdup in Jefferson.

### \$2940 LOOT IS OBTAINED

### Wish to Pay Off Fraudulent Mortgage Cause of Crime.

### FULL CONFESSION MADE

### Renter Says He Had to Get \$1900 to Return Money Borrowed by Practice of Fraud.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Walter Brinson, Linn county rancher, tonight confessed to Sheriff Bower and other local officers that he held up Lester Howell, bookkeeper of the Jefferson State bank, September 27, and looted the institution of \$2940. Brinson was arrested earlier in the day at Albany by Deputy Sheriff Morelock of Salem and Sheriff Kendall of Linn county.

Brinson, according to the confession, said he had obtained \$1900 from the First bank of Albany by giving a mortgage on his stock and crops, which, he said, were already mortgaged to the Albany State bank for \$1500. Fear that he would be sent to prison for fraud, he said, first led him to consider the robbery. Brinson was first suspected in connection with the bank robbery a week ago when he paid to an Albany merchant \$1 silver dollars in settlement of an account. It had been reported to the officers that 441 silver dollars were taken from the bank and the incident was telegraphed to Sheriff Bower of this city.

### Pleasur in Jail.

Deputy Sheriff Morelock was assigned to the case, and Brinson subsequently was placed under surveillance. Today, when Brinson arrived in Albany from his ranch, he was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Morelock and Sheriff Kendall. He later was brought to Salem in an automobile and lodged in the county jail.

When questioned by the officers tonight Brinson said he had been residing on a rented ranch two miles south of Albany and was heavily indebted. Besides owing \$1900 and three years' interest on two mortgages covering his personal property, he said he was delinquent in payments on his automobile and was confronted with other financial obligations.

### Robbery Is Described.

On the day of the robbery Brinson said he arrived in Jefferson shortly before 9 o'clock and parked his automobile around the corner from the depository. Waiting an opportunity time he said he walked into the bank, pointed his revolver at the bookkeeper and demanded money.

When Mr. Howell, who was temporarily in charge of the teller's window, informed Brinson that only \$500 was available on the counter, the latter ordered the bookkeeper to open the vault.

After looting the vault of \$2400, Brinson emerged, closed the heavy iron door, and left the bookkeeper a prisoner. Brinson said he then walked out of the bank, jumped into his automobile and drove to his ranch. In the meantime Mr. Howell had gained his release and had reported the robbery.

## PICTORIAL COMMENT BY CARTOONIST PERY ON SOME NEWS TOPICS.

