

HARDING ASKS ROADS TO REDUCE RATES

Co-operation with Commerce Body Requested.

19 DINE AT WHITE HOUSE

Agreement Reached to Have Committee Take Up Matter for Further Consideration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Request was made by President Harding at a conference with 19 of the leading railroad executives of the country at a White House dinner conference tonight for the co-operation of the larger roads of the country with the interstate commerce commission in voluntary reductions of railroad rates.

An agreement was reached for the creation of a special committee to take up the matter further. The rate matter was gone over during the conference, which was also participated in by Secretary Hoover, and it was declared in a White House statement issued after the meeting had terminated that the railroad executives were unanimously in favor of assisting the restoration of business by such rate action as they might find possible to take.

The only statement issued was that from the White House, in which the executives departing immediately and declining to discuss the conference, which lasted until a late hour.

Statement is Quoted.

"The president invited the railroad presidents and the board chairman to dine with him" the White House statement said, "and to confer with him concerning further relief for railroad service. In the conference, which was similar to the voluntary reductions granted in some commodities some months ago, more particularly on the basic commodities, it may be found necessary to speed industrial betterment. The whole railroad problem was discussed and difficult points of railroad management under existing conditions were presented. The presidents voiced their unanimous desire to make the railroad contributions possible to restore and maintain prosperity.

"Various aspects of the railway problem were discussed, particularly the necessary preparations for providing new or required equipment when normal business is restored. The president made it clear he was attempting none of the duties of rate-making or rate recommendations, but he felt that much could be accomplished by conference with the full cooperation of the rail heads and the government body charged with the regulation of rates.

Committee to Be Named.

The executives voted to have a committee named from the railroad to take up the problem and recommend what action could be taken. The list of railroad executives invited as announced at the White House, include the following presidents of roads:

A. H. Smith, New York Central; Carl E. Gray, Union Pacific; S. M. Finley, Chicago & Northwestern; W. B. Storey, Santa Fe; C. H. Markham, Illinois Central; H. E. Byram, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; W. H. Uel, Pennsylvania; Hale Holden, Burlington; Charles Donnelly, Northern Pacific; Charles Budd, Great Northern; P. H. Underhill, Erie; S. M. Felton, Chicago Great Western; Daniel Willard, Baltimore & Ohio; Fairfax Harrison, Southern, and Edward E. Lovvorn, Chesapeake & Potomac.

Also invited were R. S. Lovett, Howard Elliott and Julius Kruttschnitt, respectively chairmen of the boards of the Union Pacific, Great Northern and Southern Pacific, and Edward Chambers, now vice-president of the Santa Fe, and during the director of traffic for the railroad administration.

Policies Not Outlined.

Exact outlines of the rate policy President Harding was expected to put forward in his message to the dinner, except that reductions in freight charges, if these can be reasonably secured, constitute the chief administrative policy. The interstate commerce commission has before it representations of shippers made in its general hearing, which resembles a triangle in shape, with the apex at the heel. Such a foot cannot possibly be increased in a shoe of standard American size with comfort.

HALL AND OLCOTT CLOSE

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Ryan 253, Burnett 351, McCourt 334, Grand 392, Shepherd 186, Dalziel 238, Ham 214, Campbell 162, O'Connell 127, Patterson 484, White 277, Hoff 289, Ryan 1121, Burnett 1558, McCourt 1108, Rand 1965, Shepherd 474, Church 11525, Dalziel 486, Green 850, Campbell 84, Layman 317, Thiehoff 307. Fifteen precincts complete give King 248, Morrow 81, Holmes 32, Pierce 174, Sturckwaser 27.

Twenty-eight precincts complete, recall Williams, yes 990, no 768. Williams 554, Kerrigan 476, Buchtel yes 830, no 654, Buchtel 418, McCoy 448, Ostrander 264.

FITHIAN AHEAD IN DOUGLAS

Hall Has More Than 1000 Votes More Than Olcott in County.

DALLAS, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Complete returns from all but one small precinct in Polk county give: Hawley 1312, Fisher 284, Norblad 354, Bean 49, Hall 460, Lee 72, Olcott 127, Patterson 684, White 277, Hoff 289, Ryan 1121, Burnett 1558, McCourt 1108, Rand 1965, Shepherd 474, Church 11525, Dalziel 486, Green 850, Campbell 84, Layman 317, Thiehoff 307. Fifteen precincts complete give King 248, Morrow 81, Holmes 32, Pierce 174, Sturckwaser 27.

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CONCILIATION BOARD HOLDS UP DECISION

Hope of Waterfront Peace Avowed as Reason.

HIRING HALL SORE POINT

Employers and Men Declared to Be Agreed on All Other Issues of Controversy.

On the eve of making public its findings in the longshore strike controversy, in connection with which hearings have been conducted for more than a week, the Oregon state board of conciliation determined last night to hold the matter in abeyance for a period of 48 hours, in the hope that a means might be found of ending the strike, it being virtually a fait accompli for the settlement of all issues had been found, with the single exception of a common point of employment.

Members of the board were in conference yesterday with representatives of the longshoremen's union, also with representatives of the waterfront employers' union and the chamber of commerce, and no positive means was found of disentangling the hall feature. In agreeing to arbitration, it was insisted that men be hired through the employers' hall, and they were unwilling to accept it.

Employers Are Firm.

On the other hand the employers have not budged from their position. They are willing to accept arbitration through their recently established hall. A plan of determining on a neutral hall has failed, or at least has failed to fall far enough to night. Yet, even though the state board had progressed to a point in their being drafted a hearing, they have concluded that the employment barrier might be lifted was agreed to be of such importance that action was deferred until tomorrow afternoon.

The board members expressed themselves as ready to reopen the matter, but if any encouragement is given, but with the longshoremen on record for arbitration, as is the shipping board, while the employers accepted only conciliation, the board is powerless to enforce its conclusions on the factions, it was said. Every effort will be expended to discover methods by which the deadlock may be overcome.

Strike on For Month.

The strike was precipitated Sunday, April 23, so has been in force four weeks today. The employers reported abundant for shipping, but demands at present, and more workers to be had. Union men will be present to present themselves at the hall, but not elsewhere. The employers said, as the only carriers materially detained as to cargo being the shipping board, the employers being accorded dispatch, the employers said, the strike is not entirely over. It is expected by the union in halting work.

Since a week ago Tuesday morning no outbreaks have been recorded on the waterfront, though the employers are continuing their system of hiring men on the steamer T. J. Potter, as well as at terminal No. 4.

JAPANESE FEET PECULIAR

Shape Makes Market There for American Shoes Impossible.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Japan's triangular feet prevent the development of a market for American shoes in that part of the Orient, according to a report to the commerce department today from Consul Langdon at Yokohama.

"The average Japanese foot," he said, "is triangular in shape, the heel of the foot and the base of the small toe, and has straight, widely separated toes. The foot, therefore, resembles a triangle in shape, with the apex at the heel. Such a foot cannot possibly be increased in a shoe of standard American size with comfort.

ILWACO GRADUATES 17

All Students Declare Intention of Getting Higher Education.

ILWACO, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Commencement exercises of the class of 1922 of the Ilwaco High school were held at the high school auditorium last night. Rev. F. L. Peterson delivered the invocation. Superintendent J. H. Peterson presided. S. Gilbert of Astoria, who delivered an eloquent address on "The Zero Hour." Several musical numbers were rendered by the school orchestra.

BOY BURNED TO DEATH

Lad, 8, Sets Fire to House While Playing With Matches.

ARLINGTON, Wash., May 20.—After setting fire to his home, presumably while playing with matches, Herman Medina, 8 years old, was burned to death here late today. Neighbors who knew of the boy's presence in the house, made temporary efforts to reach him, but were driven back by the flames.

The lad had climbed into the attic of the house, which was an unfinished school, on his way home from school. His parents arrived while attempts were being made to rescue him, and were returning from rushing into the burning place.

West Scio to Have Club.

WEST SCIO, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—M. J. Duryea, of the state chamber of commerce, spent this afternoon in assisting to perfect temporary organization of the Santiam Community club, which appointed I. V. McAdoo, editor of the Scio Tribune, as chairman and Milo Hart, city recorder, as secretary. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and another on membership. On June 3 another meeting will be held, and Mr. Duryea and other prominent men present, to effect a permanent organization.

POINCARÉ UPHOLDS RIGHT TO USE ARMY

Force to Make Germany Pay Is Still Favored.

LETTER SENT TO KLOTZ

Action Either With or Without Aid of Other Allies Is Declared to Be Nation's Right.

BY LINCOLN EYRE. (Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

PARIS, May 20.—(Special Cable.)—With the date on which Germany must yield to the reparations commission's demands or be formally labeled a defaulter only 11 days off, Premier Poincaré again insists on the French right to take action against Germany, with or without the aid of the other allies, once German failure to pay has been formally recorded by the commission.

In this M. Poincaré flatly contradicted a Chamberlain, British government leader in the house of commons, who stated in the house that the French government has bound itself to act only in concert with the allies in enforcing the treaty of Versailles.

Lloyd George Not Greeted.

The French premier also refrained, quite deliberately it seemed, from attending any official salutation whatever to David Lloyd George when the British prime minister passed through Paris this morning on his way from Genoa to London. The only representatives of France on hand when the British delegation's special train rolled into the Lyons station were a few policemen and detectives.

Lord Harding, the British ambassador here, boarded the train and accompanied his chief of staff, leaving the special at La Chappelle. Mr. Lloyd George declined to receive any newspapermen and no statement was issued on his behalf.

An extraordinary departure from diplomatic etiquette was involved in this failure to meet the head of a friendly government on his appearance in the French capital. But no explanation was vouchsafed at the foreign office. The impression gathered at the D'Orsay, however, was that M. Poincaré regarded conversation with the British premier as unlikely of producing beneficial results at a moment when the divergence of view behind the two was so pronounced.

Barthou Is to Return.

When Minister of Justice Barthou returns from Genoa tomorrow, M. Poincaré will be invited to begin to frame the government's case for defense of its policy at Genoa and foreign policy generally.

However, in government circles it is expected that Poincaré will come through the storm with his majority intact.

FIR SEED GIVEN TO ITALY

Presentation Is Made by American Forestry Association.

ROME, May 20.—The secretary of the American Forestry association authorizes Elbert F. Baldwin, who has been in Genoa attending the conference to inform the Italian minister of the presentation by the association of 5,000,000 Douglas fir tree seeds to Italy, and Mr. Baldwin has been invited to address the conference of the king through Richard Washburn Child, the American ambassador.

It is expected that the Douglas fir will grow well in Italy because of its mountain slopes and a temperature similar to that of Oregon and Washington, where the fir flourishes.

PINCHOT'S LEAD IS 13,992

Total Is 505,560, While Opponent Receives 491,568.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Gifford Pinchot has a lead of 13,992 over Attorney-General George E. Aker for the republican nomination for governor, with only 113 of the 784 districts in the state still unreported. Returns from 775 districts give Pinchot a total of 505,560 and Aker 491,568.

Weather on Burdoin Changes.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—After three days of hot weather, a change came Thursday, with high westerly winds. The government thermometer at Kabeleka on Burdoin mountain registered minimum 84 above. There was a very light frost on Burdoin; no damage. In lower altitudes there was no frost, as there is a difference in temperature of from 7 to 10 degrees, the distance from the weather station on the Columbia river being only five miles, as the cross fields. The cool weather has checked the rise in the Columbia; high water has not, as yet, menaced Bingen garden land. Weather at 7 A. M. clear and calm, 40 above.

Boy Run Over, Little Hurt.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Clarence Davidson, 7 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, was run over yesterday afternoon on the Simpson boulevard by an automobile driven by Frank Boettcher of Hoquiam. The lad escaped with severe bruises. Boettcher did not stop, but afterward reported the matter to the police. The wagon was leased upon his own recognition pending further investigation.

Dwight Davis Renominated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Dwight F. Davis of Missouri was renominated today by President Harding to be a director of the war finance corporation. He previously was appointed to fill out an unexpired term.

SENATE OPENS FIGHT AGAINST DUTY ON IMPORTS.

Trust Declared to Control Production in America and Force Prices Up.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Restoration of the Portland and other hydraulic cements to the free list, with a provision for tariffs against countries which discriminate against American exports of the commodity, may result from the fight which was opened in the senate last night and continued today on the duty of 5 cents a hundred pounds proposed in the pending tariff bill.

BIRD UP FOR EAST TRADE, SAYS FRAZAR

Visiting Business Man Sees Chance for Portland.

LAUDER SPEEDS PARTY

British Rotarians Start Trip to Los Angeles Convention.

LONDON, May 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Amidst showers of confetti and streamers, with bells ringing and song singing led by Sir Harry Harty, a party of British Rotarians left London today for Southampton to board the steamer Bengalia en route to Los Angeles, Cal., to attend the International Rotary club's conference. In his speech to the departing delegates Sir Harry said the confetti signified a wedding between two great nations—the United States and Great Britain.

"The Rotary movement," he continued, "ought to give a hand to bringing the wedding to pass, for there is nothing in its aspirations, which does not mean absolute harmony among the English-speaking peoples."

RANCHERS FOUND DEAD

Partners Near Seattle Shot With Fatal Results.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 20.—The bodies of Rudolph Berner and Stanley Svonshak, partners operating a ranch on the Swan Lake road about four miles out of Renton, near here, were found by a hired man today. Svonshak's body was found lying near the house with a bullet wound in the back of the head. A short distance away was the body of Berner, shot in the side, with a revolver lying nearby.

Neighbors said they believed the two had quarreled over the operation of the ranch.

Red Cross Worker to Speak.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Chas. Bakkin, secretary of the Centralia Red Cross chapter, has been invited to address the regional Red Cross conference to be held in Olympia Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Bakkin will discuss the children's free clinic and nutrition work in the schools being carried on by the local chapter.

Oklahoma Man Nominated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Arthur H. Geisler of Oklahoma was nominated today by President Harding to be minister to Guatemala.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

CANBY HEARS QUARTET

Ad Club Musicians Entertain With Songs and Instruments.

CANBY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The people of Canby were given a musical treat Thursday night when the Portland Ad club made its first appearance before a large and appreciative audience. Each number on the programme received its share of applause, and it was necessary to postpone to a hearty encore.

The quartet came here under the auspices of the Canby high school, which was highly commended for the high-class musicians for the entertainment given here. The programme was formed of quartets, solos and duets, as well as a number of other musical numbers.

Miss Alvina Knowlton was the accompanist.

Harp Concert Given.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—A harp concert by Miss Alice Genevieve Smith of Portland was given at the First Methodist church last night. Assisting Miss Smith were Ruth Osburn and Adeline Stopp of Portland and Florence Stone of Vancouver. Four harps were played in concert by Miss Smith and her pupils. Several harp duets and solos were featured in the programme. Miss Smith gave two readings. A piano solo by Miss Stone and vocal solos by Miss Eunice Smith of Portland were other features.

Fair Covers Three Towns.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 20.—(Special.)—The Curry county fair, which started at Port Orford May 17-18, and continued at Brookings May 17-18, and Gold Beach May 19-20, according to information received by H. C. Seymour, state leader of boys' and girls' clubs. Premiums were given for exhibits of household work, school work and boys' and girls' club work. Declaratory contests, track meets and athletic contests of the county and the series of local fairs constituting the main fair.

Canby Loses to Gladstone.

CANBY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The Canby and Gladstone grammar school baseball teams met on the Canby diamond on Friday evening, playing one of the best games of the season. Canby lost. The score was 11 to 10 in favor of Gladstone. Eleven innings were played and there was unusual enthusiasm manifested during the entire game.

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