

STRIKE OF ENGINEERS ON MIDDLE WEST ROADS FEARED

Negotiations For Settlement of Wage Controversy Hang In Balance.

ISSUE NOW INVOLVED IN IT

Each Side Thinks Other Is Attempting to "Slip Something Over."

Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—The dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the middle west roads today is critical. It was admitted that a sudden strike in the negotiations was not expected. None of the parties to the conference would say anything about the situation. Elsewhere it was noted, however, despite the fact that the conferees are only a trying percentage apart on the matter of wages, each side saw in the efforts of the other a matter of grave importance which overshadowed the dollars and cents involved.

DRUG STORES TO MOVE IN SHORT TIME

Local Drug Company Will Install Fine New Store—Gas and Electric Co.

It was announced today that the local drug company had leased a room in the Coos building on the corner of Second and Central streets, now occupied by the Gas and Electric Company. It will move in on or before January 15. The new location affords an additional room needed by the company to accommodate their increasing business and Messrs. J. Les and Robert Swanton, the proprietors, intend to make it one of the handsomest and finest drug stores in Southern Oregon.

The Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company will move soon after January 1 into the new Coke building on the corner of Second and Central streets where they will have handsome office quarters. General Manager Jennings is fixing it up in fine style.

NORTH INLET ITEMS.

Lloyd Enlund is home from Grand Ford for the holidays.

A special school meeting has been held for the 29th to levy a tax for school purposes.

Miss Rodine of Allegany, will have charge of our school the coming year.

Capt. Olson and Mate Martin have returned to San Francisco.

Two "Billie" Logging Camp is running steadily and putting in a fine crop of cedar logs, piling and poles.

No one need be without a winter hat this year as there IS A BIG REDUCTION SALE at Mrs. DONALDSON Millinery store, 110 Front St. Prices to suit all purses, \$10, \$12 and \$14 hats for \$5. Also \$6 and \$8 hats for \$2. Also \$5 hats at \$1.25.

I. O. O. F. ATTENTION.

Members of Sunset Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F. are requested to meet at their hall Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to attend the funeral of our deceased Brother Thos Blaine. Fine for non-attendance will be strictly enforced. Sojourning Brothers Invited. By order R. E. GOLDEN, N. G. I. LANDO, Sec.

CANDY BANDIT GIVEN "LIFE"

Leigh Rhodus, All Around Bad Man, Given Four Sentences to Insure Punishment.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Leigh Rhodus, the "Candy Bandit," who when arrested for an east St. Louis burglary a month ago, confessed to two murders in Chicago because he said he preferred a murder trial in Chicago to a burglary trial in East St. Louis, was sentenced today to life imprisonment. His victims were Dr. William S. McChaeils and Anton Heibig, a contractor, both of whom resisted the robbery. In addition to the life sentence he was sentenced to serve three indeterminate terms of imprisonment, each for one year to life imprisonment. This was to forestall applications to parole him, it was later announced.

C. J. MILLIS IS NEW DIRECTOR

Unanimously Elected to Succeed W. S. McFarland on Board Last Night.

C. J. Millis was last evening elected to succeed W. S. McFarland as a director of the Marshfield public schools. The election was held at the new high school building and was unanimous, no other name being suggested for the place.

The meeting was fairly well attended despite the fact that many had forgotten the date of the special election. M. C. Horton presided as chairman of the meeting and Judge John F. Hall was clerk.

Mr. Millis was nominated by Dr. Leslie and no other names being presented, the nominations were declared closed and Mr. Millis the unanimous choice. About seventy-five were in attendance.

Another special election of the voters of the Marshfield school district has been called for December 28 at the new school house when the tax levy for the ensuing year will be fixed. Data on the cost of operating schools in other cities of this class has been gathered by M. C. Horton of the board and the school system in general will come up for discussion.

JOHN D'S SANTA CLAUS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Does John D. Rockefeller believe in Santa Claus? The question must go unanswered, for he refuses to tell. It was put to him point blank as he was on his way to the Fifth-Avenue Baptist church. A young newspaper reporter was his questioner. At first Mr. Rockefeller was indignant. Then his face cracked into a smile. "You gentlemen of the press are certainly indefatigable," he said. "God bless each and every one of you. It is no use in any subject from now on, however, for I have fully made up my mind never again to make a statement for publication in the press."

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FIND BODIES OF TWENTY VICTIMS

Chicago Stockyard Fire Still Burning but Is Now Under Control — Relief Fund Started.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Two more bodies were recovered this morning in the ruins of the Morris and Co. yards. This brings the total death toll, according to the police count to 26. Twenty bodies have in all so far been recovered. It is believed others are still in the debris. Early today the fire, though still burning, is considered under control. Relief committees will meet today to

formulate plans to raise a fund to aid the widows and orphans. Fifty thousand dollars is already pledged for relief work.

Business men today planned to enlarge the relief fund so as to create a permanent endowment fund of \$350,000 to care for the widows and children of the dead firemen.

FOURTEEN ARE DEAD.

Number of Victims of Philadelphia Fire Is Given.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The number of dead as a result of the leather factory fire Wednesday night stands at fourteen.

SEVERAL HURT BY A MANIAC

Patient at Cincinnati Hospital Suddenly Becomes Violent in Ward.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The serious injury of two nurses and two patients with minor hurts for several other inmates of the city hospital resulted today from a life and death fight with an insane man weighing 215 pounds, armed with a knife. Ferdinand Hoffman became violent yesterday and was strapped to a cot. He obtained a knife in some manner and cut his bonds and hurled himself on T. N. Smith, the night nurse; E. F. Mitchell, a day nurse, and Will Howe, a patient, were cut badly when they went to Smith's aid. Hoffman was finally subdued when he was struck over the head by a heavy cane by a nurse.

L. B. BILLINGS IS STRICKEN

Well-Known Marshfield Man Passes Away Early Today After Long Illness.

L. B. Billings, a well-known resident of Marshfield, died this morning after a prolonged illness of a complication of diseases. He was sixty years of age. He was born at East Middleberry, Vermont, and previous to his removal to Marshfield five years ago was a resident of Rhineland, Wis.

Mr. Billings is survived by his wife in this city and a daughter in Chicago. S. A. Conro and James Conro of Marshfield, are also relatives of the deceased.

The funeral services will be held from Wilson's Undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. R. E. Browning officiating.

AGED WOMAN IS LOCATED HERE

Mrs. Dunbar, Aged 80, Who Ran Away From Colorado, Found to Be Insane.

After having run away from the home of a daughter in Canyon City, Colorado, where she had been living, and coming to Coos Bay without giving an intimation of her intentions, Mrs. Georgia J. Dunbar, aged about eighty, who arrived at Plat B three weeks ago, was declared of unsound mind yesterday and ordered committed to the asylum. The case is rather a pitiful one but the aged woman, it was feared, would become violent and do injury to herself or others.

When she arrived here to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Evans, at Plat B, they were not aware that there was anything wrong and thought of course their relatives in Colorado had been aware of her departure. Mrs. Dunbar did not say anything about having run away. However, a week or so after her arrival a letter came from Colorado saying that she had mysteriously disappeared from there and that the entire surrounding country had been searching in vain for her. A telegram was immediately sent apprising them of her safety.

Some days ago, she began to have hallucinations about robbers, and expressing the belief that her grand daughter and son-in-law should be killed. Consequently she was taken before the commissioners and ordered committed to the asylum.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Suitable for your children, wife or husband, a Policy in the Mutual Life of New York, assets 561 millions, is NO MISTAKE. It will never break, wear, tear, tarnish, fade or get tiresome, and will protect and make a happy family. See HENRY SENGSTACKEN.

FEAR AVIATOR GRACE WAS LOST IN THE NORTH SEA

PREMIER WINS HARD BATTLE

Bill Forbidding Religious Orders in Spain Passes Chamber of Deputies.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
MADRID, Spain, Dec. 23.—After a stormy all night session the Chamber of Deputies today passed the government's "Padlock Bill" by a vote of 168 to 20. This notable victory for Premier Canalejas was obtained after a fight involving not only the opposition in Spain but of the Vatican, whose seal of disapproval was set upon the legislation even before it had been submitted to the cortes. The effect of the bill restrains the establishment of religious orders, etc.

EIGHT KILLED IN A CAVE-IN

New York Workmen Buried in Excavation For New Building.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, N. J., Dec. 23.—A number of men estimated at eight were caught in a cave-in in an excavation of a building. Two bodies were recovered.

THREE ARE STRICKEN.

Coquille Herald Tells of Passing of Three There.

Married—In this city, December 17th, 1910, Mr. Gunnar Johnson and Miss Anna Carlson, Judge E. G. D. Holden officiating.

Word was received here that Miss Hilda Danielson, aged 14 years, had died at the family home near Parkersburg. There were no particulars given.

J. A. S. McDonald, a late arrival from Montana, was in town with his family the first of the week. Mr. McDonald has arranged to take charge of the Riverton Hotel and re-open that place to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Skeels returned from their extended trip to Portland, where Mrs. Skeels underwent operations, and has been in a critical condition at times. They visited their daughter, Mrs. George Baxter, of Creswell.

Mrs. J. F. Burgess of near Norway, passed away at the farm home on Tuesday, December 13, 1910, after a long tedious illness, and the body was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery at this place on Wednesday.

Miss Eva McNair of this city, died at the home of her step-father and mother in this city early Sunday morning. She had been ill for about two weeks, being a sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, but at that time the disease seemed to go to her heart and the end came suddenly and with little warning. The deceased was born in Colorado, and was 17 years, 9 months, 17 days old at death. The family has lived in Coquille about a year and a half.

LUTFISK Saturday at Arcade Restaurant, cooked and ready to cook.

Disappears in Fog From Calais and Has Not Been Located Since.

FRIENDS STILL HOPE FOR RETURN

Claim That He May Be Trying For the Distance Flight On Trip.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—There was no news this afternoon of the fate of Cecil S. Grace, the American aviator who disappeared in the fog while attempting the return flight from Calais to Dover yesterday. It is feared he fell in the North Sea. The report of his landing at Deal was a canard. A fleet of motor cars is sweeping up and down the coast roads for some trace of the missing man and the North Sea is being swept with searchlights of warships and other vessels who have been apprised of the facts.

Grace was sighted seven miles east of Deal but was soon lost in a dense fog and now is believed to have perished. That he lost his course is evident.

Some of his more optimistic friends express the belief that he was trying for the distance flight and will land in the northern part of England.

TWO SHOT IN PISTOL DUEL

Kentucky Special Policeman and Federal Officers On Opposite Sides in Battle

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., Dec. 23.—Clinton Allen, deputy United States Marshal and his brother, Aliga were shot to death by James Tipton, a special policeman, and Michael Gibbons, a saloonkeeper, in a pistol battle that took place in front of Gibbons' saloon as a result of a quarrel.

Sprains Ankle.—Albert Haines, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Haines, had a squirt gun and was showing his brother how a real "Naval Reserve" did business. After squirting water on George once or twice, Albert slipped and fell off the porch, spraining his ankle and bruising himself. However, he was able to come down town today to get his new uniform.

ARE AFTER HORNET.

Alleged Filibustering Steamer Leaves New Orleans.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 23.—Following the departure late yesterday of the alleged filibuster steamer Hornet, complaint will be made today by the Honduran minister that it is the intention of the Hornet to attack one of the gulf ports of Honduras and this government will be asked to intercept the alleged marauder.

LIBRARY NOTICE.

The library will be closed at eight o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

The story hour tomorrow morning at eleven will be for the older boys and girls, and will be occupied with Christmas legends, stories, and a poem.

Fine CHINA at HALF PRICE at PRENTISS & CO.'s.

JARDINIERS at MILNER'S.