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TRAINMEN READY FOR BIG STRIKE

Officers Make Arrangements to Go Out in Case Negotiations Are Not Reopened

Effect on Portland and Oregon—Five Hundred Men on Harriman Lines Directly Affected—Trainmen Claim Demands for Increase Are Just.

Refusing the overtures of Ralph Easley of the National Civil Federation to attempt peace, the railroad union representatives at noon adjourned the conference. Gabeaton said that preparations for a strike were progressing and predicted that within a week a strike on all roads in the west would be in force.

Chicago, March 23.—Grand Chief Conductor Garretson, Grand Master Trainman Morrissey and 200 committeemen from the locals met this morning to perfect arrangements for a strike in the event that negotiations are not reopened. They notified the railway managers that the latter could obtain another conference only providing the men's demands for a 15 per cent increase be the subject of conversation. The managers reiterated their determination not to consider this demand.

It is believed by local railroad men that the chief of the conductors and trainmen's orders at Chicago will take immediate action in fixing the date for a strike on the 40 roads represented by the 10 general managers who have issued their ultimatum refusing the trainmen's terms. Garretson and Morrissey, the heads of the respective orders, have been instructed by vote of the men to order a strike, and it is believed they will anticipate the move made by the railroad managers to invoke government interference.

The strike will directly affect about 500 men on the Harriman lines in Oregon and eastern Washington, and will indirectly affect more than double that number. The conductors and trainmen say the terms they ask from the general managers are very moderate and reasonable, and that the concessions are only what they have been entitled to for several years. They have worked up their proposition to its present stage with considerable expense and much time and labor of sending delegates to Chicago and polling the entire membership in territory west of the Mississippi river. The men ask an increase of 15 per cent in their pay, and a nine-hour day.

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HILL PERMITTED TO CUT MELON

Minnesota Supreme Court Holds Law Forbidding Issuance of Stock Without Consent of State Commission Invalid.

St. Paul, Minn., March 23.—By a decision of the supreme court of Minnesota rendered today, the Great Northern road may issue \$10,000,000 of stock, the offer of which was made to stockholders on December 13 last without getting authority from the state railroad and warehouse commission.

The court holds that the legislature has no power to regulate conditions and limitations upon increases of capital stock, power of corporations, or terms and conditions upon which they may be created. The legislature may, however, regulate such issues and confer the same committee the duty of supervision. If any such acts are found to bring the proposed increase within the prohibition of the statute, then the commission may refuse it.

New York, March 23.—J. J. Hill says, regarding the Minnesota supreme court's ruling: "The decision is what I expected. I have been doing the same thing for 15 years without opposition."

OAKLAND TO BEGIN GRAFT INQUISITION

Evidence Seems Perfect to Henev for Convictions in City Across From San Francisco

Glass Arraigned and Given a Week to Plead—George Frick of Home Company in Danger of Indictment—Ruef Moved From Hotel.

San Francisco, March 23.—As the graft investigation progresses, ramifications of the bribe-giving and bribe-taking are spreading in all directions. There is more than a passing likelihood that before Henev is through the inquiry, the list of cities in which booties has been passed in return for valuable franchises will grow to most interesting proportions. There is every indication that the searchlight will be turned on Berkeley and Oakland as a result of the testimony heard Wednesday, and authorities in other California cities, where franchises were recently granted, will in all probability begin investigations. Where the trail will end, neither Henev nor anyone else can predict. The Oakland case seems perfect to Henev, and all the evidence gathered by him in the investigation of the San Francisco scandal is ready to be turned over to the district attorney in Oakland.

The Oakland grand jury is now in session and the foreman intimates that the investigation will be begun at once as the district attorney, who has announced his intention, receives the evidence now in Henev's hands.

Another man in danger of indictment is George Frick, one of the promoters of the Home Telephone company. It is believed that he knows all about the passing of money to supervisors. If he refuses to tell all he knows he may be indicted.

The last of the indictments in the Home case will be returned Saturday, according to present plans. There will be no indictments today.

E. C. Casan, president of the Home Telephone company of Los Angeles, was recalled today by the grand jury and questioned further about the sending of \$100,000 to San Francisco soon.

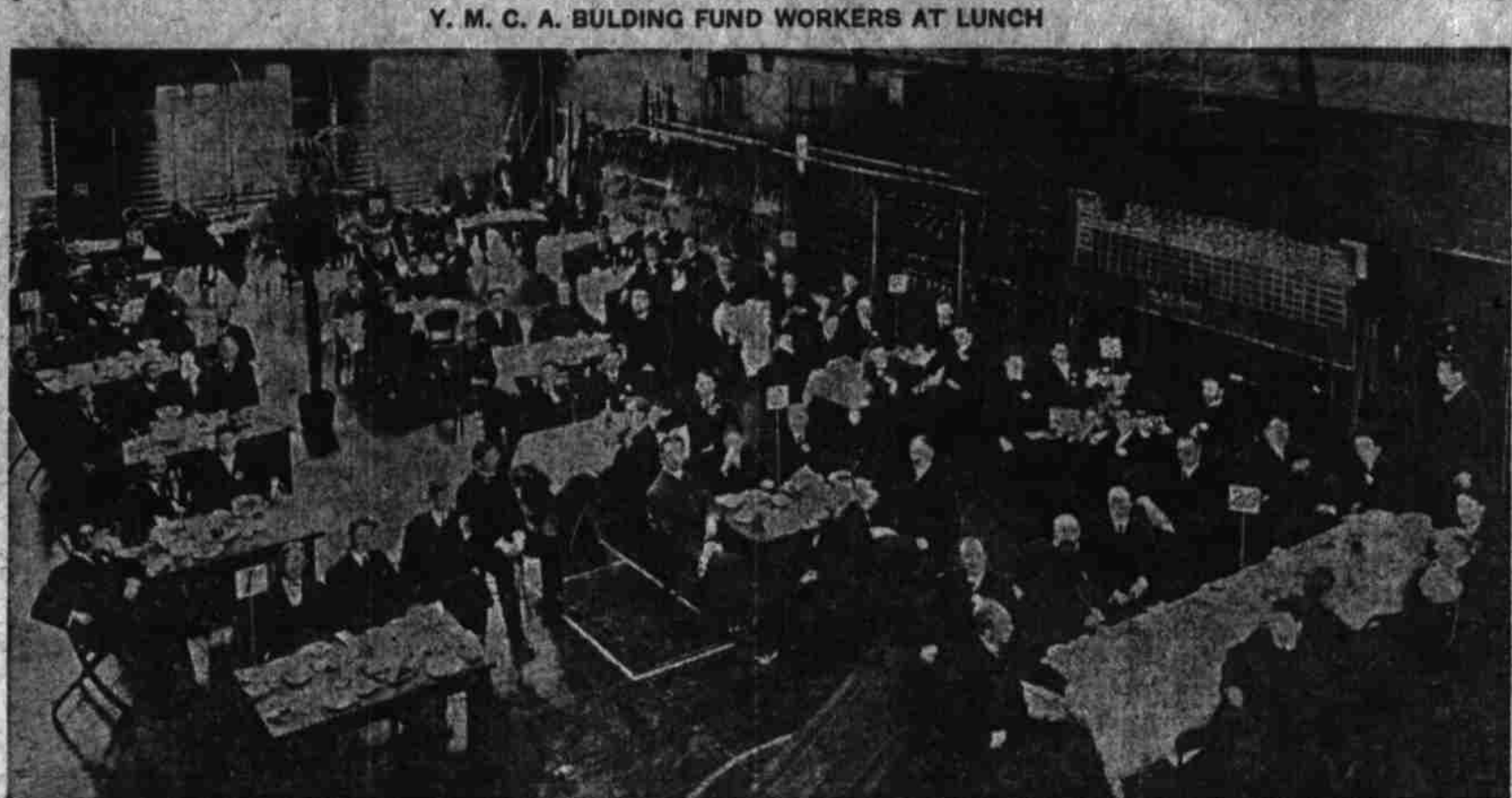
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WARNS OF DREAD DISEASE

State Board of Health, Fearing Spread of Spinal Meningitis From Seattle and Other Infected Districts Sends Circular Letter to Oregon Physicians.

The prevalence of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Seattle and other portions of Washington and the reporting of sporadic cases in different parts of this state has aroused the Oregon State Board of Health to the necessity of taking immediate action looking to isolation and disinfection in this as in other contagious and mildly contagious diseases.

The disease is said to be almost invariably fatal. Between 25 and 30 cases have been reported in Seattle, while a number of deaths have been reported from this cause in different localities in eastern Washington. But five cases have so far been reported in Oregon. One well defined case of spinal meningitis resulted fatally at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday.



Y. M. C. A. BUILDING FUND WORKERS AT LUNCH

GIRL DISOWNED FOR HIRING OUT

Family Disinherited Southern Belle Because She Accepted Position as Whip for Vanderbilt and Will Ride Horses.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—Florence Schenck, who has been engaged by Alfred G. Vanderbilt to show his carriage and women's saddle horses at the International horse show in the London Olympia in June, has been disowned by her parents. Her father, Dr. Powhatan Schenck, is chairman of the Democratic city committee of Norfolk and a descendant of an old Virginia family.

The young woman is high spirited and did not ask her parents' consent when she engaged to drive in public for Vanderbilt. She is a noted whip in the south, and when Vanderbilt's string of show horses was exhibited at the Norfolk horse show recently she was engaged by Vanderbilt to drive and ride for him. As she is passionately fond of horses, she sought permanent employment with the Vanderbilts and went away with them.

Her parents, who consider such public performances a violation of southern precedents and improper employment for a woman, were furious. When their pleadings went unheeded they disowned her. Mrs. Schenck says: "So far as we are concerned, she is absolutely dead to us."

WHIPPING BY HUSBAND DID HER GOOD, SHE SAYS

Mrs. Gosman Declares She Did Not Believe He Would Carry Out Dire Threat, So She Visited Mrs. Drummond and Was Beaten in Consequence—Neighbors Take Different View and Talk of Giving Expressman Coat of Tar and Feathers.

"Yes, my husband horsewhipped me the other evening, but it did me good," said Mrs. Robert C. Gosman this morning at her home, 271 Surman street. Mrs. Gosman was not certain that her husband kept the horses whip to her, said Mrs. Gosman. "I did not believe him then, but I do now."

Robert C. Gosman is an expressman living in a tent at the above address with his wife, a woman about 35 years of age. The barn where the horses are kept is immediately in front of the tent and resembles more a pile of old iron and boards than a barn. It is a disreputable looking place.

The neighbors are not on friendly terms. Gosman accuses his neighbors of poisoning his dogs. Mrs. S. V. Drummond, an aged woman at 275 Surman street, accuses Gosman of stealing her chickens. The quality of amity seems to be badly strained all around.

NEW RAILROAD OFFICIAL NAMED "GENERAL PUBLIC"

Duties Are to Travel Throughout Country, Inspecting Service Given the People.

Chicago, March 23.—With the view of promoting better passenger service, and also getting closer to the people and their transportation wants, several of the railroads in the west, including the Burlington, have created new positions. The incumbent, really has no title and the various vice-presidents call him what they please. One western vice-president calls his new official "General Public."

It is the sole duty of "General Public" to travel over his own road and the roads of competitors and take observations relative to the service, way trains are handled and how the public is treated.

"General Public" is expected to travel in day coaches, like the other portion of the general public, and to buy his ticket at stations, where he gets on trains. In doing so, he notes how station agents handle the public in selling tickets, and in giving information, which travelers desire regarding time and connections.

Athens, Ga., March 23.—J. W. Davis, a saloon man at this place who had been in business for over three years, has surrendered his license to the city council. He had been indicted upon five charges. He pleaded guilty to one charge and was fined \$5, which was promptly remitted, and the other indictments were dismissed. Selling liquor to minors and allowing them to loiter about the saloon were the charges against him.

FORCED TO WED AT GUN'S MUZZLE

Los Angeles Wife Sues for Divorce, Claiming That She Became Bride Only to Escape Being Shot.

Los Angeles, March 23.—Charging that she was forced to choose between becoming a bride or being shot, Mrs. Caroline C. Smedley has brought suit for annulment of her marriage to J. Frank Smedley. She claims that he threatened her with a revolver and made her marry him, though she was engaged to another man in Philadelphia.

Smedley is contesting the suit, and he declares that it was she and not he who insisted upon marriage two weeks after they met, and that she repeatedly told him he was the only man that she had ever loved. The case is a puzzle for the court and is likely to involve perjury charges.

Mrs. Smedley came here a year ago from Chester, Pennsylvania, and was met at the depot by Smedley for his mother. She claims that he took her to his mother's house where she had engaged rooms and board, and a week later told her she had to marry him. The marriage took place at a church, and Mrs. Smedley was asked by the court whether she objected. "No," she replied. "I was easy. Any one could make me do things, but nobody ever tried except Mr. Smedley."

SHOW-UP ALASKA FRAUDS

Juneau Federal District Attorney Here Gathering Evidence on Fraudulent Transactions in His Territory in Which It Is Believed Portland People Are Involved.

Frauds against the government of a scope as vast as any yet dug into by federal officials of the northwest are now being investigated by John J. Boyce, United States district attorney of Juneau, Alaska, who is in the city engaged in gathering evidence. Prominent Oregon citizens who in the past have had dealings with Alaska in various ways, and others who are now engaged in various enterprises in that territory are implicated in the frauds which have been discovered and which are now being slowly but surely uncovered.

District Attorney Boyce has been in Portland for some little time and has enlisted the aid and cooperation of the federal officials of this city in ferreting out the evidence and following up the clues which bind the local people with the Alaskan frauds. Sensational developments are promised by the investigation which if carried out to its conclusion will open up a mine of graft that will bring Alaska up with and ahead of the western states which during the past few years have been receiving so much notoriety.

No information can be secured from the federal officials here or from Mr. Boyce regarding the exact nature of his investigations, but it is asserted that startling developments will come within a very short time.

NOW ONLY \$36,000 TO BE RAISED

Y. M. C. A. Workers Feel That Battle for Big Building Fund Is Almost Won

Over Fourteen Thousand Dollars Subscribed Between Twelve o'Clock Yesterday and Noon Today When Indefatigable Solicitors Gather for Lunch.

Total amount raised at noon today, \$52,125.
Amount raised since yesterday noon, \$14,197.
Amount yet to be raised, \$36,975.

Total subscriptions of \$14,197 were reported as gathered since noon yesterday at the noon lunch of the Y. M. C. A. workers today.

This is the largest single day's work done since the "Everybody Give" campaign started on Monday morning. The workers are much encouraged and feel confident no trouble will now be experienced in securing the full amount needed.

Today's total now raises the whole amount collected during the week to \$52,125. It was said by the campaign managers at the outset this morning that if \$10,000 could be raised today the battle would be virtually won. With this mark secured by more than \$4,000 the workers feel much elated.

At 9 o'clock this morning there were more men after money in Portland, and after it with every argument on the list and every ounce of pressure that could be brought to bear than there ever were before. It was the critical period of the "Everybody Give" campaign. The leaders at the night session last evening had discovered \$50,000 remained to be secured in the next three days and that money was coming hard, and so the biggest men in town, as well as the city salesmen and solicitors, started out today to rake in every dollar that could be discovered.

The slogan all week has been, "sign them up," but the solicitors worked under higher pressure today and more generally refused to take "no" for an answer than they have at any former time. The executive committee and a number of the chief business men of the town spent the morning with their friends, and in a dozen down town offices a group of determined men labored with some men of wealth who had not given all it was thought he should. This campaign brought results, and all morning long the watchers at headquarters were constantly encouraged by the reports of progress against difficulties.

The noon luncheon was one of the most enthusiastic sessions the 100 solicitors have yet had. The luncheon (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

CITY COUNCIL IS FOR WATER MAINS

City Attorney Ordered to Draw Up Amendment That Will Reduce the Cost of Bull Run Forty Per Cent.

Free water versus water at cost. This will be one of the leading issues in the approaching municipal campaign.

Portland's council decided today to oppose Oregon's free water amendment with an amendment providing for water at cost. To City Attorney McNary it gave instructions to draw up an amendment embodying this principle, as well as others bearing upon the improvement of the water system and the improvement of the streets. The council instructed McNary to prepare an amendment providing for a \$2,000,000 bond issue for the purpose of putting in a new Bull Run main and installing meters throughout the city.

Watch and Wait for It

THE HOUSE OF GOVERNORS.
A commonsense suggestion for remedying defects in our law-making machinery and obtaining uniform state legislation.

CHASING OREGON GRAFT-BUGS.
A bugological interview with Lincoln Steffens specially illustrated by our own artist.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BEAUTIFUL.
Pictures of Miss Della Carson, who won the Chicago Tribune contest, and what winning the prize has meant to her.

A LABOR UNION ON NEW LINES.
A history of the Industrial Workers of the World and what its ideals and purposes are.

These are but a few of the many subjects you will find in

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OREGON'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER.

Send Photo of Beauty

Your wife is beautiful. You have told her so many times. Show her that you mean it by sending her photograph to The Sunday Journal.

Your sister is beautiful. Ask the fellow who is trying to make you his brother-in-law. If you do not send her photograph he will.

You have many beautiful woman friends. Do not fear that they will object to being considered beautiful. No woman objects to that. Send their photographs to The Sunday Journal. Among them may be a prize beauty.

It is up to every man in the State to try to find its most beautiful woman.

Address Beauty Editor, The Journal.