

HOODSON SAYS THIELKE ARGUMENT IN BEHALF OF JITS' BEGS ISSUE

Appeal to Class Prejudice is Made but No Real Answer to Justice of Regulation.

ATTITUDE CALLED MENACE

Chamber of Commerce Official Says Things at Serious Pass When Law is Openly Defied.

Portland, Nov. 20.—To the Editor—The Jits controversy has developed into "trial by newspaper" if appearances indicate anything. The attorneys for the Jits drivers' union have been clever enough to "put over" a couple of columns of your space for advertising without expense to themselves, as their brief has been published under the nom de plume of "A. A. Thielke, president Chauffeurs' Union No. 181," who apparently did not prepare a line of syllable of it.

There is not a word of argument in the whole presentation. In fact, it is a repetition of all the stale talk Mr. Moulton has indulged ever since his contention when the "rich" owner lives in the east? What in the name of heaven has the residence location of the owners of bonds to do with the question of jits running wild in Portland?

Jitsmen Would Do Same. What has the reduction in operating expense by the "hard-fisted management" to do with the cost of operation has been reduced, don't it show good horse sense on the part of the managers? Wouldn't the Jits drivers reduce the cost of tires, gasoline, oil, and grease? What about the payments on their machine installment purchase contracts which go to "rich" eastern people, if they could? They'd be crazy if they didn't.

The price at which light is sold in Portland has absolutely nothing to do with the Jits question. The crux of the whole controversy is as to whether the railway company is to be bound by the rigid terms of its franchise, while the 400 or more irresponsible and unrestrained jitsmen shall be permitted to operate along the same streets occupied by the company's tracks and pick up from \$5 a day, or a total of \$1200 to \$2000 daily, and pay practically nothing to the city, county and state, while the company has to pay that much in taxes every 24 hours for its privilege of operating, has to pay tolls across the bridges, street paving, operate cars over specified hours, pay personal injury damages.

Some of Different Color. On several occasions we have seen the spectacle of the Jits drivers running their cars up to the street curb, abandoning their alleged "utility service," to storm the council in an effort to prevent regulation. What would be said if the railway company should stop its cars and send its motormen and conductors up to the city hall to lobby and coerce the commissioners into some particular action? The Jits drivers do it—it's all right; the railroad company does it—it's all wrong.

Not a Jits driver in the city but would immediately bring suit against the railroad company for damages in case he should be injured on any of its lines in an accident. He would recover, too, in case of a favorable judgment. What would happen if suit for such injury were brought against a Jits driver? Nothing but a verification of the old saying, "sue a beggar, catch a louse."

Suburban Lines Would Suffer. As to receivership impending. Mr. Moulton and all his clients know that if the railway company is hampered by this irresponsible competition, it can not earn its fixed charges. Failing to do so, nothing but insolvency can result. A receiver will not be permitted by the court to operate the operation at a loss. Unless reductions in expense can be made to the point where there will be an income produced sufficient to meet the outgo, failure will surely follow.

How can this reduction in expense be accomplished? Certainly only by cutting off unprofitable operation and the dismissal of employees. What sections will be affected by such action? Is there anyone silly enough to think the thickly settled portions of the city will be the ones selected for attack by the receiver? No. He will lop off the unprofitable long hauls at his first move. What particular places will be included in such a move? Moulton (alias Thielke), Sellwood, Rose City Park, Woodlawn, Alberta, St. Johns.

Argues Against Himself. Mr. Moulton (alias Thielke) sets out at length a list of railway companies which have formerly operated on Portland and which have gone through receiverships and failed. Instead of showing that there is no such menace to the present company, it proves conclusively that there never has been a company operating in Portland which could succeed. At the time of the transfer of each of the companies named by Moulton (alias Thielke) each and every one was insolvent.

Stress is laid on the Mt. Hood road transaction. Everybody knows it could not operate its line after it had built it. In the effort to develop the section traversed by it, the present company took it over, and now finds that by reason of such action its embarrassment is added to in very large part. And worst of all the Jits sympathizers are yelling their heads off and damning the company for trying to operate the line from earnings made in the thickly populated territory served by that road, and who have made investments there because of the building of the line, agree with Moulton (alias Thielke) and his Jits cohorts that the impending crisis is a bugaboo?

Defying Law Serious Matter. Even in the face of all this, the railway company is only an incident to me. What concerns the whole

city most is the arrogant, law-defying attitude of the Jits union.

When unlawful action is tolerated by officials in any law-abiding community for any great length of time, it is but a short step further to the mob and then to the vigilance committee.

Even as I write, the press dispatches bring to us the report of a meeting of the American Federation of Labor being held in Baltimore, Md., at which was unanimously adopted a resolution "that any injunction dealing with the relationship of employer and employe and based on the dictum that labor is property, be wholly and absolutely treated as usurpation and disregarded, let the consequences be what they may," and "in cases of this kind judges must be disobeyed and should be impeached."

There you have the doctrine of anarchy, plain and unvarnished. Mr. Moulton, as legal representative of the Jits Drivers' union, makes the unqualified statement that the issue is unionism. Mr. Eugene E. Smith, president of the Central Labor council, says the council will back the Jits drivers to the finish. The American Federation of Labor, the fountain head of authority in all matters pertaining to union labor, puts out the above quoted treasonable, seditious and monstrous law-defying resolution.

No Interest in Company. What will the law-abiding citizens of this community do about this case before the council?

Let it be known that I do not represent, nor have I a penny's interest in, the Portland Railway Light & Power company. I do not own a share of stock nor a bond; I have never had a favor from it; not even free ride on its cars. Except insofar as an unfair treatment of it by the city will brand the city as being dishonorable, I have no concern for it. Give it a fair and even chance with competitors, and if it can not survive, let it go.

let it go by the board. In the present stage of the controversy it is only an incident.

Government Wants To Buy Tent Poles

Inquiry was received yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce for bids on 5500 tent poles for army use, subject to delivery either at the quartermaster's depot at Seattle or at Portland. Bids must be in the hands of Colonel John T. Knight, quartermaster corps, at San Francisco, by November 27. The poles are for the troops at Fort Mason. A similar order for delivery at the Philadelphia quartermaster's depot will be awarded about the same time, bids to be received also on November 27.

Police Officer Seeks To Recover Lost Dog

"They got to quit kicking my dog around," was the comment of Officer J. J. Keegan as he produced A. Zink before the bar of justice yesterday on a charge of larceny. Keegan seeks the return of a bloodhound valued at \$100 that Zink sold to a farmer of Mist, Or., for a \$2 bill. The officer sent his three bloodhounds to the state penitentiary with a view to selling them to that institution. One of them was lost by the person returning them, and Zink picked it up. Judge Langguth gave the man a week in which to return the dog to Officer Keegan.

An electrically operated alarm clock of French invention rings its bell one or more times a day, at a set time every day or only upon designated days.

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Just 26 Shopping Days Till Christmas. No Matter Where You Shop—Shop Early.

Pietro Cattadori Prize Venetian Laces and Linens. The exhibit awarded the grand prize at the Panama-Pacific Exposition has been secured by us. For a few days there will be a special display and sale of these wonderful laces. Seventh Floor, Sixth Street.

Meier & Frank Co. The Quality Store of Portland. Established 1867. 1007 Park, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

Sheik Hah-Med and His 18 Sahara Tribesmen. Will hold a public reception in our Oriental Rug Shop Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. By a special arrangement with the producers of "The Garden of Allah" you may see and study these dark skinned sons of the Far East. Seventh Floor.

Special 'DELINEATOR' OFFER STILL OPEN. The time is short now. Come in and learn the particulars. Subscriptions renewed at old rate. Pattern Shop, Second Floor.

Thanksgiving Sales Now in Progress--Holiday Shopping in Full Swing Here

Women's Serge Dresses Tomorrow at \$12.55. Beautiful one-piece serge dresses in navy, black, green and Burgundy. Made on the new and ultra smart long-pleated lines, with basques and long waists. The skirts are pleated and shirred, and have the smart new patch pockets, many with touches of colored embroidery. White broadcloth collars and Georgette trimming add to the smartness. All sizes. Special Thursday at \$12.55.—Apparel Shop, 4th Floor.

Let the Children Meet Santa! Exclamations of childish delight have echoed and re-echoed for the last few days in and around Santa's particular niche on our big sixth floor. Every day at the more eager-eyed little ones come and feast their gaze on old Santa, and hundreds of little hands have been tendered him in welcome. He has a nod, a smile, a word and a cheery handclasp for all. And quite convenient is Santa's own special mailbox in which the children can deposit letters intended for Santa's own eyes. From now on he will be with us every day—10 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 5 P. M. Come and bring the children—all will enjoy it.—Sixth Floor, Fifth St.

\$1.50-\$2.00 Scarfs \$1.15. Fine quality soft, warm wool scarfs, so popular for men and women. In white, navy, Copen, green, cardinal, gray, pink, black, heather and combination striped effects. \$3.50 NEW SILK MUFFLERS \$1.98. Tubular silk scarfs or mufflers. Exceptional values in all-silk scarfs. Plain white, black, gray, purple, garnet and combination stripes. \$1.00 SCARFS TOMORROW 65c. The newest novelties in popular wool scarfs! Black and white striped styles—especially popular for women's wear and favored, too, by men. These full-length, satin-finished scarfs only 65c. Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor.

Extra! Boys' Chinchilla Overcoats \$2.95. Another fortunate special purchase of these wonderful chinchilla overcoats just arrived by express. There are exactly 100 coats in the lot—every one as good-looking as the picture. They are made of a fine grade good, heavy weight chinchilla in the popular gray shade. Double-breasted style, military collar, buttoning snugly at the neck, with belt all around. All well tailored garments and lined throughout. All sizes for boys 3 to 8 years. An unequalled overcoat value at \$2.95. Boys' Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

\$1.50 Turkish Towel Sets 98c. One large bath towel, one small towel and one face cloth in pretty Jacquard weave with colored borders—pink, blue and gold—put up in fancy holly boxes. Tomorrow, set 98c, instead of \$1.50. Linen Shop, Second Floor.

Men's Eiderdown BATH ROBES Extra Value \$3.98. This is a wonderful robe at the price! Every one large and full and generously cut, in a weight that is particularly suitable for wear throughout the Winter season. Made with wide sailor collar, rope tie at neck and waist, two large patch pockets and satin yoke at neck. A well-tailored, exceptionally well finished bath robe with all seams satin piped. Shown in all colors and combinations, with fancy pattern trimming at cuffs, collar and bottom. A gift that any man will appreciate. Other Bath Robes and Lounging Robes \$1.98 to \$3.50. Smoking Jackets in broadcloth, silk and velvet, \$5 to \$20. Men's Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

Stop Winding Bobbins. Insist on THE ELDRIDGE TWO-SPOOL, bobbinless rotary sewing machine. If you were buying a brand new car, nothing would interest you but a "1917" model. Why not use the same discretion in selecting a sewing machine? No sewing machine can be a "1917" model unless it is a TWO-SPOOL, and there is only one "Two-Spool" made. Call and see demonstration. Liberal allowance on old machines. \$1.00 down, \$1.00 each week. Second Floor, Fifth Street.

3 Days' Sale Hair Goods. Every piece of hair goods offered in our Beauty Shop—switches, transformations, puffs, curls, etc.—is of genuine, fine cut hair. Experts are here to assure you of a perfect match, and satisfaction is assured. THESE SPECIALS FOR THREE DAYS THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. \$15 French wavy switches, 24 inches, made of pure cut hair in 3 separate stems, \$12.50. \$12.50 French wavy switches, 22 inches long, \$10. Transformations, made of fine French hair, for \$7.50. \$10.00 gray switches, special for these 3 days, \$7.50. \$12.00 gray transformations to cover entire head, \$10. Doll wigs made to order. Combing made up into puffs and switches—bring them to us.—Beauty Shop, Fifth Floor.

Our 40c Bordered Scrim, Yard at 27c. Excellent grade scrim bordered in colors. Buy for new bedroom curtains tomorrow when the price is 27c a yard instead of 40c. 75c Colonial Repp Cretonnes for 39c. Colonial repp grounds in very pretty color combinations—some printed with the popular black stripes. About half price tomorrow—yard 39c instead of 75c.—Curtain Shop, 7th Floor.

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Buy Groceries Here. Mount Vernon Milk, one of the best, dozen \$1.00, three cans 25c. New Italian Prunes, good size, guaranteed new crop, 3 pounds for 25c. Fruit Peels, assorted, equal amounts of citron, orange and lemon, lb. 20c. Apple Butter, pure, none delivered, lb. 10c. Beef Fluid, regular 65c size bottle for 29c. Coffee, Mocha and Java-type, 2 lbs. 75c, the lb. 38c. Bulk Tea, your choice of any 60c variety—green or black—pound for only 45c. M. J. B. Coffee, steel cut or whole roast, three-lb. can for only \$1. Melba Sauce, makes delicious desserts, formerly sold at 29c, 65c, bottle 29c. Atmore's Condensed Mince Meat, new stock just received, 25c, 3 packages for 10c. Cluster Table Raisins, new crop, fine quality, the pound for 10c only. Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.