

MARINE STRIKERS HOLD WHIP HAND

Tieup So Complete Shipping Board Calls for Volunteers, Offering Increased Pay.

New York, July 17.—(U. P.)—Andrew Furuseth, president of the international seamen's union, was here today to investigate the strike situation preparatory to reporting on conditions to the seamen of the Great Lakes and Pacific coast.

Although one or two steamship owners were reported to have granted the demands of the seamen, the tie-up apparently was as complete as at any time since the strike was called last week.

With the cooks, stewards and sailors now on strike, the engineers on the verge of going out and the order of the shipping board to dismiss strikers effective, the water transportation situation here and at other Atlantic coast ports had reached a critical stage.

As no embargo had been placed on freight from inland points, the congestion on wharves and at railroad terminals was increasing hourly and perishable freight was spoiling in large quantities.

To relieve the situation at least temporarily, the shipping board last night called for volunteers to man ships under its control, but it was admitted that it would be difficult to get licensed men to take the place of the strikers. The board offered to pay the increased salary proffered by the unions.

Meetings were to be held today by steamship owners, marine workers and shipping board members separately and later jointly.

Joseph Feirstein Dies at His Home In His 86th Year

Albany, July 17.—An invalid for two years, Joseph Feirstein died at his home here Tuesday night in his eighty-sixth year. He was born in Germany, October 24, 1833, and came to this country while a young man and to Oregon nearly 30 years ago, residing at Corvallis from 1890 to 1894, when he moved to Albany. He is survived by his widow, one son, John, who resides in Albany, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Albrecht of Albany and Mrs. Edward McNeill of St. Helena.

Sergeant Hofflich Returns
Albany, July 17.—Sergeant Herman Hofflich, a member of the 40th telephone battalion of the signal corps, arrived here Wednesday after practically two years' service overseas.

Man Saves Swimmer
Albany, July 17.—Frightened over finding himself in deep water and being a poor swimmer, Harold Steed was saved from drowning Wednesday evening by Eugene Hornback.

John Giblin Dies
Albany, July 17.—John Giblin, formerly a resident and proprietor of the St. Charles hotel of this city, died Tuesday at Victoria, B. C., from the effects of paralysis. The Elks' lodge of Victoria has been requested to ship the body here for interment.

49 Days of Drouth; Idaho Is Hard Hit

Salt Lake, July 17.—Today was the fiftieth consecutive day without rain in this district. Idaho, according to crop experts, is the hardest hit by the drouth. The wheat crops, they declare, are 50 per cent less. The Snake river, it is said, is the lowest it has been for the past 25 years.

Boys Arrested on Charge of Robbery At Silverton Freed

Salem, July 17.—Louis Tebeau and Howard Coffman, paroled men, arrested in Portland last week, charged with complicity in the robbery of the Julius Alma store at Silverton, were acquitted Wednesday. The boys produced evidence to prove that they were working in Portland at the time of the robbery.

The boys testified another ex-convict, Fred Wagner, had hired them to take him from Portland to Eugene and return. They said they suspected nothing until Wagner began gathering in the loot from his hiding places en route. When they returned to Portland they were picked up by the police on a charge of speeding with the stolen loot and the stolen car in their possession.

Wagner having beaten a hasty retreat upon the approach of the officials, Tebeau and Coffman, however, will be returned to the state prison, their paroles having been revoked on their own statement to the effect that they had received stolen goods. They were originally committed to the penitentiary from Portland for automobile stealing.

WHEAT LAND NEAR PENDLETON BRINGS \$105 ACRE IN SALE

\$67,000 Paid by I. L. Hagen for Plot Owned by Fred Blinn, Who Shares the Crop.

Pendleton, July 17.—A section of wheat land northwest of Pendleton, in the Cold Springs section was sold Wednesday by Fred Blinn to I. L. Hagen for \$67,000. The land is being farmed by Sheldon Taylor. Blinn bought the farm three months ago for the same consideration, but will realize \$14,000 profit for his one-third interest in the crop now being harvested on the ranch.

Spangle to Attend Shoot
Pendleton, July 17.—Ray Spangle of Pendleton will be a representative of the Pendleton Rod and Gun club at the Great American handicap shoot at Chicago, August 11 to 15. It was announced today. Spangle is one of the most promising trapshooters in the northwest and has maintained an average better than 97 per cent.

Still Above 100
Pendleton, July 17.—Wednesday was the fourth consecutive day in which Old Sol has forced the mercury above 100 degrees. The day was slightly cooler than Tuesday, when the mark reached 110, the high point being 104.

Mrs. Swainbank Burned
Pendleton, July 17.—Mrs. Robert Swainbank was severely burned here Wednesday when she upset a pan of hot grease.

Man Slain With Hook In Wake of Quarrel

Twin Falls, Idaho, July 17.—H. F. Grossvevor, a ditch rider, faces a charge of murder in the second degree, in connection with the death of E. L. Van Ripper, with whom Grossvevor is alleged to have quarreled and then hit over the head with a week-hook. Van Ripper died in a hospital.

Ranger Station Burned
Chehalis, Wash., July 17.—Fire completely destroyed the ranger station at Lewis, in extreme Eastern Lewis county, buildings and contents being a total loss. Will Sethe was the ranger in charge.

SIX PERMITS GRANTED FOR SUMMER HOMES NEAR RHODODENDRON

Sites in National Forests Are Offered at Nominal Rentals and Many Are Taken.

Six permits for summer homes on Zigzag river about a half mile from Rhododendron and about 40 miles from Portland have been granted by the forest service within the last few days, C. J. Buck of the department of lands has announced.

Zigzag and Rhododendron are constantly increasing in popularity with the prospect of the early construction of the Mount Hood loop road. People are now going out Sunday in their automobiles, selecting their sites and applying at the forest service for permits the next day. Only about 90 homesites are left and these will go to the first applicants, says Mr. Buck. An annual rental of only \$5 is charged for the sites.

Throughout Oregon and Washington, applications for summer homes are increasing rapidly since the war, some of them coming from as far east as Boston.

The McKenzie river with its fine fishing is the scene for many new summer homes in process of construction, and Odell lake in the Deschutes forest and near the road to Crater lake, has just been surveyed for a number of summer homesites and two homes have already been started. Twelve more lots are now available at Odell lake, which is one of the most beautiful spots in Oregon.

Fifteen applications have been received for homesites in the Washington forests during the last month, most of which are on the slopes of Mount Rainier.

Suspect of Auto Theft Is Sought

Salem, July 17.—George Jackson, a mechanic employed at the Salem Auto Exchange, is being sought by Marion county officials in connection with the disappearance of a 1918 automobile from the garage early Wednesday morning. The automobile bore license tag No. 48902. No formal charge has been lodged against Jackson. He is described as being 24 years of age, weighing about 180 pounds, heavy set and of dark complexion.

Paving Contracts Are Let at Yakima

Yakima, Wash., July 17.—Contracts for the construction of sections of the Inland Empire highway in this county, a total of 8.3 miles, were awarded to A. L. Clarke & Co., who will build the section from Parker bridge to Filand bridge at a cost of \$85,889, and Savage & Cornell, who will build 8.3 miles from Sunnyside to Granger, at a cost of \$143,966. Both are local companies.

Centralia Phone Girls to Unionize

Centralia, Wash., July 17.—Miss Mabel Leslie, an international organizer for the telephone operators' branch of the Brotherhood of Electric Workers, will form a local union of operators here tonight. Tuesday night many operators signed applications for membership in the new union. Miss Leslie stated at the meeting that a strike of operators probably will not be called here.

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