

HINES TO ANSWER WAGE DEMAND IN RAIL ULTIMATUM

Government Getting Ready to Prevent Nation-Wide Strike of Railroad Workers.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(I. N. S.)—A new proposal to Director General Hines is being drawn by the railroad brotherhood representatives, it was stated here late today. Director General Hines withdrew from the conference room pending the action of the railroad brotherhood spokesmen.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Government forces were being mobilized today to prevent a nationwide strike on the railroads.

Director General Hines was to give his answer to the ultimatum of the railroad workers, presented yesterday, demanding increased wages.

The director general was also to meet with a committee of ten of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employes to discuss the strike of that organization which has been set for February 17.

MAY SEEK INJUNCTION

Attorney General Palmer was preparing to act under the Lever law to prevent strikes by injunction if necessary.

President Wilson will not act until after Director General Hines has closed the conferences with the railroad men, it was stated at the White House today.

Hines will render a report to the president when he has made his final answer to the employes and the president will then take any action necessary.

The president has given Director Hines no instructions, it was said.

WORKERS GIVE VIEWS

The railroad workers feel they will secure no wage increases from Hines, but are not prepared to hold the threat of a nationwide strike over his head.

However, they do state that if wage demands are rejected there will be numerous unauthorized strikes which may easily develop into a general strike.

PORTLAND WELL STOCKED IN CASE OF RAIL STRIKE

Portland will not suffer much inconvenience if the threat of the railroad men to strike is carried into effect.

This city is well fortified to stand a long siege as regards food supplies and wholesaler and retailers alike say that the public need not fear any shortage in the principal lines of products.

There are huge stocks of all sorts of canned goods held in the city wholesale houses. Storage houses are well supplied with both butter and eggs, but these lines will suffer little from a halt of rail traffic because of Portland's position on the river.

Bean stocks have not been so liberal in Portland for many a day as at present, however, there is an actual surplus of potatoes and onions now available here.

Livestock supplies have been sufficient to enable killers to create a small surplus, but there is sufficient livestock tributary to Portland to take care of every want of consumers if there should be a halt in rail traffic for a month or more without any serious discomfort.

RAIL STRIKE ORDER IS RECEIVED AT LA GRANDE

La Grande, Feb. 11.—Strike orders have reached La Grande in a telegram from C. E. Stitt, president of the La Grande Central Labor council and chairman of the joint protective board of maintenance and way, who is now in Detroit. Local officers of the maintenance of way say there is no doubt but what the members on this division will strike at the appointed time on February 17.

Portland Man Passes

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 11.—E. F. Greenfeeder, 23 years of age, died Tuesday at St. Joseph's hospital following an attack of influenza. He was a shipyard worker, living at 401 Sumner avenue, Portland. The body is at Knapp's parlors.

Registration Week in Prize Campaign Is On

This week marks the beginning of the race for the \$12,000 in cash and prizes as offered organizations by the National Promotion company through its \$12,000 prize awarding campaign. To the thrifty and energetic goes a handsome award for their efforts for a few short weeks—prizes ranging from \$100 cash down to \$100 cash. And as there are 104 prizes, 104 organizations can win a prize. It is all free, costing absolutely nothing for any organization to enter, compete or win. Just a little pleasant effort for 12 weeks—such as buying certain products as they are needed and saving the labels, wrappers, etc., after using them. As an illustration, every home uses flour. By buying "Olympic" flour you get your money's worth and the empty sack gets votes. In butter, buy "Hazelwood" butter and the wrapper gets votes. In coffee, it's "Golden West" and the empty can gets votes. And votes win the prizes, as the organization getting the largest number of votes wins the \$1500 prize. The second prize is \$1000 and so on down the prize list.

All organizations, such as religious, charitable, benevolent, social, school, fraternal and eleemosynary, can compete, and are cordially invited to do so. Those who desire to compete and thus enrich the bank account should nominate themselves now and go after the coveted prize. The campaign is only begun, with next week the first regular vote casting week. Full details will be given anyone desiring to compete, by telephone, Broadway 1217, or by calling at 1111 Washington street, where the exposition is located. Act today and win a prize. This week is registration week. The total of 25,000 free votes will be given for every person calling at 487 Washington street and registering their name for their favorite organization. All a visitor has to do is to call and view the exhibits and write his name on the registration book is evidence he called. The same person can call any day and every day this week, and 25,000 free votes will be given each person each time he calls.

Oregon Graduates Win Scholarships Given by Harvard

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 11.—Paul Spangler and William Livingston, Oregon graduates, have carried off the freshman and senior scholarships at Harvard. Paul Spangler of Eugene, a graduate of the university's pre-medical course last year, won freshman honors, which carries a prize of \$100.

A Lowden club is to be formed on the university campus, according to George D. Orput of Portland, representing Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency. A Hoover club is being formed among the university students.

Psychology tests for journalism students at the university will be held Tuesday under the direction of Professor Max Freyd of the University of Washington. Either Dr. Edmund S. Conklin, or Dr. Raymond H. Wheeler, both of the department of psychology at the university, will conduct the tests. Each student will be given a chance to prove his accuracy, capacity for remembering numbers, names, his ability to judge the value of news and other matters pertaining to journalistic writing.

The wedding of Frank H. Wilson of Dallas, member of 1918, to Miss Ruth Barrett of Albany, formerly of Eugene, has been announced. Wilson majored in Commerce. His diploma was granted while he was in the army. He recently returned from France.

2 Cars of Logs Jump The Track at Rupert

Two cars loaded with logs were thrown off the tracks of the R. L. & P. Co. at Rupert station, on the Oregon City line, about 2 o'clock this morning. Aside from unseating the load and damaging the cars somewhat, as well as delaying traffic, the wreck had no serious consequences, the company reported. Company officials who investigated at the scene of the wreck found no one injured.

Convicts Refuse Dumper; Gets \$50

Frank M. Olds was this morning given a \$50 reward, offered by the board of county commissioners for the arrest and conviction of Alva Dawes, who pleaded guilty to the charge of dumping refuse on a public highway. He is the first man to receive the award.

Georgia Democrats Are Backing Hoover

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 11.—(I. N. S.)—The name of Herbert Hoover will be before the Democrats of Georgia in the presidential primary April 20. A petition signed by 100 voters here will put his name on the ticket.

Idaho Ratifies Federal Suffrage

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—The woman suffrage amendment to the Idaho constitution was passed by both houses of the Idaho legislature in an extraordinary session this afternoon without a dissenting vote.

CONFESSION MADE BY LOREN ROBERTS OCCUPIES COURT

Court Reporter Testifies as to Taking of Statement of One of Defendants in Centralia Case.

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corrected it, and the next day signed it, after swearing to its truth before the witness.

On cross-examination, Vanderveer asked if Roberts betrayed any signs indicative of possible insanity; did he bite his finger nails, was he apparently frightened or irritated, and did he frequently gaze at the floor in apparent absorption.

To these, the witness answered that none of the signs were apparent. The defendant smoked cigarettes during the inquisition, Baker testified.

Nor were any statements made to him "confessions" might be used against him, Baker replied to another question. TWENTY AND UNHEALTHY

Vanderveer asked if the man expected to continue, as though spitting blood, Roberts is said to be a victim of consumption and his emaciated appearance in the courtroom indicates that he is far from healthy. He is only 20 years of age.

"Was there any suggestion that he was crazy?" asked Attorney W. H. Abel, special prosecutor.

"I paid no attention," responded the witness.

"No one else has suggested yet that he is nuts," interjected Vanderveer.

Abel then asked that the statement be admitted in evidence. Before passing upon the question, the court said that it would hear from the attorneys on points of law involving the mental responsibility of the defendant.

First—Whether or not the court would receive collateral evidence to show the mental condition of the defendant when the statement was made, and

Second—Whether, having received such evidence, the question was to be decided by the court as a legal question, or by the jury as a question of fact.

OFFER OF TESTIMONY "We offer to prove by testimony of Dr. A. P. Calloun, a fraternal brother of Warren O. Grimm, and a member of the American Legion," said Vanderveer in his argument.

"The testimony that the state seeks to introduce comes just as clearly from the lips of Loren Roberts as though he sat in the chair here in the courtroom. It is a statute of this state that an insane person is incompetent to be a witness.

"We will take the position, if this statement is permitted to go before the jury before we are allowed to introduce our evidence in regard to his mental condition, that it is nonsensical to submit the evidence of an expert after the jury has heard the statement."

Arguments were concluded half an hour before the usual noon recess hour, and Judge Wilson said that he had several points to look up before giving his decision on the questions involved, ordered the intermission. Court was reconvened at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

DEFENDANT GRINS For the first time during the trial, Loren Roberts grined as he listened to Vanderveer's argument discussing Roberts' mental condition, the defendant, Roberts, made himself conspicuous in the courtroom. Getting up from the prisoner's seat, he shot a weak grin over the courtroom, shuffled over to the attorney's table, stood for a moment, still grinning, and then returned to his seat. He came into the courtroom with several days' growth of yellow beard on his face and his clothing untidy.

Attorneys for the prosecution said today Thomas Morgan, one of the men originally included as a defendant in the case, who was arrested in the I. W. W. hall just after the shooting, and against whom a charge of murder was made in the justice court at Chehalis, will appear as a state's witness. Morgan is not on trial with the 11 men now defendants, and apparently a charge of murder has not been pressed against him in the superior court.

Flu Quarantine Lid Nailed Down Tight; Malady on Increase

Tightening of quarantine regulations with the aid of the police department and insistence that apartment and rooming house owners report all colds and cases of grippe among tenants, will be carried out to the fullest extent, Dr. George Parrish announced this morning following the last two days.

New cases reported to the city health bureau this morning numbered 108. Jack Meany, 6021 Fifty-fifth avenue Southeast, died this morning from influenza, which makes the eleventh death reported to the health bureau in two days.

Twenty-seven fatalities have occurred since the outbreak of "flu" in Portland. Of the 1175 cases reported to the health bureau 228 have been released from quarantine.

Indian Sentenced to Prison for Forging Maupin Bank Checks

The Dalles, Feb. 11.—After pleading guilty to the forgery of \$465 in checks against the Maupin bank, Charles Boice, Indian, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by Judge Wilson. Boice was captured last December after a chase of 20 miles over the snow clad ground adjacent to Yakima, Wash. The Indian swam the Naches river during dry weather, with both wrists handcuffed. He was finally caught by Sheriff Chrisman.

An Anti-Compulsory Vaccination league has been started in The Dalles. A woman's auxiliary to the Dalles post of the American Legion will be instituted here, it was decided following Tuesday night's legion meeting.

Workers in Lumber Camps Clamor for Something to Read

After an absence from the street corners for some time, John Anderson's blue boxes are reappearing today. They have been repainted and relettered to inform the public that in logging camps of the Northwest, many lonesome workers clamored for something to read. "Many people are cleaning house now," explained Robert B. Watson, one of the Anderson cohorts. "Doubtless they will be planning to move out many books and vast stacks of old magazines. These are just what the loggers want and we will deliver them to the camps without cost.

The boxes have slots for single books or magazines and hinged tops for packages. Collections are made frequently so that shipments may be sent periodically to the woods.

Railroad Officials To Confer on Change To Private Control

All passenger traffic officials on western railroads have been called by P. S. Eustis, chairman of the western passenger committee, to attend a mass meeting of passenger men in Chicago February 17, to discuss such subjects as continuing tariffs effective during government operation of the railroads, after the release of the roads, consolidated ticket offices and other relative subjects.

A. D. Charlton, general freight and passenger agent for the Northern Pacific coast passenger committee, William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O-W, and other local railroad officials will likely attend the meeting.

Chases Deer With Dog and Is Nabbed By Game Warden

Three violators of the Oregon fish and game laws have been prosecuted during the last few days, state reports from deputy game wardens. A. E. Hedges of North Bend was fined \$25 for chasing deer with a dog. Deputy Warden J. M. Thomas arrested the man and he was tried at Marshfield.

Conferences Over Forest Roads Plan Are Resumed Today

Washington, Feb. 11.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Representatives of 11 Western states and Alaska today continued conferences begun yesterday with government officials and members of congress in consideration of plans to relieve the states of the responsibility for roads in the national forests.

Representing Oregon are William Hanes of Burns, B. F. Jones of Newport, Julius L. Meier of Portland, Louis E. Bean of Eugene, Truman Butler of Hood River and N. G. Heading of Wapinitia. No definite plan has been agreed upon.

Senator Townsend, chairman of the senate committee on postoffices and post roads, in an address stated the belief that congress will not provide one dollar for extension of road legislation this year. B. F. Jones, champion of the Roosevelt highway, has been inquiring into its prospects and he says sentiment for it is growing, but expects no legislation at the present session of congress.

Salem to Have New Hospital Near Site Of Old Institution

Salem, Feb. 11.—Plans have been completed and a definite decision was reached by the board of control of the Salem Hospital association at its meeting Monday to proceed immediately with the work of constructing a new hospital near the site of the old building at the end of Center street, near the State hospital grounds.

It is expected to have the new building ready for occupancy by September 1, when the association will be compelled to vacate the McKinley school in South Salem, which has been used as a hospital since the association was compelled to vacate its old quarters which were taken over by the state.

Council Votes to Tear Down Liberty Temple on May 1

Liberty Temple, which has stood on Sixth between Morrison and Yamhill streets for two and a half years as a center of war and soldier employment activities, will be torn down May 1. Action to remove the structure was voted on this morning by the city council following the denial of a petition of several merchants on Sixth street who asked that the building be razed immediately.

Portland Man Loses Suit Against O-W.R.

Baker, Or., Feb. 11.—Judge Anderson of the circuit court granted a motion made by A. C. Spencer of Portland, O-W. R. & N. attorney, to dismiss the case of F. Wintermute, who is suing the railway company for damages because of injuries alleged to have been sustained by him at Huntington in 1916. The case was transferred to Baker county from the Multnomah court.

Flu Leaves Five in One Family Orphans

Eugene, Feb. 11.—The influenza has left the five little LaBlue children, living near Cottage Grove, orphans. One week ago the father was taken down, dying Friday. The day of the funeral the mother became ill, dying Tuesday. Mrs. La Blue is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ream, living in the River road, near Eugene.

Victim of Stabbing Not Seriously Hurt

Fossil, Feb. 11.—Ed. Dickson, stabbed a week ago by J. H. Dickinson, teacher at Winlock, was not seriously injured, according to word received here. Dickson is awaiting action by the grand jury under \$1000 bonds. The trouble is said to have arisen when Dickinson sent Dodson's children home, believing they had smallpox. Dodson was stabbed three times with a pocket knife.

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100 Pounds of Fat Removed From Man By Surgical Feat

Chicago, Feb. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Through one of the most unusual surgical operations on record, Paul Biese, well known musician, and one of Chicago's heaviest men, is 100 pounds lighter. The operation was performed by Dr. Max Thorek, who removed 100 pounds of skin and fat from Biese's abdomen.

"The operation was of a plastic nature," said Dr. Thorek. "It will be impossible for it to grow back to return. With its removal the skin was cut away and tightened, so that fat can no longer grow about the girth."

Biese will later have fat removed from his neck and face. He will be completely recovered in two weeks, Dr. Thorek said.

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from—and many of these doubtful—it is beginning to look as though only the heroic intervention of one or both of the big parties can save the measure from defeat. Insofar as the 1920 presidential election is concerned. This intervention, it is believed here, may ultimately come about, for with women's suffrage generally considered eventually inevitable, and with some 16,000,000 votes dependent thereon, male politicians are prepared to resort to drastic measures to prevent their particular party from having to bear the blame of defeating the movement.

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Marshfield Enforces Quarantine on 'Flu' Marshfield, Feb. 11.—With one death due to influenza and pneumonia and many cases of severe colds and grip reported by the doctors, the city council of Marshfield has decided to enforce the quarantine law, passed last year, during the epidemic. This law allows quarantine in cases of severe colds as well as influenza.

Farmer Backed for Legislature Place Warren, Feb. 11.—Granges of Columbia county Goble, pledged support to A. H. Tarbell, present farmer of Warren, for the legislature, to oppose E. I. Ballagh, present incumbent. Goble was assured the backing of 1500 farmer votes.

Idaho Republicans Meet Boise, Idaho, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Members of the Republican state central committee are arriving today for the meeting to be held tomorrow at the date for the state convention will be named and delegates chosen for the Chicago convention.



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