

EMPLOYEES LAUNCH BITTER ATTACK ON CUMMINS MEASURE

By E. Russell Palmer

Kansas City, Mo., April 12.—(I. N. S.)—The fifth biennial convention of the American Federation of Labor opened here today with some significant utterances on the subject of the wage differences which have caused thousands of railroad employees in all parts of the country to ignore their union affiliations and take part in the "outlaw" strike.

The opening session, which was thrown open to the press, produced a series of bitter attacks on the Cummins-Each railroad law and threats to rid congress of the men who voted for its passage. In speeches by A. O. Wharton, international president of the department, and ex-Congressman Edward Keating of Colorado, manager of the Plumb Plan league, the law was assailed as the most vicious piece of class legislation ever enacted.

WATSON MAY HAVE RECORD OF BLUEBEARD

Earlier, in an interview, Wharton had indicated that the sentiment of the convention would probably be in favor of submitting to the law. He said that resolutions would probably be passed this afternoon dealing with the outbreak of the insurgent element. The 600 representatives here of more than 700,000 will be urged, he said, to go about seeking wage reductions according to the method outlined in the law. He declared that hundreds of thousands of railroad employees are suffering great hardships because of the increased cost of living and a stationary wage. Failure of the government to establish a labor board to listen to their requests was severely scored.

RADICALS MAY CONTROL

Rumors that the radical element represented here may make an effort to seize the convention and turn it to their own purposes were in circulation as the delegates gathered. If they succeed in gaining control, it is even possible that some action may be forced through approving the present strike. All of the high officers, however, are on the alert to see that the outlaws are prevented from getting a "look in."

The temper of the morning meeting seemed sympathetic to the striking element, although all of the speakers were inclined to doubt the effectiveness of its methods.

BALLOT BOX THE TEST

"We lost that battle. The Cummins-Each bill is on the statute books, but it will not remain there. The time has come to stop, resist and go to voting—not to overthrow the country; only fools and demagogues would urge that. We're going to preserve American institutions. We're going to the ballot box on election day and vote for men who stand for American principles. We have a test now. The vote on the Cummins-Each bill separates the sheep from the goats. We look now to see 200 new faces in the next congress. The railroads cannot fool the people all the time."

Tells Police Her Son Is Missing

Mrs. M. Deane of 100 East Twenty-fourth street notified the police Sunday that she had not heard from her son for a week. Elton Deane, 21, is said to have written her a letter last Monday from the Rainier hotel and to have dropped out of sight Tuesday. Efforts of Mrs. Deane to locate Elton have been futile. Deane is 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighs 140 pounds, has brown hair and hazel colored eyes. When last seen he was wearing a blue suit and green cap.

Hawthorne-Burns Nuptials

Madison, April 12.—Miss Donna Hawthorne of Rogue River and Raymond L. Burns of Brainerd, Cal., were married in Jacksonville Saturday. The bride is a sister of Mrs. J. H. Helfrich of Rogue River, with whom she had made her home. After a wedding trip to Princeton, N. J., and Mrs. Burns will reside at Brainerd.

Spokane Police Don Overalls to Cut High Prices

Spokane, Wash., April 12.—Overalls for Spokane's police force, to cut down the high cost, was a suggestion made at police headquarters. The plan was enthusiastically endorsed not only by patrolmen and minor officers, but by Chief William H. Watt himself. Commissioner of Public Safety J. H. Tinsley, while a bit doubtful in regard to the practical working out of the plan, offered his tentative approval.

GERMAN GUARDS KILL U. S. PRISONER

Berlin, April 12.—(U. P.)—Paul Demott, an American newspaper man alleged to have been connected with the recent communist movement, was shot and killed while attempting to escape from the Wees prison, according to advices from the foreign office to the American mission today.

Federal Official Is Here to Check Up Social Disease

Major Lewis Hough, regional conductor of the United States public health service, is in Portland for a few days, checking up city and state health records on the social disease situation in Oregon. Major Hough is in charge of the government's work in the Western states and is working with health bureaus with the idea of utilizing the same preventive measures as were put in operation during the war.

Major Hough was in conference this morning with Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, and Dr. David K. Roberts, state health officer. On Wednesday he will appear before the city council to outline the government's plan. He addressed the members' forum of the Chamber of Commerce at luncheon today. Major Hough will leave within a few days to check the state of Washington. His headquarters are in Washington, D. C.

Julius Wilbur, Back in Oregon City, Is Facing Prison Term

Oregon City, April 12.—Accompanied by two attorneys, Julius Wilbur, under sentence for violating the prohibition law at the old Friars' club in Milwaukee, arrived in custody of Deputy Sheriff Henry Hughes from Oakland, Cal., this morning. Wilbur faces a term of six months in jail and a fine of \$350 and it is expected that between \$500 and \$1000 in charges will be assessed against him. Delaney Smith, an attorney of Oakland, who came with Wilbur, said that Wilbur has reformed and intimated that an effort will be made to secure a pardon for him. In Portland Wilbur retained Franklin P. Korrell, who is here in his interests.

Hot Lake Arrivals

Hot Lake, April 12.—Arrivals at Hot Lake sanatorium Thursday were Charles Callison, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. V. M. Bodmer, Pocatello, Idaho; Huberta Chandler, Baker; M. S. Lawson, Pocatello; Eva M. Baker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Mrs. W. E. Campbell and daughter, Pendleton; Miss Anna Katrup, J. B. Foraman and Elizabeth Foraman, Cottonwood, Idaho; John Ormand, Nampa, Idaho; R. E. Taylor, Portland; F. A. Harber, Walla Walla; Mrs. W. E. Campbell, Condon; J. H. Messinger, Portland; Mrs. George Thiel, New Plymouth, Idaho.

Franklin Club Meets Tonight

The Franklin Community club's men's gymnasium class will hold its first session in the gymnasium of Franklin high school tonight.

MONEY FOR NIGHT SCHOOLS USED UP, OBSTACLES ARISE

Perplexities are arising over the new part time school law, passed at the legislature last year.

The night schools, which have been the means of employed children gaining their five hours class work a week, close Thursday. The school year continues until June 11. School administration officials claim there is no money to continue a night school longer and part-time pupils must obtain their instruction during the day. Some federal money for this expense will be available under the Smith-Highes act.

Employers are unwilling to let their employees off during working hours to attend night school.

THREE ALTERNATIVES

Hence, the employed boy or girl under 18, who has not completed the grades, must either give up their job, employers must compromise or night schools must be maintained.

Superintendent D. A. Gross said this morning he did not know what arrangement would be made with employers, but there was no money with which to continue night schools.

Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, secretary of the child welfare bureau, said the employers were not friendly to the idea of employing a boy or girl and let them attend school, and since there is no scarcity of labor of this sort they will let off the children of school age rather than be inconvenienced by a part-time arrangement.

WOULD CHANGE LAW

The only way by which the part-time law, will work, said Mrs. Trumbull, is through night schools, and this is unsatisfactory because of the child being tired after the day's work and unfit for study.

That the school age should be raised to 18 years or the completion of the grades is the belief of Mrs. Trumbull, who says the present law works a great hardship to the children.

George W. Collins Dies Suddenly After An Automobile Ride

George W. Collins died at St. Vincent's hospital Sunday afternoon, one half hour after being stricken with heart disease while automobile riding on the Linnton road with his brother-in-law, Dr. George Annelle. Collins had been in ill health for some time. His wife died at the same hospital last week.

Collins was born 53 years ago in St. Johns, New Brunswick. He had lived in Portland 45 years and was a member of the Lang Syne society. He is survived by a wife, Dorothy, who lives at 1400 N. Commercial, and a son, Annelle, a student at Stanford university. Mrs. R. G. Dick is a sister-in-law. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of his son from California.

Mrs. Annie M. Beach

Mrs. Annie M. Beach of the old pioneer Miller family of Oregon died Sunday at the home of her brother, Colonel Robert A. Miller, 574 Johnson street. Mrs. Beach was born in Jacksonville, Or., in 1864, daughter of Colonel J. M. T. Miller. She grew up in Jacksonville, taught school and was graduated from St. Mary's academy. She was married to Joe S. Beach, of a military family. Beach was one of the men who discovered a mine in Goldfield, Nev. He died 14 years ago, and Mrs. Beach removed to Portland, where she has lived ever since. Mrs. Beach was an honorary member of Jacksonville O. C. S. and was for years secretary of the Jacksonville grange. She is survived by one son, Vivian Beach, of Los Angeles, and her brother, Colonel Robert A. Miller of this city. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 13, at 2 p. m. at the Portland crematorium.

Martin Wagner

Funeral services for Martin Wagner, who died Tuesday at his home at 235 Twenty-first street, will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at St. Marks Episcopal church. Interment will be in Lone Fir cemetery. Wagner came to Portland from Germany in 1887. He had been promoting mines in Idaho since 1912. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carolyn Wagner, and two children—Mrs. Harold W. James of Baltimore and Bernard R. Wagner of Portland.

Motorcycle Cop Is Injured by Auto in Hands of Ed Shinn

Motorcycle Patrolman B. L. Jewell was injured at 3:15 o'clock this morning in an accident at Albina avenue and Alberta street with an automobile in charge of Edward Shinn, 1135 1/2 Albina avenue. Jewell was taken home by brother officers. He is bruised and cut, but not dangerously wounded. Shinn was arrested by Lieutenant Wade and charged with reckless driving. Police say Shinn cut the corner. Jewell and Patrolman Wright, who was riding another motorcycle, were answering an emergency call when the accident happened. Wright was riding ahead and escaped injury.

Records in the traffic department show Shinn had an accident on April 26 and November 23 of last year, and that he was arrested for traffic violations on May 17, July 1 and December 1. The first time he was let go, the second time he was fined \$25 and 10 hours in jail and the third time he was fined \$25. Jewell's new motorcycle was badly damaged.

Hungry Thief Cleans Out Pantry; Robber Leaves No Chicken

While R. C. Blackman and family were attending the theatre Sunday a thief entered their house and robbed the pantry. One half sack of sugar, butter, two dozen eggs, a pork roast and 50 cents worth of potatoes were taken. Blackman resides at 4847 Sixty-fifth street southeast.

Mrs. Edna E. Taylor, Dolores apartments, reported the theft of a suitcase containing her personal effects from her room.

W. Eschbacher, residing at Bertha station, asked the police to help him locate the thief who robbed his hen roost Saturday night. Eschbacher said every fowl had been stolen. A neighbor saw a strange motorcycle with sidecar attachment parked near the hen roost.

Fish Prices Drop In San Francisco As Strike Result

San Francisco, April 12.—(I. N. S.) Although the railroad strike if long continued is expected to send the price of many food commodities skyrocketing, it has had the effect locally of reducing the price of fish. Shad rose dropped from 17 1/2 cents to 15 cents a pound and canned salmon from 32 and 40 cents to 30 cents. Cancellation of eastern orders on account of the switchmen's strike caused the local market to be glutted and the consequent price reductions.

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Los Milones. Mrs. Delaney has since mysteriously disappeared.

Sheriff Clyne today expressed the opinion that a large number of Watson's activities have not come to light, as he expects further revelations to pour in constantly.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Watson was arrested here Saturday on suspicion that he was a "fence" for Liberty bond thieves operating throughout California. Oregon and Washington. He attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat with a razor while being taken to San Diego for further investigation.

Search for four women who married Watson, alleged modern Bluebeard, husband of 15 wives, and who were reported to have mysteriously disappeared after their weddings, began here today.

While Watson was held incommunicado at the county jail following two attempts to commit suicide, investigators stated that there was a suspicion that the four missing women may have been murdered.

On the other hand, they said, the women may only be in hiding to save themselves the humiliation of being known as members of Watson's alleged "cove of wives."

WAS WIFE NO. 9

The four women who married Watson and who are now strangely missing are:

Alice Marian Ludvigson of Seattle, who married Watson under the name of "Louis A. Hilton," and who has been missing since December 12, last. She was wife No. 9.

Kina Lee Delaney of San Francisco, who married Watson under the name of "Charles N. Harvey," and who has been missing since December 9, last. She was wife No. 8.

Bertha A. Goodnick of Spokane, who married Watson under the name of "C. Matthews or H. L. Gordon," and who has been missing since last June. She was wife No. 1.

MISSING MANY MONTHS

Gertrude Wilson of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, who married Watson under the name of "K. Watson," and who has been missing for many months. She was wife No. 5.

Meanwhile possibility of a sixteenth wife loomed as the sheriff's office was notified that another woman who claimed to be Watson's wife arrived here to communicate with the self-wounded man. The deputies at once prepared to investigate.

Watson is too ill to be interviewed by the investigators and thus far they are without denial from him of his amazing exploits or of the more sinister suspicion concerning the manner of disappearance of the four missing women.

WATSON'S ARREST MAY CLEAR OLYMPIA CRIME

Seattle, April 12.—(U. P.)—With Louis A. Hilton, alias J. P. Watson, former Seattle collector, under arrest in San Diego, Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant struck out today on a new line of investigation, which, he said, may result in the unraveling of the clum station murder mystery, clear up the disappearance of Mrs. Alice M. Hilton and disclose Hilton as a modern Bluebeard.

The FBI station mystery turned up with the discovery near Olympia last summer of the body of an unidentified woman buried in a shallow grave near the ruins of a burned shack. That the body might have been that of Mrs. Hilton is the contention now of Captain Tennant.

Mrs. Hilton, formerly Miss Ludvigson, niece of G. T. Graham of Seattle, was employed by the Grand Union Tea company when she met "Hilton" and eloped with him last July. The couple went to Quincy, Wash., and were to have visited Banff, Alta., on their honeymoon. But the next that was heard from them they were in San Diego.

Shortly thereafter Graham received two typewritten letters, purporting to come from his niece. The signature and the rambling nature of their contents aroused his suspicions. Graham went to the police and asked that they attempt to learn the whereabouts of Mrs. Hilton.

Ralph Thos. Young, Mother Wants You

Chief of Police Jenkins has been asked to find 16-year-old Ralph Thos. Young of Spokane, who is supposed to be working in a Portland shipyard. Friends of the boy's mother have written the chief, informing him that his mother has just come home from a critical operation and that her recovery is doubtful. The mother is calling for her lost boy constantly, and doctors feel as if her life may be prolonged if the wandering boy can be located.

SEASIDE SITES AND SUITABLE SAVINGS

Can be arranged through the classified section of The Journal. It is helpful in locating a summer home on the beach or a safe guide in pointing the way for investments. It shows worth while opportunities daily.

And the price of a small Want Ad—say about 12 words—is only twenty-five cents.

IN THE JOURNAL

\$500,000 DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST STREETCAR CO. OPENS FOR TRIAL

Selection of a jury in Circuit Judge Morrow's court began this morning in the suit of Tony Dagostino, a minor, represented by his father, John Anton Dagostino, against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for \$500,000 damages.

It is alleged that young Dagostino received serious injuries when a passenger on a street car that was struck by another car at Front and Porter streets on February 22, and that the nervous shock caused kidney trouble. He asks for \$40,000 damages for personal injuries and for \$10,000 exemplary and punitive damages.

COURT SETS ASIDE VERDICT IN ECKERTSON DAMAGE SUIT

On motion of Deputy District Attorney Bernard and Mowry and Deputy City Attorney Stanley Myers, Circuit Judge Gatens today set aside the jury's verdict in the \$2000 damage suit of Miles Eckertson.

Eckertson claims to have been held in jail without any charge against him for a period of seven days. He was taken there for shelter and food by Patrolman A. McFarlane. The jury's verdict awarded damages of \$450 against Sheriff T. M. Delaney \$50 against Deputy Sheriff Kendall and \$25 against Patrolman McFarlane. The verdict was set aside because of the illegality of its form in the separation of the assessment of damages awarded.

SALARY RISE SOUGHT FOR COUNTY'S ROAD ENGINEERS

The Oregon branch of the American Association of Engineers placed before the county commissioners this morning an appeal for increased salaries of engineers in the county roadmaster's office.

The association asked for an increase for the three district engineers and the electrical engineer from \$300 to \$275 per month; draftsman, from \$165 to \$175 per month; transit and rodmen, \$120 to \$150 per month, and chainmen from \$115 to \$130 per month. The request was taken under advisement.

Memorial for Roger B. Sinnott

Memorial services for the late Roger B. Sinnott will be held in the courtroom of Presiding Judge McCourt at 10 o'clock next Saturday morning, under the auspices of the Multnomah County Bar association. John R. Winter, president of the association, has appointed as a committee to prepare resolutions Judge McCourt, J. B. Adams, Judge M. L. Pipes, Albert Ridgway, Frank Longman and Lawrence A. McNary.

Drop Birkholtz Prosecution

Motion was filed this morning by Frederick M. Dempsey, deputy district attorney, for dismissal of the indictment against E. D. Birkholtz, alleged to have illegally taken an automobile out of the state, on the grounds of insufficient evidence to warrant prosecution.

Laundry Moves for New Trial

Motion for a new trial for Joseph Laundry, convicted 1 W. W. organizer, was filed by George F. Vanderveer this morning, on the grounds of insufficient evidence to justify the verdict and errors in law. The case was heard before Judge H. H. Belt.

Company Organized For Developing Oil Lands in This State

Salem, April 12.—Organized for the purpose of leasing and developing oil lands in Oregon, the National Oil company of Portland, capitalized at \$300,000, filed articles of incorporation here Saturday. The incorporators are: E. R. Jones, C. J. Young and R. C. Nelson.

Other corporations filing articles Saturday were:

Virtuous Phonograph company, Portland; \$100,000; W. A. Scott, C. A. Moser and J. W. Oberender.

Oregon Contract company, Portland; \$25,000; W. M. Calk, Ralph H. Calk and L. A. Liljeqvist.

America First in Moral Leadership, In Opinion of Pope

Washington, April 12.—Pope Benedict XV looks to America for the moral as well as the material leadership of the world, Monsignor John Bonzano, papal delegate to the United States, today declared before a meeting of the supreme board of Knights of Columbus here.

He stated that this sentiment was the last he had received from the pope before leaving Rome on his recent visit to the Vatican. Conditions in Italy, he said, were worse than at any time since the signing of the armistice. Breadlines were a usual occurrence throughout the country.

Air Service May Be Run to Astoria If Slip Is Given

Passenger airplane service to Astoria will be established by the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Airplane company, if Astoria provides a suitable landing slip. Flying boats which already have made Portland-Astoria trips, have landed in the slip between the Port of Astoria piers, but this is dangerous, declares Oliver K. Jeffery, assistant manager of the airplane company.

With J. D. Hill as pilot, Jeffery flew to Astoria in 1:22 on Saturday. He returned Sunday via Long Beach, Wash., the being about 1:45. On their return they flew at 2000 feet altitude.

Prisoner Brought From Chicago

Deputy Sheriff Beckman arrived from Chicago Sunday with Walter Wijas, wanted here to answer to a grand jury indictment on a statutory charge. Wijas disappeared from Portland several weeks ago, and was arrested in Chicago early in March. He resisted extradition proceedings, and Deputy Sheriff Beckman has been in Chicago 17 days, awaiting the outcome.

Flour Worker Injured

Several sacks of grain fell on Andrew Zajac at the Albers Brothers Milling plant this morning and badly injured his back, according to a report from St. Vincent's hospital. Zajac is 42 years of age and resides at 627 Montana avenue.

McArthur to Fight For Soldier Relief, Telegram Declares

A satisfactory soldier relief bill will be reported to the house by the ways and means committee within 10 days and will be favorably passed on by the house the latter part of this month, believes Congressman C. N. McArthur. A telegram conveying this news was received today by Portland post of the American Legion.

"I intend to stay in Washington until the measure is disposed of, despite reports to the contrary," McArthur says. He explains that first he favored the Johnson bill, which granted \$1 for each day spent in service, but that now he is pushing the bill sponsored by the American Legion representatives who recently met in Washington. This provides for choice of land settlement, home aid, vocational training or \$150 adjusted compensation for each day spent in service.

Hearing of Failing Will Is Concluded

The bitterly contested litigation over the settlement of the estate of Xarifa J. Failing, who died in 1916, was concluded in the circuit court Thursday. Testimony of the case in probate court was read and this lasted a month. Arguments were then begun and these consumed three weeks. Judge Stapleton said that a decision in the case will not be forthcoming for several weeks.

The original hearing before Judge Tazwell, who was then county judge, extended over a year. Regardless of the side winning, the attorneys say, the estate was left in a state of confusion. The action was brought by W. Tyler Smith, heir at law, now deceased, to break the will of Mrs. Failing. The Mead and Thomas N. Strong, friends. The property was valued at more than \$500,000.

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SOUTH TERRORIZED BY AUTO BANDITS

San Francisco, April 12.—(U. P.)—Police and city authorities are thoroughly aroused today following the daily increase in automobile holdups during the last week.

Four different gangs of bandits operating in various parts of the city early yesterday committed nine robberies, obtaining hundreds of dollars in money and jewelry.

Police shotgun squads have again been ordered to make nightly rounds by Captain of Detectives Duncan Mathewson following the latest "crime wave."

Wilson Breaks His Solitude; His Looks Silence Criticism

Washington, April 12.—President Wilson emerged from the solitude of the White House Sunday for the first time in more than a week. Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, the president enjoyed a two-hour motor drive along the speedway which skirts the banks of the Potomac river and then through several parks of the capital. Those who saw the president said that he looked well and that his appearance alone was sufficient to refute the rumors of a relapse, which have been going the rounds here since his last automobile ride.

Robinson Preparing To Move to Omaha</