

RAIL EMPLOYEES MUST VOTE AGAIN, RULES U. S. BOARD

Chicago, Aug. 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—The issue of the "open shop," as it affects employees of the Pennsylvania railroad, was brought sharply to the front today by the action of the United States Railway Labor board in ordering new elections of representatives of employees of the road and prescribing the manner of voting.

The order sets aside elections already held and overrules the contention of officials of the railway that their employees' representatives shall be chosen without regard for union affiliations. Conference to be held before August 12 will determine the method of holding the new elections.

OBJECTS TO QUIBBLING
Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad frankly stated at recent hearings of the labor board that they would deal with their employees according to their own plans, virtually denying the right of the board to interfere. This attitude in the decision issued by the board is called "quibbling" and "almost treasonable."

The board expressed impatience with "quibbling" over technicalities and declared that "at a time when the nation is slowly and painfully progressing through the condition of industrial depression, unemployment and unrest it is almost treasonable for any employer or employee stubbornly to haggle over unessential details at the risk of social chaos."

ELECTION SET ASIDE
The Pennsylvania, in ostensible compliance with an order of the board for conference with its employees on new rules, had held a general election. Votes were cast for individuals only and the names of the various labor organizations among the Pennsylvania employees did not appear on the ballot. Rules negotiated with respect to the election were not put into effect.

The labor board sets aside this election and these rules and orders a new election at which the employees may vote for representatives of the labor organizations if they desire. Representatives chosen at the new election are to be recognized by the road in new conferences on rules.

No statement as to their attitude toward the newest order of the board has come from Pennsylvania officials.

Eugene Ordinance Barring Possession Of Liquor Fought

Eugene, Aug. 1.—The Eugene municipal liquor law, which prohibits possession of intoxicants, is being fought by H. E. Blake and Vernon Williams, local men, arrested charged with illegal possession of liquor, who allege the council had no right to pass such an ordinance.

Christian Endeavor societies from all over Lane county will gather here today at the Eugene Methodist church, Friday night to hear the report of Walter Myers, Lane county delegate to the recent international meeting of Christian Endeavor societies at New York.

Panama Boundary Dispute Is Settled, Declares Hughes

Washington, Aug. 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—The suggestion of Panama that the Panama-Costa Rican boundary dispute be referred to the permanent court at The Hague for arbitration has been rejected by Secretary of State Hughes. It was learned at the state department today.

Replying to the recent communication by Foreign Minister Garay, Secretary Hughes pointed out that the dispute was decided by the arbitration of the late Chief Justice White and therefore is not a proper subject for further arbitration.

Dives Under Car to Avoid Being Run Over

Mrs. O. C. Merrick of Oswego was painfully cut and bruised Sunday afternoon when she was rolled over by an automobile belonging to C. C. Barrell. Mrs. Merrick had been sitting on the bank of Oswego lake with two of her children when Barrell attempted to start his car, which was parked a few feet away.

The throbbing of the engine freed some rocks used to block the wheels and the car started backward. Mrs. Merrick hastily tossed her children to one side and dived headlong under the car. The wheels did not strike her. The car rolled into the lake and was stopped against a boulder. Mrs. Barrell and her children were in the machine.

OIL SPREAD ON SAND
Arlington, Or., Aug. 1.—The O. W. R. & N. is putting on the oil car to run between Umatilla and Rufus for the purpose of keeping a constant supply of oil on the sand along this portion of the road, where it has been almost impossible to keep the track clear, due to numerous sandstorms.

DAUGHTER OF PIONEER DEAD
Marshfield, Aug. 1.—Mrs. Frank Burkholder died at her home in Coquille after many months of illness. She was a native of Missouri, but had lived in Coos county since 1912 and was a daughter of DeWitt Clinton, one of the early settlers.

LOOK!
D. Hirsch of the AUNGER ARTIFICIAL LIMB COMPANY of San Francisco will have headquarters at the Hotel Corneliuss, Portland, Or., for one week, commencing August 3. Call on him for a demonstration of the latest article in your line.

Business Turns at Bend Toward Better Outlook, but Skids

Chicago, Aug. 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Business has turned the corner towards prosperity, but it is still skidding considerably. However, it has made the turn. This is the consensus of opinion expressed by the delegates to the National Congress of Retail Merchants, which opened a week's session here today.

"Business is better," said W. L. Ware, trade commissioner for the Association of Commerce, in the keynote address. "Reports which I have received indicate this. Steel, lumber and drygoods are picking up."

NAVAL RESERVES OFF ON CRUISE

Naval reserves of the second detachment reported for their practice cruise this morning aboard the Eagle boat stationed in Portland harbor. The craft will start down stream for the Linton oil docks to fuel at 7 o'clock tonight and will reach the mouth of the Columbia some time Tuesday. The formalities of the cruise will be completed by "winging" the ship will take place there and the boat will then head up the coast.

Six officers and 80 men were in the crew that started on the cruise. The officers are: Lieutenant K. C. Ingraham, commanding; Lieutenant G. L. St. Clair, Lieutenant (j. g.) P. M. Robinson, Ensign A. P. Holmes, Ensign R. E. Thorne, Ensign Marshall, Ensign Gunner, P. S. Drake. The cruise will include calls at Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, Bremerton and other Sound points, and will end August 15 with return to Astoria. The journey to Portland to be completed the following day.

Wolf Will Howl at Doors of Poor, Say Prophets of Army

New York, Aug. 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—The wolf at the door is going to be fiercer this winter than for the past 25 years. The Salvation Army is making unprecedented plans to relieve suffering and distress among the poor.

But the margin of safety will be small. Evangeline Booth, head of the army's forces in the city, declared today. All indications are that the coming winter will be the worst in a quarter of a century. There are going to be two principal difficulties—unemployment and lack of housing.

The army bases its assumption that the coming winter is going to be the worst upon the number of persons dependent upon it for shelter.

Drydock Insurance Will Be Discussed By Port Committee

At a special meeting of the dock commission Monday morning the question of insurance on the new drydock was raised and Engineer Hegardt and Attorney La Roche appointed a committee to confer with the Port of Portland. Who will shoulder the burden of insurance is a matter for discussion between the two bodies and each desires to stand from under.

The new drydock will be operated jointly by the dock commission and the Port of Portland. It will be ready for service September 15. The drydock was built on plans and specifications of the dock commission and will be operated by the Port of Portland.

Two Veteran Bodies Are Not Related

Disavowal of any relationship between Portland chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War and the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Council of the city was made in a resolution adopted by the Disabled Veterans last week. The resolution states that the Cooperative League is canvassing the community for funds, 10 per cent of which go to the relief of disabled war veterans, and calls attention to the fact that the Disabled Veterans do not have solicitors authorized to collect money, but that all business is transacted through chapter officials, headed by W. F. Bent, commander.

Police Search for Dead Man's Brother

The chief of police of Kamloops, B. C., has notified the Portland inspectors' bureau of the death of Daniel Leach, aged 65, in Kamloops, and asks aid from the police here in finding a brother of the deceased man. The brother was last heard from in Portland and it is believed that he is working in a brick yard.

BRUSH FIRE CONTROLLED
Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 1.—The brush fire, which for a time threatened farm houses and timber near Homan, is under control, according to County Fire Warden Hedekies. A large acreage was burned over but little damage to property, with the exception of a small amount of cord wood, occurred.

PORTLAND COUPLE REWED
Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 1.—A. P. Anderson, 53, and Goldie Anderson, 38, of Portland, after divorce, found freedom unattractive. They journeyed to Vancouver, Saturday, obtained a license, were remarried by Judge Vaughan and went away as happy as any newly weds on their first venture.

TREASURER ADAMS SMILES
A new member was added to the staff of City Treasurer William Adams Saturday evening, but all effort to ascertain the name of the 8-pound addition was unavailing, inasmuch as Mrs. Adams and the city official have not yet agreed upon a selection. A daughter was born to Mrs. Adams at 7:45 o'clock Saturday evening.

FORD ENCOUNTERS COMPETITIVE BIDS IN NITRATE ISSUE

By Norman Haggood
Universal Service Staff Correspondent
Washington, Aug. 1.—Henry Ford's offer for the government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals will, in my opinion, ultimately be accepted.

The reason given by the secretary of war is not impressive. Weeks said that the government could not guarantee an output of \$50,000 horsepower. Ford did not ask for a guarantee of that or any other amount. He merely asked for an equipment capable of handling that amount.

It has been hinted that another offer has been received. That is true. Also more is true. Two offers have been received. One is from the DuPont interest. The other is from the American Cyanide company, which is a Duke interest.

If either of these interests can do better than Ford, so much the better. But if Ford is turned down through inside skulduggery there will be a sure enough row.

WOULD KEEP HIM ON BEAT
Certainly I hold no brief for Ford in some of his activities. His taking the lead in the anti-Semetic work that follows every war and is the cheap trick of every reaction is a crime or more probably one of these imbecilities that Ford indulges in when he gets away from his proper beat.

But showing what can be done with an industrial enterprise is his proper beat. The government assuredly will get from congress the money necessary to develop the power connected with this undertaking.

Ford comes along with an offer that furnishes nitrates for the farmer and power for the industries with from one to two hundred miles. He offers to do these things on terms that make the disciple of honest graft pretty nearly take the country.

If he undertakes the work he will furnish power at a price that will engage his competitors and set a standard of efficiency that his competitors do not want. A standard of efficiency is a most annoying obstacle to bleeding the public.

Also, between you and me, I believe that he will establish a branch of his automobile works near enough to be worked by the power of this plant.

Helping the southern farmer to potash, power and the stimulation of a new automobile industry, this move might be expected to have strong southern support. Never believe it. Mr. Underwood is nearly always able to swing the most influential southern senators and representatives in the direction desired by big business.

Also Ford's offer to limit profit on the nitrate fertilizers and have the books examined by the representatives of farmers' organizations strikes the more privileged businesses as little short of Bolshevistic.

PROGRESSIVE BLOC ON TEAR
Obviously Ford's offer ought not to be accepted until there has been plenty of time to examine it and plenty of time for the inside crowd of the big privileged interests to make all the counter offers they dare to make.

But if one of these competing offers is accepted, the very precipitated acceptance of the Ford offer is a surprise coming to them. The surprise will come next autumn or winter. We are still in the honeymoon, but by the time the next congress opens, the bars will be down and the progressive bloc, generally called the agricultural bloc, will go fiercely after all the big graft it can find. The idea that special privilege is in a position where it can pick up everything in sight and ask the public to be grateful to it for doing so is founded on the error that there is to be no organized opposition.

PRIVILEGE HAS FIGHT ON HANDS
The progressive bloc is plenty big enough to make all kinds of trouble. It consists of Republicans and Democrats and in the senate where it is most effectively organized it has a regular chairman, Senator Kenyon, who presides over regular meetings. These meetings take up the same sort of questions that split the Republican party in Taft's administration.

It is led by men who were not politically born yesterday. They have their eyes open. When Senator McCumber applied for admission to the group he was not permitted to come in. The leaders of the group have no intention of letting anybody whose allegiance to liberalism they doubt.

This Ford matter is by no means the only conservation question to come up. In all of them which I shall consider in due course, look out for the progressive bloc.

Goods Orders Are Double in Volume Those of Year Ago

John V. Farwell company of Chicago, weekly review of trade.

Wholesale dry goods business is manifesting greater confidence with the increasing demand for merchandise. Road orders for the past two weeks are nearly double in number in comparison with corresponding two weeks of last year. Buyers have been in market in larger numbers than during July, 1920.

From letters being received a very large number of merchants with their families will come to Chicago to the Pageant of Progress Exposition, July 20 to August 14. Wholesale fall stocks will be more complete in August than later in the season.

There is a continued active demand for crocheted and satin bed spreads. Silks and ribbons are selling well. Good week in remnants for mid-summer sales. Domestic cottons market is firm. Collections are satisfactory.

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