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The operators refused to meet the miners before. Now the president compels them to meet and promises to use the executive power to force an agreement.

President Harding is also reported as ready to insist on respect by the railroads and employes for the rulings of the railroad labor board.

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tralian wheat into Japan and it handled a third of the grain supply from that country last year. But Australia is 24 to 25 days' steaming time from Japanese ports.

The Argentine, which also bids for Japanese business, is still farther. But the ship which sails from Kobe may be in the Port of Portland in 16 or 17 days. Here is a saving of eight days on one leg of the journey. Modern steamships cost a very large sum for every day of operation. Each day saved subtracts from the per-bushel cost of wheat.

Since wheat all over the world sells at the Liverpool price, less cost of carriage, grain of the Columbia basin has an important advantage in Japan deliveries. During the past decade the importations of wheat into Japan have increased 100 per cent. During the coming 10 years, says Mr. Fujii, there is a strong likelihood of equal increase. This is a prediction that has high significance to the grain growers and dealers of this region.

The presence of the Japanese dealer in Australian wheat is, by the way, an evidence of the results attending the work of the traffic department jointly maintained by the port and dock commissions. Fujii himself confessed that his company would not have looked toward this port had it not been for insistent efforts of the Port of Portland traffic man in Japan.

City Grappler Brady says most of the 800 people he has taken from the water drowned were overcome by cramp and that the cramp in nearly every instance was caused by going into the water too soon after eating. Green fruit and cramps in water pair frequently as cause and effect.

HOW did you spend the Fourth? Did you think anything about Paul Revere's ride? Did you let a stray thought go out to the old bellringer and the eager message of the boy, "Ring, ring, ring?"

Did there pass through your mind the remark of Franklin in the Declaration of Independence was signed. "We must all hang together or be hanged together."

Did the presidential action in the day after thought of Washington or Jefferson or Hamilton or Madison or the others? As you fished down the canyon in the heart of the Cascades, did any realization come over you of how you happened to be a free man instead of the subject of a monarch who claimed to rule and did rule by so-called divine right?

Perhaps you, like so many others, have come to look upon these annuals of great men and tremendous events as a sort of bedtime story, traditional and trifling incidents with which to regale children. Possibly you, like so many others, have drifted into a half thought that the beacon fire comes to you during the day after thought of Washington or Jefferson or Hamilton or Madison or the others?

Now here is a thought: What else can you expect than that thoughtless and uninformed people will form such an opinion of these United States if you and so many other citizens do not, on the one memorial day for remembering the presidential action is tardy, however. Five roads already have been adjudged guilty of violating the orders of the board in the matter of letting contracts to private firms for railroad work, thereby violating the law and defeating wage decisions of the labor tribunal, and four more are faced with the same charges. No such charges rested on the shopmen up to the time they walked out. The precedent of ignoring the labor board had been set by the roads long before the men walked out.

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is a chief reason why experts are drowned. Their skill makes them bold. It moods them to defy safety rules. Once they swim in a reasonable period after a meal with no bad results. Then they go into the water a little sooner after eating. And they keep shortening the period until, after the last dive, they go under and do not rise again."

Hugh Brady, the grappler, who knows almost every cranny in the bed of the Willamette at Portland, has been quoted as saying that in 90 per cent of the cases where he has recovered the bodies of those drowned while swimming, death was the result of eating shortly before going into the water. Often, he says, it is a case of eating a little fruit.

Drunkness in the water tempts fate. Not infrequently an intoxicated man dines and never rises to the surface. That happened a couple of years ago at Battleground lake. In a swimming suit, a drunken man reeled out to the springboard and dived. There was 15 or 20 feet of water, and he lay motionless on the bottom. Swimmers presently dived for him, and after six or seven minutes one of them brought him up. After tireless efforts respiration was restored and his life was saved. The incident was a warning to the hundreds present not to venture into the water except when sober.

The warning has been sounded many a time. When you tell it to good swimmers they often scout it. It is so easy to swim that even all the gas of the power of the water to take life is lost. So swimmers dive in when overheated, plunge in too soon after eating, venture too far for their strength, go in when drunk, and violate all the other rules of safety and continue to make headlines for the newspapers.

No exercise is finer. There is a double cushion to every stroke of the swimmer—the yielding of the water and the movement of the body forward. It taxes the abdominal muscles more than almost any other exercise and is a reducer of that region, a highly beneficial result not so perfectly brought about by any ordinary exercise.

Perhaps the one drowning in the Willamette in the Portland zone Sunday, while thousands sought relief from the super-heat by swimming, was a similar mortality. Usually there is one safe place for the swimmer. At the swimming resorts there are always life guards whose business it is to be alert for emergencies. The result is that, though thousands swim at such places, there is rarely a fatality.

The trade of Columbia river with Japan in lumber, wheat and flour showed an average increase in tonnage of 851 per cent, and in value 151 per cent, for the fiscal year ending June 30 as compared with the preceding fiscal year. Lumber shipments increased from \$444,444 to \$7,910,810, and flour from \$1,311,867 to \$7,910,810, and flour from \$537,583 to \$4,242,132. Our trade with Japan has become one of the large enterprises of the ports of the Columbia.

Some people, as we all know, have arrived at the conclusion that this country of ours is a rotten country anyway, that it is no better than the nations that have gone before, that the system ought to be changed by throwing the constitution overboard and that everything connected with the republic is a false alarm.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE... That old line about "Money makes the mare go" is usually true about the motor.

SIDELIGHTS... If the Turks really want to exterminate the Armenians and Greeks, why not make them all smoke Turkish cigarettes?—Albany Democrat.

Government in the United States costs 7 cents an hour for every inch of road which is started something in mind, we'll say that it's worth it.—Athens Press.

THE COURT HOUSE... The court house net robin is dead. His demise is described as being too many cherries. Owners of trees will have no trouble in believing that verdict.—Eugene Register.

EX-MEAT... Ex-meat salesman is making a fight for the throne of Almonaco. He is true to his word to rule with a heavy hand.

POLITICAL UNREST... Political unrest may be due to the increasing difficulty politicians find in getting on with the people with comfort through politics.

UPON LEARNING... Upon learning that 25,000 persons spent the Fourth at our favorite beach and resolved to be glad that we'd remained in the city to enjoy a host of Bull Run for our own.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE... MORE OR LESS PERSONAL... Random Observations About Town

JAMES FARLEY... James Farley and J. Kilkenny Jr. of Heppner were among residents of Morrow county who came to town to participate in the Morrow county reunion at Laurelhurst park Tuesday, an annual event.

UNDER BOSS RULE... An Insider's Testimony As to Methods in a Convention System

AMONG THOSE WHO SPENT... Among those who spent the Fourth in Portland was F. C. Sater of Pendleton.

IN PORTLAND... In Portland on a business mission is Sam McCall of Ashland.

AMONG OUT OF TOWN VISITORS... Among out of town visitors is Nelson H. Jones of Weston.

W. H. SMITH... W. H. Smith of Goble was in Portland on the Fourth on a business errand.

W. A. MASSINGILL... W. A. Massingill of Lakeview is transacting business in Portland.

J. M. GAMBILL... J. M. Gambill of Springfield is among recent arrivals.

H. H. PENNER... H. H. Penner and A. B. Dilley of Dallas are among out of town visitors.

L. R. FRINK... L. R. Frink of Chapman is in Portland transacting some business.

H. V. CHRISTMAN... H. V. Christman of Moro is seeking a cool spot in Portland.

AMONG OUT OF TOWN VISITORS... Among out of town visitors is Walter M. Pierce of La Grande.

W. T. BOND... W. T. Bond and J. W. Lyon are two visitors from E. J. Johnson of Herndon.

MR. AND MRS. J. L. JOHNSON... Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson of Herndon are visiting Portland.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SHORT... Mr. and Mrs. George Short of Wythe are visiting in Portland.

OF NUMEROUS OUT OF TOWN VISITORS... Of numerous out of town visitors are Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Alley of Moro.

TRANSACTION BUSINESS... Transaction business in Portland Monday was J. L. Cass of Pendleton.

S. FERGUSON... S. Ferguson and Ed Carlson of Clifton are among out of town visitors.

J. H. LAKI... J. H. Laki of The Dalles is registered at the Multnomah.

CHARLES FEHLEN... Charles Fehlen of Salem was a Fourth of July caller.

THE OREGON COUNTRY

THE BROWNVILLE GOOD CITIZENS league now has a membership of close to 500 persons.

TIMBER FIRES... Timber fires reported near Bachelor mountain and in the LaPine section of Elkhart county are now under control.

APPROVAL WAS GIVEN... Approval was given Friday by the senate committee on the nomination of Wallace Smead to be postmaster at Heppner.

MORE THAN 100 PER CENT... More than 100 per cent more building contracts were started during the month of June than during the month of May.

THE COTTAGE GROVE... The Cottage Grove cannery began operations this week, starting on cherries and loganberries. Charley Williams is in charge.

TEMPERATURES... Temperatures ranging above 90 degrees were reported at Clatskanie during the last week. Lack of wind is being felt and the hay crop is making a poor show.

BEND'S PAYROLL... Bend's payroll has been augmented to the extent of \$4000 a month by the start of the company, which began operations July 1.

A FOREST FIRE... A forest fire which had been smoldering since Monday night under a blanket of flames by the high wind Friday burned three donkey engines belonging to the Elwood Logging company at Kerry.

LAUNCH PHOENIX... The launch Phoenix, belonging to the Saboron-Cutting company of Astoria, has been damaged by a fire which started on the launch Governor Oatman on the river and coast against power sterns.

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LABORERS FOR... Laborers for the Yakima valley, including the government reclamation work at the dam, are being recruited.

OPERATING A... Operating a cable car from a donkey engine near Houliam, Friday afternoon, a cable car was caught on the cable and drum and crushed to death.

MORE DWELLING... More dwelling house and general building construction is going on in the city than at any time since 1917. Fourteen dwellings, business buildings and one church are under construction.

THE LUMBER MILLS... The lumber mills of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, the Inland Empire organization, shipped \$8,800,000 worth of lumber during May, or more than was ever shipped before during any one month.

MR. AND MRS. G. H. STRONG... Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Strong, who went to Los Angeles a short time ago to nurse a daughter who was ill, was stricken with typhoid fever and died soon after the death of her daughter. The bodies of both have been returned to Vader.

IDAHO... According to estimates from grain dealers, railway men and farmers, the immediate prospect is a 60 per cent increase in the price of grain.

FARMERS OF... Farmers of Latah county are complaining that groundhogs are destroying their crops. Efforts are being made to poison them with strychnine.

DAN LITTLEDECK... Dan Littledeck, 38, of Smithfield, was killed at Fossilville, Friday morning, when he attempted to jump from an express train before it had come to a stop.

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Twenty Years Ago

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THE RAINS IN... The rains in the North Pacific states have practically ceased, but a few showers occurred last night in the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon.

THE CITY ENGINEER... The city engineer's department had a number of men employed yesterday patching the elevated roadway on Union avenue between East Stark and East Oak streets. The roadway is in such a dilapidated condition that repairs have to be made nearly every day.

SEVERAL HUNDRED... Several hundred cords of slabwood are being thrown away daily as a result of the fuel teamsters' strike. It has accumulated at the mills so rapidly that the limited number of teams are unable to haul it away.

AMONG THE... Among the latest additions to the Portland post office is a letter stamping machine, operated by electricity. It has a capacity of 30,000 letters per hour.

THE HOPGROWERS... The hopgrowers of French Prairie are somewhat encouraged, as the prospects for a good crop and a good price are favorable.

SALEM CELEBRATED... Salem celebrated the Fourth of July as it has not been observed in many years and the population of the Capital city is highly pleased with the result.

SINCE THE... Since the advent of the rainy weather, "No one" has been seen at the foot of Belmont street where the public a large flag will be displayed from the flagstaff.

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