

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 1920.

BIG STRIKE OF SHOPMEN CALLED OFF

Wilson's Request That Action Be Delayed Is Heeded; Union Head Postpones Walk-out for Indefinite Period

PERMANENT ARBITRARY COMMISSION HINTED

President Infers That Tieup of Roads Would Be Against Duty to Country

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 14.—The strike of 300,000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop laborers set for next Tuesday, was tonight indefinitely postponed by Allen E. Barker, international president of the union.

CONFERENCE CALLED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The railroad wage controversy was referred today to a general conference of union committees, called to meet here February 22 for final decision as to whether the demands for increased pay will be pressed on the government, or passed on to the railroad corporations, soon to resume control of their properties.

Representatives of the 14 unions, who have been conferring with Director General Hines since February 3 and whose spokesman laid their claims before President Wilson yesterday, have tentatively accepted the White House proposal for a tribunal created either by law or on the president's motion, to consider the demands.

Final word must come, however, from higher union authority, the conference heads.

Strike Disloyal, Inference

The president tonight supplemented the action of the union leaders with a telegram to Mr. Barker calling upon him to withdraw the strike order and to "make sure that no interruption to transportation occur." Mr. Wilson said he felt sure the officials of the maintenance of way union would realize "that you cannot in justice to your membership and the citizens generally of the

Much Is Seen Back of War in the Cabinet

Gossip Says Move to Oust Wilson May Be Back of Shake Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Under Secretary Polk, John W. Davis, ambassador to Great Britain and Hugh C. Wallace, ambassador to France, are foremost among those being discussed to head the state department as successor to former Secretary Lansing, who announced his resignation after a dramatic clash with President Wilson.

The Lansing resignation furnished official Washington with a sensation unparalleled since William J. Bryan departed from office. The statement of Secretary Lane, who is leaving the cabinet, March 1, that he felt an equal responsibility with Mr. Lansing for holding the cabinet meetings seemed to add possibilities of further cabinet resignations for a time, but this was disposed of by a statement at the White House that there were to be no further retirements as a result of the incident.

Congress Discusses Affair

Congress discussed the sensation with avidity, but only in the cloak rooms, however, as the subject did not come up in debate on the floor of either house or senate.

Lansing's friends say that in calling the cabinet together he was acting with precedent to support him and that although as ranking officer of the cabinet he usually called the meetings, other members of the cabinet agreed. They point to Secretary Lane's statement that he assumed equal responsibility and that all the cabinet members thought the meetings a good thing.

Speculation Is Rife

The under-the-surface discussion of the incident, however, connects at least the first of the cabinet meetings last October with the speculation which was going on at the time as to whether Vice President Marshall ought to be called upon to take over the duties of the presidency. While it is known that the subject never came up actually at a meeting of the cabinet officers, it is also known that it was discussed privately and that some of the reports taken to the president include Secretary Lansing's name among those who were discussing that probability.

Borah Hints Politics

"I apprehend that neither the president nor Mr. Lansing, if they were free to speak, would deny that it was Mr. Lansing's dissatisfaction with the treaty and his pronounced condemnation of it which had most to do with bringing about his resignation."

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FLAG BEARER TWICE FIRED AT, HE SAYS

Grimm's Bullet-Torn Vest Identified by Wife; Barnett Accused

DEFENSE FAILS TO SHOW I. W. W. RAID PLANNED

Clarence Watkins Testifies How Shots Passed Between Him and Colors as He Ran to Safety; Rifleman Is Seen

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 14.—Clarence Watkins, color bearer in the Armistice Day parade at Centralia last November 11, was twice shot at as he crossed the main street of the city, carrying the American colors before him, according to his testimony today at the trial of 11 alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, victim of the shootings of that day. Two times, while he was crossing the street seeking a refuge from the shots, bullets passed between him and the flag he was carrying, he testified.

Eight witnesses for the state were on the stand today, including Mrs. Verna Barstead Grimm, widow of the former lieutenant for whose murder the men are being tried. Her testimony was the last of the day.

Bullet-Torn Vest Recognized

Leaving her 11-months old baby with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Grimm took the stand and told of walking to the office of a Centralia physician with him, where he left her to assume command of the Centralia marchers. She watched him pass the office, northward, but did not see him again until she was called to the hospital. That was the first she knew of the shooting. She remained with him at the hospital until he breathed his last. The vest which Grimm wore under his soldier blouse, containing the holes of the bullet which passed through his

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C. W. BECKETT PASSES AWAY

Former Polk County Commissioner and Assessor Succumbs to Pneumonia

Clyde Wallace Beckett, well known Polk county farmer, and former Polk county commissioner and assessor, died at his home, 149 Superior street, at 1:35 p. m. yesterday after a brief illness with pneumonia.

Mr. Beckett was born July 12, 1861, on the old Beckett homestead about three miles north of Salem on the Wallace road in Polk county, and lived there all his life, until the last four months which were spent in Salem where he moved with his family.

Mr. Beckett was one of the most highly respected residents of Polk county where he was universally esteemed. From 1892 to 1896 he served two terms as Polk county assessor, and in 1894 was elected county commissioner of that county, serving one term.

On October 19, 1887, he was married to Miss Emma H. Southwick also of Polk county, who with one daughter, Gaynelle Leone, and three sons, Russell and Earl of Salem, and Carl of Brighton, Or., survive him. Three grandchildren, Genevieve, Clyde Wallace and Milton Beckett, daughter and sons of Earl Beckett, also survive him as does one sister, Mrs. Grant Allen of Amity.

Mr. Beckett was a member of the Woodmen of the World. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Rigdon chapel. Rev. H. N. Aldrich of Leslie Methodist church will officiate and burial will be in City View cemetery.

CHURCHES HEAR HOSPITAL PLEA

Deaconess Institution Tells Plans and Needs in Letter to Pastors

In a letter addressed to the pastors and members of Salem churches, the Salem Deaconess hospital explains its plans and needs for enlargement, relative to the new \$50,000 hospital building which is to be erected at Winter and Oak streets, on the site of the present temporary hospital.

The letter explains that because of cramped room the hospital has worked against much disadvantage

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HIGH SCORING CHILDREN IN RECENT BABY CLINIC

At top—First picture, Frances Gildow, 99 per cent, and Donald Gildow, 97, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gildow of Annville; second picture, Betty Denison, 9 months old, 95½, and Gordon Denison, 24 months, 98½, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Denison, 1475 North Commercial street, Salem. Second row down, from left to right—Peter Howard Gelsner, 28 months old, 97, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gelsner, 775 Mill street; Janice Ruth Murray, 30 months, 99, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Murray, 1410 North Winter street; Sammy Emp, 16 months, 97½, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emp, 420 South Commercial street. At bottom—Lucille Molsan, 30 months, 98½, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Molsan, 1410 North Eighteenth street. The next baby clinic will be held Thursday afternoon, February 19.



HOUSER WILL FIGHT GRAND JURY CHARGE

Head of Pacific Grain Corporation Announces Intention to Demand Thorough Investigation of Actions

ATTACK ON INTEGRITY IS TERMED "DAMNABLE"

Accusation of Profiteering Said to Be Unjustified in Extreme

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—Max H. Houser, vice president of the United States Grain corporation for the northwest, announced today that he would demand a thorough investigation by the proper authorities of the charges of speculation and profiteering in grain made against him a week ago by a United States grand jury in Spokane. In a statement, on the basis of which he declared he was willing to "stand or fall" Houser denied the charges and produced sworn statements from officials of the Pacific Grain company in which he is interested, to show the alleged falsity of the grand jury's findings.

Houser submitted a statement from S. C. Draper, president of the Pacific Grain corporation, declaring that a price of \$2.42 a bushel was paid the farmers by the company for hard wheats, as against \$2.07, the price mentioned by the grand jury. Soft wheats cost the company \$2.28 a bushel, Draper said.

Referring to the hard wheat situation last fall, Houser said that when it developed, late in the season, that there would not be over one third of a normal crop through the Big Bend section, Montana and the Dakotas, buyers from those sections were brought into competition with local dealers and millers in the northwest markets and the effect was that it started a mad scramble for the wheat, especially in that district and prices continued climbing day by day until it eventually resulted in the farmers setting their own price. The increased consumption and demand for these hard wheat flour varieties further intensified the situation.

Houser submitted figures to show that the Pacific Grain corporation not only did not profiteer, but by keeping down the price of flour while the wheat price soared, actually lost an average of 60 cents a barrel on patent flour from July, 1919, to January, 1920.

Resignation Planned

To demonstrate there was no connivance by him for the continuation of his duties as vice president of the corporation, Houser declared he had advised the wheat director of his intention to end his connection with the grain corporation last July, but reconsidered when President Wilson cabled from Paris asking the wheat director and 18 vice presidents to remain another year and complete redemption of the wheat guarantee passed by congress.

"Now comes the irony of it all," Houser continued. "On one hand the president asking me to remain and on the other hand the grand jury trying to crucify me on the cross of the profiteer in a most diabolical manner for doing so. I have tried to perform my duty without making any ado over it, endeavoring to be fair with the farmers, dealers and millers; but on account of the price regulations, I have tried to see that the farmer received a square deal, so far as was in my power."

TWO KILLED

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—Two men were dead, three were probably fatally injured and three others were suffering from serious injuries here tonight as the result of an explosion of a mud drum at the Yesler Way auxiliary boiler plant of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company here at noon today.

FRISCO MAYOR HOLDUP VICTIM

HIZZONER LOSES ONLY DIGNITY

CROOK IGNORES HIS PURSUERS

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Mayor James Rolph, Jr., tonight joined the roll of hold-up victims.

In front of his residence the mayor was forced at the point of a pistol to throw up his hands by an unmasked bandit who was being pursued by a large crowd from the scene of another robbery. The chief executive lost nothing but his composure as the oncoming pursuers apparently frightened the bandit away. He escaped.

Previously the bandit had rifled the cash register of a Chinese silk merchant of \$200. The cries of the Chinese, who pursued the robber, attracted many pedestrians to the chase during which the bandit paused to hold up the mayor.

PHONE CALLS BRING MONEY TO QUARTERS

More Hundred-Dollar Subscriptions Added to Commercial Club List

SOME BRING CHECKS IN

Illness of Members and Busy Day in Salem Keep Committee Off Street

The telephone was brought into use at the Salem Commercial club yesterday and enough \$100 donations were taken over the wire to send the total to date for the club's publicity fund, up to about \$7000. The phone was used because of the illness of several members of the fund committee, and also because yesterday was an unusually busy Saturday for the business men of Salem, thousands of shoppers being in the streets most of the day.

Business men of the city have been calling at the club and voluntarily placing their names on the list of those who are anxious to place \$100 in the fund. Several men have called at the club personally to sign up and brought their check with them, a little consideration that is always much appreciated by the committee. It is believed the remainder of the \$10,000 fund can be raised early this week.

Contributors to date are:
W. W. Moore, \$100
C. S. Hamilton, \$100
People's Cash store, \$100
C. P. Bishop, \$100
Hartman Brothers, \$100
Steusloff Brothers, \$100
George E. Waters, \$100
H. S. Gile & Co., \$100
Paul B. Wallace, \$100
Fisher, Garnish & Co., \$100
Clifford W. Brown, \$100
Cross Market, \$100
Ray Farmer, \$100
Weller Brothers, \$100
Mrs. Steeves & Findley, \$100
Livesley & Roberts, \$100

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MOTOR CAR FEES YIELD HEAVILY FOR ROAD FUND

Over Two and One-Half Millions Is Koser's Estimate for This Year

BUSINESS IS TREBLED

Statistics for Last Five Years Show Striking Increase in Figures

From revenue received by the state in license fees on motor vehicles and the tax on gasoline and distillate about \$2,670,000 will go to road construction in Oregon during this year, says an estimate prepared by Sam A. Koser, deputy secretary of state.

Taking as a basis the registration fees received so far this year and estimating the amount for the remaining eight months, Mr. Koser believes that by January 1, 1921, the figure will reach \$2,250,000. Of this there will be \$2,182,500 payable for highway work after administration expenses, producing net exceeding \$ per

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