

RAILROAD WAGE DECREASES MAY BE REJECTED

Canvass of Union Organizations Shows Proposed Reductions for Unskilled Labor Not Favored.

NEW JERSEY CENTRAL CUTS FROM 10 TO 17

Rigid Curtailment of Expenses Only Will Meet Financial Crisis

NEW YORK, March 14.—The railroad wage reduction proposed for unskilled labor in the east, probably will be rejected, a canvass of union organizations indicated tonight.

The first official announcement of the refusal of the reductions is expected tomorrow when representatives of the workers will confer with officials of the New York Central and reply to that road's proposal to cut wages from 17-1/2 to 21 per cent.

The workers hold that the figures and data submitted by the railroads do not show sufficient cause for the reductions and cannot be substantiated.

That the railroad workers had agreed on a policy to fight the reductions was indicated by their move in advancing one week the date for the second conference with the New York Central officials, originally set for March 22.

Marine Workers Also Cut.

The latest reduction proposal was made today by the Central railroad of New Jersey, which would cut wages of all unskilled labor from 10 to 17 cents per hour, effective April 1. Union representatives will make their final reply to this proposal March 24.

Wage reductions ranging from 15 to 25 per cent for marine workers employed by the railroads in New York harbor, it was also learned, have been agreed upon by the official General Managers' association.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Rigid curtailment of railway expenses must be adopted immediately to meet the financial crisis confronting the railroads of the country by reason of decreased revenues, William B. Storey, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad said here today upon his arrival on an inspection tour of the company properties.

"I have no fear of a strike of employes on our road. There will be no reduction of wages by the railroads unless new wage schedules are agreed upon between the management and their employes or until the railway labor board authorizes such decreases," he said.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 14.—A conference between heads of four big railroad brotherhoods and members of the executive committee of the Association of Railway Executives was held here today in the office of Thomas D. Cuyler, chairman of the association.

Neither railroad executives nor brotherhood representatives would discuss the meeting fully. It was explained that the conference concerned railroads and their employes throughout the United States and had no direct bearing on the wage conference question to be held here soon.

Minnesota House Asks Passage of Calder Bill

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 14.—The Minnesota house tonight suspended rules and adopted a resolution memorializing congress to pass the Calder coal regulation bill.

EIGHTY JOIN MARION POST OF VETERANS

Salem May be First Convention Place of State Camp of Foreign War Members

Marion post, veterans of Foreign Wars, is to be instituted in the armory on Wednesday night of this week.

The application for a charter went forward two weeks ago with 50 names signed to it, and a request was made to hold the charter list open for additions. This request was granted by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief W. L. Jones of Portland, and Acting-Commander Hagerman reported yesterday that more than 80 men had signed up to date, and that he expected more than 100 veterans will be signed and ready to appear for the initiation Wednesday night.

The commander yesterday received a telegram from Vice Commander-in-Chief Jones to the effect that he would be in Salem Wednesday night with a large delegation from Over-the-Top post of Portland to initiate the new members in to the Salem camp and institute the new post.

It is understood that the formation of this post completes the number of posts required to form a state department, and that steps will be taken to form such a department at once. Intimation has been given that the veterans from Portland will favor Salem as the first meeting-place of the new department, and an effort will be made to secure the first department encampment for this city next summer.

W. L. Jones of Portland, who now holds the second highest office in the national organization, expects to be elected commander-in-chief of the national organization at the national encampment next fall.

MORE THAN 1700 ROTARIANS GATHER

19 Cities in Oregon, Washington and B. C. Are Represented

SEATTLE, Wash., March 14.—More than 1700 delegates have registered for the Northwest district conference of Rotary clubs which opened here today with 19 cities of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia represented.

Robert H. Timmons of Wichita, Kas., third vice-president of the international association of Rotary clubs, in his opening address urged the business men of the country to go into the schools in an effort to stamp out radicalism among the children of alien parents. An address by General Bramwell Booth, commander in chief of the Salvation army, was the feature of today's program. Henry Suzuki, president of the University of Washington and Mr. Timmons are scheduled for addresses at the Rotarians banquet tonight.

Government May Not Put Revenue on Real Estate

FARGO, N. D., March 14.—The federal government may not, under the Volstead act, levy an internal revenue tax against the real estate on which liquor has been illegally manufactured, Federal Judge J. W. Woodruff ruled today.

Decision came in the case of A. Kohutek of Lidgerwood, N. D., against W. E. Byerly, district federal collector of revenue.

CALIFORNIA WINNER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 14.—The University of California track team defeated University of Southern California, 88 1/2 to 41 1/2 in a meet on Bovard field here today.

AMERICAN GIRL TO HAVE TITLED HUBBY



It is reported from Paris that Miss Gladys Deacon of Boston will soon become the bride of the Duke of Marlborough, whose first wife, the former Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York received her divorce a short time ago. Miss Deacon has lived abroad the greater part of her life. She is a sister of Princess Radziwill.

MEN'S SOCIETY LAUNCHED HERE

Brotherhoods May Unite — Movement Launched at Christian Church

The Men's Brotherhood of the First Christian church held its regular annual father and son meeting last night with E. V. Stivers, D.D., pastor of the First Christian church of Eugene as principal speaker. Topics intended to encourage closer association between father and son were discussed and a most inspiring address by the principal speaker was heard.

The officers of the brotherhood had invited as their guests representatives of other church brotherhoods in the city, with the object of taking initial steps toward the organization of a federation of men's brotherhoods. Preliminary steps were taken towards organization of a city federation, with the election of G. Ed Ross, president of the Baptist brotherhood as temporary chairman, and E. W. Cooley of the Christian Brotherhood as temporary secretary. The object of this federation is first to encourage the organization of men's brotherhoods in churches which now have no such organization, and secondly, in this manner to hold and develop into one large working federation representation of Christian men in all the Christian churches in Salem. These federations have been formed in other cities of the state with excellent results and it is believed such an association will soon be working in this city.

PROGRAM WILL BE SETTLED TODAY

Decision to Be Made Between Tariff and Tax Revision

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Whether tariff or internal tax revision shall be accorded second place on the fiscal program was left for determination at a conference which Chairman Penrose of the senate committee and Chairman Fordney of the house committee, plan to hold tomorrow with President Harding.

The final program, Senator Penrose said, probably will be announced after this conference.

Most committee members at today's conference were said to favor giving right of way to tariff revision legislation. Agreement, it was said, was unanimous against attempting to enact any temporary stop-gap tariff bill, the feeling being that the legislation should be permanent.

The soldier bonus bill is to be a part of the Republican fiscal program, Senator Penrose and Representative Fordney announced. Financial requirements of the government for adjustment of compensation to former service men, were included in estimates considered at the conference and after the meeting Senator Penrose predicted that the bonus bill would be passed early.

INFANT DIES WHEN DONALD HOUSE BURNS

Three-Months Babe of Mr. and Mrs. George Crawl Victim of Afternoon Fire

The three-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. George Crawl of Donald was burned to death in a fire that partially destroyed the Crawl home between 4 and 5 o'clock p. m. yesterday. According to information reaching Salem the father was away at work and the mother had gone from the house for a time, leaving the infant and a boy of 2 years alone, when the boy began playing with matches and set a bed on fire.

The older child escaped from the flames, and neighbors partially saved the house. Coroner L. F. Rigdon was notified and is investigating the case.

The remains of the child are in charge of an undertaker at Aurora.

WASHINGTON MINES TO CLOSE TODAY

Workers in All But Two Refuse Wage Reduction

SEATTLE, March 14.—All but two of the commercial coal mines in Washington are expected to close down tomorrow, operators stated tonight, as a result of the refusal of union miners to accept the recently announced wage reduction of approximately 20 per cent. About 2500 miners will be affected.

N. D. Moore, vice president of the Pacific Coast Coal company, representing the operators, declared the mines cannot be operated at a profit under the present wage scale.

Ernest V. Newsham, secretary of district No. 10, United Mine Workers of America, said the union would resist the wage reduction "to the bitter end."

Week Awards Statesman Classified Ad Contest

Each week the Statesman will give three cash rewards for the best "stories" about Statesman Classified Ads. The awards will be announced each Tuesday morning: 1st reward, \$2.50; 2nd reward, \$1.50; 3rd reward, 1.00.

Contestants must see that their "stories" reach the Statesman office before Monday morning of each week in order to be considered.

Last Week's Awards. A number of very interesting "stories" were received last week, and the judges have decided upon the following as the winners:

- 1st reward, \$2.50, J. H. Nickerson, 685 South Winter street.
- 2nd reward, \$1.50, Fern Purdy, 3550 Waller street.
- 3rd reward, \$1.00, Miss Lois Allen, 625 North Winter street.

Stories of complimentary mention:

- 1st, Eugene T. Prescott, 541 Mill street.
- 2nd, Miss Anna Stine, 1647 N. Front street.
- 3rd, Delbert Gearhart, p. o. box 182, Salem.

The story winning first award is published in full below; the others will be published in future issues of the Statesman. Watch for them.

"A TRUE STORY OF A WANT AD."

How a Classified Advertisement Brought Happiness To One Couple

Salem, Or., March 9, 1921. Editor Statesman:— "How classified advertising brought happiness to one couple."

One bright sunny morning as I was sitting in my open window reading the Statesman and listening to our canary which hung out upon the porch enjoying the sunshine and fresh air, by chance I looked up and behind, there sat another beautiful canary upon the cage. The thought struck me that the bird has gotten away from some neighbor nearby, so I took our bird out of the cage and left the door of the cage open, and alas, the strange bird came

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WORKMEN AND PACKERS WILL MEET MARCH 21

Agree to Plan of New Secretary of Labor Davis To Attempt Mediation to Settle Threatened Strike.

ALL BIG PLANTS ARE STILL OPERATING

Big Five Issues Warning to Unemployed Not to Go To Chicago

CHICAGO, March 14.—Both packers and representatives of their employes today agreed to meet March 21 in Washington with Secretary Davis who offered his services as mediator in the hope of averting a threatened strike in the packing industry.

The packers announced they would be represented by J. L. Condon and Carl Meyer, their attorneys in Washington. The union leaders said their representatives had not been selected and suggested that Secretary Davis request the presence of J. Ogden Armour and other big packers.

Representatives of the men objected to the appearance of the two attorneys for the employes. Absent from the principals would tend to delay the proceedings. The packers reiterated their statement that they "took it for granted that neither the justice of wage reductions nor the readjustment of working hours would enter into the proposed discussions."

All big packing plants were operating with full forces today, the first day under the cut of from 12 1/2 to 15 per cent in wages and readjustment of working hours. A statement issued by J. Ogden Armour, of Armour and company said:

"Today our killing gangs worked eight hours and while receipts of cattle and hogs were heavy, we believe we can handle them with eight hours tomorrow. We are glad to have conditions make possible eight hours every day, but in any event, we do not expect to average more than 48 hours a week."

No Fears For Meat Supply— "The public has little reason to fear interruption of the meat supply as the result of a strike. It must be obvious, even to the union leaders, that we will be able to continue operating. Reports from Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Fort Worth, Sioux City and other packing centers indicate that several thousand applicants for jobs at our plant employment offices. This is much more than usual. We firmly believe that the great bulk of our employes intend to stay."

In spite of the fact that we are interested in increasing our volume to lessen operating costs, nevertheless, we counsel retail dealers against creating an artificial shortage by stocking up with fresh meat to provide against the possibility of a strike. Such a rush of buying would tend to force prices up without anybody being benefited. We fully believe retailers will be able to secure continuous supplies."

The five big packers today issued a warning to unemployed persons to stay out of line and to Chicago seeking work in the stockyards, as positions were not available.

The packers said they had been swamped today with applications for work from men who flocked here from other cities.

"We do not need men and do not expect to need any," the packers announced.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 14—Packing plants here were operating today, according to company officials.

Strike ballots were received at the union's headquarters during the day and were distributed.

Girl is in Hospital Suffering From Burns

Mary Tenner, 10 years old, is in the Deaconess hospital suffering from severe burns as a result of an accident at the home of her parents, near Dallas.

The girl was standing near a stove washing dishes when her dress caught fire and she was badly burned before the flames could be extinguished.

Her condition is serious, though it is believed she will recover.

Uprisings General in Caucasus Region

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 13. An uprising is reported to have occurred in the Kuban region of the Caucasus, the bolshevik having withdrawn the ninth soviet army, which was sent to Georgia and the eighth army, which is suppressing revolts in the Ukraine. It is said the revolts are general.

PRESIDENT'S HEALTH GUARDED



Dr. C. E. Sawyer, of Cleveland, the Harding family physician, and Dr. J. F. Stephen, the new President's dentist, who will guard President Harding's health.

COREY DEFENDS RATE INCREASE

Commissioner Says Phone Costs Lower in Oregon Than Other States

COURT OPEN TO APPEAL

Record of Department in Holding Down Tariffs During War Cited

Notwithstanding the recent increase in telephone rates in Oregon the state is enjoying lower rates than any other western state, declares H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission which just now is threatened with recall because of the telephone rate increase order.

In a statement yesterday, defending the position of the commission, Mr. Corey pointed out that the courts are open to appeals from the orders of that department.

"There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding by the public generally as to the powers and duties of the public service commission," said Mr. Corey, "and as it is hard to understand the various orders of the commission without having a general understanding of the law on which these orders are based, it is thought no more than just and fair to the public that such information be placed before them."

View Held Erroneous— "The popular view, it appears, proceeds upon the erroneous assumption that it is within the power of the legislature to delegate to an administrative body, such as this, an arbitrary authority. As a matter of fact, the legislature has laid down a rule for this commission to follow, and that is that all rates shall be just and reasonable, and the act makes the rule apply equally to the public and the utility."

"The commission cannot approve or reject applications for changes in rates at will. We, like the judges of our courts, must judge the cases before us and make our findings and order strictly upon the sworn testimony and the record. We are under solemn oath to support the constitution and the laws of Oregon and faithfully to perform our duties according to the law."

Position Not Envidable— "We are but human and if errors are made, an appeal to the courts from our decision is provided for by law."

"Our position during the reconstruction period following the war is not an enviable one. We, by our very relation to the public and to the utilities, must assume a posture most inviting to the kicker."

"We must consider the natural antipathy of the public to increased rates and at the same time bear in mind that a commissioner who could be turned from the straight and narrow path of his duty and oath of office by popular clamor would not only violate his oath of office but would be unworthy of the respect of any honest man."

Burleson Opposed— "In explanation of the telephone rate situation in Oregon, may we state that during the time of federal control of the telephone lines,

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SPECIAL VOTE TO BE CALLED

Four Counties to Hold Elections on New School System

MARION MAY HOLD BACK

Wide Departure From President Organization Believed Economical

At least four counties in the state are planning to call special elections in the near future to enable the people to pass on the question of adopting the county unit system of administration and taxation for school affairs. The counties that have signified their intention of voting on the question are Benton, Sherman, Crook and Umatilla. Marion county is not expected to be among the earlier counties to vote on the question.

The state department of education has submitted to Attorney General Van Winkle the question whether the question can be voted on at the special election called by the legislature for June 7.

Legislature Passes Law— The act reads that "the county court of any county at any general or special election in the county may, or upon the petition of not less than 100 legal voters of the county, shall submit to the legal voters of the county the question whether this act shall become effective in said county; provided, that the county court of any county in the state may, or upon the presentation of a petition of not less than 100 legal voters of the county, shall call a special election for this purpose, to be held on the first Monday in October, 1921."

The county unit system is proposed.

EASTERN EDITOR AND POMOLOGICAL EXPERT ESCORTED THROUGH VALLEY

Samuel Adams, president of the American Pomological society and editor of the American Fruit Grower, was in the city yesterday conferring with the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association in regard to general fruit conditions and especially the matter of high freight rates.

At the Republican convention held in Chicago last summer Mr. Adams received 38 votes for vice president. Before the convention he had 278 delegates pledged and was thought by many to have a fair chance of securing the nomination. But without sufficient votes to insure the nomination, his name was not officially presented.

Cabinet Post Considered— It was tentatively agreed that Mr. Adams should receive the appointment as secretary of agriculture, but following the election of Harding, the illness of Mr. Adams prevented his consideration. However, Mr. Adams had several conferences with President Harding following the election.

"I came into the west," Mr. Adams said, "to become more familiar with your great co-opera-

MRS. HAMON TESTIFIES IN MURDER TRIAL

Prosecution Completes Its Presentation of Evidence — Accused Woman Will Take Stand Today.

KETCH SAYS HAMON SHIELDED DEFENDANT

Nurses Deny Alleged Dying Statement Made By Wealthy Man

ARDMORE, Okla., Mar. 14.—Brief testimony by Mrs. Jake L. Hamon, widow of the national republican committee man for whose murder Clara Smith Hamon is on trial here, during which she said she had removed a small pistol from Clara's hotel room, today completed presentation of evidence by the prosecution. With adjournment of the court defense which had occupied most of the afternoon with its testimony, it was announced that the defendant would be called tomorrow.

The defense waived its right to make an opening statement and rushed through the greater part of its witnesses. The attorneys informed the court that Clara Hamon's sister and niece would precede here on the stand, after which the defense would rest its case.

Mrs. Hamon Calm— Mrs. Jake L. Hamon, clad in full mourning, testified that on two occasions she had visited the suite occupied by her husband and the defendant.

Speaking in a well modulated voice and plainly making a struggle to retain her self-control, Mrs. Hamon said that on one occasion she had been in the room when Clara came in, tossed her gloves and hat on the bed, and on seeing Mrs. Hamon, ran out.

On the other occasion the widow said, she took a small pistol from Clara's room. At that time, she testified, her husband sent her back to Chicago within one hour and a half after she had been to the suite.

The state today attempted through Frank L. Ketch, former business manager for Hamon and now administrator of his estate, and Errett Dunlap, also a business associate, to clinch its presentation of alleged dying statements from Hamon that the defendant shot him as he lay on the bed in his room.

Through the reading into the records of two letters, purported to have been written to Hamon by Clara, and an alleged contract in which the signer released Hamon from all obligations "for relations heretofore existing between us and claims for money," the state also sought, according to State Attorney General Freeling, to show premeditation and that Mrs. Hamon, the widow, had been threatened.

Business Manager Testifies— Mr. Ketch testified over the objection of J. L. Hodge, assistant county attorney, that developments last Saturday were sufficient to show that the administrator "is an accessory after the fashion of the offense for which the defendant is being prosecuted." Mr. Hodge took the action, he said, because J. H. Mathers, coun-

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...tive marketing associations. For the east and the middle west look to the far west for the best methods of growing, packing and marketing fruit.

Unit Is Necessary— "We recognize the great work in the way of co-operation and marketing associations that has been done in Oregon and California. From my conferences with fruit growers in all parts of the country I find they more than ever are beginning to realize that co-operation is the salvation of the fruit industry and that with the present high freight rates, fruit growers must get together and stay together to escape certain disaster."

Mr. Adams said that for the past year he had been studying the plan of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association and its methods of working and that he felt it was along the right lines and that the plan of the Oregon growers means increasing profit for growers.

Other States Organize— "The east and middle west are going strong for co-operation." (Continued on page 2.)

Women Who Earn Big Wages

No. 7 FANNIE HURST Author and Motion Picture Scenario Writer Who Earns Over \$25,000 a Year

(By International News Service) Fannie Hurst sold her first story in 1912 for \$5. Today the products of her pen bring in far more than \$25,000 a year. In fact, probably several times that amount. Her story, "Just Around the Corner," published in 1914, was her first big success. She has written novels, plays, short stories and scenarios. At one time to secure material for a story she crossed the Atlantic as a passenger in the steamer. On another occasion she studied the life of a shop girl by working in a department store. She is one of three writers whose short stories command top prices.

