

STRIKE HEADS FAIL TO AGREE IN CONFERENCE

Railroad Labor Board and Unionists Hold Parley and Discuss Affairs Attending Walkout.

EARLY SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE HELD REMOTE

Chairman Hooper Says "Einstein Theory" is Chief Topic of Discussion

CHICAGO, July 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The conference between Chairman Ben W. Hooper of the United States railroad labor board and B. M. Jewell, directing the striking shopen, ended shortly before 7 o'clock. Mr. Hooper and Mr. Jewell both refused to comment in the meeting which also was attended by Timothy Healy, president of the stationary firemen and others' organization who also authorized a strike of his men today.

The conference which had lasted throughout the afternoon apparently was without tangible results.

Chairman Hooper told reporters that the meeting had discussed the "Einstein theory." Mr. Jewell left the conference room, hurriedly entered a taxicab and drove away. Healy, when asked if an agreement had been reached replied that "it would appear not."

The second week of the railway shopen's strike ended tonight while the railroad labor board, the shop crafts representatives and the railroads maintained silence regarding negotiations looking toward a settlement of the walkout.

Conference is Futile

A four hour conference between Chairman Ben W. Hooper of the labor board, B. M. Jewell, head of the shopen's organization and Timothy Healy, who has authorized a strike of stationary firemen and others, ended tonight without a statement from any of the conferees. Chairman Hooper hurried to the conference after a meeting with L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware and Hudson railroad, and T. E. Crowley, vice president of the New York Central lines. The nature of this meeting was not revealed.

It was reported tonight in labor circles that the conference this afternoon had to do with questions which the unions must settle among themselves before further negotiations looking toward the ending of the walkout are held. Further conferences are in prospect. It was reported.

While the parley was under way here between Chairman Hooper and Mr. Jewell, there were indications elsewhere that the general trend of the strike situation was toward peace.

Peace is Predicted

E. F. Grable, head of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, who had a mid-night conference here last night with Mr. Jewell left for Washington today where, it was said, he

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MOVIE ACTRESS IS TARGET OF GREAT THROG

Gloria Swanson, En Route to Courtroom, Runs Counter With Her Admirers

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Gloria Swanson, screen actress, did not disappoint the crowds which thronged Judge Rivers' division of the probate department of the superior court here today in an effort to see her. She was in court. She was not, however, called upon to testify in the will contest involving her mother, widow of Matthew P. Burns and beneficiary of the will which has set aside. Attorney for Mrs. Burns said it was unlikely that she would be asked to take the stand at all.

Such testimony as was offered today centered about the mental condition of Mr. Burns when he made the disputed will.

CHURCH BUILT IN '54 TO GO

Rectory of St. Paul's Lands in Street, But Pastor Refuses to Leave

"I've slept in many strange places, but I've never made a practice of sleeping out in the streets until this week," is the statement of the Rev. H. D. Chambers, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Salem. He is doing it now, regularly—square out in the middle of the road where the cars might run over him if he didn't have a guard out. He and his family are still living in the rectory building that was recently sold and is being moved three blocks off the old church property, to make room for the new church "plant" that will hereafter bear the name of St. Paul's. The family still hold the fort in the house-on-wheels, though the bricks totter off the chimneys as they drive on to the new roost for the building, farther north on Church street.

Church is Moved

The old church has been moved one-quarter around and now stands facing north on Chemekekta next the alley on the west end of the lots. The one wing has been removed, giving it a straight wall on the alley, the full width of the property, 84 feet less the width of the steps in front. This old building is to be made into a community hall and the old chairs and pews will be available for seating, but will be removable so as to clear the floor for any sort of social entertainment. The east wing will be built into a kitchen, and a central heating plant for the whole group of three buildings will be installed in the basement.

New Rectory to Rise

A new rectory, much smaller than the old one, is to be built facing north on Chemekekta street. Then the church itself, built of hollow tile with a parapet roof, will be built, with the entrance at the corner, with a tower and entrance from either street. The church is to seat about 250 people, besides the choir loft that has capacity for about 40 singers. The excavation for the new church is now being done; they will be pouring the concrete for the footings within a week.

Rev. Chambers is superintendent.

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FEDERAL BOARD DECISIONS ARE HELD AS FINAL

Rulings of Body Declared Binding on Both Employers and Employees in Present Emergency.

PENALTIES NOT NEEDED TO ENFORCE TREATIES

Senator Cummins Says Government Has Power to Compel Obedience

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Senator Cummins, Iowa, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee and one of the co-authors of the transportation act of 1920, under which the railroad labor board functions, declared today that decisions of the board were binding on both carriers and employees and not simply "advisory" as held by union officials.

The government, the senator held, can compel obedience to rulings of the board, notwithstanding the transportation act provided no penalties.

Senator Cummins was in conference with President Harding at the White House for nearly an hour late today. After the conference he said that while he was optimistic, he could see no way at present out of the "tangled situation," which he regarded as critical.

Existing Laws Adequate

Advisability of enacting legislation perfecting the transportation act was understood to have been discussed by the president and Senator Cummins. The latter on leaving the White House said several amendments were needed, particularly one which would more clearly define what comprised a reasonable wage award on the part of the railroad labor board.

Senator Cummins agreed that no legislation could be enacted until the house reconvened August 15. Meanwhile, he said, the existing law should prove adequate.

Passenger Train Target

BALTIMORE, July 14.—A Baltimore & Ohio passenger train, bound from Washington to Baltimore, was fired upon as it neared Camden station, this city, early tonight. One bullet passed through a window of the coach within a few inches of the head of W. E. Evans of Baltimore. Inquiry failed to establish the identity of the person who fired the shot.

Protection is Lacking

DENISON, Tex., July 14.—"No strikebreakers will be brought in to Denison and no attempt will be made to open the shops here until adequate protection for the workers has been provided for by the state or federal government," W. M. Whittenton, assistant chief operating officer of the M. K. & T. railroad, involving the strike situation here, stated tonight. Mr. Whittenton said adequate protection is not being provided by the city or county at the present time.

Strike Clash Fatal

MUSKOGEE, Okla., July 14.—One man was shot and seriously wounded in an affray between railroad strikers and guards at Lefebber, near Tulsa, on the Midland Valley railroad tonight, according to reports to the United States marshal's office here.

ATTEMPTS MURDER

PARIS, July 14.—Armand Naudin, newly appointed police prefect of Paris, was fired at today as he was returning from the Longchamps battle day celebration, the assailant, an anarchist, named Gustav Bouvet, mistaking him for President Millerand. The poor aim of Bouvet saved M. Naudin, the three bullets fired missing their mark.

MAN KIDNAPPED, STABBED

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 14.—Bernard Malton, Jr., connected with the general office of the Southern Railway at Cincinnati and who has been here several days assisting about yards, was held up by masked men tonight, taken on an automobile trip, beaten and slightly stabbed.

TROOPS READY FOR ACTION ON SHORT NOTICE

\$600,000 IN BONUS CLAIMS PASSED IN DAY

By far the biggest day's work in the history of the Oregon veterans' bonus commission was done Friday, when the commissioners passed upon and allowed \$27 cash claims, aggregating about \$160,000; fixed the amount and approved 196 land claims, aggregating about \$400,000, and paid out the cash on 60 loan claims that had gone through all the preliminary stages and were up to the cashier for settlement.

This is said to be fully one-half larger than any previous day's record; it means the allowance of between \$550,000 and \$600,000 in cash for the veterans of the state, for a single day's hearing.

The total number of cash claims thus far allowed, is 16,139; the total of loans is 1932. The commission has actually paid 532 of the loan claims that have completed all the preliminary examinations, and the boys have their money, more than a million dollars on the loans. With almost three millions more allowed and just ready for final approval and payment, these cash bonuses total about three million dollars, more already paid and in circulation.

VOTERS URGED TO ASSIST COUNTIES

Linn and Benton Would Levy Tax to Carry Old Warrants

An affirmative argument to be used in the voters' pamphlet in behalf of a measure designed to authorize Linn county to levy an annual two-mill tax with which to pay its outstanding warrants, was filed yesterday with the secretary of state by a committee appointed by the county court.

The committee points out that the county's present budget requires all the money that Linn county can legally raise by a tax, levy under the limitations of the state constitution.

"When the era of good roads began, Linn county had a depleted treasury," the statement explains. "It found it necessary to issue warrants to take advantage of the state's offer to pave sections of its highways and repair many much used roads. There was a general sentiment that the county should keep abreast of the times and provide passable roads for its citizens and visitors. When the time came to levy a tax to pay for these improvements it was found that a sufficient levy could not legally be made because of the constitutional limitation. This left warrants outstanding which the county was morally bound to pay but with no legal way to pay them."

State Officers to Combat Liquor Ring

COUER D'ALENE, Idaho, July 14.—Secret plans for co-ordination of federal, state, county and local officials under F. A. Hezel-tine, director of the federal mobile forces in the northwest, to check the liquor traffic, were adopted here today at the conference of the northwest association of sheriffs and police.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Statesman carriers will call to make their monthly collections today. Your newspaper boy is just starting in business for himself. This is his first effort to learn business and his success or failure depends to a considerable extent on your good will and cooperation. A pleasant smile and a cheery word will encourage your boy and help him make a success of this, his first venture in business life. He will appreciate it and show his good will in any way he can. If your subscription account is already paid, kindly ignore this notice and accept our thanks.

POLK COUNTY FOREST FIRES ARE CHECKED

Ten Square Miles Burned Over During Past Week—Young Timber Suffers Before Flames.

NEW BLAZE IN SILETZ BASIN IS REPORTED

Campers and Sportsmen Warned to Stay Out of Timber at Present

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 14.—Hood River county, comparatively free from forest fires up-to-date, developed several bad ones today. The Columbia river highway town, Wyeth, was menaced tonight by a fire three miles square and a serious burn was discovered on the ridge between here and Mosier. A heavy wind of timber is located on the head waters of Mosier creek and the column of smoke rising tonight indicated that the flames were raging through this.

DALLAS, Or., July 14.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The forest fire outlook in Polk county at present is far better than it was the first of the week. While there have been a number of large fires, and one of which burned over an area of ten square miles, most of them have been in logged-off land and in many cases over ground that had been burned over before, so that the only damage will be to the small fir trees which had gotten a fine growth on the land and promised to make merchantable timber in years to come.

LIONS COMING TO SALEM JUNGLE

National Club to Grant Local Charter July 28—Many Visitors Expected

Lions from every jungle of the Pacific Coast—maned lions, bearded lions, sleek-faced lions, long-legged lions and cubby lions with practically no legs at all—loud-voiced roaring lions and squeaky voiceless lions—are to gather in Salem, July 28, for the granting of the charter to the Salem Lions' club. They are promised from the lairs of Tacoma, Everett, Spokane, Portland; they are expected from a dozen other dens and cages and thickets.

The locals are preparing to celebrate their majority from cubhood to real lionhood, in a royal manner. They are inviting all these outsiders, and expect at least 100 visitors from Portland and other points. They are going to fill the main dining room of the Marion to overflowing, with Lions and Lion's mates. An elaborate menu, and a yet more elaborate musical and literary program are in preparation. The charter itself will have more than 50 names as founders of the local lodge; all the applicants who come in before the 28th will be enrolled on the charter itself, that will be presented at this festive occasion.

Election of permanent officers is to take place next Friday, at the regular weekly luncheon at the Marion. The club is founded on the principle of service, much the same as the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, and the organization is being made world-wide in scope.

Fire Destroys Park

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 14.—Fire burning seven miles south of Chehalis on Jackson Prairie today damaged about 15 acres of timber in the state park recently set aside in that section.

Governor Hart reported there are no fires of any consequence in the Olympic peninsula, upon his return from the storm zone today after a road inspection trip with other members of the highway committee.

Logging Operations Cease

Precautions taken by the state and federal authorities have so far preserved down timber and logging operations have ceased entirely in the section, he said.

Reports received by State Forester Fred E. Pape indicate that difficulty is being experienced all over the western part of the state in checking forest fires, many old fires blazing anew.

Flames are running over the works of the Burnside-Willapa Lumber company in Pacific county, and Lincoln Creek Logging company in Lewis county. Re-

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PLAYGROUND GUARDS ACT AS BANKERS

"Kids" Carry Valuables to Park and Guards' Pockets Loaded Down

"Leave your valuables at home" is one of the signs being posted at the municipal playground, for the benefit of the children who come there for the afternoon games. Some have brought wrist watches, rings, money, and other valuables, and have asked the officials to "please keep it for me." The pockets of such of the guards and officers as wear pockets, have fairly bulged with loot of many kinds; and they haven't enough pockets, at that. The children are urged to leave their loose valuables at home and avoid trouble.

Fully 400 children and a larger number of grown-ups than ever before, visited the grounds Friday afternoon. There was a long row of autos loaded with visitors.

The formal opening, with the band concert, occurs next Tuesday night. The band will play at the playgrounds instead of at Willson park, where they have held their concerts for years.

Autos can drive in directly from Fourteenth street, and pedestrians can walk in over the foot bridge a block north of Washington school on Twelfth.

GUARDS GET BOOST IN PAY

Quarterly Payday to Take Place of Old Twice a Year Favorite of the Past

Oregon national guardmen are to receive their pay quarterly, instead of semi-annually, following the promulgation of new rules for the guard. Heretofore, they have been paid for the two periods ending June 30 and December 31. Hereafter they will have two more pay-days, September 30 and March 31. The new ruling goes into effect for the September payment.

New rates of pay are also now in effect, in most cases being a noticeable raise over the old rates. Privates will draw \$1 for each drill day, as heretofore. Privates, first class, lose the price of a two-cent stamp a day under the new ruling, which gives them \$1.15, where they once received \$1.17. Corporals move up from \$1.27 to \$1.40; sergeants who had received \$1.50 will now draw \$1.80. Staff sergeants jump up from \$1.50 to \$2.40, a regular platoon sergeant, technical and first sergeants, who used to receive \$1.77, will now draw down \$2.30 for every appearance, and master signal electricians who used to be swagger around with \$2.47 are to bring barrels and drays to carry away their \$4.20 for every drill. These M. S. E's are the aristocrats of the working army; they are technicians of various kinds, experts of various crafts that have military recognition—such as arms experts, transportation sharks, and a crackerjack boxer who could best the daylight out of the rest of the army and make company athletics a great military boost, ought to be able to qualify as a master sergeant under a liberal interpretation of the rules.

The Salem troopers are going out for the regimental record for efficiency in all things military, and according to regimental officers they are already getting a running start for top honors.

BOYS WORRY OVER BIG EDITORIAL PROBLEMS

"The Big Midget" is the name of one of the interesting new journalistic ventures of Oregon. It is "midget" in size, for its pages are only 3x4 inches in size, just one column of ordinary newspaper column width. It has quite a flock of pages, however—a school of herring or a swarm of flies or wasps; sometimes as many as 24 pages, and every one a stinger.

It was founded by Dell Brown and "Tubby" Hubbs, aged respectively 13 and 14 years. The two lads had about \$100 of joint capital, with which they bought a complete printing plant; complete as far as it goes. It answers its purpose fully as well as Lincoln's celebrated answer as to how long a man's legs should be—"they certainly ought to be long enough to reach the ground." The plant prints the papers, and that is that.

The boys have worked up a circulation of 500 copies for their monthly journal.

EYE WITNESS OF MURDER TELLS STORY

Woman Who Accompanied Jealous Wife to Scene of Murder Declares Own Life Was Threatened.

DYING WOMAN CRIES FOR HELP WHEN HIT

Victim, Horribly Beaten, is Left in Road While Woman Threatens Other

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Developments in the investigation of the death of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, whose mutilated body was found Wednesday evening beside a lonely road here, came rapidly today following the discovery of an eye witness to the slaying.

The details of the alleged attack upon Mrs. Meadows by Mrs. Clara Phillips, wife of A. L. Phillips, an oil promoter in which Mrs. Phillips was said to have beaten Mrs. Meadows over the head with a hammer, were told today to the county grand jury by Mrs. Peggy Coffee.

An indictment charging murder was returned against Mrs. Phillips, who is under arrest at Tucson, Ariz.

Wife Relates Story to Friend

The story told by Mrs. Coffee commenced with her relations with Mrs. Phillips, whom she said she had known for more than a year, last Tuesday when she said she went shopping with Mrs. Phillips, who, among other things purchased a hammer. She said she accepted Mrs. Phillips invitation to stay at her home that night and Mrs. Phillips then told her of alleged intimate relations between Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Meadows.

Mrs. Coffee said Mrs. Phillips asked her to go with her to see Mrs. Meadows, to which she consented. They met Mrs. Meadows as she came from her work at a local bank Wednesday evening. Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Coffee said, asked Mrs. Meadows to drive her to her sister's home and as they reached the lonely spot on the road, asked Mrs. Meadows to stop the car and get out, as she wanted to talk to her alone. When the woman reached the ground, Mrs. Phillips accused Mrs. Meadows of being intimate with her husband, according to Mrs. Coffee.

Mrs. Phillips Threatens Witness

This Mrs. Meadows denied. Then Mrs. Coffee said Mrs. Phillips commenced striking Mrs. Meadows on the head and shoulders with the hammer which she had been holding behind her back. Mrs. Coffee said that she attempted to respond to Mrs. Meadows' cries for help, but that Mrs. Phillips immediately turned on her and threatened to kill her if she interfered. As Mrs. Coffee retreated, she said, Mrs. Phillips again returned to Mrs. Meadows and renewed the attack upon her. Horrified and shocked by the scene, Mrs. Coffee said, she started down the road but was soon overtaken by Mrs. Phillips, who was driving Mrs. Meadows' car.

Made Woman Accompany Her

Mrs. Phillips, she said, demanded that she get in the car, and as they proceeded toward the city, threatened her with death if she told what had occurred.

When they reached the city, Mrs. Coffee said she was put out of the car and Mrs. Phillips drove away.

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COPPERS COPE WITH CRIME COW CHEERFULLY CHUCKLES

There is one thing in being a good policeman, capable of coping with crime and criminals, and there is another altogether different thing in being an efficient dog-catcher — or — we should say — we are trying to say what patrolmen Bertsch and Thompson aim.

When it comes to herding cattle they simply are not there and are not backward in admitting the fact.

Yesterday a riot call was sent to the police department by D. C. Minto, 321 Saginaw street. A cow was in his garden, breakfasting on choice young turnips, beans and peas. It had been there the night before, too, and would the police come out and make the animal desist? They would and did. But not according to the rules laid down in the police manual.

Creeping, stealthily up behind the munching bovine the officers spoke up in firm and officious manner: "Away cow, you are trespassing." They awaited action. They got it.

The cow turned her sleepy eyes upon the bluecoats and displayed a row of pearly white teeth in a broad grin. Apparently she was not aware the officers had addressed her, so she returned to the juicy young onions.

The coppers then showed they meant business.

"You are under arrest," they cried and laid the iron hand of the law upon her.

The animal trotted, kicked up her heels and went through a fence, the trusty policemen in close pursuit. Whether the animal was actually placed under arrest or not no one will ever know. All that the officers had to say is told in their curt report to the chief, which is as follows:

"Later reported the wise 'bruit' broke away through the fence and got away."