

HALL AND KU KLUX ARE SUED

HARDING PLAN STILL HANGING IN CONFERENCE

Statements Which Might Widen Breach Between Employers and Striking Workmen Unpublished.

APPEAL TO CONGRESS WILL NOT BE MADE

Secretaries Hoover and Davis Participate in Sessions Held Yesterday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—A continuation of President Harding's attempt to mediate the railroad strike situation resulted today from personal conferences with the executive officers by administration leaders, the chosen committee of all the railroad executives and officials of railroad labor organizations.

The text of responses from both sides to President Harding's offer of a basis for a settlement and all statements which might widen the breach between the railroad managements and their striking employees are withheld from publication and both the railroad union chiefs and the executives' committee were held here for further conference with the president.

Meanwhile it became evident the administration had dropped any intention it may have had of appealing to congress for legislation that might bear upon the subject.

No Request to Congress. Senators close to the president were given to understand that no requests for congressional action would be forthcoming, and that no presidential message to congress affecting the strike would be transmitted or delivered.

The president's determination to push for a mediation of the difficulty was first disclosed in the midst of a double conference which was staged at the executive offices.

All Sides Heard. Nine heads of railroad labor organizations not on strike took to the White House statements of their own policy toward the strike. Prior to their arrival the response of the seven unions on strike in the railroad service had been delivered at the White House. It constituted, union officers said, a rejection of the president's suggestion that the men go back to work and leave their seniority status to be fixed by the railroad labor board.

Executives Received. The president received the labor group and after more than an hour's discussion, in which Senator Cummins, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, and two cabinet members, Secretaries Hoover and Davis, participated, asked them to step into the cabinet room while he received T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railroad executives and other railroad spokesmen who bore with them what has been understood to be a conditional acceptance of the same acceptance offer.

Discussion Continued. President Harding continued the discussion with the railroad executives, the meeting that began at 4:30 p. m., lasting until after 7 o'clock.

Arbitration Possible. The proposal that the seniority issue—conceded to be the sole obstacle to the settlement of the railroad shop craft strike—be submitted to arbitration by an impartial tribunal, was discussed tonight by a conference of railroad brotherhood chiefs and railroad executives as a basis for ending the transportation tieup.

Though no definite agreement was said to have been reached at the conference, which lasted for nearly three hours, both sides were said to have exhibited a "friendly" attitude toward the suggestion.

Sunday Parley Called. The railroad executives already have an appointment to meet with President Harding at 10 o'clock

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Whew! Says Vice President When Bean Hands Him the Fish; "Sakes Alive," Says Missus on Butte Top

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 12.—Presentation of two dozen rainbow trout caught in the waters of the upper McKenzie and a motor ride to the summit of Skinner's butte, a solitary peak several hundred feet high near the Southern Pacific depot, featured the brief visit of Vice President Calvin Coolidge to Eugene this afternoon.

The trout were formally presented to Mr. Coolidge by L. E. Bean, member of the state game commission. The vice president was taken to the summit of the butte in an automobile driven by A. C. Dixon, lumberman.

While slowly riding around the brow of the elevation, both Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge expressed their admiration of the scene stretched out before them on the floor of the Willamette valley.

TARIFF VOTE IS AUGUST 19

House and Senate Conferees Expected to Begin Work in Next Two Weeks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—House and senate conferees are expected by Chairman McCumber to begin work on the administration tariff bill within the next two weeks, it being assumed that the senate will pass the bill when it comes to a vote next Saturday, August 19.

The conferees will face a long and difficult task. One of the big issues to be settled is whether the house American valuation plan is to give way to the senate foreign valuation basis of assessing tariff duties.

Thousand Rates Disputed. The "flexible" and "scientific" tariff plans also will be subjects in dispute. Besides there will be something like 1,000 actual tariff rates in controversy.

There has been some cloakroom gossip, referred to several times on the senate floor recently by Democratic opponents of the bill, that the tariff would die in conference. Senator McCumber and other Republican leaders, however, to get the measure out within a few weeks and obtain final action on it by the senate and house before congress goes home in advance of the fall election campaigns.

LaFollette in Question. Appointment of the senate conferees on the bill is awaited with great interest. The rule, heretofore has been that those ranking Republicans and the two ranking Democrats on the finance committee were named to represent the senate, but since Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, who has opposed the tariff bill, is the third ranking Republican, there has been speculation as to whether he would be appointed.

Should Mr. LaFollette be appointed and oppose the final draft of the measure in conference, the conferees would be deadlocked, five to five, with the result that a conference report could not be agreed to. In capitol gossip today Senator Dillingham of Vermont was mentioned as the probable appointee.

Day One of Progress. Before agreeing today for a final vote, the senate made rapid progress in the consideration of committee amendments to the sundries schedule. Only three fights developed, revolving around the 70 per cent ad valorem duty on toys, which was approved and the duties on ivory tusks and asbestos.

Senators Wadsworth, New York, and New, Indiana, Republicans, Indiana, led a successful fight against the committee rate of 10 per cent on ivory, the senate voting 34 to 17 to place this commodity on the free list.

Asbestos Argument Heard. Duties of 30 per cent on asbestos yarns and woven fabrics and 25 per cent on other asbestos manufactures were approved after the senate had rejected an amendment of Senator Jones, Republican, of 20 and 10 per cent respectively. Also it rejected an amendment to make crude asbestos ore dutiable at 20 per cent, leaving that commodity on the free list.

PEACH PRICE IS FIXED BY YAKIMA TRADE

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 12.—Every fruit dealer in the Yakima district has agreed to pay growers 50 cents a box for peaches, and to sell to the trade at 60 cents, Fred E. Thompson, chairman of a Yakima valley committee, announced today.

EXPO. FLEET COMING HERE

Caravan of Advertisers from Portland to Reach Salem Sunday Aug. 20

Salem is to have a 30-minute peek at the Oregon Exposition caravan Sunday, August 20, when it drives in from a tour of eastern and southern Oregon advertising the great fair.

Mayor George Baker of Portland is commander-in-chief of the land fleet, and there are enough cars in his command to make it an imposing spectacle. The caravan will hold no public demonstration here, because of its being Sunday, though the boosters do hope to meet as many of the citizens as possible, informally and face to face. They land here at 3:30 at the Commercial club rooms.

Task Hard One. Exposition financing has been a long, hard problem, but the committee believes it is going to get it across in good shape. First, the people of Oregon will be asked to vote for the constitutional amendment this fall, authorizing Multnomah county to tax itself a million dollars a year for three years to finance that much of the fair. This costs nobody else a

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CONFERENCE FOR ENDEAVORERS SOON

Summer Meeting of Church Organization to Be at Columbia City

The time is drawing near for another annual summer conference of Oregon Christian Endeavorers. Registration blanks are now being handed out to Endeavorers of Marion county. Those that can possibly go are being urged to do so by Wayne Bowman, county president.

This year's C. E. summer conference, to be held at Columbia City, will extend over eight days, closing with Labor day, August 28 to September 4. The conferences are attended each year by 80 to 100 Endeavorers, giving to the young people who attend, a unique vacation, full of a variety of pleasures, mixed with serious values. The conference grounds, which are owned by the Baptist denomination, are ideal for meetings, recreations, and out-door meetings.

The faculty announced for the conference includes Rev. James A. Smith, of Hope Presbyterian church, Portland, who will have charge of Bible study; Miss Elaine Cooper, of Eugene, foreign missions; Walter Myers, Eugene, home missions; Dr. Helen M. Gilkey, Corvallis, state C. E. president, union work; Miss Hulda Anderson, La Grande, religious vacations; Miss Dulcinea Brown, Milwaukie, junior work; Miss Ruth Worden, Portland, intermediate work; Miss Viola Ogden, Portland, state secretary, expert endeavorer; Paul Brown, Pacific coast secretary for the United Society of Christian Endeavor, general assemblies; Hugh McCallum, Eugene, recreation leader.

MAP UNCOVERS DIAMOND GEM IN DIRT PILE

Bellingham Police Are Told Dramatic Story by Douglas Gould, Stranger Arrested Yesterday.

OLD MAN IN SPOKANE PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE

Also Seattle Murder and Sentence of Three Youths Come Into Plot

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 12.—Following the directions given on a map taken from a stranger here giving the name of Douglas Gould Fifty-second and Broadway, New York, police today uncovered a valuable diamond ring a few inches under the surface of earth in a vacant lot near the heart of the business district.

Gould claimed he obtained the map from an old man in the lobby of a hotel in Spokane. Gould was seen poking around in the lot and a police investigation resulted in his turning the map over to the authorities. In a short time after obtaining the map the police uncovered the ring.

Meeting by Chance. According to the story told the police, he came from New York last April. His meeting with the old man was by chance, he said. He said he understood the map was given to the old man by one of three young men now in Walla Walla prison, sent from Seattle after they had figured in the murder of a policeman there. Creighton Dodge, leader of the boys, was slain in the pistol fight at Ballard, when the policeman was killed.

Prisoners From Bellingham. The young men were from this city and had stolen an automobile. Records here in the sheriff's office and police station fail to show the theft of a diamond ring. About two months ago, according to the police, two men were seen in the vacant lot as if looking for something. They were told then to leave. One was seen to pick up something and put it in his pocket.

The map was drawn perfectly in pencil and pictured the streets and alleys perfectly.

BIG CARLOAD TO GO OUT MONDAY

Fifty-Six Thousand Pounds of Evaporated Logans Are in Shipment

There's one shipment of Salem fruit that the railroad strikes won't seriously affect, as long as they don't burn or wreck the cars. That is the carload of evaporated loganberries that is to go out from the Oregon Growers Monday for the far east.

The car will contain 2890 25-pound boxes of berries, or approximately 28 tons. This year the berries were more saccharine than usual. The sunshine brings out the sugar and evaporates the juice, so the berries in the final evaporation lost less weight than usual. It has required only about five pounds of fresh berries to make a pound of evaporated fruit. Counting it on this basis the shipment of 56,000 pounds would be the equivalent of 280,000 pounds of fresh berries. Assuming that the average yield was two tons to the acre, it would mean that this one car is carrying to market the whole produce of 70 acres of berries.

The order for the car was accepted late Friday afternoon, and the packing was not begun until Saturday morning. The crew put out 1400 boxes during the day, and will finish the order Monday morning.

Delay in the receipt of paper cartons for packing the logans for retail trade, has left a large quantity of the berries still in the bins, where the prunes will have to go when the prune season opens.

PETITION TO SAVE TREE IS GOING ROUNDS

City Council Asked to Rescind Action Relative to Salem's Only Redwood

Petitions are being circulated to ask the city council to rescind its order to murder the beautiful tree that stands in Summer street at Union.

The tree was planted more than 75 years ago by Daniel Waldo, a pioneer of Salem. He brought the tree from California on his way home from the bonanza gold fields. When the street was paved the tree was left standing; an innovation, perhaps, but one that has pleased thousands of people who have seen the distinguished tree lifting its head so proudly over the city.

The city council didn't really mean to assassinate the most beautiful single thing in Salem. The aldermen wondered, however, about the regularity of leaving it out there in its strange position. The petitions, where only four out of the first 200 persons asked to sign, refused or even neglected to do so, seem to tell what the people think of the tree.

If anyone isn't familiar with this tree, go up and see it; it's worth spending 12 cents car fare to see what a redwood is like—and this is the only one growing in Salem, and it would take 75 years to grow another.

S. P. TRAINS AGAIN MOVE

Transcontinental Traffic Resumed by Road When Firemen Return

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The Silverton high school class of '21 held a supper party at "The Cozy" Friday night. Only a small portion of the class was present.

The purpose of the reunion was to decide what to leave to the high school as this decision hadn't been reached a year ago. It was finally decided to have the drop curtain in the new auditorium painted.

The suggestion of this came from the Silverton Playmakers, a dramatic organization. The work will be done by Vernon Suskow. Those present at the reunion were Robert Siamon, Elgin McCleary, Frank Allen, Reubin Jensen, Miss Helen Currie, Miss Mildred Yovel, Miss Dorothy Hubbs, Miss Vivian Cramer, Miss Marion Taylor, Miss Olivia Dequire and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tchantz.

Moreover, traffic on the Union Pacific's line from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, apparently restored late today, again was at a standstill tonight, officials of the line at Los Angeles announcing the annulment of one train and the return from San Bernardino to Los Angeles of one which left the latter point today.

Firemen Return. Return of firemen to work at Ogden permitted the resumption of traffic by the Southern Pacific over that route and the raising of its embargo on perishable freight.

The principal difficulty of both the Union Pacific and the Santa Fe apparently was the presence of armed guards at San Bernardino and other points, on the Santa Fe, whose tracks are used by the Union Pacific for a part of the way into Los Angeles.

Auto Caravan Formed. The Santa Fe still had a number of passenger trains marooned principally at Needles and Seligman. Citizens at San Bernardino organized an automobile caravan to bring in those at Needles, where the thermometer has been past the 100 mark and distress has begun to be evident.

Passengers aboard one of the trains held at Seligman, Arizona, telegraphed an appeal for a "Red Cross Train" to take women, children and the aged to a place of greater comfort and demanded that the railroad remove the others of their number in automobiles.

Brotherhood men were refusing to move trains from three points on the Western Pacific lines—Oakland, Stockton and Oroville, Calif. As a result the road annulled both its eastbound and one of its westbound passenger trains today.

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LIBEL ACTION IS BROUGHT BY TOM GARLAND, ATTORNEY, WHO ASKS FOR \$52,000 DAMAGES

DEER HUNTING SEASON TO OPEN

Rain Sufficient That Postponement Not Necessary, Says Mr. Elliott

The Oregon deer hunting season will not be postponed, but will open as scheduled on August 20.

This definite announcement was made yesterday by F. A. Elliott, state forester, who declared that rain has now been sufficiently general that hunters may go into the timber without danger of causing more forest fires.

Every county in the state has had rain except Jackson and Josephine, and rain is said to be threatening there.

High School Class Will Have Drop Curtain Painted

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OREGON LEADS WHEAT TRADE

More Shipped Through Portland Than All Washington Ports Combined

Fully twice as much grain was shipped through the port of Portland during the crop year ending June 30 than through all ports combined in the state of Washington.

This statement was made from the public service commission yesterday when a report was made public covering the operations of the grain inspection department of the commission during the year.

Year Banner One. The report says that the year ending June 30 was the banner year for the grain inspection department in volume of business, amount of receipts of grain and hay and finances. The crop year 1921-22 far exceeded any other previous crop year, it is claimed.

The report says concerning the operations of the year: "We have received 29,194 cars of wheat, 285 cars of barley, 891 cars of oats, 132 cars of miscellaneous grains, and 2088 cars of hay at Portland during the past season. Figured in bushels this amounts to 41,837,348 bushels of wheat, 431,774 bushels of barley, 2,246,947 bushels of oats, 144,854 bushels of rye 543,620 bushels of corn, 5778 bushels of flax seed, and 9778 bushels of sorghum grains, making a grand total of 45,220,099 bushels of all grains handled by the department in Portland during the crop year, and 25,056 tons of hay."

EMBARGO LIFTED. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Southern Pacific lines embargo on perishables, including livestock, to and through the Ogden gateway was lifted tonight.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 12.—Tom Garland, widely known local attorney, this afternoon sued the Ku Klux Klan, Charles Hall, defeated candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, and R. R. Coster, secretary of the public defense league, which is backing the Hall contest, for \$52,500 libel.

Garland charges that the act of making public his name on a list of alleged illegal voters outside the courts was in itself a libel that has reflected upon him.

The Klan, Hall and Coster are interlinked, he charges, in a political conspiracy that justifies their association as defendants in the suit.

Further, he asserts in his complaint that the Klan has not filed articles of incorporation in the state and asks to be allowed to make any member whose names he may learn individual defendants to the action.

He insists that the Klan is a political organization seeking to fasten upon patronage by working on the superstitions and emotions of a certain class of loyal American people.

The charge that he voted illegally in the primaries is untrue, Garland asserts.

"I have been a voter for about twenty years," Garland said.

"My complaint sets out that I am a Protestant, was a volunteer in the Spanish American war and in the war with Germany and that I am a 100 per cent American. The inference otherwise has hurt me.

"I voted for Governor Olcott and for other people who are right," he continued, "and I don't care who knows it."

Both his own and his wife's names appeared on the list of alleged illegal voters made public in connection with Hall's fight to retrieve the nomination for Governor Olcott.

IRISH LEADER DIES SUDDENLY

Arthur Griffith, President of Dail Eireann, Passes After Operation

DUBLIN, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Duoilin was shocked early today to learn of the sudden death of Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann.

Everywhere it was commented on as one of the most tragic and wholly unexpected events in troubled Ireland.

Death Follows Operation. Death came a nursing home, apparently from a heart attack following an operation a few days ago for tonsillitis. Few people in Dublin even knew that the ardent worker for the free state cause had been ill. Immediately signs of mourning were displayed. Flags were set at half mast on buildings and ships in the harbor.

Managed Civil Affairs. The question on all sides was what effect the death of the leader would have on the solution of the problems before the provisional government. His colleague, Michael Collins, recently has devoted his attention almost entirely to the military operations against the Irregulars, while the country looked to Mr. Griffith to manage the civil affairs until the rebellion was suppressed.

Associates Are Stunned. The president's associates were stunned by the news of his death. Not one of them was prepared to discuss its effects, but they all agreed that Ireland had sustained a great loss.

Collapses on Street. Mr. Griffith appeared quite well this morning as prior to leaving for his office just before ten o'clock, he said good bye to his nursing staff. He stepped to tie a shoelace when he fell forward unconscious.

The members of the staff rushed to assist him. He regained consciousness but soon after collapsed again, when blood was seen coming from his mouth.

Father John Lee of the Marist Fathers, administered extreme unction, and Mr. Griffith expired as the priest was reciting the concluding prayer.

New York Irish Mourn. NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—News of the death in Dublin today of Arthur Griffith, one of the founders of Sinn Fein and president of the Dail Eireann, was received with dismay by Irishmen in New York. The belief was expressed by many that his passing had taken from Ireland one

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Wood Products Company Is Busier Than Ever

A brief visit to the plant of the Oregon Wood Products company in West Salem, shows this to be one of the busiest small industries in this district. They are just now working on an order for 1,000,000 spools for adding machine paper rolls, the order coming from the Salem paper mills. They have been making many carloads of broom handles and mops handles for the eastern market, and have been fairly swamped with orders for these and other staple and novelty wood goods.

The company has almost perfected its plans for enlarging its factory and increasing its capital stock to care for the business that has developed far beyond its present modest capacity. Hardwood handles of all kinds will be made one of the important products, when the increase is arranged for.

TOO MUCH COAL CALLED MENACE

F. S. Peabody Says Struggle for Existence Among Mines Necessary

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Free competition, involving "a gigantic struggle for existence" among the nation's 10,000 coal mines, in which the fittest will survive, will solve the problem of an over-development and save the country \$400,000,000 a year which now is wasted, F. S. Peabody of Chicago, member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers declared today in a report to the Federated American Engineering societies.

"Too much coal has become a national menace to the industry and to the pocketbooks of the consuming public," he said, "and is costing Americans 80 cents for every ton dropped into their bins."

Diagnosing the ills of the industry he said: "Prior to the war there were 6,000 shipping mines in operation. At the close of the war there were 10,000, which, if operated full time would produce 100 per cent more coal than is needed for consumption and export."

34,000 ACRES BURNED. MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 12.—A total of 34,000 acres of forest timber has been burned this season by 88 forest fires in district No. 1 of the forest service, which includes Montana, Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington.

THE WEATHER: Sunday, generally fair.