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SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

SMALL SYSTEM RAIL PLAN IS HARDING VIEW

President Speaks in Favor of Consolidation Before Gathering of 12,000 in Kansas City

TEMPERATURE HITS 95; FAST TALK NECESSARY

Speaks Rate of 145 Words Per Minute; Heat is Said Oppressive

KANSAS CITY, June 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Consolidation of the railroads of the country into a small number of systems is a rational, justifiable step full of promise towards solution of the transportation problem. President Harding declared here tonight in the second prepared address of his western trip. "If the system consolidations will not afford the solution," he said, "then our failure will enforce a costlier experiment and the one great commitment which I hope the United States will forever escape."

The executive expressed the belief that this one great commitment—government operation—would be "a colossal blunder, which would destroy initiative, infect us with political corruption, create regional jealousies and impose incalculable costs on the public treasury."

Relations Discussed
Discussing relations between the carriers and their employees as a vital factor in the transportation situation, the president announced that he favored continuation of the railroad labor board "under such modifications as seem most likely to make the plan successful." He said he was not convinced that the test of this plan had been "a complete and entirely fair one," but added that "there is little to hope for until all concerned are ready to comply promptly with the board's decisions."

"I am frank to say," he continued, "I do not hope for continuance upon the part of the employees so long as decisions are ignored by the managers."

The sort of consolidation of the carriers which Mr. Harding advocated contemplate a consolidation of the larger systems so that the weaker and unprofitable lines will be able to lean upon the financial strength of the stronger and profitable ones, until the growth of the country makes them all earn a just return upon the capital invested. The whole would be "under rigorous government supervision."

Such a consolidation, the president asserted, "would affect the distribution of rates without making out making a net return impossible," and, at the same time, would "make sound finance possible for expansion."

There now appears to be no difficulty about any constitutional inhibition to the voluntary consolidation as authorized by congress," the executive continued, "but the problem of reconciling the interests of the hundreds of different ownerships and management of lines to be merged into systems has proven a task for which no solution has been found. It is, therefore, being seriously proposed that the next step be to further amplify the provisions for consolidation so as to stimulate the consumption. It is my expectation that legislation to this end will be brought before congress at the next session."

Operation Vital
"There are some roads—many of the smaller ones, in fact—whose continued operation is absolutely vital to many thousands of people, to considerable towns, to large areas of country, whose revenues simply cannot provide financial facilities through earnings, pending a considerable growth in community population, to say (Continued on page 2)

LONDON POLICE RAID LABOR ORGAN OFFICE IN SEARCH OF PHOTO

Newspaper Prints Pictures of Launching of Submarine X-1 After All Reporters and Photographers Had Been Excluded; Government Unable to Explain How feat Was Accomplished; Edition of Paper Is Confiscated.

LONDON, June 22.—(By Associated Press.)—The police raided the offices of the Daily Herald, the labor organ, tonight and held the members of the staff for an hour while they searched for original and all copies of the picture of the submarine X-1, which the Herald published on Wednesday.

DEAF MEET IN SESSION

Second Biennial Convention Gathers Here—Home for Infirm Object

The Oregon Association of the Deaf, an organization of adult deaf people of the state, is holding its second biennial convention at the deaf school here. This convention had its initial series of business meetings yesterday and will continue in session until Sunday evening.

Nearly 100 were in attendance the first day, and fully half as many more are expected to arrive today and will remain until the closing of the convention. This unique organization has as its objects, to quote the constitution, "closer cooperation among the deaf of this state with a view of bettering themselves in social, moral and intellectual matters; discussion and dissemination of all information aiming at the advancement of the status of the deaf, and the establishment of a home for aged and infirm deaf."

During the last session of the legislature, according to one of the members of the association, the organization was active in blocking a number of measures that were not for the welfare of the deaf.

STREET CARS ARE STILL BIG WORRY

Seattle Will Seek Some Good Plan to Better Financial Conditions

SEATTLE, June 22.—Plans to seek an extension of the time in which Seattle must pay \$15,000,000 for its municipal street car system were abandoned today by the vote of the city council. These plans received much discussion, while a five-cent fare, which resulted in a deficit, was in effect. This fare has been superseded by the former rate of 10 cents, or three rides for a quarter.

The council as a committee of the whole went to Mayor Edwin T. Brown, consulted with him, took action by viva voce vote, and returning to its chamber, formally ratified the decision to drop efforts at execution. Members of the council said that the mayor assured them that he had some plan to better the financial condition of the system.

JAIL SENTENCE WOMAN'S CHOICE

Five Days in Work House Preferable to Giving Up Auto Sixty Days

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 22.—Mrs. Lila Hayman, mother of a six year old child, chose a five-day sentence in the work house today rather than surrender her husband's automobile for 60 days. She was charged with having driven 35 miles an hour. She told the court she would rather go to the work house than have the machine impounded for two months. Her husband, she said, needed it in his business.

THREE KILLED BY FRENCH IN RUHR SECTION

Soldiers Shoot First German for Damaging Railroad Line; Others for Attacks

ESSEN, June 22.—(By Associated Press.)—Three Germans were killed today in different parts of the Ruhr. The first one was shot by French soldiers when he was caught doing damage to railroad tracks in the town of Lintrup.

The second, one of a party of five or six Germans who attacked a German who was working for the French, was killed near Recklinghausen when French soldiers fired on the attacking party. The third was one of the two Germans who killed a Belgian corporal and a private and wounded another private near Recklinghausen yesterday when the Belgians tried to search them.

In consequence of the attack on the Belgians, the most severe penalties have been laid down for the towns of Mariand Buer, six hostages have been taken including the Burgomasters.

WOULD APPRECIATE WESTERN BREEZES

People in East Still Wipe Brows as Temperatures Continue High

CHICAGO, June 22.—Central United States continues to mop its brow today as abnormally high temperature prevailed, although reports showed a drop in high temperatures in the east and also some lower temperatures in the west.

In the Great Lakes district and most of the upper plains states, which have been suffering under the blaze of heat waves since Monday, were given no cheering news from weather observers for tomorrow, forecasts in the main indicating continued fair and warm.

The Atlantic coast, Washington, Philadelphia and other eastern cities which felt the effects of some of the highest temperatures of the year, today found relief in a moderation of several degrees. From the west, where heavy frosts and unseasonable cool weather has been reported, forecasts indicated a slight rise in temperature, southern states are promised a continuation of present weather which has not been abnormally high.

Letters From Salem Fight Fan

By GEORGE H. GRAVES
ROUND II
SPOKANE, June 22.—June 16, at 7 a. m. left The Dalles and after a few miles of pavement rolled on to a dippy gravelled road that loosened up the windshield on the car and what else as yet I have not discovered. By this time we had an awfully strong wind in our back. The wind was blowing a gale. We were hitting it at 40 per and the engine running beautifully, but soon commenced to heat, then the water in the radiator to boil, so had to stop and allow the engine to cool. From then on it happened every five miles.

We were losing much time, so decided to turn the car around and let it face the wind. This cooled it off much quicker, but the first time I turned around I ran off the gravel, on what looked to me as hard soil, but when I went to back the rear wheels commenced to sink, and it was some time and with much difficulty that we got the car back on the gravel road. Here I found I do not know the difference between the prairie sand and Willamette valley good soil. Still the engine kept getting hot and the water to boil. We stopped at a way place, had the fan belt tightened and went on. This improved it, as we could run farther without stopping. Finally we went in a different direction and had no more trouble. All the trouble was that the wind was blowing so hard in our backs that we could not get any cool air. Later we found out that nearly all cars have that trouble on that stretch of road.

Had lunch at Hermiston and went on. This side of Pendleton we ran onto a place where the road was being scraped; some dust, white, light dust. Then we were unfortunate to get behind two state highway trucks, and dust—the air was so full of it I could not see 10 feet ahead, but after a few miles the trucks pulled off the road and we ran on, coming next to the insane asylum, this side of Pendleton.—beautiful grounds. Here we decided to stop, and went through the asylum. As the superintendent was showing us through, Mr. Dillon, seeing a clock on the wall, asked him if it was right. He said it was. "What in hell is it doing here, then?" asked Dillon. "At Pendleton I called on some friends, put down the top, and made for Walla Walla, 55 miles. Here is where we did go. I was now out of the state of Oregon, and had more nerve or less fear of the speed cop, for all the way we ran from 45 to 50 per, and how nice the engine did work at that speed. Arrived at Walla Walla at 5:30, making a total of 203 miles for the day. Went to my room and cleaned up, put on my new suit for the first time. Too cold and wet in Portland to wear it, and attended a banquet given by the Walla Walla Ad club, and then a dance at the new armory. I fell for a red-headed girl in the room. The following morning we were off at 8 for Lewiston, Idaho. We soon found ourselves rolling over the finest gravel road I was ever on. Gee! it was fun with an engine running perfect and no limit to the speed. It was through a rolling country, up and down hill, and coming near Lewiston we had a hill to go down 14 miles long. At the bottom of this we traveled along the beautiful Snake river on our left and high, rocky cliffs on our right. At 1 o'clock we found ourselves in the pretty little town (Continued on page 3)

CUSTOMS MEN GRAPPLE WITH SHIP PROBLEM

Stock of Liquor Under Seal of Great Britain Remains Untouched Upon Two Ocean Steamers

FRENCH LINER SAID DUE IN PORT TODAY

Situation Will Become More Complicated With Another "Wet" Vessel

NEW YORK, June 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two ocean liners flying the Union Jack steamed into New York today with excellent stocks of liquor for the trip home, despite the fact that Uncle Sam had said they must cross the three-mile limit bond-dry.

All day long the water front waited to observe federal agents pounce on the liquor, breaking the British government seals with which the lockers were stamped, and carrying away the wet goods. But late this afternoon the liquor remained untouched. Officials at the customs house announced that seizure would be made tomorrow morning.

Procedure Uncertain
If this is done—and tonight there was every indication that it would be—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who promulgated the dry ruling, may learn of his orders being carried out before he sails for Europe tomorrow on the Majestic. He is expected from Washington early tomorrow.

One of the British vessels to defy the American dry edict and force a test was the Cunard liner Benengaria. The fact that she intended to carry liquor across the three-mile line had been well heralded, and treasury agents in New York had been deluged with orders from Washington as to just how to act.

Surprise Is Sprung
The other vessel was the White Star liner Baltic. She took the waterfront by surprise. Ship's officers—except her own—were ignorant of the fact that she contemplated a showdown.

Both the Benengaria and the Baltic were permitted to pass through quarantine unannounced and proceeded to their docks. Then came from the customs house the word that nothing would be done until the captains had appeared with their manifests and applied for permits to retain enough liquor for medicinal purposes. After this, it was said, any surplus would be seized.

Davy Jones stowed away many quarts in his locker as a result of the treasury department's ruling, however, for the Benengaria and Baltic both tossed overboard at the three-mile limit all the liquor provided for the westbound voyage which the passengers could not drink. This was done with appropriate ceremonies aboard the Benengaria. Passengers lined the rails at midnight and with bowed heads lowered into the deep a bottle of champagne wrapped in crepe and inscribed "To the three-mile limit."

With two wet Britishers already on their hands, customs officials tomorrow face another deluge. Due in port is the French liner Paris. Before she set sail it was announced that she carried in her hold many a cocktail shakerful for the homeward voyage and that on this select liquor had been placed the seal of the French government.

Sailing Delayed
According to those aboard, the Baltic decided only an hour before sailing to test the American ruling. She had sailed from Liverpool on June 9, a day before it became effective, but had to put back for minor repairs after hitting a submerged wreck. She sailed again on June 13, three days after the ruling went into effect. Shortly before she cast off, she shipped her liquor for the voyage home. It was understood among the passengers that this action was taken as the result of a decision upon the part of the British, French, Scandinavian and Italian lines to make a concerted attack on the dry ruling.

OWNER CAN'T CALL TO MIND CAR'S NUMBER

Auto Is Stolen Last Night, But Quackenbush Unable to Aid Police for Hours

The man who owns but one automobile and considers himself lucky to have that much can consider himself fortunate that he is not in the position that Clyde Quackenbush is at present, or at any rate was at an early hour this morning.

Quackenbush loaned one of his automobiles to George Vick, who drove the machine to the vicinity of the Chautauqua. After the evening program had been concluded and Mr. Vick started home, he found the machine was gone. Careful search was made of records, but for the life of him, Quackenbush could not find the number of the license belonging to the missing machine. Several receipts were turned over to him by his wife, but all for the wrong car. Meantime the police were unable to send out an SOS call or a complete description of the car, a Hudson speedster. Finally, among the office records, after a long search, the license number was discovered. But the machine is still AWOL, rolling merrily along the highways. The owner is not worried, for the machine is insured.

ROTARY MEMBERS END CONVENTION

Formal Invitation for Meeting in 1924 Extended By Canadian Club

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The fourth annual convention of Rotary International, which has been in session for the last five days, adjourned late today with delivery by James Gibson, director for Canada of a formal invitation that the 1924 convention be held at Toronto.

Selection of the next convention city will be decided by the board of directors at a later meeting. The more than six thousand Rotarians registered for the convention are leaving or preparing to depart tonight for their homes in 22 countries of the world.

MONTANA WILL SEE NO BULL FIGHTING

Proposed Event Slated for July 4th at Sidney Is Held in Disfavor

HELENA, Mont., June 22.—Bull-fighting is contrary to Montana law and therefore the bull fight proposed to be held at Sidney, Mont., July 4, will not be permitted. Attorney General W. D. Rankin stated today. He did not state what steps would be taken to prevent the fight in view of his declaration the event should not be voluntarily abandoned.

Little Elma Fisher Is Badly Burned at Play

SILVERTON, Or., June 22.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The little 7-year-old daughter, Elma, of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fisher was badly burned Tuesday evening and her condition is still considered quite serious. A group of children was playing around a bonfire on the edge of Silver creek when the little girl's clothing caught fire. Before the fire was put out the clothes were burned from her back and the flesh was badly injured. She was taken at once to the Silverton hospital.

Southern Pacific Makes Improvements at Silverton

SILVERTON, Or., June 22.—(Special to The Statesman.)—About \$50,000 is being spent by the Southern Pacific for improvements in the Silverton community. A steel span is replacing the wooden span over Pudding river bridge south of Silverton. The bridge over Silver creek is to be raised one foot in order to avoid jamming during high water. The station itself will receive some improvement. It will be painted and grounds parked around it.

FIRECRACKERS WILL BE CONFINED TO ONE DAY, ASSERTS MAYOR

Boys and Girls About Town Premature in Celebration, Declares Giesy—Ordinance Intended to Eliminate Danger From Pyrotechnics Will Be Enforced—Joy Unconfined on July Fourth.

While Mayor J. B. Giesy remembers that he himself was once a boy and greatly delighted in the joys of shooting firecrackers and celebrating the Fourth of July, still he is aware that certain dangers arise from the practise. Hence he makes the following statement:

2 LECTURES AGAINST WAR

Beatrice Stuart Weller and Tom Skeyhill Heard at Chautauqua

CHAUTAQUA TODAY
Afternoon
2:30 p. m.—Concert-Prelude—Winifred Windus Company, introducing Guy Marriner, New Zealand pianist, and Leslie Taylor, violinist.

3:00 p. m.—Special event—Children's Magic unar Circus, Edna Belle Kuhn and Junior Chautauquans.
Evening
8:00 p. m.—Artists' program—Winifred Windus Company, featuring Miss Windus, reader and interpreter of plays.
Admission, 50c.

Tom Skeyhill, celebrated traveler and lecturer, and Beatrice Stuart Weller, lecturer-cartoonist, formed a very effective team against war in their respective lectures last night and yesterday afternoon at the chautauqua. They treated the subject from two entirely different points of view, but the conclusion was the same—war must be no more.

Chalk-Talk Interesting
Miss Weller also combined with her serious talk on the European war an excellent chalk-talk, the same program which she has given hundreds of times before the American soldiers both in France and at home. She has served her country well in time of war, and she is now using her talents to bring what she saw in the war before the American people. The first part of her dual program, the usual series of cartoonist's tricks, and clever patter and drawings, was but the excuse to introduce the later more serious subject.

Woman Must Act
She holds that wars will persist until the womanhood of the world revolts and stands against its sons being used for cannon fodder. She draws a terrible picture of the late war, following in her conception Will Irwin's book, "The Next War." She herself has seen enough to be able to know—she has traveled as an entertainer almost in the front line trenches, and she is just the sort to know her duty and do it while necessary, and talk later. Miss Weller appears as a jolly, engaging entertainer—no wonder the boys appreciated it—but before she is through, she is seen as a real thinking woman, with a powerful message, leading directly to the evening message of Mr. Skeyhill.

Skeyhill Wide Traveler
Tom Skeyhill, soldier, globe-trotter, lecturer, filled the whole bill for the evening program. He has traveled 300,000 miles since the World war where his own Anzacs distinguished themselves. He is a soldier who is out to kill his old job of making war; there is no glory in slaying, and he'd stop it forever with one last fiery word.

Mr. Skeyhill is an assiduous traveler, an amiverous student, a man who starts out to see and learns things; and he has gathered a strange collection of facts from all over the world. One couldn't well travel twelve times around the globe, in a little more than four years, with the echo of war ringing in his ears at every port, on every sea, with its story on every tongue on the earth, and not gain a splendid panoramic idea of what war is, has been, and may be to humanity.

Many Wars Studied
That was the substance of his (Continued on page 2)

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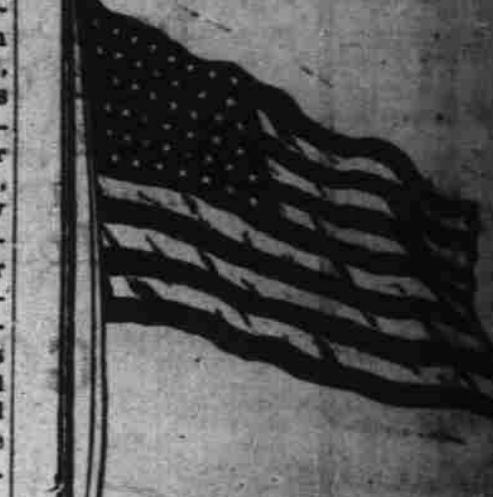
Oregon Elks Are Now at The Dalles in 6th Annual Meet

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