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GREAT STRIKE IS IMMINENT

Railway Trainmen Leave Decision to Grand Master and Vice President.

FIFTY-TWO ROADS MAY BE AFFECTED

Weather Proves Important Factor in Switchmen's Strike—Snow Adds to Difficulty of Railroads in Moving Freight—Switchmen's Strike May Extend East of Chicago As Far as Buffalo.

New York Dec. 6.—At a conference of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen today Grand Master Lee and First Vice President Murdock were named as a committee to decide whether the men shall go out or remain at work in case the demand they soon will present to 52 eastern railroads for a ten per cent increase in pay is refused.

It is expected that the final schedule of grievances will be in the hands of the railroad managers Thursday or Friday. The following statement was issued at the close of the conference: "Before a general strike can be ordered it must have the official sanction of the grand master. In event of the refusal of the demands a poll will be taken to re-endorse the demands that the general strike, when called, may be unanimous and effective. The demand has been endorsed only by more than a two-thirds vote of the membership."

"The movement planned will have nothing in common with the general strike being conducted at present by the Switchmen's Union of North America, which is distinctly a rival and an enemy of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen."

"This statement represents 101,000 switchmen and trainmen."

Weather a Factor.

St. Paul, Dec. 6.—The switchmen's strike situation has been complicated by cold and snowy weather, which has seriously affected traffic on the Northern Pacific and some parts of the Great Northern, according to statements by the general managers of those roads tonight.

General Manager Slade of the Northern Pacific said freight was more or less tied up along the system on account of the snow and especially so in northern Minnesota and North Dakota. Passenger trains are being run with two engines. All trains from the north and west arrived four hours late in St. Paul last night.

It is said that the Northern Pacific has all the men here that it needs, and that new arrivals are being shipped west. Thirteen engines were working at Tacoma and work is being opened up at Seattle, according to Mr. Slade.

General Manager Gruber said that the Great Northern had moved between 60 and 100 cars of wheat into Minneapolis today and that freight was handled at the Minnesota Transfer today for the first time since the strike began. He said that heavy snows at Sioux City, Grand Forks and Devils Lake are interfering with traffic, and that the work of switching is necessarily slow. Snow delayed traffic in Montana, he said. One hundred and fifty men arrived today from Chicago and St. Louis, most of them being sent to western points.

President Hawley of the Switchmen's union said he had received word from several eastern points today that switchmen there are ready to strike at a moment's notice.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Authority to call a strike of all union switchmen between Buffalo and Chicago, if such a course is deemed necessary, is vested in a committee of the union, which will go to Chicago today to negotiate with the general managers of the 13 railroads for a settlement of certain demands.

A referendum vote to obtain the sentiment of the organization and to give the committee a free hand, was taken some time ago, according to Grand Vice President Burt.

The district east of Chicago includes not only Toledo, Fort Wayne, Detroit and other important centers, but also takes in points as far south as Pittsburg, so that the ranks of the strikers will be increased by between 12,000 and 15,000 men if negotiations at Chicago fail.

The demands to be submitted at Chicago will be for an average in wages of 6 cents an hour, time and a half for overtime, exceeding a ten-hour day, double time for Sundays and holidays and a modification of the physical test. Notice of these demands were sent to general managers of the lines in Chicago on November 6, so that the 30 days' limit in which

a reply must be made expires today. Vice President Burt today received a telegram from President Hawley that the situation in the northwest is satisfactory to union officials.

POSSES SEARCH FOR WOMAN'S MURDERER

Munson, L. I., Dec. 6.—Robbery and assault are believed to have been the motive for the murder today of Mrs. Julia Wallace, wife of a wealthy farmer living near here, who was found murdered on the bank of a bayou.

Poses have been formed this evening to pursue the murderer, whose identity remains undiscovered. It is believed that the woman, while on her way to visit a neighbor, was assaulted and robbed on the highway and then struck on the head and thrown into a pond by her assailant, being left for dead. She evidently gained the bank, but died soon afterward.

AGREEMENT ARRIVED AT ON RATE CASES

Washington, Dec. 6.—A final agreement was reached today between counsel for both sides in the lumber rate cases. Argument will be heard either here or at Chicago. The roads attack importance to the cases, judging from the attention they give. It is evident the real meaning of the cases is more an attack on the powers of the commission than the question of rates, although ostensibly rates constitute the chief issue.

EIGHT AMERICANS MAY BE BROILED

MAY HAVE FALLEN VICTIMS OF CANNIBALS

Mexican Government Asked to Send Soldiers to Rescue Expedition to Tiburon Islands in Gulf of California.

El Paso, Dec. 6.—Americans at Nogales are preparing a petition to the governor of Sonora to send a regiment of soldiers aboard a gunboat to the Tiburon Islands in the gulf of California, where a prospecting party of eight Americans and fifty Mexican soldiers are believed to have been captured by the cannibals who killed Professor Thomas Grindell several years ago when that scientist headed an expedition party to the islands.

The cannibals are a remnant of the Seri Indian renegades who were driven from the mainland. The present expedition left Disabe, Mexico, over a month ago provisioned for 20 days. They expected to find rich mines. They sailed in a sloop. The weather has been calm and it is deemed impossible they perished in a storm.

SLED HITS TELEGRAPH POLE

Results in One Killed, One Fatally Injured and Six Hurt.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 5.—The dangerous Hall street "incline" which almost every year that there is any snow fall in Portland takes its toll of human life from members of coasting parties, late Saturday caused the death of Anita Serra, a 17 year old girl and fatally injured Frank Smith. Besides these James Wilson, Wagdalena Weber, Marie Tynan, Jennie C. Boehmer, Miss Boehmer's young brother and the small son of William H. Brandes were seriously but not dangerously injured. The dead and injured were members of a party of 13 and were coasting on a big "double bob sled" down the sidewalk when the accident happened. The sled had come about two blocks and was traveling at a terrific speed. This caused the after-bob to collapse and the rear end of the sled was thrown toward the outer edge of the sidewalk and into a telegraph pole which was struck with a sickening crash that was heard for several blocks. The half dozen persons in the forward part of the sled escaped with a few scratches, but those on the portion which hit the pole were either killed or badly hurt.

FATHER KIDNAPPER ARRESTED AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Wn., Dec. 6.—Harold Warnock, who kidnapped a two year old child from the home of its mother in Portland Friday night was arrested at Washougal yesterday and brought to this city today. Warnock was walking the streets of Washougal. The child was coatless and shivering from cold. This excited suspicion and Warnock was arrested. At the station house he admitted his identity. Warnock went to the home of his wife Friday, from whom he had been separated eighteen months, under the guise of effecting a reconciliation with her. He kidnapped the child and fled in a waiting automobile.

CALHOUN WILL BE MINISTER TO CHINA

Washington, Dec. 6.—William J. Calhoun, the Chicago attorney, has accepted the Chinese ministership, according to an announcement of the state department today.

FOWLER HITS STANDPATISM

Has Bill Providing for Creation of Tariff Commission to Fix Schedules.

ALDRICH AND CANNON MENACE REPUBLICANISM

New Jersey Congressman Says Republican Party Must Break Away From Senate and House Leaders or Go Down in Defeat—Outline of Commission Plan.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Charles W. Fowler of New Jersey, last night gave out a statement outlining the tariff commission bill which he will introduce in the house tomorrow.

The bill as described by Mr. Fowler provides that congress shall fix the maximum and minimum tariff schedules, or rates, and that the commission, consisting of 15 members shall, with the approval of the president, fix the actual rates to be paid at some point between the maximum and minimum rates so established by congress.

But no rate so fixed and approved shall become effective or operative for 18 months after having been promulgated by the president that every industry affected by tariff changes may have ample time to adjust itself to new conditions.

"If any one should suggest," said Mr. Fowler last night, "that such a commission could not constitutionally fix the tariff rates at any point between the maximum and minimum rates established by congress because that would be an exercise of legislative power, let him ask himself whether the power as that given to the interstate commerce commission and approved by the supreme court permitting it to fix a reasonable railroad rate."

Mr. Fowler declares it to be perfectly clear "that unless the republican party gets rid of Aldrichism and Cannonism, the people will get rid of the republican party."

Must Stop Thief He Says. He asserts that the people's hopes have been turned to disgust and their faith to resentment and he says he does not believe that they will permit Mr. Aldrich to "pick their pockets through the ledgerman of words."

He prophesies a "thunderbolt of righteous indignation and punitive wrath" as about to "strike, shatter and paralyze the republican party unless it utterly repudiates Aldrichism and its subservient implement, Cannonism."

Impending defeat and the loss of the next house of representatives, Mr. Fowler says, can be avoided only "by emboldening our party banners the pledges:

"First, we are against Aldrichism and Cannonism.

"Second, we demand tariff revision hereafter by evolution.

"Third, we demand tariff revision based on ascertained facts and not upon selfish trades and corrupt agreements.

"Fourth, we demand a permanent, broad and responsible tariff commission which shall ascertain the facts, obviate trade wars and assist in securing and retaining the good will and friendship of all nations by wise, just and advantageous trade treaties."

BLIZZARD SWEEPS NORTHWEST WHILE COMMUNICATION OFF

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 6.—A snowstorm with a blizzard which swept the Dakotas to the Montana border, is lessening today. Wire communications are badly interrupted throughout the northwest.

SPIRITED ELECTION ON—MURPHY SEEMS A WINNER

With voters being sworn in by the hundreds and a large number of ballots already cast, it is evident that one of the largest votes ever polled in the history of Pendleton city elections is being cast today. All interest is centered on the minority contest and judging by the number who are swayed in at the Murphy headquarters throughout the city it seems apparent that Mayor Murphy will be re-elected by a substantial majority.

The mayor, himself, estimates his majority at 200 while others who have been supporting him during the campaign estimate his majority at from 100 to 300.

Dr. Swinburne is out of the city, but the most hopeful of the Swin-

KING WINTER RULES SUPREME

Entire Northwest is Held in Grip of Storm—Two Above Zero Last Night.

SLEIGH BELLS JINGLE ON STREETS TODAY

Heavy Fall of Snow and Severe Cold Reported from All Sections of the Northwest and in Northern California—First Coastwise Accident Occurred in Portland Yesterday.

Summary of Storm.

Baker City—Snow falls an inch an hour. Heavy fall expected.

Astoria—Ten degrees below freezing. Blizzard and snow.

La Grande—Eight degrees above zero; light snow and blizzard.

Albany—Six inches snow; weather cold; farmers prepared.

Hood River—Sleighbells excellent; continuous snowfall; fruit safe.

Eugene—Three inches snow; flood danger remote; rain falls in afternoon.

Medford—Three inches snow; mercury drops to 28 above; no damage.

Spokane—Grows colder steadily; two inches snow; no damage.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Half inch snow; floods out of town from railroad.

Olympia, Wash.—First snow; three inches in four hours.

Cashmere, Wash.—Thirty above zero; snow continues.

Tacoma, Wash.—Seven inches snow; more predicted.

For the first time this season sleigh bells were heard upon the streets of Pendleton yesterday afternoon. They are still in evidence today, but owing to the fact that the ground is only covered to a depth of about four inches, sleighing is only possible upon the pavement or smoothest streets.

The slight amount of snow which has been covering the ground for the past several days was augmented yesterday by a light fall which started in before daylight and continued until dark. While the flakes were exceedingly small and not very numerous, everyone was like a crystal of ice and all remained on the ground. The thermometer also registered lower last night than it has any time since the November cold spell when the mercury registered one below zero. Last night it was within two points of the zero mark, while five above was the next coldest.

According to reports the fall of snow is general throughout the county and this part of eastern Oregon, being much heavier in most places than in this city. The first snow that fell a few days ago only reached west as far as Stanfield, but the present fall is general. Two feet of snow is reported at Meacham and throughout the county it is said to vary from three to seven inches.

Reports from the northwest show the storm is general.

Over at Redding.

Redding, Cal., Dec. 5.—A phenomenal snowstorm ceased at midnight last night after ten hours duration. The storm extended from Chico on the south to Ashland, Ore., on the north. Depths reported are, Chico one inch;

Red Bluff five; Redding 14; Dunsmuir 24; Yreka 18; Ashland three.

A heavy wet snow clung to the wires, putting telephone and both telegraph companies out of commission. Last night Redding had no outside communication whatever. All day not a wire was working south, but everything was "O. K." north.

The snow does not interfere with the movement of trains materially, but wire trouble causes considerable delay. It was a remarkable storm for this early in the season and was followed by a cold snap of two days. Ice has formed throughout Shasta county, which is something unusual. The lowest temperature recorded here was 29 degrees. In Weaverville it was 18 degrees above and the ice formed three inches thick.

WILD ANIMALS DIE WHEN ZOO IS BURNED

Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 5.—A full grown male lion, two lionesses, two lion cubs and a leopard were burned to death today when cages in a local zoo took fire from an overheated stove. The keepers feared to open many of the burning cages and liberate the beasts, as they had no means of preventing their escape. Queenie, a lioness with cubs, was liberated, but jumped back into the cage when she heard the cries of her cubs. Her trainer attempted to drive her from the cage, but she refused to abandon the cubs and died with them.

UNG GOEY IS BEING HELD IN SEATTLE

LOCAL CHINESE SEEKING TO RETURN TO PENDLETON

Immigration Officials Trying to Prove Former Local Chinese Leader is Only Restaurant Keeper and Not Entitled to Return to America.

Ung Goei, leader in Pendleton's Chinatown affairs, restaurant keeper and merchant, who left for China several months ago, is being held on the detention ship in Seattle and may not be permitted to return to this city. This fact was made known today by a government inspector in the immigration service who is here for the purpose of making an investigation relative to Goei's standing.

It seems there is a provision in the immigration laws which make it possible for a Chinese merchant in this country to go to China and then return to this country but that a restaurant keeper is denied this privilege. According to the federal inspector now here, Goei is seeking to return to America as a merchant whereas the immigration officials are endeavoring to prove that he is nothing more than a restaurant keeper.

The well-known Chinaman has already been detained on the ship at Seattle for several days, but as he is still proprietor of the store on West Alta street, as well as the noodle house adjoining, it is probable that he will finally be permitted to come to Pendleton.

It is so, his arrival in this city will be awaited with interest. It will be remembered that soon after his departure for China that it was reported he had deserted his wife and gone back to his native land to remain permanently. Hardly had he landed upon China soil before Mrs. Goei was arrested and thrown in jail on the charge of stealing money belonging to the other Chinamen and there has been open war between her and the remainder of the residents of Chinatown for several months. Nearly all the crimes in the catalogue have been laid at her door by the other residents of Chinatown white she has been fully as generous with her opponents. Goei's attitude relative to the situation will be watched with interest.

ZELAYA TO ESCAPE TO HONDURAN TOWN

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—Private cables received today state that President Zelaya is planning to escape from Nicaragua late today on a Pacific mail liner from Corinth. The cable states the dictator plans to flee with his family to Salina, Cruz or to Amalapa, Honduras. It is further reported his secretary, Julian Iross, will be left to prosecute Zelaya's Nicaragua plans.

SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS IS UNDERWAY

Washington, Dec. 6.—The second southern commercial congress, composed of representatives from all states south, opened this morning in the large assembly room of the new Willard Hotel. The congress which continues over tomorrow has for its specific object the discussion of colonization, agriculture, manufacturing, good roads and other subjects relating to the development of the resources and industries of the south. With this purpose in view nearly 500 delegates are present.

I. W. Durrill of Echo, came up from his home in the west end of the county Saturday evening.

CONGRESS IS IN SESSION

Brief Ceremonies Attend Formal Opening of Second Session of 66th Congress.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE EXPECTED TOMORROW

Until Document is Formally Presented Leaders of Both Factions Remain Silent—Insurgents of House Will Back Long for Speaker—Hot Fight Anticipated—Nicaraguan Situation of Interest.

Washington, Dec. 6.—With a gentle tapping ivory knock in the senate, and the resounding thump of the speaker's gavel, Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon today opened the second session of the sixty-sixth congress which is expected to continue until May or June and to develop some of the liveliest legislative tilts ever seen at the capitol. The ceremonies today were brief consisting of the formal appointment of committees to notify the president that congress is in session. The first day is set aside as a time to pay respects to the memory of members who died during vacation period.

Message Tomorrow.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The message from President Taft is expected to be read tomorrow. The leaders are not taking any decisive steps until then. Though there is a general idea what may be expected in the presidential communication as Taft outlined his policies thoroughly in public utterances yet statesmen are inclined to await the official reception of the message before making comment or definite predictions what the session may bring forth. The insurgents have lined up their batteries for Long and a hot contest is expected. They will endeavor to make the most powerful fight they ever launched.

Nicaraguan Situation.

Much interest is felt in the Nicaraguan situation, but the general disposition is to permit the executive branch to deal with it without interference.

The attitude of Canada toward the provisions of the tariff law relative to print paper and wood pulp is giving some concern.

Early efforts before this to remedy this situation will be made but there is no certainty of the outcome.

While the corporation tax was under consideration in the extra session, Senator Aldrich expressed the opinion that it might not be of long life, but he probably will take no steps to abrogate it until the full effect of the tariff as a revenue producer can be ascertained.

Representative Campbell of Kansas on Monday will introduce a resolution asking for an investigation of the sugar trust.

The opinion is quite general that New Mexico and Arizona will attain to statehood before the close of the session. The president has promised that they shall come in separately. While many members regard the two territories as unprepared for statehood the probabilities are these members will yield.

Postal Banks.

Efforts will be made to get through a postal savings bill and a merchant marine bill, but both will be opposed.

Both houses probably will adjourn almost immediately after convening on Monday; the senate on account of the death of Senator Johnson of North Dakota and the house because of the deaths of Representatives DeArmond of Missouri and Lassiter of Virginia, all of who have occurred in the recess.

Mr. Thompson who succeeds Senator Johnson, will be sworn in, as will be Mr. McCredie and Mr. Hawley, the one the successor of the late Representative Cushman of Washington, and the other of William Lorimer of Illinois, elevated to the senate.

War With Nicaragua.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Sulzer introduced a resolution today declaring war on Nicaragua. The resolution introduced in the house proposes that the president use the land and naval forces to restore order and peace and to protect American life and property in Nicaragua. It demands the arrest, trial and punishment of Zelaya for murdering American prisoners and demands damages and the establishment of a republican form of government. No action was taken on the resolution today.

ATE COCONUT PIE IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Tacoma, Dec. 6.—After eating a coconut pie left at the government dock last night by an unknown person, Matthew McCully, night watchman, lies dangerously ill at a local hospital.

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