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ALL LABORERS WILL WALK OUT

Delegates of Trades Unions Decide to Join Car Strikers in Sympathy.

DECISION WILL AFFECT 125,000 WORKINGMEN

By Unanimous Action Different Unions of Philadelphia Agree to Call Sympathetic Strike on Saturday if Rapid Transit Company Has Not Come to Terms With Present Strikers—More Rioting and Fatalities Yesterday.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—After a session of more than six hours the Central Labor union delegates last night voted to call a sympathetic strike of 140 trades unions in the organization beginning next Saturday.

This action of the Central Labor union is fraught with momentous consequences, the union officials say. The decision was made at a secret session of 700 delegates in Labor Lyceum hall. There apparently was no question but that the delegates would vote to strike, the split being on whether or not the strike would be started immediately. The more conservative prevailed, however, and the walkout was put off until next Saturday.

Meanwhile, there is hope that the street railway strike will be arbitrated despite the repeated declaration of the transit company, controlling all the lines in the city, that "there is nothing to arbitrate."

Nobody doubts that last night's action of the Central Labor union makes the situation very grave. There is a strong feeling, especially among business people that the strike should be settled speedily as all lines of business suffer from the interference with traffic. Consequently there is much sympathy for the move for arbitration, made by clergymen of all denominations early in the week. An attempt will be made to induce the city council to interfere.

Unanimous for Strike. There was surprise at the unanimity in favor of a general sympathetic strike. The meeting had been discussed previously and there was a mixed sentiment as to the wisdom of calling out all classes of workmen. Leaders of various trades unions said they were opposed to a general strike because it involved broken trade agreements. Others doubted their ability to order all workmen to lay down their tools and have the order obeyed.

As the gathering was secret, little of an authoritative nature can be learned of what transpired behind the barred doors.

That there was much oratory is evident as the meeting lasted from a little after 2 o'clock until 8:30.

The great crowd gathered outside the hall would occasionally hear loud cheering and a responsive cheer would go up from the outsiders. Finally, when the meeting broke up and the announcement was made that unless the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company comes to an agreement with its striking employes by next Friday, the greatest strike in the history of Philadelphia will be inaugurated, there was a cheer and the crowd dispersed. Not only members of unions affiliated with the Central Labor union and the Allied Building Trades Council, but of every labor organization in the city in anyway connected with the American Federation of Labor participated in the meeting.

Two separate meetings were held. The delegates to the Central Labor union met on one floor of the building, while the president and business agents of the other organizations met on the next floor.

Declaring the car strike here had

SNOW SLIDE BLOCKS ALL N. P. TRAFFIC

Seattle, Feb. 28.—A snowslide at Easton early today has entirely blocked traffic on the Northern Pacific again. A force of men is working at top speed and the company expects to clear the track before dark. A snow plow is buried in the new slide. The Milwaukee line is still hopelessly blocked.

become a battle between capital and labor, the members of the Central Labor union unanimously adopted a resolution that every union man and woman stop work on next Saturday if, in the meantime the striking carmen have not reached an agreement with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company.

When this resolution was forwarded to the other meeting it was received enthusiastically, but was amended so that the strike would begin on Tuesday.

This amendment was sent to the Central Labor Union, where it was debated several hours, but it was determined finally to abide by the original resolution.

Dozens of riots occurred yesterday. A man and boy were killed and four injured when a car jumped a switch which was misplaced by a rioter. A motorman was stabbed and a boy fatally shot by the police and many others were injured. Two men were arrested for conspiracy to blow up cars by dynamite.

MINISTER OF GOSPEL PREVENTS A WRECK

REV. GEORGE SPRATTLER DISCOVERS A WASHOUT

Driving Along Near Myrick Station, German Lutheran Evangelical Preacher Discovers Treacherous Spot in Track and Flags Train.

A train wreck which might have resulted in the loss of life as well as in the destruction of property was averted this morning, one mile north of Myrick station on the line of the Northern Pacific, by the timely action of Rev. George Sprattler, the German Lutheran Evangelical minister. Sprattler was driving along the wagon road which parallels the railroad at that point when he discovered that the water caused by the melting snow had come down a gully with such force that it washed the grade out from under the rails, leaving them suspended.

On examining the spot the minister noticed that the dirt had been washed away in such a manner that the treacherous spot could not be detected by the engineer or fireman until it would be too late to prevent the train plunging into the washout.

Knowing the train was due in a few minutes and that he would not have time to drive to Helix, he proceeded to wait until it came in sight and then flagged it.

The train was brought to a stop and after a few hours work on the part of the crew, a temporary trestle was put in which enabled the train to pass over in safety. It arrived in Pendleton about two hours late.

MRS. ROOSEVELT AND DAUGHTER IN NAPLES

Naples, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and daughter Ethel arrived here from New York today. They will depart Friday from Port Said whence they will proceed to Khartoum to meet Col. Roosevelt about March seventh.

Teddy Is Feted.

Gondokoro, Feb. 25.—The Roosevelt's left today for Mongell, where a great reception awaits them. The party dined last evening with the district commissioner here. The Colonel refused to discuss politics.

Miss Belle Phillips of Stanfield is the guest of friends in this city.

OVER 100 ARE UNDER SNOW

Little Mining Town of Mace Lies Beneath Tons of Snow and Ice.

FAMILIES SWEEP AWAY IN GRINDING AVALANCHE

Inhabitants Disregard Warning and Meet Death in Terrible Snowslide—Estimated 100 People are Victims—Three Box Cars Containing Fifty N. P. Section Men Buried—Snow is Thirty Feet Deep—Rescuers at Work.

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 28.—With a thunderous roar that was plainly heard by residents of this city, an avalanche overwhelmed the little town of Mace at 11:30 last night burying 25 families, including probably 75 persons, under tons of snow and debris. The chinook winds which have been blowing were the direct cause of the catastrophe.

They are all believed to have perished. Rescue parties have gone from this city to the scene which is five miles distant.

At daylight twelve bodies had been recovered from the snow slide. The latest estimate places the number killed at a hundred. Twenty injured persons were brought here on a specialty train. Hundreds of rescuers are working to recover the bodies.

Three boxcars containing fifty Northern Pacific section men were standing on sidetracks when the slide came. All are supposed to have been killed. At the Mace boarding house, the snow is thirty feet deep and all flats from there to the end of the town towards Burke are buried beneath the slide.

Warnings were issued yesterday to the canyon towns that conditions were favorable for avalanches, but no one seemed to have paid any attention to them.

Estimates of the dead run as high as 150, although it is not believed that more than a hundred lost their lives. News from the buried town is meager because of the wires being down.

Town in Narrow Canyon.

Crowded into a narrow canyon of the Coast Range mountains, just below Burke, the little mining town of Mace is isolated from the outside world, except for an ore railroad that winds up the mountain grade to Wallace. Burke is at the end of a spur which extends up the canyon and in days when the old miners' federation held undisputed sway there, many exciting incidents were enacted. It was down this gorge that the stolen train carrying a thousand men and two tons of dynamite was run on the day when the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mills were blown up at Wardner.

Typical Mining Camp. Mace was a typical western mining camp with a line of straggling cabins perched along the base of the mountain. A large percentage of the miners were foreigners. In recent years, however, mine officials had imported many married men from the mining districts of Missouri in an effort to obtain more reliable and sober help. These men built cabins far up on the mountain side and it is likely their families have been wiped out.

A partial list of the dead follows: Mrs. George Parrell, Mrs. Pennel, Mrs. Carrie Hoopers, Edward Kittrell, wife and two babies, A. J. Laid and wife, Dick Merrill, Edgar Pascoe, Ines Pascoe, H. A. Pascoe and wife are missing and are believed to be dead.

Joe H. Parkes, justice of the peace for the Pendleton district, and W. A. Brown, manager of the Hotel Pendleton, have returned from Portland where they had been to attend the Shriner festivities.

SECOND SLIDE BURIES BURKE

While Rescuers Are Working to Uncover Mace, Second Avalanche Sweeps Down.

MEN SEE THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES PERISH

With Coming of Day Snow Above Burke Loosens and Tons and Tons of Rocks, Trees, Ice, Snow and Earth Are Precipitated Upon Little Town—Third Avalanche Is Feared—Reports of Number of Death are Very Conflicting—Probably Fifty.

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 28.—With the towns of Mace and Burke buried deep under a double avalanche of snow, ice and debris and thirty dead bodies already recovered, hundreds of rescuers are working desperately this afternoon in the hopes of saving the lives of scores imprisoned beneath the collapsed houses who may still be alive. There is a constant danger of a third slide.

After the first avalanche had smothered the town of Mace and crushed the structures like they had been made of pasteboard, scores of persons from adjoining towns began the work of rescue, continuing their labors through the night. At daylight the great mass of snow that had menaced the town of Burke gave way and with a roar, swept down the mountainside, burying the camp under tons of rocks, trees, earth and stone. Most of the men of Burke had responded to the call for volunteers when Mace was buried, and these beheld the destruction of their homes and the probable death of their wives and children.

Reports this afternoon as to the number of deaths are very conflicting. One report places the number at 32, while another, apparently authoritative, says that eighteen lost their lives and four more are unaccounted for. Conservative mining men say the total deaths probably will be under fifty at the two camps.

MUST TAFT APPEAR AT INVESTIGATION?

Washington Feb. 28.—Shall Taft's private utterances on collaboration be divulged to the Ballinger-Pinchot committee? Attorney Vestros, representing Ballinger, raised this question when he objected to Pinchot introducing the subject of his conversation with the president on April 29 last year. The committee today is pondering on this new phase of the case which may force them to draw the president into the muddle. A decision in the matter is expected tomorrow when the investigation committee reassembles. It is freely asserted here that the committee will have no option but to summon the chief executive. It is held that Taft has already rendered himself liable to a summons before the committee by engaging in the controversy. Many contend, however, that his official station safeguards him from being questioned in the matter.

Lightweights Rest for Battle.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Owen Moran and Harlem Tommy Murphy are resting today for tonight's twenty round battle at Dreamland. The light weights did their last work Sunday afternoon. Betting is lively with Moran the favorite at ten to nine.

Mrs. William Leathers returned to her home in Hermiston this morning after a visit of a few days in this city.

ROOSEVELT DENIES HE HAD SEVERE ACCIDENT

London, Feb. 28.—A false rumor was circulated today that Roosevelt had met with a serious accident on the Nile. Later the report was denied by papers publishing the story. In reply to a message from the American Ambassador, Roosevelt wired: "Preposterous. Never in better health. No accident."

RUSSIA ALARMED AT U. S. AND GERMAN NAVIES

Washington, Feb. 28.—Confidential dispatches received here say that Russia is alarmed at the increase of the navies of the United States and Germany, and has under way plans for a new navy to cost \$300,000,000. Fear for her commercial supremacy in the far east prompts the action. The czar has rejected the proposal of American ship builders to build the battle ships.

ALL BUT ONE G. N. TRAIN RUN BLOCKADE

Everett, Wash., Feb. 28.—All but one of the passenger trains stalled in the Cascades on the Great Northern ran the blockade today. The remaining train has been stalled near Wellington for four days. Snow in the mountains ceased today and rotaries are working to clear the main line.

CHINOOK AT KAMELA MELTED MUCH SNOW

WARM WIND SUNDAY AND ALL LAST NIGHT

Temperature This Morning Colder and Snow Falls Intermittently—Pioneer Section Foreman Fears High Water—Most Snow Since '93.

(Special Correspondence.)

Kamela, Ore., Feb. 28.—It chinkooked hard here all day yesterday and continued throughout the night. About fifteen inches of snow disappeared in this time, but the weather this morning is somewhat colder and it snows a little occasionally. Unless the weather again turns to chinkooking the correspondent believes there is no immediate danger of floods from the Umatilla.

Kamela Weather Record.

An accurate account of the snow and rainfall at Kamela is kept by N. Seaman, O. R. & N. agent and postmaster. According to the reports of Mr. Seaman the snowfall at Kamela by months has been as follows: October, 4.5 inches. November, 24 inches. December, 26 inches. January, 39 inches. February, 67 inches. Total, 166.5 inches, or 13.37 feet.

Within the past few days much of this snow has disappeared. However, the thawing weather has never continued long enough at one time to really cause a break-up. C. A. Norden, section foreman at Kamela, has been in the service of the railroad on the mountain division for many years. He has seen many hard winters at the summit but declares that the present winter has been the most severe since the big winter of '93-'94. It is the opinion of Mr. Norden that floods and washouts this spring are almost inevitable.

APACHE RUNS AMUCK WITH MURDEROUS KNIFE

Globe, Ariz., Feb. 28.—The sheriff and deputies are today pursuing Tom Hanson, an Apache Indian who ran amuck in an Indian camp at Tono Basin and slashed a dozen redmen and stampeded their stock. Six Indians will probably die. He became possessed of a murderous mania while seated with his family and relatives at the evening meal. Drawing a knife he ran from table to table assaulting every buck who appeared.

LAND FRAUDERS STOP IN CITY

Idaho Men Acquitted of Charges Saturday Spend Day in Pendleton.

PARTY IS VERY HAPPY AT OUTCOME OF TRIAL

Kettenbach, Dwyer and Kestor, With Wives, Witnesses and Attorney Being Held Here by Blocked Traffic—Men Were Acquitted in Four Minutes—Case Five Years Old—Politics Was at Bottom of Case—Jury Was Most Representative, Says Attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Kettenbach, Mr. and Mrs. William Dwyer, George H. Kestor and Attorney W. Tannahill, all of Lewiston, Idaho, and comprising about the happiest bunch of Idaho residents alive, are spending the day in Pendleton. Kettenbach, Dwyer and Kestor are the three defendants in the famous Idaho timber land fraud cases which were ended Saturday afternoon when the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal after deliberating but four minutes, just long enough to take one ballot.

Others of the party here today are J. B. West, Fred W. Emery, William B. Benton, of Lewiston, and Thomas Mullen of Coeur d'Alene, all witnesses for the defense. The Pullman car in which the party is traveling has been held here since yesterday by reason of the washouts on the Washington division of the O. R. & N. and will probably remain in the local yards until tomorrow afternoon.

Case Is Five Years Old. The timber conspiracy charge of which these defendants were tried, is five years old. The trial lasted two weeks and a half and the verdict was returned in four minutes. The defendants were charged with conspiring feloniously to defraud the government out of valuable timber land along the Clearwater river and to 15,000 acres of which they acquired title. It was alleged that funds of the Lewiston bank were used to buy up dummy entrymen to exercise their right under the timber and stone act and then deed the land back to the defendants for a consideration of from \$100 to \$150.

Blame Politics. J. B. West of Lewiston, who was one of the principal witnesses for the defense, stated this morning that there was never anything to the case but politics, while George W. Tannahill, who acted as attorney for the accused men, said the jury was conceded to be the most representative body of business men that ever sat in an Idaho jury box. He said there were two men in the jury who were millionaires and that all the others were men of wealth or large business interests.

According to the men here today, there was the heartiest kind of a demonstration, following the announcement of the verdict. It was looked upon as a complete vindication and seemed to meet with the favor of the populace, not only in Boise, but from the other parts of the state.

Ends Land Fraud Case. While this ends the trial of the land fraud case against these men there are some other charges pending. Kestor and Dwyer are under indictment for subornation of perjury, while three of the witnesses for the defense, Emery, Colby and Benson, are charged with perjury for swearing falsely before the officials in the Lewiston Land office when filling on their timber lands.

Kettenbach, Kestor and Robnett are under indictment and will stand trial before Judge Deitrich within the next few months for embezzling \$127,000 of the funds of the Lewiston National bank. The indictments were returned last fall at Moscow by the federal grand jury.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION OREGON BANKERS' ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD IN PENDLETON JUNE 24-25

Pendleton is to be honored through having this year's session of the state bankers' association. The convention is to be held here on June 24 and 25 and practically all the banking houses of the state will be represented at the meeting.

News that this important convention is to be held here this year was

brought from Portland by W. L. Thompson, of the American national bank. Mr. Thompson is a member of the executive committee of the bankers' association and at the session of the committee Saturday he presented an invitation in behalf of this place. The invitation was extended by the two banking houses of this city and in the name of the Commercial as-

sociation. The invitation was accepted although Portland, too, was in the field to secure the meeting.

In the state bankers' association there are about 150 bankers, representing nearly all the banks of Oregon. Many of the members are attended by their wives and other relatives at their annual meetings and so the convention will draw a considerable body of people to the city in June. Then the

character of the men in attendance will be such as to make it one of the most important gatherings ever held here.

While they are here the visiting financial men will be the guests of the local bank men and business men in general. Suitable entertainment will be arranged for them so as to make their stay in the city as pleasant as possible. The entertainment features

will be arranged by the Commercial association.

What form of entertainment will be provided for the convention has not yet been determined. However there is a strong local sentiment in favor of showing proper courtesies to the bankers and this insures that everything possible will be done to make the convention a memorable one. The following are the members of

the executive committee of the state association: E. A. Wyld, Portland, Frank Patton, Astoria, W. L. Thompson, Pendleton, Leslie Butler, Hood River, and E. G. Causfield, Oregon City.

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