

WEATHER REPORT.

Snow flurries today; Sunday fair.



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CONGRESS TOLD OF LAWRENCE CONDITIONS; OFFERS REJECTED

FAMILIES EAT ONLY BREAD AND WATER

Textile Workers' Wages Were Not Sufficient to Live On

Washington, D. C., Mar. 2.—Extremely poorly clad and their pitiful condition made more pathetic by their attitude of wonder at their surroundings, the delegation of children of the textile mill strikers of Lawrence, Mass., and about a dozen men and women strikers today testified before the house committee on rules, regarding the conditions that led to the strike.

Two hundred persons were present when the children began telling of the conditions surrounding their home life and caused by the small wages that are paid by the mill operators. Among them were President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, President Golding of the Textile Mill Workers' union and several public officials of Lawrence.

PETERSON HAS PRAISE FOR GREAT COMMONER

Enthusiasm over the prospect for democratic success in the national election this fall and admiring W. J. Bryan as never before will M. Peterson, democratic chairman for Umatilla county is back from Portland where he attended the Bryan meeting night before last and also attended the various functions given in his honor.

According to Peterson the Bryan meeting in the Gipsy Smith auditorium Thursday night was a monster affair and the Great Commoner won vociferous applause from republicans as well as democrats. There were 10,000 people in the audience and at least that number was turned away because of lack of room.

As to the situation regarding the democratic nomination for president, Peterson says the sentiment in this state is plainly favorable to Woodrow Wilson. However there is considerable Clark sentiment and there are Harmon boosters.

The Umatilla county chairman was a member of the reception committee that met Bryan at the Union depot to escort him to the Multnomah hotel. He was also with the auto party that escorted the distinguished visitor about the city and to Portland heights during the afternoon of that day.

Mrs. William Bowman returned on the N. P. this morning from Sandpoint, Idaho, where she has been visiting her daughter.

U. S. OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES REVOLT.

Washington, Mar. 2.—The first formal recognition by the United States came today when President Taft proclaimed the neutrality of the United States in the Mexican situation. The proclamation is intended as a warning to Americans that war exists and that they who remain there do so at their own peril.

FIGURES JUGGLING IN SO-CALLED INCREASE

Mill Owners Ignore Law in Fixing Hours of Working Week

Lawrence, Mass., Mar. 2.—After analyzing the offer of the textile mill owners to settle the strike on a basis of a so-called five per cent increase in wages, leaders of the striking workers today announced that the offer would be rejected, asserting that the advance is, in reality, less than two per cent, as the mill owners figures are based on a fifty-six hour week instead of a fifty-four hour week as was obtained by a law which recently became effective and which caused the owners to try to decrease wages. They declare that they will stick out for their original demand of a fifteen per cent increase.

FORMER VANSYCLE MAN BADLY HURT

Erskine La Hue, the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. LaHue who recently quit farming in the Vansycle-section and moved to Clyde, Washington, was the victim of an almost fatal accident during the fore part of the week but now has a chance of recovery, according to his uncle, R. O. Earnhart who returned this morning from the bedside of the injured boy.

Young La Hue was attempting to start a gasoline pump at his home near Clyde when a can of distillate took fire from the torch with which he was warming the engine. Grabbing the can he attempted to take it out doors, but it exploded in his arms, throwing the burning oil over him. Before the flames had been extinguished he had been frightfully burned.

STATE MAY PROBE WARNER WILL CASE

The following story appeared in the Evening Telegram of yesterday under a Pendleton date line but was not, however, written by the local correspondent of that paper. It is self explanatory:

"After bobbing up two or three times in the circuit court in Eastern Oregon and having once been before the supreme court, it begins to appear as if the famous Mabel Warner will forgery case will assume the proportions of a state investigation, as it became known today that a petition containing about 50 names has been forwarded to Attorney General Crawford, asking him to make the investigation. The petitioners assert it is stated, that the criminal proceedings brought against Mabel Warner have for their basis spite work, she having already been tried three times on the alleged charge of forging wills conveying to her valuable property in Eastern Oregon. The petitioners allege that F. D. Watts is the instigator of the criminal proceedings. It is stated, and that the present District Attorney and his predecessor, who is Circuit Judge Phelps, have shown unusual activity in the prosecution of the cases against the woman."

Murderer Convicted.

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 2.—It took a jury only one hour today to return a verdict of first degree murder against Charles Hufferd, a liquor salesman. He shot Irene Tesche on New Years eve on Pike street. He hardly knew the girl. He pleaded insanity.

Hurricane Devastates Azores.

Lisbon, Mar. 2.—Wrecking fishing vessels, devastating plantations and causing heavy loss of life, a hurricane today swept the Azores. The property damage is enormous.

SALEM DIVORCEE MURDERS HER CHILDREN AND SUICIDES WHEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE

Salem, Ore., March 2.—Addressing a note to the chief of police, informing him that she had found that she was unable to provide a living for her four children, two boys and two girls, Mrs. J. F. Jellison, age 40 years, of this city last night murdered all four of the children and then committed suicide at her home. The bodies of the five persons, were found this morning when an investigation was made by the authorities. The woman, who was divorced from her husband some time ago, had administered cyanide of potassium to her children and swallowed a quantity herself. The ages of the four children range from nine years to fifteen years. When discovered this morning, their bodies had been arranged side by side, as though they were sleeping, the mother evidently having lain them in this manner before she took the deadly poison herself. In her note she stated that she was sorry to cause the authorities so much trouble, but that there was no other way out of her troubles. She left twenty-one dollars, to go toward defraying the expenses of the funeral of her murdered family.

GENERAL SYMPATHETIC STRIKE THREATENS TO PARALYZE ENTIRE BRITISH KINGDOM

Railroad Employees Refuse to Transport Troop Trains--Hordes of Poor Beg Government For Food.

London, Eng., Mar. 2.—A new danger—a strike of all railroad employees in England as a direct result of the coal miners' strike—developed today making the situation in industrial circles of the United Kingdom, more acute. It was learned this afternoon that the executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants is considering demands from railroad employes for permission to refuse to handle trains that the government may attempt to use to send troops to war on the coal strikers, should disturbances occur. A general sympathetic strike is also being considered.

Government officials announce that they will probably go over the railroads if any attempt is made to prevent the transportation of troops. Suffering Already Prevails. London, Eng., Mar. 2.—All coast wise traffic is practically completely paralyzed today as a result of the strike of more than one million coal miners and food prices have been sent soaring, causing the situation to take on immediate serious proportions throughout the country.

The poor people are already feeling the pinch of hunger and the government is besieged by vast hordes of people facing starvation, who are piteously begging for food. The railroads with their coal supplies running short, are commanding a coal shipments and the officials admit that unless the strike is speedily settled that the railroads will all have to suspend operations, which will complete the paralysis of business.

SUFFRAGETTES SMASH WINDOWS; ARE JAILED

London, Eng., Mar. 2.—Mrs. Pankhurst, the noted suffragette leader of London, was today sentenced to a jail term of two months for her part in a general window breaking crusade of one hundred and fifty women who are fighting for equal suffrage, yesterday, in which scores of costly windows of the world's most famous shops, government offices, clubs and other buildings, were smashed. The other women, who were arrested, were given shorter jail sentences, ranging from one week to one month.

When arraigned in court today, Mrs. Pankhurst admitted the smashing of windows and told the court that the suffragettes would continue this sort of work until they had won their fight for the right of franchise. While the arraignment was in progress, thousands of other suffragettes jammed the streets about the court and cheered for the arrested women.

BANDITS BLOWUP BANK AS POLICEMEN SHOOT

Montreal, Mar. 2.—Defying the police, who surprised them while trying to rob the Royal Bank of West Montreal today, five bandits wrecked the bank with dynamite and fought the police. One bandit was killed and two finally captured on the city outskirts. The others are closely pursued. The attempted robbery was most daring. A railroad watchman saw the men loitering around a train and then gave the alarm when he saw them crawl into the bank window. Surrounded by the police, the bandits blew up the structure, only to be cornered later in a shack. The chief of police and his son entered the shack and fought a duel with them and they again got away, but finally two were captured.

LOCAL PROPERTY OWNERS WANT PORTLAND PRICES ON FUTURE PAVING CONTRACTS

Local property owners are now after lower prices on the future paving work to be done in Pendleton and the fact that Portland is now getting paving work done at \$1.45 per yard. It is asserted by the local property owners that the paving company should operate here as cheaply as in Portland. It is set forth that the paving company already has its plant here, will have its crew of workmen assembled, will be able to get crushed rock by means of a short haul and will have the advantage of more favorable spring weather than is to be had in Portland.

The following story relating to paving prices in Portland is from the Evening Telegram of yesterday: Reduction in the price of street paving from \$1.75 to \$1.45 during the last year disclosed in the bids for large paving projects received Tuesday by the council is an eye-opener to property owners.

While the paving contractors are warring, the property owners who have not already been stung are jubilant. They see an opportunity for a reasonable price and no doubt the lowering of prices will greatly stimulate public improvements in this city. There are many large paving projects before the council at the present time and it is predicted that the prices quoted in the bids yesterday will prevail for some time to come.

MUTINEERS DESTROYING PEKING SLAUGHTER FRENCH PRIESTS

Blood and Smoking Ruins Mark Path of Frenzied Troops As Revolt Spreads

U. S. TROOPS RUSHED TO AID FOREIGN LEGATIONS

President Yuan Openly Charged With Starting Trouble to Make Excuse For Him to Assume More Power--Wholesale Executions Carried On.

Peking, China, Mar. 2.—Fires were started in several sections of the city tonight and are rapidly spreading. The entire city is now threatened with destruction by the flames.

Concentrating their strength on Har Ting Fu, the mutinous Chinese soldiers today murdered a large number of French priests. The rioters then returned to Peking, broke into and robbed the palace of the father of the dowager empress.

It is now feared that President Yuan will collapse and although he shows great courage and insists that he has the situation under control, little has been done effectively to restore order. He practically admitted that he is unable to preserve order tonight when he ordered out the republican troops from Nanking.

The president is taking every precaution to prevent the rioters from entering the foreign section of the city, fearing the injury to foreigners would bring about foreign intervention.

Open charges are being made that President Yuan caused the disturbances to be started to give him an excuse to assume again the dictatorship of the new republic. It is claimed that he planned a mild uprising and that it got beyond his control.

CITY TERROR STRICKEN

Peking, China, Mar. 2.—Confronted on all sides by hordes of frenzied mutinous soldiers, who throughout the day continued their work of looting and slaughter of defenseless natives, Peking tonight—with about one-sixth of its total area devastated by fire—is literally shaking with terror and the end is not yet in sight. Doubting the ability of President Yuan to gain control of the situation foreigners are massed in the legation and preparing to defend themselves as best they may in case the mutineers make an attack on the foreign quarter.

With the view of putting an end to the outbreak, government officials today instituted wholesale executions.

NOTED LECTURER TO TALK OF PICTURES

The city hall convention room was well filled last evening by people who turned out to hear the lecture on "Beautiful Sunny Italy" by Dr. Preston W. Search and none went away disappointed. Tonight Dr. Search will lecture at the same place on the subject of "The Greatest Pictures of the World."

Dr. Search is a lecturer of much interest. Stalwart in size and scholarly looking, he is a striking figure upon the platform and he has traveled so extensively as to give him thorough command of his subject.

In his lecture on Italy last evening the traveler-lecturer took his audience to the various places of interest along the sunny Mediterranean. With the use of stereopticon pictures he showed the life in Naples and other cities, both among the rich and poor, and also the life and scenes upon the adjoining islands. He dwelt much upon the historical features connected with the scenes and perhaps the most interesting part of his lecture was that devoted to Mt. Vesuvius and the wonderful restored city of Pompeii.

Dr. Search's lecture on art is of wonderful interest and he will give the same tonight by request of many who heard him when he was in Pendleton some years ago and lectured under the auspices of the Inland Empire Teachers' association.

WALLA WALLA MAY GET NORTHWEST FRANCHISE

Tacoma, Mar. 21.—Walla Walla may get Tacoma's Northwest Baseball franchise, unless the business men of Tacoma raise between two and three thousand dollars within the next few days. President Roehmer announced today that he will otherwise be compelled to reopen negotiations with Walla Walla. It is understood that Walla Walla will pay a \$5000 bonus for the franchise.

LOCAL SUPPORTERS OF T. R., TAFT BUSY

Both Roosevelt and Taft supporters in Pendleton are manifesting a great deal of activity in creating sentiment for their candidate for the republican nomination for president and both have begun upon a campaign to further the cause of their favorite in Umatilla county. Recently, the Roosevelt Republican club was organized and this afternoon the Taft Central Committee is meeting in the Commercial association rooms and will probably organize a Taft club along the lines adopted by their rivals.

A meeting of the Roosevelt club was called for last evening but at the last minute was postponed on account of the Preston W. Search lecture. However, some of the committeemen met and compared notes. Already more than 150 members have been secured in this city and the committeemen report many more waiting to be enlisted.

This morning the Roosevelt nominating petitions were placed in circulation by J. B. Mumford and is being liberally signed. The Taft petition has been out for more than a week and has also received many signatures.

PARSONAGES ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXES

Attention is called by Assessor C. P. Strain to the fact that under the present rulings no church property is exempt from taxation save the actual churches and the ground upon which they rest. Parsonages and all other property owned by churches must be assessed and taxed.

By action of the state tax commission the rule that in the past has applied to fraternal orders is applied to all religious organizations. Lodges are exempt for their halls or actual property used during the meetings. But any other property owned must be taxed.

If church people in paying taxes this year find their taxes larger than in the past the new ruling will account for the same, says the assessor.

HYDROPLANE MAKES RESCUE AT SEA

San Diego, March 2.—Plunging from a height of 100 feet, Lieut. Herbster, U. S. A. and Waldo Watterman, of San Diego, struck in the bay today when their hydroplane fell and splashed them into the bay. They managed to climb back in the machine, and were rescued by Aviator Atwater, who came to their aid in another hydroplane.