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TWIN CITIES BIG STRIKE CALLED OFF

Every Striking Unionist Ordered to Resume Work; Many Refuse Old Jobs.

PRESIDENT TAKES A HAND IN SITUATION

Special Mediation Commission Will Take up Issues.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 13.—The general strike affecting every industry in the twin cities, starting this morning, was called off at one o'clock this afternoon. Every striking unionist was ordered to resume work.

Many men refused their old job when they returned for work.

The president took a hand in the situation. Secretary Baker, as chairman of the National Defense Council sent the labor leaders a message declaring that critical federal interests may be involved in the Minnesota labor troubles. This state produces nearly two thirds of the iron ore and a very large percentage of flour. A special mediation commission now at Seattle will take up the issues.

The strike ended followed a telegraphic request from Secretary Lawson of the State Federation of Labor in Washington that the men resume work pending a settlement of the difficulties by the federal mediation the president promised. Federal arbitration is one of the men's demands.

U. S. GUARD TO BE ORGANIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The war department has authorized the organization of a "United States Guard" of 25,000, to relieve soldiers from police guard and supplement the militia. Voluntary enlistments will be followed by draft if necessary.

School Superintendent's Contract Received Here

The contract of Fred P. Austin, superintendent-elect of the Pendleton schools, with his signature attached was received this morning by H. E. Bickers, clerk of the school board, and there is now no question as to who will head the city schools next year. In his letter accompanying the contract, Superintendent Austin states that it will be impossible for him to arrive here June 1 as his schools at La Junta do not close until May 25 and he must have time to make out his final reports.

ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAK IS FOILED

Sheriff Discovers Hole Tunneled Entirely Through Thick Wall of County Jail.

Plans of prisoners in the county jail for an escape were frustrated yesterday when Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Martin discovered a hole tunneled through the brick wall of the jail. The hole was entirely through the thick wall at one point and all that remained was knocking out a few of the outside bricks when the opportunity of escape without detection presented itself.

Suspicious of the sheriff were aroused a day or two ago by the actions of some of the inmates. By listening closely he could distinguish knocking sounds at intervals. Yesterday morning he went outside of the jail and on the south side discovered a small hole stuffed up with paper.

Fortified with this knowledge, he called several of the prisoners into his office and questioned them. All denied that any attempt at escape was being made and, even while he was questioning them, others inside were proceeding with their work, so confident were they of their secret.

The tunneling was done in the bath room and the sounds of work were covered by letting the water run. Work was done with a pair of chisels and an iron rasp taken off one of the doors. As each brick was removed, it was concealed and when work was stopped, the hole was concealed by a pair of overalls hung on the wall.

Just who were the men engaged in the attempt, Sheriff Taylor does not know but is pretty well satisfied of their identity. He is certain that the work was carried on without the knowledge of some of the prisoners.

CROZIER IS ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHY FRENCH SUPPLY MACHINE GUNS FOR PERSHING'S FORCE

Hearing Discloses America is Making Half the Rifles Now for Allies That She Did Before War and Machine Guns Adopted for Army are Untested; Wilson Reappoints Crozier Chief of Ordnance; Baker Charged With Machine Gun Delay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Wilson has reappointed General Crozier chief of ordnance. The senate military committee emphatically demanded that Crozier explain why America was compelled to buy Pershing's artillery from France. The hearing disclosed that America is making half the rifles now that she made for the allies before the war and the machine guns adopted for the army are untested under war conditions. Hatcher told Crozier that high officers allege needless delay in arming of troops. Crozier declared in answering that pointed questions of Senator Chamberlain and others would reveal confidential military information. He charged Baker was responsible for the machine-gun delay.

The French are supplying Pershing's machine guns, according to Crozier.

Dispute Over Types. Crozier said a dispute over machine gun types prevented their manufacture for over a year before the U. S. entered the war, despite the appropriation. He said America bought Lewis guns and ammunition from England in the Mexican crisis because Mexico had more machine guns. The Browning gun adopted by the government in June is not being manufactured yet.

Wadsworth asked Crozier if the United States wasn't taking a chance in using the Browning gun which never had been tested in battle. Crozier said he didn't see the danger. Wadsworth declared 30,000 light machine guns were needed to equip 45 divisions of the army. Crozier said none of these guns were yet manufactured. He said the government would start making these guns next April.

Cause in Doubt. Throughout last summer, Crozier declared the American machine gun output for the American armies was practically nothing. He said the delay wasn't due to labor conditions or lack of money, "I've never been entirely satisfied with what it was due to," he declared. After grilling Crozier three hours in open session, the committee this afternoon went into executive session. They will demand that they be shown the secret features regarding the rifle, machine gun and artillery situation affecting the American army.

The committee brought out the fact that when the United States entered the war, rifle factories were making 10,000 daily for the allies, and are now making 5,000 for the army. The demand that Crozier explain this decreased production was answered by the statement the disintegration of factory organizations in the idle period between the cessation of the allied and the beginning of American manufacture, and the delay largely due to the alteration of the British model to the fire of American ammunition.

SUBMARINE IS BEING BEATEN

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Sir Eric Geddes first lord of the admiralty told the House of Commons the allies are beating the submarine. He declared the shipbuilding is increasing above the ship losses.

"We're building war and merchantmen in quantity of eighteen per cent over the largest in the nation's history. The plans provide for a very great increase. We're arranging an augmentation throughout the world. My previous statement that the enemy is building submarines faster than they are sunk still applies. Although our losses are decreasing, they still outweigh the new construction."

CAPTAIN FENTON TO ADDRESS DOCTORS

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Umatilla county library club rooms Captain Ralph Fenton of the Medical Reserve Corps will meet the physicians of Umatilla county and their families to discuss with them the matter of enlisting some of their number for active army service. A telegram to this effect was received today from Captain Fenton by Dr. P. E. Boyden.

Captain Fenton and his assistants will arrive here tomorrow evening at 5:10 and will remain until Saturday evening. On Saturday morning such medical men as desire to enlist will be examined in this city. All physicians in the county are being notified of the meeting here tomorrow evening.

POPE IS GRATIFIED

ROME, Dec. 13.—The pope is intensely gratified at the Christian declaration of Jerusalem and greatly concerned regarding the city's future.

"NEARER HOME"



BOLSHEVIKIS CLAIM DEFEAT OF KORNILOFF

Report Declares Leader is Wounded; Capture of His Cossacks Imminent.

RAILWAY REFUSES TO SEND SUPPLIES

Only 50 of 1000 Delegates Attend First Meeting of Assembly.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Bolshevik claim Korniloff is defeated, that he is wounded and the capture of his Cossacks is imminent. It is reported the railway union refused to forward Korniloff's reinforcements.

London observers here do not believe the Cossack uprising will succeed. Only fifty of the thousand delegates attended the first meeting of the constituent assembly.

Ministry Won't Work.
 HAVANA, Dec. 13.—It is reported that practically all Russian ministry officials are refusing to carry on their work, despite the Bolshevik's threats of death. Bank employees are refusing to cooperate. The constituent assembly is a mass of political parties, none of particular strength.

Black Sea Fleet Aid.
 PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—The Black Sea fleet is cooperating with the Bolsheviks in liberating Novocherkassk and Constantineopolis. The Bolsheviks proclaimed the constitutional democratic enemies of the people and arrested the leaders.

BRITISH LABORITES WANT DECLARATION OF BRITISH WAR AIMS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British trade unionists and laborites passed a resolution asking British government to declare its war aims. The Bolsheviks proclaimed the constitutional democratic enemies of the people and arrested the leaders.

MUST STOP INTERFERING.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Post Administrator Barfield telegraphed Governor Cox of Ohio, requesting him to cease interfering with the Ohio coal shortage. Following the report that Cox had proposed an act independent of the administration.

CROWN PRINCE HAMMERS IN VAIN AGAINST BRITISH AT BULLECOURT, CAMBRAI LINES REMAIN INTACT

BYERS CASE WILL BE APPEALED TO HIGHEST COURT

"You may rest assured if decree is against the government's contentions an appeal will be taken; this matter will be finally determined at a subsequent time."
 The above wire from Assistant U. S. Attorney Rankin replied by the East Oregonian late yesterday shows the intent of the government to appeal the case wherein water rights on the Umatilla reservation are involved. At the time the statement was made by Mr. Rankin the government attorneys had not read the supreme court's decree and so did not know of its full significance. As the decree is squarely against the contentions of the government it may be taken for granted there will be an appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

First Of American Ambulance Section On Italian Front

ROME, Dec. 13.—The first American ambulance section of three units has left for the front. They were given a tremendous ovation by the highest officials. Colleagues comprise the unit.

It is understood the American Red Cross expects 200 ambulances in the Italian field by January. Today's units are America's first participation on the Italian front. The units comprise 65 ambulances and 110 university students.

Bandits Hold Up Bank Cashier and Get \$15,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Four bandits held up the cashier of the LaGrange state bank, 30 miles west of Chicago, at noon today and escaped in an automobile with \$15,000 to \$25,000. More than \$15,000 in gold was taken.

All the bandits were unmasked. LaGrange policemen followed the fleeing bandits toward Chicago in an automobile. Chicago police are attempting to head them off.

RELIEF FROM COLD COMING

Higher Temperatures Are Predicted for Wednesday.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Relief from the cold wave which now has the greater portion of the country in its grip is in sight. The weather bureau announced last night that temperatures will rise in the Ohio valley, Tennessee and the east Gulf states, but that no material change is anticipated in the Atlantic coast districts before Saturday.

Present low temperatures are unusual for December. Over a wide belt extending from the upper Ohio valley westward to the plains states the temperatures today ranged from 20 to 25 degrees below the seasonal average.

Trains to New York Late

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Trains into New York city from west and east today were from 1 to 10 hours late, as the result of blizzards.

Husband Sues Wife

Albany that his wife was so jealous that he couldn't live with her longer. James E. Blevins has brought suit against Nettie B. Blevins for a divorce. They were married in West Virginia in 1906. He alleges she falsely accused him and became so jealous that she threatened to kill him. In November, 1915, fearing to live with her longer, he left her, he claims. W. M. Peterson is his attorney.

Daughter Is Born

A daughter was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. V. Brombaugh at St. Anthony's hospital. The baby weighed 11 pounds.

"BOY PAGE MR. HOOVER THIS MAN IS CHEATING"

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 13.—"A little more sugar, please," a customer asked a waiter in a Dallas hotel, when served but two cubes of sugar with his coffee. "Sorry, but we can only serve two lumps with each cup."

"Then give me another cup of coffee."
 And the customer took the additional lumps, sweetened his first cup of coffee, to his satisfaction, all but the second cup untouched.

Estates Appraised

M. F. Britcher, John Simard and John Elchick, appraisers of the estate of Pauline Peterson, have reported the estate to be worth \$1294.69.

May Enlist in Artillery.
 L. R. Green, who has been a guard on the Umatilla forest, left today for Portland with the announced intention of enlisting in the artillery. He is above the draft age.

An Eight Pound Boy.
 An eight pound baby boy was born this morning at St. Anthony's hospital to Mr. and Mrs. George Scott.

JACKLING GETS \$1 SALARY.
 SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 12.—D. G. Jackling, president of the Utah Copper company and an expert on coppers, has accepted a \$1 a year salary to work for the United States government. He is reported, who have charge of the manufacture of "U. S. T."

HAIK THANKS PERSHING.

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 13.—Haig wrote Pershing today thanking him and the American engineers for their prompt and valuable assistance near Douze-cours.

NO HEAVY DEMAND FOR FUEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Despite the present cold weather extending over a great part of the country, there has been no appreciable increase in the demand upon the fuel administration for relief in the form of coal.

"Queens county, N. Y., appeared to present the greatest coal demand in the east," said a fuel administration statement last night. "With the whole state of Kansas occupying a similar position in the west."

Undergoes Operation

Mrs. Whelan of Heston underwent an operation this morning at St. Anthony's hospital. She was accompanied by her son, City Boyer.

Information Headquarters for Drafted Men Will Be Opened Saturday Morning

Information headquarters, where registered men can secure advice relative to filing out the questionnaires, will be opened Saturday in the city hall and the office will be open from 9 to 5 p. m. except on Sunday. Draft cards will be in charge.

The local advisory board has indicated the services of every attorney and a good many others, and suggested they may apply to any of the following to secure free advice on the questionnaires.

Physician—Geo. Hilborn, Dr. J. C. Cole.
Attorney—D. Peterson, Geo. A. Price.
Whelan—D. W. W. 12, M. South.
Allen—J. L. W. 12, M. South.
Adams—E. A. 12, M. South.
Peter Rock—J. M. 12, M. South.

Umatilla—J. H. 12, M. South.
Abner—A. S. 12, M. South.
Echo—J. M. 12, M. South.
Stanfield—J. M. 12, M. South.
Hermiston—W. J. 12, M. South.
Umatilla—J. H. 12, M. South.
Mechanics—J. M. 12, M. South.
Helm—M. L. 12, M. South.
Rieth—J. M. 12, M. South.
Pendleton—J. M. 12, M. South.
Newburg—J. M. 12, M. South.
Warren—J. M. 12, M. South.
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Despite Tremendous and Continuous Blows British Hold is Firm

FIGHTING CONTINUES FURIOUSLY TODAY

Enormous Concentration of Men and Guns is Evident

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Haig reported two enemy attacks after heavy artillery were repulsed at Bullecourt. Despite the tremendous and continuous blows of Crown Prince Rupprecht the British lines near Cambrai are intact. German losses are heavy.

The Germans penetrated obliterated trenches near Cambrai but the few Germans reaching there were killed or captured. This trench possession has not affected the situation.

(W. P. SIMMS.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 13.—The British apparently have stopped Crown Prince Rupprecht's long prepared attempt to break the British hold on Bullecourt. The fighting is continuing fiercely. Germany is advancing only a few yards.

This attack probably is the most formidable the British have sustained in this sector. The Germans have greatly concentrated guns and troops in this district.

GREAT CONCENTRATION GUNS

Rupprecht designed the great smash to break Haig's lines. German objectives are far behind the first British positions. The Bavarian shock troops attacked early Wednesday morning in dense masses to accomplish the tremendous concentration of guns. The German drive seems arrested with the enemy holding a short section of advanced British positions.

FRENCH ARTILLERY LIVELY

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Artillery is lively over the entire French front. It is believed the enemy is preparing an offensive synchronized with the blows at the British. Local raids were repelled and nine German airplanes downed.

LUMBER PEACE NEAR

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—Peace in the northwest lumber industry was believed near today when mediators of 200 members of the West Coast Lumbermen's association began a conference in an effort to settle the labor difficulties.

COUNCILMEN PEEVISH LITTLE BUSINESS IS DONE LAST EVENING

Practically Every Suggestion Starts an Acrimonious Discussion.

Somebody has been feeding the council raw meat.

At least the disposition of the individual units of the council was such last evening that there was hardly a thing suggested or proposed that did not immediately start an acrimonious discussion. Whether it was a recommendation to permit a wooden balcony in the fire limits, a proposal to buy fertilizer for the grass plots or a suggestion to start a crusade against speeders, some one of the eight began to backfire. It was with a sigh of relief that Recorder Fitz said the motion to adjourn for as he remarked later, "I was beginning to think I would have to fin the whole bunch."

ELL STARS FIREWORKS.
 Chairman Joe Ell of the fire committee started things when he recommended that Frank Stroble be permitted to build a wooden balcony on the back end of the Association block. Councilman Murphy opposed this as contrary to the ordinance. He tried to point out the reasons for his recommendation but was silenced when Murphy expressed the belief that his recommendation was contrary to his own convictions.

Then someone reported that the Warren Construction Co. was using improper dirt with which to make the fill in preparing West Haley street for gravel. This got a rise out of City Engineer George Kimball who proceeded to explain that the fill is being made of volcanic ash which settles so the street will be level. (The Councilmen) and Phelps tried to throw a monkey wrench into his argument by saying that the volcanic ash was not of volcanic origin but that the street should be paved with concrete.

Phelps gets in wrong.
 Then it was the Councilman's

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