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COAL MINERS QUIT WORK IN 20 STATES

Union Officials Claim at Least 600,000 Workers Will Be in Walkout.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Coal production was stopped by the union coal miners, who quit in the mines of 20 states with the avowed policy of remaining idle indefinitely in an effort to force the operators to accept the miner's terms for new wage contracts.

Officials at the headquarters here of the United Mine Workers of America declared that the suspension would not only include a half million workers, but also that at least 100,000 non-union men would join in the walkout. No last-minute instructions were issued from headquarters and the only significant conference held by John L. Lewis, president, was with Lonnie Jackson, president of the Kentucky union district, where 5000 union men will continue at work because their contract with operators has another year to run.

In a formal statement Mr. Lewis declared the nation-wide walkout would affect "hundreds of thousands of citizens" not directly engaged in the coal industry, and he reiterated his charge that the operators had "forced the strike upon the miners." Union men in Nova Scotia will remain at work but those in the western Canadian provinces were expected to join the suspension.

NORTHWEST MINES CLOSED BY STRIKE

Seattle, Wash.—Complete suspension of unionized coal mines in Washington and British Columbia was reported at the close of the first day of the nation-wide strike of the United Mine Workers of America.

For Washington official estimates placed the number of men who joined the walkout at 2500. In British Columbia between 2500 and 3000 men went out. The striking Washington miners were largely employed in mines supplying railroad fuel.

The principal fields in Washington, where shutdowns resulted from the strike, were the Roslyn-Cle Elum railroad field, largest in the state, where approximately 2100 men quit work; the Centralia field, where 230 men were reported out, and the Bellingham district, with 240 union men on strike. In the Roslyn-Cle Elum field maintenance men also joined the walkout and some of the mines were said to be in danger of flooding.

Otto Hansen, 62, and president of the Salem Title & Mercantile company, was killed at Salem when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by southbound Southern Pacific passenger train No. 17.

Multnomah county has no legal authority to sell to private persons rocks crushed by the county prisoners at Kelly butte, unless the rock is to be used for public purposes, according to an opinion by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

Edward Magone, 70 years old, well-known native son of Clackamas county and familiarly known by his many friends as "Captain" Magone was found dead in his home near Magone's park. Death apparently was caused from heart trouble.

After having opposed any appropriation for a new dormitory for boys at the Chemawa Indian school, the house conferees on the interior department appropriation bill compromised on an appropriation of \$50,000 subject to the approval of the house.

LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. Harrison, of Portland, is visiting her husband. She is representative of the New York Life Insurance company.

Mr. and Mrs. Eveland, of Moro visited Saturday night and Sunday at the Larsen home. Mrs. Eveland was formerly Miss May, County superintendent of Sherman county and visited several times last year.

The C. E. had a candy sale Thursday night at the school house.

Dorothy Boardman, and Doris Healy had charge of this and the candy was sold almost as rapidly as it was brot in. \$5.50 was made to add to the C. E. treasury. A desk was placed on the first landing and paper streamers were stretched from the desk to the wall, and signs hung here and there advertising the candy. Mr. Lee and the committee arranged this booth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart were Ray stayed with the Mays until his parents returned.

Glen Hadley, of Hardman, came Sunday for a visit at the Frank and Earl Cramer homes. He is a wrestler of some note and is a nephew of Mr. F. Cramers.

Mrs. P. J. Doye resigned to her home in Grand View, Washington, last Saturday after spending almost a month at the Larson home.

In the write up about the shower at Johnson's it was mentioned about Mr. Cramer taking a bus load of ladies out there but nothing was said about Mr. Warner going out and bringing the ladies back to town in his "speed wagon". Since we believe in giving credit where credit is due, we wish to speak of his kindness in this issue.

A number of persons on the project do not know that Dr. Johnson, of Arlington, makes two trips a week to boardman. Dr. Johnson is an able physician and seems real interested in his work, and we feel sure that he will establish a good practice here. He comes to Boardman on Wednesday and Saturday.

M. L. Morgan, who has been town marshal this winter resigned the position on April 1st.

Water from the spillway has been granted by the Reclamation Service to the following people on the Columbia highway; Mrs. Harter, and Messrs. Boardman, Beckholt, May, Donnelly and Stewart.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Casper Snively. There were over thirty present to enjoy the delicious luncheon served by the hostess.

A. T. Hereim has leased the Adolph Skoubo ranch, and will move his family on to the place. Mr. Skoubo intends to make a trip to Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Murchie have returned from Wasco and are preparing to spend a few months in Boardman.

A SPRIG POBE

I cough, I sneeze, I snort, I wheeze, I'm in a perfect frenzy; My head is dough, my nose wont go, I've got the influenza.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

J. D. Beebe, engineer for the public service commission, has been employed by the city of Canby to make a survey of the lighting system of the Molalla Electric company and place a valuation upon it, following a deadlock in negotiations for the purchase of the plant.

Dr. N. E. Waysen, head of the Portland United States public health service, against whom charges of mistreatment of ex-service men were heard recently, has been transferred to San Francisco, where he will be assigned to laboratory work, according to word received from Washington.

Officers of H. E. Wills Company, of Portland, dealers in stocks and bonds, were taken in charge by State Corporation Commissioner T. B. Handley. An expert accountant was put at work on the company's books. Pending his report Handley said he would be unable to estimate investors' possible losses.

Robert L. Scutt, about 24 years of age, committed suicide at Astoria by hanging himself with his belt to a beam post in his room. The man, a few months ago, was endeavoring to fight a million dollars in bonds in Portland and Astoria to establish a "Coney Island" just west of the Astoria terminals.

The first high school girls' conference ever held in southern Oregon was held at Medford under the auspices of the student club of girl reserves of the Y. W. C. A. About 75 delegates were present from Glendale, Grants Pass, Ashland, Gold Hill, Rogue River, Phoenix, Talent, Central Point and Medford.

The Klamath Forest Protective association announces receipt of telegrams from Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott announcing that Secretary of the Interior Fall has signed the agreement between the government and the private timber owners for the pine beetle eradication campaign in the Klamath district.

An effort on the part of the state highway commission to divert any of the \$2,500,000 voted by the people of Oregon at a special election in May, 1919, for the construction of the Roosevelt military highway, to the general highway fund, will meet with strenuous opposition, according to E. F. Jones, resident of Newport and officer of the Roosevelt Memorial highway association.

The Roosevelt Memorial Coast Highway association holds out strong hopes that it will win out in the fight for the coast counties in its efforts to have the Roosevelt highway designated as a road of primary importance. It is in receipt of information from Washington stating that the designation of the Roosevelt highway is held up pending further investigation, and that the secretary of agriculture will not act in the matter until a further report is made.

The navy department is preparing for national board action, according to a letter received by George A. White, adjutant-general, from the bureau of navigation, at Washington, D. C., which announces a policy of expediting payments should congress pass the bonus law at its present session. A complete statement of the plan used by Oregon in setting up its state bonus machinery is asked for by the navy department.

Bids will be opened in Portland, April 14 and 15, for the construction of approximately 215 miles of highway and eight bridges, according to announcement made by the state highway department. The cost of the project was estimated by the commission at several millions of dollars.

Central Point claims to be the only town in this state where one can buy an old-fashioned buggy.

The Dalles municipal auditorium will be formally opened on Friday, with a free entertainment.

Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, Union county, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

President Harding has sent to the senate the nomination of John A. McCall to be postmaster at Klamath Falls.

Dunham Wright of Medical Springs is to be a candidate for governor of Oregon in the primaries it is announced.

A fire in Medford which started from a kettle of doughnuts boiling over, caused a total loss estimated at \$12,000.

The Epworth league of the southern district of the Oregon conference will meet in convention in Roseburg April 21, 22 and 23.

W. B. Barratt of Heppner was re-appointed a member of the state highway commission when his term expired Saturday.

That the backward season is of benefit to hops is the opinion of John Dunlavy, one of the leading growers in the Brooks section.

A Wasco county pioneers' association will be formed May 2 at a meeting of residents of the county up to and including the year 1882.

The annual climb of the Mazamas this year will be to the top of the Three Sisters, 100 miles east of Eugene in the Cascade mountains.

A summer school and camp for girls, 10 years of age and older, is being planned for central Oregon this year with Elk lake as the location.

Japanese lumbermen are now considering the advisability of rafting Oregon logs across the Pacific to be cut and made up in their own mills.

There were 374 industrial accidents in Oregon in the week ending March 30, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

The state industrial accident commission has mailed out several thousand pamphlets showing the value of the workmen's compensation act to farmers.

Dr. R. A. Parsons, government veterinarian in charge of the anti-scab campaign in central Oregon, will start the season's work at Powell Butte and Albia early this month.

Charles von der Ahe was indicted by the grand jury at Pendleton on a first degree murder charge as a result of the killing of Mathias Jepson, aged government mountain recluse.

The volume of building permits issued in Portland for March will exceed the \$1,000,000 mark and thus break all records in the history of building construction in that city.

Governor Olcott has announced that he will reappoint H. C. Browne of Portland as a member of the board of state fair examiners. Mr. Browne's present term will expire this month.

Attorneys for settlers whose lands lie under the Pilot Butte canal have filed notice of appeal from the ruling of the circuit court approving bond election and district organization proceedings.

Fishing and hunting on the Klamath Indian Reservation by sportsmen in general would be prohibited under the terms of a resolution adopted at a tribal council of the Klamath Indians recently.

Building permits in Salem for the month of March this year exceeded by 300 per cent the permits issued during the same month in 1921. During the month new residence permits aggregated \$58,700.

COUNTY AGENT CALKINS ON DIVERSIFIED FARMING

We are in the same position of all new projects. Alfalfa has necessarily been the main crop used in reclaiming the land. Regardless of the future rotations that may be adopted, alfalfa will be our major crop. Alfalfa alone was quite satisfactory even though the entire crop was sold while prices were high. The returns are not sufficient with present alfalfa prices to make such practice profitable.

After interviewing a large number of farmers at Boardman and Irrigon we found that they are all puzzled as to what farming practice to adopt. With alfalfa as a major crop, the first step of importance is to provide some satisfactory outlet for that product at a good price. The feeding of the hay to dairy or beef cattle or feeder lambs will usually not give greater returns if in a position to do that feeding for yourself. It leaves the manure on the farm which if properly applied will greatly increase crop yields. The possibilities along this line are well worth careful investigation.

The ordinary farm in going to need some cash crop to augment the income. Late potatoes on the sheep lands offer perhaps the best inducement at this time. We would not recommend that anyone put in a large acreage unless quite familiar with the raising of potatoes under Boardman conditions but we do recommend that small acreages be tried by a large number this year. Old alfalfa land should be used.

Grapes will no doubt be a good future crop. A. B. Capp, of Grand View, Wash., is selling one year old Concord plants at 8 1-2 cents. These plants are as large as two year olds and are a bargain, the most of the plants selling at from 10 to 15 cents. His supply is about exhausted, however. Strawberries and cane fruits as well as asparagus will do well on some of our soils in limited acreages. Farmers inclined along these lines could well be testing these out.

Wind breaks are important for small fruits and vegetables and should be planted at once.

With alfalfa as your major crop, be careful about getting other crops that will conflict with the major crop which requires most of your time. Feeding of live stock or raising late potatoes fit in well. Limited amounts of the other crops mentioned can also be worked in on the average farm. Study these crops as they appear on the project this year. We learned much from Yakima farmers last week in our little tour there. We hope it will be possible to get back in the early summer between hay cuttings and think it will pay several of our farmers to plan to make the trip.

C. C. Calkins.

ORDER PROBE OF ENGRAVING BUREAU

Harding Removes Director and 28 Chiefs For "Good of Service."

Washington, D. C.—Department of Justice agents have been instructed to make a thorough investigation into the bureau of engraving and printing, from which James L. Wilmet, its director, and 28 chiefs, superintendents and foremen were removed by executive order of President Harding. It was announced by Attorney-General Daugherty.

Official Washington was dazed at the suddenness of the president's reorganization of the government's giant engraving plant "for the good of the service."

The reorganization of the bureau of engraving and printing was explained on the grounds of "efficiency" by Secretary Mellon. No charges involving the honesty of any of the dismissed bureau officials have been filed, the secretary of the treasury said.

Mr. Mellon's explanation of the sweeping changes made in the administrative personnel of the bureau was the first official light thrown upon the president's action since the announcement of the order at the White House. Meanwhile speculation has been rife in official circles over the sudden removal of the officials, and resolutions were introduced in both the senate and house seeking to elicit further information from the president.

The dismissal of officials of the bureau of engraving and printing by President Harding involved no desire "to reflect upon the character of any government employee," it was said by Secretary Christian.

In a letter to John J. Deviny, one of the dismissed executives, Mr. Christian declared the president regretted that "insinuating publicity" had attended the dismissal order.

FARMING CONDITIONS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Washington, D. C.—Acting Director Davis of the war finance corporation, in a statement noted "marked improvement in the condition of the agricultural industry and a better outlook for business generally" on the basis of April 1 reports from corporation agencies. "Livestock producers and farmers generally," the statement said, "are reported much more confident because of improved market conditions."

"Bank deposits have increased in many agricultural communities, and the country banks are generally in a stronger position than for a long time. Best of all, confidence is returning and with it the trend of business is toward a restoration of more normal conditions."

Up to March 31, the statement said, the corporation had approved loans aggregating \$322,825,697, of which \$214,187,761 was to banks, \$58,387,816 to co-operatives and \$50,250,120 for export purposes.

House Won't Pay Anybody \$35,000.

Washington, D. C.—The house put its foot down firmly on a proposal to pay salaries of \$35,000 to four shipping board officials, refusing by a unanimous vote to approve the conference report on the independent officers' appropriation bill, which would have authorized payment during the coming fiscal year of salaries of between \$11,000 and \$25,000 to six employees, in addition to the four who could receive \$35,000.

