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LABOR BOARD ORDERS ANOTHER WAGE CUT

Reduction Affects Railway Shop Mechanics and Saves Approximately \$60,000,000.

Chicago, Ill.—Over the strong protest of the three labor representatives on the United States railroad labor board, a new wage cut of 7 cents an hour for railway shop mechanics and 9 cents for freight car men, cutting 400,000 shop men approximately \$60,000,000 a year and was ordered by the board.

The new wage reduction brought an estimated added saving of \$53,883,344 annually to the railroads, following on the heels of a \$50,000,000 cut in wages of maintenance of way laborers last week. The shop crafts decision becomes effective July 1, the same date as last week's order.

The minority report of the labor members pointedly stated that the majority decision was made "with consideration of human needs" and charges that it fails to carry out the function of the board to set a "just and reasonable" wage.

The board's latest decision, which is to be followed by reductions for railway clerks, telegraphers and all other classes of railway employes except the train service men, was brief and offered no explanation of how the new rates were arrived at. This omission brought more fire from the dissenters, who declared the majority decision did not consider "human needs," ignored the pleas of the employes for a "living wage" and made "no attempt to show that mechanics are not entitled to such a standard."

A strike vote of approximately 1,200,000 rail workers will be taken by the individual unions affected by railroad labor wage reductions, recently ordered and pending. It was decided.

The vote in each organization will be returnable within thirty days after the board announces a wage cut for that class of employes, the vote of the shop crafts, whose reduction was ordered by the board being returnable June 30.

LANDIS IS UPHELD BY COAST LEAGUE

San Francisco.—After a wory session here the directors of the Pacific Coast baseball league voted to accept abide by and enforce the decision of Judge Landis, high commissioner of baseball, in declaring ineligible for illegal irregular practices William H. Klepper, president of the Portland club; James R. Brewster, vice-president of the same club, and William J. Kenworthy, manager of the team.

Judge Landis will consider briefs and other evidence filed in behalf of the suspended men according to a telegram received from Judge Landis by William B. McCarthy, president of the league. The telegram was in answer to one sent by the league directors here after a special meeting asking Judge Landis if he would consider such evidence.

No. 1 Wheat Sells High as \$1.39. Spokane.—Prices for wheat pooled by the Washington, Idaho and Oregon Wheat Growers' association and sold since last fall have run from \$1.19 to \$1.39 per bushel for the No. 1 sacked grain at Pacific coast points, according to a preliminary audit announced by the Northwest Wheat Growers' association.



Mrs. Blanche Watkins and son of Irigoin, motored to Boardman on Tuesday for a visit with the Signs family.

The C. Enively family have gone to White Salmon for the summer. Mr. Enively has some contracts to work out in that section.

Mrs. Claire P. Harter has traded her two lots in the Cranston block to Frank Criner for his two lots adjoining the Harry Marchis residence.

Miss Della Olson is recuperating from an operation at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, which she underwent last Saturday morning. At last reports she is gaining rapidly.

Mrs. Paul Hartow has been quite ill the past week.

Miss Eva Blatt, of Hermiston, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days with her cousin, Miss Wahnoia Keys.

The T. E. Broyles and Packard families enjoyed a picnic at Willow Creek, Sunday.

CAR RUNS INTO DITCH MRS. NIEZER SLIGHTLY HURT

While on their way to Boardman last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Niezer ran into a ditch which was dug across the road by the Harrison Bros. and Mrs. Niezer was thrown against the car and covered by her. Mr. Niezer put on the brakes as soon as he saw the ditch but it was too late and the car plunged into it. The car was not damaged.

UMATILLA BRIDGE IS AGAIN UNDER WATER

The river is now over the bridge of the Umatilla river. We will have no bridge for some time to come, the public moans of this state will say a fourth of the cost of the bridge this spring to cross the river on the ferry but still the county is indebted to our needs. The county shoners say there is no money. One car went over the back at the approach of the bridge and many others have had narrow escapes. The highway has a blot on its smooth surface crossing the Umatilla river. Our county officers expect favors from us on election? But it is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Bill Switzer and his ferry are doing a land office business.

OFFER FOURTEEN DOLLARS NEW HAY F.O.B. CALS

A beginning has been made in the harvesting of the first crop of alfalfa in this section. Several fields have already been knocked down. The crop is ready rather earlier than was expected owing to the lateness of the spring but the hot weather of the past two weeks has brought it forward rapidly. Prospects are good for four crops. Manager L. A. Hunt, of the Hay Growers Ass'n, reports from the Hermiston office that the first orders for new hay are in at \$13.00 f.o.b. cars. While this is no an extraordinary price, it is better than last year. Feeders are trying to contract in the stack at \$8.00 to \$9.00 with few takers.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Louis E. Bean of Burns, defeated candidate for the republican nomination for governor in the recent primaries, will succeed Bert Anderson of Medford as a member of the senate commission. Governor Quinn announced that he had tendered Mr. Bean the position and that Mr. Bean had accepted.

The Shelvill Hixon company and the Brooks Scanlon Lumber company announce that shipments from Bend during the month of May constituted a new record for all the time that the two plants have operated. Shelvill Hixon shipments totaled 511 cars, and the Brooks Scanlon Lumber company used 414 cars.

Improvement of the Port of Umpqua appears to be assured by reason of the triumph in the Hood river sub-committee of the senate appropriations committee of Senator J. Nary's amendment to the rivers and harbors bill providing for a government contribution of \$275,000 to the work, to be matched by a like amount from local interests.

The system of the Dee Power and Irrigation company in the Hood river valley covering the Dee flat strawberry district, was badly damaged by water freights, and service has not been restored. Strawberries, growers declare, already have been cut 25 per cent by the water shortage, and it is feared the drought will seriously affect the district's output.

Plans and specifications for the rebuilding of Happy Canyon, Pendleton's wild west town which runs wild once during the week of the round-up, are complete and the contract for the construction of the big pavilion will be within two weeks. The heavy snow of last year brought the building to a standstill. The cost of the new pavilion is about \$500 or \$7000.

F. A. Elliott, state forester, has issued a statement in which he requests all slash owners to remember section 3855, Oregon laws, which provide that the burning of all slash, including, woodland or brush land during the period between June 1 to October 1 shall be done under written permission from a state-appointed fire warden. Burning done in violation of the law subjects the party concerned to prosecution.

The county court of Polk county has enjoined from paying any portion of the expense of constructing the west side Pacific Highway, between Hubbard gap and the Benton county line, by a decision of Circuit Judge Kelly at Bend, in answer to a contest between the county court and the state highway commission whereby the county assumed an obligation of \$112,000 covering a period of four years for its share of the highway expense and attempted to divert at once \$45,000 from the county's market road fund for that purpose.

That section of the Oregon coast between Nekequin, in Tillamook county, and the Siletz river, in Lincoln county, inaccessible save for hikers, is to be provided with a road, which will be a section of the Roosevelt highway. Final agreement on this was had at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland. The Tillamook end has been disposed of, but Lincoln county officials explained that they had no land money for the northward end, up to the Tillamook county line. It will cost about \$99,000 to construct the road and of this cost Lincoln county will contribute \$120,000. The rest is to be provided by the state and the United States forest bureau. The work is to be on a continuing basis and completed.

The Merrill city council has passed an ordinance providing for the purchase of about 1000 bushels of wheat in the warehouse of the present city water supply. The price is \$40 an acre.

John Sumner, 27 years old, a rambler who roamed seven miles north of Burns, died at a Salem hospital from a head wound in his left arm, and Clara Grant, 17, a schoolgirl, was in another hospital seriously wounded by a bullet fired by Sumner as the pupil of a domestic battle.

Orville P. Jernel, 18, employe on the farm of Fred Laboe, about eight miles northwest of Madrasville, shot and fatally wounded his employer and then committed suicide by shooting himself. The shooting was believed to have been the result of a row over wages which the boy alleged that the farmer owed him.

Three military conscripts will be sent to Paris 1 month from Portland, June 20 to 24, in addition to six Europeans.

Several hundred acres of grain are reported destroyed by grasshoppers in the Tule Lake district near the California line.

Dr. M. H. Ellis, prominent physician and clinic of Albany for almost 20 years, died at his home in that city, aged 64 years.

A band of horses stampeding at Garvey crossing on the O.W. R. #1 near Hallock resulted in the death of eight, five being race horses.

Five hundred men will soon be at work on the state highway subdivision between Myrtle Point and the Clatsop section. It is estimated.

The city of Coquille will vote on June 20 on a bond issue of \$25,000, the money to be used on Rink creek to improve the reservoir dam 10 feet.

The public service commission is requested to repeal its order for an 8-cent fare in Portland and restore the present rate, in a resolution adopted by the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs.

Gerard, 49-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Conal Hays of South Baker, was recently killed when the lad was run over by a freight car being switched on the Sumpter Valley railroad at Baker.

Two loggers, Walter Wheeler, a head logger of Kirby, and Alfred H. Mueller, a tally of Neabam, were the only two men to lose their lives in the 44 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ended June 3.

Half of Princeton's business section was wiped out Thursday by a fire which started in a frame apartment house and swept away five blocks, causing a loss estimated at \$500,000. The authorities suspect that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

Russell Herker was indicted by the circuit court grand jury of Clatsop county, charged with the murder of Frank Bowker, Portland marshall, whose body was found in the Catherine river after nearly a week's search, which started April 16.

From the standard four-year high schools of Oregon, 2676 students will be graduated this year, and 58 per cent of these, or 1553, will be girls, according to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools. The total enrollment in these high schools is 29,235.

A million and a half trout eggs have been received by the Roseburg sportsmen's league from the state fish commission. The eggs were sent to the Rock Creek hatchery, where the fry will be cared for until large enough to release in the waters of the North Umpqua.

SHIRT-TAIL KNIFE BRAWLMAN AND CONDUCTOR

Twelve persons boarded the 11:40 a.m. train running from Umatilla to Roth Sunday and after refusing to get off when ordered one of those higher school conductor John Pullman over the head with a club and another killed H. R. Davis, brakeman. Both men escaped fatal injury, but Davis only by breaking the knife blow with his arm.

The fight started when the train was stopped by the gravel pit just outside of Umatilla and a riot was sent back to the station. A big group of railroaders responded and the highway was rounded up.

By questioning, it was discovered who used the club and knife and by whom was helped in all in this city. Pullman, who refused to give his name and the one who used the club are confined in the city jail and the other who gave his name as M. P. Lindsay, of Louisville, Ky., is in the county jail.

The officers here said to have broken away from the home and Van Horn with several circles, which they had local place last year and which has just finished playing at Cottage Grove. The race reported to have started back to Kentucky via "the club." Everwhere they have been it is reported there has been trouble.

Those of the colored men are said to have caused the fight and one is still at large. He is armed and the officers are scouring this section for him. Special agent Glen Bushler, of the O.W.R. & Co. was at the scene of the fight later and passed the barrels to the Umatilla railroad.

For passing up the dispute in a short time, Agent Bushler reported that the fighting ran high in Umatilla for a while and that a negro was believed to be out of town.

Conductor Pullman was badly beaten about the head and his right leg and Davis was suffering with a badly fractured arm where he broke the knife blow. The two negroes are still here on charges of assault with dangerous weapons and the chief is in control on the charge of obscenity to shoot.

M. P. Lindsay, colored, was bound over to await the action of the grand jury when he showed before Judge J. W. Parks Wednesday morning that he is said to have played H. R. Davis, a member of the train crew. His head was fixed at \$750.00 and he is in the street of the sheriff.

Mrs. Emma Leonard, niece of Myrtle McNeill and former student of the community school, was visiting friends here last Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Crawford is a visitor in Pendleton this week.

Mrs. R. S. Wilson has been quite ill with fever trouble.

JUNE 26 WILL BE UMATILLA RAPIDS DAY IN PORTLAND

Monday, June 26 has been set as the date for the presentation of the Umatilla Rapids project before the executive forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Judge G. W. Thorne, who is now in Portland, reports the entire program of the members forum will be devoted to that subject. Fred Sawyer has been named as chief speaker for Pendleton in promoting the case of the Umatilla project at the forum. Dr. R. H. L. Penrose, of Whitman College, will also be a speaker. The entire program for the day will be devoted to the project.

U. S. SENATE FAVORS ARMY OF 133,000

Measure Goes to Conference as it Increases House Figures of 115,000 Men.

Washington, D. C. — The annual army appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$341,750,000, was passed by the senate. It fixes the size of the army for the next year at an average of 125,500 officers and 133,000 men.

Passage of the bill which was withdrawn a record vote followed quickly after a test vote, by which the senate accepted, 49 to 21, its committee's action in increasing the house figure on the size of the army from 115,000 to 123,000 enlisted men. The strength of 125,500 officers compares with 11,600 as voted by the house.

The measure now goes to conference with the house.

Party lines were broken when the test vote was taken. Nine democrats voted with the republican majority in upholding the senate committee, while six republicans were counted in the negative.

Prospects for early action on the soldiers' bonus bill improved materially when the senate, without a protesting voice, sidetracked the tariff and gave the right of way to the army appropriation bill. The same action will be taken concerning the naval appropriation bill and other measures.

Pro-bonus senators declared that if the tariff could be laid aside for the army and navy bills, it could be laid aside for the soldiers' bonus. The action will be regarded as a precedent and will be used as a lever to force consideration of the bonus.

BRITISH TROOPS ROUT SINN FEIN INVADERS

London. — Infantry, cavalry, artillery and whisker tanks took part in the first offensive action of the British troops on the Ulster borderland when Pettigo, which straddles the line, though a large part of the town is in Free State territory, was stormed and repulse from troops of the Irish republican army who entered on May 30.

Reports from Belfast describe the border countryside as swarming with Irish, while the British general directs the operations from headquarters on a hill outside the town.

Besides the republican commandant and staff, who were taken prisoner when the troops entered the town, it is reported that many Sinn Feiners were captured in a later clean-up of Pettigo.

BROOKHART WINS IN IOWA

Returns indicate He Has Received Republican Senatorial Nomination. Des Moines.—Smith W. Brookhart of Washington, Iowa, led his closest opponent, Charles L. Pickett, of Waterloo, by more than two to one, in a field of six candidates for the republican nomination for United States senator from Iowa.

The returns indicated that Brookhart ran relatively as well in the cities, where he had been expected to be less strong as he did in the rural districts.

Reports from all parts of the state indicated that the hottest campaign battle in years had drawn only a small vote.

