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HARDING ABANDONS STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Government to Back Railroads in Endeavors to Operate Properties.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding having abandoned all efforts at mediation of the rail strike, was declared by his advisers to have virtually decided to inform the railroad executives of the country that in the operation of trains they will be given the full protection and aid of the government.

The president, it was stated, was determined that the only course the government now could pursue was the path it followed in the coal strike—extension of an invitation to the employers to operate their properties and the federal government with the cooperation of the states would stand behind them in their efforts so far as they are directed to the serving of the public.

Leaders of the railroad labor organizations made public their rejection of President Harding's final offer for settlement of the national strike of shop craftsmen, but declared that attempts to mediate the difficulty by direct dealings between railroad executives and heads of the four brotherhoods were still in progress.

The union leaders, after a conference, also made public a statement declaring that the railroad executives by their responses to the president's final offer had also "declined to accept the president's proposition," and had "not even agreed to permit all employees now on strike to return to work."

The announcement came after the president had conferred on the strike situation with his cabinet and with leaders in congress.

S. P. ROUNDHOUSE DAMAGED BY BOMBS

Roseville, Cal.—Five bombs thrown into the Southern Pacific railroad yards here shook the yards, tore huge holes in the ground and broke window panes when they exploded in front of roundhouse No. 1 and at the Pacific Fruit Express company icehouse.

Deputy United States Marshal Sullivan and state police officer Costa were slightly wounded by lead from a shotgun when they ran outside the railroad property in an effort to apprehend the bomb thrower and were fired upon from across the street.

Although an immediate search was instituted no trace of the bombers was found, and they are believed to have all escaped in automobiles.

The bombs were of the black powder type, and exploded with heavy detonations. A deputy United States marshal expressed the belief that some of the bombs contained shrapnel because of the manner in which roundhouse windows were shattered.

SOFT COAL STRIKE ENDS

Operators and Miners Ratify Agreement to Bring About Settlement.

Cleveland, O.—Both operators and miners Tuesday ratified an agreement to bring about settlement of the soft coal strike.

The settlement provides that the miners shall be returned to work at the same scale of wages that were in effect when they went on strike; the new contract is to continue in force until next April 1; the agreement also provides for appointment of an advisory fact finding commission, a part of its duties to consider future settlements of disputes in the coal industry.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending August 10, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was S. E. Myers, electrician, of Albany. A total of 567 accidents were reported during the week.

LOCAL NOTES

Leo Root and Frank Cramer made a business trip to Arlington Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kissel, of Portland, spent the week end at the Healy ranch.

Doris Healy accompanied them on their return home.

Dr. H. C. Curry, eye sight specialist of Seattle will be in Boardman soon. Watch for the date in the Mirror.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobson, of Portland and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Tiller of Arlington were visitors at the Healy home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewese spent Sunday with the Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Dix, and family of Molalla, Oregon returned home Monday after visiting with Mr. Dix's sister, Mrs. Bonney.

Ida Mefford and Myrtle McNeill left Thursday morning for Portland, where Miss Mefford will visit for a few days with Odessa Leonard, before school starts.

Mrs. Veda Blayden of Santa Anna, California, is visiting at the Blayden home. She is a sister-in-law of Mayor Blayden.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warren are again at home after an enjoyable trip to the coast and to Portland during buyer's week.

Vivian Rogers, Mayor Blayden's little grand-niece, has returned to her home in Walla Walla after a pleasant visit in Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Phipps, of Hermiston stopped off in Boardman on their way home from an auto trip to the coast and paid their old friends Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorham a short visit one day this week.

Jack Gorham is taking his vacation this week. Whether he goes anywhere will depend entirely upon his getting the car fixed, so it is not at all likely that he will get further than Arlington at the rate he has progressed for the past few days.

As credit should be given where credit is due, we will mention that Mrs. Lee Mead and children were guests at Mrs. Boardman's on the same day that others mentioned in last week's issue were there, and that she also assisted us in revising the play.

PORTLANDERS SEE BOARDMAN PROJECT

Boardman captured the 1925 Fair Caravan at Castle Rock, six miles west of Boardman, on Sunday afternoon. As each drove up it was way-laid and a guide attached and the car detoured through the 2500 acres of alfalfa fields of the Boardman project, giving a practical demonstration of what water will do in the development of the sage brush desert. Upon arrival at Boardman a goodly crowd of citizens, gathered in a shady street, listened to the informal address of Mayor Baker and expressed their good will by hearty applause. The members of the Caravan were filled to the brim with luscious watermelon grown on the project and speeded on their way to Hermiston and Pendleton. A. H. Johnson, president of the Coffee Cup lunch room, ordered a ton of Boardman watermelons to be sent him every day during the season. He said the melons he tasted here were the best in the market.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Production of the 126 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending August 5 was 7 per cent below normal and new business was 7 per cent above production, according to a report just issued. Shipments for the week were 10 per cent above production.

That money will not be so free in Linn county this winter as formerly is evident from the fact that many farmers have harvested practically no crop by reason of the dry weather. The unprecedented drouth has stunted the grain so that it could not be cut, and the farmers are turning the stock into it.

The potatoes in Union county are not, generally speaking, fit for seed certification, according to E. R. Jackman, extension specialist of the Oregon Agricultural college, who has just examined 200 acres of potatoes with the view of certifying them for seed. Only one small field was passed by Mr. Jackman. Leaf mosaic was the chief cause of rejecting the crops for seed.

One hundred and sixty-two citizens, including sixty-two women of Marion county, were subpoenaed to appear at Salem Monday in the Olcott-Hall recount case. They were cited to answer charges of illegal voting. The list included forty-seven residents from twelve precincts in Salem. The largest number subpoenaed from any one precinct was forty from Mount Angel.

Large yields of honey are being reported by apiarists on the Hermiston project this year, which is proving one of the best honey years in the history of the project. H. W. Loudermilk, who has some 20 stands of bees on his ranch northwest of Hermiston, has kept an accurate account of two extractions from one stand of bees and has taken off 267 pounds from the single hive.

The state budget commission created by the 1921 session of the state legislature held its initial conference with heads of state institutions at Salem. Estimated financial needs of the institutions for the biennium of 1923-24 were discussed and it was said another meeting will be held in about two weeks. The members of the commission are Governor Olcott, Secretary of State Kozer and State Treasurer Hoff.

The winter wheat crop in this state is turning out better than was expected and the quality of the crop is generally good, according to a report on the Oregon crop situation prepared by F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician of the bureau of agricultural economics of the department of agriculture. The report said that with the exception of the winter wheat crop, however, crops throughout the state showed a decline in condition.

Utilization of the Deschutes river and its tributaries for irrigation of approximately 14,000 acres in the Deschutes basin, with incidental power development, was recommended to the federal power commission in a report of a board of engineers. By using the upper Deschutes for irrigation an aggregate of 555,000 horsepower could be developed on the lower river, the engineers found, and if the upper Deschutes storage be used for power, the aggregate horsepower would be

Conservative estimates place the value of the recent rain at \$1,000,000 to western Oregon, judging from the amount of increased agricultural crops which will be caused by the arrival of the much needed moisture. At the same time the rain was said to have caused some damage to cut hay and grain crops, but this was believed to have been immaterial compared to the benefit. While the rain came too late to have any appreciable effect upon the grain crops it will prove a great stimulus to the potato and various vegetable crops and to the pastures, many of which had been burned out by the dry weather. It will also help materially the apple, pear and prune crops and will prove of some benefit to the hops.

The initial step by the recall-elected public service commission looking to a reduction of the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Oregon was taken at an executive session of that body held in Salem. The action of the commission was based on a resolution which provided that the attorney-general withdraw his answer to the complaint in the suit filed by Robert Duncan and others of Portland, to set aside an order of the old public service commission issued February 28, 1921, authorizing an increase in the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. It is said that if the provisions of the resolution are carried out by the attorney-general it will mean that the case will go by default and the telephone company will have no alternative other than throwing the entire rate proceed-laws in the courts.

REPORT OF COUNTY NURSE FOR JULY

Number of cases cared for, 26. Number of calls made: Investigative, 10. Instructive, 23. Nursing care, 30. Miscellaneous, 18. Total \$1.

Service rendered by county court, 2; county physician 3. Number of office hours kept, 22. Number of office calls, 12. Number of committee meetings, 1. Number of talks given, 6. Number of letters written, 48. Social service cases cared for, 3.

Dr. Johnston, of Arlington, who makes regular trips to Boardman, kindly consented to hold a free clinic here at which 21 children attended, accompanied by their parents and 12 of them were found to be badly in need of medical attention and more need to be closely watched.

ENCOURAGING NOTE ON UMATILLA RAPIDS PROJECT

An encouraging note on the possibility of the building of a big hydro electric plant at Umatilla Rapids by the federal government some time in the future was uttered Monday by A. P. Davis, director of the Reclamation Service of the department of the interior in a speech he gave at a luncheon at Hermiston.

Fred Steiwer made an address in behalf of the Umatilla rapids. Something of what it will mean to the whole state of Oregon and the Northwest to have the big project developed was discussed by the Pendleton attorney. He gave figures to show the development and the production that becomes a reality by reason of the dam being built.

F. H. Newell, former director of the Reclamation Service was also a member of the party which made the inspection of the rapids Monday morning and later enjoyed the luncheon. The inspection is the first official inspection that has been made.

The speech delivered by the director followed a morning which was spent in inspecting the site of the proposed dam and power site at Umatilla rapids which would generate hundreds of thousands of horsepower of electricity.

There is more than \$4,000,000 delinquent money due the service now by settlers in irrigation districts, he said, and construction work on new projects will be held up pending receipt of this money, he indicated.

SENATE APPROVES FLEXIBLE TARIFF

President Gets Authority to Increase or Decrease Rates.

Washington, D. C.—A flexible tariff plan, proposing authority for the president to increase or decrease tariff rates in the pending bill until July 1, 1924, was approved by the senate. The vote was 36 to 20, with three republicans opposing and two democrats supporting.

Just before approving the plan the senate adopted, 34 to 19, an amendment by Senator Bursum, New Mexico, which would provide that after July 1, 1924, no duties could be changed except by authority of congress.

The plan as finally approved is a sharp modification of that originally proposed. The president is prohibited from using American valuation except in the case of dyes and certain coal tar products covered in two paragraphs of the bill, and is required to base changes in rates on the differences in the "costs of production" at home and abroad instead of on differences in "conditions of competition."

Final vote on the tariff bill will be taken next Saturday, it was decided by adoption of the unanimous consent agreement offered by Senator McCumber, chairman of the senate finance committee.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL MAY WAIT

Washington, D. C.—Reconvening of the house Tuesday found the republican leaders as reluctant to press the administration ship subsidy bill as they were when the recess was taken. Although it was understood when the recess was consented to by President Harding that the subsidy bill, which is on the house calendar would be taken up at once upon the return to work, no plans have been made for going ahead with it.

That the administration has taken no steps to obtain action on the subsidy bill at this time is officially explained as being due to the fact that the president has been engrossed with the serious situation resulting from the railroad and coal strikes.

President Harding's threat some months ago that he would convene congress in special session in case it failed to act upon the ship subsidy bill is not likely to be a factor in the situation. Congress long ago gave up hopes of an early adjournment. The present session will continue until the tariff bill is enacted into law, which may be some time in October. When adjournment is finally taken not more than a few weeks will remain before the regular December session.

CLATSOP SHERIFF LOSES

Unofficial Returns Show Harley J. Slusher Elected.

Astoria, Or.—Returns from the special election in Clatsop county show that Sheriff Nelson was recalled by a majority of 421. Harley J. Slusher was elected sheriff by a majority of 438 to serve during the remainder of the term which will expire January 1, 1925.

The total vote cast in the sheriff contest was 4582, practically equal to that for governor at the primary election.

Washington, D. C.—John H. Gull Jr. was confirmed by the senate as a member of the federal farm loan board. This is the position for which Senator McNary recommended George Mansfield of Medford, president of the Oregon farm bureau.

Mexican Oil Ruling Criticized.

Washington, D. C.—Formal announcement that recent oil land decisions of the Mexican supreme court do not, in the opinion of officials here, effectively protect the rights of American land owners, is made in a statement issued by the state department.

