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INJUNCTION ISSUED AGAINST SHOPMEN

Drastic Step Is Taken By Attorney-General to Keep Cars Moving.

Chicago.—By one of the most drastic steps ever taken in a strike situation, the United States government obtained a temporary federal order restraining striking railroad shopmen, their officers and affiliated bodies throughout the country from interfering in any way whatever with the operation of the nation's railroads.

The restraining order, hearing on which was set for September 11, was issued by Federal Judge Wilkerson, upon the petition of Attorney-General Daugherty, who came here from Washington to argue the action.

The underlying principle involved in the action, the attorney general said, in concluding his argument for the order, is "the survival and the supremacy of the government of the United States."

Declaring that his request was not aimed at union labor, the attorney general said that the step was necessary to the preservation of the unions themselves. At the same time he asserted that the government expected to use its authority to prevent the "labor union from destroying the open shop."

"When the unions claim the right to dictate to the government and to dominate the American people and deprive the American people of the necessities of life," he warned, "then the government will destroy the unions, for the government of the United States is supreme and must endure."

CHIEFS TO DISCUSS GENERAL STRIKE

Washington, D. C.—Inflamed and aroused by the most drastic restraint order ever issued by a court in an industrial dispute, organized labor projected the menacing shadow of a general strike across the country in answer to what Samuel Gompers bitterly and contemptuously described as "government by injunction."

From being merely a strike of 400,000 shopmen, endangering the transportation system of the country, the strike has now been magnified to the point where it threatens to affect all organized labor and engulf all industry, labor leaders privately declared.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, representing between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 workers, will meet in the national capital September 9 in what promises to be the most momentous gathering of labor leaders witnessed in years.

While the council has not the power to call a general strike itself, it is the governing body of the federation and its advice usually is taken by the rank and file of the federation.

RELIEF GRANTED GERMANY

No Further Cash Payments in 1922 to Be Required.

Paris.—The reparations commission has relieved Germany of the necessity of making any further cash payments in reparations for the remainder of 1922, but defers its decision on the question of a moratorium until radical reforms in Germany's finances are carried out. These include the balancing of her budget, reduction of Germany's foreign obligations, currency reform and the issue of foreign and internal loans.

In rendering its decision, the reparations commission takes into account the fact that "the German state has lost its credit and the mark has depreciated continually."

Big Steel Merger Is Held Illegal.

Washington, D. C.—The federal trade commission issued a formal complaint, charging that the proposed merger of the Midvale, Republic and Inland Steel companies was in violation of the law in that it constituted an "unfair method of competition."

Winter Wheat Is Under Average.

Washington, D. C.—This year's winter wheat is 4.1 points lower in quality than the ten year average, and 49.7 per cent of the crop is below grade number 2, according to reports and estimates announced by the department of agriculture.

W. C. T. U. Will Meet Wednesday

The Umatilla county convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held in Athena, next Wednesday, September 13. A large number of delegates are expected to represent the organization from different parts of the county. An interesting program has been prepared, prominent members of the Union being assigned important parts. The program follows:

- 10:00—Devotional.
- 10:30—Address of welcome, Mrs. George Gerking.
- 10:35—Response, by County President.
- 10:40—Enrollment of Delegates.
- 10:50—Minutes of 1921 Convention held at Athena.
- 11:00—Appointment of Committee's (Registration, Press, Resolution, Nominating.)
- 11:15—Reports of County Officers.
- 11:30—Reports from Unions of the County.
- 11:50—Childrens Farm Home: Message from the Campaign Manager.
- 12:00—Noon Tide Prayer.
- Luncheon
- 2:00—Devotional, Led by Helix Union.
- 2:20—Special music; Union Signal Stunt song, (Milton Union.)
- 2:40—Round Table discussion led by Mrs. A. J. McAllister, Pendleton.
- 3:00—Reading, Mrs. Markley.
- 3:10—Temperance Testimony Meeting, led by Mrs. J. M. Harrison, Reith.
- 3:30—Reports of Committees.
- 3:40—Election of Officers.
- 3:55—Election of Delegates to the State Convention.
- 4:00—Adjournment.

DAM AT THE TOLL GATE IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION

The dam at Toll Gate, which will be the first step in the development of a fine summer resort at the summit of the Blue mountains, is said to be nearing completion. The dam is about 500 feet long, 11 feet high, 50 feet wide at the top and 125 feet wide at the bottom, and will impound the waters of a lake covering 50 or more acres. It is being constructed by Manager Bellows and his sons, who are conducting the Toll Gate hotel, and the enterprise has the backing of prominent Walla Walla men. It is proposed to fill the lake after the flood season is over in the spring. The hotel and other buildings were moved to higher ground. Plans for the coming spring improvements embrace an open air dance pavilion, a new store building and an extension to the hotel. In the course of time, and with the completion of the proposed Weston-Elgin road, the Toll Gate resort is expected to develop into one of the most famous on the Pacific coast.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

The coming Saturday and Sunday night pictures will close Paramount Week at the Standard Theatre. For tomorrow night the offering is Geo. Melford's big production, "The Great Impersonation," and Sunday night Bebe Daniels will be presented in "The Speed Girl." Both pictures are of high character as were those of last Saturday and Sunday nights. Regular prices of admission will prevail.

FIRST GAME OCTOBER 14

With the first game of football scheduled for October 14, the Athena High School team will begin work under Coach Basler at once. The game is with Pendleton high, and Taylor, the new coach will select his machine from 40 players who reported for practice this week. The personal of the Athena team remains practically the same as last year, with the exception of Geissel and Mose Banister, who are out.

LEGION RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

The American Legion Rifle Club will hold a turkey shoot in the near future on its range at the Koepke place south of town. Geese and turkeys will be shot for and a big attendance of shooters is anticipated. Further particulars of the shoot will be given in the Press.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Garth Stahl of Adams, will have a hearing in the Justice court today on the charge of attempted assault and battery. W. A. Kanaley made the complaint and Stahl was arrested on a warrant out of Judge Richards' court, by officer Dickson.

Weston Nurse Is Wanted; Forgery

It developed yesterday that Mrs. Duncan had been successful in getting the money on a forged check for \$168 at The First National Bank of Walla Walla. The forgery was a clumsy one, and the name "John Banister" was signed to the check, instead of J. M. Banister. The check was drawn on The Farmers Bank of Weston, as was also a genuine check for \$198.90 which Mr. Banister had given the oman in payment for her services.

The sheriff's office has been seeking information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. E. L. Duncan, a trained nurse who was employed for a time in the household of J. M. Banister at Weston. After being discharged by Mr. Banister Mrs. Duncan is said to have cashed a worthless check for the sum of \$24 at the Alexander store in Pendleton. This instrument was signed with her own name, but she had previously tried and failed to persuade the American National bank to honor a check for \$100 to which she had forged the name of J. M. Banister. Mrs. Duncan is said to have gone to Walla Walla from Pendleton a few days ago. She has the reputation of being a highly proficient nurse, and is said to have served eighteen months overseas. She is reported to be a drug addict.

BLACKSMITH SLAIN, FRIEND HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

Jack Thomas, 55 years old, a blacksmith employed at the Oregon-Washington railroad gravel pit near Walker siding, on the Snake river, was shot late Monday afternoon on his ranch near by and died before medical aid arrived. John Mackey, aged 38, his lifelong friend, is held at Walla Walla by the sheriff on a charge of murder based on the testimony of Ed Welton, who is said to have been an eyewitness of a quarrel which ended in the shooting. Questioned by Prosecuting Attorney Benson and Sheriff Springer, Mackey denied the shooting, saying that he was asleep when cries from Thomas told him the shot had been fired accidentally.

IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

James Osborne, a Pendleton man was seriously injured in an automobile wreck near Lewiston, Sunday. The car driven by Mrs. Joe Coffman of Pendleton, skidded off the grade and turned over. Osborne was only one of seven passengers who sustained bad injuries.

FAVOR U. P. CONTROL

Commercial bodies of Eastern Oregon are passing resolutions favoring the control of the Central Pacific by the Union Pacific Railway company. Attorney Will Peterson, of Pendleton, accompanied by his son was in the city, Sunday.

ILL HEALTH FORCES MILTON A. MILLER TO GIVE UP TREAS. RACE

Milton A. Miller has decided to withdraw as the democratic nominee for state treasurer.

Notification to that effect was sent by Mr. Miller to Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic state chairman. It now becomes the task of the democratic state committee to select someone to be the candidate in lieu of Mr. Miller. Several prominent and qualified members of the party will be considered for the place when Chairman Smith assembles the committee at an early date.

Mr. Miller said that his sole reason for withdrawing is the fact that in his present state of health he would not be able to make a campaign or assume the burdens of the office if he should be elected.

No democrat filed for the nomination for state treasurer in the primaries, but the name of Mr. Miller was written in by enough admirers to gain him the nomination unopposed. In the letter to Chairman Smith he said: "Please be assured that I greatly appreciate the confidence reposed in me by my friends, as evidenced by their having written my name on the ballot at the primary election.

"In the past I have been greatly honored by the democratic party and the citizens of Oregon, and it is with a feeling of extreme reluctance that I am obliged to forego making this campaign. If the conditions were otherwise I would have considered it an honor to make the race, and I trust that at some time in the future I may be in a position again to take up the fight."

Accompanying the communication to the head of the party was a formal letter of withdrawal addressed to the secretary of state, with the request that the state chairman have it forwarded to the secretary. For several weeks past Mr. Miller's health has been impaired and he is now devoting him self to a complete rest. For eight years he was collector of internal revenue, receiving his appointment from President Wilson.

BROTHER OF POET

Fred Mason, aged 70, a dyer of Pendleton Woolen Mills, died Monday morning from the effects of ammonia which he drank by mistake. He is survived by his widow and a number of children. He was the brother of Walt Mason, well known poet and writer.

GOOD PEACH CROP

Landlord Froome of the St. Nicholas hotel has received delivery of a fine lot of peaches from his Free-water fruit ranch. The fruit is of high quality.

LaFollette Rolls Up Big Majority

Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Madison, Wis., has assumed a tremendous lead over his opponent, W. A. Canfield of Waukena, for the republican senatorial nomination with one-fourth of the precincts in the state tabulated. In 845 precincts reporting out of 2523 in the state the senator had a lead of 50,809 votes. In those precincts which reported partial returns from 61 out of 71 counties in Wisconsin the vote stood: LaFollette 89,552, Canfield 38,743.

Senator LaFollette staged his pleas for votes during the campaign on his record in the senate during the war, his opposition to Newberryism and the Esch-Cummins act. W. A. Canfield, president of Carroll college, in more than 300 speeches made throughout the campaign attacked LaFollette's war record and urged his defeat on the ground that he no longer was of any use to Wisconsin because he was out of harmony with the administration of President Harding as well as every other administration since he was sent to the senate in 1906.

ATHENA SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONDAY MORNING

Athena schools open Monday morning with a full corps of instructors for the coming year. There promises to be an increase in the number of pupils enrolled over last year.

With the retention of Superintendent Hadley, the success of the school is assured, and the board of directors has given him an able corps of assistants. Athletics will be under the direction of Professor Basler again this year which insures this department being in capable hands.

Three new teachers have been added to the faculty this year. Miss Kathryn Morgan will teach English; J. W. Luttrell eighth grade; Blanch Schermann fifth and sixth grades. The faculty is comprised as follows: Superintendent—O. C. Hadley. High school—Loren Basler, Mildred Christensen, Kathryn Morgan. Eighth grade—J. W. Luttrell. Seventh grade—Altha Chandler. Fifth and sixth grades—Blanch Schermann. Third and fourth grades—Francis Williams. Primary—Eva Gries.

CHANGE IN WEATHER

A radical change in the temperature of the weather took place early this week, when the hot wave terminated with a stiff breeze from the west. Clouds obscured the sun but little rain fell in the valley, though heavy showers traversed the mountains.

MCCARTY ON HAND

Twenty four beautiful racers, representing the Eddie McCarty strings, and five bucking horses are at the Round-Up stables in anticipation of the coming Round-Up.

Automobile Hits Front of Hotel

A tourist's automobile glided up against the front of the St. Nicholas hotel building in making the turn at corner of Main and Third streets, Monday.

The car was driven by a young girl of apparently little experience in handling a motor. Her father riding in the seat with her called her attention to the turn after the car had passed the center of the street intersection. Instead of proceeding on down the street to the Second street intersection to turn around, the girl whipped the steering wheel around, and the car shot across the street and curb, landing head on against the front of the hotel.

The automobile grazed the lamp post on the corner, and crashed its two front springs into the building. The momentum, though the speed was not fast and the man put on the emergency brake, was enough to force the ends of the springs through the side of the building, leaving two holes.

This was the only damage to the building, though one of the springs crashed just below the frame holding of a big plate-glass window, which was not even cracked. The owner of the car was not arrested, and paying for repairs to the building, departed.

This particular corner, where the state highway turns south, leading to Pendleton, is considered one of the most dangerous in the county, and agitation is being made for less speed and more prominent direction signs, that chances of accident may be lessened.

PORTLAND BOOSTS FOR ITS OWN EXPOSITION

With an appeal to the people in every part of Oregon to concentrate on a campaign of statewide development by filling the state with visitors from all over the world and by presenting to the world the scenic, farming and industrial attractions and opportunities, the 1925 exposition committee in Portland has launched its campaign in behalf of the measure to be voted on at the state election November 6. The measure amends the state constitution so as to permit Portland to tax itself to finance the fair. No tax is provided outside Portland.

"We have a state full of resources, opportunities, and scenic attractions," says Mayor Baker of Portland who heads the exposition committee. "Oregon now is the least advertised state in the Union and consequently is developing slowly. We must do like a store or a business concern does when business is slack—advertise, and the exposition is the best way to advertise.

"To bring thousands of people to Oregon from all over the world will bring money to the state and will bring business people, farmers and investors. We have the advantages and we must show them in order to place them on the market and in order to develop our state to the extent that what we already have in the way of products can be utilized. The 1925 exposition is not a Portland venture although that city will stand the expense. It is an Oregon exposition and all Portland asks is that the state sanction it. The state which is now talking about the need for advertising our attractions could ask for no better proposition."

HAD PLEASANT TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Basler returned to Athena by way of Southern and Central Oregon. They enjoyed the outing very much and had a very pleasant and interesting trip. Mr. and Mrs. Basler attended summer school at University of Washington, where Mrs. Basler took an advanced course in music. They will reside in the C. F. Smith cottage in the north part of town.

NINETEEN VOTES CAST

A small number of votes were cast in the special election held Wednesday on issuing \$20,000 municipal bonds. Nineteen ballots were cast, fourteen in favor of bonds and five against.

SMOKER IS POSTPONED

The American Legion smoker, scheduled for tomorrow evening has been postponed to a later date. This was found necessary for the reason that satisfactory principals for the main event are not available at this time.

TWO DRY OFFICERS KILLED BY INDIAN

Bootlegger Escapes, Seizes Rifle and Shoots Arresting Officers.

Portland, Or.—Glenn H. Price and Grover C. Todd, federal prohibition agents, were killed and Phillip Warren, Indian bootlegger, slightly wounded in a pistol and rifle battle staged on the streets of New Grand Road, Or., about 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

The two officials had attempted to arrest the Indian on a charge of violating the prohibition law, and in the course of the arrest struck the prisoner with the butt of a pistol. This angered Warren to such an extent that he made a dash for freedom, went to his home, obtained a rifle and returned to the scene, where he opened fire on the government agents.

Warren was later arrested by John W. Orr, sheriff of Polk county, and placed under guard at the Dallas hospital. He will be charged with first-degree murder.

"They didn't treat me right," the Indian explained to Sheriff Orr. "They beat me up and I got them for it."

The two victims are both well known in Portland. Todd was an old-time member of the Oregon national guard and served overseas as captain of Company I, 162d infantry, of Woodburn. Price also saw extensive war service.

ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE SETTLED

Philadelphia, Pa.—The anthracite coal strike which has kept the hard coal industry of the country tied up for five months, ended here Sunday morning, when, after a three-hour conference, representatives of the operators and officials of the United Mine Workers signed an agreement. In the settlement, the representatives of the miners repeated virtually their victory in the bituminous fields when they forced an agreement on their terms.

The agreement has the approval of President Harding and embodies the following provisions:

- Contracts in force March 31, 1922, to be extended to August 31, 1923.
- Production of coal to begin at once.
- Organization of operators and miners to join in a recommendation to congress that legislation be forthwith enacted creating a separate anthracite coal commission with authority to investigate and report promptly on every phase of the industry.

WOMAN HELD FOR KILLING

Prisoner Wanted to Explain Death of Wealthy Guardian.

Oakland, Cal.—Mrs. Clara E. Skarin Winborn, 28, wanted in Seattle in connection with the death of Portlander Hochbrunn, 72, wealthy retired realty dealer, whose body was found in a vacant apartment December 21, 1921, was arrested here at the request of Seattle police.

Mrs. Winborn's presence in Oakland was communicated to the police by acquaintances who had met her in Seattle and who saw her in a local electric concern's offices, where she was employed.

Episcopal Session Opens in Portland.

Portland, Or.—At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the municipal auditorium the formal opening session of the 47th triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal church was held. With 100 bishops of this great denomination, garbed in their colorful, flowing robes, and assembled around their noted leader, the Right Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, presiding bishop, the assemblage is a notable one in the history of Portland.

Oregon Irrigation Bonds \$2,430,000.

Salem, Or.—Bonds authorized by the various irrigation projects of the state aggregating \$2,430,000, while the bonds certified total \$2,515,000, according to a report prepared by the state irrigation securities commission.

Widows of Veterans' Pensions Raised.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding signed a bill increasing the pensions of widows of Spanish-American war veterans from \$12 to \$20 a month, and the pensions of their dependent children from \$2 to \$4 a month.

