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RAILWAY EMPLOYEES GRANTED WAGE RISE

Pay of 451,911 Men Lifted 2 Cents an Hour by Railroad Labor Board.

Chicago.—The wage bill of the nation's railroads was increased an estimated \$22,125,000 by a decision of the United States railroad labor board granting increased pay of 2 cents an hour to 451,911 maintenance of way employees.

Four of nine groups of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railroad Shop Workers were affected by the raise, the largest single group being common laborers. The decision raised minimum rates of pay for the classes affected from the present 23 and 35 cents to 25 and 37 cents.

Chairman Hooper of the labor board in a statement following the decision said that the board based its findings on a general upward trend in wages since the board's decision of last July reducing wages for this and other groups of workmen and not on any pronounced change in living costs.

The decision marked a victory for the public group of the board which proposed the 2-cent increase, the proposal being rejected at first by the three members of the railroad group, who favored no change, and the three members of the labor group, who favored a much larger increase.

U. S. BOND OFFERING IS OVER SUBSCRIBED

Washington, D. C.—The treasury's new offering of \$500,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent 30-year bonds has been over-subscribed approximately \$1,000,000,000, it was announced by Secretary Mellon. Books for cash offerings closed at noon October 14.

Subscriptions for which 4 1/2 per cent victory notes or December 15 treasury certificates are tendered in payment will be received and allotments will be made in full until November 1. Approximately \$150,000,000 of such subscriptions already have been allotted in full under the terms of the offering.

Subscriptions received to date, according to reports in hand, were said to aggregate more than \$1,550,000,000, of which about \$1,400,000,000 represent cash subscriptions. Of the cash subscriptions more than \$325,000,000 was in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 for any one subscriber.

LAND TRUST IS HELD VOID

Washington State Anti-Allen Law Prevents Any Circumvention.

Olympia, Wash.—The supreme court upheld the anti-alien land law passed by the 1921 legislature, construing it as a bar to the holding of property in Washington by citizens for aliens under a declaration of trust. The decision was in the case of the state against E. J. O'Connell and wife, J. D. O'Connell and Pierce Lonergan, and reversed Judge Gilliam of King county, who sustained a demurrer in the complaint.

The state sued to escheat to itself lands held by J. D. O'Connell and Lonergan for E. J. O'Connell and wife and D. P. O'Connell, a minor, all British subjects, under a declaration of trust executed after the passage of the anti-alien land law.

Hoover is Against Debt Repudiation.

Toledo, O.—Repudiation of the loans made by the United States to the allied and associated nations during the war would undermine the whole fabric of international good faith, Secretary of Commerce Hoover, a member of the allied debt commission, declared in an address here. He added that he did not believe any public official, either in the United States or any other country, could or should approve their cancellation.

Five Injured When Dirigible Burns.

San Antonio, Tex.—The army dirigible C-2, which recently completed a transcontinental flight and had reached San Antonio on its way back to Washington, was burned while being taken from its hangar at Brooks field preparatory to a flight over the city. Four members of the crew and a newspaper man, one of the passengers, were injured when the dirigible fell and burned. No fatalities resulted.

Athena Licked Pendleton 9 to 7

With the ramparts manned with the brawn and muscle of Athena athletics the local gridiron citadel withstood the shock of combat delivered by the Pendleton high school eleven Saturday, and in the last minute of the terrific struggle, Wilbur Harden was crowned hero of the conference epic, when he caught a long forward pass and carried the ball over the enemy goal line in a fast run, converting the score from 7 to 3 in Pendleton's favor, to 9 to 7 for Athena.

Basler men ripped up the Pendleton line at will and made consistent yardage throughout the game. Only once did the Pendleton line develop stonewall resistance. Shortly after the opening of the fourth quarter, Athena had worked the ball down the field in the hardest fought moments of the game, brought it up to the goal line and lost it on downs with only inches to go.

Pendleton opened the game by kicking off. Both teams attempted yardage but were forced to punt. Athena made a beautiful forward pass, and the ball on Pendleton's 35 yard line, it was shot back to Kretzer who made a neat drop kick, sending the sphere between the goal posts for the first score of the game; Athena 3, Pendleton 0.

In the second Pendleton uncorked some pep and worked the ball into Athena territory. With the ball on the 15 yard line, Athena made first down on three ripping line plunges. Then a forward pass was attempted. The pass was intercepted by Stonebreaker who raced over for a touchdown. Goal was kicked by Morrison. Score, Pendleton 7; Athena, 3. Athena followed Pendleton's scoring by smashing down all resistance, carrying the ball to the Pendleton ten yard line where scoring was stopped by the whistle, ending the first half.

With the opening of the second half, both teams were on their mettle and straight football was resorted to, Athena endeavoring to recover Pendleton's margin of points, and the county seat team on the defensive, to hold the score. Time and again B. Hodgen was used as a human battering ram, and always pierced the Pendleton line for gains. Kretzer, Pinkerton and Harden were on top of every play, with Banister, Shick and J. Hodgen giving a good account of themselves. Forward passes in this quarter were all lost, and the teams seasawed up and down the field with no scoring.

Shortly after the beginning the last quarter, the break of the game went against Athena. After Pendleton had punted the ball away from her 20 yard line, Athena again brought the Basler catapult into play and smashing all opposition into smithereens, clutched the ball on the brink of Pendleton's goal. Here, for the first time in the game, Taylor's machine held the line and Athena lost the ball.

Punting out of danger, the Pendleton eleven recovered but advanced only a short distance, when Athena again started to make yardage. Finally, in midfield she was held, and Kretzer punted. The ball soared toward Temple, but he fumbled the catch and Athena recovered the ball. Then the most brilliant play of the game was put over. Pendleton was crossed with an unexpected forward pass that was good for yardage, and Harden raced for 25 yards through a broken field for a touch down. Kretzer failed to kick goal. Score, 9, Pendleton, 7. In one minute more of play the whistle sounded the end of the game. The lineup:

WHEAT ROWERS PREPARE TO FIGHT SMUT EVIL

Experimentation in copper carbonate treatment of grain is being carried out by approximately 125 Walla Walla county farmers.

More than 6,000 pounds of copper carbonate have been purchased by wheat growers of the county for use as smut preventative on next year's crop. It is estimated that 32,000 acres of land will be sown with wheat treated by the new chemical.

From the use of copper carbonate as a smut preventative in Australia, where it has been used for several years, and in California where it is used on a commercial basis, wheatmen believe that a big saving in the amount of seed wheat may be effected. In addition to this economy, checks so far made that germination of seed is better with the dry treatment than when the grain is soaked in water, and the wheat gets an earlier start in the fall, and the plants are more vigorous.

The dry treatment is more convenient than the wet treatment, too it is pointed out. When bluestone and formaldehyde are used, seeding must be done within 24 hours or else the seed must be dried out before seeding. With the dry treatment the copper carbonate may be applied at any time and may be done when the seed is cleaned. It can be held indefinitely without injury.

One elevator at Prescott, Wash. this year installed a machine which treats the wheat as it is cleaned, and farmers hauled in their wheat for a distance of 10 miles in every direction.

DICKENS DAY AT CIVIC CLUB

Tuesday was Dickens Day at the Athena Civic club, and the program was enjoyed by a small number of members. The biography of the author was given by Mrs. F. B. Boyd, leader, and two very interesting papers prepared by Mrs. Louis Keen and Mrs. F. E. Russell, each showing a deep appreciation of his works, were read. Mrs. Keen's paper was a review of Dombey and Son. Mrs. Russell's subject was Dickens, and exponent of the Power of the Pen. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Fred Pinkerton and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, the color scheme of pink and white being carried out in incense and cakes. The "Gump" and "Tree" committees reported. The next meeting will be November 7, when Mrs. W. O. Reed will lead a Thanksgiving program.

SEARCH IS ABANDONED

Search for L. H. Smith and Michael Kelly, escaped convicts, for whom the Washington state penitentiary guards have been seeking since Tuesday night, was abandoned according to word received from the prison. Footprints of the fugitives were traced around Vansycle canyon, and from there the convicts are thought to have boarded an Eastbound freight train. Possibility of the pair hiding in the neighborhood of Umatilla is thought remote by penitentiary officials.

Athena	c	M. Manning
D. Rogers	rel	Johnson
L. Schick	rel	Morrison
F. Williams	lgr	Warren
J. Hodgen	rtl	Molstrom
B. Anderson	lgr	Adkinson
A. Hodgen	rel	Earnhart
L. Banister	lor	Stonebreaker
J. Pinkerton	c	Temple
W. Harden	sh	Heyden
L. Kretzer	rhbl	Gillette
B. Hodgen	lhb	

Athena substitutes Anderson, Bower, Coppock, R. Kretzer and Campbell. Pendleton substitutes Harrab, Franchier, Morton.

Officials: Harry Rarey, referee, of Helix, former Willamette man; J. M. Miller of Pendleton, Umpire, former O. A. C. man; Omer Stephens, head linesman.

Trajan Tucker and family are domiciled for the winter months in the Vanderpool property on Broad street, Weston.

Toll Gate Road Booster Meeting

Delegates from the Weston Commercial club and the Weston Mountain Community club were entertained at luncheon Tuesday at the Hotel Dacres by the Walla Walla Commercial club, the occasion being a booster meeting in behalf of the Blue Mountain highway.

Col. Paul H. Weyrauch presided, and short addresses were made by Congressman J. W. Summers of Washington, Robert E. Allen, John B. Coan and others. Many facts of interest concerning the proposed road linking Union and Umatilla counties and the rich mountain agricultural region which it will serve, were brought out by the several speakers. Its importance in affording mountain recreational advantages for thousands of people was also emphasized.

A telegram was read from Senator Poindexter of Washington pledging his support to the enterprise, and also from Congressman N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, who was in Lakeview, expressing his regret at being unable to attend and his interest in the proposed road.

The conclusion reached by the meeting was that work, and yet more work will be needed to properly bring the proposed Blue Mountain highway to the attention of congress and the forestry service. Congressman Summers emphasized the need of concerted, patient and persistent action on the part of all the communities interested, as while the project possessed great merit, there were many demands upon the limited funds available for road construction in the country's numerous national forests.

Those from Weston and the mountain present at the meeting were Nelson H. Jones, E. M. Smith, S. A. Barnes, J. B. Coan, W. B. Hall, C. W. Metz and Clark Wood. Pendleton was represented by Senator Roy W. Ritner and Ben Burroughs.

BIG PICTURE TOMORROW

One of the biggest pictures of the year will be at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night, when Cecil B. DeMille's "A Fool's Paradise" will be presented. This picture is acclaimed to be one of DeMille's screen triumphs. In this picture more money has been expended for lavish settings, thrilling, spectacular scenes, than any other picture produced by Paramount this season. Dorothy Dalton has the leading role in the play and the climax is reached in a fight to the death with a flock of crocodiles. Sunday night Vera Gordon, "The Mother of Humoresque," will be seen in the beautiful picture "The Greatest Love."

WHEAT MOVED AT \$1

A considerable amount of wheat was sold this week when the market price reached \$1 per bushel. Several large holdings here passed into the hands of buyers at that price. At Pendleton, 300,000 bushels were disposed of by farmers.

RANGE RIDER CLAIMS THAT INDIANS SLAUGHTER DEER

George Brace, forest ranger, was in town Saturday from his station at forks of the Umatilla river. He reports that a band of Indians has practically exterminated the deer of that section. Last winter an unusual large number of deer, he reports, were driven out of the mountains by the heavy snows and remained along the river. This spring the does were so weak that they dropped their fawns in that locality instead of on the higher altitudes, with the result that the whole herd remained in the low lands.

When the season came, a big bunch of Indian hunters were on hand, and the work of extermination was methodically carried on until but few if any deer remain there.

Mr. Brace says the Indians did not stop at shooting the bucks, but the does and their fawns were also killed by the Indian hunters, who hunted in squads and made regular drives after the game animals.

SPUD GROWERS MEET

One of the largest and best "spud meetings" yet held on Weston mountain occurred last Saturday evening, when the school house was filled to capacity. Informative addresses by Colonel Paul H. Weyrauch of Walla Walla, president of the Blalock Fruit Co., and Lee Lampson, the Blalock manager at Kennewick, were greatly appreciated. These talks were along the lines of organization, grading and marketing. Six more members were signed up for the Weston Mountain Seed Potato Growers association, making twenty in all, and it is said that a number of other signers are in immediate prospect. The Blalock Fruit Co. is said to have offered to handle the association's product of seed and commercial stock at ten cents per sack.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

The American Red Cross is appealing for a world-wide renewal of membership during the annual Roll Call to be conducted from Armistice Day, Nov. 11, to and including Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30. In Chapters throughout the country the equipment and trained relief workers to cope with local disasters is always ready, and the system of communication makes it possible to consolidate relief measures without loss of time for use in great emergencies which might occur in any part of the United States.

SON FOUND IN JAIL

Because Tom Calder, 23, just discharged from the army, was placed in jail for moonshining, a mother and her son who had been separated for 14 years and both of whom thought the other dead were reunited at the Baker county jail. Tom's mother, now Mrs. S. H. Myers of Portland clasped him in her arms and both weepingly rejoiced in the reunion, regardless of the setting. She had read the account of his imprisonment in a newspaper.

Shoots Girl and Then Kills Self

A. T. (Jimmie) Read, former Weston boy, shot Helen Stackhouse, his sweetheart at her home in Portland Sunday afternoon, and turning the weapon on himself, fired and killed himself instantly.

Young Read was well known in Athena, and in company with his brother Ralph of Portland, was in Athena during Round-Up week. The Oregonian recounts the tragedy as follows:

A. T. Read, 23-year-old draftsman and ex-Oregon Agricultural college student, shot and killed himself yesterday after seriously wounding Helen Stackhouse, 18, to whom he had been engaged for eight months. The shooting took place in the basement of the girl's home, after the girl refused to reconsider her decision to break off the engagement. The girl broke the engagement Thursday because of his frequent exhibitions of bad temper.

Calling at her home to plead with her as he had each day since her decision, he asked her to go to the back porch with him, where they would be out of hearing of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Stackhouse. Once on the back porch he suggested the basement. Reluctantly but unafraid because of his evident calmness, the girl did as he requested.

For 15 minutes he argued with her, she said last night in the Good Samaritan hospital, where opiates had been administered to allay the pain of the gunshot wound an inch below and to the left of her heart.

The mother upstairs once even heard the girl laugh; not the least evidence was there of a scene. And then, evidently feeling that his arguments were useless, the youth pulled out two letters which he read to the girl. Then she became afraid, for a wildness crept into his tone, and his letters, one to her mother and one to his brothers and sisters, asked "forgiveness for what he was about to do."

"This is for your mother," he told her, pointing to the one letter, according to her story. "This," he went on, "is for my brothers and sisters, and this," pulling out a pistol, "is for you."

Thirty seconds of pleading, even tears, helped not the least. "I ran for the basement door," she said. "He followed me and then—he shot me—and all the time not a word did he say."

Alarmed by her daughter's voice, raised in appeal, the mother reached the top of the stairs from the back porch in time to see Read shoot and then turn the weapon on himself. The bullet went directly through his heart, bringing death at once.

Fearfully frightened and half wild with pain, the girl ran to a neighbor for help, found no one home and then raced, blood all the while spreading out upon her dress, a block and a half to Ingrams store at 69th and Glisan streets. The police were called from there and by the mother from her own home.

His own justification, as he had formulated it, appeared in Read's letters to the girl's parents and to his own relatives.

"I loved her madly; I couldn't live without her" ran like a refrain through them both.

"You've hurt me and now I'm going to hurt you," Helen said he told her after he had read that letter to her. At the time he wrote the letter he did not have her death in mind, the girl thinks.

Read was draftsman in the employ of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. He is survived by eight brothers and two sisters as follows: W. O. Reed, Athena; J. T. Reed, Pomeroy, Wash.; Harvey and George, Vancouver, Wash.; Joseph and Ralph, Portland; Leo and Ray, Enterprise; Mrs. A. O. Wood, Mountain Home, Idaho, and Mrs. M. E. Schurte, Arlington.

"He was a very lovable boy," said Mrs. Marion Cafferty, with whom Read had lived. She showed bitterness when the girl's name was mentioned.

PHEASANTS ARE LIMITED

Pheasants are limited as compared with numbers last year. While many hunters have had no trouble in securing the limit, the majority are finding birds wary and scarce. Some are of the opinion that this should have been a closed season on the birds. Following a severe winter, the first hatchings were small, the result being a light crop for the season.

3400 CARS ORDERED FOR WESTERN FRUIT

Interstate Commerce Commission Acts to Prevent Heavy Loss on Apple Crop.

Washington, D. C.—Orders have been issued to eastern roads to deliver to western carriers at Chicago within the next 10 days 3400 refrigerator cars to aid in the transportation of the northwestern fruit crop. This action followed urgent telegrams received mainly from the Washington state senators and representatives, who told the commission that it was vitally necessary to get a very large number of refrigerator cars to the northwest at once to prevent a loss of millions of dollars on the apple crops of the Yakima, Wenatchee and Okanogan valleys.

It was admitted at the offices of the interstate commerce commission that the movement of the perishable fruit crop of the country is one of the most serious problems confronting the car service division, which is under Commissioner Aitchison. The demands are coming from all sections of the country, particularly from the northwest, it was said.

To meet all demands from every section there is a total of only 60,000 cars in the United States, and Oregon, Washington and Idaho combined could give one eastbound haul to each of these cars this year, an official of the commission declared. At the same time, however, he said the frantic demand for ventilated cars is coming from Michigan, New York, West Virginia, Colorado and a dozen other states, just at a time when the commission has finally satisfied the same sort of an appeal from California, where the movement of the grape crop was for a time equally as serious a problem as the apple crop has lately become.

BRITISH REJECT RIGHT OF SEARCH

Washington, D. C.—British rejection of the American proposal for a treaty to extend the right of search of vessels up to 12 miles off-shore was contained in a note to Secretary Hughes by Ambassador Geddes. The communication was in reply to Mr. Hughes' note of June 28, setting out difficulties encountered by American prohibition enforcement officers in checking the illicit flow of intoxicants into the United States.

The American note dealt particularly with smuggling operations from British possessions in waters adjacent to the American coast and suggested "methods by which the existing extremely unfortunate conditions might be remedied." Among these was a proposal for careful supervision of registries and clearance papers granted to suspected vessels and "an international arrangement between the United States and Great Britain under which the authorities of each nation would be authorized to exercise beyond the three-mile limit of territorial waters a measure of control over vessels belonging to the other."

BRITAIN BEGINS PAYMENTS

\$50,000,000 to Be Applied on Interest of War Debt.

New York.—The British government made the first payment of American war loans to the United States government Tuesday when checks and treasury certificates totaling \$50,000,000 were paid to the federal reserve bank here for the general account of treasurer of the United States by J. P. Morgan & Co., acting as agents of the British government.

The British war loans of approximately \$4,500,000,000 has been for some time the center of discussion regarding the payment to this country by her war allies of war loans of more than \$11,000,000,000. A British commission with power to negotiate terms for the payment of the British loans is expected to arrive here soon to discuss the situation with Washington officials. According to unofficial advices from London, Great Britain has promised full payment.

Milwaukee gets Mining Congress.

Cleveland, O.—Sidney J. Jennings of New York was elected president of the American Mining congress by the board of directors here. Milwaukee was selected as the next meeting place

Her Farewell Appearance

