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RAILWAY MENS' PAY CUT \$400,000,000

Reduction of About 12 Per Cent
Announced By U. S.
Labor Board.

Chicago, May 31. — An estimated \$400,000,000 will be slashed from the nation's railway wage bill by an order cutting wages an average of 12 per cent, which was handed down by the United States railroad labor board, effective June 1. The order affects members of 31 labor organizations, employed on 104 railroads.

While the decrease is specifically applied only to the roads whose cases have been heard by the board, the decision says it may later be applied to any other road asking a hearing under provisions of the transportation act.

Percentages of reductions computed by members of the board gave the average of 12 per cent, and the same source estimated the annual reduction in wages at approximately \$400,000,000.

The decision brought reductions varying from 5 to 13 cents an hour or from 5 to 18 per cent, and in the case of section laborers wiped out the increase granted them by the \$600,000,000 wage award of July 20, 1920. For section men the reduction was approximately 18 per cent, or from \$3.70 to \$3.02 per day.

Switchmen and shop crafts were given a 9 per cent reduction, while train service men were cut approximately 7 per cent. Car repairers were cut about 10 per cent.

The board recently reclassified the various employes in connection with railway operations, and this it was pointed out, may have some effect on labor costs.

FEDERAL PAYMENTS MADE TO RAILROADS

Washington—Government payments to the railroads in loans, advances and reimbursements, under the provisions of the transportation act now amount to \$601,406,896, the treasury department announced.

Since the passage of the Winslow bill authorizing partial payments to the railroads of the government guarantee the treasurer has paid out \$138,519,890 on such accounts.

Advances to carriers in which certificates of final payment have not been entered by the interstate commerce commission amounted to \$263,231,874.

Other payments listed are: Reimbursement of deficits during federal control, \$1,307,144; final payment of guaranty, \$1,311,700; partial payments of reimbursements of deficits, \$528,500; loan from revolving fund, \$196,503,987.

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED

Arrest of Negro in Assault Case Leads to Race War.

Tulsa, Okla.—Martial law in Tulsa was ordered by Governor Robertson at 11:15 a. m. Wednesday and Adjutant General Barrett placed in command of the city. The order was given following race rioting here during the night, in which seventy-five whites and negroes have been killed, many more injured, and the negro quarter fired.

The trouble is reported to have started as the result of the arrest of Dick Rowland, a negro, alleged to have assaulted an orphaned white girl.

Deputy Mistaken as Highwayman Shot.
La Grande, Or.—Mistaken for a hold-up man reported to be operating on the Pendleton road out of La Grande, the veteran Deputy Sheriff J. H. McLachlin was shot in the back. Officers from the police department and sheriff's office responded to the call that there was a hold-up man in the canyon this side of Hilgard and drove to that locality. They discovered Officer McLachlin setting on the river bank with his gun across his knees. When he did not answer the command of "hands up," the officers fired, one bullet lodging in the back.

President Confers With Financiers.
Washington, D. C.—Bankers and financiers from every section of the country are to be consulted by President Harding before he concludes the series of financial conferences begun at a White House dinner when the eastern banking interests chiefly were represented. It is probable that a group of financial leaders from the middle west will be the next to be summoned by the president.

Armament "Feelers" Already Sent Out.
Washington, D. C.—"Informal feelers," with respect to an international agreement for a reduction of armaments already have been put out by the American government, it was learned in high administration quarters.

Edgar B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian, will deliver the commencement address at the university of Oregon June 30. Commencement will be celebrated this year by a reunion of the class of 1896, which will be its 25th anniversary.

The schools of Sherman county rank first in efficiency in a comparison of educational and financial factors covering a period of six years, compiled by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction. Multnomah county ranks second and Morrow third.

DAVID H. BLAIR



David H. Blair of North Carolina, who was named commissioner of internal revenue by President Harding.

LOANS TO ALLIES WILL BE FUNDED

Washington, D. C.—Foreign loans approximating \$10,000,000,000 made to the allies during the war will be funded this year, according to Secretary Mellon. Accumulated unpaid interest, he added, probably would be funded also and payments spread over a period of years.

Commenting on President Harding's recent New York speech in which the president expressed the hope that the present form of foreign obligations might be changed in a reasonable period and distributed among the people of the country, Mr. Mellon said that no plan of that kind had been formulated. All that the treasury has in mind now, Mr. Mellon explained, "is that these bonds should be put into shape to use in exchange or to take up Liberty bonds."

There was no intention, he added, of placing foreign obligations on the market in place of other indebtedness.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

A general strike has been started in Norway.

The senate has confirmed David H. Blair as internal revenue commissioner.

Four battalions of British troops have been transferred from the Rhine to Upper Silesia.

The French chamber of deputies gave a vote of confidence to Premier Briand's government. The vote was 10 to 162.

The \$100,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$200,000 for prohibition enforcement until July 1, was passed by the house. It goes to the senate.

President Harding in a memorial day message to the American Legion, expressed hope that the future would bring less need for further national sacrifice.

Passage of the bill establishing a federal budget system was completed by the house adopting the conference report on the measure, which goes to the president.

A petition for a rehearing of the case of Henry Albers, a wealthy citizen of Portland, Or., convicted under the espionage act, was filed in the supreme court by Senator McNary in behalf of the Oregon Bar association.

Prices for hogs tumbled on the Chicago market to the lowest figures in more than five years. The top price for the best swine was \$7.90 a hundredweight, a drop of exactly \$1 in a week.

New Gun Powerful One.

Rock Island, Ill.—The United States army has developed a 50-caliber machine gun capable of firing a bullet which at 200 yards will penetrate the one-inch armor plate of battle tanks, Major Leo Wright, army ordnance department, announced.

Louisiana Indorses Taft.

Baton Rouge, La.—The constitutional convention of Louisiana adopted a resolution indorsing former President Taft for chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, made vacant by the death of Chief Justice White.

Germany Pays \$200,000,000.

Berlin.—Germany on Saturday sent to the reparations commission at Paris twenty treasury bills of \$10,000,000 each, equivalent to \$40,000,000 gold marks. Of the amount \$50,000,000 is payable in New York.

More British Troops For Ireland.

London.—British troops in Ireland are shortly to be reinforced by several thousand; it was semi-officially announced here.

Sun Halos.

Halos around the sun are good weather signs, and many weather prophets based upon the observation of halos are founded upon sound scientific principles, according to a writer in the Scientific American. Studies of the relation of halos to rainfall show that during the summer months 30 to 50 per cent of all halos are followed by rain within 36 hours. During the winter months 70 to 75 per cent are so followed. Precipitation follows sooner in winter than in summer because storms move more rapidly then.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Information
of Our Readers.

McMinnville's new Rotary club has received its new charter.

Redmond will join with Bend in celebrating the Fourth of July this year.

Salem Cherrians have voted to attend the Portland Rose Festival in a body.

Corvallis will have a new \$50,000 general hospital according to plans of physicians and business men.

Brownsville has voted a bond issue of \$25,000 to purchase the plant that supplies that city with water.

The Hessian fly, said to be the worst grain pest that has appeared in Oregon, has been found in Lane county.

The postoffice clerks, rural carriers and city carriers of the state will hold their separate conventions in Eugene, June 25.

More than 200,000 pounds of spinach grown in Wasco county has been destroyed by the flood waters of the Columbia river.

An award has been given to a Portland firm for the erection of a new two-story grade school at Hood River to cost \$27,511.

Professor S. M. Babcock, principal of the Prineville grade schools, and all teachers under him have been retained for next year.

E. B. Hughes, funeral director of Astoria, was named by Governor Olcott a member of the state embalmers' examining board.

A survey of the prune crop in the principal counties of the state indicates that Douglas will be the banner prune section this year.

Growers representing 32 acres of strawberries adjacent to Oregon City agreed to pool their products and to stand together for a fair price.

An Oregon Products exposition under the auspices of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and Ad club will be held at that city July 14, 15 and 16.

Salem plumbers have announced a donation of two free shower baths for the Salem automobile tourist camping grounds, one for men and one for women.

According to action taken by Umpqua post of the American Legion, the Hanna field south of Roseburg will be leased and fitted up for an aviation landing field.

The proprietors of three restaurants and one hotel in Eugene were fined sums ranging from \$10 to \$30 each for serving milk not up to the standard provided by law.

Mrs. Edna C. Brownson of La Grande was elected president of the Oregon chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood at the tenth annual convention held in Woodburn.

C. C. Page was appointed by the state industrial accident commission to have charge of the collection of all claims of this department that necessitate litigation.

No referendums on any state-wide measures passed at the 1921 session of the legislature had been filed with the secretary of state when the time for such action expired.

Punch boards are lotteries under the Oregon statutes, according to an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle for the information of Robert D. Lytle, district attorney for Malheur county.

The Tillamook Consolidated Industries, with a capital of \$100,000, has been organized at Wheeler in Tillamook county to handle dairy products and preserve fruits, vegetables and sea foods.

Certification of \$75,000 in bonds of the Grants Pass Irrigation district and \$125,000 in bonds of the Willows Valley Improvement district was approved by the state irrigation securities commission.

Lower insurance rates under the Workmen's compensation act were denied employers engaged in lumber operations in eastern Oregon in an order issued by the state industrial accident commission.

Robert Dillard, post commander of the Marshfield American legion body, on behalf of the post, presented a fully equipped children's playground to the city of Marshfield. The apparatus cost about \$1000.

As a result of the heavy rains of the past month, Silver lake in Deschutes county, dry for years, has four feet of water and settlers, who homesteaded the flat only a few years ago, have been driven from their homes.

The case brought by Colonel E. Hofer of Salem against John Carson, district attorney of Marion county, to test the validity of the state law imposing a license on dogs, was appealed to the Oregon supreme court for final determination. Hofer alleged that dogs were personal property and as such were subject to being placed on the tax rolls. As a result, he contended that the state law imposing a license on dogs was equivalent to double taxation.

Under an act of the 1921 legislature, State Treasurer Hoff has turned over to the clerk of the state land board, G. G. Brown, securities in which the state irrevocable school fund are invested, aggregating between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

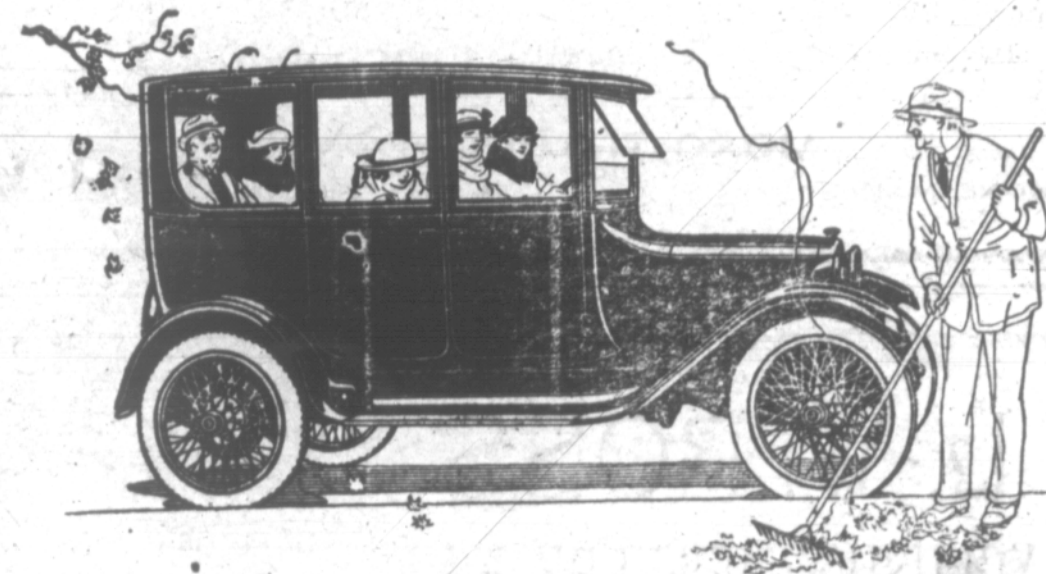
Commercial and civic organizations of the state, headed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, are preparing to make a concerted drive to bring the battleship Oregon to the Willamette river as a training ship for the Oregon naval reserves.

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