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RAILROADS CHARGED WITH SYSTEMATIC PLUNDERING; EVERY LINE IS ACCUSED

Lawyer for Railroad Claims
to Have Evidence Involving
Wall Street and Morgan,
Rockefeller Houses

80,000 MEN NOW OUT

Director General Hines Con-
fers With President Over
Strike Issues; 80,000 Shop-
men On Situation Acute

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—By Associated Press.—Glenn Plumb, Chicago lawyer representing the railroad brotherhoods of employees, said today he has information showing that there has been "systematic plundering of virtually all public transportation highways in the United States."

Hines Talks to President
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Director General of Railways Hines conferred with the President today, discussing the railroad strike. Eighty thousand shopmen are out. This number is being steadily augmented. Many engines are stalled. The situation is held hourly more acute.

Freight Held Up
CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Middle western railroads are accepting freight only subject to delayed delivery, due to the strike of shopmen.

Brownsville Merchant Here—
Chas. Howe, one of the leading merchants of Brownsville, was an Albany visitor today on his way to visit his family, which is over at the coast. Mr. Howe greatly appreciates being the only business survivor left from the recent fire on his block in his home town, the reason largely being that he occupied the corner of the block and had a first-class brick building.

Visiting Relatives—
Ivan Ware of Baker was an Albany visitor this morning on his return to Portland from a visit with his uncle J. L. Ray of Lebanon. Mr. Ware reports that all the irrigated land in Baker county a crop failure this year.

From Berlin—
D. E. De Vine a nephew of the late John DeVine of Lebanon was in the city this morning on a business trip to Portland.

Went to Talbott—
Mrs. Henry Albers of West Albany left on the early train today to visit friends at Talbott.

Visits With Brother—
Dr. A. O. Schmidt, of Portland arrived in Albany last night to visit his brother, Alfred C. Schmidt of the First National bank.

Old Pioneer Visits—
Harve Hamilton, of Brownsville was an Albany visitor yesterday. Mr. Hamilton was a resident of the Holley neighborhood for many years and is one of the oldest pioneers of the county.

Visits Albany Firm—
Mrs. J. C. Rycraft and mother, Mrs. N. E. Barclay of Corvallis were Albany visitors yesterday at the Webster and Barclay store on Lyon street.

From Seio—
William Brodie, of Seio was a business visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Brodie is of the belief that we are living in dangerous times in business and government and that it will be many years before normal conditions will be restored.

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Garage at 214 Calapooia St. Call J. E. Rolfe.

FOR SALE—Modern dwelling house with all conveniences, fruit, berries, walnuts, paved street. Corner 7th and Calapooia Sts. Call 540 W. 7th St.

FOR SALE—40 acres, \$5,500, \$2,000 cash. 2 houses, new barn, stock and implements; also crop if taken at once. Would prefer to keep part of place, but will sell 10 or 15 acres, with new buildings, half of crop, team and wagon. \$2,000 for 10 acres, \$3,000 for 15 acres, \$1,000 in cash. H. S. Richar, half mile south of sawmill.

ALBANY MEN SEE AMITY OIL FIELD

Natural Gas on Farm Leads
to Drill for Petroleum

Natural gas and good prospects for oil is the report that comes from near Amity by a delegation of Albany men consisting of J. A. Howard, E. C. Roberts, Dr. G. H. Bennett and W. M. Tway, who visited the supposed oil fields near Amity Tuesday. There is a well in the section where the company is prospecting for oil which was dug to secure a supply of water for the farm; but instead of water a flow of gas comes forth which has been utilized in the house of the farm for many years.

The wonder is that capitalists have not prospected the territory for natural gas and oil before, but under present plans a company has been formed to drill to a depth of three to four thousand feet if necessary. They are beginning by drilling a hole 14 inches in diameter to be diminished as the lower levels are reached. A substantial casing is being put in so that the work will be lasting if it is found to be of any practical value in the future use of the well for oil. Many people, and especially the prospectors, are highly elated over the prospects of a great oil field being developed in the Willamette Valley.

Takes Vacation—
Leslie Potts of Leslie's confectionery store left the city today for a few days' outing in parts unknown.

Business Visitor—
T. J. Coyle, road supervisor of Lebanon district four miles south of Lebanon, transacted business with the county court yesterday afternoon.

Parks Returns From Newport—
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Parks of the Albany S. P. luncheon returned from an outing at Newport yesterday and will make a business trip to Portland today.

LACOMB RESIDENTS TO BORE FOR OIL

Plans to Incorporate \$10,000
Company Perfected
at Meeting

Prospecting for oil was the occasion of a rousing meeting and a big banquet in the rustling little village of Lacombe last night. Albany was represented by W. M. Tway and E. C. Roberts. From Lebanon the two editors, the bankers, lawyers, merchants and professional men turned out en masse.

The local people were well represented and from 30 to 40 automobiles were on the ground. The ladies' aid society sold ice cream and fine quilts and conducted a community feed which was up to the very top notch in quality.

Henry Pyle, the moving spirit of Eastern Linn county, made the presentation speech with the stirring remark that the Lacombe section had long been noted for a big production of greysiders and babies and that now they propose to raise oil.

Plans were perfected to incorporate for \$10,000 and sell the stock at \$10 per share and to begin operations as soon as 50 per cent of the stock is taken up. They are to make use of the machinery formerly owned by a company of prospectors in that section of the county and with little additional material will be well prepared to begin operations as soon as the desired capital for current expenses is secured.

On Business Trip—
R. E. Mason of the Fosha and Mason drug store made a business trip to Salem yesterday in the interest of his company.

80 School Districts To File Contracts
That eighty school districts of Linn county have not filed teacher's contracts for the ensuing year is the statement of county school superintendent Cummings. A circular letter is being sent each district asking that contracts be filed at once in all districts having employed teachers so that the actual number of districts not having teachers can be ascertained and some provisions made. The superintendent reports that under present conditions many teachers fail to find boarding places in some of the rural districts as the patrons do not care to board the teachers under the present high cost of living.

Returns to Dever Farm—
Charles Cooper, one of the live wires of the Dever section visited the city Tuesday at the home of his sister returning home Wednesday.

Outing at Newport—
Mrs. Henry Voss, Mrs. Geo. Coos of Benton county, Miss Mary Harnish of Dever and Mrs. Townsfield and daughter, Ida of Kemmer, Iowa, who are visiting the Voss family, left for Newport yesterday for two weeks outing.

Airplane Ride Is Full of Thrills; Spiral Glide Starts World Spinning

If you want to enjoy a real thrill just take a little trip in the air with Lieutenant E. D. Cook. You will get a sensation that you will remember the rest of your life. Not that it will frighten you almost to death, but you will be given a feeling that not even a fast elevator can supply.

Yesterday noon the Democrat man enjoyed a little chat with Lieut. Cook and Mr. Snelling, of Salem, one of the owners of the plane. Upon their invitation we appeared at the field at 4 o'clock, just after a flat tire had been repaired and the machine was being tuned up.

McCrosky, another of the owners, and manager of the machine, supplied us with an aviator's helmet, which fit closely around the head and was padded. The padding, we suppose, was to make lighting easier in case we were thrown out in midair. Upon climbing into the front seat of the plane Mr. McCrosky carefully fastened the ample belt across our body and all was ready. However, none of these things were done until the editor had signed a card stating that he was taking full responsibility for the trip. Some little time was consumed while Lieut. Cook repaired a wire brace in the fuselage in front of him.

Then we were off. "Off," yelled McCrosky, as he stood in front of the propeller. "Of," answered Lieut. Cook. "Contact," shouted McCrosky. "Contact," said Cook, as he switched the motor on. McCrosky gave a downward pull on the propeller and it began to hum at about 400 r. p. m.

The plane was turned around and we started to taxi across the field to the opposite side so we could head into the wind on rising. When headed north Lieut. Cook opened up and we started to bump across the ground, the bumps gradually getting farther apart and more imperceptible until we were finally clear. Gradually we rose, the earth going farther and farther away.

We circled to the east and passed over the edge of the city. Looking off towards Lebanon we could see miles upon miles of fenced fields, patches of woods and buildings dotted on the landscape. Below us was the S. P. depot, the roundhouse, Van's chair factory. Turning, we could see both bridges, then the river we directly below us and we could see clear to the bottom of its blue depths. We could easily understand how useful the airplane was in chasing German submarines.

We were also surprised to see how crooked the Willamette river is. All roads were distinctly visible and one gets a new idea of the lay of the country. The view from the plane is about the same as looking at photographs or moving pictures taken from an airship. Only after one has gone up once he can visualize it more accurately.

After circling over the city, in which the courthouse, the First National bank, Hamilton's store, the Wallace Building and other landmarks could be seen, and people in the streets gazing skyward were plainly visible, Lieut. Cook turned north again and crossed the river.

Thus far nothing had happened. The sensation was similar to that of riding in a big automobile going about 60 miles an hour; only we were not worrying about the driver hitting a bump and upsetting us in a ditch. A feeling of perfect security prevails. One is seated so deep in the fuselage and is strapped in so tightly that it seems impossible for danger to be present. All this occurred to us and we turned around and smiled at the pilot.

That seemed to be a signal for immediately Lieut. Cook leaned on the stick and we did a steep bank. Then he wheeled around, dropped suddenly in a space for a distance. Then we spiraled around with the engine running and keeping our elevation. We didn't affect us. We smiled again and once more Lieut. Cook cut loose with a little stunt that caused a sinking sensation in our stomachs. However, we were still enjoying it and

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT ROOSEVELT



General Baron de Berckelm saluting the grave of Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt in the name of the mothers of France on Mothers' day.

ROAD BOND ISSUE IS DECLARED LEGAL

Eastern Attorneys Hold
Bonds Good; Home Folks
to Have Preference

The road bond issue of Linn county for \$600,000, voted by the last special election, has been accepted by bonding attorneys in the East as being legally voted and all details of the issue legally carried out, is the report received by the county court. There will be about \$100,000 of these bonds offered for sale by the court this year in denominations small enough for the ordinary citizen of the county to buy.

The bonds will draw 5 per cent interest and be sold in the market to the highest bidder, home people having the preference. These bonds are not subject to taxation and will be a first-class loan to all parties wanting a safe investment.

TWENTY BELIEVED LOST IN WRECK

Only Seven Survivors Reported When Schooner
Collides with Steamer

HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—A. P.—Twenty lives are believed to have been lost when the schooner Gallia sunk today in a collision with the British steamer Warwick. The schooner is thought to have had a crew of 15, and about 12 passengers. Only seven survivors are reported.

SALE OF SAWMILL IS POSTPONED FOR 30 DAYS

Deputy Sheriff J. S. Van Winkle went to Harrisburg yesterday to postpone the sale of the J. A. Patterson sawmill one month. The mill has been attached by the employees and was to have been sold yesterday.

Arnold Haberly III
Arnold Haberly, a member of the last freshman class of Albany college, lies in a critical condition with tubercular meningitis at his home at Eighth and Broadalbin streets. This is the same disease with which Elmer Churchill died a few years ago. His two sisters from Bandon are here and his father and mother are on their way from Kansas.

MARTIN CLARK BOUND TO JURY

EUGENE, Aug. 7.—By A. P.—Martin Clark was bound over to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing today, charged with murdering Road Supervisor Charles L. Taylor, who was found shot to death in the mountains while on a hunting trip with Clark.

This action came as a surprise, for the coroner's jury had returned a verdict of accidental death. After Taylor failed to show up after the hunt, Clark and searching parties scoured the mountains for some time before discovering the body.

County Court Grinds—

The regular monthly session of the county court convened Wednesday and is busy grinding out the expense bill of Linn county which is always a big one for the 30,000 people who reside in the county. The Albany Democrat and the Lebanon Express are the two official papers of the county, as provided by law, and publish a complete and accurate account of all money paid out by the court each month.

Manager of Poor Farm Here—
G. W. Goodman, manager of the county poor farm located on the Oakville road four miles from Albany transacted business here today. Mr. Goodman has been manager of the farm for the last 11 months.

Buyers Salem Building—
J. M. Hawkins of this city and Thomas A. Roberts of Salem have purchased the large four-story brick building located at State and High Streets in Salem, the lower floor of which is used as the Oregon Electric depot. The building was erected by Mrs. Fannie Hubbard but later passed to the Alliance Trust Co. after a court decree, the latter selling it to the recent purchasers. The sale is one of the most important made in Salem for some time.

Seymour Washburn Here—
Seymour Washburn of Portland, formerly a prominent Lebanon business man passed through the city Wednesday for Junction city where he and Earnest Hall of Lebanon have a contract of five and one-half miles of the highway to be built.

Business Trip From Lyons—
Carl McRea, one of the progressive young men of Lyons, was in the city Wednesday as a business visitor.

LIEUT. COOK FLIES UNDER TWO BRIDGES

With Lieut. French Passenger
Difficult Feat Is
Negotiated

Lieut. Cook demonstrated that he is an able pilot this morning when he flew under both bridges spanning the river at this point. With Lieut. Seth T. French as a passenger, Lieut. Cook dived towards the river and then headed under the steel bridge. Circling around, he flew low over the river and passed under the railroad bridge and on up under the steel bridge again. When he went under the railroad bridge there was but six feet of space on each side of the plane.

This is what Lieut. French calls a real thrill and beats all of the loops, Immelman's, and spinning tail dives that he has ever been in. It is a hope long anticipated.

NAVY SECRETARY REVIEWS FLEET

Greatest Naval Pageant in
Coast's History Is
Seen Today

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 7.—A. P.—San Diego witnessed the greatest naval pageant in its history today when Secretary Daniels reviewed the Pacific fleet here. Thousands of visitors thronged the city.

To Consider Mexico

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—A. P.—The senate foreign relations committee at a special meeting tomorrow will consider demands of several senators for a general investigation of the Mexican situation.

LAWLER DYNAMITER IS BELIEVED DEAD

Man Leaps From 11th Story
When Told of Indictment for Crime

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7.—A. P.—New evidence today increased the apparent guilt of Charles H. McGwire, assistant engineer in the municipal department of public works, who committed suicide last night by leaping from the 11th story office of District Attorney Woolwine when informed he would be indicted today for bombing the home of Oscar Lawler recently.

FOURTH ENGINEERS ENTERTAINED AT PORTLAND TODAY

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—A. P.—Two hundred 35 members of the 4th engineers, mostly Oregon and Washington men, arrived here today and were entertained at the auditorium. They carried a wonderful war record; carried guns as well as shovels and fought in four battles. Fifty of them were killed by German bullets.

HUNGARIAN CABINET IS OVERTHROWN

PARIS, Aug. 7.—A. P.—The peace conference at Paris learned today that the Hungarian civil cabinet headed by Jules Peidl had been overthrown. Archduke Joseph has established a ministry in Budapest.

The invading Rumanian forces have entered the business section of Budapest and are seizing every valuable thing they find in their own country.

'Spec' Thomas Visits
Royce L. Thomas, trombonist, and Abie E. Braden, violinist, of Seattle, were overnight visitors Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas. They played at Eugene last night and tonight they will appear at Roseburg. They will play with McElroy's orchestra at Klamath Falls during the Elks convention and expect to visit in Albany on their return in about three weeks.

Eddie Krause Visits—
Eddie Krause, for many years a well-known Albany resident, is visiting here for a short time. He is now at Brookings, Curry county, and is an ardent booster for the scenic roads of his region.

FOOD STOCKS ARE GREATER THAN LAST YEAR IN SPITE OF HIGH PRICES ASKED

Federal Trade Commission
Says Law of Supply and
Demand Is Not at Work;
Speculators Are Busy

HOARDING IS CHARGED

Stocks of Food Are Being
Held Until Highly Paid
Workers Are Forced by
Hunger to Pay Price

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—By Associated Press.—Although the prices of practically all important foods have shown a substantial increase during the past year the stocks of food held in storage by speculators and others since June 1 are approximately 20 per cent greater than a year ago, according to the federal trade commission's report to congress today. And this huge hoard does not include the government army stocks of food, but purely private storages held for higher prices. "This apparently means that these stocks are being withheld speculatively for a world demand which is not now here but is expected when the hunger-impeled strikers secure even higher wages with which to pay high prices," says the report.

Packers to Be Tried
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The government's case against the "little five" packers will be placed before the federal grand jury at Chicago in three weeks. Both criminal and civil prosecution will be instituted and the packers will be prosecuted under the food control act for hoarding, besides.

Leaves for Extended Trip—
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hockensmith left today for Cascadia and from there will go to Crater Lake, Newport and Seattle on an outing.

Went to Newport—
Mrs. John H. Stevens and son Ronald and niece Nellie Bain from Iowa went to Newport today to spend a few days' outing.

Smallpox Reported Light—
It is reported today that the Halev family, who are in quarantine in West Albany, are having the disease very light. As they are cautious people and the only house on their block, no danger is anticipated in scattering the disease.

Weather Report—
Yesterday's temperature ranged between 45 and 60 degrees. The river stands at 3 foot above low water. Fair weather is the prediction.

Gold Farmers Here—
Henry Froese and J. C. Porter, two well-known farmers of Seiad, arrived on the early Electric this morning to transact business in the city.

Rev. Brown Visits—
Rev. Joe Brown of the Free Methodist church was an Albany visitor this morning on his way to Lacombe to conduct services.

Trin to Salem—
E. L. Wieder of the Albany Laundry made his regular business trip to Salem today to look after business in the capital city.

Went to Portland—
U. G. Hayne and son Donald left on the morning train on a business trip to Portland.

Lebanon Postmaster Here—
H. Y. Kirkpatrick, Lebanon postmaster, was in the city yesterday to attend a meeting of the college board.

Great Wheat Yield—
Ed Harmon of near Buena Vista reports a great yield of wheat and hay on his farm this season. On three fields his wheat went 31.42 and 46 bushels per acre. Mr. Harmon is one of the progressive class of farmers and clovers his land, raises corn and flax and uses other modern methods of farming from which he is receiving a big profit this year. He also raised five tons per acre of chest and vetch hay on a ten-acre field which he sold in the field, not baled, at \$14 per ton.

Month at Newport—
D. P. Mason and daughter, Miss Flora, are spending the month of August at Newport, which has been the annual custom of the family for many years.

For an Outing—
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burns and daughter are spending the week at Newport. Dr. Burns, the leading shoe physician of the city, has his shop open during his absence to meet the demands of his many customers.