

ANTI-STRIKE CLAUSE SUFFICIENT REASON FOR RAILWAY MACHINISTS TO LEAVE WORK; SAYS JOHNSTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—By Associated Press—Ninety-eight per cent of the 125,000 Union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades in the event that congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with the anti-strike provisions.

Johnston said that the vote taken before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee reported out the Cummins measure and the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear to be in the attitude of threatening congress.

RECEIVES BRIDE FOR CHRISTMAS

Frank V. Spurlin of Harrisburg and Miss Hazel Traver Married

Frank V. Spurlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Spurlin of Harrisburg was united in marriage Christmas Day to Miss Hazel Della Traver.

The guests were, Mrs. Wm. Spurlin, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Spurlin, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Spurlin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cyrus and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Traver.

The bridal couple left for Portland last evening to spend their honeymoon after which they will return to Harrisburg where Mr. Spurlin is a prominent farmer.

JURY UNABLE TO CONVICT HOWELL

Coos County Boy Held for Murder to Face Third Trial

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 26.—Harold Howell, who has been held in the county jail for several months and passed through two trials for the alleged murder of Lillian Leuthold, a 16-year-old girl of Bandon, probably never will be convicted, according to judgement of Coos county people who have watched the case closely.

Judge Coke Thursday morning discharged the jury of the second trial after it had been out since Friday night at 5:30.

Foreman Adams reported again that the jury could reach no agreement and that they had given the case careful consideration. It was said the jurors stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal, and if this is the case the state lost a slight advantage secured in the first trial, when eight were for conviction and four for acquittal.

Bail has been offered for Howell's release, it is said, but the officers say he cannot be released and will have to undergo another trial probably, as District Attorney John F. Hall has declared he will insist on a third trial before he will be satisfied.

There are some who believe the evidence if produced in some other court jurisdiction might be considered differently by a jury of men not residents of this county, and some expect there will be a change in venue. However, nobody who is connected with the case has put forward that possibility, and the third trial will beyond doubt be held at Coquille. Should a third trial result in a hung jury it is believed the authorities would feel they had done their duty by the public and would likely not press for any further hearings.

It is stated when the third trial will be called, but owing to the fact the boy has been held in jail so long and the desire of the authorities to have the situation ended it will doubtless be at the next session of the Coos county circuit court along in the early spring.

G. H. Crowell Returns From Y. M. C. A. Work

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Crowell who are now at La Crosse Wis., writes their daughter Mrs. Edwin Fortmiller that they expect to arrive in Albany with in the next few days.

Mr. Crowell sailed from France December 5 and landed in New York December 19. He expects to receive his discharge at once and will then return to Albany to resume his business as a member of the Linn County Abstract company.

BRITISH UNIONS TO LIMIT STRIKES

Seven Largest Bodies Takes Steps to Prevent Unauthorized Strikes

LONDON, Dec. 25.—By A. P.—Seven of the largest trade unions of Great Britain have inaugurated a movement aiming at the prevention of unauthorized strikes. It is declared that the movement is sponsored by the National Union of general workers representing an enormous membership.

Nebraska Court Upholds Laws

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26.—A. P.—The constitutionality of a state law designed to curtail the use of foreign languages in the schools as an Americanization measure was upheld by the state circuit court today.

CATHOLICS WILL OBSERVE ORDERS

Local Church to Take Offerings For Suffering Orphans of Europe

In accordance with orders received from Archbishop A. Christie, Rev. Father Arthur Lane yesterday announced at Christmas services that collections will be taken throughout the world in all Catholic Churches for the benefit of the poor and suffering orphans of Europe on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28. Public prayers will also be recited.

The Catholic church yesterday celebrated three masses. At 8 o'clock 8:30 and 10:30. The first is the Midnight Mass in honor of the eternal generation of the Son from the father; the second was the Mass of Aurora, at 8:30, celebrating His birth in the course of the ages from a Virgin mother and the last at 10:30 His spiritual birth by grace in the souls of His children.

The copy of the letter sent out by Archbishop quoting from the order of Pope Benedict is as follows: "The following Encyclical of Pope Benedict was read at all Masses on Christmas Day. 'From everywhere we hear the pitiful echo of indescribable sufferings through lack of food and clothing. These who suffer most are weak and poor children. They represent the future generation which will suffer terrible consequences.'"

"Therefore, we order all bishops of the Catholic world to arrange in their respective dioceses on December 28 the Festival of Holy Innocents, public prayers and collections for this purpose. What we order the Catholics to do, we hope will be an example to others, to all of whom we address a paternal request. We are sure it will be well received. We wish to be the first to contribute with 100,000 lire."

Co. Library Books Rescued From the State Commission

The county library books have been received by the county school superintendent from the state Library Commission and will probably be distributed to the schools of the county in the near future. The law provides that at least ten cents per child of school age in the several districts of the county shall be apportioned by the county court for library purposes each year and the books elected through the State Library commission. Linn county receives from eight to nine hundred dollars each year for this purpose.

Steiner Names Prison Warden

SALEM, Dec. 26.—A. P.—Warden R. E. L. Steiner today appointed James Lewis, an employee of the city of Salem, as deputy warden of the state prison to succeed John C. Talley, resigned.

GERMAN VESSELS USED BY AMERICA TO BE RETURNED TO GREAT BRITAIN

Big Ships of Imperator Group to be Turned Over to Britain by Order of President Wilson.

SUGAR BILL HELD

Sugar Equalization Board Requests Delay in Action and President Waits for Memorandum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—By Associated Press—By direction of President Wilson the former German steam ships of the Imperator group are to be delivered to Great Britain, the shipping board announced today.

The vessels are those assigned to the United States after the armistice was signed for the repatriation of American troops and designated for turning over to Great Britain.

Action is Withheld

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Wilson is withholding action on the McNary bill extending the life of the sugar equalization board until the board files a memorandum concerning the measure.

It is said at the White House today that the board has requested a delay. There is no indication as to what the board's action will be.

Rolf Theatre Open Tonight; Globe Plans Bill

The Rolf Theatre opens again today after being closed during the cold spell and the holidays. Managers Hill and Hudson will present a bill of merit tonight, and Saturday featuring Jack Pickford in "Freckles" A comedy will also be shown.

Managers Hill and Hudson are making preparations for a big time New Years eve when a special, mid-night matinee will be given at the Globe Theatre. A new bill will be ordered for this performance and the program will be more than ordinary interest. Seats are now being sold for the performance.

Last night the theatre was crowded with Christmas merry makers hundreds of people strolling down town in the evening to take in a performance. The house was crowded and many people had to wait until the second show before they could get seats. The crowd was good-natured, however, and the confectionery stores benefited by the delay, many going to Leslie's and The Elite to pass the time.

Elbert Warford Seriously Hurt By Automobile

Elbert Warford, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Warford of this city was seriously injured in an auto accident in Seattle Tuesday evening at about 6:30 when he was run over by a big auto. It appears as Mr. Warford was stepping off the street car in front of his hotel a big auto driven on the wrong side of the street passed by at a great rate of speed knocking him down and running over him which resulted in the breaking of several ribs, dislocating his shoulder and cutting a big gash in the face.

Mr. Warford is the advertising agent for the Goodrich rubber company and was on his way to Albany to spend Christmas with his parents when the accident occurred. He is being well cared for by his employees and will probably recover in a reasonable length of time. Mr. Warford is an Albany boy and has a wide circle of friends here.

Aid Refused Mine Owners

Tacoma, Dec. 26.—Governor Hart today refused the request of the Wilkerson Coal company for troops to protect the non-union miners from union minors at Wilkerson who have not been taken back since the strike was settled. The governor thinks that the sheriff has the situation well in hand.

WOBBLIES REFUSE TO ENTER PLEAS

Reds Arrested in Tacoma on Seditious Charges Mute at Trial

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—By A. P.—Three alleged I. W. W.s arraigned in the federal court Wednesday on charges of violating the seditious laws refused to enter pleas today.

Each stood mute and Judge Cushman entered a plea of not guilty for them and ordered the assistant district attorney to proceed with plans to try the cases January 13 and to protect the defendants in case they appeal their cases if convicted and decide to hire attorneys after their trial.

Grand Jury Probe Of Dances Proposed

Probe of the alleged misconduct in rural dance halls, of "road side revelry" mentioned by Circuit Judge Bingham as attributive to the dance halls, and other complaints made against the resorts will be made by the grand jury, which will meet next Monday and be in session Tuesday and Wednesday, it was announced Monday.

The grand jury has about six cases on the docket to investigate, most of them are larceny. One is for alleged rape.—Salem Journal.

BRAVERY WINS FOR MARINE

Fugitive Wanted for Theft Gets Parson and Croix de Guerre

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—By A. P.—How Arthur E. Abbott, long wanted as a fugitive for the theft of \$15,000 from the Federal Trust Co. of this city, enlisted in the Marines and as Sergeant William Haskell was cited for brilliant war service, was disclosed today when he was set free on probation by the district attorney. The Croix de Guerre was also conferred upon him in his own name.

Picture Brides To be Forbidden To Come to U. S.

TOKIO, Dec. 26.—By Associated Press—The Japanese government, according to newspapers yesterday, has decided to discontinue the issuance of passports permitting "picture brides" to proceed to the United States.

This practise has been the cause of some anti-Japanese feeling in America, it is revealed in advices reaching here.

Vessel Wrecked In Hawaiian Is.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A. P.—The schooner Okanogan, a four-masted wooden vessel, is ashore on a reef in one of the Hawaiian group of islands, according to a message from Honolulu to the Chamber of Commerce here. The vessel is reported a total loss, but the crew was saved.

Conference to Begin

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The conference will begin early next week between the allied and German delegates on measures preparatory to putting the peace treaty into effect it was announced today.

MISS LONESOME IS DISCOVERED

Alleged Husband Seeker Confides to Editor that it was Only a Joke

Miss Lonsome has been discovered. No, don't worry, we are not going to tell her name and will not divulge her secret. We regret to make this announcement on account of the number of prospective bride-grooms who were anxious to meet the young lady whose letter to the Mayor of Redlands, Cal., was reprinted in the Democrat.

It seems that the letter was all a joke and the estimable young woman did not want a husband at all. The young lady in question has been corresponding with a girl friend in Texas and in their letters they made it up to do a stunt of this kind for fun.

Both wrote letters to the mayors of strange towns, but it happened that the manager of the Redlands paper sent a copy of the letter to the Democrat, and the editors, always anxious to help in any worthy cause, reprinted it in a recent issue.

Now the young lady comes forward and informs us that it was just a joke that she did not mean it seriously and that she does not want to give false hopes to the many suitors who would claim her hand.

A number of wise ones have ventured guesses as to who the young lady is, some being dead sure of their grounds. But they are all wrong. No one has guessed her name yet. Nor will we tell it.

STARS GO CRAZY IN HIGH HEAVENS

PORTA MAY STILL BE RIGHT AT THAT

PECULIAR ACTIONS ARE OBSERVED

According to T. M. Freeman and several other people who witnessed the phenomenon last night, old man Porta may be right after all and there may be something to his predictions that the world is going to burst, or something or other happen.

Mr. Freeman states that he was at the home of his father, M. T. Freeman, last evening and when he stepped out on the porch about 7:30 o'clock he saw a star appear and commence to perform antics.

The star vibrated in the heavens, going first from one side and then to another. Then it would drop, go around in a circle, rise again and otherwise cut up capers. A little later another appeared and later on three more came into view. They all rose in the east and kept getting higher in the heavens. All remained high all night and all performed the same antics.

Mr. Freeman called the members of his family and others present to witness the phenomena and also called F. M. French, local weather observer. All plainly saw the action of the stars except Mr. French, who states that he could not make out clearly all formations.

that the others did. He attributes the peculiar action of the heavenly bodies to the atmospheric conditions, the cold current that came in and banking against the warm air that was spread over the valley giving the stars a scintillating appearance. He stated that all stars visible last night could be seen to jump and move around as a result of this peculiar atmospheric condition.

Mr. Freeman states positively that the stars performed as stated and based his assertions upon observations taken by sighting along posts, trees and other objects. One observer was sure that she saw smoke come from one of the stars when it made a frantic circular dash and another witness claims that she smelled brimstone immediately following. With that they all went to bed, but Mr. Freeman arose at 3 this morning and the five stars were still cutting capers and they were still there at dawn this morning.

Mr. Freeman predicts that they will be out again this evening about 7:30 and looks for another spectacular performance.

SPEED OFFICER ISSUES WARNING

All Lights Must be Burning on Cars, Says Traffic Officer Today

Traffic officer G. E. Cox today issued a warning to automobilists to be more careful about their headlights and tail lamps in the future. The city ordinance calls for two white lights burning on the front of the car and a red light in the rear. Some people have not been careful about observing the ordinance, but Officer Cox is issuing the warning and will arrest offenders in the future.

The parking ordinance is being observed satisfactorily in nearly all cases, he says, and there is little complaint to make about speed limits with the officers on the job reckless driving is reduced to a minimum and many people are satisfied that it is more than worth the investment of an extra man's salary to keep accidents down to the lowest possible point.

Harvard Squad Arrives for Big Game With U. O.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—By A. P.—The Harvard football squad with its train of coaches, trainers and managers arrived shortly before noon today. All stood the trip well. They will commence active training this afternoon for the game with the University of Oregon New Years Day.

Oregon is putting in hard kicks at training and is in the pink of condition at the present time. Coach Huntington and his assistants are perfecting old plays and drilling on new ones designed to roll back the heavy Harvard line and bring victory to the representatives of the west.

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—8-room dwelling at No. 634 Calapooia Street, plastered, hot and cold water on both floors, 2 baths, 4 bedrooms. House newly painted inside and out. Price \$4500 on liberal terms. Beam Land Co., 133 Lyon Street. 26d27

FOR SALE—Some good oil-lamp brooders, big enough for 100 chicks. Price, complete with lamps \$6.00 each. R. E. Spaulding, Rt. 3, Albany, Phone, Corvallis 9755.

WANTED—A girl to assist with general house work. 964 Ferry St. Phone 471-Y. 26d29

FOR SALE—Eight head, number one dairy cows, some fresh, and balance will come fresh in a few days. Can be seen at 17th and Washington Sts. Call 150-J. W. I. Waddle. 26d29*

EXPERIENCED Woman is needed to take charge of kitchen and dining room, beginning next Monday at Tremont Hall. Until Miss Lenhart returns see A. M. Williams, or call 82-J. 26d26

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter, latest model, good as new \$40. See machine at Alany Printing Co., 218 W. Sec. 1 St. Albany. 26d29*

WANTED—Three houses five to eight room. A dress E. L. Gets 321 East 41st St. Portland, Oregon, or address Democrat. 26d2*