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GREAT STRIKE TODAY SEEMS INEVITABLE

Unofficial Canvas in Ranks of Union Labor Shows Great Body of Men and Women Are Willing to Respond Immediately When Call Comes for General Strike.

SATURDAY IS DAY SET

Philadelphia Torn by Political and Industrial Dissensions—Rapid Transit Company Remains Obedient—Big Leaders in Conference.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 2.—An unofficial canvas in the ranks of union labor completed today, shows that the great body of union men and women is willing to respond immediately when the call comes for a general strike.

Whether the strike shall be called depends upon the attitude of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company officials. Should they decide to submit their contention with their striking carmen to arbitration, a general strike may be averted.

It is not likely that they can be forced to recede from their refusal to arbitrate or that they will, of their volition, consent to arbitration.

Planning Great Strike.
Assured of a general response to their demands, labor leaders are perfecting their plans for a call-out of the unionists next Saturday.

Philadelphia is torn by dissensions both politically and industrially. So many conflicting interests of trade and politics are involved in the settlement of the street car strike that the leaders on each side in the strike are fearful of being compelled to accept unfavorable terms. The political leaders also are cautious about interfering as both sides have power politically to punish them at the polls.

While preparing plans for the great walk-out, the union leaders are not without hope that it may be averted. They realize the serious question that must face organized labor if every man and woman in its ranks in this city is compelled to cease work.

Aid Is Assured.
Assurances of aid, morally and financially, have come from union organizations outside the city and, although the unions are now prosperous, it is a question as to how long they would be able to stand the drain of a long strike in which not a penny was being paid to the laboring men of this city.

That is one of the principal questions which the leaders of labor are called upon to face. The approaching crisis may bring want and woe to the doors of every union man and the leaders realize that with thousands idle and their families starving a reign of violence and crime may be instituted in the city of Brotherly Love which may surpass the records set in the great strikes of the past in the United States.

Company Obstinate.
There is only one viewpoint for the company—that of absolute surrender by the men and a return to the company as individuals and not as unionists.

The viewpoint of the men is that of raising of wages and recognition of the union. The men may recede on the question of wages, but they have said that they cannot renounce the principles of unionism, in which they believe their greatest protection from injustice lies.

The company has announced that it will not recede a jot.

To outsiders, therefore, it looks as if a great strike is inevitable.

Debs in the Game.
It was reported today that C. O. Pratt, John Mitchell and other labor leaders will confer this evening with Eugene V. Debs, in a final effort to evolve a means of averting the general strike that threatens Philadelphia.

THROWS BLAME ON DEVLIN FOR BANK FAILURE

Estes Declares Bonds of Pacific & Eastern Held by Devlin Were Worth Par and Should Have Realized \$100,000 Instead of the Sum of \$81,500.

TWO ANSWERS FILED

Estes Says He Did Not Have Charge of Purchase and Sale of Bonds But Was Merely Custodian After Their Purchase.

PORTLAND, Or., March 2.—Two more separate answers in the civil suits brought in the name of Thomas J. Devlin as receiver of the Oregon Trust and Savings bank against the directors and officers of that institution for a loss of over \$500,000 alleged to have been sustained have been filed in the circuit court. George Estes, manager of the bond and trust department of the bank, gives his version of the Crater Lake railroad deal and W. H. Copeland, who was a director in the bank for a few months, denies that the bank was insolvent while he was connected with it.

Estes, like W. H. Moore and some of the other defendants, throws the blame upon Receiver Devlin for alleged failure to make the most of the assets in his hands. He declares the bonds of the Pacific & Eastern road held by Devlin were worth par and should have realized \$100,000, instead of being exchanged for \$81,500 in certificates of deposit, making a net loss of \$18,500 for the bank.

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JACKSONVILLE HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Policy of Old Board Endorsed—A Close Contest for City Marshal—Old Council Re-elected by Voters.

The annual city election at Jacksonville Tuesday was pretty near the real thing. The council for last year were unanimously, or practically so, re-elected.

When it came to marshal, recorder and street commissioner there was more or less of a fight.

Henry G. Dox, present incumbent, was re-elected recorder over Benj. M. Collins by a vote of 90 to 75.

John H. Huffer was defeated for re-election for marshal by M. D. Jones by three votes, 85 to 88.

James Young won the office of street commissioner from B. E. Haney, 105 to 62.

Following is the summary: Total number of votes cast, 175. For mayor, T. T. Shaw, 158; councilmen, W. F. Grieve, 148; Emil Britt, 150; Fred Ficke, 120; Chas. Dunford, 137; City recorder, Benj. M. Collins, 75; Henry G. Dox, 90. Treasurer, Jas. Cronemiller, 162. Marshal, John H. Huffer, 85; M. D. Jones, 88. Street commissioner, James Young, 105; B. E. Haney, 62.

Both the unionists and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company appear to be planning a waiting game. Meantime merchants, the clergy, congressmen and political bodies continue to pour petition after petition into the company's offices, begging the officials to arbitrate with their striking employes. It was generally believed early today that a settlement of the controversy is no nearer than it was on the first day of the strike.

Snapshot of Dr. Hyde, Central Figure In Swope Case, With His Attorneys.



Pending the deliberations of the special grand jury called in Kansas City, Mo., to consider the case of the death of Colonel Thomas H. Swope the attorneys of Dr. B. C. Hyde, accused by the coroner's jury of causing the death of the millionaire by means of strychnine, administered either with intent or without, took steps to safeguard the interests of their client. After the coroner's jury declared their belief that the demise of the philanthropist was brought about by the husband of his niece Dr. Hyde was arrested and released on \$50,000 bail. The picture is a snapshot taken immediately after the \$50,000 bail was deposited. It shows the following, from left to right: Attorney Frank P. Walsh, chief counsel for Dr. Hyde; Colonel Johnson, Mrs. Hyde's lawyer; Dr. B. C. Hyde (marked with an arrow) and Attorney Cleary, one of Dr. Hyde's lawyers. Soon after Colonel Swope's death, which occurred Oct. 3, 1908, several relatives fell ill of typhoid fever. One of them died. Dr. Hyde attended Swope in his last illness and it is reported that strychnine was found in his liver.

ASHLAND GIVES SHARPE FRANCHISE

Voters by Majority of 38 Grant Right in That City to Construct Telephone System—Will Build at Once.

E. C. Sharpe was granted a franchise for a telephone system by the voters of Ashland on Tuesday by a majority of 38 votes. Interest was slack, only 268 votes being cast.

"We will go ahead in Ashland at once," stated Mr. Sharpe today, "and build the system in Ashland simultaneously with that in Medford."

PROFS. TO GET OUT COMIC SCHOOL PAPER

BERKELEY, Cal., March 2.—The next issue of the Pelican, a comic paper published by the students at the University of California will be gotten out by members of the faculty.

Professor Edmond O'Neill of the faculty will act as editor-in-chief.

For years the faculty members have been the butt of jokes and quips from the pointed pencils of the students. Now they are to have their inning.

It is intimated that the worm intends to turn and show sharp teeth and as a result the next number of the publication is being looked forward to with much interest.

SNELL FAVORS MUCH PAVING

Ashland's Mayor Sends in Annual Message to City Council Urging Laying of Four Miles of Street Pavement.

ASHLAND, March 2.—Mayor Snell clearly outlined his progressive policy last evening in his annual message to the city council. Among other improvements recommended was the laying of four miles of bituminous pavement during the coming summer.

Mayor Snell also urged the council to work together as a unit for the common good and forget factional discord. The hall was packed and when a man proposed a vote of confidence in the mayor it carried with a whoop.

CRUISER WASHINGTON DUE IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The armored cruiser Washington, with the "Yellow Jack" flying to betoken contagious disease, is due here tonight from Bremerton. The vessel arrived at Bremerton a week ago from Honolulu. On her arrival small pox developed and the vessel with 980 men was placed in quarantine at Diamond Head, Port Townsend, Wash.

The vessel and crew will go into quarantine here at Angel Island. The warship will be washed and disinfected from the keel to truck.

JACKSON PLACE TO BE ORCHARD

Famous Ranch Where Watermelons Grew in Early Days is to Be Planted to Orchard by the New Purchasers.

The property on Rogue river, known to all old settlers as the Jackson place, where George Jackson was wont to grow melons that would make the famous southern brand look like the Elks' minstrels, as against the real thing, and distributed them free-handed to everybody who would ask, has been sold to B. L. Dodge of Akron, Ohio, by Emery Hunt, Mr. Dodge, when he was here last fall, acquired, in company with F. B. Thiess, also of Akron, Ohio, the Jesse Richardson place, adjoining the aforementioned tract, comprising some 445 acres. The Jackson place consists of 1555 acres, making the total amount of land held in one body 2,000 acres.

This season 160 acres of this land will be planted to pears, apples and peaches, and about 500 to cereals.

Ira J. Dodge is the resident manager and agent for the property.

"We are not going to overlook the watermelon stunt," said Mr. Dodge. "The place is famous for its melons and while we will not engage in growing them as a business there will always be a melon for our friends during the season."

B. L. Dodge is now interested directly in some 2100 acres of a Jackson county land

CORNER STONE OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH LAID

With Appropriate Services Charles Scadding, Bishop of Oregon, Co. consecrates New Building to the Services of God—Services Will Attended.

BIG MEETING TONIGHT

Ratification Meeting Will Be Held This Evening in the Opera House—Bishop Scadding Will Make Address of the Evening.

In the presence of a vast concourse of people and with elaborate and impressive ceremonies, Rt. Rev. Charles Scadding, D. D., bishop of Oregon, laid the corner stone of the new St. Mark's Episcopal church this afternoon. He was assisted by Archdeacon Chambers, who has labored for some time in the local field to insure the building of the church.

The day is an important one, not only to the Episcopal congregation but to Medford as a whole, for it marks the undertaking of the construction of a church building which will equal, when completed, any in the state. It will be of stone of the most approved cathedral style of architecture.

This evening in the opera house a huge mass meeting is to be held, at which Bishop Scadding will deliver the address of the evening. The meeting is to be presided over by W. H. Canon, mayor. A pleasing musical program has been arranged and all are invited.

NO PROTEST FILED AGAINST PAVING

City Dads Meet in Regular Session Only to Adjourn Until This Evening—Liquor License is Granted.

No protests against paving of city streets developed at the regular session of the city council on Tuesday evening and the work will proceed.

The city council held but a brief session and will meet again this evening to handle the regular monthly routine.

The only business transacted last evening was the granting of a building permit and a liquor license.

HUSBAND CHARGED WITH MURDER OF WIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 2.—Pending an investigation into unexplained events surrounding the death of Mrs. J. Rote from a gunshot wound in the head, her husband, John Rote, is in detinue at the city prison today.

Late last night the sound of a revolver shot was heard at the Rote home on Fulton street. Neighbors rushed to the house and found Mrs. Rote lying on the floor dead with a bullet in her brain.

Later her husband was taken into custody. Rote runs a grocery store.

SAN JOSE MAN MAKES SUCCESSFUL AERIAL TRIP

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 2.—After a trial flight above this city before daybreak today, L. H. Hill, in his new dirigible balloon announced the complete success of his aerial journey. The airship is being put in readiness for further and more extended flights.

The bag of the balloon is said to be the largest in America. The engines operating the craft are of the newest type and many of the devices for steering and controlling the airship are of latest invention.

60 PERISHED WELLINGTON SNOW SLIDE

Railroad Officials Informed That at Least 60 Were Swept to Their Death When Avalanche Overwhelmed Passenger Train Yesterday.

NEWS MOST MEAGER

Rescue Parties With Food Will Be Unable to Reach Scene of Disaster Until Late Tonight—Greatest Floods in Years in Idaho.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 2.—The latest available information from railroad officials here have it that probably sixty lives were lost in the Wellington slide yesterday when a Spokane passenger train was overwhelmed by an avalanche and carried away. Officials say the rescue parties will be unable to reach most of the victims before midnight.

The suspense in the homes of Spokane of persons known to be on the trains is terrible, anxious wives, husbands and friends are crowding newspaper, railway and telegraph offices awaiting news from the catastrophe.

The wires of at Scenic have been down all morning, cutting off all news from the scene of the avalanche. One relief train is due back at 6:30 this evening with some of the injured, according to Great Northern officials. Seventy men with provisions left Everett this morning on No. 4. The train will go as far as possible into the mountains. Then men will leave the train and try to break through the snow to Wellington.

COUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, MARCH 2

—The melting snow on the precipitous side of Canyon Creek have created a torrent out of the usually small mountain stream. The rising waters today reached the summit of the debris piled at the bottom of the gulch by the avalanche at Mace and Burke and the waters are ating their way through the snow and carrying it with them to the valley below.

According to many the weather continues to be ideal for slides, a rain falling throughout the morning.

This afternoon a thaw set in and the streets of Burke, Mace and Wallace have become raging torrents. Old-timers here say that this is the worst winter on record in regard to the amount of snow and snowslide fatalities. Many miners living in Mace and Burke are moving out and seeking safer homes.

WALLA WALLA, MARCH 2

—With heavy rains and warm temperature melting the snow and augmenting the flood here every stream in the valley is today running bankful and many are out of their regular courses. Only the excellent system of bulkheading and division of the stream above the city is saving Walla Walla from heavy damage.

BOISE, Idaho, March 2.—All the streams in southern Idaho are today higher than ever before known, and damage as a result of the floods is of great portions. Railroad traffic is at a standstill and Boise and other cities in this section of the state are completely cut off from outside communication except by wire.

Five miles of track on the main line of the Oregon Short Line is washed out west of Glenn's Ferry and it will be several days before trains can be operated. The greatest damage has been to irrigation works, breaks in canals being reported from all sections of the irrigated districts.

John C. Henderson of Redlands, California, who for a number of years has been engaged in orange growing, has arrived in Medford in search of a location. Henceforth he will devote his time to the growing of the big, rosy, red apple.