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SPIRIT OF DEATH BROODING TODAY OVER WELLINGTON

ARBITRATION IS ALL OFF; GREAT STRIKE CERTAIN

Leaders Must Now Make Good Their Threat to Call General Strike in Philadelphia—Period of Calling All Union Men Out Will Be Reached at Midnight Tonight.

LEADERS SAY 70,000 OUT ON THEIR FIRST CALL

Authorities Take Every Precaution to Avoid Trouble—Sale of Firearms in City Has Been Forbidden—Terrific Trouble Expected.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 4.—Union leaders announced late this afternoon their final decision to call a general strike at midnight.

This follows the decision of the carmen not to consider the only proposition left open to them by the company, which was to submit their complaints, not as members of the union, but as individuals.

This is payday in the Kensington district, where most of the disorders of late have occurred, and there is great fear of rioting tonight.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 4.—Peace negotiations looking to the settlement of the street car strike have been called off and the union labor leaders will be forced to make good their threat to call a general strike.

The period set by the central labor union in which to adjust the strike expired last night.

Both sides regard the general strike as inevitable and throughout the day prepared for a fight to a finish.

Guarding Against Danger.

The authorities are taking every precaution to avoid trouble. The sale of fire arms and explosives has been forbidden and when the general strike order becomes effective the authorities will order every saloon in the city closed.

This afternoon officials of the Rapid Transit company announced that they had not as yet formulated a reply to the strikers who have asked for arbitration in the court of common pleas.

This was taken as an indication that the company does not intend to meet the men on that ground.

4000 Extra Police.

Four thousand special police in addition to the regular force of 3000 are under arms ready to protect the cars and strikebreakers as soon as the general strike begins. They will be assigned to all parts of the city.

They have orders to preserve peace at all hazards and have instructions to use every means to enforce order.

If the 7500 regular and special police cannot control the situation the governor will be asked to call out the militia for strike duty here at once.

Militia Is Ready.

Officers of the militia in cities adjacent to Philadelphia have been warned to be ready for an emergency call.

Union leaders this afternoon declared that no less than 70,000 men would respond to their first call for the general strike. This number, they added, will be augmented by further walk-outs as soon as certain conditions between employers and employees are settled.

The unions throughout the city are becoming restive. They are encouraged by the successful stand of the platform men and in many cases are demanding an increase of wages. There is an apparent general tendency to take advantage of his great crisis to enforce demands which for some time have been held in abeyance.

OFFICERS ROAD COMMISSION ARE ELECTED

Crater Lake Highway Commission Perfects Its Organization by Election of Its Officers—Advisory Committee Is Elected, Consisting of Bankers.

CANVASS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS STARTS FIRST OF WEEK

Committee on By-Laws Appointed and Will Draw Rules to Govern Procedure of the Body—J. M. Root Is President.

The Crater Lake highway commission of the Medford Commercial club, at a meeting late Thursday afternoon organized by electing the following officers: J. M. Root, president; J. A. Westerlund, vice-president; G. Putnam, secretary; C. R. Ray, treasurer. An advisory committee was elected, consisting of W. L. Vawter, president of the Jackson County Bank; W. S. Crowell, president of the First National bank; J. E. Enyart, president of the Medford National bank, and George L. Davis, president of the Farmers' & Fruit-Growers' bank.

The following committee on by-laws and rules to govern the commission was elected: E. V. Waterman, J. D. Heard, J. M. Keene, J. F. Reddy and C. R. Ray. The committee voted to deposit funds collected equally with the four banks of Medford, and authorized the president to employ a stenographer for 30 days. Other committees on local subscriptions were elected.

The commission adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman. It is expected to begin the canvass for subscriptions the first of the week.

25-FOOT PICTURE OF CRATER LAKE EXHIBITED

PORTLAND, March 4.—Crater Lake, the great natural curiosity of Southern Oregon, is depicted in life-like colors in a painting 25 feet long now being set up in the rooms of the Portland chamber of commerce, on the ground floor of the Commercial club building. It is the property of the Medford Commercial club and will be on exhibition at its present location for two weeks. The picture is a panorama of photographs taken from one point of view near the western edge of the great crater and represents the lake in its deep blue with the natural color of the rocky bluffs abutting. The photographs were colored to represent nature and the mountain peaks in the background loom up as though one were standing on the brink of the lake after a hard journey over the rough mountain roads leading to it. The public is invited to gaze upon the picture, and those who cannot afford the time and expense of the journey to the lake have a chance to see just how it looks.

IS CHINESE POTATO KING NEARLY ALL IN?

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The financial trouble in which Han Lin Sal, the retiring Chinese consul general to San Francisco, was plunged when a check for \$750 was returned from the bank marked "no funds," bids fair to be colored today with the arrival of Chan Lung, the Chinese "potato king" from Sacramento.

The First National bank of Medford has received authorization from the treasury department at Washington for an increase in capital to \$100,000. The increased capitalization was voted some months since.

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SNOW FALLING IN BLINDING CLOUDS TODAY BUILDING UP MONSTER NEW AVALANCHES



Four of the Survivors of the Wellington disaster. The star indicates the man who brought out the first news of the disaster.

NIGHT WAS ONE OF SUFFERING

Nerves Drawn Taut at Wellington—All Foreigners Are Driven Out—Danger of New Slides Grows More Acute Each Hour—Superintendent O'Neil Is Man of Hour at Scene.

SCENIC HOT SPRINGS, Wash., March 4.—The rain which has kept an incessant patter on the snow fields of the Cascades for days, turned to snow last night, and this morning the big, heavy flakes are swirling about and piling up on the mountain tops, building up new avalanches that are likely to come down at any moment and sweep the rescuers at Wellington to the same smothering death as the victims for whom they are now searching.

The snow is falling in blinding clouds, making it almost impossible for the men to work down on the canyon side, but in spite of all difficulties 34 bodies have been recovered and 32 of them identified.

Last night was one of terror in Wellington. The little village of a half dozen contained over 300 people, many of whom have relatives and friends buried deep in the avalanche. The threatening snow that hangs above the town on one side, the roar of occasional slides in the distance, the howling of wolves and mountain lions which have gathered to scent the dead, all contributed to strike terror into grieving hearts.

During the night the snow which had piled up on the roof of Bailett's hotel slid off with a crash that brought a hundred people from beds and cots to the drifts outside. They trembled in fear that the little mountain hamlet would be carried to destruction, as were the trains and rotaries.

Crimson Trails Covered. Words convey but a faint idea of the scene at Wellington today. The snow is slowly and silently obliterating the harsh traces of death. The crimson trails leading out toward the gulch have vanished; the rescuers loom dim and hazy; the shouts from men directing the work come as from afar. The rear material terror has given way to an uneasy fear. The spirit of death is brooding over the scene.

All the foreigners have been driven out of Wellington and none but Americans are allowed to dig.

THE IDENTIFIED DEAD.

WELLINGTON, Wash., March 4.—Thirty-two of the thirty-five bodies recovered have been positively identified. They follow:
E. W. Topping, Ashland, O.; Alexander Chisholm, Rossland, B. C.; R. M. Barnhart, Spokane, Wash.; R. H. Bethel, Seattle; Sol Cohen, Everett, Wash.; Bert Matthews, Cincinnati, O.; Sister Katherine O'Malley, nurse, Spokane, Wash.; C. S. Eltinge, Spokane; Mrs. M. A. Covington, Olympia, Wash.; Thelma Davis and child, Seattle, Wash.; Edgar Lemman and wife, Hunters, Wash.; A. G. Mahler, Seattle; James McNeny, Seattle; Miss Nellie Sharp, Spokane; Frances Starrett, Hillyard, Wash.; A. R. Vail, Trinidad, Colo.; Conductor A. C. Campbell, Fireman Ed Bennington, Fireman D. M. Gilman, Engineer J. O. Carroll, Brakeman William Dorey, Porter Duncan, Brakeman Dupuy, Brakeman J. Kelly, Fireman C. Jensen, Conductor Ed Lindsey, Engineer T. L. Osborn, Conductor J. L. Parseykie, Brakeman Andy Strohmer, Postal Clerk Richard B. Bogart.

FLOODS TIE UP MONTANA ROADS

HELENA, Mont., March 4.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad, the Northern Pacific railway and the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad are tied up indefinitely today in Western Montana.

Torrents in the Silver Bow canyon carried away bridges and embankments last night. The currents of the mountain streams are so swift that it is impossible to replace bridges to relieve the situation.

Ice gorges have formed in the Deer Lodge river on both sides of Garrison, and the little town is threatened with a dangerous flood. Garrison is north of Butte and west of here.

Freight traffic on the St. Paul line is tied up east of Butte, except on the Oregon Short Line and Northern Pacific, which is detouring trains through here.

Mrs. Belle Nickell is in Medford on a business visit.

TOTAL DEAD IN SLIDE NOW 113

Looter Is Arrested at Wellington—Situation at Colfax Is Somewhat Improved—Provisions Reach the Town in Nick of Time to Save Citizens From Starving.

WELLINGTON, Wash., March 4.—Reports sent out from here that ten people were rescued alive from a day coach last night, are unfounded. The 30 Italian laborers here before the avalanche are still missing, and today must put down with the list of dead, swelling the total to 113.

R. F. Roberts, a white man, was arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Hill for robbing bodies. He was caught stealing a watch from the body of Sol Cohen, an Everett merchant.

Packers started out over the trail this morning, dragging the bodies of R. H. Bethel of Seattle and Cohen. The corpses will be hauled over the slides and chams with ropes. If the trip is successful other victims may be taken out in this manner.

The day coach, in which many bodies are known to be, is still undiscovered today. The system of interring the dead in temporary snow tombs is proving very successful, and unless the trip to Scenic with the bodies of Bethel and Cohen is entirely successful no more bodies will be taken out until the track is clear.

Colfax Situation Better.

COLFAX, Wash., March 4.—Flood conditions are greatly improved today, the waters having fallen several feet during the night. The work of rehabilitation is going on today, and although there are 400 homeless and destitute persons here to be cared for, there is little actual suffering as the work of relieving the distress is well in hand. All business is suspended and saloons are closed pending the resumption of normal conditions. Two hundred special policemen have been appointed and are patrolling the streets.

The Northward schoolhouse has been turned into a temporary refuge and shelter a considerable number of the homeless people. Others are quartered in the residences of citizens whose homes were not damaged by high water.

Food in Nick of Time.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 4.—When a provision pack train reached the little village of Lacona in the moun-

WORLD TO LEARN DETAILS OF THE ASTOR DIVORCE

Justice Mills, After Granting Mrs. Astor Final Decree, Refuses to Seal the Papers in the Case, to the Great Surprise of Attorneys in the Case.

MRS. ASTOR WILL GET \$300,000 EACH YEAR

Colonel Astor Is Forbidden to Remarry—Mrs. Astor Will Get Her Name of Mrs. Ava Willing Again—Is Renowned Case.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 4.—Mrs. Ava Willing Astor was awarded a final decree of divorce today from Colonel John Jacob Astor. The decree was signed by Justice Mills in the supreme court, when her attorney moved that the interlocutory decree granted four months ago be made permanent and counsel for Astor made no objections.

It had been the intention of the attorneys in the case to ask that the papers in the case be sealed, but without waiting any statement from them, Justice Mills announced:

"These papers will not be sealed." The attorneys, however, refused to allow any one to examine them and announced that they would not be made public until they were filed with the county clerk.

It developed that during the hearing of the case no mention had been made of alimony, that feature having been settled outside the court.

It is reported that Mrs. Astor will receive \$300,000 a year.

The decree restores her maiden name and she will be known as Mrs. Ava Willing. She is given the custody of her daughter. The custody of the son is awarded to the father.

Colonel Astor is forbidden to remarry during the lifetime of Mrs. Willing. She may, however, remarry at any time.

The Astor divorce suit attracted world-wide attention last fall when an interlocutory decree was granted because Colonel Astor was at that time supposed to have been lost in a storm in West Indian waters.

He was cruising in his yacht with his son when a terrific storm swept over the Caribbean sea and through the West Indies. For more than a week no word was received from him and no trace of his yacht was found. After he had almost been given up as lost, the yacht put in an appearance at a Porto Rican port and Astor announced that his craft had weathered the storm without damage.

GOVERNMENT AFTER PHONY COIN MEN; BAD FIVES OUT

CHICAGO, March 4.—A roundup of all men having police or government records as counterfeiters is being made by the federal secret service men here. The activity of the federal agents is caused by the liberal circulation of counterfeit \$5 bills. Captain Porter, head of the secret service here, said that the bill is nothing more than a fair counterfeit and would not deceive those who are in the habit of handling paper money. The bill, however, might pass through many hands is exchanged in a hurry.

Officers of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad last night, every scrap and crumb in the place had been consumed and the 50 inhabitants were frantic with fear and hunger. Spurred on by the news brought out by four men, who managed to reach Seattle, that the people were starving to death, the pack train fought its way through the drifts and won its fight.

CANNON WILL BE CANDIDATE NEXT SESSION

Despite His Recent Statement That He Would Withdraw in Order to Insure Republican Control of the Next House, He Will Again Strive for Speakership honors.

ADMINISTRATION TO STAND BEHIND HIM

Taft Repudiates Wade H. Ellis as Leader of Republicans in Ohio—Says He Is Not Choice for the Governorship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Joseph G. Cannon will be a candidate for speaker of the house in the 62d congress, despite his recently reported statement to Representative McKinley that he would withdraw to insure Republican control of the next house. This information was obtained from a source that makes it authentically unquestionable.

It is also reported that Taft and Postmaster-General Hitchcock have decided to throw the administration's weight behind the Cannon's force.

Taft gave a dinner at the White House last night, at which Cannon was the guest of honor.

One Insurgent Present. Representative Hayes of California, who has been termed a "mercerized" insurgent, was the only guest at last night's dinner who belongs to the insurgent ranks.

It was Hayes who made the arrangement with Taft whereby the insurgents have agreed to support certain features of the president's legislative program. This understanding resulted in Taft's declaration that he considered the insurgents still to be Republicans and entitled to recognition in the organization.

The effect of last night's dinner and the reported belief on the part of Taft that a reaction will take place before the coming elections caused renewed interest in the political situation here today.

Taft to Be Judge.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—It was definitely determined today that President Taft will personally decide whether A. C. Shaw, late law officer in the forest service, who was dismissed by Taft's orders, will be allowed to practice his profession before the department of the interior.

Shaw recently secured permission to practice before Secretary Ballinger, and his application was temporarily denied.

Senators Overman and Simmons of North Carolina, of which state Shaw is a citizen, were asked to see the president regarding the matter. They did so, with the result that the conclusion was reached whereby Taft agreed to decide concerning the case.

It is understood that Shaw will be allowed to practice "after a reasonable length of time has elapsed."

Taft Repudiates Ellis.

CLEVELAND, O., March 4.—President Taft's repudiation of Wade H. Ellis as the dean of the Republican policies of Ohio, in a letter to General Marshall Davis, created a furor in political circles here today.

In the letter Taft denied responsibility for the selection of Ellis as a candidate for governor and repudiated the report that Ellis was the administration's choice for that office. Although the letter was published in a Republican paper yesterday, Davis denied it. When he reached his office this morning, however, he found the letter unopened on his desk.