

DIAMOND DRILL PROBING LEDGE

Local Opinion That Word Has Been Given That Oregon Trunk Will Pass Through Gold Hill—Creating Monstrous Market for Gold Hill Cement

GOLD HILL, Or., Feb. 18.—With a diamond drill pointing downward into a big limestone ledge, owned by the Gold Ray Realty company across Rogue river on the mountain just south of this city, the Portland Cement company of Portland is now ready to begin prospecting operations which, if the surface showing is sustained to a reasonable depth, may mean the location of a mammoth cement factory at Gold Hill, the main portion of whose product may be used in building towns, cities and industrial projects in the vast inland empire of central Oregon, yet to be developed by a system of railroads now in course of construction.

The Portland Cement company is composed of several of the leading capitalists of Portland. The local opinion is that these men have been "given a tip" that the Hill line will build through Gold Hill on its way from central Oregon to the sea, and that they realize that Gold Hill is a strategic point for the manufacture and distribution of cement, provided the raw material can be obtained here. The presence of an expensive diamond drill outfit, representing an investment of several thousand dollars, with the additional expense of building both a power line and a pipe line up the mountain to a height 441 feet from river level, representing several thousand dollars more, argues that reasonable hopes are entertained that the right quality and quantity of rock may be had.

The belief that the location of a cement plant at this point is contingent on the building of Hill's Oregon Trunk through Gold Hill is strengthened by the fact that unless a market other than that afforded by towns on the main line of the Southern Pacific between Portland and Frisco is available, cement manufactured in Gold Hill could be sold in only a very prescribed territory, whose market would not warrant the location here of a plant of any size, or of a size such as might be expected from a concern of the character and financial standing of the Portland Cement company. This prescription of territory is due to the competition of California cement manufacturers, whose plants are located almost on tide-water, and who can ship their product by boat to Portland, for instance, much cheaper than it could be shipped some distance this way by rail from Portland and still dominate the field. The new ten-cent rate law just passed by the legislature, providing a rate of ten cents on lime-rock shipped from Oregon points into Portland as a terminal, may make it possible for Gold Hill to compete with California cement in the Portland field. However, the idea that prevails in Gold Hill is that in case a cement plant is located here the main portion of its product will go over the Oregon Trunk into the great undeveloped empire of central Oregon, where, following the railroad construction, towns and cities will boom into permanency in what is now almost wilderness.

FRESNO THEN MEXICO SAYS I. W. W.

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tion of free speech. Unless this is granted we have seventy-five thousand members, each of whom is pledged to walk to Fresno, if necessary, to suffer imprisonment in the interests of free speech."

At day break Saturday morning the army commenced preparations for the march towards the south, despite the fact that not a man among them has tasted any other food during the last twenty-four hours but a few crackers given them by Section Foreman Nell at Steinman, and the fact that they had been exposed during the entire night to the bitter cold of the mountains with no other protection than one small camp fire among 151 men. Few of them have overcoats.

They state that although hungry their progress through California need cause no alarm to anyone, as they are under almost as rigorous a discipline as that enforced in the army. Their leaders call them by number, and their orders are obeyed implicitly.

The Trouble at Fresno.
The party, which started from Seattle on February 13th, following appeals from their brother Industrialists in Fresno who, besides being forbidden the use of the streets in their campaign of anarchistic agitation are being jailed in that city as fast as they violate the ordinance forbidding street speaking, reached

its present numerical strength at Portland. Twenty-two of their number left their ranks in Tacoma to board a steamer bound for San Francisco.

"The first stage of our journey" said one of the party leaders when interviewed by the Mail Tribune man at the camp in the Siskiyou on Friday night, "was accomplished without incident. We left Seattle quietly and would have reached Fresno in the same manner had not outsiders and enemies of our cause spread malicious lies about us along the route we must follow."

Surrendered Questions.

During the interview, at which the committee of six members of the party who have been invested with absolute governing power by their fellow "martyrs" acted as spokesmen, the entire tramp army surrounded their questions. When first approached, a portion of the party was grouped under the shelter of the water tank at Steinman listening to a harangue on "the capitalist press" from one of their number. As the Mail Tribune representative approached, the dissertation ceased while an investigation of credentials, demanded upon approach, was carried out by the flickering light of a blazing pile of railroad ties.

Want No Trouble.

"We are bound for Fresno" the spokesman continued "and the only thing that will turn us back is the receipt of news that our brothers in Fresno have been liberated from the jails into which they have been thrown and accorded their constitutional right of free speech. We understand that several companies of militia have been placed in readiness to quell any disturbance that we may create while traveling through California to Fresno. All of these precautions are unnecessary as we are on a peaceful mission. Any one may search our entire party at any time as not one of us carries a weapon of any kind.

Are 75,000 Strong.

"There are seventy-five thousand members of our organization and we are pledged to walk to Fresno, if necessary, to aid our brothers there in a peaceful demonstration demanding our rights and in an effort to show the world that it is the city of Fresno and not us who are committing a crime."

As an evidence of the discipline under which the remainder of the party is held by the committee of six leaders, a voice from the back of the crowd broke into the conversation saying: "We will give Fresno a larger population than she ever dreamed of having."

Discipline Enforced.

The speaker was sought out by the committee and ordered in a commanding manner, to keep quiet and to allow those delegated to that office to carry on all conversations. A humble apology resulted.

"The martyrs in Fresno appealed to us personally" the committee member resumed "and all those of our order who do not answer the call are working to provide the funds with which to carry on our campaign.

"Our mission is solely to go to jail, and we are deliberately walking into prison doors peacefully. We are not hold-sters, and in order to guard against rowdiness have our own police force in the party and at no time have tolerated the bringing in to our camps of any spirits, nor even allowed our members to take a drink even though it is offered him."

Have Money.

"We don't beg our way as we have money enough, and according to our rules we are under a financial secretary who, as commissary, attends to all our purchasing."

When the party, who had boarded a freight train out of Portland shortly after midnight Wednesday, arrived in Albany, several of their number got into an altercation with a man on the depot platform who, to get even, telephoned ahead to Junction City that a body of armed anarchists was about to descend upon them. Upon the arrival of the train at Junction City, almost all of the mate population was waiting for them, and backed up by a formidable array of weapons, including every conceivable kind of implement from a shot gun to a meat axe, ordered the migrating I. W. W.'s to remain on the train under penalty of amputation.

Ordered Off Train.

At Ashland, to which point they had been granted permission to ride by the S. P. officials, the party was ordered off the train, and a few hours later were ordered off a number of flat cars, which they had commandeered by S. P. officer C. A. Hill and ordered to leave town.

According to Hill, they made their way up the track and a freight train then in the yards was backed up to the track and then started so that by the time it reached the hobo army it was travelling too fast to permit of their boarding it.

Reached Steinman.

Friday afternoon the dispatchers office at Ashland received a tele-



Max Hill, the tannest of German comedians, late of Kolb and Hill, will be seen at the Medford Theater Wednesday, February 22, in "Lonesome Town," the merriest musical comedy he has had in his career.

This bright, tuneful hodge-podge has served Hill admirably this season. The critics everywhere have pronounced it his best vehicle, and the rotund comedian himself has won great praise for his wonderfully entertaining personation of "Bakersfield Bill," the tattered Teutonic knight of the road, who lays claim to the estate of Isaac Watts, only to be outwitted by the wiles of the fair and statuesque, but designing, Mrs. A. Marvelous Wonder.

Hill is supported by an excellent cast of singing funmakers, the same

cast, in fact, that he had during his recent notable San Francisco engagement of 108 nights.

Hill's chorus takes the palm for beauty and sprightliness of any aggregation of girls on the road this season, and they are a great factor in the production of "Lonesome Town." The ensemble singing and dancing numbers are delightful, and a military march done by the girls is a big spectacular feature of the show.

From the standpoints of scenery and costumery, "Lonesome Town" is not excelled. Everywhere in the presentation is a lavishness evident. No money has been spared by Mr. Hill toward making "Lonesome Town" the most entertaining musical comedy on tour this season. Seats on sale Monday, February 20.

phone message from A. W. Nell, section foreman at Steinman, half way between Ashland and the Summit of the Siskiyou, to the effect that the invaders had taken possession of that place and were clamoring for food. Nell said that they were not hostile and that he anticipated no trouble from them.

According to the statements of members of the party, the plans now are to go to Fresno where, in the course of three weeks it is hoped to muster 3000 of their number.

On to Mexico.

One member volunteered the information that the forces might later cross the Mexican border to aid in the revolutionary cause there, but this statement was vigorously denied by the leaders.

Beside this army, twenty-two members have left Portland for San Francisco by boat; a similar number have organized in Los Angeles to march to Fresno; and a party 100 strong is now forming in Spokane to follow this army to the scene of hostilities.

Another party of 300 is being organized in Vancouver, B. C., Bellingham, Everett, and Seattle.

Police Await Them.

DENSMUIR, Cal., Feb. 18.—A crowd of special railway police arrived here last night and today are waiting the approach of the Industrial Workers of the World, camped north of Siskiyou Pass in Oregon. Reports here today said the Industrialists were made desperate by the cold and rain at Steinman, where they camped, and that they planned to seize the first freight train over the mountain and come into California.

The special police here refuse to say what orders were given them by the railway officials in San Francisco other than to protect the railroad property. However, there was considerable activity here last night. Cars of merchandise were put together on side tracks, where they could be most easily guarded and station buildings and cars were carefully locked.

On to Mexico.

It is reported here today that the Industrialists plan to go to Mexico to join the insurgents. The proposed invasion of Fresno, according to these reports, is merely a blind to hide the real intention of the new One Hundred of the two hundred camped near Steinman last night are armed, according to the reports received here.

Company D, of the California National Guard, is in readiness here to answer a hurry call to arms if the authorities are unable to handle the Industrial Workers of the World when they arrive. The army is said to be without food and the police here

expressed the belief that they might try to make a raid for supplies.

Cause of Trouble.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 18.—That the use of the fire hose here to quell a recent disturbance in the jail where a number of Industrial Workers of the World were held, and the burning of an Industrial camp near the outskirts of the city, are responsible for the threatened invasion of Fresno by 500 other members of the order is the statement by leaders of the Workers here today.

Reports that the invaders now near Siskiyou Pass on their way from Washington and Oregon, really intend to join the insurgents near Mexicali are denied by the leaders here. They say that the recruits are coming in answer to an appeal made in the official organ of the workers printed in Spokane, asking the men to hurry to Fresno to push the fight for free speech.

The trouble here began some months ago when the police stopped street meetings of the Industrial Workers who were endeavoring to organize Mexican laborers here. When the police took this action other members of the order came and a war between Chief of Police Shav and Mayor Rowell who endeavored to enforce a "no street speaking" order and the Workers began. For some months fight continued.

More On the Way.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 18.—Word was received at the Oakland local of the Industrial Workers of the World that a second party of invaders was being recruited in Seattle and would start south Monday to join the fight against Fresno's "free speech" ordinance. A call for assistance was sent out today to the 188,000 members of the order scattered throughout the United States by Secretary Corbett of the Oakland local, and a general movement toward California is expected.

"We intend to fight to the last ditch," said Secretary Corbett, today. "As the success of our cause depends largely on the stand we take in Fresno, the ordinance prohibiting free speech is a direct violation of the United States constitution and our army of workers do not intend to stand idly by and see the constitution violated. Our members are loyal, and if necessary, I believe we can bring 100,000 men into California to see that we are given a square deal."

Denouncing the jury trials of the Industrialists in batches of ten, Secretary Corbett today appealed to Governor Johnson to require the Fresno magistrates to give the workers individual hearings.

Haskins for Health.

RIDICULOUS LAW FOR PEOPLE

Attorney General Wickersham Says All Attempts for Direct Election of United States Senators by People Must Fail.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Voicing an opinion that the measure would fail because the legal profession of the nation is opposed to it, Attorney General Wickersham tonight ridiculed the proposal to elect senators by a direct vote, at a dinner tendered Justice Hughes of the supreme court by the New York Lawyers' association.

Wickersham said the legal profession today is the one great barrier between the people and a too sudden accomplishment of a purely democratic government. Persons favoring the direct election of senators were characterized as those who give too little consideration to the lessons of the past.

CORRESPONDENT'S BODY CREMATED IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The body of Henry R. Chamberlain, the American newspaper correspondent, who died here Wednesday, was cremated at the Golfers' Green Cemetery today. A large number of newspaper men and Americans were present.

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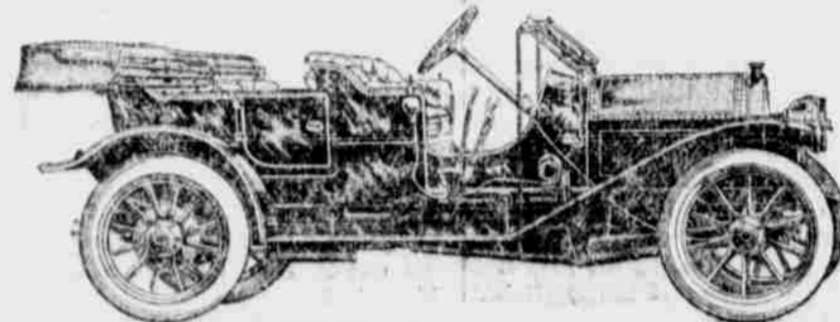
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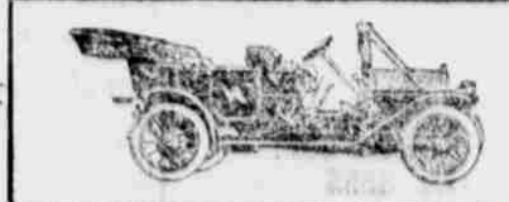
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