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MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1911.

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## ROADS MUST RECOGNIZE FEDERATION TOMORROW OR BIG STRIKE WILL START

### STRIKE VOTED BY CONVENTION AT DAVENPORT

Will Effect All Machinists, Boilermakers, Carmen, Blacksmiths And Metal Workers On The Harriman Lines.

### VOTE TAKEN IN SECRET OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR

Demands Of Men Will Be Presented Tomorrow And If Recognition Is Denied Strike Will Be On

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Sept. 26.—A strike of all the shopmen in the five unions employed by the Harriman lines will be called tomorrow unless the roads recognize the System Federation on.

The strike vote was taken in secret session here today at the international machinists' convention meeting here today. The figures were not announced, but the delegates are overwhelmingly in favor of a walkout.

The strike will affect all machinists, boilermakers, carmen, blacksmiths and metal workers on the Harriman lines, besides the clerks and freight handlers on the Illinois Central.

M. F. Ryan, president of the carmen, spoke before the convention, urging the strike. He was opposed by President James O'Connell of the machinists, but after a hot debate Ryan's war counsels prevailed.

The demand of the men will be presented tomorrow and if recognition of the System Federation is refused a walkout will be ordered.

### 1500 MEN GO ON STRIKE ON I. C. ROAD

Armed Guards Are Patrolling Railroad Property—Company Is Refusing To Accept Freight—Everything Is Tied Up.

### DECISION ON HARRIMAN LINES EXPECTED TONIGHT

More Work Is Given Out On Union Pacific—May Be Omen Of Peace.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 26.—Following the action of the Illinois Central railroad clerks who walked out yesterday shortly after noon, 1,500 shopmen, members of the Illinois Central Shopmen's Federation struck here today. Armed guards are patrolling the railroad property, the company refuses to accept freight, and everything is tied up.

Expect S. P. Decision Soon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 26.—Whether the federation of shop employees on the Harriman lines of the Pacific coast will strike as an aid to the shopmen of the Illinois Central railroad who walked out today, probably will be definitely declared before night.

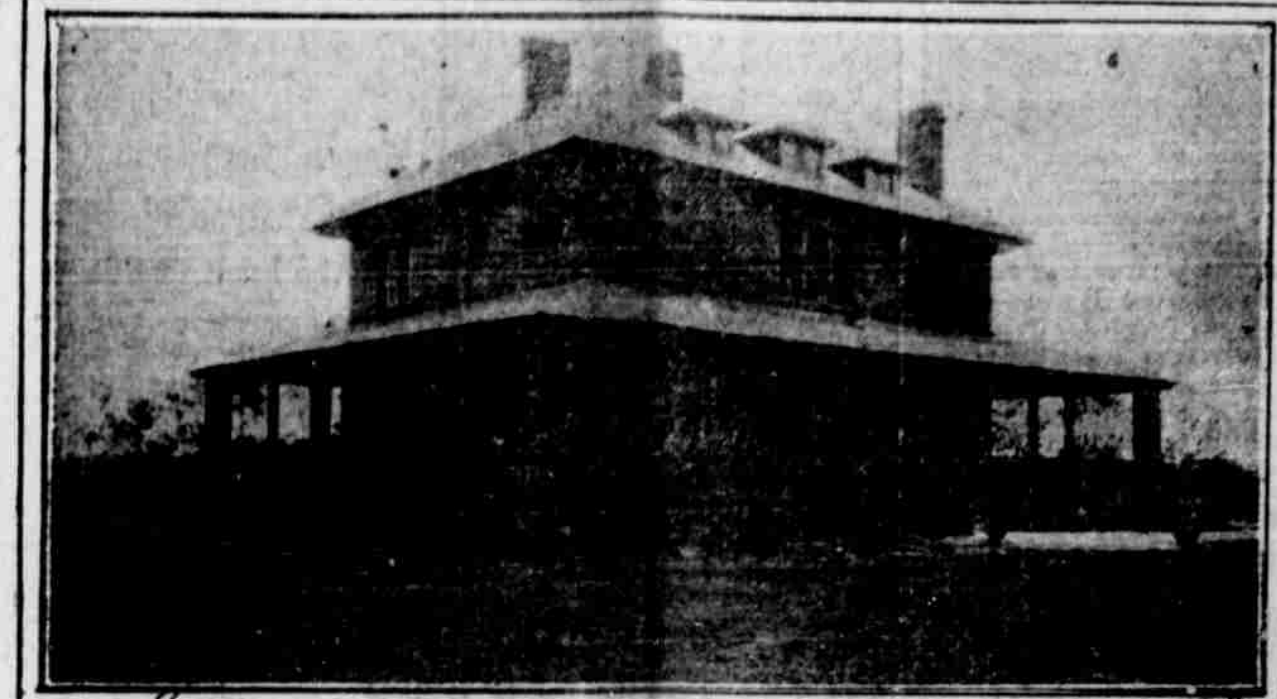
President E. L. Reguin of the federation, refused this morning to say whether a strike of the 15,000 employees of the system west of the Mississippi would be declared, but added that in all probability the question would be decided before nightfall.

More Work Given.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 26.—An action which is regarded as an omen of peace by the employees of the Union Pacific railroad was instituted here today when the repairers of cars and coaches were placed on full time after having worked for nearly a year on a schedule of five days a week of eight hours. The new schedule gives the men 14 additional hours a week, or six days of nine hours.

There is a great demand for cars in this section owing to the heavy livestock shipments.

### WAR SHIP AND COMMANDER SENT TO PROTECT AMERICANS IN CHINA



CANADIAN METHODIST MISSION HOUSE IN THE COMPOUND AT CHENG-TU



REAR ADMIRAL J. B. MURDOCK



THE U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS

Rear Admiral Murdock, in command of the Asiatic squadron, has reached the vicinity of the trouble zone in Sze-chuen province, China, and is ready to give any needed protection to American life and property. He has transferred his flag from the Saratoga to the New Orleans and is proceeding on board the latter vessel to Hankow, accompanied by the United States gunboat Helena. The Saratoga is proceeding to Woosung.

**ATHLETICS CINCH AMERICAN PENNANT**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 26.—By beating the Tigers here today the Athletics cinched the 1911 American League pennant.

**WOULD LOCATE RAILROAD LAND**

Reported That Two Men Have Interested Large Number Of Local People In Matter Of Squatting On Land Now In Litigation.

**GREATER MEDFORD CLUB TO MEET**

The Greater Medford club will hold an important meeting at the Natatorium tomorrow afternoon. All members are urged to attend.

### DISGUISED HER SEX 49 YEARS

Ray Leonard, 62, Committed To State Asylum, Had Passed For Years As Man—Walked Like A Man And Smoked A Pipe.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 26.—For the first time in 49 years, Ray Leonard, 62, a woman who had been masquerading as a man since she was 13 years of age, wore feminine garments today.

The woman has just been committed to the state asylum for the insane from Lebanon, Ore., where for years she has worked as a shoemaker in a little shop which she owned. She came from Maine with her father 22 years ago and worked as a cobbler with him until his death eight years ago. She continued the business alone after his death, never leaving the shop except to get her meals.

Although her feet were noticeably small, visitors never suspected her true sex, as she walked like a man, talked like one and smoked a big pipe almost continuously.

She told asylum officials here that she donned male attire when she was 13, with her parents' consent. The family was large and poor, she said, and she found she could earn more money disguised as a boy.

Miss Leonard went violently insane Saturday and was taken in charge by friends.

Her secret was found out here after his commitment.

Thomas Dungey and wife, of Galls creek, were visiting friends at the "Braden mine" over Sunday.

Grandpa Russell left on Tuesday's train for Roseburg and the soldiers' home.

### LAFFERTY OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN

Says He Will Make His Campaign For Re-election On His Record—Sidesteps His Matrimonial Record.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26.—Declaring that he favors Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin as the republican presidential candidate in 1912, and predicting that Champ Clark will be the democratic nominee, Congressman A. W. Lafferty, who has just returned from Washington today opened his campaign for re-election.

Lafferty said he would make his campaign on his official record.

"My matrimonial record has nothing to do with it," he said.

Lafferty did not show an enthusiastic inclination to discuss the recent charges that he had been too free in seeking to meet young unmarried women without conventional introduction.

Look for the ad that calls for you among the help wanted ads.

Look for the ad that offers it to you, second-hand, at a real bargain!

### CRACKSMEN GET \$1800 IN GOLD

Leave No Clues—Excited Citizens Form Poses But Have No Means Of Knowing Which Direction Men Took.

PRIEST RIVER, Idaho, Sept. 26.—The vault of the Priest River bank here was dynamited early today by two cracksmen who escaped with \$1800 in gold. They left no clues.

They gained entrance through the back door. Shortly after 5 o'clock two strangers, believed to be the robbers, were seen walking toward the city's outskirts, carrying a suitcase.

At the time of the robbery, the bank was not guarded.

Citizens, highly excited, have organized several posses and are now attempting to trail the cracksmen.

It is not known what direction they took in making their get-away.

### BEATS HIS WIFE; PAYS FINE AND THEN FLEES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 23.—After having paid a fine of \$75 upon conviction of beating his wife, G. H. Allen, the son of United States Senator J. B. Allen of Washington state, has quit his home here and is fleeing to California by motor car. The authorities are considering a felony charge against him in connection with his alleged abuse of his wife.

Look for the ad that describes the place you would like to own.

### SHRINERS FROM MANY SECTIONS

Out Of 128 Temples In North America 35 Were Represented In Medford During Ceremonial Here On Monday—Parade In Rain.

Medford is nothing if not representative of North America. So believes John P. Treat, imperial potentate of North America, order of the Mystic Shrine. For in this city at the ceremonial held Monday 35 temples were represented out of a total of 128 temples in North America. Mr. Treat was delighted at the showing and states that while he has attended many Shrine ceremonials he had never seen so many temples represented, excepting at a national council of the order.

The Shriner were forced to parade in the rain Monday afternoon, but the public enjoyed that feature very much. And 'tis whispered that the thirty candidates had the time of their lives at the Natatorium during the evening.

### SPECIAL TRAIN FOR ELKS TO PORTLAND

What is believed to be the first special train for the convention of Elks at Portland to be held next year has been engaged by C. L. Measom, exalted ruler of Medford Lodge No. 1163.

It is estimated 200 Elks will travel to Portland from the Rogue River valley.

### CHANGE OF VENUE MAY BE SOUGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 23.—The attorneys for the defense in the McNamara admitted today that they were seriously considering asking for a change of judge in the coming trial of the accused men.

It is understood that the ground upon which the change will be asked is that of alleged bias on the part of Superior Judge Walter Bordwell.

### WAR CLOUDS HANG LOWER O'ER TRIPOLI

Italy Mobilizing Her Fleet And Stocking Battleships With Arms And Munitions Of War—Turkey Openly Refuses To Give Up Trivolo

### TURKS THINK THEY CAN DEFEAT ANY ITALIAN FORCE

Two Italian Battleships Are Said To Be Cruising Off Tripoli To Intercept Army.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 26.—The Italian charge D'affaires here today notified the Turkish government that any despatch of Turkish reinforcements to Tripoli would be regarded as a hostile act. The message is regarded as a virtual ultimatum.

Excitement throughout Turkey is great.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Open defiance of the war threats by Turkey, mobilization of the Italian fleet and the alleged preparation of an ultimatum by Italy demanding the immediate cession of Tripoli by the Ottoman empire are the startling developments in the negotiations for the disputed trade center today. The situation is regarded here as very grave and war is looked for.

Turkey has thrown down the gauntlet to Italy in an open declaration that she will not surrender Tripoli, which Italy covets for commercial purposes. Although practically without a navy, while Italy's maritime strength is particularly high at this time, Turkey believes that she can defeat any force Italy can send against her.

It is reported here today that Italy is preparing an ultimatum emphatically threatening force unless the cession to her of Tripoli is made at once. That the threat is not to be an idle one is demonstrated by the fact that the Italian fleet is in process of mobilization in the harbor of Palermo, and is being thoroughly coaled and provisioned, the magazines of all ships filled and the crew augmented.

One report is that two Italian battleships are now cruising off Tripoli. If the report is true it probably means that the battleships have been ordered to intercept vessels carrying a Turkish army corps to the disputed territory.

### DEATH LIST FRENCH SHIP WILL BE 435

Members Of Crew Alive, Are Still Imprisoned Within Partly Submerged Wreckage—Rescuers Are At Work.

### PLOT TO DESTROY ENTIRE NAVY IS HINTED

Fires Started In Arsenals And In Other Ships At Same Time—Secret Service At Work

TOULON, France, Sept. 26.—With the official count making it certain that the toll of dead and wounded through the disaster to the battleship *Liberte*, will reach 435 desperate efforts are being made here today to rescue from the debris members of the warship's crew who are known to be alive in its shattered hull.

Anchored beside the partly submerged wreckage of the warship is a navy repair vessel, the crew of which is carefully burning through the steel plates of the *Liberte* with acetylene gas jets, working slowly so that the steel plates shall not fall inward and crush the victims held below the surface of the water.

Three Others Damaged.

Drydocks were hastily prepared today to receive the *Verite*, *Republique* and *Democratie*, which were damaged in the disaster.

Minister of Marine Delcasse and Admiral Germinet are convinced that the fire started in the oil stowage and the higher officers of the warship are blamed for being absent.

A court of inquiry is to be named immediately which will consist of officers of flag rank only who will fix the responsibility for the accident and recommend changes in the management of navy vessels which will prevent the recurrence of such disasters.

Twenty-five sailors have already died in the marine hospital and it is probable that as many more who are now in the hospital will succumb.

Plot Hinted at.

The suspicion is growing that the destruction of the *Liberte* was part of a plot to destroy the entire navy. Mysterious fires in the arsenal here, accidents to ships in drydocks and fire discovered last night in the hold of *LaPatrie*, have aroused the port officials and the secret service is today investigating.

The fire in *LaPatrie* was discovered near the magazines and immediately was flooded and extinguished.

Five sailors who were imprisoned in the *Liberte's* forward turret part which was above water were rescued today none the worse for their remarkable experience.

### SNOW BLOCKS FOWLER'S FLIGHT

Aviator Chafes At Delay But Ependes Time Tuning Up His Machine—Hopes To Try Again Tomorrow To Cross Sierras.

EMIGRANT GAP, Cal., Sept. 26.—Swirling snow flurries on the summit of the Sierras, where already the fall is more than two inches, and heavy rains on the coast slope today made it impossible for Robert G. Fowler to start again in an attempt to pass the mountains and resume his trans-continental flight.

Chafing at the delay, Fowler and a dozen men are today spending their time on a hillside near here tuning up the biplane with which he hopes to scale the Sierras tomorrow morning, if the weather should clear.

Look at the "For Sale" ads—and at some of the things that are advertised for sale.

### MAYBE TAFT WON'T EAT CHINESE PHEASANTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26.—Maybe President Taft will dine on China pheasant at the Commercial club's \$10 per plate banquet here October 11, and again maybe he won't.

The announcement of the leub's officials that the pheasant, which is protected from molestation by law for two years yet, may be served as the piece de resistance, has aroused sportsmen all over the state and protests are pouring in.

Home prosperity depends upon home industry, and state-wide prosperity will be greater if factories selling "Made in Oregon" goods are patronized by the local merchants.