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PROSECUTION TO FOLLOW STRIKE KLAMATH WANTS BOND ISSUE TO FAIL GIGANTIC POWER MERGER IS PLANNED BY CHURCHILL

TO OPERATE TRUNK LINE ALONG COAST

Portland to San Francisco, and on to Los Angeles is Territory to be Covered by Trunk Power Line if Plan Carries.

CHURCHILL SAYS MATTER WILL BE CONSUMMATED

Believes Merger Would Be of Great Benefit by Encompassing Uniform Distribution.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 28.—A power and light merger which operate a trunk line from Portland to San Francisco and Los Angeles is the scheme which J. W. Churchill, president of the Siskiyou Electric Light and Power Co. announced here today.

Churchill said the project would be consummated in the near future by mutual agreement of the numerous companies in the field and would be of great advantage by encompassing the uniform distribution of electrical energy in both Oregon and California.

The Siskiyou Electric Light and Power company recently purchased the Ray power properties in this valley, paying \$3,300,000 for them. This gives them an immense territory and the power to enter such an agreement with other companies on the coast.

PRESIDENT IS ON PROBATION

So Declares a Leader of Kansas Politics—Promises of Tariff Revision Alone Can Save Him in 1912 if They Are Carried Out.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Sept. 28.—President Taft invaded Iowa on his "swing around the circle."

He is well satisfied with his reception in Kansas and his friends say that his welcome was warmer than leaders accompanying him on his trip and each vying in honoring him.

"Taft's standing in Kansas depends upon what the next congress does," one leader said. "If his promises of tariff reform through the tariff board are fulfilled, President Taft may have a chance for the next nomination. He is now on probation."

GOT "THANK YOU" FOR HIS TROUBLE

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Sept. 28.—Digesting a polite "thank you" as his only reward for returning a wallet containing \$1,000 and valuable papers to Marco Corsi, Frank Stewart, local baggage master, today mused on the ingratitude of humanity.

Corsi and his family had started for Europe and he had carelessly left the purse containing their tickets to Genoa, foreign currency and the \$1000 on a truck at the depot. Stewart rushed aboard and handed the wallet to Corsi just as the train pulled out.

She Eloped With a Plumber Boy



MRS. WALTER L. SUYDAM, JR.

DIVORCE FILED BEFORE SHE LEFT

New Developments Occur in Suydam Divorce Proceedings—Woman Fled With Her "Soul-Mate" After Notice of Divorce Had Been Filed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—With the hearing of the divorce proceedings here before Justice Clark new developments were brought to light which gives the elopement of Mrs. Eloise Suydam, wife of Walter Esplanade Suydam, the Blue Point millionaire, with Frederick Noble, the 21-year-old son of a Brooklyn plumber, a new complexion.

Mrs. Suydam was served with the notice of the proceedings at Blue Point on September 2, which was three days before she eloped with Noble.

The complaint filed by Suydam's legal representatives names Noble as the correspondent and cites as the basis of the proceeding a trip taken by Mrs. Suydam and Noble in a boat in Great South Bay about August 20. In the hearing here today Suydam testified only to the marriage while Mrs. Cecilia McManis, who is employed at the Suydam home, testified that she saw Mrs. Suydam and Noble together at the Blue Point house about August 23. The affidavits of other employees were presented.

It required less than fifteen minutes for Justice Clark to hear the evidence and grant an interlocutory divorce decree to Suydam. Mrs. Suydam made no answer to the complaint.

SPOKANE MERCHANTS CUTTING DOWN STOCKS

SPOKANE, Wn., Sept. 28.—In order that the minimum amount of stock may be on the shelves when the new reduced freight rates go into effect November 15, Spokane jobbers are interchanging staples and supplies and are purchasing as little outside stock as possible.

When it is necessary to ship in goods they are pooling their orders and as a result the railroads are transporting the minimum into this section.

OREGON TRAFFIC CONGRESS MEETS

E. A. Welsh of This City, is Elected Secretary and Treasurer—Came Near Getting Into a Row at the Opening.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 28.—The proposition of taking up at once by the initiative a law for the equalization of railroad freight rates in Oregon without consultation with the railroad commission and without further investigation came near splitting the partially formed organization of the Oregon Traffic Congress here today. The meeting abruptly terminated in a motion to adjourn until this afternoon with the whole controversy still an open issue.

Delegates from all parts of the state met in the chamber of commerce building and while the committee on constitution and by-laws was deliberating, F. A. Harmon of Baker was elected president, and E. A. Welsh of Medford secretary-treasurer.

A motion was made to invite the railroad commissioners and representatives of the Southern Pacific to attend and Harmon started things when he said that he was willing to resign if the Medford delegation, which called the meeting had any advance policy outlined as Temporary Chairman H. C. Garnett had intimated a short time before.

A few minutes later adjournment was taken until 3 o'clock to allow leaders to confer to settle a few matters.

Cat Saves Their Lives.

BELLINGHAM, Wn., Sept. 28.—Saved from death in the flames that destroyed their home early this morning by a pet kitten that climbed onto the bed and awakened them by scratching their faces, Mary and Edna Soule, 11 and 12, are today little the worse for their experiences except for a few slight burns inflicted while they were escaping from the building. The father of the girls is away from home and the mother had left early to work in the cannery, leaving the children asleep in bed. The house took fire from the stove and was burning fiercely when the kitten, frightened by the smoke and flames, jumped onto the bed. The children were awakened by the scratches just in the nick of time.

ROADS TO SHOW ANOTHER USE SHERMAN LAW

Leaders of Federated Shopmen Will be Subjected to Criminal Prosecution by Harriman Officials in Case a Strike is Called.

STRIKE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT 10 O'CLOCK SATURDAY

Votes are Pledged for Strike on That Day—Kline Replies to Kruttschnitt.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 28.—That the leaders of the federated shopmen on the Harriman lines will be subjected to criminal prosecution by Harriman officials in case a strike is called and that there may be more ways than one to use the Sherman anti-trust law, was shown here today when it was definitely learned that the Harriman officials have formulated the intention of going to the federal court and demanding such a prosecution. The procedure, in the event of a strike, will be based on the allegation that the unions have "combined to restrain trade" in express violation of the terms of the act.

It is semi-officially announced here this afternoon that the general strike will become effective at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The heads of the sheet metal workers, the blacksmiths and the machinists have already voted to strike at that time. The presidents of the boiler makers and carmen's unions have pledged their votes for a strike on that day, thus assuring the issuing of a strike order.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 28.—That the long threatened strike of shop employees on the Harriman lines is but a few hours from actual reality was indicated here at 11 a. m. today, when fifteen special policemen were sworn in. An official of the police department admitted that these men would be assigned to duty at the local shops. Additional police will be sworn in this afternoon, it is said.

Preparing for Strike.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 28.—Operating officials of the Harriman lines who were scheduled to leave Portland for vacations and duties, today cancelled all outside engagements and will remain here, owing to the seriousness of the impending strike situation.

J. P. O'Brien, head of the Harriman system in the northwest, admitted that the outlook was threatening, and he has taken charge of the affairs.

Officials of the machinists' union here have received telegraphic orders to prepare for a strike order. Union shopmen say they are ready to go out the moment a strike order is received.

Is Inevitable.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 28.—According to a high official of the System Federation of the Harriman lines, a strike is inevitable. He said it would be called on Saturday morning.

President Kline telephoned James O'Connell, president of the machinists' union, who is now at Davenport and other officials to the effect that the shopmen on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, affiliated with the System Federation, have struck in sympathy with the carmen who are not affiliated with the System Federation. The points affected by the strike are Denison, San Antonio, Texas; Sedalia, Mo., and Parsons, Kan. Kline had the following to say on

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EXPECT NEWS FIRST BATTLE ANY MOMENT

Four Italian Battleships, Three Cruisers and Fleet of Transports Containing 30,000 Troops Lie Off the City of Tripoli.

WAR SEEMS CERTAIN: EUROPE GIVES UP HOPE

Pope Gives His Official Endorsement to the Move by Italy—Turks Firm.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—With four Italian battleships, three cruisers and a fleet of transports containing 30,000 Italian troops lying off the city of Tripoli British officialdom expects hourly today to hear that a landing has been made and that Italy's blow at Turkey for the acquisition of a new African empire has been struck.

There is confidence expressed by all officials that war is sure, and news of battle is expected at any moment.

Constantinople reports today say that the Italian charge d'affaires has handed the Turkish foreign minister an official note declaring that Turkey's reply, refuting allegations that the Porte was strengthening its hand in Tripoli by landing arms and ammunition from the transport Derna, was unsatisfactory to Italy. The charge d'affaires is expected to demand his passports at any hour.

Second Fleet Leaves.

Backing up the Italian force off the city of Tripoli, a second expeditionary squadron of warships with the battleship Unberto in the van left Spezia last night under sealed orders. It is believed the destination of the squadron is the Turkish coast and the blockade of Turkish seaport cities its objective.

The Italian campaign, advices from Rome indicate, contemplates the occupation of the whole coast of the province of Tripoli. It is admitted that a large force would be necessary to operate in the interior of the country, where the determined resistance of the Musselman and Arab inhabitants would prove a serious bar to permanent occupation at this time.

The small Turkish fleet of which American and Englishmen are the principal today was ordered from Beirut to Constantinople.

No Hope for Peace.

Advices from Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg today indicate that the powers have abandoned hope of a peaceful settlement of the Italian-Turkish dispute, and that all their efforts will be directed to localizing the fighting between the two belligerents with the idea of preventing, if possible, a general European conflagration. Any overt act by one of the big powers—particularly by Austria, Italy's hereditary foe—would be immediately resulted by the other powers who are lined up on the other side of the delicate European "balance of power" arrangement. Diplomats admit that the general situation is critical. Stocks on the exchange here in view of the general uneasiness, open nervous and depressed.

Navy Ready.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A censored cablegram from the United Press staff in Rome received here today, says:

"The entire Italian navy has been commissioned and most of the warships have sailed. Word is momentarily expected that the troops have landed and occupied the African provinces of Tripoli, Benghazi and Derna."

"It is admitted that Turkey's land-

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TO HUNT OUTLAWS IN AN AEROPLANE



MONS RENE SIMON

Mons Simon, the well known aviator, has consented to assist Sheriff James F. Ireland, of Watska, Ill., to hunt down a band of murderers who are wanted for the killing of Melville Bradrick, of Crescent City. Simon will use his aeroplane in hunting for the fugitives, who are believed to be hiding in the cornfields near Watska. This is the first time in history that an aeroplane has been put to such use.

TO INVESTIGATE FRUIT BURNING

United States District Attorney is Asked to Investigate Portland Commission Houses Regarding Burning of 54,000 Pounds of Food.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 28.—The United States district attorney today was asked to investigate local commission houses, to ascertain whether any combination to restrain trade exists, when it became known that 54,000 pounds of food had been burned in the city incinerator in the last ten days.

When told of the alleged wanton waste of food to keep up prices, Mayor Rushlight said he would take what steps he could to end the practice and that he would strongly favor a public market.

According to men employed at the incinerator, thousands of pounds of food has been offered by various commission men for burning that was without taint. All kinds and varieties of foodstuffs from fruits to vegetables were included.

It is asserted that the commission houses agreed on a certain sales price for their supplies and when provisions are not purchased at that price, the goods are either hauled away to be burned or kept until they have decayed.

USED OIL START FIRE; BURY 5

Man Loses Five Members of His Family When Home Burns—Injured Two Others and Himself—Was Careless.

MITCHELL, Ill., Sept. 28.—Using coal oil to improve the kitchen fire early today, Virgil VanDerer started a conflagration that resulted in the death of five members of his family and the serious injury of two others and himself.

Mrs. Virgil VanDerer and her four children—Gertrude, 15; Bessie, 13; Earl, 6, and Wanda, 4—were burned to death.

VanDerer and his 18-year-old stepson, C. Frankford, and Theryl VanDerer, 8, were seriously injured.

WILL SECURE CALIFORNIA TRUNK LINE

Committee of Business Men Visit Sacramento to Confer With Californians Regarding Highway Through State

ALL DEPENDS ON THIS COUNTY'S BOND ISSUE

If Bonds Are Voted Down Trunk Highway Will Be Diverted at Weed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 28.—If Jackson county's proposed bond issue of \$1,500,000 for the building of good roads, fails on Saturday next, this city will be the objective point of the great trunk highway to be constructed through the state of California. If Jackson county passes the bond issue the road will cross the Siskiyou to join the main highway to be constructed in the Rogue River valley.

This is the word brought back by the committee of business men who have just returned from a visit to Sacramento, where they went in an effort to secure the highway. Whether Klamath Falls will be the objective point or not depends upon Jackson county.

The committee called attention to the fact that if the highway passed through Klamath Falls, Crater Lake could easily be reached from the highway.

Judging from the foregoing dispatch there is more at stake than the matter of building roads on Saturday. It seems that unless Jackson county passes the bond issue and constructs highways that she will lose a great opportunity of receiving the benefits of a great highway to the south over which thousands of tourists would pass annually and which is to be constructed at an expense of \$18,000,000.

If the trunk highway in California is diverted to Klamath it will mean the loss of thousands of dollars annually to Jackson county.

CLASS RATES ARE INCREASED

Will Become Effective November 1—In Line With Plans Formulated During Hearing of Inter-Mountain Cases.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 28.—According to notification received here today by railroad officials from Chicago, a general increase of class rates from eastern centers to the Pacific coast will become effective November 1. The proposed increases are in line with the plans formulated during the hearing of the inter-mountain rate cases by the interstate commerce commission. Commodity rates will not be affected. About 5 per cent of the total traffic is made up of class rate shipments.

SEATTLE, Wn.—One month ago Seattle began the free collection of garbage, and judging from the cost of this first month's work, the garbage collection will cost \$300,000 a year, it is reported today.