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## DAM BREAKS; SCORE OF TOWNS WRECKED ROADS MAY SEEK INDICMENTS AGAINST UNION LEADERS

### SITUATION IN SOUTH GROWS MORE SERIOUS

Railroads are Considering General Plans of Procedure Against the Labor Organizations—May Invoke Sherman Law

### INJUNCTION IN SOUTH SAID TO BE VIOLATED

Troops are Called Out in Several Places to Keep Order

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 6.—Indictments against Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the officers of the system federations and the official of the nine individual unions composing the federation may be sought in the federal courts by the Illinois Central railroad for violation of the Sherman anti trust law in consequence of the strike on the Harriman lines, according to reports here today.

In an interview with a United Press representative, Attorney Black Lee, general counsel for the Illinois Central, said:

"I know that the legal department of the railroad is investigating the strike order issued to the union men on the Harriman lines, and that the department is of the opinion that what is being done clearly violates the criminal clause of the Sherman law. It also violates the civil clause of the law under which the damaged party—in this case the Illinois Central—may secure triple damages. The company has secured some evidence already and is still considering the case. I will not say that we will ask for indictments, and I will not say that we will sue under the Sherman law. I cannot tell just what we will do."

Considering Several Plans.

It is learned here that the railroad is considering several plans of procedure against the labor organizations. One is to secure from the federal courts an injunction under the Sherman act restraining the union from further promoting the strike, declaring it to be the result of a conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Another method is to sue for an order for the dissolution of the system federations, under this same clause of the act for damages.

The fourth method, and the one which the railroad officials look upon with most favor, because it would involve Gompers and other labor "higher-ups" in the meshes of the law, is the returning of indictment against the labor officials for criminal prosecutions in the federal courts.

The railroad attorneys believe that the Danbury Hatters and the Debs cases cover the contentions.

**Law Invoked.**

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 6.—Harriman strikers of the middle and far west are soon to become involved in the meshes of the law through the action of the federal authorities in these sections who are today making preparations to cite them for contempt of court on a charge of violating injunctions restraining them from interfering with railroad property or employees.

**Strikers Indignant.**

The strikers are highly incensed, and are being worked up to the fighting pitch. They protest strenuously and indignantly against the government's restraining order. Thus far the injunctions have been successful in preventing rioting and the men have not had the temerity to attempt violence in any form. However, there are already signs that the leash on their tempers has been strained to the breaking point, and it is admitted that the situation is of the gravest.

### MEDFORD DAY AT FAIR WAS BIG SUCCESS

Large Crowd of Local People See Races and Balloon Ascension—Many Visitors Here Today from Grants Pass

### BIG PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR FINAL ASHLAND, DAY

Interest in Exhibits Continues—Good Racing Card for this Afternoon

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**Tomorrow at Fair**  
Saturday, the final day of the fair, will offer several forms of amusement. A brief program for the day follows:  
Racing will start with a free-for-all pace, with four entries. The special pacing half-mile will follow. Zyzant Jr., a Medford horse, will start in this event.  
The consolation running race is also scheduled. In this race all horses not taking first money heretofore are eligible. The ladies driving race will be a feature. Mrs. Hyde will drive Flossie, Mrs. Date will drive Troubadour and Miss King will drive Nig.  
A big double parachute drop is scheduled for three o'clock.  
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Medford Day at the district fair now being held in this city, was a distinct success in point of admissions and in attraction. A large crowd of local people gathered at the fair grounds and witnessed some of the best races of the present meet and saw a spectacular drop by Miss Tiny Broadwick from a balloon 1200 feet in air. The day was perfect and all conditions tended to make the afternoon delightful.

Today is Grants Pass day and a large number of visitors from the down valley metropolis are on hand to take in the exhibits and the afternoon racing card, which by the way promises to be one of the best of the meet. The school children will also be out this afternoon in force.

Interest in the exhibit continues and the buildings were crowded again yesterday. The entries were all made by number and tomorrow the names of the winners will be announced. The exhibit is really well worth seeing and reflects the great productiveness of the valley. The livestock entries are exciting much comment. The big sale of live stock will be held Saturday morning.

**Race Results.**

The results of Thursday's race were as follows:

2:40 trot, purse \$150—Won in straight heats; first, Zelma Z.; second, Mack H.; third, St. Michael; best time, 2:28 1-2.

2:12 pace, purse \$300—Won in straight heats; first, Axnola; second, and third, Baron Lovelace and Salley Younger, divided money; fourth, Marim.

Five-eighths mile dash, running, purse \$125—First, Bonnie Reg; second, Le Claire; third Jack Kertrell.

Three-eighths mile pony race, purse \$25—First, Flossie; second, Little Jack; third, Nigger; time, 0:41.

Quarter-mile match race, purse \$200—First, roan gelding; second, bay gelding; time, 0:25.

**Friday's Program.**

Today's program is as follows:  
School day and Grants Pass day.  
First race—2:14 trot, three entries.  
Second race—2:20 pace, four entries.  
Third race—Three-quarters mile running race, \$150 purse.  
Fourth race—Three-eighths mile saddle race, for saddle horses owned in Jackson and Josephine counties.

### SCENE AT AUSTIN, PA., WHERE HUNDREDS LOST LIVES WHEN MILL DAM BROKE



DIAGRAM OF THE AUSTIN FLOOD SHOWING DAM AND TOWN. MAP SHOWING TOWN DEVASTATED BY FLOOD.

### CATASTROPHE AT AUSTIN MAY BE DUPLICATED

Dozen Towns Known to Have Been Inundated—Property Loss Tremendous—Towns Warned—No Word as to Fatalities

### TELEPHONE OPERATORS ARE FORCED TO FLEE

Heavy Rains in Wisconsin Cause Floods—Special Relief Trains Sent Out

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 6.—Neillsville, Wis., telegraphs that both the Charles and Hatfield dams have gone out. A wall of water 30 feet high rushed down the Black river. Wire communication is now cut off and nothing has been heard since.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 6.—What may prove to be a parallel to the Austin flood horror occurred at Hatfield, Wis., when the big dam of the La Crosse Water Power company there broke at 10:10 this morning, following a heavy downpour of rain which lasted for 24 hours.

While no particulars have been received, it is believed that many perished.

The town of Hatfield was flooded and at 11:45 this morning the flood wave had reached Black River falls. The telephone company has been requested to warn all points below.

**Damage Immense.**

The wires are down and no details or news of fatalities can be obtained but the damage is known to be immense.

Telephone communication with Black River Falls has been severed since noon, the operators of both telephone companies notifying headquarters that they are leaving their posts on account of the flood.

The following towns below Hatfield have been flooded and suffered great property damage: Halcyon, Wright, Black River Falls, Irving, Melrose, North Bend, Stevenson, Glasgow, Decorah, Prairie, Lytle, Onalaska and North La Crosse.

**Black River High.**

LA CROSSE, Wis., Oct. 6.—Great damage has resulted in this section today from the rampaging of the Black river, following heavy rain storms which continued steadily here for 24 hours, and the greatest flood in many years is expected yet to come. The damage is already several millions of dollars, but so far no casualties are reported. The Mississippi is rising rapidly in this vicinity, and dire consequences to property and perhaps to life are anticipated.

A special train has been rushed to Hatfield, Wis., which was the hardest hit by the flood, to remove its citizens to Merrillan. Hatfield was almost entirely submerged by the waters when the levee protecting the shores of the Black river above that town burst, sending the flood against the dam of the La Crosse Water Power company, 35 feet high, which holds back Lake Arbuthus.

The power company denies that the dam collapsed, while others declare that it did.

STOCKTON, Cal., Oct. 6.—The burning of a book containing a list of names of all patients of Mrs. S. E. Knight, sentenced to serve four and a half years in the penitentiary for malpractice, has relieved the minds of many Stockton residents today. The book, which attracted more attention than the case itself, was destroyed by chief of police Briare here.

was sentenced to be electrocuted. A petition for commutation of sentence was not signed by one jurymen. The governor of Virginia is a Presbyterian and will pay no attention to it."

### BIG TOBACCO WAR TO START

Independent Dealers Retain Louis Brandeis to Bring Suit Against the Tobacco Trust—Claim Trust is Planning to Put One Over

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The retaining by the independent tobacco dealers today of Louis Brandeis of Boston, famous for his activities in the Ballinger-Pinchot affair, foreshadows a big legal battle between the independent dealers and the tobacco trust.

Brandeis represents the National Cigar Leaf association, the New York Leaf Tobacco association and the Independent Retail Tobacco association. These companies claim that the trust is planning to "put something over" in its dissolution plans, into which it has been forced by Attorney General Wickersham and the Sherman anti trust law. They assert that there is a plan afoot to create five little trusts instead of one big one, distributing the stocks of the subsidiary company to the stockholders of the American Tobacco company, the holding company. They declare this will leave the domination of the tobacco business in the same hands in which it now is.

The fight will be precipitated on Monday, when the time limit for the re-organization of the trust expires.

### MANUEL THOUGHT IN PORTUGAL

Party Takes Train Outside of Paris and One is Believed to be Deposed King—Revolt is Rapidly Spreading over Country

PARIS, Oct. 6.—Eight Portuguese, including Don Alphonso, King Manuel's uncle, today boarded the Oporto express, southbound, outside of Paris.

One member of the party wore a cap and a mask over his face, and is believed to have been King Manuel on his way to take command of the Royalists who are fighting to regain for him his throne.

VIGO, Spain, Oct. 6.—All northern Portugal today is in revolt for the purpose of re-seating the deposed King Manuel upon the throne. Repeated rumors of royalist successes are seeping out of the country.

Two detachments of royalists, 3000 in each, crossed the border into Portugal yesterday. Captains Conceicao and Machado being in command. Two hundred armed peasants are reported to have joined a force of Ayemonte in a march upon Oporto.

A special dispatch from Tuy says the peasants were routed in a battle at Chavez, a majority of the garrison finally joining the insurgents.

### FORESTER USES SKELETON KEY

Ranger Gribble Rebuked by Land Office for Violating Law by Entering Cabin to Secure Evidence Against Homesteader

That Forest Ranger J. E. Gribble entered a homesteader's cabin with a skeleton key to secure evidence against the settler to be used in ousting him from his land, and thereby violated the law himself, is the assertion made by the officials of the federal land office at Roseburg in overruling the contest brought against Dr. Edward E. Emerson who has taken up a homestead in the Crater National forest. The opinion reads as follows:

"In his apparent eagerness to make out a case against the claimant, the witness J. E. Gribble, entered the cabin home of this settler by means of a skeleton key, thus himself violating a statute, there being no law authorizing any detective, state or federal officer to enter the private home of any person without due process of law. The little cabin home of the settler is as sacred under the law as is the home of the man who lives in a mansion or Nob hill."

Continuing, the land office rules: "The contestant has wholly failed to prove any of the charges and the testimony of the chief witness for the contestant, — E. Gribble, is that the claimant did establish residence on the land for he, Gribble, saw him there and also saw his household goods. . . . That claimant did cultivate the land for witness saw a crop growing there. . . . There is not sufficient evidence to support any of the charges and the motion to dismiss is hereby sustained."

Attorneys A. E. Reames and O. V. Lawlor represented the contestee.

### 15 KILLED IN TRIPOLI FORT

Now Occupied by Two Battalions of Italian Marines—Italian Merchantman is Attacked by Turks, But Aid Comes

ROME, Oct. 6.—During the bombardment of Tripoli the occupation of which was officially announced by the Italian government today, fifteen Turks were killed and twenty were fatally wounded according to the report of Admiral Aubrey of the Italian naval forces.

Attacked today by a Turkish warship off North Albania, an Italian merchantman flying a white flag, was succeeded by the Italian destroyer Artigliere. It was slightly damaged by the Turkish shots, and the commander was wounded.

BERLIN, Oct. 6.—Forts are now occupied by two battalions of Italian marines which landed here today, according to dispatches received here from Rome. The invaders found a number of corpses of their defeated foe, but no sign of a Turkish garrison, the forts being all abandoned. The dispatches also state that the Italian reservists in Switzerland have renounced their allegiance to the United Kingdom, and refuse to return to the colors.

### FIRST POSTAL BANK FRAUD IS REPORTED

SEATTLE, Wa., Oct. 6.—What is alleged to be the first postal saving bank fraud, resulted yesterday in the arrest of Salip Cn Amat, a Malay. When he presented himself at the post office to get \$100 alleged to belong to R. Ali, a countryman of his living in San Francisco, Ali reported the loss of certificate to the postal authorities, and Amat is charged with forging his name.

The ladies' relay race only having one entry, has been declared off. In its place for next Saturday's program a ladies' driving race, one-mile dash, has been substituted. No driving horse that has beaten three minutes in any race is eligible. The purse will be \$50; divided; First, \$25; second, \$15; third, \$10.

### STRIKE SECONDARY TO BASEBALL GAME

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 6.—The Portland-Vernon pennant series at Los Angeles almost caused a "strike" of the pickets of the striking shopmen stationed at the Albina and Brooklyn shops today, who made a united demand for quick action on the ball scores. The news of Portland's second victory over the Tigers yesterday did not reach the pickets until two hours after the game was over and today they demanded that the results be telephoned them here after immediately after the close of the game. The committee agreed to do so and the "strike" was averted.

Interest in the series is at fever height today and fans here are offering odds of 10 to 7 that Portland will win. There are few takers.

### COLOR OF METHODIST MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 6.—A discordant note was struck at the Methodist conference following the address of Bishop Hendrie, D. D., in which he referred to the Beattie trial in Virginia. He pictured a court room in which no women were permitted and a jury on its knees before giving the verdict of "guilty."

Alderman Shape of London at the end of this address asked what the judge's sentence was and if the prisoner had been "white" would it have been different.

Bishop Hoss jumped to his feet. "I object to a question that carries an insinuation or implication of inferiority in the color of a Methodist. We're brothers in terms of absolute equality. The man was white and