

BIGGEST MASS STRIKE ABOUT TO COMMENCE

Seattle Will Be Thrown into Chaotic State Tomorrow

ALL LIGHTS SHUT OFF

Hundreds of Thousands Thrown Out of Employment in Biggest Mass Strike in History of Country—Police Declared to Be Ready for Any Outbreak or Disorder.

There now seems little if any hope of averting the gigantic strike here tomorrow, when between 40,000 and 50,000 union workers expect to walk out in the biggest strike in the history of the United States.

There is no estimate of how many thousands unorganized workers will be thrown out of work, but it is said to exceed 100,000. There is a grave question now as to whether the city will have lights.

Mayor Hanson said yesterday that the city would be lighted by electrical workers, but union leaders say that all lights will be shut off, including hospital lights.

Tags on which are printed the picture of a soldier, a sailor and a workman marching together are being sold on the streets at 25 cents each, to aid the strikers.

Although city officials refuse to be quoted it is known that considerable uneasiness exists among police authorities over the strike. In a statement issued by the strikers' publicity committee, it is declared the strike will be conducted in an orderly manner. Police and military authorities, however, are declared to be ready for any outbreak of disorder.

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—The Central Labor Council meets tonight to approve the general strike date. It is rumored that the strike may be made a twenty-four hour walkout but only Union leaders have refused to comment on this rumor.

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—Labor leaders have today declared that only the action by President Piez of the Emergency Fleet Corporation can prevent a walkout and he has not been heard from.

TEACHER GIVEN BIRTHDAY FEED

TEACHERS OF THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL WERE GUESTS YESTERDAY AT PRETTY LUNCHEON DURING NOON HOUR

A most enjoyable birthday party in which Miss Gertrude Parker of the Riverside School was the guest of honor, was given yesterday noon at the school by Mesdames C. A. Plath, Mrs. Austin Hayden and Mrs. J. E. Bratton, at which all the teachers in the school were guests. A two course luncheon was served and the best kind of a time enjoyed by all present. The tables were decorated in pink and white carnations. Superintendent R. H. Dunbar and Miss Applegate, the music teacher were present in addition to the regular teachers at Riverside.

Last evening, a surprise party was given Miss Parker at her home at the Telford residence by members of the Kedron Club, of which she is a member. A fine time is reported by all who were present.

DEMURRER FILED IN PARTNERSHIP SUIT

A demurrer has been filed in the case of Ed Weston versus H. L. DeArmond by the defendant's counsel Attorney's Renner and Chastain in the office of the County Clerk. This action which was filed a few days ago sought a final settlement by DeArmond, who it was alleged had wasted the funds of the firm of Weston and DeArmond.

ARCHITECT OPENS OFFICES IN CITY

Lieutenant Herbert A. Poage, an experienced architect and structural engineer, has opened offices in the Odd Fellow's building. With an architectural practice extending over a period of many years and association with the Engineer Corps of the United States, he is well qualified to design and build any structure, whether large or small, to the decided advantage of the investor, from the standpoint of being saved both money and annoyance.

HIGH SCHOOL HAS OPERETTA

"WINDMILLS OF BELGIUM" IS CLEVER MUSICAL PLAY SCHEDULED FOR HOUTON'S FRIDAY EVENING

"Windmills of Belgium" is the name of the musical entertainment which will be presented by the Students of the Klamath County High School at the Houton Opera House, Friday evening.

The operetta is given for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross, which has been actively supported by this institution since early in the war. The work of the farmer in Belgium, his methods of agriculture is quaintly pictured in this pretty story.

The Belgian costumes are very attractive and many pretty choruses and dances are given. The pupils have been practicing for some time on the piece.

Following is the program of musical numbers:

Act I	
Overture	—
"Opening Chorus"	Glee Club
"What Is It"	M. Lessops
"Mother Mine"	Wilhelmina
"Spider and the Fly"	Mme. Lessops
"There are Others"	Duet
"Looking for a Girl"	Hilda and Franz
"Fishing"	Franz and Chorus
"In Dreamland"	Wilhelmina and Bob
"Wooden Shoe Dance"	Hans and Chorus
"Wooden Shoe and Finale"	Chorus
Act II	
"Drum Song"	Trío, Wilhelmina, Bob, and Chorus
"I'll Never Speak to You Again"	Wilhelmina and Hilda
"Shame on You"	Trío
"A Common Game"	Wilhelmina, Hilda and Mme. Lessops
"Poppies, Red and White"	Chorus
"A Man in Business"	Bob Yankee
"When I Was Like You"	Lessops
"Nothing to Do"	Duet, Bob and Lessops
"Finale"	Chorus

HUNS ARRESTED FOR PROPAGANDA

COBLENZ, Feb. 5.—Three Germans were convicted during the last few days of circulating enemy propaganda among the American troops in the occupied area. One shopkeeper has offered for sale watch fobs with American and German flags crossed upon them.

Postcards have been confiscated showing a beautiful German woman with tiny American, British and French soldiers dancing at the end of a string to her caprice.

NEW WARRANT ORDER WILL START MUSIC

General Fund Warrants Not Taken on Certain Taxes

IS OLD CONTROVERSY

Recent Edict Is One Expected to Be Contested to the Last Source of Appeal—Court Acts in Accordance With Views of Judge Benson, Who Admitted Error.

Whereas, the sheriff and tax collector of Klamath County, State of Oregon, is now engaged in the collection of taxes from the tax payers of Klamath County and that warrants of said Klamath County are likely to be presented for payment of said taxes.

Be It Resolved, That the sheriff and tax collector of Klamath County, State of Oregon, be and is hereby ordered and directed not to accept any general fund warrants of Klamath County and apply any portion thereof on the payment of taxes that have been created by virtue of levies for the creation of what are termed "Special Funds," of said Klamath County, State of Oregon.

This innocent-looking little order which has been entered on the journal of the proceeding of the County Court is liable to start fireworks that may have their last explosion in the Supreme Court of the state, for it hits at something that has been a bone of contention in this county for many years. It had to do with the Hot Springs court house originally.

The opponents of this structure contended that general fund warrants should be accepted in payment of that portion of their taxes that were to go into the courthouse fund. This contention was not recognized by Captain J. W. Siemens, then county treasurer, and the matter was taken into the Circuit Court. Judge Benson was on the bench at the time, and he decided that the position of the county treasurer was wrong, and ruled accordingly, basing his opinion of a decision rendered by Judge Bean of the Supreme Court. Captain Siemens did not take an appeal, for he was sufficiently protected by the Benson decision, though he was convinced that the Judge had made an error in deciding the case as he did.

In this belief the Captain was correct, for Judge Benson later discovered that he had placed a wrong construction on the Bean decision, and freely admitted that if the case were reopened, or if it came before him again in a regular manner, he would reverse himself and issue the restraining order necessary to prevent the diversion of the monies from special funds, thru the use of general fund warrants.

As soon as Judge Bunnell and Commissioners Short and Fordyce looked into the matter, they decided to take the bull by the horns and made the above order. That it will be contested is almost certain, unless in the meantime some compromise may be reached that will settle all of the rows that have been going on for the past nine years. Sheriff Humphrey is going to stand pat on the order. He has the support of the county court and in view of the fact that a very delicate question is involved that might jeopardize his bondsman, he is not going to take any chances. The result will be that anyone who wishes to cash in their warrants and have them apply to a special fund will have to procure an order of the Circuit court to gain his point, and in view of Judge Benson's private dictum on this point, there is little likelihood of success along this line.

SOLDIER RETURNS

Roy Nelson, of the Keno district, who is well known in this city and who has been in the aviation service in Michigan for several months, returned to Klamath Falls last evening.

WATER USERS DELAY ELECTING OFFICERS

A meeting of the directors of the Klamath Irrigation district was held yesterday afternoon at the Reclamation Building.

The election of officers of this body which was scheduled to come up at this time, was delayed until next Saturday when the Board will hold another meeting.

NEW ROAD FOR WEST SIDE OF LAKE PROPOSED

Would Save Many Miles if Opened Up

CUTS OUT BIG HILLS

New Highway Which Will Skirt Beautiful Upper Lake for Long Distance Is Now Proposed—Move Favorably Considered—Would Add Much to Scenic Assets of County.

A new road running for some distance along the west side of Upper Klamath Lake, which will add much to the scenic beauty of the drive around this beautiful sheet of water, has been petitioned for by residents of that district and has the favorable consideration of the County Court, according to report. It is believed that this will be a first class chance for the new Good Roads Association to do some profitable boosting.

The proposed highway will cross the head of Link River on a bridge, skirt the lake past the Frank McCracken place cross the Wocus marsh dike go in near the Eagle Ridge Tavern and join the old road again at Rock Creek near the Doak Ranch. It will be fifteen miles long and will cut off about seven miles of the old road beside obviating the long hills and grades. Those who are behind the move, hope to get the road at least opened for travel for the coming season.

There has been a great deal of discussion here in years past regarding the need of a highway along the west side of the Lake. Many of the Klamath scenic enthusiasts have maintained that the County is losing a big scenic asset by lack of such an improvement and that a road there, would make one of the most beautiful drives in the County. While the proposed road does not skirt the entire west side of the lake it will cover a substantial portion of it and the road if built will lure many tourists, who hesitate to negotiate the heavy grades of the old road.

AUTO UPSETS NEAR ALGOMA

STEERING GEAR GIVES OUT ON ROAD AND PARTY HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN CAR TURNS TURTLE. NO ONE HURT

To have the steering gear of his automobile give way on the road a short distance this side of Algoma and to upset the machine thru this accident, was the unfortunate experience yesterday of Owen Eolin, who was accompanied by M. Nyhart and James Johnson. None of the party was injured by the mishap.

Harry Stilts of the Central Garage is getting the machine righted on the road again today.

BANK DIRECTORS MEET

The Directors of the First State and Savings Bank held their regular meeting last night.

COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM NOW MADE PUBLIC

Judge Indicates Plans to Good Roads Body

BIG SUM IS AVAILABLE

Highway Over Green Springs Mountain, Road to Merrill and Road to North to Come in for Heavy Share of Construction—Will Be Built to Get Outside Funds.

That approximately \$20,000 of the \$100,000 directed for road work in Klamath County this year, will be used on the Green Springs Highway to Ashland, \$20,000 on the road to Merrill, \$25,000 on the road from Klamath Falls to the north and \$25,000 for general road work, was indicated by County Judge R. H. Bunnell in a talk before the Klamath Good Roads Association at the regular meeting last evening. These highways are all post roads and their improvement will be of such a nature as to warrant additional funds from the State and Federal government, according to the official. In the road to the north which gets in such deplorable condition during the winter months, it is planned to build a route across the low ground from the Pelican Bay Saw mill up the west side of the Southern Pacific tracks to a point near the Graham ranch out the Algoma road. This will cut out the adobe hill a short distance outside the city which gets almost impassible in wet weather.

The Good Roads Association invited the Court to meet with them and discuss plans with an idea of co-operating with that body in its proposed program. There was no hint of criticism and the meeting was one in which constructive policies were forwarded. Following Judge Bunnell's talk, Commissioner Asa Fordyce made a brief address.

That the membership committee is still busy was evidenced by the plans outlined for a house membership canvass in the near future when the town has been carefully restricted.

It is also planned to send delegations to Malin, Merrill, Fort Klamath, Bonanza and all the smaller places in the county and spread the enthusiasm which has permeated the County seat.

DEPUTY ROAD MEN CHOSEN

SEVEN DISTRICT SUPERVISORS FOR YEAR ARE SELECTED. SLIGHT CUT IN WAGES FOR MEN AND TEAMS

Charles Burdick for Dairy, H. E. Winnard for Lancel Valley, Edward Driscoll for Fort Klamath, Bert Vogel for Poe Valley, P. B. Beal for Crescent, W. L. Frain for Topsy, and A. Stiffler for the Worden districts were the deputy road masters appointed for Klamath County for the coming year by the County Court yesterday.

A decrease in the wages allowed was ordered by the Court, which amounts to 50 cents per day for men and teams. The road masters previously receiving \$4, get \$3.50 per day, common labor is cut from \$3.50 to \$3, and horses are to be worth \$2.50 per span per day.

FIRST NATIONAL DIRECTORS MEET

The Directors of the First National Bank held their regular monthly meeting at the bank last evening.

RESERVATION RIVERS OPENED FOR LOGGING

Both the Williamson and Sprague Rivers on the Klamath Reservation are now open to logging, according to report and the Modoc Lumber Company is getting logs into the water. With the ordinary amount of snowfall in this district the conditions would be ideal for logging now, but the lack of this, handicaps the work to a serious extent.

WOMAN LIVES YEARS WITHOUT A STOMACH

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—One of the most remarkable cases in the history of medical science, which has baffled the leading physicians and surgeons of the world, has just come to light here in the death of Mrs. Laura Maggini, prominent member of the local Italian colony and pioneer resident of San Francisco. Mrs. Maggini was in her 86th year and for 21 years, following an operation, she had lived without a stomach. Dr. Charles Brigham performed the operation at St. Lukes hospital, after all hope for her had been given up.

ALBERS FOUND GUILTY TODAY

WEALTHY MILLER IS FOUND GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS AT END OF A SENSATIONAL TRIAL IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—Henry Albers has been found guilty here on two of seven counts.

This verdict completes the sensational trial of Henry Albers, former president of the Albers Milling Company, one of the largest flour milling concerns in the West who was found guilty of treasonable conduct during the war with Germany.

The Miller, whose technical charge was a violation of the Espionage act, was arrested early last fall for pro-German utterances while on the train from Oakland to Portland. Shortly after his arrest, he resigned as president of the Milling Company.

His trial has attracted wide attention all over the west. In addition to his alleged statements on the train, testimony was introduced to show that he had made other remarks to the effect that he was a Kaiser man, while on an auto trip near San Francisco. He was also declared to have made wagers with other millers that Germany would win the war.

When placed on the stand, Albers declared that he had always been a firm friend of the United States and that while he was born in Hanover, Germany, he came to this country at an early age and had made his entire fortune here. He had always opposed the military policy of the Kaiser, he said. As to his remarks on the train at the time he was apprehended, the defendant said that he was intoxicated during the entire trip and had no recollection of what he might have said.

The maximum penalty of each of the counts on which Albers is convicted is ten thousand dollars fine and twenty years imprisonment. The jury brought in a sealed verdict after three hours deliberation yesterday and this was read in the Court today. The judge has granted a thirty day stay of execution. A new trial will be asked. Albers has been released on bonds of ten thousand dollars, which are the same as those on which he was out previous to his trial.

SHORTEST DAY NO DAY AT ALL IN ALASKA

FORT YUKON, Alaska, (By Mail), Dec. 21.—Today is the shortest day in the year. Up here in the snow-bound and ice-bound country beyond the Arctic Circle that fact would not be known, however, were it not for the almanacs, for the sun has not been seen for days.

Fort Yukon is in the country of six months' night and six months' day. Six months from now the sun will remain above the horizon the entire twenty-four hours of the longest day.

BIG CHANGE IN LOBBYING MAY BE INTRODUCED

New Bill Would Make Practice More Difficult

MAY REDUCE CUSTOMS

Principle and Interest on District Reclamation Bonds Would Be Backed Up by State Under Eastern Oregon Men's Plan—Rich Chemical Deposits in Southern Oregon.

SALEM, Feb. 5.—Lobbying will be reduced largely to a written, rather than a verbal pastime, if the bill now before the legislature, with an emergency clause, is rushed thru as predicted. The measure forbids lobbying with legislators either in or out of the state house and provides that arguments for and against proposed laws must be made before committees, in the press or in printed statements delivered to the members on their desks.

Following the adjournment each lobbyist must also file an expense account with the secretary of state. Before taking part in any activities around the legislators, they must register with the secretary of state.

The penalty for violation of the law would be a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$5,000.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—The proposed constitutional amendment by Representative Gallagher of Harney and Malheur counties, to authorize the state to guarantee district reclamation bonds, contemplates that the state shall guarantee both the principal and interest on bonds issued. A bill accompanying the resolution for the amendment, would create a commission to pass on the bonds and make it optional, after investigation of a project to be reclaimed, whether the state shall guarantee the bonds. The commission would be composed of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, superintendent of banks and state engineer. All expense incurred in determining whether a project is feasible and a good investment would be borne by the district.

SALEM, Feb. 5.—The joint ways and means committee of the legislature was told by W. L. Gazzam, former Seattle capitalist now interested in southern Oregon mines, that the chrome and manganese deposits in southern Oregon are the heaviest in the world. Authority for this statement, said Mr. Gazzam, was a representative of the Guggenheim interests. The statement was used as a basis for the request by the state board of mines and geology for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars.

Southern Oregon last year produced ninety five percent of the chrome of the United States, Mr. Gazzam said, and the state board has gone into the markets of the world and brought capital in touch with this state.

SALEM, Feb. 5.—The House has passed a bill legalizing the expenditure of \$497,627 by the emergency board during the last year. Of the total expenditure \$222,731 was expended for the Oregon military police. Several representatives in voting, explained that they would not have favored allowing the military police that amount had the question been brought before the legislature, as they considered it a "political organization."

FIELD PEAS TRIED OUT NEAR THE CITY

Captain J. W. Siemens has ordered enough seed field peas thru the new County Agent, E. H. Thomas to plant two acres on the Ankeny ranch this year. He intends to give this valuable crop a thorough trial here.