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LABOR CHARGES BIG WASTE IN R. R. OPERATION

CHICAGO, April 21.—Wastes amounting to a billion dollars annually were laid to managerial inefficiency on America railroads in a detailed exhibit placed before the Railroad Labor Board today as part of union labor's fight against a reduction of wages. Recoverable wastes were estimated by the employes at \$578,500,000 a year and other wastes, impossible of estimation, would equal that amount, it was declared.

The evidence submitted in the 55,000 word document is aimed at the railroads' contention that the present national agreements make for labor conditions "not in the interest of honest, efficient and economical operation." The employes point out alleged wastes in the present railroad administrations, and maintain that if those deficiencies and defaults in management were redressed and repaired, there would remain no reason for attempting to reduce wages. As a method of correcting wasteful methods and increasing the efficiency of employes, the exhibit advocated cooperative effort between management and workers and added that this cooperation could best be obtained through the medium uniform agreements reached by collective bargaining.

Recoverable and easily estimated wastes were divided by the exhibit under nine heads having to do largely with construction and care of locomotives and shop machinery, cost accounting and labor turnover.

The wastes which the unions said could not be estimated in terms of money included a variety of subjects ranging from defective train equipment and tracks through allegations of incompetent and extravagant management.

In the last class emphasis was laid upon publicity and advertising and on what the unions thought were unnecessary legal expenses. Such expenditures, it was claimed, have served to increase and have been charged wrongfully to operating costs.

It was also charged that much of the defective equipment which the managements of the road are using as an argument for the need of decreased wage costs, could have been avoided if the roads had declared less liberal dividends and used a proper proportion of their earnings to establish replacements funds.

According to the exhibit railway managers in many cases have systematically fought scientific cost and newer methods of personnel handling; standardization in equipment and similar innovations. In respect to cost accounting the exhibit argues that railway equipment deterioration often has occurred because the management has declared dividends without regard to the maintenance of adequate reserves to cover depreciation. Regarding personnel efficiency Norman Collier of the Southern Pacific is quoted as saying "that five times a minute, 300 times an hour, 7,200 times a day or 2,592,000 times a year, an employe is lost and replaced. In other words the labor turnover of the railroads, according to his estimate is over 140 per cent."

The exhibit specifies in considerable detail many of the particular economies which the employes think should be adopted but they say are not in general use upon the railroads, and alleged inefficiencies complained of being based upon comparisons with the standards of actual experience and the practices in use upon well managed roads.

The data in the exhibit were derived mainly from studies and reports of consulting engineers, mechanical engineers and other technicians in the railway industry, from the estimates and judgements of the executive officers of many large railroads and from experts in matters of railway equipment, according to union officials. Matter is included also from the proceedings of important railway associations and club and from railway periodicals, governmental investigations and the reports of officials of the United States Railway Administration.

Bourbon Senator Flays Critic of Wilson Regime

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Senator Harrison, Mississippi democrat, charged today in the senate that the appointment by President Harding of George Harvey, New York editor, as ambassador to Great Britain, was the reward for his efforts to discredit the Wilson administration.

Harrison said that "Harvey's pursuit of Wilson was comparable only to Milton's hell hounds at the gates of the infernal regions."

\$18,000 IS NOW PLEGGED C. OF C.

The Chamber of Commerce went past the original \$17,000 goal today, the third day of solicitation, and well toward the \$20,000 new mark set. Announcement from headquarters this afternoon placed total pledges at \$18,036.

The total membership is now 435, of whom 85 were secured today. The addition to the service fund today was \$726, making a total of \$7,286.

Hearing of \$5750 Tule Lake Damage Claim Is Ordered

Secretary of the Interior Payne has ordered a hearing of the damage claim of G. W. Meiers, Tule Lake land owner, to be held at the reclamation service office here.

Meier claims \$5,750 damages for the drying up of his land through the reclamation operations in the Tule Lake area. He presented his claim here, according to the statement of his attorney, and it was turned down by the reclamation service. An appeal was taken to the secretary of the interior with the result that a hearing is ordered.

HAVE BABY DAUGHTER

A baby girl was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Burke of Bonanza. The child has been named Pearl Aldene. Dr. George Arthur and daughter are doing well.

The employes raise the point that "the guarantee to the railway companies by the United States government is not to be construed as an unconditional privilege granted to the railway operators to levy fixed charges upon shippers, consumers, employes, and the public in general without any accountability on the part of the railway administration themselves." The employes take the position that the railway inspectors must assume certain responsibilities and that among these responsibilities is the obligation to give the public a railway administration which is reasonably efficient in every respect.

In concluding, the exhibit points out that the remedies suggested, "in many instances, the specific methods whereby these wastes can be obviated—largely from the mouths of railroad experts and officials," require close cooperation between the managements and the employes.

"Without the good will of their men," the exhibit said, "without a high level of morale and enthusiasm devoted to a common end, the improvements of service and the reduction of cost cannot be achieved. If the two great elements of railroad operation, management and workers, are to be forever at loggerheads, each pulling against the other, each mistrusting and condemning the other, each trying to wring concessions which the other is reluctant to grant, the outlook for eliminating the many wastes revealed in the foregoing pages is dark indeed.

"The inescapable condition of bringing about cooperation is found in the principle of collective bargaining. Jointly the two interests should agree on wages, hours and working conditions; these agreements should be consistently uniform and national in scope in order to allay sectional discontent. A spirit of cooperation for efficient service is absolutely dependent upon the conviction in the mind of the individual worker that his interests have been properly considered and safeguarded.

100 MILLIONS PROMISED TO AID STOCKMEN

CHICAGO, April 21.—Legislation directing the secretary of the treasury to turn over 100,000,000 profits of the Federal Reserve Bank to the Federal Land Banks to be loaned on stock cattle to assist the cattle producers, has been recommended by W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, said Everett C. Brown, president of the National Stock Growers Exchange.

This would enable the multitude of stockmen who might otherwise be forced out of business to continue production, said Brown.

City League Starts With Six Teams

The meeting of ball players and fans of the chamber of commerce rooms last night was well attended and as a result of the enthusiastic support of a city league the organization starts with six teams, as follows: Barbers, Copco, Southern Pacific, Plumbers, Ewasuna Box Factory and Culinary Alliance.

Bert McDonald was acting chairman of the meeting. The league does not expect to have to call for any financial assistance from business men. Expenses will not be heavy and it is expected that public support of the games will bring in sufficient gate receipts to carry the league through the season.

A sixteen game schedule was planned, the first game being set for Sunday, May 1.

A supervising committee of business men, with power to settle possible disputes and with advisory powers in the business affairs of the league, was decided on and Fred Houston, Fred Garich, Joe Poepstall, J. L. Stewart, J. C. Thompson and J. E. Swanson tentatively named as members.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow night at which the clubs are asked to have at least two representatives.

Lakeview Priest Is Here to Aid In Organizing K. C.

The Rev. Thomas J. Brady, the gifted pastor of the Catholic church in Lakeview, has been in the city for the past couple of days on business connected with the organization of the Council for the Knights of Columbus. Plans had been made for a large class of members from Lakeview, but the roads are in such a condition as to make it impossible for those who had planned on joining to come over for the organization exercises next Sunday. It is understood that the Lakeview membership will be initiated with the second class, the ceremony taking place some time during the coming summer. Father Brady will return to Lakeview in the morning.

Personal Mention

O. W. Eagle of Fort Klamath is here on business.

Mrs. John Noud and daughter Mrs. Ben Mitchell left this morning for Medford. They will be followed tomorrow by Mr. Noud who is going into the grocery business in that city. Tom Noud and Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Lewis have already moved there. Mrs. Lewis is also a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noud. All have lived here for some time and have many friends who wish them success in their new undertaking.

TWO BIG SUITS FILED TODAY IN CIRCUIT COURT

W. T. Garrett of Bly, today began suit for \$25,000 against Dr. E. D. Johnson of this city, alleging that an operation performed by the local surgeon was for an ailment other than plaintiff had asked to be relieved from and that as a result he is physically incapacitated.

J. A. Gordon and R. E. Smith are suing L. Jacobs for approximately \$10,500, alleged to be due on a contract for selling options on tule land at request of the defendant.

HAYWOOD IS FUGITIVE SAYS FEDERAL AGENT

CHICAGO, Apr. 21.—Federal officers today received information that William D. Haywood, secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, who was scheduled to begin serving sentence in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth this week, has fled from the United States and is either in Moscow or Riga.

Haywood's attorney said that the I. W. W. secretary sailed from America on April 1, and landed in Riga April 16. He said that he thought that Haywood was on a personal mission and was not fleeing from the penitentiary sentence.

The United States supreme court recently refused a new trial to Haywood and fifteen other I. W. W. members, convicted under the espionage act.

District Attorney Cline said that a search for the fugitive had been started.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The American Civil Liberties union today issued a statement saying it was informed Haywood was on his way to attend an international trade union conference in Moscow in June, but would return as soon as it ended to begin his sentence.

Roseburg Sorry to See Pastor Leave

The Roseburg Review, in speaking of the resignation of the Rev. J. H. Dickson from the Emmanuel Baptist church there to accept the pastorate of the Klamath Falls church on May 15th, says:

"It is with regret that the Roseburg church sees Rev. Dickson leave. He has served the church and the community well and has won the confidence of the people of the city. As a pastor, he has handled the affairs of the church in a very efficient manner and as a teacher has proven himself to be able and conscientious. Mr. Dickson and his family have a great many friends outside the local church whose best wishes go with the into their new location. His successor has not yet been chosen."

Merrill Residents Organize Oil Co.

The Merrill Oil company was organized last night at a meeting at Merrill. About 20 Merrill people signed the agreement to incorporate and lease their land holdings to the company in return for stock. Officers of the company have not yet been elected.

Smashed Car Is Mystery to Officers

Mystery surrounds the smash of a Chevrolet automobile at Third and Pine streets some time during last night. The car was found this morning, against the curb with two wheels smashed. A bottle of Wine of Pepsin was in the vehicle. Apparently no one was hurt. Neither the police nor sheriff's office could throw light on the mystery this morning. The license number, 83,852, will eventually establish the ownership, but the members in the lists of local officers do not run above the 80,000 they said.

Repair men were working on the car this afternoon but refused to give any information regarding the owners. They said that a party of people were in the car when it smashed. Neighbors fixed the time of the accident at about 1 o'clock this morning.

Photographs Taken Of Window Displays

The chamber of commerce last night had photographs taken of the window displays at Moe's, Sugarman's, Brandenburg's, The Sunset Grocery and the Style Shop, each of which had attractive displays in the interest of the expansion campaign. Moe's window had an appeal to the sporting blood in a replica of a race course, with four thoroughbreds, representing the four divisions of cam-

Pershing Heads War Organization Under New Plan

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Organization of a war staff, headed by General Pershing, to take charge of field operations in time of war, was announced by Secretary Weeks. Pershing's organization will be separate from the office of chief of staff, which will direct the military establishment in time of peace.

Pershing's staff will concern itself entirely with problems of strategy, tactics and war organization.

WILL ORGANIZE K. C. COUNCIL

After over two years of negotiations, organization and effort, the first council of the Knights of Knights of Columbus will be instituted in this city next Sunday. The event is to be made a memorable one in the history of Sacred Heart parish and elaborate ceremonies will be part of the program. Rt. Rev. Bishop McGrath will be here from Baker City and will deliver the sermon at the special 9 o'clock mass, of which he will also be the celebrant. Following the mass breakfast will be served to candidates.

Exemplification of the three degrees will take place in the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock and will be followed by a banquet to the new members, their friends and the visiting Knights.

The work of instituting the Council and exemplification of the degrees will be in charge of J. H. Poore of LaGrande, who is state deputy, assisted by George Tams made up of members from Portland, Albany, Salem and Medford. The first class will consist of 45.

The institution of the Council Sunday is the culmination of the efforts of local Catholics extending over a period of more than two years. About six months ago final consent was secured from the state deputy and since that time active preparations have been carried on in anticipation of the event that will take place Sunday.

The Knight of Columbus needs no introduction to the people of this city. Its record for philanthropic achievements is world-wide, while the high mark attained during the late war has won for the organization the affection of the soldier boys that will last as long as memory.

New Lumber Railway Soon In Operation

DORRIS, Calif., April 21.—The fifteen mile spur track under construction by the Peppers-Cotton Lumber Company from the Southern Pacific line at Macdoel to their mill west of that place, is fast nearing completion and will soon be conveying lumber. The track, which is standard gauge, is being built on contract by P. L. Burr.

Heretofore Peppers-Cotton has trucked lumber to the shipping point by auto trucks. This method has proven not only expensive but laborious and comparatively slow. The railroad will put this lumber plant on a strictly modern basis and greatly increase the yearly capacity shipment.

The Peppers-Cotton plant is driven entirely by electric power with a yearly cut of between fifteen and twenty-five million feet.

ARE PARENTS OF BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Durbin are the parents of a boy born yesterday afternoon. The infant weighed eight and three-quarters pounds on arrival and both he and his mother are reported to be doing well.

ACCUSED OF ASSAULT ON FOURTEEN YEAR OLD BOY

Clinton Charles, an Indian, will be tried in the justice court tomorrow morning on a charge of assault and battery, brought by James Hutchins. At the preliminary hearing last night the name of the assaulted person, or his relationship to Hutchins, was not disclosed, but he is said to be a 14-year-old boy. Charles pleaded not guilty and gave \$100 bail to appear for trial.

Each of the three other stores have attractive displays, with a chamber of commerce significance.

FACTS CHANGE PUBLIC VIEWS TOWARD C. OF C.

While on the surface the drive for memberships in the Chamber of Commerce will likely reach the goal of four hundred or over, underneath there is a sentiment that spells disaster for the organization unless there is a thorough overhauling and house-cleaning immediately following. The clear lack of frankness on the part of the secretary in suppressing the facts surrounding the contract with the American City bureau, together with the plainly evident attempt on his part to keep from the public the indebtedness that has piled up under his management, has opened the eyes of the members to a situation so serious that they recognize the necessity for a radical change. If a change is not brought about, then the money that will be due for the second quarter and remaining periods will not be paid, and the chamber must die from financial inanition.

It is further realized that the theoretical nonsense that has gained such a strangle-hold on the organization must be dropped and the energies of the chamber directed towards the practical things that must precede the fol-de-rol that has been so glowingly pictured during the past few months. The need of a Chamber of Commerce is admitted by all, but the placing of the membership at \$25 is felt by many to be a mistake, since it has shut out many who would make ideal members. At this time it is impossible for them to pay any part of \$25. If the fee had been placed at \$15, payable quarterly, it would have resulted in maintaining the present membership, if not increasing it.

GERMANY ASKS HARDING ACT AS MEDIATOR

BERLIN, April 21.—The German government has formally asked the president of the United States to mediate in the reparations question. The appeal pledges Germany to accept mediation without reservations and to fulfill absolutely any award President Harding may make after investigation. The note embodying the request was forwarded Wednesday by Loring Drosel, American commissioner in Berlin.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Harding and Secretary Hughes discussed the German reparations note today.

PARIS, April 21.—The German government has refused to transfer the gold reserves of the Reichs bank to the Coblenz and Cologne branches of bank, as demanded by the reparations commission, it was announced here today.

Weather Probabilities

The barometric pressure has been rising slowly for the last 24 hours but since noon today, the Cyclo-Stormograph, at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered a slight fall. The decline has not been marked and no great change in the weather is anticipated, for the present.

Forecast for next 25 hours: Continuation of present weather conditions.