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WORKERS WALK OUT AT NEARLY ALL FACTORIES

Employes of Two Plants Quit at Noon; Strikers Stage Parade

At 3 o'clock this afternoon it was reported that practically all the box factory employes had walked out. At two of the plants the men quit at noon. At the Chelsea plant they were leaving in groups at 2:30. Work continued at the Pelican Bay plant.

While the strike of lumber workers was set for Wednesday, March 1, today a number of men from several of the factories walked out, those of the Klamath Lumber and Box company being among the first. The latter said they quit when the foreman informed them the nine-hour day would go into effect tomorrow, and that those who did not intend to accept the change could draw their time this evening.

After working about five minutes this afternoon 98 per cent of the Big Lakes employes went out, about 125 in all. A large number also left the Ewauna plant this noon. About 150 employes from the plants staged a parade up Main street at 1:30. A number of the marchers were women.

A meeting was held at Algoma last night at which it was reported the workers voted solidly for the strike.

At a meeting at the Strand theater this morning a number of women workers were signed up as members of the Timberworkers' union. Leaders claim that 250 new members have joined since Sunday.

Employers interviewed today said they contemplated no action. If the men do not report for work on Wednesday morning the factories will be closed for an indefinite period, they said.

Strikers have meetings scheduled for 5:15 at the Strand theater and 7:30 at the Moose hall.

MASQUERADE PLANNED

Elks to Give Elaborate Entertainment on March 22

Elaborate plans are being made by the entertainment committee of the Elks lodge for a masquerade ball to be given at the temple on March 22.

A large list of costumes obtainable for the occasion have been received by B. L. Hardenbrook, and any one desiring to rent costumes may make reservations with him.

As the list will remain here during this week only, all those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity are urged by the committee to make their selections at the earliest date possible. The rent on these costumes will be reasonable and the firm from which they will be rented is known to be a reliable one.

INDIAN WOMAN SUES EWAUNA LUMBER CO.

Suit has been filed in the circuit court by Margaret N. Staley Spaulding against Jesse N. Drew et ux. and the Ewauna Box company, in which it is alleged that the plaintiff is an Indian woman entitled to and in possession of a patent to certain lands in Klamath county, and that the defendants without her knowledge and consent cut and removed timber from her land. She demands judgment against the defendants for the restitution of said premises, also the amount of $5,000 as actual damages to premises, and the further sum of treble that amount as provided by the statutes of the state of Oregon in such cases.

REPARATIONS AGREED

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The reparations commission agreed that Germany shall pay annually $720,000,000 in gold marks and $1,450,000,000 in goods.

OREGON SYNDICALISM LAW IS UPHELD IN APPEAL OF LAUNDY; CASE REMANDED

SALEM, Feb. 28.—The Oregon criminal syndicalism law was upheld by the supreme court in the appeal of Joseph Joseph Laundy, convicted in Multnomah county. The case, however, was remanded for new trial on other grounds.

SOLUTION IS FOUND FOR PROBLEM OF LOW BUYING AND SELLING

Merchant Says Organization of 900 Retailers Saves Profits of Middlemen

Before the merchant can reduce his selling price he must reduce his buying cost, and the individual merchant, facing the constantly increasing competition of chain stores and mail order houses finds buying a serious problem. In such cities as Klamath Falls, rather off the beaten track, the solution seems far to seek, but H. N. Moe, proprietor of the Woman's Store here, claims to have got the answer on his recent buying trip to New York.

The answer in his case is the Northern Jobbing association of Chicago and New York, an organization of 900 retailers in the same line of business, who pool their buying power and are therefore able to buy in such volume that their aggregate custom is as desirable to the manufacturer and wholesaler as the largest mail order house or chain store enterprise. In consequence of their buying in tremendous quantity they get a bedrock price, and eliminate all middlemen's profit.

"I joined the association," said Moe, "because its secretary is an old friend and a man to be trusted. I bought this season's stock through the organization, and found myself able to make a big saving. This saving is, of course, going to be passed on to my local customers. With the combined purchasing power of the jobbing association behind me, I expect to be able to make a showing to the women of Klamath Falls that will discourage mail order buying. When they find that they can buy at home as cheaply as they can buy elsewhere, and have the immeasurable advantage of seeing exactly what they are getting, the only incentive for mail order buying, the possibility of saving money, vanishes. It will not take long, I am certain, to convince the shrewd buyers of Klamath Falls that I can meet the mail order house on its own price ground, and a big leak in our local financial reservoir will be stopped."

ROYAL WEDDING HELD

Occasion Is Marked by Usual Pomp and Splendor

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles were married at Westminister Abbey today with all the pomp and dignity befitting a royal weding. About 1000 women and girls were among the elect made happy by receipt of invitations to the wedding. With them the all-important questions were "What shall I wear?" and "What will the bridal party wear?"

Within certain limits, the state chamberlain, who designates the form of apparel for state occasions, settled the matter. He prescribed "morning dress with hats, also orders and decorations." Dressmakers carried the thing a bit further by announcing that it would be a "brocade" wedding, that material being favored by several of those socially prominent women whose selections usually govern.

The state chamberlain's ukase ruled out the wearing of veils, plumes and trains. In the interests of economy, this had been the rule at the Court of St. James since early in the war. The result was some dimunition of brilliancy, but the sacrifice contributed to the comfort of the feminine part of the wedding congregation as Westminister Abbey has long been termed 'a vast collection of draughts.'

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Cattle and sheep steday, hogs quiet, lower prime light $11.50 to $11.75; eggs, weak, butter, steady.

JITNEY SERVICE MOVES

Coe's taxi service tomorrow will move from the Lawrence cigar store to the Waldorf billiard parlor.

TIME FOR W. P. EXTENSION IS SAID AT HAND

President of Road Realizes Immense Tonnage From Southern Oregon

While it is not likely that the Western Pacific will make an immediate extension in this direction, Charles M. Levy, president of the road, realizes the immensity of tonnage to be obtained from Southern Oregon, and when the time is ripe an extension from Paxton, via Westwood and Bieber to Klamath Falls is probable.

This is the gist of the message from Levey to Klamath county, brought back by J. A. Gordon, president of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, who held a lengthy conference with the railway executive in San Francisco, and delivered today to the directors of the chamber.

Levey showed great interest in this section, said Gordon, displaying a wide knowledge of the construction and freight problems and possibilities, and asking many questions that indicated a serious intention to build.

He said that all funds appropriated for construction this year had been apportioned. This year's program consists mainly of short lines tying up the established lines of the system. Also problems in connection with the recently acquired Denver & Rio Grande must be settled, and before any extensive new program is planned it is desirable that the money market be easier. However, with the chief of construction for the road, he conferred with Gordon for an hour and a half and blue penciled the line of a tentative route from Paxton to Klamath Falls on a map, a route that would tap a productive territory for nearly the whole distance.

"It is not a branch road, but in reality a trunk line that you are asking us to build," was Levey's summing up of the possibilities of the road in securing new business. Levey kept the president of the local chamber of commerce for half an hour after the hour originally given for the conference had expired. He told him to bring the matter to his attention again later in the year, and showed every indication of serious intention.

AMENDMENTS DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The senate today defeated two amendments to the Yap treaty.

POLITICAL POT IS BOILING HARDER AS TIME GETS SHORTER

"Pop" Gates of Medford May Announce Candidacy at Any Time; Olcott Prepares Platform

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Within forty-eight hours, "Pop" Gates, mayor of Medford, will decide whether to go into the gubernatorial race or stay out. Governor Olcott will announce himself "almost any time now." Seymour Jones informed a lobby group in Portland that he is still debating whether or not he will run. George H. Kelly said in Washington, D. C., he will decide what to do when he returns home. I. L. Patterson, at his Eola farm, has not issued his personal announcement of whether he will run or will not run.

So much for the unannounced prospective candidates.

Meanwhile Louis E. Bean is working on his platform when he can find time to whip a plank into shape, and is busy making speeches. Charles Hall, having published his platform, is also making speeches on the trail of votes. J. D. Lee is working in Portland assiduously.

Verily the gubernatorial campaign is blossoming out, and there are whisperings of more announcements in a short time and combinations are darkly hinted, but what the combinations are or may be no one intimates.

Governor Olcott will be a candidate. He has been in no haste to make formal announcement, but it is understood that he has been preparing his platform and will be ready to make a public statement at an early date.

Having seen his boom hanging for several months, Mayor Gates declared yesterday that he is going to settle the matter one way or another before he leaves for home. There is to be a big sportsmen gathering in Medford tonight, and if "Pop" Gates is to be a candidate he wants to get whatever benefit may accrue from the meeting, for it will give the sportsmen a chance to get behind a favorite son.

FORUM MEMBERS WILL TELL OF THEIR FINANCIAL FLYERS

Investments will be the subject of the chamber of commerce forum meeting tomorrow noon, when members will be asked to relate experiences resulting from unwise financial flyers.

The meeting will be augmented by the high school girls' chorus of 24 voices.

Mrs. Harry Ackley will explain the work being done by the playground committee, of which she is chairman, and will give the plans for the future. Pictures of the equipment the committee proposes to purchase are on display in the window of the First National bank.

LIGHT SHED ON TAYLOR MURDER BY SIX ARRESTS

Raid on Narcotic Ring May Develop Connection With Movie Mystery

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28.—Six men were arrested early today in a raid on an alleged narcotic den. Detectives working on the Taylor murder mystery questioned the men. The police said the arrests may develop a connection with the Taylor murder. The men gave the names of John Herkey, William Kirby, William East, George Calvert, Ray Lynch, Harry Amorheim.

The arrests followed information given by Mrs. John Rupp, who kept house for the men. She said they furnished liquor and drugs to motion picture actresses and others in Hollywood. She said she heard Kirby and Calvert utter threats against Taylor two days before the murder for "injuring their business." These two were extremely nervous on the night of February 1, when Taylor was murdered. They were absent from home early in the evening, it was learned, and stayed up all night.

HONOR CLUB FORMED

New Organization Makes Its Debut at High School

A new organization made its debut at high school yesterday when a group of boys met and organized an honor "K" club. The exact name of the society has not been determined as yet, but the membership has been limited to those students who have earned a "K" by participation in some form of school activity and this letter will probably determine in part the character of the name and the organization.

The purpose of the organization is the stimulation of school activities, and the participation of other pupils in these activities. Conversation with the boys has revealed the fact that they are going to make it a real club.

Pat Montgomery was made president, Chester Shriver, vice-president and Frank Peyton, secretary and treasurer.

700 PUPILS ESCAPE FIRE IN 60 SECONDS

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—A fire wrecked the Holladay public school today. Seven hundred pupils escaped in 60 seconds. The blaze started in the furnace room and went went to the roof.

BRITISH PROTECTORATE OVER EGYPT TERMINATED LLOYD GEORGE ANNOUNCES

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Lloyd George announced in the house of commons today that the British protectorate over Egypt has been terminated, and that Egypt is free to work out her national institutions as is suited to the people's aspirations.

HARDING PRESENTS TO CONGRESS PLAN TO AID SHIPPING

Proposal Presented Before Both Houses, Contemplates Return of Private Initiative

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The administration plan for government aid for the merchant marine was presented to congress today by the president with the declaration that the influence of the United States in world councils is "sure to be measured by that unfailing standard which is found in a nation's merchant marine."

The president detailed to both houses in joint session the war-time creation of America's great tonnage, an experimental venture, as he described it, and added: "Having failed at such enormous cost, I bring you a proposal which contemplates a return to private initiative and private enterprise, aided by conservative success, wherein we are safeguarded against the promotion of private greed, and do not discourage hope of profitable investment, which underlies all successful endeavor."

Points in the plan embodied in bills introduced immediately after the president's address, follow:

Annual estimated aid, $32,000,000, obtained by a diversion of 10 per cent of the nation's customs receipts.

Requirement that not over 50 per cent of the immigrants to the United States be transported in foreign ships.

The sale of the shipping board's tonnage and use of the funds as a construction loan fund.

Induction of merchantmen officers and sailors into a naval reserve with attendant allowance in pay.

PAVING PROBLEM UP

Question Subject of Lengthy Discussion at Council Meeting

The paving problem formed the main topic of discussion at the city council meeting last night, when a number of petitioners appeared to ask when the city might be expected to take further action in the matter. A lengthy discussion followed, in which it was pointed out that the present financial condition of the city did not warrant heavy expenditures. No action was taken.

The question of the city printing contract was referred to the judiciary committee.

Permits were granted to Bert Mustoe to erect a combined woodshed and garage at the corner of Donald street and Lake View avenue, and to Mrs. S. J. Burtamente to conduct the Palace rooms for the current year.

The petition of Jas. H. Pickle to move his popcorn stand on the corner of Eighth and Main streets about 50 feet easterly on the same block was denied.

BONUS BONDS SIGNED

$3,000,000 of State Issue Delivered to Governor Olcott

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—Soldiers' bonus bonds in the amount of approximately $3,000,000 have been delivered for the signature of Governor Olcott. The bonds previously had been signed by Sam. A. Kozer, secretary of state. The bonds will be signed by O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, following his return here from Portland.

The boonds sold for bonus requirements aggregate $10,000,000, but not all of these will be delivered to the purchasers within the next few weeks.

CENTRAL AUTO SERVICE MOVES

The Central Auto service has moved from 209 North Sixth street to 631 Main street, and will occupy the room vacated by the Johnson barber shop, it was announced by Fred Duke, manager.

PRICES ON ALL FARM PRODUCTS SHOW INCREASE

Improvement Also Seen in Lumber and Mining Industries

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Prices of most of the principal farm products of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District have risen materially since the first of the year, John Perin federal reserve agent, San Francisco, declared in his monthly report made public here today.

"Wheat, wool and all kinds of livestock benefitted particularly, as did also the citrus fruits, but the latter at the expense of damage by killing frosts and winds estimated as high as 50 percent of the anticipated crop," the report said.

"Commodities such as barley, rice and cotton which did not participate in the general rise are nevertheless at prices comparing favorably with those of a year ago.

"Since a large part of last year's crop is already out of the farmers' hands the recent rise in prices will not operate primarily to increase returns to producer but is significant in its bearing upon returns to be received from crops now in the ground.

"That the increased prices have, however, resulted in a considerable marketing of products would appear from the condition reports of the 66 reporting member banks in the principal cities of the district. The decline in their loans and discounts between January 4 and February 8 was slightly over $60,000,000, or 6.9 percent, and they reduced their borrowings from the federal reserve bank to $21,000,000, a decline for the month of $12,000,000, or 37.4 percent. Bills discounted by the federal reserve bank for all member banks on February 8 ($57,508,000) were 11.9 percent less in amount than they were January 11, and constitute a new low figure for the readjustment period.

Lumber Industry Improves

"The lumber industry of the district continued to improve during January, increases being registered in production, shipments and orders received, both as compared with the months of December and January, 1921. The cut of the largest lumber association in the district for the week ending February 11 (134 mills reporting) was only 11 percent below normal. The export movement of Douglas fir during 1921 (455,233,000 feet) exceeded by 5,000,000 feet the exports of 1920.

"In the mining industry the noteworthy development was announcement of decisions to resume operations by five of the principal copper companies of Arizona which have been closed since May, 1921. Their resumption will mean that seven of the fifteen principal copper mines in this district will be in operation.

"Petroleum production in California, although decreasing 3 per cent in January, compared with December, 1921, still outruns consumption and stocks are now at the peak since the low point of December, 1920 of 36,000,000 barrels.

"Employment conditions during January were practically unchanged as compared with December with much unemploymept in the mining centers, in metal trades, at the shipyards, and among unskilled workers. Real improvement is anticipated with the resumption of farm work and other outdoor labor in the spring.

"In the field of commerce and trade improvement is apparent in the returns covering the movement of exports and imports through the principal ports of the district during the last six months of 1921. Both imports and exports in the month of December 1921, exceeded in value those of December, 1920, the former by 154 percent and the latter by 1 percent.

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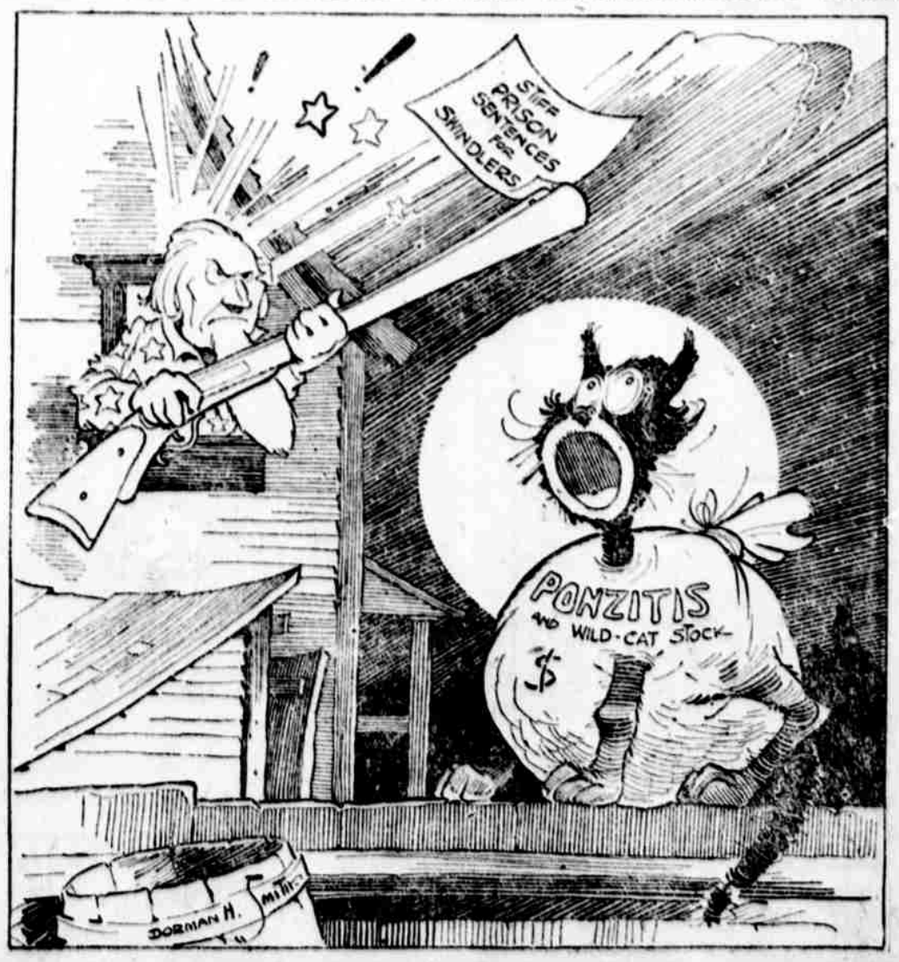
WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric pressure continues to rise, the Cyclo-Stormagraph at Underwood's Pharmacy registering 30.60 at 2 o'clock today. Another clear cold day may be expected and unprotected water pipes will be likely to freeze, tonight.

Forecast for next 24 hours:—
Clear weather tonight: continued cold with moderate winds.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:
High 38
Low 8

A FEW LOADS OF BUCKSHOT OUGHT TO DISCOURAGE IT SOME