

ASK OPERATORS FOR STATEMENT FOR PAST YEAR

Conciliation Board Holds Decision Rests on the Figures Shown

The conciliation board will complete its investigation here today and will leave for Portland tomorrow morning, said Chairman Woodward. A finding in the case will probably not be reached until the promised financial statements of the companies have been received.

Hearing of testimony in the conciliation board hearing was resumed this morning with H. D. Mortenson on the stand after an abrupt halt was called at 8 o'clock last night at the request of the operators in order to permit a private session of the board and the operators. The session came as a result of the board's request yesterday afternoon for a financial statement of the Pelican Bay company for the year 1921, to show whether the concern had operated at a profit or loss.

Chairman Woodward stated today that the private session had brought no definite results.

Mortenson, who was on the stand from 3:30 to 5 yesterday afternoon, maintained that the mills could not compete with California mills operating on a nine and ten-hour basis. Chairman Woodward held that the essential point to be determined was whether the mills here could operate at a profit, regardless of the hours prevailing in California or elsewhere, and pointed out that the only way to determine this was by a financial statement. Mortenson demurred to the request, saying he was representing eastern stockholders, and was without authority to produce the information. He said, however, that he would wire for authority to do so. In the hearing this morning he said no word had been received. He produced, however, a wage schedule.

The demand first was made for a statement for three years, but this was modified. Woodward later said it was not sufficient to make certain statements to the board with respect to profits or loss, that the board dealt with facts as revealed by figures, and that it could not otherwise make true findings.

Chairman Woodward this morning read into the records received from California, which included three from the California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers association, one from the M. A. Burns Manufacturing company, one from John P. Memphis of the Madera Box factory, and another from Lamoine Lumber & Trading company. In all cases it was stated that all plants were running nine and ten hours. These telegrams were recorded as exhibits in the case.

Curt F. Setzer, local manager for the Growers & Packers Warehousing association, was called as a witness for the operators. He recounted the eight-hour day being equivalent to the nine-hour day. Like preceding witnesses for the operators, he said the change was vital to the industry; that he had been advised that if he could not reduce cost the company would have to look elsewhere for their product.

He was followed by W. A. Dwight

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric pressure reached a "low" of 30.00 at 4 o'clock this morning, and since that hour the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwoods Pharmacy has registered slight change. A continuation of the unsettled conditions that prevailed today may be looked for, at least for another

twelve hours.
Forecast for next 24 hours:—
Cloudy unsettled weather; probably cooler.
The Tyco recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:—
High 47
Low 31

AGREEMENT IS REACHED WITH GREAT BRITAIN FOR MAIL DELIVERY IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The postoffice department has entered into an agreement with the British postal authorities for the delivery of regular mail matter and parcel post packages to various points in Russia.

260 MEN REPORTED WORKING IN PLANTS OF WEED COMPANY

Three Out of Four Bands in Sawmill Now Operating; Manager Says Strike Appears Broken

Three out of four bands are running in the sawmill at Weed, and 260 men are employed in all the plants, according to the statement today of Manager J. M. White. While said the men were returning daily, and that while the plants were not operating at anything near normal capacity, the strike appeared to be broken insofar as the Weed Lumber company was concerned.

Approximately 700 men are employed in the various plants when they are operating at normal capacity.

Reports here today were that a number of special deputies were guarding the company's property, and that the Southern Pacific had stationed a number of railroad guards.

FIRE RATE HEARING

Meeting to Be Called in the Chamber of Commerce Tomorrow

C. J. Green, chief engineer of the state highway commission, is in the city looking over the plans of the California Oregon Power company for construction of a better system of water mains, which is designed to meet the approval of the state. Green is the first to arrive of the investigating committee which will convene in the chamber of commerce in an opening meeting at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Others who will be present are Fred Williams, chairman of the public service commission, the state fire marshal and a representative of the rating bureau.

The city is threatened with a raise in insurance rates, and the meeting is to ascertain whether means which will distribute water to all parts of the city in sufficient quantity and reduce the fire hazard to a reasonable risk shall be laid at the expense of the city at this time.

Fred Williams will preside at the hearing which will be attended by representatives of the California Oregon Power company, Mayor W. S. Wiley and the city council, and members of the chamber of commerce.

CRIME COST IS HIGH

Los Angeles Suffers Loss of Almost \$2,000,000 During March

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—Crime cost Los Angeles almost two million dollars in loot and property damage during March, according to local police statistician L. W. Lyons. There were 850 burglaries, 800 larceny cases, 87 holdups and numerous automobile thefts and other crimes involving an aggregate loss of \$1,732,000.

During the same month, 35 suicides, 11 homicides, 21 traffic deaths were shown on the violent death sheet, while 793 persons were arrested for drunkenness and 96 for the use of narcotics.

ELECTION AT DORRIS

Fifty-Six Votes Cast in Municipal Election; Trustees Named

DORRIS, Cal., April 12.—Fifty six votes were cast in yesterday's municipal election at which time four members were elected to the city board of trustees. One member, J. F. Shelley, held over. J. F. Wise and W. G. Hagelstein were re-elected while R. L. Oliver and J. R. Adams are the new members elected.

The positions of city clerk and city treasurer are held by W. P. Sherman and Jennie Lang respectively. Their offices will not expire for two years.

OIL COMPANY TRUSTEE

M. P. Evans of the Sunset grocery has been appointed trustee of the funds of the Crater-Gas & Oil company, according to letters being received by the stockholders.

Schools Held Power-houses of National Development

"The power-houses of national development" are the public schools, said William Woodward, chairman of the Portland city school board, addressing the chamber of commerce forum luncheon today, and deserve the intelligent support of every American citizen.

As developers of knowledge and lovers of taste there is nothing under the sun that approaches the public schools, declared the speaker. They are the foundation upon which the development of disciplined and intelligent citizens, must rest.

He called attention to the litter-acy shown by the statistics gathered during the war, and urged as a remedy more schools, stricter attendance regulations, but above all better pay for teachers.

He criticized the law that bars all except tax-payers from voting on measures at school elections which involve the expenditure of money. From his own observation he gave instances where under the present system the widowed mother of five children is barred from voting on

POSTMASER LAUDED

C. W. Eberlein Tells of Record of W. A. Delzell, Who Retires Soon

The eight-year record in office of W. A. Delzell, retiring postmaster, was the subject of an address at the chamber of commerce luncheon today by Charles W. Eberlein, who called attention to the valuable service rendered by the postmaster during the war period. The helpful manner in which the outgoing postmaster had dealt with individuals was also praised.

Postmaster Delzell responded with a few words of thanks.

John McCall, the newly appointed postmaster, whose commission will arrive in a few weeks, was introduced and spoke briefly.

IRISH SIGN TRUCE

Pact Does Not Bind Supporters of De Valera, Who Are Massing

BELFAST, April 12.—A truce has been declared between the Ulster special constables and the Free State troops, which have been in menacing proximity along the Fermanagh border between Ulster and South Ireland. The pact does not bind the supporters of De Valera, who are massing on the shores of Lough Levin.

BELFAST, April 12.—A peace conference between leaders of the opposition parties of Southern Ireland will open in Dublin tomorrow.

ARMY HOLIDAY IN EUROPE MAY BE SUGGESTION

Lloyd George Reported Ad- vocate of Limitation of Land Armaments

GENOA, April 12.—Lloyd George contemplates suggesting agreements for a limitation of land armaments in Europe for a definite period, according to an unverified report, before adjournment of the present economic conference.

The "army holiday," it is thought, will be patterned after the naval holiday completed at the Washington conference.

GENOA, April 12.—Lloyd George is expected to propose at the earliest opportunity, probably at tomorrow's sitting of the commission number one of the economic conference, a pact or understanding that no nation shall attack another, thus abolishing the possibility of war for the duration of the pact, Reuters correspondent today says he has learned.

SHORT SKIRT IS HIT

Speaker in Mormon Church Denounces Present Day Styles

SALT LAKE, April 12.—Short skirts, which show the knee and "make the men blush for shame," were denounced by President Heber J. Grant of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the closing session of the ninety-second annual Mormon conference here yesterday.

"I can well remember the time, not so many years ago, when, if a young woman were seen on the streets in a dress that reached only just a little above her shoe tops, we were shocked," President Grant said. "Today I have seen many knees on our own temple grounds. O fathers and mothers of Israel, I admonish you to keep your daughters from donning short skirts in their desire to keep up with styles."

GOLD DAYS REVIVED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 12.—Capt. John A. Sutter's mill at Coloma, where James W. Marshall found gold in January, 1848, will be reproduced by El Dorado county in the '49 mining camp of the "Days of '49" celebration, to be held here May 23-28.

HOUSE LEADERS CLAIM ENOUGH VOTES IN SIGHT TO CARRY NAVAL BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—As the house proceeded with the third and last day of general debate on the naval budget, leaders urging and opposing an enlisted strength of \$65,000 claimed votes enough in sight today to win. A vote may not be reached until next week.

MINERS' PRESIDENT DECLARES UNION IS GROWING STRONGER

50,000 Strikers From Bituminous Field Said to Have Joined Ranks of Strikers

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 12.—Fifty thousand non-union bituminous coal miners, in addition to almost half of the 155,000 workers in the anthracite industry, who are not members of the United Mine Workers of America, are participating in the general suspension of work in the coal industry, according to the statement here today of President John L. Lewis, the miners' leader.

"The union men are standing firm, and we are gaining strength in non-union fields," declared Lewis. While no exact estimate was made of the men participating in the suspension, it was evident from Lewis' statement that union officials regarded their former estimate of 600,000 as having been exceeded. It was said authoritatively that the union regarded 640,000 men as participants in the walkout.

Lewis declined to apportion the distribution by states of the non-union strikers, further than to say 30,000 had been enlisted in Central Pennsylvania and several thousand in West Virginia, these states being those where the union centered attention on non-union operators.

NO INDIAN POVERTY

Northwest Survey Reveals Only Aged Are Not Self-Supporting

SEATTLE, Wash., April 12.—Poverty among Indians of the Pacific northwest is almost negligible, most of them in fact, except the very aged, being self-supporting. G. E. E. Lindquist, who has just completed a two year survey of conditions among the natives, declared here recently.

Alcohol, Lindquist said, presents no problem on some of the reservations, although on others the drink evil seems to be increasing.

"There is gambling on at least five reservations," he said, "and this is especially true of the Indian women. I heard of one instance where women gambled for blankets and stayed up long after midnight doing so. It is probable that \$600 worth of blankets changed hands."

The influence of the medicine man, Lindquist said, has almost entirely disappeared. Most of the natives have embraced Christianity and many missions have been established. Indian basket makers of this region, according to Lindquist, are becoming famous throughout the world for the fineness of their weaving and their artistic manner of decorating the baskets.

PRINCE VISITS JAPAN

Three Coaches of Tokio Train Are Built Especially for Guest

YOKAHAMA, April 15.—The Prince of Wales arrived today for an official visit to Japan. A big naval escort met him, and thousands of persons of all ranks of society greeted him as he landed from the battle cruiser Renown, which brought him from India. He was conveyed from Yokohama to Tokio in a special train, three coaches of which were especially built for his visit.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO MEET

Calvary Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, will hold a stated communication this evening at which time the Order of the Red Cross will be conferred upon a Companion of the Royal Arch.

Arrangements will also be completed for the Easter services, the Knights Templars having been invited to attend the Grace Methodist church, where a special program of music has been prepared. The subject of Rev. S. J. Chaney's sermon upon this occasion will be "In Another Form."

PORTLAND M. O. GETS TERM ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Sold Moonshine Containing Denatured Alcohol and Glycerine Mixture

PORTLAND, April 12.—Dr. Joseph Murphy was sentenced today to six months in jail by Federal Judge Bean following his conviction today on the charge of selling in his office an alleged moonshine concoction containing denatured alcohol and glycerine.

His attorney gave notice of appeal. Dr. Murphy occupied offices with Dr. C. Lisum, who was recently sentenced to two years at McNeil's Island penitentiary for illegally selling narcotics.

BRADBURY CANDIDATE

Will Seek Democratic Nomination for State Representative

R. E. Bradbury today announced that he has filed with the secretary of state at Salem his declaration of intention of candidacy for the democratic nomination for representative in the state legislature from the 21st district, consisting of Klamath, Lake, Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook counties.

Bradbury has resided here steadily since 1910. He came here in 1907 but was away for part of the next three years. He owns a ranch near this city. He has never held public office but for several years was a member of the Klamath Irrigation district board.

He is a farmer and his campaign slogan is: "Farmers' representation by farmers."

A brief statement of platform accompanies the petition as follows:

"If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, work for the enactment of legislation that will tend to develop the dormant resources of interior Oregon by the construction of highways and railroads; and the reduction of taxes on visible property by taxing invisible wealth."

PAVED HIGHWAY TO MEXICO

REDDING, Calif., April 12.—A paved highway from here to Mexico will greet California motorists June 1 if present speed of construction is maintained, in the belief of engineers who are now superintending the pouring of concrete on the last remaining lap of the state highway between Red Bluff and this city. Only a three mile gap on Cottonwood hill remains to be surfaced.

Twins Dispute Claims They are 90, Others 88

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 12.—Friends of James and Joel Cheatwood, twins who celebrated their 90th birthday anniversary last October 11 on the farm of the former, near here, are prone to dispute the claim of the Woodville, Ohio, twins, William H. Sr. and Henry Burns, to the title of "oldest living twins in the United States," as the age of 88.

The recipe for long life of the Kansas twins is similar to that of the Ohioans—"Work." Each of the Cheatwood twins owns a farm and works on it daily, still being able to keep pace with a farm worker "three-score and ten" years their junior. Pleas of relatives for the twins to retire always have provoked a protest: "Our chief enjoyment in life is working on our farms. If we hadn't kept busy all these years we probably would have died long ago."

At a party given by the twins on their 90th birthday, Jim remarked: "I'm going to keep right on working and whistling a tune as long as I can." So striking is the resemblance between the Cheatwood twins that when they don their "Sunday clothes" and have their beards trimmed, it is difficult to tell them apart. Like the Burns twins, the Cheatwoods also are pioneers, having settled in Kansas in the late '50's. For 65 years they have lived on the farms they now occupy.

