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Weather Report.
Oregon: Tonight fair and cool-
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CONDITION OF WILSON SHOWS LITTLE CHANGE

President Spends "Fairly Restful Night" Is Report Of Physician.

CROWDS AT ST. LOUIS AND ON ROUTE UNSEEN

Train, Now Travelling On Special Time, Due In Washington Sunday.

Aboard the President's train, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 27.—"The president's condition is about the same," Dr. Grayson announced shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. "He has had a fairly restful night."

It was understood President Wilson probably would remain in bed today.

The president, who is suffering from nervous exhaustion and is being rushed back to Washington on his special train, was taking a nap about 9 o'clock this morning.

Dr. Grayson moved into a room on the presidential private car Mayflower last night and did not leave the car even to issue his morning bulletin. It was sent out.

Wilson is as comfortably situated as could be expected aboard the train. His room is commodious, with a double bed. His physician occupies a room just a few steps from the president's room.

Grayson's final word last night was that the president's condition was unchanged. Before midnight the light in the president's bed chamber was out, indicating he might be sleeping.

With the way cleared, and a pilot engine ahead, the president's train was making good time toward Washington. Heretofore it has been operated as the second section of regular trains, but for the unexpected dash for Washington it is dispatched as a special train. The schedule called for it to reach Washington early tomorrow.

Despite the fact the schedule was not made public, there were crowds at every station up to late hours last night. Some difficulty was experienced in preventing a noise being made around the car. There was cheering and a number of people demanded to see the president.

Mrs. Wilson was in constant attendance on her husband, just as she has always been with him on the tour, when he was receiving the cheers of thousands.

The presidential train slipped into St. Louis unannounced and without a siding at the outskirts while the train crew was shifted and engines were changed.

There was no crowd to greet the train. A few stragglers curiously watched it.

Special policemen and secret service men threw a cordon about the train on its arrival here and a detail of police was placed on bridges and vital points en route until the train departed forty minutes later. From St. Louis the presidential train goes to Terre Haute, Ind., then to Indianapolis and Pittsburgh.

FOCH NOTIFIES HUNS TO EVACUATE BALTIC

Paris, Sept. 27.—(United Press.)—The supreme council of the peace conference today directed Marshal Foch to notify the Germans that their food supply would be cut off unless they immediately evacuated the Baltic provinces.

The allied warning to the Germans presumably is connected with the operations of General Von Der Goeltz, German military leader, who has been leading a force in the Baltic states, apparently with the purpose of establishing German influence there. In response to allied inquiries as to his activities, the German government has replied that he was operating as a private citizen and that the government was not responsible for his actions.

The supreme council instructed the armistice commission to permit the Germans to use fourteen German steamers, which will be delivered to the allies later for the importation of oil.

TOMATO WEIGHS TWO POUNDS

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Dallas, Ore., Sept. 27.—M. J. Bellamy of this city has an exhibit in a local store a big tomato raised on his property on Hayter street. The tomato weighs two and one-quarter pounds and measures 17 inches in circumference.

Girls Confess to Twelve Robberies Following Arrest

Portland, Or., Sept. 27.—A 13 year old, foppish haired girl, Jessie Day and Rose Douglas, confessed to twelve sensational robberies in Portland, according to police.

Arrested 17 miles outside Oregon City, Thursday, in company with Malcolm Weld, LeRoy Warren and Gladys Wyatt, all young girls, the girls were brought to Portland and their confessions, say the officers, followed this morning.

While one girl asked to use the telephone, her companion would rob the till of a business establishment, according to the police version.

The participants in this most unusual case appearing in police circles here in years are said to have secured more than \$200 in cash, a \$100 Liberty Bond and many articles of clothing in the various robberies.

BRODIE AND LEA ARE MENTIONED AS CANDIDATES

With the announcement of E. E. Brodie, editor of the Oregon City Courier, that he is to be a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of secretary of state at the coming primary election the political rumor pot, wherein the state's political aspirants are boiled and segregated, has commenced to bubble.

Brodie's candidacy has been definitely announced, it is understood, and among the consequent guesses as to who will be numbered among his competitors the name of A. H. Lea, secretary of the state fair board, is prominently mentioned.

Another development in the political situation this week is the assertion that Roy Ritner, senator from Umatilla county, has entered the contest for reorganization of the upper house of the legislature. Mr. Ritner has been a visitor in Salem during the past week in company with J. N. Burgess, recently appointed state highway commissioner.

FEEDING POND SITE WILL BE CONDEMNED

Condemnation proceedings to acquire for the state the site of the Herman creek feeding ponds, where the state fish and game commission has been feeding around 7,000,000 young salmon annually for the past five years, have been started by Attorney General Brown at the instigation of R. E. Clanton, master fish warden.

The pond site, upon which the state has spent about \$300 in improvements, was recently appraised when the proposal to purchase it was made, but the owner has so far refused to accept the appraisal figures.

Mr. Clanton, who has just made a detailed survey of the locations for the proposed hatchery on the Santiam river, will make his recommendations on this project to the fish and game commission while in the city. Two locations are being considered, one a short distance below Detroit and the other at the mouth of Stout creek, just below Mehama.

Recovery Of Fred Boalt From Injuries Expected

Portland, Or., Sept. 27.—Reports from the hospital this morning are to the effect that Fred L. Boalt, editor of the Portland News, is steadily improving. His complete recovery is expected.

Boalt was injured several days ago while indulging in an athletic exercise, when he ruptured a kidney. Physicians gave up all hope for his recovery the day following the accident, but the news paperman's strong constitution brought him through.

Work Train Deolished In Wreck At Dallas Bunkers

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Dallas, Ore., Sept. 27.—The work train at the cement quarry consisting of an engine and three cars of loaded rock were wrecked this week when the train went off the end of the trestle at the bunkers. The crew escaped injury beyond a few scratches by jumping when they saw the impending disaster which was about to happen.

The engine and cars dropped for a distance of more than 50 feet after leaving the trestle, and were wrecked beyond repair. A new engine was taken to the quarry Tuesday to take the place of the disabled one and the work is now proceeding smoothly.

A 600-yard rifle range has just been completed for the cadets at Oregon Agricultural college.

RAILROADS OF GREAT BRITAIN STRIKE BOUND

Traffic On All Lines Halts At Midnight And Whole Country Paralyzed.

OVER 500,000 MEN ARE AFFECTED BY WALK-OUT

Food Ministry Springs Surprise In Revealing Big Surplus Food Stocks.

London, Sept. 27.—(United Press.)—Great Britain today was involved in the most extensive strike in the country's memory.

Stoppage of the entire railway system at midnight opened the first battle in English history directly between the government and organized labor. Both sides were highly organized and were preparing today for a finish fight.

With more than a million men affected by the walkout and the country's whole transportation paralyzed, the government's first precautions today were to prepare against starvation.

The food ministry sprung a big surprise when it revealed the existence of secret food reserves in London, which, was estimated, was sufficient to supply the city for six weeks. Stocks in other parts of the United Kingdom, it was declared, will enable Britain to submit for at least eight weeks. Motor lorries, stationed in all parts of the country, early today began operating between the seaports and food depots in the inland cities. The difficulty of milk distribution offered the worst problem, but an attempt will be made to operate a few trains for this purpose and it was believed the nation's babies will be spared any suffering.

The government has established a virtual food dictatorship, endowed with almost limitless powers.

The navy will be used to help feed the country—the first time in history the sea forces have been called to serve in such a capacity.

The strike decision followed failure of desperate attempts at adjustment in all day conferences between Premier Lloyd George, Minister of Transportation Geddes and the railway men. The public had interpreted the continued negotiations as an indication that an agreement could be expected and was poorly prepared today to meet the problems of transport.

Old bicycles were dragged from store rooms and carried many persons to work this morning. The scarcity and expensiveness of gasoline, however, prevented a general use of private automobiles, and, with none of the trains operating, Britain practically stood still.

The war office last night suspended soldiers' leave and stopped demobilization.

The food ministry reimposed the rationing of meat, bacon, sugar, butter, margarine and fixed the quantities of meat, sugar and bread to be used at one meal by restaurants. Wholesalers and retailers are required to consult the food controller before placing new orders. Under the authority of the defense of the realm act, the food controller announced owners of vehicles would be required to turn them over to the government if required. Refusal will be met by official punishment.

PIONEER AND NATIVE OF SALEM DIES TODAY

W. W. Johns, a well known harness maker of Salem, died at an early hour this morning at the Salem hospital. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis yesterday afternoon while attending to his business at his work bench.

He was born in Salem, February 6, 1853, his parents having crossed the plains by ox team in 1852. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Van Laanen and Mrs. D. L. Cummings of Salem, one brother, Henry Johns of Salem and two sisters, Mrs. Campbell of Seattle and Mrs. Bryant of Los Angeles. He was a member of the Salem Camp No. 118, Woodmen of the World.

The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Rigdon chapel. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

S. O. Rice, butter maker for the Mt. Angel creamery, won the gold medal for first prize at the state fair.

Escaped Convict Is Arrested For Auto Theft Today

Portland, Or., Sept. 27.—Winter Willis, alias George Dumont, who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary at Salem August 23, was captured here this morning by Patrolman Fleming E. J. Hallberry. Willis' companion in an alleged stolen automobile, was also arrested.

The men are said to have confessed to the theft of the automobile, 14 tires and sundry accessories, which have been recovered by the police.

CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

The 67th session of the Oregon Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in Salem beginning Wednesday October 1 and closing Monday, October 6. All sessions will be held in the First Methodist church.

On the day before the opening session, the annual meeting of the board of examiners will be held, followed by the annual dinner at 6:30 o'clock and a sacred concert to be given in the evening at the First Methodist church.

The opening session of the conference will be addressed by Bishop Matthew Simpson Hughes, who has chosen for his address "The Call to Evangelism." Bishop Hughes is president of the conference.

Dr. Carl Gregg Dunay, president of Willamette university, will speak Thursday evening. Justice Henry L. Benson is also on the program for Thursday evening, to speak on "A Voice Crying in the Wilderness."

One of the special events of the conference will be Thursday evening, Oct. 2 when services will be held with reference to the 75th anniversary of the founding of Willamette university. Dr. B. L. Steyer, one of the trustees of the university, will preside at this service.

Among the district superintendents who will attend are the following: James Moore, D. D., of the Eugene district; H. J. Van Fossen, D. D., of the Klamath Falls district; William W. O'Connell, D. D., of the Portland district and T. B. Ford of the Salem district.

The following is the program for the conference:

Monday September 29
1 p. m. Conference examinations in all work to be concluded by 4 p. m.

Tuesday September 30
9:30 p. m. Annual meeting of the board of examiners. Albert S. Hisey, chairman.

5:30 p. m. Annual dinner of the board of examiners at the Spa.

7:30 p. m. A sacred concert by the choir and soloists of First church, directed by Prof. John E. Sites.

Indiana Man To Supervise Own Funeral Before Death

Crawfordsville, Ind., Sept. 27.—James H. Houser, an aged farmer, living near here, wants to be assured that the ministerial comments on his life are satisfactory and he wants to see that his funeral is properly arranged.

So next Sunday Houser will attend his own funeral. The procession will wind slowly over the hill to the Union Center church, where Houser's personally selected minister will extol the deeds of the aged man.

Houser has expressed the wish that no funeral services be held at the time of his death.



STEEL STRIKE WILL EMBRACE 40,000 MORE

Employees Of Bethlehem Company To Be Called Out Monday Morning.

SENATE COMMITTEE TO HEAR GARY WEDNESDAY

Belief Expressed Deadlock May Be Broken At "Round Table" Conference.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 27.—Strike of forty thousand employees of the Bethlehem Steel company, was called today by the steel workers' national committee. The strike is to become effective at 6 o'clock Monday morning, September 29.

The action was taken after Secretary Foster had laid before the full committee his letter requesting, and Prestoem Grace's letter refusing a conference with the union representatives.

Foster declared Bethlehem steel employees were highly organized, and that his reports indicated they had voted 90 per cent in favor of the strike.

Washington, Sept. 27.—(United Press.)—The senate labor committee, which is conducting the investigation into the steel strike, will hear the employers side of the controversy next Wednesday when Judge Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, testifies.

Labor's side, the committee feels, has been presented by John Fitzpatrick, leader of the strikers, and Samuel Gompers head of the American Federation of Labor.

During the recess of the committee hearings efforts to get employers to agree to arbitration will get forward. Fitzpatrick has already said that an agreement to arbitrate would bring the strikers back to the mills.

The arbitration statement was the one big thing that senators got from Fitzpatrick.

From Gompers the committee learned: That the steel strike was inevitable because of conditions in the industry. That labor was seeking its "day in court."

There is a growing belief here that the strike, unless settled before that time, will be adjusted at the "round table" conference October 6.

Gary, Sept. 27.—Gary, steel city, prepared today for a supreme test Monday. On that date, it was announced, the Gary steel works will reopen so far as to go.

To guard against trouble between workers and strikers, 300 Gary men, largely ex-soldiers, formed themselves into companies of special police today.

At the same time strikers urged their pickets to become more aggressive. Need for this, they said, was shown by the fact that many returned to work yesterday. It was claimed that 2500 men were within the steel company's walls and that steel was being turned out, although in smaller quantities than before.

SUGAR REGULATION IS SOUGHT BY DEALERS

Chicago, Sept. 27.—A request that the United States sugar equalization board be empowered to seize the entire Cuban sugar crop and take steps to force the Cuban government to set a maximum price on sugar, today was under consideration by the Beet Sugar Manufacturers' association, in convention here. The alternative will be 15 or 25 cent sugar by spring, they said. The convention has indicated it will refer the request to the president.

In the face of a world shortage of sugar, delegates charged the Cubans are holding their product for the highest possible prices and have ignored the advice of their government to dispose of the crop.

To make the United States independent of Europe, the sugar men voted to contribute \$100,000 for scientific research in the cultivation of sugar beets.

Rockefeller Makes Gift Of \$20,000,000 To Board

New York, Sept. 27.—John D. Rockefeller has made a new gift of \$20,000,000 to the general education board, founded by him, to be used in improvement of medical education in the United States. His gifts to that organization now total about \$300,000,000.

140,000 People See Fair During First Five Days

Approximately 140,000 persons had visited the Oregon state fair when the gates closed last night, it was estimated by A. H. Lea, secretary of the fair association, this morning.

The attendance, Mr. Lea explained, has been nearly one-third larger than ever before in the state fair's history and it is estimated that about 40,000 more persons have already been on the grounds this season than were present last year.

"It is so much bigger, so much more successful this year, that no comparison may be made with former seasons," he declared. Auditors are at work endeavoring to ascertain the amount of money so far taken in, but accurate statistics are at present unavailable.

PETTY AND AUTO THEFTS KEEPING POLICE MOVING

State fair times bring active times to the police department of the city.

F. W. Armanier of 1740 Nebraska avenue reported yesterday that some one stole his push cart last night, one that he had fixed up on two bicycle wheels.

Richard Coleman, with the Able Mfg. Co. at the state fair grounds, reported the theft of a fiber tool kit containing a lot of useful tools. He had no one under suspicion.

Earl Anderson of 1460 State street, reported that while his family was away from home attending the fair, some one had entered his house and stolen small change from a dresser drawer.

The police were notified that the car of E. Tooker, stolen the other evening, had been located in Portland. The two young thieves are in custody and Mr. Tooker was notified where he could get his car.

Mrs. J. H. Campbell of 411 North Commercial street, reported that her home had been broken into yesterday while she was attending the fair and some very valuable papers stolen.

Hazel Durgman of Falls City reported that there was stolen from her auto parked near the pavilion, a gray cravatette raincoat.

Frank E. Welch of the Chevrolet Mfg. Co., of Portland, reported that his raincoat had been stolen at the Marion hotel last night. He had worn it but once and was hoping very much that the police might be able to locate it.

BOYS CAUGHT TRYING TO STEAL MOTOR CAR

To the desire to smoke a cigarette between dances last evening at the armory, and the fact that he did smoke one, accompanied by a friend, is due the fact that Harry Levy is now in possession of his Ford.

Just as the Brophy and Harry Levy were inhaling the fragrant puff outside of the armory, Mr. Levy mentioned that he had parked his car near the armory and just as they happened to look in the direction of the car, they noted a young man at the wheel and another busy cranking.

Without discussing the matter, Levy and Brophy made a quick run to the car. Brophy paralyzed the youth at the wheel, threatening to do serious damage to his nose if he moved. Levy's candidate took for the railroad yards but he was finally captured under a freight car.

The two would-be auto thieves gave their names as Lawrence Allen and John Taylor. They claimed they worked near Corvallis at night, but just happened to be in Salem and were about to take a little spin.

Boy's Arm Broken By Fall From Ferris Wheel Friday

Falling a distance of 30 feet, Donald Stiekney, a student of the state training school, yesterday received a broken arm and was taken to a local hospital.

Young Stiekney was riding on the ferris wheel at the state fair grounds when the bar which makes passengers secure, broke letting him fall to the ground.

It was estimated by the physician in charge that the lad's treatment would cost about \$100. This amount was paid by the ferris wheel manager.

Independence Boy Dies Of Blood Poisoning On Trip

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 27.—Raymond Reeves, son of an Independence, Or., merchant, died here Thursday night as the result of blood poisoning which he contracted while on a hunting trip in the Tiller locality.

RAIN NO CHECK UPON SPIRITS OFF FAIR CROWD

Light Showers Of Morning Have No Effect Upon Attendance Today.

TRACK IN FINE SHAPE FOR AUTOMOBILE RACES

Concessioners To Have Full Sway During Grand Wind-up This Evening.

Light rains failed utterly in even moistening the spirits of Salem residents, and visitors who have flocked today to the state fair grounds for manufacturers' and grand day.

Chief interest is plainly centered in what officials declare is the biggest event of its kind ever staged in the northwest—the automobile races. Ten professional speed kings have entered the fastest makes of machines, and with the course undamaged by infrequent rainfall, officials believe this afternoon will be easily the most interesting of the week.

Eleven hundred dollars will be given to the auto racers alone. Contestants have appeared from various points in the northwest and such cars as the State Special, Romano Special, Dury Special, McDonnell Special, Bulger Special, Beckett Special, Comet Special, Lott Special, Oakland Special and the Seattle Special will be seen.

The first auto race this afternoon will be the non-stroke free-for-all. Racing a mile against time, the four cars making best time will be allowed to enter the next event, the Australian Jurdut race. No prizes are offered for the first event. Twenty gypsies who had given officials much trouble during the entire week, were this morning put off the grounds at the order of Major William White, commanding the Oregon national guardmen. Petty thievery and a common desire to get everything for nothing, justified their enforced exit, Major White explained. It was also necessary, the major explained, to dismiss from the grounds several fakirs who were running illegitimate gambling games.

Tomorrow morning the 80 members of the guard will return to their homes in various parts of the state. Due to the minus of last night it was necessary for the men to move their tents into the stadium. Major White is of the opinion that the fair board will provide for barracks in the near future.

This evening it to be concessioners' night, and no special entertainment has been provided. It is believed that the large crowds will spend the evening attending the many shows to be found on the grounds.

"No automobiles will be moved until this evening," said M. O. Wilkins, in charge of the auto show. "Saturday visitors at the fair will not be disappointed by early departures of cars."

Shortly after noon the crowd began filling into the grandstands. Horse races began at 1 o'clock instead of 1:30 as formerly, and visitors were apparently anxious to get seats for the auto races.

PATTI, FAMOUS OPERA SINGER, DIES TODAY

London, Sept. 27.—Adelina Patti, famous opera singer, died today at Craigy Nos castle, Breconshire, Wales.

Adelina Patti, one of the world's most famous prima donnas, was born in Mauid, but made her debut at the Academy of Music in New York, November, 1859. She was 70 years old. Patti was further endeared to Americans, aside from her charms as a singer, by the fact that she spent her childhood in the United States.

Patti had been married three times. She married her present husband, Baron Rolf Cedersstrom in 1899. Previously she had wedded Marquis Deaux, in 1868, and Signor Ernesto Nicolini, in 1886. Nicolini died in 1898.

Though born in Spain, Patti was of Italian parentage. Her father Salvatore Patti, was a Sicilian. Her mother, Caterina Chicon, was a well known Italian opera singer.

Patti retired in 1907 and had spent most of her time since then at her estate in Wales.