

WANT TAFT TO CALL OFF STRIKE

SWITCHMEN LOOK FORWARD TO GOOD RESULTS FROM VISIT OF PERHAM TO WASHINGTON, D. C.—HAWLEY WIRES COAST.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Parties to the conference over the situation of the striking switchmen of the north-west railroads agree that no new developments had arisen since last Friday.

The center of the scene in the switchmen's strike has been shifted from the Twin Cities to Washington, D. C., and the strikers have hitched their wagon to a new star.

Telegraphic reports to the effect that Chairman H. B. Perham of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, has been in conference with President Taft and the heads of the department of commerce and labor, reached the coast yesterday. The report stated that the conference was to be discontinued Saturday afternoon, to be taken up again on Monday.

According to the report which came from President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union of North America, held out hopes of a successful outcome of the conference. Should the conference fail, it is believed that a strike of the other railway organizations of the A. F. of L. will result. Chairman Perham is quoted as saying that in the event of the failure of the conference such a strike is altogether within probability.

The strike situation on the N. P. has not improved. It seems difficult to secure strikebreakers who will stay with the job. A number of new strikebreakers are reported to have arrived on the coast Saturday afternoon. Numerous altercations between the strikebreakers and other railroad employes have been reported.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"If an amicable adjustment of the differences between the northwestern railroads and the switchmen is not reached through the mediation conference here the strike will spread and probably 20,000 men will be called out," declared H. B. Perham, head of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor. "This increase will not be among the switchmen alone, but will come from other organizations, such as boiler-makers and affiliated organizations. The switchmen are for peace, if possible, but are determined on a general strike if plans for mediation fail."

Mr. Perham added, however, that he is hopeful of a peaceful settlement. No affiliated organization will take sympathetic action pending the result of Mr. Perham's conference with the mediation board, which will be resumed Monday. The American Federation of Labor has left the whole matter in the hands of Mr. Perham, who is head of the Order of Railway Telegraphers and a member of the executive committee of the federation.

No decision has been reached by the mediation board as to the selection of a third arbitrator in the case of the dispute between the Illinois Central and its switchmen.

One at a Time. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 3.—If it is decided to call a sympathetic strike of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor to help the switchmen now on strike on the northwestern railroads, all the organizations in the department will not be called out at once. A single union will go out first and ten days later, if the railroads still refuse to accede to the demands of the switchmen, other railroad organizations of the federation will be called out. This was the statement made by a prominent official of the federation.

President Hawley, of the switchmen, it is said, has all along urged that several organizations be called out simultaneously. Chairman Perham of the affiliated unions, however, is said to favor the "one at a time" plan. Just which organization will start the ball rolling, if any, union officials refuse to divulge.

A strike vote has been taken by

BOUGHT 20 ACRES FOR \$28,000

MESSESS. SANDERS AND MILLER, MEN WHO PURCHASED MARVIN CHASE PLACE, ALSO BOUGHT WHEELER TRACT.

The Misses Fannie T. Wheeler 20-acre tract adjoining the Lewis-Clark schoolhouse was sold on Saturday to William L. Sanders and Frank D. Miller for \$28,000. The purchasers are the men who recently bought the Marvin Chase 20-acre tract southwest of the city. The Wheeler place is planted to orchard six and seven years old, half of it being peaches and the other half apples. It is considered one of the best commercial apple orchards in the valley.

Mr. Sanders is a large property owner at Lake Chelan and for the past 20 years has been very familiar with conditions in this valley and is very much pleased with the buy. Mr. Miller is in the United States forestry service, stationed at the state university. Both men are practical orchardists and have great faith in the Wenatchee valley. This sale was made through the Deniston & Christenson and Ira D. Edwards agencies.

ENDANGERING FIRE PROTECTION

CITIZENS ENDEAVOR TO PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING AND DEplete THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE RESERVOIRS.

The water in the reservoirs is getting too low to be of much service for fire protection on account of the drains made upon it by the householders who are afraid that their water pipes will freeze. They have been leaving so many hydrants open this cold weather that the reservoirs cannot maintain normal supplies of water, and in case of fire in some parts of town the department could do nothing at all except with its limited chemical apparatus. Freezing in the pipes can be prevented by a less wasteful method. Practically all houses have a stop and waste valve that will shut the water off throughout the house and drain the pipes. It is not as easy to get at as the faucets in the rooms, but serves the purpose just as well and does not deplete the reservoirs.

Conference of Railroad Men.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Taft had an extended conference today with the presidents of six big railroads of the country who had requested a hearing with him before his special message dealing with interstate commerce law amendments should be sent to congress. The railroad men came to present their views regarding various phases of the proposed recommendations as they have gleaned them from speeches of President Taft made from time to time. Those attending were Attorney General Wickersham, President Mellen of the New York, New Haven & Hartford; President McCrea of the Pennsylvania; President Lovett of the Union Pacific and allied Harriman lines; President Baer of the Philadelphia & Reading; President Finley of the Southern railway, and President Brown of the New York Central.

Entertained Engineering Force.

One of the very pleasant social events of New Year's day, was the dinner given by City Engineer C. C. Ward to the office and field force of his department. In addition to the holly and crimson bells of the holiday season throughout the rooms, the table was beautifully decorated with crimson carnations and ribbons and ropes of smilax, and the menu of the six course dinner repeated as far as possible the holiday colors. The guests were Messrs. Prowell, Thompson, Haskell, Siderer, Wasson, Snyder, Hines, Gray and Duff of the engineering department and W. M. Olive.

Bought Dexter Tract.

E. B. Norell last week purchased the old Dexter place adjoining the fair grounds from Percy Walker, paying for it \$15,000. The tract consists of 6 1/2 acres, a brick house and is planted to orchard.

PINCHOT WILL GET THE AX

ALDRICH AND CANNON, BALLINGER MEN, WILL APPOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.

Washington, Jan. 2.—"Forester Gifford Pinchot is to get the ax," is the general report in the capital, first whispered by high officials in favor of the White House and filtering through various sources to the newspaper men.

"Will Taft dare to do it?" This is the usual interrogative reply. It is clear that relations between Pinchot and the president are now strained to the breaking point.

Crafty old politicians like Champ Clark and Senator Tillman grin eloquently when informed of the gossip and Tillman said significantly, "Not yet—but soon."

Policies "Carried Out."

The thing which deters Taft is the knowledge that Pinchot has behind him the support of the conservation movement, which has captured the imagination of the people, and above all, the support of Roosevelt, whose return is the bogey which affrights the Taft administration. "What will Roosevelt say? What will Roosevelt do?" These are questions everywhere current, when people point to the "carrying out" (lifeless) of the Roosevelt policies and to the presence of Roosevelt's oldtime enemies now seen sitting, bold and confident, in the seats of the night.

Ballinger Controls.

So far, every move made towards investigation has been controlled by the friends of Ballinger and Taft. The president and his "official family" are very active. Senator Wesley Jones and Representative Humphrey of Washington will introduce in the two houses the resolutions providing for the investigation and both have come out openly as avowed partisans of Ballinger. Senator Aldrich, controlling in the senate, and Speaker Cannon, czar in the house, are unequalled partisans of Ballinger and will appoint the committee of investigation.

It is publicly proclaimed, from authoritative sources that no move is made for the investigation upon which Ballinger is not consulted. Senator Jones told the senate in a speech that he was a partisan of Ballinger. Humphrey made the same statement and Jones inserted in the Congressional Record Ballinger's letter anent the investigation, indicating the course to be followed.

Wiseacres on both sides of the controversy agree on this prediction: "Pinchot is certain to get the ax."

Mr. Libby and son arrived this morning from the Methow valley and went on to Spokane.

TRAIN WAS SNOW BOUND

MANSFIELD - WENATCHEE TRAIN CAUGHT IN BLIZZARD SATURDAY BELOW DOUGLAS AND NOT RELEASED UNTIL TODAY.

The Wenatchee-Mansfield train was snow-bound on Saturday morning until this morning. This train was due here at noon but the wind on the plateau was a regular blizzard and piled the loose snow onto the track in such quantities that the regular train could not buck through it. Relief was furnished this morning and a rotary cleared the track. It is said that the snow on the plateau is from three to four feet in depth and the whirling wind piled it up in the cuts ten and twelve feet deep. Trainmen say that last Saturday was a fearful day to railroad on the new branch.

Thought it Was Pacific Avenue.

Jim Davidson, of Tacoma, was on the street last night and stated to a World reporter that he thought he was on Pacific avenue, Tacoma. Everything was closed up except a few cigar stands, and the cold weather was a factor, too, in keeping people off of the streets, so that Davidson was only able to find about six persons on the street. He said it was just like home.

BURLINGTON TRAIN BURNED

TRAIN WHICH PASSED THROUGH HERE FRIDAY NIGHT MET DISASTER NEAR GREAT FALLS, MONT.—THREE MEN KILLED.

The Burlington train, No. 43, which passed through here Friday night met with a disaster near Great Falls, Mont., on Saturday. It was traveling along in a blinding snowstorm and collided with an oncoming Burlington westbound freight. The accident was near Oxford Sid-ing on the Billings line of Judith Gap. Three men were killed, ten were injured and the greater portion of the passenger train was consumed by fire. The wreck occurred at 10 o'clock at night.

This train was about seven hours late and the engineer was pushing her through the storm to keep from falling further behind. In the blinding storm he failed to observe the lantern of the flagman, and being unable to observe the lights on the stalled locomotive dashed headlong into the obstruction. The engine was hurled to one side of the track instantly killing the fireman and injuring the engineer, who was also scalded by escaping steam.

The tender telescoped with the mail car, killing Mail Clerk Gibson, the only occupant.

The three cars following were derailed and the passengers hurled from their seats. The tender of the freight engine was overturned, but the locomotive and caboose remained upon the track and the impact of the collision started them down grade and they traveled for a long distance from the wreck.

The wreck occurred at 10:10 p. m., but being a considerable distance from a station it was not until some time after midnight that a passenger reached Bercail and telephoned the first report.

Some time after the accident the wreckage caught fire and the baggage and mail cars, smoker and day coach were entirely consumed.

The sleepers and dining car had remained on the track and were saved.

In the fire the body of the mail clerk was incinerated.

G. N. BUILDS DEPOT AT ODESSA

Structure Will Be 112 by 30 Feet, With Long Platforms.

Odessa, Wash., Jan. 3.—Active work has begun on the new Great Northern depot at Odessa and it is expected that the work will be pushed rapidly to completion. The depot will be much larger than was at first expected, the plans being recalled some time ago and changed. The building now planned will be a modern one, 112 feet long by 30 feet in width. Along the front will be a platform 16 feet in width and 300 feet long. At both ends and the back will be a platform 12 feet wide.

The floor plans include waiting rooms for both women and men with ticket office conveniently arranged so as to be reached from either waiting room.

Increased Ten Fold.

The Daily World of Friday recorded the sale of the corner opposite the Great Northern hotel to the Wenatchee Realty & Investment company for \$12,500. In talking of this purchase O. B. Fuller, of the purchasing company, stated that five years ago he was offered this 75 feet by \$1,250 but refused it. The Columbia Valley bank afterwards purchased it at this price. The sale last week was made for \$12,500, an increase of ten fold in the value of this property during the past five years. This is about the proportionate gain of all inside business property in this city during the past five years.

Miss Godfrey Entertained.

Miss Sadie Godfrey entertained at her home, on Chelan avenue, last Saturday evening. Cards and music were the order of the evening. Those present were: Alice Olinger, Sadie Godfrey, Zoe Ward, Myrtle Rogers, Evelyn Vincent, Jennie Anderson, Messrs. Herwick, Bertie, Vermilya, Whitehill, Covert, Godfrey and Nowlan.

Commissioners in Session.

The board of county commissioners is in session today. This is the regular January term and there is considerable accumulated business on hand.

COMPULSORY LAW ENFORCED

LAW BREAKERS MADE TO PAY FINES, COSTS AND TRAVELING EXPENSES—SUPERINTENDENT BOWERSOX DETERMINED.

Two cases of continued absence from schools were brought to the attention of Superintendent Bowersox and the parents were summoned to appear before Justice Sumner last Friday. The two cases were entered as the State vs. George Slater, and the State vs. Alice Michael.

Cecil Slater, aged 12, was shown to have been continually irregular in attendance, and Sadie Stoddard, aged 14, daughter of Mrs. Alice Michael, was found to have been absent unnecessarily. In each case the parents had to pay fines, costs and traveling expenses, enough to make them observe the law more carefully in the future.

Both cases were from the Entiat school, District 21. A change has recently been made in the school law that makes it include children between the ages of 15 and 16 who are not engaged in useful and remunerative occupations. Section 392 of the school law follows:

Section 1. All parents, guardians and other persons in this state, having, or who may hereafter have immediate custody of any child between 8 and 15 years of age (being between the 8th and 15th birthdays), or of any child between 15 and 16 years of age (being between the 15th and 16th birthday) not regularly engaged in some useful and remunerative occupation, shall cause such child to attend the public school of the district, in which the child resides, for the full time when such school may be in session or to attend a private school for the same time, unless the superintendent of the schools for the district in which the child resides, if there be such a superintendent, and in all other cases the county superintendents of common schools shall have excused such child from attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school, or has already attained a reasonable proficiency in the branches required by law to be taught in the first eight grades of the public schools of this state, as provided by the course of study of such school, or for some other sufficient reason. Proof of absence from the public schools, or approved private schools, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

Jack Lillis and Dave Stine are now in Tampa, Florida. They will leave in a few days for Cuba, and after a stay there of some few weeks will go to Tully, New York, where Mr. Lillis will visit relatives, returning here some time about the first of April.

FATAL DUEL WITH MOTHER-IN-LAW

TENNESSEE MAN FACED AGED WOMAN AND AFTER A QUARREL A FUSILADE OF BULLETS WERE FIRED.

Dresden, Tenn., Jan. 3.—Clarence Carney faced his 65 year old mother-in-law in a revolver duel last night and was killed. The mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Griffith, had met Carney in the front yard of a neighbor to discuss a quarrel of long standing. The discussion became heated, revolvers were flashed and Carney fired three times at the aged woman, one bullet struck her hip. She stood her ground, firing five times before Carney fell dead. About a year ago Carney's wife suicided by taking carbolic acid.

HOLD JACK RABBIT PARTIES

CAPT. USHER ESCORTS PARTIES OF WENATCHEE SPORTSMEN TO ROCK ISLAND—SERVES GAME IN ALL STYLES.

The winter jackrabbit crop down at Rock Island is especially good this year, and Captain Usher has been providing a number of hunting parties with free transportation to his place and free jackrabbit barbecue in the hopes of getting some relief from the pests. A party of 13 went down to the captain's place last Saturday and secured 13 of the ferocious beasts that were lurking in the shade of the young apple trees. The captain could not be found today, but it is said that he is looking for hunters all the time, and that besides giving free transportation to all comers, he is providing free jackrabbit soup, free Jackrabbit stew and free Jackrabbit pie. The jacks do not get over onto this side of the river at all, and are pretty well hunted out in the neighborhood of the Wenatchee bridge. But down the river a ways, on the west side, they are quite numerous and are causing much injury to the orchards.

Tourist Club Annual Party.

One of the pleasantest social events of the season was the annual party given by the Tourist Literary club, at the home of Mrs. H. H. Whittaker, on Friday afternoon, December 31. Recitations by Miss Doris Jones and Miss Vida Van Cleave were enjoyed by all. The old year and the new year were admirably represented by Mrs. Robert Murray and nephew of four years, Charlie Porter. Progressive games finished the program, after which dainty refreshments were served. About 60 were present, including members and invited guests.

Ulin-Stauffer.

At four o'clock in the afternoon of Christmas day, Mr. W. W. Ulin of Wenatchee, Wash., was united in marriage to Miss Clara J. Stauffer of Lancaster. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. F. Keen at Bird-in-Hand. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. J. Hillegrass, pastor of the Salem Reformed church at Heller's. The following guests were present: Mrs. T. H. Stauffer, Paul Stauffer, Misses Mary E. and Hilda Stauffer, all of Lancaster; H. B. F. Keen and Miss Clara Keen. The couple will reside at Havillah, Wash.—Lancaster, N. Y., Times.

Marriage Licenses.

John L. Larson; Chelan, to Anna Jacobson, Wenatchee.

HEARD FROM DR. COOK AND WIFE

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HORSEMEN TAKE LIVES IN HANDS BY RIDING AT TOP SPEED OVER FROZEN PLAINS—WILD HORSES POORLY FED.

Ephrata, Jan. 3.—Central Washington horsemen are joining forces at this season and rounding up range horses that earlier in the year gave their saddle horses the chase of their lives and then foiled them in attempts to corral them. Because of the poor condition of the range at this time of the year the wild horses are poorly fed and are easily run down and corralled by the grain-fed, well-kept cow ponies.

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Range riders daily take their lives in their hands by dashing after the wild horses at breakneck speed through frozen areas honeycombed with desert badger holes. The recent thaw and freeze have made the side hills slippery and the gritty cow ponies keep their feet with difficulty. Heavy fogs hang over the grazing lands and riders are often lost when night falls and homecoming time arrives.

Horsemen in this district have combined forces and hired a camp wagon and cook to follow the riders. Camp is moved during the day and the hardy horsemen sleep under the stars in their blankets at night.

Wife of Former President of Guatemala Knocked Out Admission to a New Orleans Institution on New Years.

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—From a palace where she presided as the first lady of the land to an almshouse—such is the fate which has overtaken Senora Alagera Barrios, wife of a former president of Guatemala.

With the almost complete impairment of her vision, penniless and without means to earn a living, Senora Barrios knocked for admittance at an almshouse here New Year's day. Her husband, Jose-Marie Reno Barrios, was assassinated a short time after assuming the presidency. His widow went to Europe. Her fortune was dissipated by mismanagement of those in charge of it she asserts. For several months she has lived obscurely in New Orleans.

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