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## STREETCAR MEN'S STRIKE GROWING

### Three Thousand Men Walk Out at Butler, Penn.—Constabulary Called.

(By United Press.)

**BUTLER, Pa., July 17.**—Three thousand employes of the Standard Steel Car Co. struck today and riots are feared.

The sheriff sent a request to Harrisburg for a detachment of the state constabulary.

A Hungarian who wanted to return to work was clubbed and is now in a hospital.

Raise \$10,000 for Strike.

**PITTSBURG, July 17.**—Ten thousand dollars to assist paying the expenses of the striking steel workers, who are fighting the Pressed Steel Car Co., was raised at a mass meeting today at McKee Rocks. There were no disorders today.

### WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday.

### PARK BAND CONCERTS.

Tonight at 8 o'clock, Liberty park.  
Tomorrow afternoon and evening, Manito park.

## COURTHOUSE ASLEEP

This is a pretty state of affairs certainly. If you happen to want one of the courthouse officials Saturday afternoon you can't get him unless he happens to be in an office central can connect with, without going through the courthouse exchange.

## BANKER KILLS HIMSELF WHEN SHORTAGE LEAKS

(By United Press.)

**SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.**—The discovery of a shortage in the accounts of William Von Meyerneck, until recently paying teller of the Union State bank of this city, caused him to commit suicide by blowing his brains out with a revolver at his home last night.

State Bank Commissioner Alden Anderson closed the bank this morning. The amount of the shortage has not been made public.

It is reported that Meyerneck recently signed over to the bank all of his property. He was discharged when suspected a month ago.

Summoned yesterday to appear before the directors of the bank, Meyerneck was unable to face the disgrace. He was employed a year as cashier of the State Savings & Commercial bank, when that bank consolidated with the Union State. Meyerneck was elected teller of both institutions.

Family Say Epilepsy.

**LARKSPUR, Cal., July 17.**—Despite statements of neighbors, a deputy sheriff and the officials of the Union bank, that Von Meyerneck committed suicide, the dead banker's family, which lives here, persists in holding that his death was due to epilepsy. The coroner, however, says death was due to gunshot wounds.

Bad Tangle Revealed.

**SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.**—Bank Examiner Anderson, in a statement, today closed the bank because he thought it unwise to allow officials to continue business under such circumstances. He claims the amount due depositors is \$140,000, which apparently will be paid in full. Anderson says the farther he gets in with the investigation...

## MAYOR'S POLICY AIDS "RAZOR BACKS"

There's no limit to the possibilities of Mayor Pratt's office in the matter of quietly procuring justice for working men. The latest development proves that city executive activities in that line are not circumscribed to the matter of citizens purely.

This morning six men hired by the Gentry show applied to the mayor for aid in collecting their pay, amounting in all to \$34. Five of the men were employed for 50 cents per day and the other just half as much. The show seemed reluctant to liquidate, even on this basis.

Secretary Lee undertook enforcement of the mayor's already established policy in wage cases. He labored with the show people to the effect that they would find it advisable to pay the men before get-

## NEW FLYING MACHINE

(By United Press.)

**NEW YORK, July 17.**—The aeroplane Goldberg was given a trial by Glenn H. Curtiss at Hempstead Plains, L. I., near Mineola, this morning. The machine circled around the field seven times, remaining up 53 minutes and traveling 29 miles. Occasionally it traveled at the rate of 50 miles an hour.

## DEATH MAY CAUSE DRY TOWN

(By United Press.)

**FRESNO, Cal., July 17.**—As the result of the death yesterday of Samuel Cowen, a city trustee, Fresno may become a "dry" town. A recent court decision declaring illegal the city anti-saloon ordinance resulted in a public sentiment that may force the city trustees to consider an anti-saloon measure. Cowen declared that he would not support a "dry" ordinance and his death may swing the balance to the opposite camp.

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ting out of town. The show powers saw the point and promised the settlement. The "razor backs" against whom every man's hand is usually raised, departed comforted.

Another man, who had been working out on the section somewhere, came in with a time check he was dubious about realizing cash on. Secretary Lee called up the railroad office and set the section hand's apprehensions at rest.

The mayor's office has already become recognized as a kindly clearing house and settling point for the troubles of everyday humanity. It is all attended to without interference with the regular round of official business that is constantly piling up. In this respect Mayor Pratt has already set an exceedingly brisk pace for his successors.

## WAGE HOLDUP WILL WORK BOTH WAYS

### BOARD WILL NOT AUTHORIZE PAYMENT ON SPRAGUE JOB UNTIL WORKINGMEN GET LEGAL RIGHTS.

Mayor Pratt today adopted a new course in the matter of securing the legal rate of pay and enforcing the state and city eight hour law on public work. Where just complaint is made of working longer than the legal workday without extra allowance for overtime, or the wages have been lower than \$2.75 per day, the mayor will refuse to authorize payment from the city to the contractors until the labor issue raised is settled according to law. It is an advanced variation of the mayor's "where there is a will, there's a way" policy on behalf of the workingman.

Officially the matter has to be passed upon by the board of works, but it is stated this afternoon that the board would in all probability back the mayor by formal action.

The first case to be handled this way is that of Carl Anderson, Andrew Anderson and Fred Johnson, who today submitted to the board of works a statement showing that they had worked or Huettner & Zirnagl on the Sprague avenue fill job 10 hours per day at the rate of \$2.50 per day.

The legal workday on public contracts is eight hours, and the city rule requires payment of \$2.75 per day for that time. On this showing Carl Anderson claims a balance of \$16.40 due him; Andrew Anderson claims \$17.50, and Fred Johnson \$17.50.

The question of law arising in this instance is whether Huettner & Zirnagl are doing city work. They claim they are not, on the ground that they are taking dirt for the fill from private property, loading it onto dump carts before it comes under the jurisdiction of a city contract, and they are acting in the capacity of private parties simply hired to do this work regardless of its possible connection with city work under way elsewhere. Their contention is to be tested in a case coming before Judge Mann July 22.

## SAW THE MAYOR AND ARE HAPPY

Score another for Mayor Pratt's court of all nations and all causes. Today G. W. Ross and E. Crages appeared with a grievance against the Hanson employment agency. They had each invested \$4.10 in getting jobs on assurance that no blankets were required. They discovered that individual blankets were an element of holding the job when they got to it, and came here with a written statement to that effect.

The mayor summoned the employment agent, he admitted the charge and the mayor suggested that a refund was a proper procedure for the employment agent. The suggestion was sufficient.

## ELKS GO TO THE SEASHORE

(By United Press.)

**LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 17.**—The last day of the twenty-third annual convention of the Elks began today with sightseeing trips by visitors and continued during the day with aquatic sports at the various beaches. The schedule ends tonight with parade of electrical floats depicting familiar circus scenes.

Early today members of the grand lodge, numbering 1,000, went to Catalina island with their wives and daughters. At the ranch of the late "Lucky" Baldwin several hundred Elks were entertained with a big barbecue.

Boosters at Del Monte.

**DEL MONTE, Cal., July 17.**—Elks' special trains were arriving here throughout the day. The visitors were entertained royally. Carriages and tally-hoes were provided for them and drives taken in the surrounding country.

## HILL WILL BUILD TO THE BOUNDARY

(By United Press.)

**HELENA, Mont., July 17.**—The Great Northern has filed papers in this state declaring its intention to build a line from Hinsdale, Mont., to the Canadian line, a distance of 90 miles.

## RUSH OF LAND SEEKERS EXPECTED HERE MONDAY

### Crowds Will Arrive From Flathead Points to Take New Chances.



An even greater rush of applicants to register for chances on reservation lands is expected in this city Monday than attended the opening day, July 15. The bulk of eastern people who have registered for the Flathead will reach here about that time to qualify for the Spokane and later for the Coeur d'Alene drawings. The Flathead and the Coeur d'Alene reservations are the most attractive, as they contain a far greater area of farm land than the Spokane.

Probably in the neighborhood of 20,000 people have registered here and this will be augmented by those who have already registered for the other two reservations. In turn there is a rush on from this city of those who have registered here and wish to also register in the other two. The permission to register in all three locations gives the homeseeker three chances for a farm. Registration closes August 5.

The prizes include 153,000 acres in the Spokane reservation, 1,200,000 acres in the Flathead reservation and 310,000 acres in the Coeur d'Alene reservation.

The Spokane reservation is 35 miles from Spokane, the Flathead reservation is between Missoula and Kalspell, Mont., and the Coeur d'Alene reservation is in northwest Idaho, on the boundary line between that state and Washington.

The size of the tracts to be distributed varies from 40 to 160 acres, according to their location.

## NOTARIES SCRAP FOR GOOD PLACES

(By United Press.)

**MISSOULA, Mont., July 17.**—Dissension among the notaries has developed at Missoula, where thousands are registering for homesteads. Outside notaries started to pitch tents where the crowds were the thickest, thereby arousing the ire of the others.

The chamber of commerce threatens to erect a tent near the depot and allow all to register free if the dissension continues. Several thousand registered on the Flathead reservation in two days.

## WOMAN STRICKEN ON THE STREET

(By United Press.)

**DES MOINES, Ia., July 17.**—Mrs. William Oilphant was arrested today, charged with killing her baby and attempting to poison three of her other daughters and attempt suicide.

The woman was despondent because her husband is suing a boarder who is charged with having alienated her affections.

## PICKPOCKETS ARE ACTIVE

### CONTINUE TO ROB LAND SEEKERS IN SPITE OF CLOSE WATCH BY POLICE AND RAILROAD DETECTIVES.

While waiting about the terminal depot this morning, between 5 and 6 o'clock, Conrad Folney, E120 Pacific avenue, was robbed of a purse containing about \$15 in cash and a number of old country coins he had collected as souvenirs.

James T. Wood, a resident of Spokane also, was robbed of his purse containing about \$300 at the same station yesterday morning, according to a report left with the police.

The work is that of pickpockets, a band of which are operating along the Spokane & Coeur d'Alene electric line and about the stations at both ends. Hundreds of dollars in money and valuable jewelry and trinkets have already been stolen from unsuspecting landseekers and the police and detectives are unable to catch them.

The police believe an organized band of this sort of criminals is at work. A close lookout is being kept by the police and railroad detectives and as not a single one of them has so far been caught, it is evident that the robbers are extremely clever about their work.

Most of the money that has so far been taken has been slipped from the victims' hip pockets in purses. This is a poor place to carry money, especially in a crowd.

## FALL UPON THE PEACEMAKER

The way of the peacemaker is sometimes as hard as that of the proverbial transgressor, according to Officer Lee Downey's version of it. Lee attempted to settle a dispute between four irate men of robust physique last night, and has a bump on his head today that would do credit to a captain of a base ball team.

In fact, he did settle the dispute, for when Tom Hannigan walloped him one under the brim of the helmet he departed from the gentle manner in which he started in as peacemaker and soon had Hannigan, L. G. Harrison, Ed Beeso and Harry O'Brien, the warring quartet, seated humbly on the curbing. Lee stood over them with a club and kept them good till the wagon came.

The trouble all happened about the N. P. bar at Division and Riverside, where they were trying to settle differences with the use of fistful arguments. Hannigan gave Downey a headache, and Judge Mann gave Hannigan and the others a fine of \$5.

## FRAYNE CONCEDES OVERWEIGHT

**SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.**—Young Corbett, despite his long training, was unable to get down to the stipulated 135 pounds for his fight with Johnny Frayne at the Mission street arena this afternoon at 3:15.

Frayne said he did not mind a pound or two and would fight Corbett anyway. The betting is 10 to 7, with Corbett on the short end.

## BRICK MASON INJURED

**W. S. Corbett, a brick mason,** was seriously injured shortly before noon today in a fall from a building being erected on Malbon avenue and Post street by the Spokane Bakery Co. His shoulder and side are severely bruised and it is feared that ligaments in his arm were torn loose. He fell about 30 feet.

Corbett is a resident of Hillyard, aged 40 years. Steward Dare of the emergency hospital was called to attend him at the scene of the accident, after which he was removed to the Sacred Heart hospital, under the attention of Dr. Kalb, the Spokane Bakery Co.'s physician.

## SURE ROAD TO HELL OR A HOSPITAL

A timely sermon on reckless automobile driving will be preached Sunday evening at the First M. E. church by the Rev. H. L. Rasmus, the pastor.

Dr. Rasmus is said to hold that in view of recent automobile wrecks in Spokane, there is no surer way for young men and women to reach hell or a hospital than by participation in midnight automobile trips.

## NEW RULES FOR SPRINKLING

### Emergency Restrictions Raised and Segregation Plan Is Given a Trial.

Within the district limited on the north by Euclid avenue, on the east by Dakota and Hatch, on the south by Twelfth, and on the west by Latah creek and the Spokane river, the following hours for sprinkling by holding the nozzle in the hand are hereby appointed: Residences having odd numbers on streets and avenues may sprinkle from 7 a. m. to 9 a. m. and from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m. Residences having even numbers on streets and avenues may sprinkle from 5 a. m. to 7 a. m. and from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

The balance of the city will be allowed to sprinkle by holding the nozzle in the hand at such hours as they may find convenient.

N. S. PRATT, ARVID REUTERDAHL, Water Commissioner.

The following official statement is issued in connection with the new rule: "The mayor and water commissioner in issuing the foregoing rules as to sprinkling have found the task of arranging sprinkling hours with any degree of efficiency and fairness an extremely difficult one. The department has been besieged with suggestions by letter from different parts of the city, by suggestions over the office counter, by telephone and by deputations. While entirely appreciative of the interest so many citizens have shown in the matter, it has been impossible, as will readily be seen, to adopt every or all suggestions offered, seeing that some entirely antagonize or neutralize others.

"Of course the great difficulty in the way of equalizing the water supply for the present is, first, the unequal contour of the city, and, secondly, the varied capacity of the present mains. In the near future the latter difficulty will disappear and to a large degree the difficulty of the differing levels of the different parts of the city will be overcome.

"Then again, any scheme must be so plain that every citizen can understand it and the inspectors able to see that they are enforced. The rules herewith issued have been adopted after very careful study and consideration, not as perfectly meeting the need of each locality, or every citizen, but on the whole as being as fair all around as the difficult state of the case permits for the present season."

By all night work the damage at the pump station was repaired and the water scarcity that had become critical last night is relieved today. Under the most favorable conditions now possible, however, prudence and consideration for the general good cannot safely be disregarded anywhere in the city. A waste of water in one section means that some other section is likely to suffer in consequence.

By constant labor and the addition of the new pumps the department expects to prevent a crisis for the rest of the hot season if given the necessary cooperation by the citizens.

## JOHNSON WILL VISIT SPOKANE

**ST. PAUL, July 17.**—Although weak and ill from two operations for appendicitis, Governor John Johnson of Minnesota will comply with the request of his countrymen to make a speech on Swedish day at the Seattle exposition. In order to do this, he will postpone a third operation.

Governor Johnson will go to Seattle in a special train, and at Spokane will address the irrigation congress on his way west.

## TO PREPARE FOR LABOR DAY

A meeting of the delegates of all the unions in the city, making up the committee looking after the arrangements for Labor day, will be held in the bartenders' hall tomorrow morning. An effort will be made by some of the members to have the entire program arranged and the place for holding the celebration decided upon.

Manito park will likely be chosen for this and it is thought that a base ball game will be one of the features of the day. Stone moving matches among the teamsters, like those of the last celebration, will be included in the program, if possible. The remainder of the celebration will be much after the fashion of the programs usually carried out on Fourth of July occasions.

President Van Lear of the Machinists' International union will likely be secured to deliver the chief address of the day. An attempt is now being made to get him and an address of welcome from the mayor will be called for, according to some of the present plans. President Van Lear is an able speaker and is well liked by Spokane union men.

## WANT ARTILLERYMEN

United States army recruiting stations are again accepting new men for the coast and field artillery corps. Several months ago all places in the infantry were filled and no recruits excepting ex-soldiers have been accepted since then for enlistment. It is understood that the recruiting offices will begin looking for men for the infantry in another month or so, as the time of many of the soldiers will soon be up. Only a few men are enlisting through the Spokane recruiting office in the Ziegler block.

## DISPUTES CLAIM AS TO FIRST REGISTRATION

J. G. Likens of Genesee, Idaho, disputes the claim of P. B. Martin of Spokane as being the first man who completed registration for the three reservations. Likens says that he registered immediately on the opening of the registration offices at Missoula and five minutes later caught a train on the N. P. for Spokane.

On his arrival here he caught a chance to register near the N. P. depot and then hurried north on Bernard street in time to make an electric train for Coeur d'Alene, where he registered inside of two minutes after his arrival.

Likens can not see how Martin could make any better time than he did, as he was on the move from midnight until he completed the circuit, between 6 and 7 o'clock the following evening.

## FOUST CRUSHED BY CRATE OF GLASS

Caught beneath a heavy pane of plate glass, which he was helping to unload at the W. P. Fuller & Co. warehouse, Joe Foust, aged 21, rooming at the Ondawa Inn, was severely injured this morning. The crate was too heavy to handle for those who were working with it, and the greater part of its weight fell across Foust's chest and abdomen, seriously injuring him internally.

He was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital, after preliminary attention by Dr. O'Shea of the emergency hospital.

## SEPTEMBER POOLIS BREWING

**CHICAGO, July 17.**—Traders generally believe that Armour and Patten are planning a big deal in September wheat, as they have bought heavily.

Mayor Pratt was pleasantly reminded today of his boyhood days by receiving an invitation from "Ye Olde Tyme Euchre club" of Fairmont, Minn. The mayor was one of the organizers of this club 27 years ago.

An effort will be made to form an association of the elementary graded Sunday school teachers at a meeting to be held at the Vincent Methodist church next Tuesday at 3 p. m.