

Burlington Will Ask Reduction In Overtime Pay

New Classification of Work Also to Be Proposed in Chicago Conferences With Employes.

Reduction in overtime pay to all classes of railway employes and a new classification of work will be proposed by officials of the Burlington railroad at a series of conferences to be held with employes in Chicago, beginning Thursday. W. F. Thielhoff, general manager of Burlington lines west, announced yesterday.

Mr. Thielhoff just returned from a conference of Burlington officials in Chicago, which was preliminary to a final effort of the road to negotiate an agreement on working rules with all classes of employes before July 1, when the national wartime agreement between employes and the government will be abrogated by the railway labor board.

"We will attempt to reach an agreement with employes which will provide for reasonable reductions in all departments and make the economical operation of the road possible," said Mr. Thielhoff.

"The labor board has made it mandatory that every effort shall be made to reach an amicable agreement, and roads which fail to make a real effort are apt to be spanked."

"It is particularly important that the classification of work, as fixed in the national agreement, be changed. For example, the agreement compels us to 'deadhead' a carman, perhaps hundreds of miles, to rebrass a car—a minor job. It also compels us to rebrass a carman continuously from the time he begins the journey until he returns."

"That is just one of dozens of unnecessary expenses which the classification forces on the roads."

If an agreement is not reached by July 1 it is up to the labor board to instruct roads how to act, Mr. Thielhoff said.

A. T. and T. Offers \$90,000,000 in New Issue

Boston, May 10.—The board of directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph company at a meeting here today voted to offer about \$20,000,000 new stock at par to the company's 151,000 stockholders. The issue will be the proportion of one share of new stock for each five shares of stock now outstanding. The stock now outstanding amounts to approximately \$445,000,000.

This new issue was provided for at the annual stockholders' meeting a year ago, when the authorized capital of the company was increased from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000. Stockholders of record at the close of business Friday, May 20, will be entitled to subscribe.

Harding Asks Daugherty To Probe Profiteering

Washington, May 10.—President Harding has asked Attorney General Daugherty to investigate charges of profiteering in contracts and purchases made by the War department during the war.

Evidence developed by the house committee on expenditures in the War department, officials said today, had been referred to the department for inquiry. A special inquiry as a result of the president's request probably will be begun shortly.

Red Cross Hospital Under Operation at White River

White River, S. D., May 10.—(Special.)—After months of effort the Mellette county Red Cross hospital has been opened in White River. It will be one of the few hospitals in the northwest to be installed and operated under the direction of the Red Cross. Mrs. C. W. Robertson will be superintendent.

Seven Killed in Riot

Rome, May 10.—Seven persons were killed and 11 were injured in a political campaign riot between nationalists and socialists at Castellorotondo near Palermo, Sicily, Sunday.

Lithuanian With Name Long as Freight Train Changes It to Landis

Chicago, May 10.—It used to be a name about as long as freight train and it sounded a good deal like that train crossing a bad intersection. But it's John T. Landis and the bearer, a Lithuanian and a former soldier, wore it proudly as he asked for passports at the federal building.

Thomas V. Sell, chief of the passport bureau, was somewhat startled to hear the name of the famous jurist when he asked the applicant's name.

"Well, my other name was impossible," was the explanation Landis gave. "Nobody could pronounce it and I sometimes got mixed up myself. So when I was naturalized in the army, I decided to pick out a real American name. Wherever I went I heard of Judge Landis and his patriotism. So I took his name and I am trying to live up to the name."

He was given his passports without any trouble.

Township Debates Merit Of Nonpartisan League

Salina, Kan., May 10.—Whether the activities of the Nonpartisan league have had a beneficial or injurious effect in North Dakota is the general subject matter of a debate here today between A. C. Townley, national head of the league, and William Langer, former attorney general of that state.

A large tent had been provided for an audience of 2,000 persons. Salina has been the headquarters of the league movement in Kansas.

Some time ago Langer came into Kansas and made a series of speeches against the league movement, asserting that the league program in North Dakota had been a failure. He recently issued a challenge to Townley to debate the subject and the league head accepted.

Royal Highlanders Hold Meeting at Nebraska City

Nebraska City, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The district convention of the Royal Highlanders was held at G. A. R. hall here with W. E. Sharp of Lincoln, head of the organization in the United States, presiding. Mr. Sharp outlined the work of the order and showed by a financial statement that the organization was in splendid condition.

Delegates were present from Cook, Tecumseh, Julian, Syracuse, Dunbar, Sterling and Brownville. J. H. Keim of Tecumseh was chosen delegate to the national convention and Harold Rosenberger of this city was named alternate. The national convention will be held next September and Denver will probably be named as the place of meeting.

Murder Suspect Killed by Sheriff During Search

Pittsburg, Cal., May 10.—Francisco Rios, section hand employed by the Southern Pacific company arrested here as a suspect in a murder case at Susanville, Placer county, was shot and killed in the city jail by Chief of Police John Williamson. It was found that the prisoner had concealed a revolver from officers making a search of his person when he was brought in to the jail. The police chief said Rios fired once at him before he fired at Rios.

Doctor Fined for Failure To Report Birth of Child

Nebraska City, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Dr. M. A. Carraker was fined \$10 and costs in the county court upon a plea of guilty to the charge of failure to report the birth of a child last month. The complaint was filed at the instance of the Board of Health.

Firemen to Hold Banquet

Broken Bow, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Broken Bow firemen have completed arrangements for an elaborate banquet to be held May 17. Invitations will be extended to all fire departments in the county, with the expectation that a county organization will be formed.

Wyoming Solon May Enter Race For U. S. Senate

Newspapers of State Start Boom for Mondell to Succeed John B. Kendrick.

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, the sole representative from that state for a quarter of a century and now floor leader of the house, will probably announce his candidacy for the senate to succeed Senator John B. Kendrick, one of the big cattle growers of the west.

While Representative Mondell has declined to discuss the probability, it is known positively that he has been urged by some of the most prominent political leaders in his state to run for the senate. A boom for him has been started by Wyoming newspapers and the Cheyenne paper predicts that Mr. Mondell could win with ease.

Colleagues of Representative Mondell said today that if he decides to leave the house, where he has been a strong influence for 25 years, having been ranking republican on the appropriations committee during the eight years of democratic control, it will be a distinct loss to the house, independent of party affiliations. Republican leaders, especially those on the legislative steering committee, point out that Representative Mondell has been surprisingly successful in carrying through the republican program and expediting the passage of major legislation.

It is thought in republican circles that Mr. Mondell will not shy his castor into the ring until after he has talked over the situation with Harding, who has looked to the floor leader to assist in the constructive legislation outlined by the chief executive.

Counties Lock Horns Over Payment for River Bridge

White River, S. D., May 10.—(Special.)—Mellette and Jackson counties have locked horns over payment for a bridge constructed across White river at Belvidere, the Mellette county end of the bridge being at the extreme northwest corner of Mellette county. A temporary injunction has been served on the Mellette county commissioners restraining them from paying any money to Jackson county toward the expense of building the bridge.

Ashland Men Said to Have Admitted Chicken Theft

Madison, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Henry and Ernest Jackson of Ashland, Neb., arrested Saturday at Enola on suspicion of having stolen chickens, are said to have confessed to Sheriff Smith that they took the fowls from the farm of Hermit Gehm between Pierce and Hadar. Sheriff Kincaid of Pierce took the men to Pierce, where they will be placed in the county jail.

Magazine Worker Jailed For "Jumping" Board Bill

Beatrice, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Dewey Carter, one of the National Defense magazine workers who recently visited the city, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail by Judge Ellis for "jumping" his board bill at the Butler house in this city. Carter's pal, Michael O'Leary, was recently sentenced to 90 days in the county jail for a similar offense.

Norfolk Planning to Erect New High School Building

Norfolk, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Plans for the immediate sale of bonds to build a new high school here were made at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association. The structure, which is to be erected the coming year, will be one of the finest school buildings in the state.

Murder of Recluse Still Deep Mystery

Oskaloosa, Ia., May 10.—Like mystery story from the pen of Poe is the murder of Robert Middleworth, 62, the lone occupant of a shack adjoining the Skunk river near Oskaloosa late Friday night.

Police are baffled. The motive for the killing remaining a mystery. Not content with the murder of Middleworth, the perpetrators fired the shock, evidently to destroy all trace of their crime.

Police are of the opinion that the outrage was the outcome of a raid made on the shack by tramps. They believe Middleworth was attacked while retiring to bed, gave a fight and was overcome by superior numbers.

Pedestrians on Highway Robbed by Armed Bandits

Two armed highwaymen held up and robbed B. Varini, 2118 Pierce street, and E. Scakgo, 1037 South Twentieth street, at 11 Monday night near Fifty-seventh street and the Lincoln highway, according to police reports. Scakgo was robbed of a watch and Varini was robbed of \$32.

Girl Injured by Horse

Broken Bow, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Arthur, residing two miles north of town, suffered a fractured shoulder blade and internal injuries, the result of a playful kick from the family horse.

Church Officer Flees With Woman \$5,200 Missing

Disappearance Discovered as Deserted Wife and Three Children Appeal to Pastor for Aid.

New York, May 10.—Shubel K. Siver, treasurer of the First Reformed church of New Brunswick, N. J., Miss Adele Gouin, a waitress in a restaurant in Perth Amboy, and \$5,200 in Liberty bonds belonging to the church are missing.

The police of New Brunswick and a New York detective agency are today seeking them. Pastor Jasper S. Hogan of the church stated from the pulpit Sunday that a charge of embezzlement would be preferred against Siver.

Siver is 48 years old, is married, and up to Wednesday last when he disappeared, lived with his wife and three sons at 204 Redmond street, New Brunswick.

The last seen of Siver and Miss Gouin, according to one witness, was in an automobile on the ferry plying between Perth Amboy and Staten Island. This car Siver bought a short time before he disappeared. The search for the missing pair and the liberty bonds was made by

Grand Island Flyer Wins Four Cups in Air Tournament

Holdrege, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The first annual airplane tournament has closed at Holdrege.

Four of the six cups awards went to "Daredevil" Hogens Smith of Grand Island, he taking first place in the cross-country race, the hurdle contest, the individual acrobatics and the contour chasing. E. G. Bahl of Lincoln, took first in spot landings, and B. Blevins of Wichita, Kan., received a cup for second place in the cross-country race.

Sunday passengers were taken up for air trips, ranging from 10 to 30 minutes in length. The visiting airmen collected over \$1,000 in fares.

Madison American Legion Plans Athletic Carnival

Madison, S. D., May 10.—(Special.)—Members of the local American Legion post are making preliminary arrangements for a big celebration and athletic and water carnival, to be held at Lake Madison, June 23. The athletic events will include boxing and wrestling. The day will be declared a holiday throughout Lake county.

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