

CONFERENCE TODAY ON PACKERS' WAGES

Each Side Prepares to Present Grievances.

GOMPERS HEARS UNIONS

Moral Support of Federation Is Given Employes in Demand to Stick by Agreement.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Representatives of the five big packers and of their union employes tonight prepared for tomorrow's conference with Secretary Davis over the controversy arising from the packers' decision to reduce wages and alter working conditions.

Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butchers' Workers, and R. S. Brennan, attorney for the order, who will represent the employes, tonight conferred with Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, president and secretary of the American Federation of Labor.

President Gompers announced that the employes would have the moral support of the federation in their attempt, as labor leaders said, to compel the packers to observe the wartime working agreement.

Importance Is Attached. Representatives of the packers, Carl Meyer and J. L. Condon, have presented to Secretary Davis. The employes will be accorded a similar hearing by the secretary tomorrow.

Labor officials attached considerable importance to the conference, which might set a precedent for settlement of controversies involving discontinuance or abrogation of wartime agreements. The proceedings and the results attained by Secretary Davis will be watched closely also in official circles.

Mr. Gompers declined to indicate whether the federation would give more than "moral support." It was said further action would require the vote of the executive council.

Strike Decision Announced.

Mr. Lane conveyed to President Gompers and Secretary Morrison the decision of the organization to strike if necessary to assist in obtaining continuation of the wartime agreement.

It was stated definitely that the unions' instructions would admit of no withdrawal of the insistence of the employes that the packers reiterate the arbitration agreement adopted during the war. The union delegates were expected to put this point even ahead of their objection to the wage reduction of from 12 1/2 and 15 per cent.

"The one big point involved," Mr. Lane said, "is the validity of our contract. This is the real question."

BOY CONFESSES KILLING

MURDER OF CHUM RECALLED WITHOUT EMOTION.

Mother Told Not to Worry by Youth Who Says He Didn't Know Why He Committed Crime.

WARSAW, Ind., March 20.—Mrs. Lydia Decker, mother of Virgil Decker, 18-year-old boy who has signed a confession in which he declared that he alone was responsible for the death of Leroy Lovett, his chum, was permitted for the first time Saturday to visit her son since his arrest Tuesday. Mrs. Decker was accompanied by Mrs. B. Moon, wife of the county sheriff.

The boy, who told Mrs. Moon, according to her story of events leading up to the confession, that his only reason for attacking Lovett was that "the devil told me to do it and I just did it," met his mother with no display of emotion.

"Don't worry, mother. It's done and I don't know why I did it," was his greeting. She remained with the boy only a short time.

TWO DIE IN GREAT BLAST

FOUR MISSING IN EXPLOSION AT SOUTH CHICAGO.

Spontaneous Combustion Assigned as Reason for Destruction of Armour Elevator.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Two persons are known to be dead and four others are missing in the grain dust explosion which rocked South Chicago last night and wrecked one of the world's largest grain elevators.

The second body was found today. Officials of the Armour Grain Company, which operated the elevator, said it might be several days before it could be determined definitely how many met death. Besides the two bodies recovered, only four men were unaccounted for. All of the victims were employes.

J. C. McDonnell, chief of the fire prevention bureau, said his investigation had convinced him the explosion was due to spontaneous combustion. Engineers said damage to the elevator would approximate \$1,500,000. The value of the grain destroyed was estimated at \$1,000,000.

YOUNG PARSON ACCUSED

KENTUCKIAN CHARGED WITH BEATING WIFE.

Divorce Is Granted Woman; Accused Man Leaves Pastorate and Is Fugitive.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 20.—(Special.)—News from Prestsburg, Ky., tonight says the grand jury there has just returned an indictment against Rev. E. S. Forester, one of the most prominent young Methodist ministers in the eastern part of the state, charging him with assault and battery upon his wife.

The indictment recites that Forester did unlawfully and wilfully assault, beat and bruise Mildred Forester, his wife, with his fists and hands and other things to the grand jury unknown.

The circuit court gave Mrs. Forester an absolute divorce, restored her maiden name and gave her custody of their child, aged four. Rev. Mr. Forester has left Prestsburg, where he was pastor of a leading church, and his present whereabouts is said not to be known. The Foresters had been married about five years. They were social leaders, she being the daughter of a noted church and social worker and he equally as prominent. After some reports became current that Forester was ill-treating his wife, and last fall he was arrested, charged with beating her, though Mrs. Forester refused to appear against him when the case came up. Evidence was secured, however, which resulted in the indictment.

Immediately following his arrest a few months ago a crowd menaced him and an attempted assault was made by a group of strong men. He left the town soon afterward.

HARDING MEETS AX TO USE TAX

Effort to Lighten Burden Sure to Be Made.

TARIFF IS LESS TROUBLE

One May Add Paltry \$300,000,000 to Income While Other Affects \$4,000,000,000 Revenue.

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ATTEMPTED CONTROL OF LABOR IS CHARGED.

Refusal of Federation Support Is Said to Have Aroused Editor to Destroy Leaders.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Samuel Gompers has launched an attack on William Randolph Hearst, newspaper publisher, in the Federation of Labor, the organ of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Gompers says that for years Mr. Hearst "personally, politically and through his newspapers, has undertaken to control the labor movement and those who speak for it."

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"So he has begun a repetition through his newspapers of the slanderous and contemptible attack on the character and work of the president of the American Federation of Labor, and his associates, which is not necessarily against those officers of the labor movement, but the hope of minimizing or eliminating the American Federation of Labor itself."

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INDUSTRIAL UNITY URGED

WAR BOARD RECOMMENDS ECONOMIC COMBINES.

Government Controlled Production and Distribution of Goods Would Benefit Public.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Encouraged by the government of permanent, intimate combinations of associations in industry, under federal supervision, was recommended in the final report of the war industries board, just completed by E. M. Baruch, chairman.

The report holds that great public benefit in the way of prices and abundance of goods, resulting from economies in production and distribution, are capable of being effected through the mutual co-operation of members of industrial groups, as was done during the war, and that the government policy of enforced isolation and costly competition is not conducive to the general welfare.

Pointing out that the same power born of association that makes for potential injustices, the report recommends that there be created a government agency which shall supervise such associations.

The report recommends that purely a civil service legislation be adopted, permitting the continued functioning of the industrial group represented by the war service committees and the related associations of manufacturers whose establishment was forced by the war exigency.

TWO HURT BY AUTOS

Accidents Follow Closely After Rain Starts to Fall.

Two persons were injured in automobile accidents which followed in close succession after it began to rain last night. On account of adverse weather conditions and lack of proof showing negligence, no arrests were made.

D. Morimoto, who runs a general store at Russellville on the Base Line road, was painfully bruised when his automobile crashed into another, driven by C. J. Vaughan, 5021 Thirtieth second avenue Southeast, at Thirtieth and Burnside streets. Morimoto's car was wrecked.

William Schmale, 79 years old, 461 West Park street, was struck by the automobile driven by Earl George of Laurel, Or. Schmale was waiting to board a streetcar at Sixth and Jackson streets when he was struck. Numerous bruises were treated at the city emergency hospital, after which he was sent home.

TREES SET IN MEMORIAL

Four Oaks Grange Keeps Memory of Former Members Green.

EUGENE, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—A memorial tree for each member of the Four Oaks Grange, on Bailey Hill who has passed away since the grange was organized a number of years ago was planted on the grange lot at the regular meeting of the organization yesterday afternoon. O. L. Hall made appropriate remarks during the ceremony.

In memory of J. H. Dunlap the grange planted a madrona, for Ed Nicholson a cedar, for Ella Bailey a maple, for Rosa A. Hall a fir, for E. H. Holman a cedar, for Ed Weibull a cedar, for Samuel Boyd a madrona.

Government Experts Welcomed.

SALEM, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—David J. Price, in charge of grain dust explosion investigations for the government; W. A. Noel, engineer of the division of dehydrated, and Ray Powers, investigator for the United States bureau of agriculture, arrived here yesterday from Washington to inspect the local fruit-processing plants. During their stay here they were guests of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association. Mr. Powers is devoting much of his time to dehydrated experiments at Oregon Agricultural college.

S. & H. Green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co., coal and wood. Main 353. 560-21—Adv.

Best grades coal, prompt delivery. Diamond Coal Co., Edwy, 1021—Adv.

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SAFETY AND PROFIT

To correct an erroneous impression seemingly prevalent in some quarters, we restate the following:

The authorized capital stock of the Portland Vegetable Oil Mills Company is ONE MILLION DOLLARS, all common; ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A SHARE. These shares are sold for 10% cash with subscription and 15% monthly for six months on call of directors.

In the inception of the company we stated definitely that our new plant would not be located in Portland until \$700,000.00 of our capital stock had been subscribed. This has been exceeded and we are now building our plant.

At no time have we made a statement that we would not make offerings of further amounts of our capital stock.

We can profitably use a large working capital which is the surest foundation for ample bank credit when needed.

Our plant now under construction will have a capacity of crushing 100 tons of copra per day. The normal price of copra is in excess of \$100 per ton. Our plant will crush in excess of \$10,000.00 worth of raw material per day, or over \$250,000.00 per month. The development in the uses of the products we will manufacture is unlimited.

There will be times when we will have as much as \$1,000,000.00 invested in copra and other raw materials, and in our finished products; financed mainly under bankers' credits backed by our company's assets, including ample working capital.

We are, therefore, selling the last offering of our capital stock at this time to avail ourselves of approaching needs of purchasing large quantities of copra.

The profits on our operations which should be available for dividends to stockholders and for general surplus have been carefully estimated and are based on past results of Portland's former vegetable oil plant and will be furnished upon request. The operations of our plant will be conducted with the utmost economy.

In estimating our profits we have eliminated the excessive profits made in the vegetable oil industry during the period of the war.

Our financing has been and is clean and economical

We have limited the cost of placing our stock to 5% of our capital (instead of the usual 20% allowed by law). This 5% has already been practically recovered in savings on purchase of land, machinery, etc., and we expect to begin our manufacturing operations with tangible assets, including working capital fully representing our subscribers' total investment.

This company owes no debts, is not mortgaged, neither is it issuing bonds nor preferred (limited dividend paying) stock.

Our stock is all Common Stock, every share of which earns its proportion of the Company's total profits and truly represents its proportion of ownership in the Company.

THE FOLLOWING BANKS

- Ladd & Tilton Bank, U. S. National Bank, Northwestern National Bank, Bank of California, N. A., Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hibernia Commercial & Savings Bank, State Bank of Portland, Peninsula National Bank, Broadway Bank, Hartman & Thompson Bank, Peoples Bank, Geo. W. Bates & Co., Bankers, Citizens Bank, Bank of East Portland, Bank of Kenton, Bank of Sellwood, Montavilla Savings Bank, Multnomah State Bank, First Nat'l Bank, Linnton, First State Bank, Gresham, Bank of Gresham, Title & Trust Co., Peninsula Security Co.

WILL RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS to the last offering of our Capital Stock and will furnish copies of our new circulars, descriptive of past and prospective earnings of this business in Portland. THIS OFFERING IS DIRECT FROM COMPANY TO SUBSCRIBERS. Full information upon request.

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security leaders to furnish equipment to the carriers by conditional sale or lease, of the railroads under the plan proposed. Equipment will be leased by the service to the roads to meet seasonal requirements and will thus be used at different times by different roads affecting very great saving, it is maintained.

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