

ANTI-PICKETING ACT IS BOTH DEFENDED AND OPPOSED AT MEETING

Oregon Civic League Hears Association Lawyer and Head of Labor Council;

ATTACK ON UNIONS SEEN

Rights of Business Men and Personal Liberty Are Points Emphasized by Speakers.

The anti-conspiracy ordinance, which is to be voted on June 4 at the municipal election, was defended by Harold M. Sawyer, counsel for the Employers' association, and condemned by Charles P. Howard, president of the Central Labor council, in a debate before the Oregon Civic league in the Multnomah hotel Saturday afternoon.

"An attempt to emasculate the trades union movement in Portland," is the purpose of the ordinance, according to Mr. Howard.

Mr. Sawyer did not say that the measure is not aimed at the weapons of organized labor, picketing and the boycott, but he averred that the ordinance recognizes as a conspiracy only an agreement between two or more persons to withhold patronage, to interfere in the relations of a person with his employer, or to seek to alter his mode of carrying on his business.

Labor Men Retorts.

Under these terms, Mr. Sawyer continued, picketing and bannering are not violations of law, but are presumptive evidences of conspiracy as defined. The person appearing to be doing picket duty in front of an establishment against which a strike has been declared, or who is carrying a banner, would be arrested on a charge of conspiracy and in trial the burden of proof would fall upon the accused to show that he was not a party to a conspiracy.

"In other words," rebutted Mr. Howard, "when it came his turn, 'it is proposed to presume a crime and then punish the presumption.'"

Mr. Sawyer said that legislation aimed at picketing and bannering in San Francisco and in Washington state, would undoubtedly have been shown to be unconstitutional had the measure been allowed to become operative, for the reason that the legislation attempting to make the acts of picketing and bannering a violation of law, really interfered with personal liberties constitutionally guaranteed.

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He concluded by saying that such organizations as the Greater Portland association, which seeks to secure patronage for specialty stores, and the Consumers' league, which seeks to direct favor and patronage toward merchants and manufacturers on its "white list," would not be interfered with, as their work has no negative or destructive side.

"Clearly the intent of this act," answered Mr. Howard, "is to reduce to impotency labor unions by using the police power in the interests of the employers' union."

"It would be unlawful for labor organizations to try to induce an employer to hire an unfortunate member, if such employer be promised increased patronage."

"It would be unlawful for civic or other organizations, in time of business depression, to attempt to induce employers to aid in relieving the stress by not reducing the number of persons in their employ."

Act Is Declared Void.

"It would be unlawful for doctors, dentists, lawyers and other professional men in their associations to agree not to have business dealings with another of their profession whose practices they considered unethical, as that certainly would be attempting to induce a change in the mode of business."

"It would be unlawful for any organization to attempt to better the economic conditions of the workers, to try to induce an employer to shorten

the hours of labor or increase the wages paid."

While the employers oppose the boycott when used by organized labor, concluded Mr. Howard, they are not above using it themselves when it serves their purpose. Then he charged that a certain member of the Oregon legislature who opposed the anti-picketing measure submitted to that body has since been subjected to what he declared is one of the most effective boycotts in the history of Portland.

W. L. Brewster expressed the opinion that the ordinance, if adopted, would forbid strikes in Portland, while not giving an opportunity to answer this assertion at the meeting, Mr. Sawyer said personally that the ordinance would not forbid nor prevent strikes.

"I am convinced that under the terms of the proposed ordinance a strike would be deemed a conspiracy and, hence, forbidden," said Mr. Howard also, when asked for a comment upon this point.

THIS EASTER GRIM DAY OF PREPARATION

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son of Colonel John L. May commanding the Third; and Dan P. Smythe, a well known eastern Oregon sheep man and former guard officer, spoke frequently on street corners.

Five at a Time Secured.

In one rally at Sixth and Washington streets five enlistments were secured, the record in any one spot. The days' figures were not available last night but it was estimated that approximately 100 recruits had been secured, including a detachment of 17 men from Corvallis. Captain C. A. Murphy, commanding Company K, which is stationed at Corvallis, personally procured these men.

Recruiting was carried on in all of the Willamette valley towns in which companies of the Third are stationed. Lieutenant Colonel Abrams, after leading the recruiting efforts in Portland all day, went to Salem last night personally to supervise the campaign in his home city.

But with the 100 or more enlistments secured yesterday the Third is still short about 250 men to bring the regiment up to war strength. In view of the fact that congress has declared war and the president has asked for men, guard officials feel that yesterday's response should have been larger.

"Third Must Be Filled."

"Why, recruits ought to be chocking the doors of the recruiting office," remarked Adjutant - General White.

"The Third simply must be filled, and immediately."

In the belief, however, that there is a growing sentiment in favor of enlistment and that Portlanders are slowly awaking to the need, Saturday's recruiting program will be repeated in Portland today with the band, recruiting parties and speakers, a detachment of troops, the regimental colors and color guard out in force.

The ranks of the Third must be filled before additional units are authorized and the people of Portland are called upon to see that the recruits are forthcoming.

Naval Militia Leaves Today.

The Oregon Naval Militia will entrain at the North Bank depot about 9 o'clock this morning for Bremerton, Wash.

The contingent will travel in a special train over the Great Northern, proceeding direct to its mobilization point, the Bremerton navy yard on Puget sound.

The Oregon Naval Militia is believed to have established a record for a speedy mobilization, having been ready to entrain within 24 hours after receiving the call.

Orders from the secretary of the navy to mobilize were transmitted to Lieutenant Commander George F. Blair, commanding, at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon by Governor Withycombe.

Members of the militia had completed their assembly by 10 o'clock Friday night and could have left Portland by 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Inasmuch as it would have been necessary to send to Seattle for sleepers in order to depart Saturday night, it was decided to defer the departure until this morning.

Had necessity demanded it, however, the militia could have gotten away in less than 24 hours after the call. There is no war on this coast at the present time, however, and a hasty departure was not deemed necessary.

The militia will probably go into training at Bremerton for a time before being assigned to vessels of the Pacific reserve fleet.

Included in the contingent is a marine division of 40 men, for which a

OFFICERS OF OREGON NAVAL MILITIA



Above, left to right—George H. Jett, lieutenant; G. F. Blair, lieutenant commander; E. H. Le Tourneau, ensign. Center, left to right—John P. Hart, lieutenant; H. R. Wakeman, ensign; R. T. Strong, ensign. Below, left to right—John A. Beckwith, lieutenant; C. J. Dyer, lieutenant, junior grade; G. E. Dow, assistant paymaster. Other officers whose photographs are not included are L. F. Wolf, marine assistant surgeon; Ben L. Norden, assistant surgeon, and Lynn B. Covert, second lieutenant, marine section.

month's training is anticipated before being assigned to fleet duty.

Places Held for Two.

The Marine Corps of the Naval Militia went out with 40 men, but as places were held for two ex-members the list is not quite complete.

The commanding officer is Lieutenant Lynn Covert, who threw up his practice of law and joined his command 15 minutes after the call came. The non-commissioned officers of the corps are Charles A. Myers, first sergeant; Mark W. Hannebut, Henry J. Hawkins, sergeants; Herbert Bach, Donald A. MacArthur, Edward Snow, Stanley D. Young, corporals. The privates are: John W. Barry, William H. Berry, Harold O. Bull, Jack M. Dand, Edward G. Gallier, James E. Holm, James I. Jordan, Charles G. Kinzel, Jerome H. Leaville, Herbert W. Leonard, Joseph P. O'Connor, Edward R. Osborn, David H. Rosenzthal, Roland R. Rushton, Elmer R. Seaton, C. H. Fowler, Sydney S. Williams, Cecil L. Dilling, Raymond G. Foster, Richard G. Hughes, Bernard E. Anderson, Albert Habbew, Clarence I. Plantz, Robert B. Yettick, Claud W. Twining, Merriam Howards, Max C. Otto, Joseph G. Brown.

Confessed Forger Is Taken by Police

A forger's attempt to pass a worthless check at the Lion Clothing store, Fourth and Morrison streets, Saturday night, landed into the police net Leroy H. Stephens, alias George L. Sears, who

has been sought since January for similar offenses.

When Stephens made some small purchases at the store he offered in pay a check of W. F. Blaesing, contractor, drawn in favor of George L. Sears for \$22.50. Patrolman Evans was a customer in the store at the time, and the clerk, becoming suspicious over the pay check, called the attention of the officer. Stephens was held and turned over to Motorcycle Patrolman Goldstone and Crane.

At the station Stephens confessed to the forgery and then developed the fact that on January 27 he had passed a similar forged check for \$21 at the Peoples Market, Fourth and Yamhill streets. A warrant was issued at the time for Sears, but his identity as Stephens was not known until his arrest Saturday night.

Stephens at one time worked for Blaesing, and in forging the recent checks used the name of Sears, a man employed by the contractor.

Stephens, aged 39, is a married man with a family of six children. In offering the forged pay checks he was dressed in working clothes.

Belgian Relief Ship Sunk, Two Killed

Copenhagen, April 7.—(I. N. S.)—The Norwegian steamship Camilla has been sunk without warning with the loss of two lives. The Camilla was in the service of the Belgian relief committee and carried a cargo of corn.

Tiny Tots Fain Would Go a Soldering

Anxious Mother and Police Foil Plans

Adelaide Walsh, aged 6 years, is playmate, ardent admirer and confidante of her big brother Terrance, who is seven and has the patriotic and fighting disposition of a crusader.

On Friday "Terry" told sister he was going to enlist and go away to war.

Adelaide was heartbroken at the thought. "Can I go, too?" asked Adelaide. "You can be a nurse," said the manly Terrance.

All of this occurred at school. That afternoon when school let out, the tiny adventurers set forth.

Terry had an idea that the soldiers were at the armory and straightway led their course thitherward. In the meantime Mrs. Anna Walsh,

their mother, who resides at 529 Taylor street, became worried at the failure of the youngsters to reach home.

She went to the school and not finding them, started a search which eventually reached police headquarters.

Patrolman Stuart was put on the trail. About 7 o'clock word came to the police that the juvenile patriots were at the armory. The soldiers were having lots of fun making them comfortable and listening to their plans.

Terrance, learning he was too young to join the real army, was consoled with the prospect of joining the boy scouts. Adelaide, not to be outdone, was going to be a nurse for the boy scouts. And so the matter stood when the mother claimed and took them home.

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"The woolen situation is really serious. With a million men or more to clothes there will be no woolen clothes to sell to civilians. Within the next few weeks there will be an increase of 50 to 75 per cent in woolen goods. Cotton will be used more universally."

"The price of woolen yarn has been up because the wool which we formerly got from Australia has not been coming to this country. There may be a change now that the United States has entered the war. England may feel that we are on her side and will allow the long wool to come here from Australia."