

EMPLOYERS FIRE BIG GUN IN WAR ON CLOSED SHOP

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Manufacturers of the nation today served notice on union labor that the intensive drive against the closed shop had started when William Butterworth issued a call for a convention of big employers of the country.

Butterworth is head of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and president of the National Conference of Manufacturers' associations, comprised of employers in the following states: Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. He conferred with President-elect Harding yesterday.

CRITICIZES LABOR'S PLAN
Butterworth, in an open letter today, attacked the plan of the railway brotherhoods, who, he said, demand the establishment of a national board of adjustment to handle all labor troubles instead of the individual companies handling their own industrial affairs.

Butterworth said if the brotherhoods succeed in their plan it would influence all other industries.

"The plan of the brotherhoods means the closed shop and union domination over all industries alike," Butterworth said. "This is the most vital question facing the manufacturing and producing interests of the country today and should have immediate attention."

CALLS CONVENTION
The brotherhoods want to establish the adjustment board under authority of the transportation act passed by congress which provides for a national labor board having jurisdiction over railway employees' wages when controversies are appealed to it. The act provides the adjustment board may be established by agreement of labor and employers.

Butterworth called a convention of the national conference of state manufacturers' associations to be held here January 12.—The conference will be in protest of the stand taken by the brotherhoods.

BIG MEN INVITED
Butterworth invited the following big employers of labor to be present at the conference:

Elbert H. Gary of the United States Steel corporation; Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation; Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co.; F. A. Steiwerling, Good year Tire & Rubber company, and Charles Fleet, former head of the Emergency Fleet corporation.

**J. M. 'Dad' Walch,
Restaurant Keeper
Of Seaside, Is Dead**
Seaside, Dec. 22.—J. M. "Dad" Walch, who conducted a restaurant here for many years, was found dead in his bed Monday evening, following an investigation made as a result of the place remaining closed through the day. Walch lived alone in a room over the restaurant and was unattended at the time of his death, which apparently came as he slept.

**Palmer Is Called
To Testify in Coal
Inquiry of Senate**
Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Calling of Attorney-General Palmer before the senate investigating committee and steps looking toward the prosecution of government officials said to have made big profits in the "wild scramble for coal" stood out today as possible developments in the senate's inquiry into coal profiteering.

Changes that these things went on were made before the senate committee on reconstruction and production by George H. Cushing, director of the American Wholesale association. The committee had its experts working on two important lines of inquiry into Cushing's testimony as it convened today to hear the coal operators' side from J. D. A. Morrow, vice-president of the National Coal association.

**Gordon Contest Is
To Be Argued Friday**
Salem, Or., Dec. 22.—The contest filed by Leslie W. Murray of Portland against the reelection of Henry Gordon as a member of the Multnomah county delegation in the forthcoming legislature will be argued before Judge Percy R. Kelly of the Multnomah county circuit court Friday. Murray is contesting Gordon's election on the ground that Gordon was disqualified for the office by running for two offices at the same election.

**Farming Course in
School Is Approved**
Elma, Wash., Dec. 22.—At the Elma Community association session Monday night the proposed establishment of a department of agriculture for the Elma high school received favorable consideration and purchase of berry plants for pupils who desire to cultivate berries under the direction of a competent teacher was considered. The club is considering the Eagles theatre building for its permanent home.

**Articles Filed by
Chehalis Company**
Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 22.—Articles of incorporation of the Chehalis Box, Basket and Veneer company were filed with the Lewis county auditor yesterday. The incorporators all prominent Chehalis men, are: L. J. Sticklin, Dr. J. T. Coleman, W. F. West, F. M. Power and Dan W. Bush. The capital stock consists of 100,000 shares at \$1 each. Chehalis is the principal place of business and 50 years is the life of the franchise.

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It Sells for Cash"

All Mail Orders Carefully Filled Same Day Received
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- \$1.35** pair for Phoenix Silk Hose with lisle heel, toe and garter top. Seamless foot and fashioned back. Colors black, white, navy, Havana brown, Russian calf and Argonne.
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- \$1.80** pair for Phoenix Silk Hose with ribbed top. Mock seam back, seamless foot. Lisle heel, toe and garter top. Colors are black, white and Havana brown.
- \$2.80** pair for Phoenix full-fashioned All-Silk Hose, except four-inch garter top and sole. Colors are black, white and Argonne.
- \$1.65** pair for Phoenix Outsize Silk Hose, mock seam back. Seamless foot, lisle heel, toe and garter top. Colors, black, white and Havana brown.
- \$1.40** pair for Phoenix Silk and Fiber Hose with lisle heel, toe and garter top, with new clocking effect. Colors are black, white and Havana brown.
- \$1.80** pair for Phoenix drop-stitch Silk Hose, with mock seam back, seamless foot, lisle heel, toe and garter top. Colors are black, white and navy.
- \$2.35** pair for Phoenix full-fashioned pure Silk Hose with lisle heel, toe and sole and garter top. Colors are black, white, Havana brown, Argonne, putty.
- \$2.95** pair for Phoenix full-fashioned All-Silk Hose with lisle lined garter top and sole. Colors are black, white, navy and Havana brown.
- \$1.95** pair for Phoenix outsize pure Silk Hose, mock seam back, seamless foot, lisle heel, toe and garter top. Colors black, white and Havana brown.
- \$2.95** pair for Phoenix full-fashioned pure Silk Hose with lisle heel, toe and garter top. Colors are black, white and Havana brown.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS In Our Underwear Section

Choice at 49c
Many Articles at Half Price

Last-minute shoppers will find many tempting suggestions in this important underpriced sale. You have choice from: Fancy lace trimmed, hand embroidered, silk, satin and poplin Camisoles. Dainty Swiss and Lawn Tea Aprons and Sewing Aprons, trimmed lavishly in pretty val lace. Fancy Brocade and Novelty Cloth Bandeaux. Embroidered and lace trimmed, hook front Brassieres. A few dozen only of women's Batiste Bloomers with fancy cuff in pink. Women's Hope Sheeting, bib and no bib, white aprons. Kiddies' fancy gingham Rompabout Play Suits finished with pearl buttons and fancy gathered pockets. From 2 to 6 years. Kiddies' Knickers, Jiffy Rubber Pants, Gingham Bungalow Aprons and other interesting items.

NONE EXCHANGED

GIFT SUGGESTIONS In Our Ready-to-Wear Section

Children's Coney Fur Sets
at 1/3 Off

- Children's Bath Robes, sizes 6 to 14, on sale at **\$3.95**
- Women's Silk Petticoats, all styles, at **\$2.98 to \$10.00**
- Women's Jap Crepe Kimonos reduced to **\$5.00**
- Beautiful Silk Waists of Georgette and Crepe de Chine on sale at **\$4.35, \$7.00 and \$10.00**

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UNDERWEAR

Select from our splendid showing of Kayser's Jersey Silk Undergarments and secure not only the most beautiful but the most satisfying silk garments at prices unequaled for lowness.

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At, **\$7.50 and \$8.50**

Regulation style Combination Suits of fine heavy silk-trimmed and finished in a pleasing manner.

Silk Bloomers **\$5.50 and \$6.00**
At, **\$5.50 and \$6.00**

All sizes in flesh and smoke Kayser silk bloomers.

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A Gift That Never Fails to Please—Styles for
Men, Women and Children

Felt Slippers **\$1.55**
Pair at, **\$1.55**

Both Children's and Misses' Felt Slippers in fur trimmed styles with leather heel and toe. All sizes 8 1/2 to 12 in red only.

Felt Slippers **\$1.89**
Pair at, **\$1.89**

Both fur and ribbon trimmed Felt Slippers and Juliettes in black, grey, brown, wine, etc., and all sizes—they come with good leather soles.

Leather Slippers **\$3.35**
Pair at, **\$3.35**

Men's custom made, regulation style leather Slippers with light leather soles—all sizes in black and brown leathers.

Profit by These Timely Underpriced Offerings!

EXTRA!

THE GIFT IDEAL—IN A GREAT
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!
A Sale of Krause's Famous

Chocolates Exceptional!



An Attractive Four Tier
2-POUND BOX at, Box

\$1.39

Think of it! Each Box contains not less than five flavors of Cream Centered Exceptionals—Pineapple Jelly Exceptionals and Caramel Exceptionals—Deliciously fresh and exquisitely palatable.

A saving made possible only through a most unusual price concession on the part of the manufacturer in co-operating with us in introducing our new Candy Booth.

It is indeed a most exceptional opportunity to purchase a gift ideal—Deliciously fresh and exquisitely palatable Chocolate Exceptionals. A fine big two pound box of Krause's famous confections at an extraordinary saving. Purchase one or as many boxes as you wish as long as any remain—and

Pay Only \$1.39 for This Two Pound Box

Although we have a generous supply our advice is to act promptly—selling is sure to be rapid at such an exceptionally low price. Positively none will be sold to dealers. No phone orders.

Profit by This Timely Sale of Tru-Blu Fruit Cakes

Made of High-grade Ingredients Carefully Compounded and Baked in a Manner That Will Meet With the Instant Favor and Approval of Women Skilled in the Art of Cooking and Best of All, at Prices so Low That None Can Afford to Overlook.

1-Pound Fruit Cakes **75c** 2-Pound Fruit Cakes **\$1.50**
This Sale at **75c** This Sale at **\$1.50**

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BIG BABY DOLLS

Dressed and With Voice

Choice This
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\$7.50

The little ladies will simply go "wild" with delight should they be fortunate in securing one of these beautiful dolls. Will assist you with this gift by quoting this especially timely price reduction.

You have choice from Madame Henderson's and large Artercraft baby dolls, some with moving eyes, hair, jointed hip and shoulder, some with voice—all with white dresses, cap and booties. Come early. While any remain, select at \$7.50.

15 Inch Character Dolls
at \$3.49

Fine big dolls, with moving eyes, hair, shoes and stockings.

The Popular Red Rider
Cars at \$3.98

Good strong cars with rubber tire wheels, metal frame and wood seat.

The Popular Sammy Cars at \$2.50

200 Boxes
Gift Stationery
Two Shapes in
3 Colors at, Box **98c**

Everyone appreciates Stationery. It is a gift that never fails to please. Here's a special sale of more than 200 Boxes. You have choice from two shapes in three colors—48 or 60 sheets of paper with envelopes to match. While Any **98c** Remain This Sale, at, Box, **98c**

Special Showing Novelty
Hand Made
Willow Baskets

From **\$1.65 to \$5.00**

You have choice from many novelty shapes with all sorts of handles and in various color combinations. Fruit, Flower and Waste Baskets in all sizes and at all prices.

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JEWELRY Rhinestone Bar Pins in fancy designs and with safety catch. A special offering at **\$2.49**

NECKLACES Imitation Pearl Necklaces in various lengths and styles—an assortment from which you will have no difficulty to select.

All prices—**25c up to \$15.00.**

TOILET SETS Fine three-piece sets of Imitation Ivory—comb, brush and mirror, in a neat box. A special value at **\$5.00.**

4 Piece White Enameled Toilet Sets at **\$3.00**

Imitation Ivory Bonnet Mirrors at **\$6.00**

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- Men's Fine Elastic Suspenders—all styles, at **75c to \$1.50**
- Men's Silk Kerchiefs in great variety at **25c to \$1.50**
- Men's Dress Shirts—an extensive showing **\$2.00 to \$9.95**
- Men's Kid Gloves in well known makes at **\$3.00 to \$6.00**
- Men's Auto Gloves in various styles at **\$3.50 to \$5.00**
- Men's Fine Wool Gloves in all styles **\$1.00 to \$1.50**
- Boys' Gauntlet Gloves in all sizes at **50c to \$1.75**
- Men's Fancy Arm Bands in all colors at **25c to 75c**

Also Men's Silk, Wool and Cotton Socks, Bath Robes, Wool Shirts, Mackinaws, etc.

Last-Minute Suggestions In Our Enlarged

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Boundless selections of all that is new and desirable in Gift Suggestions for women and young ladies—Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Ribbons, Caps, Stoles, etc. Here's a special price list of splendid offerings briefly told:

All Our Marabou Capes
Now 1/4 Off

This season's styles in the best shapes and colors—a gift of exceptional attractiveness.

All Our Plush and
Varimole Stoles 1/4 Off

An opportunity of pleasing selection at a pre-holiday price reduction.

All Our Ribbon Novel-
ties Now 1-3 Off

Cleverly fashioned gift articles made from dainty and rich colored ribbons—all sorts of hand made novelties, all selling at a uniform reduction of one-third less than regular.

Boudoir Caps
50c to \$2.95

Unlimited variety of dainty lace and rich silk combinations in all colors. An attractive gift at little cost.

Neckwear
79c to \$7.50

Charming styles in Collars, Sets, Vestees, etc., in lace, silk, marquisette and other dainty materials.

Fancy Boxed Handker-
chiefs 59c to \$3.50 Box

Good ones, all of them—no matter what price you pay you can feel assured that your gift will be appreciated.

We Also Offer

Women's Handkerchiefs at all prices from **7c to 25c** each
Women's Swiss Handkerchiefs at **25c, 35c and 50c** each
Irish Hand Emb. Handkerchiefs at **20c, 25c and 29c** each
Linen Hand Emb. Handkerchiefs at **50c, 59c to \$1** each

EXTRA!

Canteen Bags

At **\$2.98** These most fashionable and dainty Bags come in several different shapes in imitation patent leather—they come with mirror and purse fittings and have been especially underpriced for this sale.

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Dainty and Beautiful Articles That
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Remembered

Yes, practical gifts for particular women—correct in style, dependable in quality and delightfully pleasing. No matter what price you pay—and there is ample latitude for choice—you'll secure a gift well worthy of your thoughtfulness.

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Women's Short Kid Gloves in best makes—all sizes and colors. At **\$2.50, \$3, \$3.50** and up to **\$5.00.**

Long Kid Gloves

Both 8 and 12-button length Kid Gloves in all sizes and colors. At **\$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00** and up to **\$7.50.**

New Wool Scarfs

For women and young ladies—all styles in desirable colors. At **\$6.50, \$7.50** and up to **\$19.50.**

Women's Silk Umbrellas

Styles with plain or fancy handles in black and fashionable shades. At **\$5.95, \$6.50, \$7.50** and up to **\$15.00.**

Wool Sport Hose

High-grade "Stockings" in the popular heather mixture and all sizes. At **\$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.25** and up to **\$3.75.**

All Silk Lace Hose

A complete showing of women's fine All-Silk Lace Hose in all sizes. At **\$4.75 and \$6.00** pair.

Women's Silk Hose

Black, white and wanted colors in well-known and reliable qualities. At **\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.65** and up to **\$4.50.**

The New Swagger Bags

The best shapes and sizes in all leathers. At **\$3.50, \$4, \$4.50** and up to **\$11.**

The Canteen Bags

In patent and other fashionable leathers—complete inside fittings. At **\$2.98 and up to \$7.90.**

The Vanity Cases

In both tooled and plain leathers—in popular shapes and colors. At **\$2.50, \$3.50** and up to **\$8.50.**