

## SAN DIEGO UNIONS CALL ON JOHNSON 30,000 HOMELESS; 10 MILLION DOLLAR LOSS, FLOOD RESULT

### "INTOLERABLE SITUATION" IS THEIR CHARGE

Resolutions Adopted by Council of Federated Trades Ordering That Governor Be Informed and if He Refuses to Act Will Provide Guard.

Vigilance Committee is Attacked Following Kidnapping of Sauer, Editor of the San Diego Herald.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 8.—The free speech fight reached a climax here today when it became known that the local council of the federated trades at a special meeting Saturday night put the situation up to Governor Johnson and told him that if he did not take a hand, local labor men would take steps to protect themselves. Declaring that an intolerable situation has developed here in San Diego, and that citizens are not safe from the depredations of a vigilance committee, operating with the full knowledge of the police, resolutions were adopted ordering that the governor be informed of the situation, and if he refused to act, the establishment of a guard of 1,000 men to patrol the streets and protect the people from the vigilantes.

#### Feeling is High.

The meeting was called by Secretary I. H. Markwith, to consider steps to be taken, following the alleged abduction of Editor A. K. Sauer of the San Diego Herald, a weekly, which has been attacking the police, from in front of his home. The feeling at the meeting ran high. The telegram sent to the governor follows: "An intolerable condition has developed in San Diego. A so-called vigilance committee has been taking men at night from the police station, where they have been detained without being charged with an offense, conveying them in automobiles 25 to 30 miles away, beating and abusing them and ordering them, on pain of death, never to return to the city. Last night they kidnapped A. K. Sauer, editor of the San Diego Herald, in front of his home and spirited him away, causing untold mental suffering to his family and friends. Threats of like treatment have been made against other citizens whose only offense is the exercise by them of the fundamental and constitutional right of free speech. These crimes have been committed."

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### MEMPHIS NOW THREATENED BY FLOOD WATERS

Thousands of Homeless Refugees Are Crowded Into Government and Municipal Buildings—All Business at a Standstill.

Government Experts Say It Will Be Years Before Much of the Land Can Be Tilled.

Toll of death and damage exacted by the flood waters of the Mississippi river: Thirty persons reported drowned. Thirty thousand persons homeless. Two thousand square miles of territory inundated. Damage estimated at \$10,000,000.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8.—With breaks threatened in half a dozen places along the levee, Memphis today faces the most serious flood in its history. The suffering of the flood victims in the lowlying districts is intense, and thousands of homeless refugees are crowded into government and municipal buildings here. All business is virtually at a standstill, every available male resident being engaged in the work of strengthening the levees in and about the city. Thousands of acres of the best agricultural land in Tennessee is under several feet of water and the flooded districts will produce no crops this year. This will mean the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to farmers. Even when the water recedes government experts say it will be years before the soil can be tilled.

#### Three New Breaks.

Water is pouring in torrents throughout Arkansas, due to three breaks in the levee on the Arkansas side of the river. Golden Lake, Ark., is in danger of immediate destruction, and 1,000 workmen are working feverishly in an effort to strengthen the levee there. All railroad traffic in this vicinity is in a state of paralysis, and all telegraph lines are badly crippled. The flood extends as far south as

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### Making the Boy Fit the Clothes--But the Clothes of 1904 Don't Fit in 1912



A Vote for Dunn is a Vote to Depreciate Property in Jackson County.

Dunn trying to force garments outgrown eight years ago upon rapidly growing Jackson county—Not even Ben Selling would sell pants like these.

### WHITE ATTACKS UNION MEN WHO FLAY CIRCULAR

"Some Moral Cowards in All Classes of Society" He Says in Communication to Mail Tribune, in Which He Attempts to Defend Circular.

Not One Dissenting Vote, He Declares in Central Labor Council—Favors I. W. W. But is Not an Organizer.

#### HERE'S WHAT THAT CIRCULAR DOES

(Hutchinson, Kans., News.) Col. L. A. Beebe, secretary of the Commercial club received a letter yesterday from Z. H. Bissell, a former resident of this county, now located at Medford, Oregon, enclosing a circular warning people to stay away from that section. The circular is issued by the Central Labor Council, of Medford, and it warns people not to locate in that section. The circular says: "This entire country is overrun with an unemployed and disappointed army of men who have responded to unscrupulous advertising. All the really good land has been bought up. The land now being advertised is desert with hardpan only a few inches under the surface in which they must needs blast holes for fruit trees that cannot survive more than a few years, at from \$300 to \$500 an acre." Mr. Bissell, in sending the circular comments: "The land around Hutchinson is not to be compared with this in the Rogue River valley. Reno and Rice county land is far superior to this land here." Bissell is at present employed as a janitor in the First National bank building in this city.

Attempting to defend the circular issued by the Central Labor Council defaming this city and valley, D. C. White, who admits drafting it, has sent a communication to the Mail Tribune for publication. Several interesting facts are stated by Mr. White, as well as several erroneous ones. Among other things he states that not one dissenting vote was cast in the labor council and he brands the union men who state they are "disgusted" with the circular as "moral cowards." He also says he is not an I. W. W. organizer, but he admitted today that he was in full sympathy with the movement. His

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### BLOOD FLOWS AT HOQUIAM

HOQUIAM, Wn., April 8.—Blood flowed in the Hoquiam strike today when special police charged on the pickets around Lytell's mill and drove them back with clubs. The pickets had gathered at the mill before it opened. It had been agreed in advance that they were to say nothing and do nothing to provoke rioting. Ordered to move back they stood silent immovable. Then the fire hose from the mill was turned on them. The pickets turned their backs and took the drenching. Rocks were then thrown from the mill yards by the special police and strikers, followed up with a charge with clubs.

### BUSINESS MEN TO BLUE LEDGE FOR INSPECTION

Nearly 40 of the leading business men of the city left by automobiles Monday morning for the Blue Ledge copper mine on an inspection trip and will return this evening. The trip was arranged by the committee appointed at a recent mass meeting to direct efforts to secure a railroad to the property. As many local people had never visited the mine and hence knew of its extent and value only by hearsay, today's excursion was arranged. Eight automobile loads left. Among those who made the trip were: Messrs. Lindley, Ulrich, Sheridan, Bell, Selsby, Reddy, Tou Velle, Canon, Mitchell, Arnsperger, Warnstorff, Mealy, O'Farrell, Reddy, Harmon, Putnam, Ash, Gregory, O'Gara, Conner, Gore, Perry, Andrews and many others.

### HOUSER WILL BE HERE TUESDAY

Walter Houser, La Follette's campaign manager, will speak at Ashland Monday evening, while La Follette is opening his Oregon campaign in Portland. Mr. Houser will visit Medford Tuesday morning and while here definite arrangements will be made for the appearance in this city of Senator La Follette. It is possible that Mr. Houser will deliver a short speech here Tuesday.

### MOHAMMEDANS ARE MASSACRED

LONDON, April 8.—Many Mohammedans have been massacred in an anti-Mohammedan outbreak in Shen Si province, according to a Tien Tsin exchange telegraph cable received here today.

### IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED—DO IT NOW

Registration books at the courthouse and elsewhere over the county will close Tuesday, April 9, at 5 o'clock p. m. All voters who fail to register before 5 o'clock on Tuesday will be barred from participation in the primaries April 19. You can register at the Mail Tribune business office. Do it now! The primaries this year include the presidential race among the important list of state and county officers. The office of United States senator from Oregon also is included. The registration books, when they close Tuesday, will remain closed until April 24, a period of 14 days. They will then open for another run to May 15, when they close again, this time to June 4, when they will remain open until October 20, at which time they close permanently during 1912. Do it now!

### TAXPAYERS TO MEET AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

A mass meeting of all taxpayers of Jackson county is called to meet at the Medford opera house tonight at 8 p. m. to formulate an association which shall be known as the Taxpayers Protective association. The object of the association is to work for the best interests of Jackson county and its taxpayers as a whole. All are urged to be present. Over 150 taxpayers have signed the membership roll of the prospective association. "It is not our desire to retard the progress and upbuilding of our county, but it is our intention to have something to say as to how the money that is procured by taxation shall be spent," states F. V. Medynski, who is taking a leading part in the creation of the association. "We desire the money spent where it will do the greatest good for the greatest number with favors to none and by all means justice to all. We propose to organize ourselves so that we can demand (and enforce if necessary) this policy."

### COST BOURNE \$778 PRIMARY CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—According to his sworn statement here today Senator Bourne's campaign for re-election in Oregon cost him \$778.75. He conducted his campaign from Washington.

### WOMEN TAKEN FROM BURNING STEAMER

MONTAUK, L. I., April 8.—Twenty women and children were today taken from the burning steamer Ontario of the Merchants and Miners Transportation company by the Tug Tascoc. The captain and crew remained aboard the vessel which has been beached five miles from this port, to fight the flames raging in the Ontario's hold.

### GENERAL STRIKE ENGLAND SOON

LONDON, April 8.—There is a decided movement on foot in trades union circles today in favor of a general strike in May which would make the coal miners' strike look like a mere episode. The movement has been encouraged recently by threats made by anti-labor members of parliament to try to bring about the repeal of the trades disputes act of 1908, which permits peaceful picketing, and to introduce legislation providing for compulsory arbitration of industrial troubles. In this connection the present activities of the General Federation of Trades Union and the Parliamentary Committee of the trades union congress in extending their district organizations are considered significant.

### REBELS FIGHT EACH OTHER

EL PASO, Texas, April 8.—With General Orozco in Chihuahua, accompanied by 1300 rebels from Jimenez and General Campa en route to Juarez, color is lent today to reports of dissension in the rebel ranks. It is reported that Campa is going to Juarez today to confer with Dr. Vasquez Gomez, who expects to lead the rebel forces hereafter.

### LANGFORD WINS FROM M'VEY

SYDNEY, Australia, April 8.—Before fifteen thousand fight fans Sam Langford won a decision on points from Sam McVey here today. The victor forced the fighting all the way through the twenty round mill, keeping his opponent hopping around the ring all the time.

### ILLINOIS WILL VOTE TUESDAY

CHICAGO, April 8.—With a state presidential primary in progress in addition to the state and county primaries of all parties for naming candidates from governor down and a woman suffrage proposition before Cook county voters, tomorrow promises to be about the busiest day in the political annals of Illinois. Both Roosevelt and Taft adherents profess to see nothing ahead but victory for their candidates. On the democratic side, followers of both Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson are claiming the state. President Taft's supporters claim that Senator La Follette will have enough friends among the republican progressives of Illinois to so split the insurgent vote with Roosevelt to enable President Taft to win out.

### BURGLARS AFTER WILSON'S PAPERS

CHICAGO, April 8.—Governor Woodrow Wilson is minus a number of valuable letters and vouchers today as a result of a visit by political burglars, who raided his rooms here. Wilson says that any of the papers may be published without injuring his candidacy. That the burglary was a political move was indicated that the thieves did not touch a quantity of silverware and other valuables in the rooms.

### CONVENTION TO RAP RECALL

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 8.—With a tentative platform denouncing the recall of judges and endorsing President Taft, the republican state convention will meet here tomorrow. The platform declares that the recall of the judiciary would "put the judiciary at the mercy of the mob, and compel reputable jurists to leave the bench in order to preserve their self-respect."

### POULTRY CAR HERE THIS AFTERNOON

The poultry demonstration car operated by the Southern Pacific company in conjunction with the Oregon Agricultural college will arrive in Medford this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The following program has been arranged: 1. Lecture and demonstration for school children, 30 to 60 minutes. 2. Lecture for general public on "Poultry Feeding," 30 minutes. 3. Demonstrations and inspection of exhibits in car, 60 to 90 minutes. 4. Lecture for general public on "Housing of Chickens," 30 minutes. 5. Second demonstration and inspection of exhibits, 60 to 90 minutes. The car will be in charge of C. G. Lamb assisted by R. B. Thompson. Professor James Dryden will have general supervision.