

NO PEACE IN SHIP STRIKE, BOTH SIDES REFUSE DICKERS

WASHINGTON, May 2.—With the ship owners declining arbitration, Chairman Benson of the shipping board firmly opposed to a compromise on his fifteen per cent wage reduction order, and representatives of the strikers confident that the "owners will come to terms," the controversy over seamen's wages and work-

ing conditions appeared today to be farther from settlement than ever. No further word had come from the White House concerning a mediation commission and indications were that the president was awaiting a reply from Secretaries Hoover and Davis, in whose hands the problem had been placed and who were expected to continue conferences with the contending factions today.

OBITUARY.

AKERS—John C. Akers, for five years a resident near Talent, passed away at that place Monday at the age of 81 years. He leaves a nephew, Grant Davis of Talent and a niece at Ashland. Remains are at the parlors of Weeks-Conger Co. Funeral arrangements are not yet complete.

METHODIST NIGHT TABERNACLE MEET

Methodists, attention! Meet in the park, near the band stand at 7:15 tonight to attend the tabernacle meeting. Bring your friends. All who attend the church, whether members or not, are invited.

\$260,000 Fresno Fire. FRESNO, Cal., May 2.—Fire today destroyed a two-story building occupied by a grocery company and damaged a score of adjacent stores and residences. The loss is estimated at \$260,000.

WOLGAMOTT IS DISMISSED AFTER ALL DAY HEARING

Dr. Sweeney Testifies Wild Utterances Due to Anger, After Arrest—Testimony Is Conflicting—Sheriff Says Not Drunk, Deputy Says Yes

After one of the hardest fought legal battles in Medford's history of cases of similar nature, and an all day hearing, Justice Taylor late Monday afternoon dismissed the charge of intoxication against Ernest (Dud) Wolgamott. A large crowd of interested spectators heard the proceedings. Assistant County Prosecutor George Coddling prosecuted the case and Former District Attorney George M. Roberts defended Wolgamott, who was arrested about two weeks ago at the public dance in Jacksonville on the charge of intoxication, by Deputy Sheriff J. J. McMahon.

A disposition was manifested by both attorneys to bring in matters which had nothing to do with the charge on which Wolgamott was on trial, especially on cross examination of witnesses, and such attempts met with vigorous objections and had a tendency to confuse the main point at issue.

However, the case was sufficiently perplexing as for the prosecution, a number of witnesses for the state testified that Wolgamott was intoxicated at the time of his arrest and after a while an equal number testified just as positively that Wolgamott was sober.

Thus matters stood until Dr. Charles T. Sweeney, who was called to attend Wolgamott in the county jail shortly after his arrest, was called as a witness by the defense and testified that the young man was not intoxicated. In addition Sheriff Terrell for the defense, testified that Wolgamott was not intoxicated, but said however that he showed evidence of having been drinking.

Justice Taylor in giving his decision called attention to the conflicting evidence throughout the hearing, but stated that the preponderance of evidence, especially that of disinterested witnesses, was to the effect that Wolgamott was not intoxicated, and in addition Dr. Sweeney as an expert witness, had declared that he was not.

In their arguments preceding this decision Attorneys Coddling and Roberts made eloquent, earnest appeals, the former contending that the evidence conclusively proved that Wolgamott was drunk and the latter just as vehemently contending that he was perfectly sober and that the charge should be dismissed.

One feature of the hearing that has aroused considerable comment was that although Deputy Sheriff McMahon, County Jailer Bert Moses, and Wig Jack, the floor manager of the dance that night and who has in the past often acted as a deputy sheriff, were among those who testified that Wolgamott was intoxicated, Sheriff Terrell who was at the county jail shortly after the arrest was made, testified that he was not.

It seems that when McMahon was taking Wolgamott from the dance hall, the latter protesting that he was perfectly sober, the pair stopped at the head of the stairs and argued, during which McMahon claims Wolgamott made a pass as though to strike him, which was denied by the defense. Anyhow, the deputy sheriff whirled Wolgamott around with such force that his head struck the wall.

This the defense claimed made Wolgamott crazy with anger and when the county jail was reached was responsible for him making the sensational statements and threats against the deputy sheriff he is said to have uttered. His conduct at the jail was said by the prosecution to be due to intoxication.

On this point Dr. Sweeney testified that his impression was that Wolgamott's utterances were due to anger. Sheriff Terrell was not at the dance and did not see the arrest, but arrived at the jail a short time after.

Husband and Wife Both Sick
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Comer, Shenandoah, Va., were both ill. He writes: "Rheumatism and bladder trouble was our trouble. My wife had rheumatism in her arms so she could not use them. She has had no trouble since taking Foley Kidney Pills. I don't have to get up at night so much since taking Foley Kidney Pills, nor have I a weak back." Backache, sore, swollen or stiff muscles or joints, tired languid feeling—yield quickly to Foley Kidney Pills. Sold everywhere. Adv.

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M'NARY BILL FOR RECLAMATION OF WEST IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Twenty million acres of arid lands in the west could be reclaimed under the McNary

bill to develop homesteading projects through federal aid, E. F. Blaine of Seattle, chairman of the Western States Reclamation association, testified today before the senate irrigation committee. The bill would provide a fund of \$250,000,000 from which interest bearing loans would be made to reclamation associations. Former service men would be given preference in the acquisition of the reclaimed lands. The twenty million acres, Mr. Blaine informed the committee would be reclaimed at an average expense of \$100 an acre and divided into 400,000

farms of fifty acres each. He asserted farms would be furnished for approximately 200,000 former service men. PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Building operations in Philadelphia were almost at a standstill today because of the refusal of employes to accept wage reductions. Employers estimated the number of men out at 40,000 while estimates of the workers placed the figures at 60,000. Vitamines are not produced within the human body.

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