

LABOR INDICTED FOR HIGH COSTS

Workers Save Those Engaged in Agricultural Pursuits Are Charged With the Raising of Living Costs, As Result of Demands

ALBANY, N. Y., September 10.—Officials of the New York State Grange, representing 125,000 farmers, in a statement issued here today, place responsibility for the high cost of living upon labor, declaring that "an economic adjustment must be made if the world is to be fed and agriculture preserved." The indictment of all workers except those engaged in agricultural pursuits is made by Sherman J. O'Neil and W. N. Giles, master and secretary, respectively, of the grange, who allege that strikes have been an important factor in raising the price of food, clothing and shelter.

"The first factor in a happy life is three meals every day," says the statement. "The next is adequate clothing and housing to keep the body warm. The war has only hastened what every thing agricultural has seen for years was surely coming. Rural workers have not received the support and encouragement which the urban workers so easily obtained in the form of better schools, roads, churches, houses, shorter hours and higher wages for work under more favorable conditions. This had the result of steadily drawing from the country its population to an alarming degree. Now, instead of going into a study of our situation and developing a remedy, our laboring brothers of the city purpose to remedy our trouble by arbitrary measures without any real knowledge of the cost of producing the necessities of life.

"No class of Americans with red blood in their veins will stand being told they must labor long hours at inadequate pay in order that another class may have shorter hours and higher wages. Even the faithful farmer, who has always produced sufficient food for all, feels that he has about reached the limit, and that no laboring man of the city should find fault if he applies the same rule that his city brother has taught him.

"Why is it that over half our farms have mortgages on them, and that two-thirds are worked by renters? When a class of men demand a higher wage, although their labor does not earn it, some one else must pay, and they become dishonest profiteers.

"We here challenge the city laborer to a cost accounting that all the world may see who earns his wage. Let there be an authoritative cost accounting of farm products and a wage scale for labor, the base of which shall be its earning power.

"When wheat was \$1 a bushel, one bushel paid for a day's work. Wheat, by government fiat, is now \$2.24 a bushel, and it now requires from two to three bushels to pay labor for one day's work. Again, when wool was 30 cents a pound, allowing four pounds for a suit of clothes, the farmer received for the product \$1.20. Figuring the cost of a suit of clothes at \$20, thirteen days' labor at 1.50 per day paid for a suit. Today wool is 65 cents a pound, four pounds bringing \$2.60, the amount received by the farmer. The same suit of clothing is now \$40 and the laborer can obtain a suit by eight days of labor at \$5 per day. These comparisons will hold good with every farm product."

AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS

Frank Robinson, who is employed at the Star Drug Company, left this morning by automobile for a few days' trip in the neighboring country. He expects to return on Sunday.

ELA HOOPER ILL

El Hooper, correspondent for the Herald from Midland, is suffering at her home at Miller Island from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Miss Hooper was recently operated on for appendicitis.

BIDS OPENED FOR HIGHWAY WORK

County Officials Go to Salem for the Purpose of Looking After the Interests of Klamath County at the Meeting of Highway Commission

Bids were opened yesterday afternoon at Salem covering the road work between this city and Fort Klamath and this city and Malin. County Judge Bunnell and County Surveyor Darley went to Salem for the purpose of looking after the interests of Klamath county. What the result of the bidding is has not been announced by the Highway Commission.

It is the intention of the county officials to submit bids on the work on behalf of the county. This is done for the purpose of keeping prices within bounds. Under the state law it is possible for each county to submit bids on all road work to be done within the boundaries of the county affected. Many counties in the state have quite complete road making equipment and are thus enabled to save greatly on the cost of the work, since contractors figure in their machinery on the first cost. This county is similarly situated. It is quite well supplied with much of the machinery needed to do the work being bid on, and will undoubtedly submit a bid low enough to insure the awarding of the contract at a figure that will be reasonable, no matter whether it comes to the county or to an independent contractor.

Under the proposed plan of improvement as mapped out by the Highway Commission, all of the work must be considered of a temporary character. It is a cast of grade and macadam with rock or cinders. It is unfortunate that under the present plan of the Commission an attitude is rapidly developing along about the same lines as that assumed by the Reclamation Service and the Forest Service—a sort of the people be damned policy. There is apparently no desire to seek co-operation so far as this county is concerned, and the reports coming in from other Eastern Oregon counties convey the same information. Consequently instead of using the funds now in hand in the construction of permanent roads, this county is going to go through a repetition of building today that will be washed out by the storms of tomorrow. If that policy is persisted in, it will be better for the county to say to the Highway Commission that it will not contribute one penny towards anything but permanent construction. That is what the people are demanding and that is what they should get.

POWER COMPANY IS CARRYING ON WORK IN SOUNDING LAKE

Notwithstanding the opposition to the building of the dam across Link river and the suits that have been filed and are in prospect, the preliminary work that must be done before actual construction begins, is being carried on by the California Oregon Power Company. This includes the sounding of the Upper Klamath lake every quarter of a mile each way. These soundings have produced many surprising results, not the least of which is the finding of a depth near Eagle Ridge of forty-five feet. Test holes are being sunk on the site for the dam to determine just what is to be encountered, the character of the foundation and the class of construction that will be needed to insure the permanency of the dam.

In the meantime a survey of the lake is being made by County Surveyor Darley, but who he is working for, he will not tell. In fact, that gentleman manifested the greatest surprise when he was approached on the matter and would neither admit nor deny that he was engaged in the work. It is presumed that it is being carried on for the purpose of securing data for use in the suit that has already been filed or one that will be filed in the future.

RETURNING COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF FIRST DIVISION WHO PARADED DOWN FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y., TODAY



GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING



Maj.-Gen. Edw. F. McGlachlin, Jr.

CHELSEA BUYS LAND FOR MILL

Purchase Is Made to Square Up the Present Holdings and Provide for Future—Fifteen Acres Are Included in the Deal

A deal has just been consummated whereby the Chelsea Box Company, has secured from E. R. Reames about fifteen acres of land east of and adjoining its present factory site. President J. U. Miner stated that the purchase had no particular significance and that the only purpose was to provide for any possible future developments. "We do not contemplate, at this time, the erection and installation of a sawmill. We bought the land for the double purpose of squaring up our holdings as well as preventing anyone from 'sewing us up.'" It puts us in the position of being able to put in our own mill or offer a suitable site to anyone who might desire to locate one there.

The Chelsea company has had a very successful year and is sure to be one of the big companies of this territory.

HAPPY COUPLE ARE MARRIED AT QUIET EVENING WEDDING

Relatives and friends gathered last night at the home of J. T. McCollum on Ninth Street to witness the marriage of Bertha Lowderbaugh and Everett A. McCollum. Rev. C. F. Trimble, pastor of the Christian Church performed the ceremony. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

Both the bride and groom are well known and popular among the younger set of Klamath Falls. Mrs. McCollum graduated from the Klamath Falls high school in the June class of 1919. Mr. McCollum, who is the business partner of Louis Hoagland in the garage business bearing the name of Hoagland and McCollum, was in the service for over two years. He was with the 13th Aero Squadron and spent several months overseas along with Louis Hoagland.

The newly-joined couple will make their home in Klamath Falls.

'COOPS' GO TO SCHOOL

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 10.—Seattle police are soon to begin courses in criminal law, jiu jitsu, rules of testimony and other points connected with their work.

NEW YORK SEES MIGHTY PARADE

NEW YORK, September 10.—Seemingly all New York cheered General Pershing, Major General Edward F. McGlachlin, Jr., and the splendid fighting troops of the First Division as they swung down Fifth avenue today.

Storms of applause greeted General Pershing, who returned to his own people on Monday after 27 months' warfare in France. Major General McGlachlin also received an ovation. He was the last commander of the division that has a record of "firsts" among American fighting troops.

The First Division is justly proud of its claim as being "the first division in France; first in a fighting sector; first to fire a shot at the Germans; first to attack; first to conduct a raid; first to be raided; first to capture prisoners; first to inflict casualties; first to be cited singly in general orders; first in the number of division, corps and army commanders and general staff officers produced in its personnel."

BOSTON SHAKES UNDER ANARCHY

BOSTON, Sept. 10.—Lawlessness is rampant in Boston. Private citizens were forced to leave their own residences in that there was no adequate police protection, following the strike yesterday of the guardians of the law. A situation approaching anarchy exists. Governor Coolidge has been asked to provide additional troops, which are now on their way to Boston.

An impending strike of the firemen of the city threatened to leave the city helpless as far as law and protection are concerned. The president of the firemen's union said he believed that the union of the police should exist.

TEACHING IN SEATTLE

Lucille Marshall, sister of Edison Marshall, the young short-story writer, is teaching at the Lincoln High School in Seattle. She reports that her work is very pleasant. Miss Marshall has many friends in Klamath Falls which she made during the three-year period that she taught in the Klamath County High School.

COVENANT WILL BREED WARFARE

Majority Report of Senate Foreign Relations Committee Scoffs at the Present Text of League of Nations As Now Proposed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Characterizing the League of Nations not as a league but as an alliance "which will breed wars" instead of securing peace, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee formally opened the German Peace Treaty in a majority report today.

All the Republicans on the committee except McCumber of North Dakota, supported the report. Forty five amendments to the covenant and four reservations were recommended in the report that was issued.

FIVE COUPLES SEEK THEIR SEPARATION VIA DIVORCE COURT

Judge D. V. Kuykendall has devoted this week to clearing up the equity cases on the circuit court docket preparatory to the opening of the regular term of court.

Yesterday Ella F. Colvig was granted a divorce from John M. Colvig, a brakeman on the Southern Pacific Lines. Renner and Chastain were lawyers for the plaintiff.

Wide interest is being shown in the divorce case of Nellie Engle versus Harry Engle. Both are long residents of the Fort Country and are well known throughout the county. Mrs. Engle asks for her divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment at the hands of her husband. Judge Kuykendall has set this afternoon for the hearing. Fred H. Mills is acting attorney for Mrs. Engle.

Another divorce case coming before the Judge today concerning well known Klamath people is that of J. T. Perkins against his wife, Tommie L. Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were formerly of Vancouver, Washington. He charges Mrs. Perkins with cruel treatment. R. C. Groesbeck is the attorney for the plaintiff.

The divorce case of Mary Owens versus W. H. Owens was tried but has not been decided as yet by the Judge. Divorce proceedings brought by A. C. Crance against Molly Crance was dismissed yesterday as the plaintiff withdrew his charges.

LABOR UNIONS ARE FORMING

Four More Unions Were Formed in Klamath Falls During Past Two Weeks—Two Others Are in the Process of Making

Four additional unions have been organized in Klamath Falls during the past two weeks, and two more seem certain of being added, according to information given out by W. F. Kay, secretary of the local Millmen and Boxmakers union, which is affiliated with the carpenters and joiners.

Cooks and waiters over the city organized last week and are expecting their charter from the national organization of cooks and waiters within the next two weeks. One hundred per cent membership of the workers in the culinary departments of local restaurants and eating houses are listed in the newly formed union.

Laundry employees at the Klamath Superior Laundry banded themselves together recently. An invitation will be extended to the other white laundry employes over the city by the members of the newly formed organization.

Of much interest was the organization last week of the retail clerks over the city in a union. Membership in the union included the greater portion of the retail clerks in Klamath Falls.

Organization of the automobile mechanics will be completed as soon as the results of the recent examination conducted by the state board of automobile examiners are made known. The men are waiting until their status is determined. Miscellaneous builders expect to perfect their organization within a short period. The carpenters local no 190, and the Millmen and Boxmakers No. 1764 have been organized for some time.

Beginning September 15th, the Central Labor Council, which organization is the clearing house of the various unions in Klamath Falls, will open a three-room office over Sugarman's store. Mr. Kay will be in charge of the office, which will enable both non-union and union men to secure employment, as well as looking out for the general interests of laborers.

As soon as the newly formed unions secure their charters from their national organizations a meeting of the affiliated unions in the city will be held.

"This city-wide organization of workers in unions is simply an expression of the country-wide labor organization movement that is sweeping the country," said Mr. Kay. "Some people think we are organizing to start trouble and strikes. Let me say that the 'Red' has little chance in our labor organization in Klamath Falls. We have united to prevent strikes—to down any individual expressions of radicalism and sabotage that creep out from time to time. Bolsheviks and I. W. W.'s are guided by the torch of destruction—federated labor works under a charter of fair play with the platform of good living and working conditions for all."

CANNOT FIND ROOMS

If anyone in Klamath Falls can inform Mrs. Dilda of Sacramento, as to where she can locate the rooms her husband engaged for her over a week ago they will be doing a great favor for her.

Mrs. Dilda arrived here a week ago with her three children to take the rooms that her husband had engaged for her. On her arrival she could not locate her husband nor has she been able to find the rooms that he rented. She believes that her husband is probably sick. Information regarding the rooms can be left at the Washington House.

FEW BEGGARS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Of the 30,000 blind persons in England and Wales, only 85 are beggars, according to the Advisory Committee of the Welfare of the Blind. The committee recommends that \$3.50 a week be given to all blind persons who are employed and earning up to \$1.25 a week.