

RESTAURANT MEN FORGED TO DON CAPS AND APRONS

"Lockout," Say Employees; "Walk-out," Say Employers, in Situation That May Involve Other Elements of Organized Labor Here

Service of meals in all local eating houses proceeded under difficulties today, because of absence of cooks and waiters from their customary posts. The situation is styled a strike by restaurant proprietors, a lockout by the laborers. However it may be the restaurant men were doing their own cooking, serving and dishwashing, serving meals for a time and at intervals locking the doors while dishes were washed and tables cleared for more service.

The situation was precipitated at midnight, when notices were posted in various kitchens, over the signature of all employers, addressed to the cooks and waiters unions, declaring establishment of an eight hour day and naming a wage scale.

The scale runs from \$17.50 for waitresses to \$45 for chief cooks. According to Ross Nickerson, proprietor of the Rex Cafe, the wage scale per hour is pro rata the same wage that existed under the ten hour day.

"We want to keep prices to the public down and at the same time pay fair wages to our help," said Nickerson. Help here gets better wages than anywhere on the coast. We agree under the new scale to pay time and a half for overtime. Under the ten hour system, we paid a waiter \$28 for instance. Under the new scale he would get \$24.50 for eight hours but if he worked over time and got in the time he did under the old system he would make \$33 or more."

So far there is no formal organization of restaurant proprietors but it is stated that they will take steps to organize to meet the situation. Proprietors claim that in 24 hours they will have sufficient help to meet the situation and that they will not abandon the stand they have taken.

On the other hand the union, which has a charter from the international organization, claims the employers' action has been hasty, arbitrary and unjust and has precipitated a situation that may possibly involve every unionized worker in the city.

"It is a lockout," declared Joe Ebanon, secretary of the local union this morning. "We have made no demands on employers. Their action in posting notices last night, without any invitation for a conference or arbitration of differences, forced us to quit. We could not do otherwise and maintain our self-respect or

standing with the American Federation of Labor. We did not strike. We had no opportunity to strike. Our employers posted a notice of their intention to make a new scale effective this morning. We could not accept their terms and quit."

Wm. P. Kay, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, who helped organize the restaurant employees and also other unions that have been formed in the past few months said: "The action of the restaurant men has been hasty and arbitrary and has precipitated a delicate situation. The basic principle of the American Federation of Labor is arbitration. The cooks and waiters union have been given no opportunity to present demands. They were simply forced out. While I do not say that unless this difference is settled the other unions, members of the local labor council, will take an active hand, I do say that the employers have brought about a situation that all labor must take cognizance of. It is a ticklish situation."

Charles McMillan, president of the cooks and waiters' local, took a similar view of the situation. The local met this morning at 11 o'clock to formulate demands and present its side of the controversy.

Robert Ward, proprietor of the Owl Cafe said that for several weeks the kitchen help had been working on an eight hour basis and the publication of notices of a new scale was merely an extension to other catering branches.

About 90 per cent of the restaurant help in Klamath Falls is unionized, say leaders. The union claims a membership of 55 persons at present.

THE UNION'S STATEMENT

The following statement was issued today from the office of Culinary Alliance No. 424, of the Central Labor Council, Klamath Falls:

"The following statement is issued in the interest of the public:

"On Sunday, October 19, 1919, at 6 p. m., proprietors of the various restaurants in Klamath Falls posted notices of a change in the schedule of wages, hours, and working conditions. These notices were addressed to the Cooks' and Waiters' Union of Klamath Falls, and the changes embodied were to take effect on October 20, 1919. Only six hours' notice was given.

"Inasmuch as Culinary Alliance 424, of Klamath Falls (which comprises 95 per cent of all the cooks, waiters and waitresses, and allied crafts) had presented no demands for a change, and were not considering doing so in the immediate future, the action of the restaurant proprietors came as a complete surprise to the workers.

"No opportunity was given for discussion or consideration of the changes offered. Upon examination it speedily became apparent that a substantial reduction in wages was involved, in conjunction with a so-called 'sliding scale,' which would work a hardship upon the employees involved.

"Any impartial person will admit that, had the Culinary Alliance taken like action upon only six hours'

notice, they would have (and very justly so) laid themselves open to censure by the public.

"The Culinary Alliance stands ready to arbitrate all the matters covered, and will welcome public investigation of the matter."

"At a specially called meeting, Culinary Alliance 424, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, Oregon State Federation of Labor and the Klamath Falls Central Labor Council, decided that the proposed schedule was simply a 'lockout.' The facts in the case will be properly laid before the affiliated labor unions at their meeting tonight.

"It is very regrettable that, with all the widespread industrial unrest prevailing over the country, any small body of men such as the restaurant proprietors, should dare, by 'direct action,' to precipitate strife in our community.

"Citizens of Klamath Falls, remember this: For the first year in many years there has been no strife along industrial lines. And all blame for the existing trouble lies squarely upon the doorstep of the restaurant proprietors of Klamath Falls.

"Respectfully, "THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CULINARY ALLIANCE 424.

"By G. W. Bostwick, Jessie Ballard, G. W. Segerman, Lynne Mueller, R. E. Allen.

"Approved: W. T. Kay, Organizer A. F. of L."

EMPLOYERS' STATEMENT

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WAGES OF RESTAURANT HELP

Following is a table, prepared by restaurant proprietors, showing the wages of restaurant help under the eight and ten hour schedules, computed from various angles:

Table with columns: Rate Per Day, Per Week, Per Hour, Overtime Rate Per Day, Per Week. Rows include Waiters, Waitresses, Dishwashers and Yard Men, Second and Fry Cooks, Night Cooks.

LEGION MEETING IS IMPORTANT

Questions bearing on the various matters of legislation that are likely to be taken up by the national convention of the American Legion at Minneapolis, November 10, 11 and 12, will be taken up at the meeting of Klamath Post No. 8 tomorrow evening, at the request of the secretary of the Oregon Legion, who is seeking expression of opinion from all posts of the state in order to guide the action of the Oregon delegates at the national convention.

As the matters are highly important to the development of the Legion, local members are asked by Secretary Nicholson not to overlook tomorrow night's meeting.

Here are a few of the matters to be brought up at the national convention, some of which the local post has partly considered and several it has not touched upon:

Desirability of a bonus or additional pay for service men; requirement of universal military training for civilians and educational institutions; question of national defense, whether left to a large standing army or with a well organized national guard of reserve corps; preference of ex-service men in settling public lands and federal financial assistance for the purpose; restriction of immigration generally, with especial attention to the Asiatic question; stricter naturalization laws; policy toward disabled service men; opening of Klamath Lake lands to settlement instead of leasing to corporations for long period; translation of Legion news through parallel paragraphs in all foreign language papers, or abolition of all foreign language papers; amending war risk insurance act to make optional monthly payments or lump sum payment to beneficiary; im-

proved system of vocational training for ex-service men; immediate deportation of all anti-American aliens; complete investigation of all army prison camps and punishment for those responsible where unjust treatment is found.

Obviously all the foregoing are matters of importance in general development and some have very important bearing on local matters. In addition, questions not mentioned, on which the local post needs to inform the Minneapolis delegates, as well as matters of local business may come up tomorrow night.

"Submitted to the Cooks' & Waiters' Union of Klamath Falls, Oregon; on the basis of an eight-hour day to eat one meal on the house time and two on their own time.

"Chef, \$40 to \$45 a week, hours to be open; second and fry cooks, \$30; night cooks, \$30 to \$35; dish washers and yard men, \$17.50 to \$21; waiters, \$21 to \$24.50; head waiters, \$25 to 30, hours open; waitresses, \$17.50. Time and one-half for overtime except on special occasions, which will be more."

"When this scale was posted last night there was no complaint. Later, however, a meeting of the employees was held and, under the influence of two or three radicals among them, they were induced to remain away from work.

"Their attitude is unfair to the restaurant owners, other union members who patronize restaurants and the public. There will be no change in the attitude we have decided upon."

CALIFORNIA LABOR OPPOSES JAPANESE

The California State Federation of Labor, in session at Bakersfield recently, adopted unanimously resolutions embodying the following demands:

First—Cancellation of the "gentlemen's agreement."

Second—Exclusion of the picture brides.

Third—Rigorous exclusion of Japanese as immigrants.

Fourth—Confirmation and legalization of the policy that Asiatics shall forever be barred from American citizenship.

Fifth—Amendment of Section 1 of Article XIV of the federal constitution, providing that no child born in the United States of foreign parents shall be considered an American citizen unless both parents are of a race that is eligible to citizenship.

SINNOTT PREPARING SEED DISTRIBUTION

Congressman W. J. Sinnott has requested The Herald to assist him again in making distribution of the vegetable seeds allotted to his district next spring.

The department of agriculture has, he writes us, allotted to each member of congress a number of packages sufficient to give a package of seed to only one person in each eight or ten in his district. This causes him to be particularly desirous that what seeds he has available should get into the hands of those constituents who most desire them and can use them to the best advantage. He states that he believes this can be done better through the papers in his district than in any other way.

Announcement will be made in the columns of this paper when the seeds arrive, probably soon after the first of the coming year.

THUG ASSAULTS GARAGE EMPLOYEE

Effecting entrance by a rear window, an unknown thug attacked C. E. Piper, night man at the White Pelican garage at 3 o'clock this morning, while he lay in bed, striking him with an iron pipe. Piper was rendered partly unconscious by the blow, but recovered and escaped to the White Pelican Hotel, where he notified the clerk of the assault. When the police arrived the assailant was gone. The entire rear window was smashed.

If robbery was the motive, the attempt failed for nothing was taken. Piper thinks the attack was inspired by personal enmity and asserts he recognized the man who struck him. He says that there were two men implicated as he saw another in the building as he fled.

Piper says his assailant struck him with an iron bar and that he had a revolver in the other hand. The garage employee has been with the White Pelican garage for about two months, and is a trustworthy man, say his employers. His injuries are apparently not serious. His scalp was gashed by the blow. He was taken to the home of Will Lee, and was reported as doing nicely at noon today.

VETERANS WIRTING BATTLE HISTORY

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Historians are very busy these days at 512 Fifth Avenue, the newly-opened headquarters of the Second Division Association, that organization of ex-regulars formerly commanded by Major General John A. Lejeune, writing up and illustrating its fighting record which, it was announced today, is to appear in book form about January 1.

The offices were opened here for the additional purpose, it is said, of enabling the veterans to keep in touch with their old "buddies" whose first annual reunion will be held in Chicago in November. Captain James Sharp, formerly of the 23rd Infantry, is in charge. General Lejeune is president of the organization, Brigadier General Preston Brown is vice-president and Major C. Beckman Hoppin, of 45 Wall St. is secretary.

WORDEN MAN HERE

Grant Nelson of Worden was in town Saturday in the interest of the Farm Bureau which is being established throughout the county. The preliminary organization of his district has been successfully effected, and it is hoped for considerable work to be done in the matter of rabbit extermination next spring.

HEARING CONTINUED

The hearing in the justice court Saturday in the case of Robinson Thurlow company against A. Y. Vogt was continued until next week, on stipulation of counsel for the interested parties.

ASHLAND WINS, SCORE 19 TO 0

Ashland high school won the football game with Klamath Falls high school at Modoc park, Saturday afternoon, by a score of 19 to 0. The visiting team had the advantage of more thorough training, spectators assert.

W. H. Moore, coach for the local squad, said today that while the boys have no alibi to offer, he hardly believed that the full strength of the local team was represented in the contest, because of the percentage of green material among the Klamath squad.

"The return match at Ashland, I am confident, will show a different result," said the coach.

The line up Saturday was: Klamath Falls: Montgomery, Ramsby, Beech, Keller, back field; McCullom, right end, Miller, left end; McKendree, right tackle; Connaught, left tackle; Thomas, right guard; Johnston, left guard; Harlan, center; Williams, Peyton, Warren and Case, substitutes.

Ashland: Bryant, McMillan, Jones, Young, Provoste, Shuerman, Walters, Neeley, Small, Ross, Beeson, Felby, Keegan, Biegel, Winne.

RICE MILL TO START

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 20.—The Colusa rice mill, one of the eight large mills in the Sacramento Valley, will commence operation October 20 and will have a continuous run of eight months. Nearly 200,000 bags of rice will be milled at this place.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Dan Driscoll, sheep man from Bly, was a visitor in town today.

R. V. Ess is in town today from his ranch on the Keno road.

Ed. Sutton, who operates a ranch at Miller Hill, was in town on Saturday.

T. M. Cunningham and wife were in town Saturday from their ranch at Pine Grove.

George Shell, who has a ranch at Plevna, is transacting business at the county seat today.

J. H. Hobbs, merchant of Merrill, was transacting business at the county seat on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ella Young were town visitors and transacting business with local merchants Saturday.

A. Switzer, who is employed on the Van Valkenburg ranch, is in town on matters of business today.

Frank McCormack, who has a farm at the lower end of Upper Klamath Lake, is in town on business today.

Edw. B. Ashurst is spending a few days on the Klamath reservation on matters of business in connection with the partitioning of the reservation.

E. L. Elliott and children spent the week end at their homestead near Malin, where Mrs. Elliott has been for some time. They returned Sunday.

H. M. Edmonds, who is employed by the California-Oregon Power company at Yreka, is here for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Edmonds.

R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern railway and Mrs. Strahorn left yesterday for San Francisco. They expect to return here in about a month.

A. Kallina of Malin, who is erecting a new business block in that enterprising town, was at the county seat Saturday. He reports splendid progress in the erection of the new building to be occupied by the new Malin State bank.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Fylling of Crookston, Minn., arrived last night to visit their daughter, Mrs. A. M. Melby, at 331 Tenth street. Mr. Fylling is a large property owner and carries on extensive business in Crookston.

Miss Hazel Given returned Friday evening from Los Angeles, where she has been spending the last month. While in the southern city she had the pleasure of seeing the President and Mrs. Wilson. She reports a delightful time but it glad to be home again.

Mrs. H. J. Winters returned home Saturday evening from a seven weeks' visit in San Francisco. While in the city she had the pleasure of viewing the fleet as well as seeing President and Mrs. Wilson and the King and Queen of Belgium, who are touring the country.

STRAHORN ROAD LETS CONTRACT FOR EXTENSION

Work on Additional Four Miles of Sprague River Line to Be Rushed to Completion—Contractors Are Sought for Remainder of Roadbed

An announcement of railroad extension that will prove highly gratifying, not only to the territory that will be tapped by the extension, but to the community at large, was made today by R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern railway, who said that contracts had been let for grading and culverts for extension of the road nearly to Hildebrand, four miles north of the present terminus at Dairy, and that a further contract had been let for furnishing culvert pipe for the road clear to Sprague River, 13 miles beyond Hildebrand.

Ed. Propat, who has had several previous contracts, will do one and one-quarter miles of the grading just let. John Morgan, another local contractor, will build the rest of the grade to Hildebrand.

The company has steel on hand to lay the four miles of rails, said Mr. Strahorn and ties for part of the distance, while contracts are let for the remainder of necessary ties.

"We expect the contracts to be completed by the first of the coming year," said Mr. Strahorn, "although the time limit set is February 1st."

The Coast Culvert & Flume Co. of Portland has the contract for furnishing pipe for culverts sufficient to carry the road clear through to Sprague River and also furnish the Bonanza branch.

Indicating that construction of this portion of the road may follow closely, Mr. Strahorn said: "We are looking for contractors to do this grading and I wish the Herald would announce that fact as it may cause some one to make an offer on the work."

The Hilderbrand extension will be an immeasurable advantage to owners of bodies of timber both east and west of the right-of-way. One mill in the territory the road now enters has been hauling their product ten miles to the present terminus.

When the road reaches Sprague River, Mr. Strahorn will have completed his covenant with the citizens of Klamath Falls, and will be entitled to a terminal site and other facilities here that the agreement covers.

"I have not expressed myself publicly before on this point," said Mr. Strahorn in discussing the road plans, "but I have cause to feel that the recent visit of Portland business men is going to produce results beneficial to this system. I was greatly gratified at the attitude of the Portland men and I believe something will come of their visit and trip over the road.

"Regardless of that, however, we are going right ahead and we will put the road through, either with the assistance of Portland or without it."

"We have spent thousands and thousands of dollars for supplies with Portland dealers," he said in referring to the culvert pipe contract just let, "and we are not through spending yet. I think this may be significant as showing our loyalty to Portland and reciprocity from Portland would be highly gratifying."

From Hildebrand on to Sprague River the road taps a rich timber country and its building will result in the milling of many millions of feet of pine in the Squaw Flat territory, which only awaits transportation facilities to start development.

SOLDIER VISITOR

Robert B. Baylor, 2nd lieutenant of the U. S. Marine corps, arrived in the city Saturday for a visit with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Knight, 224 High St. Lieutenant Baylor was in all of the heavy fighting in which the Fifth marines made such a brilliant record in France and was twice wounded in battle. He is at present stationed at Mare Island, but expects to be discharged at an early date.

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