

LABOR LEADER SAYS LYNCHING WAS ATTEMPTED

Declaring that he was arrested without cause in Susanville, Calif., last Monday, and after being kept in jail for a few hours was taken out after dark by the city marshal on pretext that a hearing had been arranged, and seized by a "vigilance committee," who threatened his life and maltreated him, S. H. (Harry) Wood, vice-president of the International timberworkers union and an organizer for the union, left today for San Francisco to lay his case before officers of the California federation of labor, to set in motion the machinery for an appeal to Governor Stephens and Attorney General Webb for redress for what he asserts was a gross and unjustified violation of his constitutional rights.

Wood arrived in this city Wednesday evening in a state of physical collapse, which he asserted was the result of his experience. Yesterday he made a sworn statement before a local notary, covering the affair in detail, which statement will be laid before Governor Stephens. The following allegations are based upon this statement.

On September 26 Wood went to Susanville as an organizer for the timberworkers union. He registered at a hotel under his own name. "My errand," he says, "was a lawful one, namely the organization of a local union of the International Union of Timberworkers, and affording such other assistance as was required by other unions affiliated with the American federation of labor."

On Monday, October 11, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, he was placed under arrest by a man who said he was the town marshal. This man charged Wood with being an I. W. W., and despite his protests and offers to show credentials lodged him in jail. After removing the prisoner's belongings, including \$50 in cash and a deposit book, showing a credit of \$50 in a Susanville bank, the marshal went away, promising to send George O'Connor, a friend of Wood's, to see him.

O'Connor did not come. Later the marshal came back and again promised to send him. Finally Wood sent word to O'Connor by a passer-by, and O'Connor came to the jail. Wood explained his predicament and O'Connor went and got a lawyer, named Jewell or Jewett, city attorney of Susanville. The attorney told Wood that without doubt he was being unlawfully held. Lawyer and client, after consultation, concluded to wait over night, it then being about 10 o'clock, and secure a writ of habeas corpus in the morning. The attorney left. Five minutes later the marshal returned and said a hearing had been arranged and Wood was to accompany him to court. They started out. After proceeding two blocks a crowd of about 20 men stopped them and seized them.

Three men held Wood, he says, bandaging his eyes. They walked a short distance and came to four automobiles. Here the bandage was taken off and a gunny sack substituted as a blind, being tied around Wood's neck with a heavy rope.

"During this time," says the affidavit, "I heard remarks, such as 'have you got the rope?' and 'yes, it's in the car.'"

The crowd got into the cars, two men holding Wood in the rear seat of one and drove to the bridge across the Susan river. Here another stop and conference took place. Two of the machines went back uptown and two others, Wood in one, started for the country.

After driving a considerable distance the cars stopped. The lights were all put out and the sack taken from Wood's face. One of the mob spoke, saying, "we don't want anything here like they had in Washington."

Then he addressed Wood, saying, "there's the road, beat it, and don't ever come back. If you do we've got a rope right here to hang you with."

The spokesman directed the way Wood was to walk and he started. After for about half an hour he saw two cars coming toward him, equipped with powerful spotlights which were sweeping the roadside.

"I immediately apprehended that

WILSON ASKS ALLEN FOR WHEAT INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—President Wilson today telegraphed Governor Allen of Kansas, requesting him to forward to the federal trade commission any information he might have tending to indicate that the recent decline in wheat prices is due to unfair practices or any other artificial cause.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Wheat prices made a big advance in the local market today after the news of President Wilson's request to Governor Allen became public.

SCOUT MEETING TO PLAN WORK

Boy Scouts will hold another big meeting tonight at the Methodist church to plan further the winter program of the organization. About 50 boys were present at Tuesday night's meeting. Tonight it is hoped, through reports and invitations that have been sent through the schools, to have at least one hundred scouts and their boy friends present.

The winter sports program includes motor boating on the lake, as long as the weather remains favorable, and skating clubs will be organized when ice forms. If time remains the boys plan to start some football and baseball organizations among the membership and stage some contests before winter sets in.

Another important matter now in its preliminary stages is the securing of a clubhouse, which may take the form of a building in this city or a big summer camp in the woods, perhaps both. If interests and funds make it feasible.

All boys interested in the scout movement, whether members of the organization or not, are urged to attend tonight's meeting at the Methodist church.

A man hunt was in progress," declares Wood with myself as the victim. I climbed through a barbed wire fence on my right, tearing my clothing and lacerating my hands, legs and face. It was cloudy and a drizzling rain was falling. The consequent darkness enabled me to travel for some distance before the searchlights played on the vicinity where I was hid.

The searchers got out of the car and started beating up the field of sage. There were at least ten of them, says Wood. They had flashlights and a whistle system of signals and made a systematic job of the search. Often men passed within 20 feet of where Wood lay curled in a bush but missed him. As daybreak approached, after what appeared hours of suspense to him, Wood says the party gave up the search and left.

In conversation he said he felt sure that the men had come back to find and hang him, that turning his loose in the first place was subterfuge to rid the mob of some weaker members who would not stand for extreme measures. After the leaders had rearranged their party he thinks they were ready to lynch him, when he had been found.

At daybreak, Tuesday, he emerged from hiding. He discovered the railway track and walked a ways, coming in sight of the Weiden station. He saw a crowd of men there, and fearing they were another mob, he turned his steps. He came to the Smith Hot Springs, where he found Frank Sullivan, a timber worker, who gave him food, and water and soap to cleanse himself. His clothes were torn, and he was muddy and bruised.

In his pocket he found \$25 that the marshal had overlooked, and from Amadee, Cal., bought a ticket to Lakeview, arriving there Wednesday morning. He was too weak to walk to a hotel, so remained in the station until an expressman came, who gave him a ride uptown.

Wednesday morning he took the stage to Klamath Falls. "Upon arrival in Klamath Falls," he affirms, "I was in a state of physical collapse, being unable to walk, or disrobe for bed without assistance."

"Friends helped him here, keeping the fact of his presence quiet. Yesterday he prepared a statement and

ANOTHER BIG MILL BUILDING ON EWAUNA

Another big sawmill will be slicing Klamath pine by spring is the news carried by the announcement that the Shaw-Bertram lumber company, an organization composed of experienced Oregon lumbermen, has purchased a site on the southern edge of Lake Ewauna, just west of the Chelsea box factory and already have a couple of carloads of material and machinery on the ground.

The site consists of 70 acres purchased from Mrs. Margaret Barney of Milwaukee, Wis., who still owns 169 acres adjoining. The deal was handled for Mrs. Barney by William Bray but does not include any of the acreage owned by Mr. Bray in the same vicinity.

Work on the mill will start at once, it is announced. It is planned to install a circular outfit, with a daily capacity of 50,000 feet to start with, but the program of development contemplates a plant expansion that will eventually make the mill one of the largest in the country.

J. R. Shaw, president of the new company, is one of the leading lumbermen of the state. For years he was general manager for the Hammond Lumber company of Portland, a company in the foremost ranks of northwest manufacturers. He was also connected with the Gootch lumber company of Marshfield, as were his associates, W. A. Smith, vice president, W. J. Bertram, treasurer, and A. W. Norblad, secretary. Mr. Norblad's home is in Astoria, and he is state senator from this district.

The company recently was awarded, government sale, the timber in the Solomon unit on the Klamath reservation. The tract contains, it is estimated, 150,000,000 feet, which will all be milled at the local plant.

COURT AND LAWYERS BACK FROM SALEM

Judge R. H. Sennell and Commissioners Short and Fordyce, E. L. Elliott and F. H. Mills, attorneys for the county court, and C. F. Stone, attorney for J. M. Dougan, plaintiff in the suit of Dougan against Klamath county, returned last night from Salem where Messrs. Elliott and Mills and Mr. Stone appeared on opposing sides in arguing before the supreme court the appeal from Judge Hamilton's decision in the courthouse case.

Both sides came back confident that their cause would triumph when the supreme court finally reaches a decision. The time at which a decision might be expected was variously estimated at from three to four weeks in the future.

No new features were introduced at the hearing, it was said.

IMPORTS PEDIGREED SHROPSHIRE BUCK

Burr Westbrook, who operates a stock ranch near Merrill, recently received and placed on his ranch a blooded and registered Shropshire buck from the famous herd of A. T. Guthrie & Son at Newton, Iowa.

Mr. Westbrook, who came here about a year ago from Texas, and went into business, has done much in that time to improve the standards of stock raising in Klamath county.

left for California, to demand redress from the city of Susanville for the alleged maltreatment by its officers and citizens.

Through the meshes in the gunny sack, Wood claims to have recognized the man who said he was the town marshal as the ringleader of the mob.

As one of the five vice presidents of the timber workers, an organization with a membership of 175,000, Wood stands very close to the top of the union, and promises to bring pressure to bear that will cause the whole affair to be thoroughly sifted by the California authorities.

When he arrived here had a dollar or two in change left. His predicament would have been worse had he not had the \$25 to pay fare with. All of his belongings, except the clothes he was wearing, are in Susanville, including suit cases, a camera, cash and bank book.

WILEY MAKES STATEMENT OF HIS POSITION

Wilson S. Wiley, candidate for mayor, today in reply to the request of a Herald representative for a statement outlining his platform, said:

"The one outstanding feature that appeals to me is the size of the job that my friends have commanded me to tackle. If the decision had been left to me, I confess that I would have dodged the responsibility that will be imposed upon the man who is elected next mayor of Klamath Falls.

"But the arguments of many persons of all classes and vocations must necessarily inspire confidence in any man, and I confess that the belief of my friends in my ability to fill the position acceptably has given me courage and I certainly will try to merit their confidence if I am elected.

"Klamath Falls is a city of destiny. The firm belief that every citizen has in the future of this community, may make that seem a trite remark. But I, in common with my fellow citizens, feel that we have, in spite of remarkable progress, hardly started upon the pathway of development.

"A rapidly growing city presents many problems. The number of our needs is so great that I hesitate to enumerate them here. I have in mind, however, the need for more houses to take care of our swelling population. The city, perhaps, will have but little to do with the building of homes, but hinged upon a home building program are questions of street improvement, sewer and water main extension, lighting, provision of parks and other matters in which the chief executive of the city will have direct contact.

"I pledge my word, that if it falls upon me as mayor of Klamath Falls, to wrestle with these problems. I will, in recognition of their deep importance to present and future citizens of Klamath Falls, consider them earnestly and diligently try to deal with them as rapidly as may be consistent with the building of a sure foundation for the future.

"We have outgrown our swaddling clothes and ceased to be a village. Before we realize it, we are destined to become a large city. Even now, in many commercial relations, we rank second in Oregon. I will strive to make my vision of the future broad enough to place beneath the with which the chief executive of the foundations produced by the best ideas in modern city planning.

"I am not—and it must be admitted that I should know whereof I speak—the candidate of any class or faction, and, if elected, I will represent no class or faction. We have all heard it said that the city needs strict enforcement of existing laws and with the idea that the law should be enforced upon all alike, impartially and with justice. I am in complete accord. If the law is a good law, its enforcement will work good, and I know of no quicker way to secure the repeal of a biased or unjust law than by enforcing it. The offended sense of justice, inherent in the American people, will bring about its speedy repeal.

"Finally, I am but a plain citizen, with an abiding love for and faith in the future of my country, my state and my city. The majority wish of my fellow citizens will be my guide, if they select me to serve them as mayor, providing always that their wishes are in accord with the law of the land and of the ordinances of the city.

"In their service, if the honor is conferred upon me, I would sacrifice much, but if I can, even in the slightest degree, advance the general interests and welfare of the community that I love, I will gain compensation from the sacrifice that cannot be measured in money."

FREAK TUBER FOUND

HOOD RIVER, Oct. 15.—R. H. Weber, whose ranch place is near Odell, exhibited a record freak potato vine on which the tubers have formed like tomatoes on top of the ground. The potatoes have formed at points of the vine.

LOCAL MAN ELECTED BY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—E. E. Magee of Klamath Falls was elected junior grand warden of the Oregon Knights Templar at this morning's session of the convention here.

Weston G. Shellenbarger, of Portland, was chosen grand commander.

La Grande was chosen as the place in which to hold the next annual convocation.

WATER RATE HEARING TODAY

Petition of the California-Oregon Power company for an increase in local water rates, is being heard today in the city hall, before H. H. Corey, member of the state public service commission.

W. M. Shepherd, general manager, and H. G. Phelps, general auditor of the power company, both of San Francisco, and J. C. Thompson, division manager of the company, are in attendance as witnesses in behalf of the applicant.

Ferguson & Fletcher and R. C. Groesbeck appear as counsel for the company and City Attorney Carnahan, assisted by W. H. A. Renner represent the city of Klamath Falls.

The morning session was spent in securing a statement of financial conditions from the company's witnesses. The company is endeavoring to show it is not receiving an adequate return upon the investment in the local water system. The afternoon will be devoted to presentation of testimony by the city's witnesses and cross-examination.

LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS NEW PASTOR

The Rev. Karl Matthies, arrived yesterday from Gary, Indiana, to take charge of the local Lutheran pulpit, which has been vacant since the death last winter of the Rev. Martin Rossmann, except for occasional services conducted by the Rev. George Thiess of Eugene.

The Rev. Mr. Matthies will deliver his first sermon to his congregation Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, in the First Baptist church. The subject of the sermon is "The Way to Life."

PAYNE RE-OPENS LAKE HEARING

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—Secretary of the Interior Payne has decided to reopen the matter of Klamath lake storage and will hold hearings at Washington, December 2. He says the special action is taken at the request of American legion posts, which were not satisfied with the plan for settlement of the question proposed by former Secretary Lane.

MERRILL REBEKAHS WILL ENTERTAIN

The Rebekah lodge at Merrill has extended an invitation to the Rebekahs of Klamath Falls to meet with them at a district convention to be held in Merrill Monday evening, October 18.

The Klamath Falls degree staff will exemplify the initiatory degree.

The Merrill lodge ladies have the reputation of being wonderful hostesses and this will be a strong drawing card in favor of a large attendance from this city.

I. W. W. IN ORCHARDS

HOOD RIVER, Oct. 15.—With labor for harvesting the apple crop already acutely short, orchardists are now being worried by agitation of I. W. W. in different fruit sections. The agitators who are said to be well dressed, appear to be foreigners. They visit ranches while owners or superintendents are away and urge harvest crews to ask for more pay. Their agitation already has resulted in several growers losing most of their help.

WOULD LIMIT IMMIGRATION TO RELATIVES

COMA, Oct. 15.—Congressman Albert Johnson, chairman of the House immigration committee, announced that he would make a statement to the committee, when it meets, October 18, advocating limiting immigration to relatives of naturalized citizens of the United States.

Congressman Johnson expressed the belief that immigration from Japan can be limited to visitors and students without offending the Japanese government.

"I believe that the Japanese government will agree to such suspension of the immigration from that country, with the understanding that Japanese now in the United States shall be well treated," he said.

"Ten thousand immigrants are now arriving from France every day," said Johnson, "and there is a widespread demand that the next congress pass a stringent immigration bill."

SCHOOL A DAY BUILT IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—New schools have been added to the American educational system at the rate of at least one a day during the last 25 years.

Statistics compiled by the federal bureau of education show that there are now more than 17,000 such schools, at a cost of \$55 per cent over the number in 1890. Attendance figures from 14,000 of the schools give a total of 1,735,519 scholars, indicating in effect that one-tenth of the population is getting high school education, the bureau states.

Only 625 of the schools reporting to the bureau enroll 500 students. Tabulated have an enrollment of between 27 and 100 students. City high schools constitute less than 10 per cent of the total. They enroll 53 per cent of all students. Almost 85 per cent of the high schools are rural with 40 per cent of the students.

As 65 per cent of the schools offering a four-year course have terms of only 180 days during the year, a longer school term is "unmistakably foreshadowed," according to bureau officials. The schools cost thousands of dollars to erect and to utilize the property for only 180 days a year is "bad judgment," the statement said.

The number of high school graduates has increased from 21,823 in 1890 to 224,367 in 1918. Considering the increase in population during this period, it is found that American youths are becoming over six times as well educated as they were.

The state of Texas leads in percentage of high school graduates who continue their studies in preparatory school or college. North Carolina and Kentucky are second and third respectively.

The average high school principal, the statistics show, receives \$1173 a year, or about \$100 a month for the entire year. Principals of the District of Columbia, California, Arizona, Massachusetts and New York receive the highest salaries in the order named, while Nebraska pays the lowest average salary.

In 1918 there were 51,034 high school teachers, as compared with 9,120 in 1890. Since 1903 there has been a steady increase of women entering the profession and today only 24 per cent of all high school teachers are men.

The largest high school in the United States is the Polytechnic Evening high school, Los Angeles, Calif., with an enrollment of 8446.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Saturday, fair, except rain in the northwest portion.

VALUE INCREASED

TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 15.—Property in Tillamook county as finally equalized by the county board of equalization is valued at \$23,260,000, an increase of \$750,400 over last year.