

## RELATES VIEWS OF OPERATORS IN BOX STRIKE

### Statement Sets Forth Various Conditions Affecting Industry

The following summary of the local controversy from the standpoint of the box factory operators was issued today by one who is closely in touch with the situation:

State boundaries do not always conform with economic boundaries and from an industrial and economic point of view some portions of a state may be more dependent upon an adjacent state than they are upon the state in which they are located. This may be due to rail connections and other reasons, and as far as the lumber industry is concerned, this is true of Klamath county. This being true, any lumber operations here must conform to the practices of the adjoining states, if it is to succeed. Every industry with hardly an exception looks to and is dependent upon California for its three essentials of existence, financing, market for its output and labor supply.

Local operators cannot expect to secure financing in California unless they are in a position to operate as economically and profitably as California mills. They cannot market their product in California unless the can produce it upon the same relative basis of cost. The competition for the business in this field is becoming very keen, and it is further augmented by the opening up last year of a mill with a capacity of over 100,000,000 at Susanville, and this year the Hutchinson Lumber company will begin operations at Oroville, California, with a new three band mill and box factory. Klamath county operators cannot secure labor from California unless they pay approximately the same as California mills, and if they pay much more, it would certainly endanger their chances of competing in the other two fields of endeavor previously mentioned, namely, financing and marketing.

It is a fact that fully 90 men out of 100 employed are secured in California. Possibly no men are secured from Oregon. Every white pine mill and box factory in the state of California runs ten hours. The majority of redwood mills run ten hours, and the few who do not run ten hours run nine hours. It would be economic suicide for local mills to try to run contrary to so great a majority of their competitors in the California market. Most of the California mills are paying 30 cents an hour for common labor, making \$2.00 for ten hours. If the plants here were to attempt to run eight hours and pay 30 cents an hour, so as to be in the same relative position as the California mills, except for the handicap of increasing cost due to smaller production, it would only make \$2.40 a day, which is too low a wage under today's living conditions, and men would not accept that employment, but would go to the ten-hour plants. Many of the California plants charge \$1.25 for board, whereas this section charges only \$1.05, so that at the \$3.00 wage local men would net \$1.95 a day against \$1.75 in these other localities, with which local mills compete, and local men would work one hour a day less. It is certain danger for the prosperity of any community to gain the reputation of being unable to produce a commodity upon a favorable basis as that enjoyed by the great majority of people with whom they have to compete.

Local employers are not asking their employees to accept hours which are in effect in only a few mills in the territory with which they compete, but they are only asking them to do what, practically without exception, every other mill in the California field is doing. They are offering them an average of the very best wage paid and a little more, and they believe that they are dealing fairly from every standpoint.

## CONCILIATION BOARD TO RETURN SATURDAY TO CONTINUE EFFORTS

PORTLAND, April 5.—The state conciliation board, accompanied by a representative of the attorney general's office as an adviser, will go to Klamath Falls Saturday to use every power under the law to reunite employers and employees. Chairman Woodward announced here today.

## KLAMATH INDIANS URGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO AID

### Want Backing in Effort to Obtain Division of Reservation Lands to Citizens

For the purpose of urging the chamber of commerce to get behind a movement for the sale of Klamath reservation lands, and apportionment of the proceeds, a group of 20 Klamath Indians, headed by Clayton Kirk and Fred Hendricks of the tribal council, and Sergeant Brown, met last night with the board of directors of the chamber. Action by the chamber was deferred until the Indians shall have decided upon a definite course of action.

The Indians were divided, it appears, on the proposition of urging passage of the bill introduced in congress by Representative Snyder of New York or of framing their own bill. The Snyder bill is said to contain many of the provisions they require.

A portion of the Indians propose to divide the proceeds from sale of reservation lands among citizen Indians and to have held in trust the shares falling to non-citizen Indians who are wards of the government. The need for money with which to develop their farms and their rights as American citizens are among the reasons given for the movement.

## TONY-CAMPA GUILTY

### Circuit Court Jury Returns Verdict After Five Minutes

Five minutes deliberation by the jury at 10:15 this morning brought in a verdict of guilty in the robbery case of Joe Tony Campa, Italian, convicted of the crime of stealing from the house of Willie Dennison, at Second and Klamath streets, a Colt "45" revolver and an overcoat. The case occupied all of yesterday and until ten o'clock this morning. Sentence will be pronounced by the court at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

An interpreter was called for by the defense, as it was contended by counsel for the defense that the accused, Campa, did not understand the English language well enough intelligently to answer questions put to him in English. It is reported that the court in allowing the use of an interpreter said: "Very well, you may have an interpreter; but we may have to call some one to interpret the interpreter."

## TALKS TO CHILDREN

### Dr. Sara E. Wise Visits Schools; at Methodist Church Sunday

Dr. Sara E. Wise, national lecturer for the W. C. T. U., spoke at the Central school yesterday and at the Riverside and Mills schools today. She will speak at the Fairview and Pollock schools later in the week. Tobacco and liquor were the subjects dealt with.

At the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 Dr. Wise will address a meeting for men only. Fathers are especially requested to attend with their sons.

Dr. Wise, together with the Rev. D. Caffray, will leave here next Monday for Yoncalla.

## MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, April 5.—Cattle steady; choice steers \$7.50 to \$8.25. Hogs and sheep steady; spring lambs quoted today for the first time at \$14 to \$15. Eggs unsettled. Butter steady.

## GROUND STILL FROZEN

According to reports from various farmers and ranchers, the ground in many sections is still frozen, making it impossible to go ahead with farm work.

## CARLOAD OF BUICKS ARRIVE

A carload of Buick automobiles arrived here yesterday for the Buick Sales & Service company, and were placed for unloading today.

## BOMBS EXPLODE NEAR HOMES OF 2 COAL MINERS

### Troops With Bloodhounds Take Suspects; Other Mines May Close

BECKLEY, W. Va., April 5.—Bombs exploded last night in front of the homes of two miners who continued to work after half the force went out. State troops with bloodhounds arrested two suspects, who denied any knowledge of the act.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 5.—Twenty-one thousand miners in the New River and Winding Gulf fields of West Virginia will be enlisted before the end of the week, according to Lawrence Dwyer of the International union's executive board.

Aside from Dwyer's statements the only report reaching headquarters here came from Kansas, where the union officials declared all union men were idle, although the state industrial court had ordered a temporary continuance of the old wage scales. The absence of the union's executive officers was said by union employes to explain the lack of reports, bearing on the situation in various coal fields, but headquarters attaches were confident that the suspension had met its first test of strength without any loss in the union estimate of 600,000 men as having joined the walk-out.

In the New River field of West Virginia, formerly unionized territory, but recently operating under an old scale without union sanction, Dwyer asserted that 14,000 miners had returned to the union, none of whom, he said, would return to work. In the Winding Gulf field he predicted that 10,000 more miners—all non-union—would quit work.

## WILL DEPORT ALIENS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—After a bitter "wet and dry" contest, the house today passed and sent to the senate a bill providing for the deportation of aliens convicted of violation of the narcotics and prohibition enforcement acts.

## CHINESE KILLED

PORTLAND, April 5.—Wah Chee, a Chinese, wounded last night when arrested in connection with the murder of Sue Loy, died today. Kim Lee, also arrested, was in the hospital today with a wounded arm.

## BLOW OF AXE KILLS FARM BOY; FATHER, BROTHERS, INJURED

### Unknown Assailant Escapes After Crushing Heads of Family of Six in Their Home

CONCORDIA, Kans., April 5.—Theodore Tremblay, a 15-year-old boy, was slain with an axe at his home last night, and three brothers, aged 14, 12, and 19 are near death with their heads crushed, and the boys' father, L. J. Tremblay, trustee of Shirley township, and another son, aged eight, were injured. The assailant is unknown.

## SCHOOL TERM ENDED

### Pupils of K. C. H. S. Reminded When Report Cards Are Issued

When Principal Goetz distributed the report cards today in assembly, pupils of the high school were reminded that the second six weeks period of the second semester of the school year was ended, and that it was only a question of the number of "D's" as to whether some of them were dropped from classes or from school.

As a safety-first measure, the teachers are remaining under cover for the remainder of the week, in order to keep out of the way of pupils and the parents, of pupils who have been unfortunate enough to win two "D's" in a row, which drops them before the course is completed.

However, the number to be dropped from school and from courses on account of poor work is not so great as last semester. One pupil only may be obliged to leave school, and only seven or eight will have to drop subjects.

## HOME WEEK APPROVED

### President Endorses Move for Better Homes Throughout Country

CHICAGO, April 5.—President Harding has given his personal endorsement inaugurated by the American Home bureau for a national "Better Home" week to be instituted next October as an annual event.

The idea back of the "Better Homes" week movement is to educate the American people to make the home beautiful and thereby create a home environment that will have a lasting cultural influence upon the nation. It is planned during the week set aside for the purpose to demonstrate in exposition and exhibits of model rooms and homes in towns and cities throughout the country the faculty with which even people of small means may make their homes harmonious and attractive with artistic furniture, draperies, rugs and appointments of all kinds.

## COMMEDIAN ON WITNESS STAND RELATES STORY

### Found Miss Rappe on Floor Arbuckle Testifies in Third Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Smiling as he took the stand in the third trial on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, Arbuckle today testified that gin and orange juice were served at the party in the hotel room.

After "breakfast" at 2 p. m. he went into his own room to dress, he said. "I went into my bedroom and locked the door. I went to the bathroom, and the door struck something. I looked in and saw Miss Rappe on the floor. She was holding her stomach and moaning." Arbuckle said he gave her water, and asked if there was anything he could do. He testified that she said, "I want to lay down." He then carried her to the bed and returned to the bathroom. When he came out, he said, she was on the floor, and he again placed her on the bed and then went out for Mrs. Delmont.

Arbuckle said a number of guests entered the room. He said Miss Rappe sat up on the bed tearing her clothes. Then he left the room, and when he returned later he found Miss Rappe lying nude on the bed.

"I tried to cover her up," he testified, "and Mrs. Delmont tried to stop me. I said to Mrs. Delmont, 'Shut up, or I will throw you out of the window.'"

## VETS PLAN BASEBALL

### Team Will Be Organized by Local Post of American Legion

A baseball team will be organized and maintained by the American Legion during the coming season. It was decided at the regular meeting last night. Arrangements will be in charge of C. F. Foster.

Mr. Flick, a veteran of the Modoc war, who served under Captain Applegate, will be retained as custodian of the club rooms.

The Legion dance, scheduled for Friday night, was postponed for two weeks.

## SNOW DEEP AT CRATER LAKE

Eleven feet of snow remains at Crater Lake, according to Forest Ranger W. T. Norris of Crater park, who is in the city today.

## COMPLETION OF MUSCLE SHOALS BY U. S. VOTED

### Senate House Committee Recommends Appropriation of \$7,500,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—Resumption of work on the gigantic Muscle Shoals dam, at Muscle Shoals, Ala., by the army engineers, was voted today by the senate, 72 yeas to 17 nays, by a vote of 72 yeas to 17 nays, for \$7,500,000 to finance the dam work for the year beginning next July 1.

Offers to purchase the Muscle Shoals project from the government, which have been made by Henry Ford as well as by various engineering concerns, have aroused bitter contention in congress.

FLORENCE, Ala., April 5.—With the interest of the nation fixed for months on Muscle Shoals, an influx of people to the district has constituted a problem that has taxed the ingenuity of town and civic authorities.

Agitation of the potential strength of "the South's Niagara" and the possibilities that were expected to be speedily fulfilled in event of development of the latent water project, turned a variable stream of humanity in search of the El Dorado. Folks came on foot, in horse cars, in motor cars, in day coaches and in palatial drawing rooms. There were men with money seeking investments; men in overalls hunting work. There were adventurers looking for anything they might find. Some spent money lavishly; others were wasters of the community and had to be fed.

The problem at once became so grave that the town authorities of Florence, Sheffield and Tusculum—municipalities composing the district's "tri-city"—sent out a warning: "Stay away from Muscle Shoals unless you come on legitimate business and have an engagement in advance."

## ASKS PAY FOR WORK

### Cora Farley Alleges \$1,005 Is Due Her for Household Salary

Cora Farley is suing C. A. and Bertha Harris for \$1095 held due for household work. The case went to trial before a jury in the circuit court at 1:30 this afternoon, and it is expected that the case will continue over until tomorrow.

This case will be followed tomorrow by the case of Geo. C. North against Henry H. Graham, charging assault, in my opinion, raises a superior quality of potatoes. I have used them at home for two or three years and consider them better than the ones that are shipped into Medford from Yakima and other distant points. Potatoes run into weight fast and would probably furnish sufficient tonnage for the trucks on the return trip, and they should be able to compete with carload freight rates from outside points. Celery is another product they raise over there that has out-of-the-ordinary quality and doubtless there are other items they have that we can use.

## GRADE TEACHER RESIGNS

The resignation of Mrs. Lena Hackett, teacher of the sixth and seventh grades at the Fairview school, was accepted at a meeting of the school board last night and Miss Waive Drew, formerly of this city, but now teaching in the Hawaiian islands, appointed as her successor. Mrs. Hackett will remain until the end of the school term, when she will accompany Mr. Hackett to Grants Pass, where he will enter business.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric pressure has remained almost constant for about 48 hours and the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered variations of only a few points during that period.

A barometric reading such as this indicates a continuance of the conditions prevailing. Therefore cold, northerly winds are to be expected for another period of 12 to 24 hours.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Cloudy, unsettled weather, with brisk to high winds. Continued cold.

The Tyco recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:

High .....

Low .....

