

PACKERS BOYCOTT UNION WORKERS, DECLARES BUTCHER

Witness In Wage Hearing Says Men Are Supplanted With Women Who Are Paid Smaller Money; Negroes Brought From South to Work in Plants.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Timothy A. McCreash of Kansas City, an organizer for the Amalgamated Meat Cutters' and Butchers' union since June and previously employed by the large packers in various cities, criticized the stock yards firms for their opposition to organized labor and described conditions he had found in the plants in testifying today before Federal Judge Samuel Aischuler in the wage arbitration.

URGES 8-HOUR DAY.

He urged the adoption of an eight-hour working day and equal pay for men and women performing the same service.

The witness said he had been a packing house butcher for 23 years but since 1904 the packers had refused to give him steady employment because of his activity in the labor movement.

He said hundreds of union men had been similarly discriminated against. He said he had organized the skilled workers in the packing plants at Kansas City, Kan., Sioux City Ia., Denver and St. Joseph, Mo., but declared that the packers had declined to deal with union officials.

Supplant Men With Women.

The witness said that in the last two years the packers in Sioux City and Kansas City, Kan., had supplanted men with women in hundreds of positions. The women employed in most instances, he said, are negroes and are receiving 20 to 22 cents an hour while the men who formerly did the work received 26 and 27 1/2 cents an hour. The women he said were employed as meat trimmers and in certain sections of the killing department. He ridiculed the welfare work done in the packing plants.

He said the packers did not give their employes a raise in wages from the strike in 1904 until 1916. Since then three increases were allowed but increase in the cost of living had more than offset them, he claimed.

In 1904 the butchers had a rule, he said, that the skinning of 15 carcasses constituted a day's work. Now he declared, packers required their men to skin 20 to 25 carcasses a day. He considered the skinning of 15 animals a fair day's work.

Empty Pail Makers.

"To get more work out of the men the packers have a system of employing a few pace makers, or rusers as they are called in each department, who do more work than the others to speed up the gang," said the witness. "They receive a few dollars more a week than the rest. When the war started, and the packers were prohibited from getting men from central Europe, they went south and started bringing negroes up north to work in their plants."

William Z. Foster, an organizer for the American Federation of Labor, testified that the most of the members of the stock yards plants who had joined the labor unions were foreign born and unable to speak English.

He said the negroes and others who spoke English declined to join the union in large numbers.

Half a dozen employes of the Chicago packers testified to working conditions and wages and said that men with large families were unable to live decently on the wages paid.

The hearing may continue longer than at first planned as Judge Aischuler announced today that he wanted to hear all the testimony either side has to offer.

Judge Aischuler accompanied by two representatives from each side will visit the stock yards tomorrow to familiarize himself with actual conditions.

Third State Bank of

Wood Lake in Liquidation

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Third State bank of Wood Lake, a little town in Cherry county, has gone into voluntary liquidation, according to a notice received by the state banking board today.

The town has a population of about 300 and has three banks. The bank was incorporated a few years ago with a capital of \$15,000 with J. C. Applegate and L. R. Applegate president and cashier, respectively. There is no apprehension on the part of the state banking board that there will be any difficulty in the bank going out of business as the assets are listed at \$87,894 while the deposits are \$66,000. Most of the assets are good. An inspector will be sent to look over the situation.

Health of Soldiers in

Camps Show Improvement

Washington, Feb. 15.—Continued improvement in health conditions at all army camps and cantonments is noted in the War department summary for the week ending February 8, made public tonight.

The hospital admission rate decreased from the preceding week, while the death rate, although slightly higher than the preceding week, was well below the average for the last two months.

Mumps and pneumonia continue to decrease, while scarlet fever and meningitis showed slight increases.

News Notes of Capital

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Certificates have just been issued to 49 nurses by the state nurse's examining board at the state house. Over one-half of these have made application for Red Cross service.

Applications coming to the state bureau of labor for experienced men to work on the farms of the state exceed the supply of men needed to fill the demand. The bureau appears to have plenty of married men, but most of the demand just now appears to be for those who are not enjoying the blessing of conjugal conjugal.

Company H and the headquarters company of the late lamented Seventh regiment, the Lincoln contingent of that organization, finds itself with \$250.50 surplus funds derived mostly from the lectures of Sergeant Healey. It has been decided to send the money to Camp Funston to help equip the Nebraska legion, preferably for the purchase of a motion picture machine if one is needed.

Governor Neville today received word from his agents at Grand Island that a large amount of booze had been seized. Another message from Benkelman read: "Ten persons arrested for drinking, gambling and having liquor unlawfully in their possession. Deputy Sheriff Cooper was one of the party. Case set for February 16."

YOUNG CAPTAIN TO COMMAND MERCHANT SHIP



CAPTAIN N. S. WINSKILL.

Captain Norman S. Winskill will take command of one of the new merchant ships now being built for Uncle Sam at an Atlantic shipyard. Captain Winskill, who is only 27 years old, has the honor of being the youngest captain on the Atlantic ocean. He has been following the sea since he was knee high and has worked his way through the various grades from mess boy to captain.

Looking for work? Turn to the Help Wanted Columns now. You will find hundreds of positions listed there.

UNITED PARTY BACK OF CHAIRMAN HAYS

Republican Leaders Confer With New Leader En Route Home From Meeting at St. Louis.

(By Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—Members of the republican national committee stopped for a few hours today while returning from the convention at St. Louis for a conference with Will H. Hays, new chairman of the committee.

They were John T. King of Connecticut, A. T. Hert of Kentucky and James A. Hemenway of Indiana. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania passed through late this afternoon and was joined by Mr. King.

Chairman Hays today received hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from all parts of the country. Among them was one from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, which read: "Your election means more to the country and the republican party than anything else at this time could have meant."

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth also sent a telegram of congratulations.

At a luncheon today, attended by the national committeemen, Governor Goodrich and other state republican leaders, Chairman Hays expressed his gratitude for the help of his friends at St. Louis and reiterated his determination to deal on the same terms with all representatives of his party. He declared that he did not believe the national organization should support any candidate for the presidential nomination.

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press.

Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden. Acreage in City, \$450 Up—Get a garden quick. Doug. 2947.

Robt. C. Drucesdow & Co., stocks and bonds and local securities, 880 Omaha Nat. Bank Bldg.

Lectures On Belgium—Madam De-Hahn lectured Thursday night at the Lincoln school on conditions in Belgium.

Thrift Is the spur prudence shows in youth for prosperity in age. Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n works the way. 211 S. 18th St.

Brotherhood to Entertain—The Methodist brotherhood of Benson will give a "Father and Son" banquet at 7:30 tonight in the church basement.

Woodrugh to Kansas City—Federal Judge Woodrugh will preside in federal court at Kansas City, Mo., next week, and the following week at Minneapolis.

Have Your Automobile radiators filled with Ar-Ra-Wa at Biblers garage, 1116 Dodge or Bain Bros, 2622 North Sixteenth street; no more harmful to metal than water and will not freeze 60 degrees below zero.

State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney streets, pays 4 per cent on time deposits; 3 per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

The War Tax Service bureau will help you solve your income tax problems, and prepare your return upon which no audit is assessed. You may be entitled to exemptions and deductions of which you are not aware. 805 Omaha National Bank Bldg., Tyler 320.

Hammond to Lecture—The Travelers' Protective association, Post A, Omaha, will hear Ross L. Hammond of Fremont Saturday night at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce in his lecture on conditions on the French front, which he visited some months ago in company with a congressional committee.

Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands. Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Urge Convict Labor To Improve Highways

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 15.—The executive committee of the American Association of State Highway officials met here today to discuss a program of road building and maintenance as a means of assisting in the successful prosecution of the war.

Director General McAdoo promised the railroad administration would co-operate by transporting as promptly as possible materials for construction of national highways, designated by the Agricultural department as of military or economic necessity.

A joint resolution, pending in the house, authorizing the secretary of war to employ interned prisoners as agricultural laborers or on public highways, was approved by the highway officials, who said the problem of labor for road work will virtually be solved if the government authorizes the employment of convict labor.

Kennedy Urges Consumers to Store Coal During Summer

Store coal in the summer time! Doubtless a great many domestic consumers have been making up their minds to take precautions not to be caught short of fuel next winter, but John L. Kennedy, state fuel administrator for Nebraska, was first to give the slogan actual voice.

With the fuel administrators of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma, Mr. Kennedy sent a telegram to Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield recommending the summer shipment and storage of coal for next season, so that consumers may have at least half of next winter's supply on hand by September 1. It is urged in favor of this agitation that it would be sure to keep mines in operation during the summer

LUMBER YARD BURNS; BLAST BEFORE BLAZE

Fire partially destroyed the mill house and sheds of the Farmers' Lumber company, Twenty-fourth street and the Belt line, last night.

Definite estimate of the loss could not be obtained, but officials of the company stated that it would be heavy, as large quantities of hardwood flooring were stored in the sheds, and would be a total loss.

George Lindsey, 2418 Sahler street, who discovered the fire and turned in the alarm, asserted the blaze was preceded by a loud explosion, following which a shaft of flame leaped from the roof.

Officials of the company were at a loss to account for the explosion and their only theory was that the furnace in the basement had become overheated. The building is a one-story frame structure and extends for more than a block immediately behind the office.

Bessie Welty of Gresham Marries Dr. John L. Linn

Miss Bessie Welty of Gresham, Neb., was married to Dr. John L. Linn at the home of the officiating minister, Dr. A. F. Ernst of the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church, at 6 o'clock Thursday night.

Mrs. Linn was graduated from the Methodist hospital school for nurses in this city. Dr. Linn is a member of the medical reserve corps and expects to be called for service within a few days.

Dr. Linn resides with his sister, Mrs. L. Linn, at 408 North Thirty-ninth street.

and it would put the burden of transportation on the railroads at a time when they are the best able to bear it.

Latest "Movies" to Regale Sammies

New York, Feb. 15.—The motion picture films of many producers are to be placed at the government's disposal for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors in service at home and abroad.

This announcement was made here today by P. A. Powers, who has been appointed by the War department chairman of a committee, representing the motion picture industry, which will co-operate with Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the committee on training camp activities of the War and Navy departments.

The latest and best photo plays of all the principal companies will be shown at the various camps and training stations, Mr. Powers said. With him on the picture industry committee are D. W. Griffith, Adolph Zukor, J. A. Berst, William Fox, George Kleine, Samuel Goldfish and others.

GERMANS HAIL WILSON'S SPEECH AS PEACE MOVE

Teuton Press Says President Makes Honest Endeavor Toward War's End; Not True of Lloyd George.

(By Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Of the German newspapers the Berlin Tageblatt, the Vossische Zeitung, Vorwarts, the Lokal Anzeiger, the Frankfurter Zeitung, the Koltische Zeitung and the Weser Zeitung of Bremen, have printed President Wilson's address in full. The Kolnische Volks Zeitung, the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung and the Dusseldorf Nachrichten have printed abridged versions.

The Kolnische Volks Zeitung addresses to President Wilson a wordy editorial longer than the summary of his speech which it prints. The editorial admits that the president shows an honest endeavor toward peace, but it regrets it is not a just peace.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says: "Not Warlike Speech. "President Wilson's latest speech is not a warlike speech. It is more than its predecessors, namely, a speech striving to work in the interests of peace. The sole purpose of its warlike phrases is to emphasize the strength of unconquered America and add weight to its voice in the concert of nations.

"The principles summed up by President Wilson under four heads are so vague that hardly any power need oppose them, but the speeches of Lloyd George and Asquith have revealed anew that the entente itself is still unable to find the courage for a peace by a compromise agreement. The view of the understanding expressed by President Wilson is shared by the Reichstag majority, which would today be still stronger in its attitude if not only President Wilson but the other entente statesmen would also show their practical readiness for such a peace.

"If Mr. Wilson is able to bring his influence to bear in this direction he should do so immediately. The less time lost in ending this terrible war, the justification for which is long since out of date, the better it will be for the present and future generations."

SAMMIES AID POILUS IN BIG TEUTON RAID

(By Associated Press.)

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Feb. 15.—The American artillery took a brilliant part in an important French raid yesterday between Tathure and the Butte Du Mesnil, in the Champagne, participating in the preliminary bombardment and the ensuing barrage fire while the operation was being successfully executed.

The assaulting troops brought back 160 prisoners and they established themselves in German positions to a depth of three-quarters of a mile along a front of nearly a mile.

The task of the assaulting forces was to attack and take a German salient dipping into the French ground. It was a difficult operation owing to the nature of the ground which formed a basin-like depression, into which the Germans could pour the fire of their concentrated guns on the surrounding heights.

The artillery preparation lasted six hours. At 4:15 in the afternoon the order was given to the infantry units to go over the top.

With the help of the courageous grenadiers these positions were stormed and destroyed and their occupants were either killed or captured. By 5:15 o'clock rockets announced that all the objectives had been gained.

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- Men's Night Shirts—Made extra large; our regular \$1.50 value. This is our call at our End-of-the-Season Sale Price of... **89c**
- Men's \$2.50 Flannel Shirts—In grays, blues and stripes, as well as tan. End-of-the-Season Sale Price, only... **\$1.25**
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