

# O'HERN ANSWERS LABOR CHARGES ON WAGE PROBE

### Former Omaha Man Gives Lengthy Summary of Packers Case Before Federal Judge in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—John E. O'Hern, general superintendent for Armour & Co., in testifying yesterday before Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler in the stock yards wage dispute, stated the position of the packers on the question in controversy and replied to the charges made by the representatives of organized labor.

A summary of the important points made by the witness follows:

That the packers at a conference with President Wilson's federal mediation board last December agreed to grant their employes an increase of 2 1/2 cents an hour, but that the labor leaders declined to accept the offer.

#### Would Grant Increase.

That the packers are willing to grant any increase in wages the arbitrator, after making a full investigation, deems fair and reasonable to meet the increased cost of living.

That the packers' present rate of 27 1/2 cents an hour for common labor is equal to the average rate paid by other employes.

That the living conditions in the district known as "back of the yards" are as good or better than in many other congested industrial centers.

#### Eight Hours Impracticable.

That it was impracticable for the packing industry to adopt an eight-hour day during the period of the war, as a maximum capacity of every plant is necessary to meet the demand of the army and navy of the United States and its allies.

That the government's inspection regulations make it impossible to speed up the work and increase the output of the plants.

That the government's requirement of devoting four hours in every 24 hours to scrubbing and cleaning the entire plant to keep it in a sanitary condition makes it impossible to install three shifts of eight hours each.

That the plants are now being operated 20 out of every 24 hours to meet the demands made upon them by the government, its allies and the world.

#### Women Paid Same.

That the adoption of an eight-hour day in the packing plants would decrease the output 20 per cent.

That women are not discriminated against in the matter of wages and are now receiving the same wages paid men for the same work.

That the packers are not supplanting men with women in their plants.

That the packers have not imported negroes from southern states to northern cities for work in stock yard plants.

That if stock yards employes did not spend millions of dollars annually in saloons, they would have more money to furnish necessities for their families.

That the packers have not discriminated against labor unions.

That 85 per cent of high salaried packing house executives have come up from the ranks of laborers in the plants.

### Council of Defense Puts Embargo on Seed Corn

The seed corn surveys made in Nebraska and reported to the State Council of Defense and the agricultural college show the absolute necessity that the farmers of the state who have not already obtained their seed corn for this year's planting should do so as quickly as possible.

Some of the counties report a surplus and others that they will have to depend largely upon outside supplies of seed corn. To make possible the supplying of all these needs and at the same time to provide as large a surplus as we can for use in states which are looking to Nebraska for seed corn is a patriotic task and duty of the greatest importance.

To prevent the shipping away of stocks of seed corn from counties where it is needed for local planting and also stocks leaving the state before Nebraska's needs are supplied the State Council of Defense has placed an embargo on such shipments until March 15.

To meet the seed corn situation wisely it is most imperative that every farmer who has not already obtained the seed he will need this year should do so at once.

County councils, county agricultural agents, county boards of commissioners, farmers' organizations, bankers, commercial clubs and others are urgently asked to assist in providing the seed necessary to plant this year's corn crop.

### Delta Tau Delta Frat Men To Convene in Omaha Friday

The largest delegations expected to attend the convention of the western division of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity in Omaha Friday and Saturday will be those from the Universities of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. The convention will be held at the Blackstone.

Smaller delegations are coming from the Universities of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Missouri, California, Oregon and Washington.

Colonel James B. Curtis of New York, who is serving his 12th year as president, will be here, accompanied by Frank Rogers, editor of the Rainbow, which is the official organ of the fraternity.

C. F. Axelson and Dr. Frank Weiland of Chicago will be in attendance. Mr. Axelson is president of the western division.

Hugh A. Myers is president of the Omaha alumni chapter, and Paul Bradley is secretary.

### Purim Celebration Tonight For Synagogue Children

Children of the Russian synagogue religious school, Eighteenth and Chicago streets, will give a Purim celebration tonight, when the story of Esther will be told. Rabbi Morris Taxon will have charge of the program.

### Brief City News

#### Have Root Print

—New Beacon Press. Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden. West Farnam modern house, \$40. 323 N. 38th Ave. D. 2947.

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#### Violin Concert

—Miss Marie Parry of Beatrice will give a violin concert at the Walnut Hill Methodist church at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

#### Thrift Persistence

is what counts. Weekly and monthly deposits with Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n builds the thrift habit. 211 S. 18th St.

#### Fire Damages Home

—Fire of unknown origin damaged the home of David L. Shanahan, 2236 South Fifteenth street, Monday. Loss is estimated at \$300.

#### Wife Seeks Freedom

—Anna Buhman is suing John Buhman for divorce in district court on grounds of alleged indifference and neglect. She asserts his negligence covers a period of five years.

#### 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.

#### Comfort Station Plans

—City council received from city planning commission typical plans and specifications for a "public comfort station." The council will expend \$50,000 this year for downtown public comfort stations. Locations have not been determined.

#### Prepare for Second Call

—A back door key was the extent of loot obtained by burglars who ransacked the home of Mrs. F. W. Famp, 2910 Dodge street, Monday night while the family was away. The house was found in confusion, but nothing was missing except the back door key.

#### Mother and Child Ill

—Mrs. Clarence E. Seeley, 5393 North Twenty-seventh street, is seriously ill at St. Catherine's hospital. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Seeley February 19. Both mother and child are suffering from uraemic poisoning. Mrs. Richard L. Ivins of Crawford, Neb., sister of Mrs. Seeley, has been called to her bedside.

#### Street Opening

—Proposed opening of Douglas street, Twenty-fourth street to Twenty-fifth avenue, will be brought up again by the city council next Monday morning during a meeting of the committee of the whole. Members of the city planning commission have been requested to attend and explain their recommendations for an 80-foot opening.

#### Fireplace goods at Sunderlands.

#### Former Omaha Man Made Head of Great Western

William L. Park, for many years vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific in Omaha, will become acting president and general manager of the Chicago & Great Western March 1. He is now acting president, filling the place of S. K. Felton, who is now in France at the head of the American railroad forces overseas.

Mr. Park, from Omaha, went to the Illinois Central as vice president. He continued in that position until last fall when Mr. Felton went to France. The Illinois Central loaned Mr. Park to the Great Western and he at once became the head of the system. In accepting the position of general manager he succeeds J. A. Gordon, who has resigned to go into other lines of work.

### British Ship is Sunk by German Submarine

New York, Feb. 26.—The British freight steamer Philadelphia, of 5,120 gross tons, owned by the Leyland line, has been sunk by a submarine. It left here with cargo for British ports February 11 and was torpedoed about February 21.

News of the Philadelphia's loss was received today in starting insurance circles and confirmed at the offices of the Leyland line. No details were received. The Philadelphia was built in 1891.

### Lutherans' War Work Reaches \$5,205 in State

Nebraska Lutherans, in a week's campaign, have given \$5,205 toward the national fund of the church for work among soldiers and sailors. This was shown by the latest report of Rev. Luther Kullins, director of the central-western territory. Of this sum Omaha churches gave \$3,644.

The reports are not at all complete, and Rev. Mr. Kullins believes Nebraska will go above its quota of \$19,000.

# DASENT TELLS OF SALVATION ARMY WAR WORK

### Director of \$2,000,000 Drive Names a Few Accomplishments of This Organization in France.

Bury Irwin Dasent, director for Nebraska and western Iowa in the \$2,000,000 drive being made by the Salvation army for war work, stopped in Omaha Monday night on his way from Chicago to Lincoln.

Tuesday he meets with the Nebraska State Council of Defense at Lincoln, to obtain permission and formulate plans for carrying on the work of raising the sum allotted to his district. Dasent is armed with endorsements from President Wilson, Secretary Baker, Postmaster General Burleson, General Pershing and nearly every governor in the union. He also carries letters from the national headquarters of the Red Cross and from Representative Dent, chairman of the committee on military affairs, praising the efforts of the Salvation Army on the battle fronts.

"The Salvation Army has no press agent," said Dasent, "and it is not generally known just what we have accomplished. Here are a few pointers:

"One hundred and ninety-six huts used for social and religious gatherings and for dispensing refreshments to soldiers. Each hut is in charge of a Salvation Army officer and wife.

"Four thousand soldiers accommodated with beds each night at their 77 hostels or hotels. These are located close to railway stations, landing points in port cities and where most convenient for soldiers going to and from the fronts.

"Three hundred rest rooms, equipped with papers, magazines, books, etc., in charge of suitable Salvation Army officers.

"One hundred thousand wounded men carried from fields of battle by their 48 motor ambulances, manned by Salvationists. The worn-out equipment is now being replaced with new motors.

"Thirty-eight Salvationists have been officially appointed as chaplains. Two of these hold the rank of major and have been decorated with the Victoria Cross for bravery in rescuing wounded soldiers.

"Fifty thousand Salvation Army members are fighting in the British army, besides many thousands with the troops of other countries. Seven have received distinguished service medals and one has received the medal of the king of Serbia.

"One hundred thousand parcels of food and clothing have been distributed amongst the soldiers.

"Twenty-one ambulances have been placed in the hands of the United States government for shipment to France, and 15 more will be ready when needed by American forces."

#### Peerless Car Display Draws Admiring Crowd

George F. Reim company, distributors of the Peerless car have a constant crowd admiring the beauties of their exhibit. On display they have a sporting roadster, regular roadster, touring car and coupe. These cars of economy and power proved to be among the most popular at the show.

"The range of power in the Peerless is its most notable feature," said George F. Reim, president of the company. "We have styled its ranges the 'loafing range' and the 'sporting range.' The soft flow of eighty horse power makes it the ideal car for heavy traffic or pleasure driving in the early evening. But for a long drive or a hurried drive you have only to open up her throttle and there comes a growl of brute strength as she hurtles through space."

#### Huntingto. to Join Force of Mid-City Motor

W. R. Huntingto, formerly with the Western Motor Car company has resigned his position and will join forces with the Mid City Motor and Supply company. He will be assistant sales manager for the Mid City company.

# MENINGITIS GERMS BROUGHT TO STATE

### Board of Health Says Not All Army Cases Are Held at the Hospitals Long Enough.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. William F. Wild, state health commissioner of Nebraska, has asked Senator Hitchcock to interest the surgeons general of the army and navy in the adoption of a policy prohibiting the sending of men to their several homes who have been afflicted with spinal meningitis without being sure that a cure has been effected.

It appears that soldiers from hospitals have been returned to their homes in Nebraska seemingly cured of spinal meningitis, but that the germs have reappeared and had it not been for the prompt and decisive action of the state board of health in these cases epidemics might have resulted.

#### Look Into Jap Case.

Governor Neville has asked members of the delegation to interest themselves in the case of a Japanese woman, Takekita by name, who is being detained by the authorities in San Francisco. The woman is seeking to join her husband and son, who are employed at Mitchell, Neb.

#### Steps to Teachers.

Representative Stephens has accepted an invitation of Thomas E. Finegan, president of the department of superintendents of the National Educational association, to give his lecture, "Over the Top," to 6,000 educators in session at Atlantic City on Thursday, February 28.

#### Buell in Capital.

Lieutenant D. C. Buell of the naval reserve corps arrived in Washington Monday from Omaha. He will have charge of railroad matters in connection with the Navy department.

#### Desk Sergeant Marshall Given Rank of Lieutenant

Superintendent Kugel of the police department announces that beginning March 1 sergeants of the department will work eight instead of 12 hours per day, which will conform with the shifts of the patrolmen.

The following changes will be made: Desk Sergeant Marshall will be promoted to rank of lieutenant and will have charge of all records, stolen property and evidence, \$135 per month; Desk Sergeant W. E. Smith will be transferred from South Side to central station. Sergeant Carey will be desk sergeant at South Side station. Patrolman W. E. Carney will be promoted to rank of patrol sergeant and Desk Sergeant McCarthy will become patrol sergeant. Patrolman Glask promoted to acting desk sergeant.

#### Hogan Qui? County Job To Go to Work for City

William T. Hogan, administrator of county charities, who resigned Monday, expects to receive an appointment as city health inspector from Police Commissioner Kugel. Hogan was appointed to his present berth as administrator of county charities upon the recommendation of County Commissioner O'Connor in February, 1917. The city hall job is considered a step into wider fields at better pay and with more outside work.

Hogan's resignation is to take effect March 1.

#### Protest Maintenance of South Side Dance Parlor

Citizens residing near Twentieth street and Missouri avenue have protested to the city council against the maintenance of a soft drink and dancing place in their neighborhood.

It is alleged that the drinks sold at this rendezvous are not always "soft" and that some of the dances are not the kind that were danced 50 years ago.

Superintendent Kugel of the police department reported that one of his sergeants and the Welfare board have warned the proprietor.

You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

# "ELGIN" MAN HANGS UP FIRST CAR SALE

### Motor Company Makes Showing When Frank Cavanaugh Announces Disposal of Car.

The Motor company, distributors of Elgin cars, were the first to sell a passenger car at the thirteenth annual auto show and report the sale to the manager. Frank Cavanaugh reported the sale of an Elgin light six at 1 o'clock.

Five minutes after 1 he reported to the management that he had sold his first car. Milo J. Brink, jr., of Corning, Ia., had the honor of making the first purchase.

The Nebraska Patterson company sold their first car about the same time, but failed to report the sale officially. W. F. Hitchcock of Sterling was interrupted in signing his contract to stand while the orchestra played the national air, opening the show. His purchase was a beautiful seven-passenger touring car of battle ship gray.

T. Sherman McCaffrey, president of the McCaffrey Motor company, registered the sale of the first truck with the manager of the show. A Ford

truck was purchased from the McCaffrey company by the Richey Sand company.

#### Finched for Doing Nothing; Sixteen Men Face Court

Sixteen "laborers," loafers and I. W. W.s of many sizes and races were given an unprecedented welcome into the police station last night. All were arrested by Sergeant Murphy and his five followers, who took "time off" from running down booze trails in order to rid the downtown thoroughfares of undesirable citizens. The motley looking gang was haled into the city hotel en masse, and will be given the "cold and casual" by Judge Fitzgerald this morning.

All were charged with vagrancy. "Heh, we ain't done nuthin!" one of the unlucky fellows said. "That's what you're pinched for," answered an officer.

#### City Council Opens Bids For New Fire Apparatus

Bids for furnishing the city with motor apparatus for the fire department were received by the city council from the Hale, White, Seagrave and LaFrance companies. Only two bids were received last month, when readvertisement was ordered on account of alleged high figures.

The new bids will be tabulated and returned to the council for public consideration Thursday morning, March 7.

# ACTRESS GIVES RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR

### A Well Known Actress Tells How to Darken Gray Hair With a Simple Home Made Mixture.

Joicey Williams, the well known American actress, who was recently playing at the Imperial Theater in St. Louis, Mo., made the following statement about gray hair and how to darken it:

"Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will darken gray, streaked or faded hair, and make it soft and glossy. To a half pint of water add 1 ounce of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 ounce of glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at very little cost, or any druggist can put it up for you. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. This will make a gray haired person look 20 years younger. It does not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off.—Advertisement.

### Skin Tortured Babies Sleep After Cuticura

Soap 25c. Ointment 25 and 50c.

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## Fashion's Very Latest Whim--Black and White Millinery

PARIS says: "Can't say too much about black and white millinery," New York caught the spirit and now we, as usual, the first to show the new ideas, place on exhibition for Wednesday, a charming display of black and white millinery. Flower trimmed, and the best looking, utterly "different" ribbon idea that millinery has seen for years.

But apparently an endless display of wing trimmed effects. Scores of exquisite, individual and distinctive creations that appeal to the feminine taste. You'll appreciate this unusual display, and we want you to come and see it.

Burgess-Nash Co.—Second Floor

Just a Glimpse as They Come Out of Their Wrappings

## There's a Certain Style-Distinction in These Tailleur Suits for Spring

THAT always distinguishes Burgess-Nash ready-to-wear. Suits that show spring in every line. This means their styles, individuality and distinctiveness, are such as will appeal to the woman who gives a thought for the new.

The style trend is a decided change from seasons past—conservation of wool materials has not brought about a lessening of smart lines and styles of the new suits.

The skirts are narrow, the coat sleeves are tight and the shoulders close fitting. Where extra material has been used, if any, is in the ripple flare of the coats.

Some of the new suits show the Eton effects; others the pony jackets, and still others the smart severely tailored effects.

The materials are poplins, serges, tricelines, Poiret twills and mixtures.

Black, navy and the spring shades.

Prices, \$25.00 to \$175.00.

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Burgess-Nash Co.—Third Floor