

W.O.W. HEADS NOT WORRIED ABOUT INSURGENT ACT

Resolutions Passed In Conventions Against Increased Rates and Salaries Useless, Say Officials.

"The acts of the insurgents in the Woodmen of the World organization don't worry us a bit," said E. R. Stiles, chief clerk of the Woodmen yesterday, commenting on action taken by conventions in Oklahoma City, Okl., and St. Louis, Mo., Monday.

In Oklahoma City, dispatches stated, a convention of 1,000 Woodmen decided to begin a receivership against high officials of the order and to enjoin them from putting into effect an alleged increase of 50 per cent in official salaries. The delegates also passed a resolution calling for the resignation of W. A. Fraser of Omaha, sovereign commander.

Mr. Fraser is in Dallas, Tex., on business.

"Those were insurgents and I dare say they weren't over 200 present instead of the 1,000 mentioned in the dispatches," said Mr. Stiles. "They have no power to begin receivership or injunction proceedings."

"Injunction proceedings against the increased premium rates have been started and are pending in a suit in Nebraska City. The state law provides that every fraternal organization must show a certain valuation or go out of business. Therefore, our increased rates must go into effect."

Woodmen delegates from 18 states, meeting in St. Louis, formed the Protective League of Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle, dispatches say, the object of which is to fight increased rates. The delegates voted to raise \$100,000 to finance the suit pending at Nebraska City.

"St. Louis is the headquarters of the insurgents in our ranks," said Mr. Stiles. "Considering that we have 1,000,000 members, it would be remarkable if there were not some disgruntled ones among them. They might just as well vote to raise \$1,000,000 as \$100,000. It will have no effect on the outcome of the suit at Nebraska City."

U. S. Health Officer Urges Action Here On Social Diseases

"Sixty per cent of the cases of contamination of social diseases are of innocent origin," stated Maj. Louis Hough, regional consultant of the venereal disease bureau of the United States public health service, addressing the city council yesterday.

He asserted that it is time to refer to these diseases by their real names and to consider this problem from a practical, business point of view.

"The state of Illinois is spending \$6,000,000 a year for the care of byrons who have been committed to its various institutions on account of these diseases," he added.

The federal government has made an appropriation of \$2,000,000 per year for a national campaign, Nebraska receiving a quota of \$12,500. Major Hough is endeavoring to interest state and municipal authorities in the campaign and offering to co-operate in suppressing these diseases.

Spain is believed to have more hunchbacks than any other country. Mexico has a 150-foot bridge across a river that is built entirely of mahogany.

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