

Packer Men Will Fight Wage Cut

National Conference of All Employees Called Here March 9-10 for Protection of Interests.

20 Oppose Longer Hours

Preparing to resist reduction in wages, packing house employees will meet in a national conference at Omaha, March 9 and 10. The formal call for the conference, issued at Chicago yesterday by Dennis Lane of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union, announces a decision to fight the reduction to the last ditch.

Action necessary to protect the interests of the workers will be taken at the Omaha meeting, according to Mr. Lane.

Representatives of the Butcher Workmen's union in Omaha said yesterday that notice had been served upon them that wage reductions which in some instances would be as much as 80 per cent, would be made in local packing houses beginning March 12.

They also said they had been informed no overtime would be allowed an employee unless he worked more than 54 hours a week.

Wait for Conference. Packing house employees have been instructed, union leaders said, to remain on the job until after the conference here March 9 and 10. "Keep on the job, do not break your agreement," is the message which has been given to the men, they said.

They said the delegates who will attend the conference next week will have full authority to act and that all union employees in all packing centers in the country would fulfill the decision of the conference.

Admits Cuts Planned. Cuts in wages ranging from 10 and 15 to 20 per cent are being considered in the headquarters of the big packing firms in Chicago, the general manager of one Omaha plant said yesterday.

These cuts are to go into effect March 12 or March 14, he said. More than 8,000 men in the Omaha plants on the South Side would be affected by the cuts.

In Omaha the minimum wage paid packing plant employees is now 53 cents an hour, with the maximum at 75 cents.

Common laborers get the minimum 53 cents, and the majority of the employees on the South Side are classified in this division.

Not Settled Yet. "Nothing definite has been settled yet," said this general manager yesterday. "The question of wage reductions and the return to the 10-hour day is being discussed, it is true, but no positive decision has yet been reached."

The plan is merely tentative. There will be no action until the proposal has been thoroughly discussed with the labor leaders.

Cuts in packing plant wages have already gone into effect in a number of the smaller plants in Sioux City and Sioux Falls, I understand.

No Notice of Change. "I have had no official notice of any change in wages or working conditions of packing house employees," said Oakley C. Willis, general manager of the local plant of (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Railway Executives Vote to Abolish the Committee on Labor

New York, March 4.—The National Association of Railway Executives voted today to abolish its labor committee, asserting that it had virtually completed its work and that its further maintenance was a constant irritation to seek a uniform settlement of labor matters which ought to be settled between each railroad and its own employees.

The association also decided to stand clear of national boards of adjustment, declaring itself in favor of the decentralization in labor relations.

Submarine O-8 is Floated by Coast Guard Cutter

New Bedford, Mass., March 4.—The submarine O-8 was floated late today by the coast guard cutter Acushnet, assisted by the crew of the Cuttyhunk coast guard station. The submarine grounded on the Penikese island yesterday. The Acushnet narrowly escaped going aground herself, getting very close to Gull island in the heavy seas, but in a short time both submarine and cutter were safe in deep water.

Mexican Representatives Guests of El Paso Chamber

El Paso, Tex., March 4.—Eleven members of the federation of the Chambers of Commerce of Mexico, each representing some large Mexican industry or commercial house, are in El Paso, the guests of the city and the Chamber of Commerce. Traveling in a special car, the party is carrying motion picture film illustrating life in Mexico, Mexican scenery, industries and resources.

Broker, Arrested for Bogus Check, is Former Convict. Chicago, March 4.—James F. Heald, broker of Bridgeport and Waterbury, Conn., arrested here on forged charges, was identified yesterday as A. J. Lamm, wanted at Reno, Nev., for violation of a parole in October, 1915.

Wilson Private Citizen After Eight Stormy Years

Former President Rests in Own Home Following Of Most Strenuous Terms in History. Cheerfulness Increases as End of At White House Draws Near.

By The Associated Press. Washington, March 4.—Eight storm-tossed years in the presidency, filled with moments and scenes that will live forever in human history ended today for Woodrow Wilson, "just plain Woodrow Wilson now," as he smilingly asserted.

Under his own roof again as a private citizen, he rested tonight with his burdens of state transferred to other shoulders and the shouting and tumult of public life behind him. And through a day that had taxed his broken physical powers greatly, he came smilingly with no hint of regret in his retirement.

There was but one incident which that cheerful mood seemed to fail. Mr. Wilson had been telling Senator Knox that he would not witness the inauguration of Vice President Coolidge as he doubted his ability to negotiate the few steps he must climb.

"The senate has thrown me down," he said to the Pennsylvania senator, in reference to battles of the past and the peace treaty, "but I am not going to fall down."

A moment later some one called his attention to the fact that Senator Lodge had arrived as head of the joint committee to inform the president that the 60th congress stood ready for adjournment.

Last Communication. Mr. Wilson turned toward the man who led him to the car. His face lost its smile as he listened to the senator's formal report and there was in his tone a touch of cool formality as he said:

"I have no further communication to make. I appreciate your courtesy. Good morning."

Mr. Wilson's share in the ceremony remained in doubt to the last. It was not until he had finished the business that called him to the capitol that he made known his yielding to the entreaties of his physician and Mrs. Wilson, to spare himself the ordeal his physical condition would make of adherence to precedent.

From the moment he emerged from the White House to enter the automobile that carried them to the capitol, Mr. Wilson was shown utmost courtesy by Mr. Harding. As he started the painful descent of the White House steps Mr. Wilson was aided by secret service men. After he sank back into his seat, Mr. Harding stepped and they rode side by side, neither in courtesy to the other, responding to the cheers or salutes that greeted them.

Wilson to Side Door. At the capitol the car drew up first at the senate wing entrance. Mr. Harding and others in the car, except Mr. Wilson, alighted and here the crowd waited. Evidently it had been prearranged that there should be no public comparison to be drawn between the big strong figure of the new president and the crippled form of the old, for Mr. Wilson rode alone to a little-used door where he had but two steps to mount.

Mr. Wilson was lifted out of the car and up the two steps by Arthur Brooks, negro custodian of the White House. At the top he paused and then grasping his cane, he went door to door to plod slowly over the 300 yards of stone flagging to the elevator. He passed without heed, a big rolling chair.

The crowd at the other door set (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

Landis May Quit Federal Bench If He Is Censured

Federal Judge Wires Representative Volstead for Complete Copy of Impeachment Charges.

Chicago, March 4.—Passing of any censuring measure by either house of congress may result in the resignation of Judge Landis from the federal bench he has graced for 16 years during which time he has gained fame such as no other jurist in Chicago, or the United States for that matter, has ever attained. His name has become synonymous with fair dealing, quick and unerring judgment and he is a terror to evildoers of high and low degree.

Judge Landis has maintained that it is proper to hold both his seat on the bench and the position of chief arbiter in the baseball world. He holds that his chief desire in accepting the base ball position was to clean the national game and keep it clean as he is an ardent fan. Everybody who knows him readily agrees that this represents his attitude, and that the monetary consideration was secondary. Doubtless he would have been glad to serve in the capacity of chief arbiter with no salary whatever. His resignation from the federal bench would cause tremendous rejoicing in the ranks of liquor and other law violators, as they fear him more than all the other judges of the federal state and municipal governments combined.

Judge Landis today telegraphed Representative Volstead asking him for a copy of the impeachment charges. "I have asked for a copy of the charges, evidence, arguments and reports," said the judge today. "Until I know what the committee was told, of course, I have nothing whatever to say."

The judge was on the job an hour ahead of time today, his coat off, dictating correspondence, receiving visitors and clearing the decks for action.

President of Council Has Faith in League

Paris, March 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—Absolute faith in the future of the league of nations, coupled with an implied prediction that the United States would shortly be found acting with it was expressed by Dr. Gaston Da Cunha, president of the council of the league, in commenting at the last public session of the council here upon the work the league has done.

"Even those of our friends who, on the other side of the Atlantic, are still hesitating to join our deliberations, will soon not only join with us, but they will know to be inspired by the same ideal, but will unite their powerful and generous action without our efforts," he said.

Wife of Artist Loses Suit For \$20,000 Damages

New York, March 4.—The jury which for several days listened to evidence in the supreme court in the suit for \$20,000 for alleged alienation of affections, brought by Mrs. Clara B. Steichen, wife of Edouard A. Steichen, artist, against Marian H. Beckett, also an artist, today returned a verdict for the defendant after being out less than 15 minutes.

The jury had before it as exhibits letters to Miss Beckett written by Mrs. Steichen, in which she mentioned Isadora Duncan, but made no complaint whatever of Miss Duncan. She had, however, a letter dated in 1916, in which the plaintiff told the defendant how lonely she was without her.

Inaugural Address

The complete text of President Harding's inaugural address, delivered at his inauguration in Washington today will be found on Page 11 of this edition of The Bee.

Last Five in Mail Theft Sentenced

Judge Wade Says He Will Show No Leniency to Mail Robbers—Blames Act For Crime Wave.

\$500,000 Still Missing

Clarence A. Daly, Mary Daly, Hugh Reed, Fred Poffenbarger, and Merle Phillips, the remaining five persons charged with complicity in the \$500,000 Burlington mail train robbery staged in Council Bluffs November 13, 1920, after Fred E. Poffenbarger, Keith Collins and Orville Phillips were sentenced and Clyde Poffenbarger was cleared by a jury, received their sentences in federal court at Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon.

Merle Phillips was sentenced to 12 years at Fort Leavenworth, Clarence A. Daly, Hugh Reed and Fred A. Poffenbarger each received sentences of four and one-half years at Leavenworth, and Mary Daly will spend four years at the state reformatory for women at Rockwell City, Ia.

Cause of Much Crime. Judge Martin B. Wade, in sentencing the five persons, made the statement that there were half a million dollars in government bonds stolen, at that time unaccounted for. "This mail robbery has caused more big crimes in the country than anything that has happened for a generation," said Judge Martin B. Wade before pronouncing sentences. "Robberies of the mail have become so frequent that the government will be obliged to place guards in all mail cars when anything of value is carried."

At every court term in Council Bluffs I have been confronted with persons who openly and defiantly steal from interstate commerce or from the mails. I have heretofore passed light sentences, but I cannot close my eyes to the fact that they have had a bad influence.

Hereafter people who steal from interstate commerce or the mails in this district are going to prison for long terms. I am going to steel my heart against all pleas for leniency in behalf of suffering families. If they will no toby the law through respect, they will be made to obey it through fear.

Triumph Manifested. "This affair has created a bad condition aside from encouraging other efforts. I saw it manifested the other day in the demonstration in this court when Clyde Poffenbarger was found guilty by a jury. Many of the demonstrators no doubt were relatives or friends of the defendant. But in that noise I also could see and hear the note of gladness in the triumph over the law of the rich."

People get the idea that laws are made for the rich and that the poor man can evade them with impunity. "And yet more laws have been passed during the last 25 years in the United States to help the underdog than were passed in any previous 500-year period in the history of the world. For each one law for the protection of property and wealth, there are 10 for the betterment of social conditions."

Mine Planting From Air, Latest Invention, Tested by Aviators

Washington, March 4.—A new method of planting mine fields, involving the use of air craft and a special type of mine equipped with a parachute, has been the subject of recent experiments conducted by the navy in Chesapeake bay, it was learned today.

The mine is the invention of Charles Keck, mechanical engineer of Portsmouth, Va. The mechanism consists of the mine, anchor, cable and silk parachute. Large numbers of airplanes, each carrying a number of the mines, can be sent over the area to be mined and the devices dropped at regular intervals.

The parachute eases the descent to the exact spot selected and the instant the mine hits the water the parachute is detached and floats away. The mine anchors to the bottom, and a predetermined amount of cable is automatically released, allowing the mine to rise to the required distance from the surface.

Two Women Named on Jury For Nevada Murder Trial

Reno, Nev., March 4.—The trial of James H. Neven, Nevada political leader, charged with the murder of Mrs. Etta Hanna on the night of February 3, was resumed with a special jury panel of 50 names after a recess necessitated by the depletion of the regular venire.

Of 81 takersmen examined during the first two days, 35 were excused because of conscientious scruples against the death penalty, the remainder entertaining fixed opinions which they said would influence them in their verdict.

Of the 11 jurors passed for cause, there are two women in the box. One of them, Mrs. Mabel L. Finch, is democratic national committeewoman from Nevada.

Transcontinental Walkers Visit Grafton Enroute West

Geneva, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—On a \$5,000 wager that they can make the trip from New York City to Long Beach, Cal., without spending any money or asking for an accommodations, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards were lodged at George Daly's home in Grafton. The couple left the starting point in October and are to reach their destination by April 15, if they win the prize. They were offered a lift in an auto out of Grafton on their western trip.

Court Denies Application To Break Mrs. Leslie Will

New York, March 4.—Another attempt to prevent execution of the will of Mrs. Frank Leslie, which left the bulk of a \$1,000,000 estate to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, suffragist, failed. The appellate division of the supreme court denied the request of Henrietta R. Hurlbut, administratrix of the affairs of Baroness Althea Salvador, to revive the latter's application to throw out the probate will.

Justice Greenbaum said "it is evident the proceeding was not brought in good faith."

Helena, Mont., March 4.—Gov. Joseph M. Dixon issued a call for an extraordinary session of the Montana legislature to meet tomorrow. The regular session expired last night. The governor's proclamation calls for the enactment of "more adequate legislation to meet the present acute financial situation of the state government."

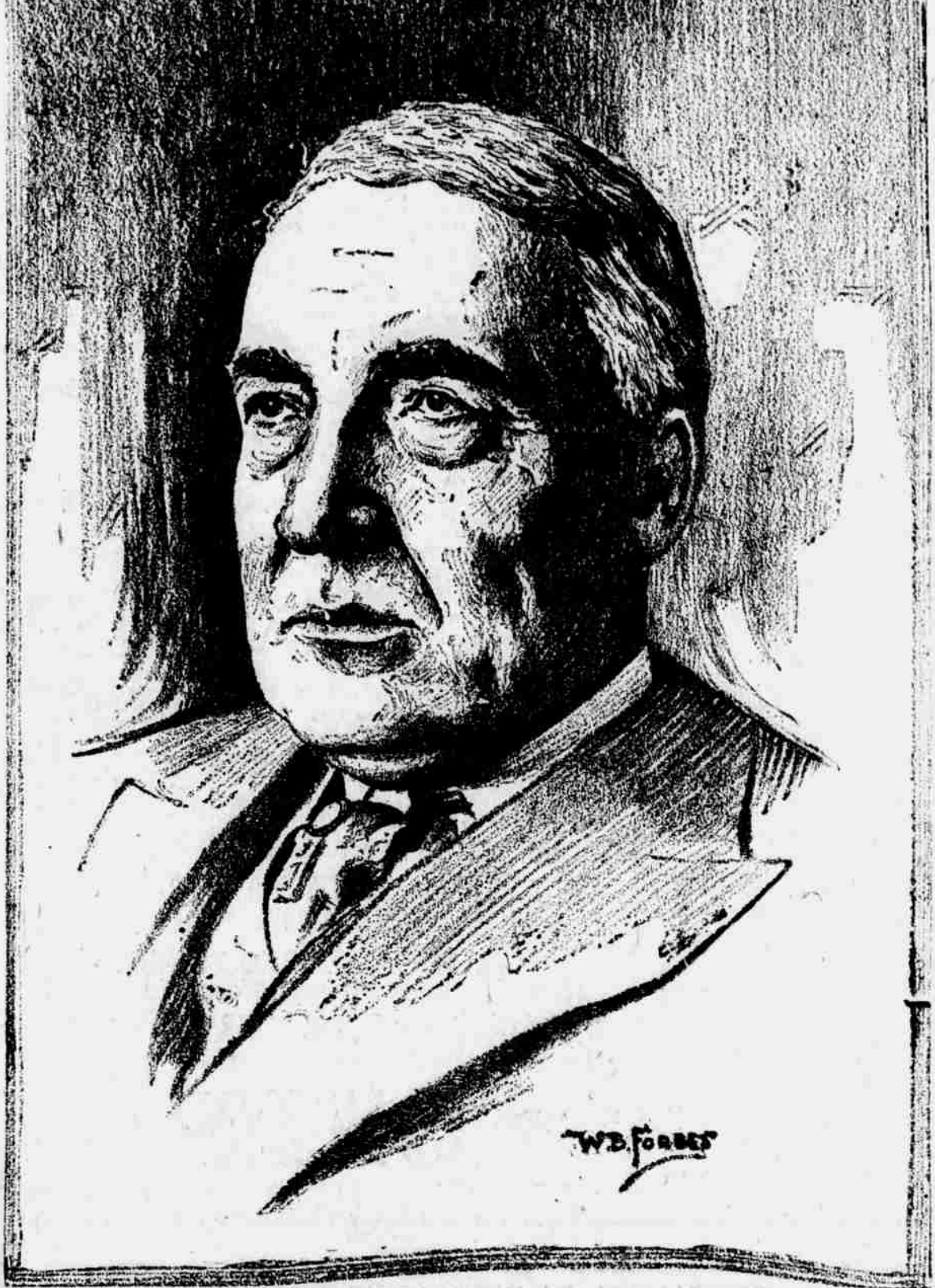
Prayers for New President Are Said in Cleveland

Cleveland, O., March 4.—Prayers that President Warren G. Harding will have a successful administration and that the country will enjoy peace and prosperity under his direction were offered in St. Johns Roman Catholic cathedral today. The prayer of Bishop Charles Carroll, written more than a century ago and recited only in times of great public events, was read.

Santa Fe Cuts Force.

Topeka, Kan., March 4.—A cut of 15 per cent in the shop forces of the Santa Fe railroad, to go into effect March 8, is to be made on the basis of seniority, officials of the road announced.

He's President Harding Now



Mail Bandits Get 14 Sacks in Theft At Los Angeles

Wagon Stopped at Railway Crossing and Highwaymen Handcuff Driver and Clerk and Steal Pouches.

Los Angeles, March 4.—Fourteen sacks of registered mail were reported stolen when a mail wagon was held up here last night.

The mail wagon, in charge of a driver and a postal clerk, was being driven from the main postoffice to the Santa Fe railroad station. At a crossing of railroad tracks the wagon was stopped by the lowering of the crossing gates.

Two men rushed from an automobile standing at the curb, jumped to the driver's seat and handcuffed the driver and clerk together. They then tumbled the mail sacks into their automobile and drove away.

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Jehovah Sykes' Queen of Heaven Declared Insane

Denver, Colo., March 4.—Following filing of lunacy proceedings in the county court here today, Marie Frede, so-called "queen of heaven," in the sect of which Joshua Jehovah Sykes is head, was taken into custody by the sheriff and placed in the insane ward at the county hospital.

The lunacy proceedings were brought by the Denver police department. According to the petition presented in court, the proceedings are intended to prevent her from dissipating her fortune of \$150,000. She is alleged to be "so unkind and distracted in her mind" that she is unable to manage her affairs. Marie Frede, the petition states, already has spent large sums supporting the religious organization of which Sykes is head.

Sykes, who is under sentence to the penitentiary for obstructing the draft, has publicly announced that he has set aside his own wife for Marie Frede, whom he describes as his "spiritual consort."

Mercury Reaches 80; March Record Broken

The temperature at 3:30 yesterday afternoon stood at 80 degrees, the highest reached this early in March during the 49 years the weather bureau has been in operation, according to M. Y. Robins, U. S. meteorologist at Omaha. On March 3, 1905, the mercury climbed to 79, the warmest day so early in March up to this time.

The mercury began climbing early yesterday. At 5 a. m. it stood at 44, at 9 a. m. 56, at noon 61 and at 2 p. m. 76.

Colder weather was scheduled for last night with fair today. The warm spell came as the result of the moving of a low pressure area from above Calgary, Canada, to Nebraska, where it centered over Valentine yesterday morning.

Stock Gambler Loses Suit to Recover Losses

Cincinnati, O., March 4.—Henry A. Marks today lost a suit to recover \$9,600 from W. E. Hutton & Co., brokers, which he declared he had lost in gambling transactions in wheat futures in 1915 and 1916. Marks insisted the transaction was a gambling one, only, and that no actual purchases were made.

The brokerage company contended that the orders were placed upon the Chicago board of trade and that Marks' losses were actual. The jury returned a verdict for the defense.

The verdict was declared to mean much to brokers, as having effect of legalizing as bona fide all actual transactions in futures.

Shoos and Kills Wife and Himself

Former Omaha Man Murders Spouse in Lincoln After Quarrel Over Divorce.

Lincoln, March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Albert Kanter, 30, of Fremont, formerly of Omaha, shot and killed his wife, Edith, 38, here this afternoon, and then turned the gun on himself, sending a bullet through his brain. He died within a few minutes.

The Kanterers were married six years ago. Two weeks ago Mrs. Kanter sued her husband for divorce in the district court here. She had left him some weeks previous, after an ineffectual attempt at reconciliation, and had been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shafer, 1448 H street, where she was killed.

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Supreme Court Decides Against Machinists' Union

Boston, March 4.—The supreme court today affirmed a decree enjoining the International Association of Machinists from maintaining a strike at the plant of the United Shoe Machinery corporation at Beverly.

The corporation sought an injunction on the ground that the strike was illegal and that its business was being interfered with. The union contended that the strike was to attain collective bargaining. The court held that there could be no collective bargaining in any just sense unless it was voluntary on both sides.

Woman Slayer is Guarded To Stop Suicide Effort

Chicago, March 4.—Extraordinary precautions were taken today to prevent Mrs. Isabella Cora Orthwein from committing suicide while the body of Herbert P. Ziegler, the "soul mate" she had slain, was being buried. She is suffering nervous prostration and is wildly hysterical at times. Her desire to join in death, with her husband, was so strong that police officials to watch her closely.

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The Weather

Forecast. Saturday cloudy and colder.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 44, 10 a. m. 56, 4 p. m. 76, 8 p. m. 70.

Shippers' Bulletin. Protect shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: north and west, 25 degrees; shipments east and south can be made safely.