

## Employees To Resist Wage Cut

Walk Out Will Come If Packers Insist on 10-Hour Day, Union Secretary Declares.

### Says Firms Want Strike

Chicago, March 8.—"The packers are looking for a strike and there is no doubt that they will get one if they insist on their proposal to return to the old 10-hour day," Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers' union, said today when informed of wage reductions and increased working hours announced by the packers today.

Mr. Lane said that if it really was necessary for the packers to reduce wages in order to do business, the employees would be willing to come half way in any proposition that was made in a fair and just way.

"I am convinced, however," he said, "that the workers will never consent to return to the antediluvian 10-hour day.

"If wages must be reduced the packers must go about it in the same manner which the men took in getting their increases. The packers have done away with the services of Judge Samuel Alschuler as arbitrator, but we will not accept a wage reduction unless it comes before some fair tribunal or umpire. Either recall Judge Alschuler or appoint someone in his place is our advice to the packers."

"Relief a Strike."

Mr. Lane said that he believed the packers would "relish a strike."

"We have found that they have stored vast quantities of their products and that they could shut down for some time without any real loss," he said. "Had the employees taken a stand as the packers have taken, we would have forced the country into chaos and been condemned by every one."

Mr. Lane said that the announcement of the packers that overtime would be paid only after 10 hours work a day, or 54 hours a week, meant a return to the 10-hour day.

**Men Will Fight.**

"The men will never stand for this attempt to force them back to the old working hours. They must have the present rate of time and one-half for the excess over the eight hours."

A wage conference of employees has been called by Mr. Lane to meet in Omaha tomorrow. In addition, meetings in all cities where there are packing house branches are being arranged, and a demonstration is planned here for next Sunday, when 30,000 employees are expected to take part in a parade and mass meeting.

**Affects Killing Gangs Chiefly.**

J. Ogden Armour said that the announcement did not mean a return to the ten-hour day.

"The whistle will blow at the end of eight hours just the same as usual," he said. "The revision affects chiefly the killing gangs, where we have no control over the amount of work that may be necessary on any one day. The men there will, when it is necessary, work 10 hours at the regular rate, but if their work on any one day exceeds 10 hours or in any one week exceeds 54 hours, they will receive time and one-half for the excess."

**Iowa Company in Line.**

Des Moines, Ia., March 8.—Announcement of the same wage reductions, effective March 14, announced by the Chicago packers, was made today by the Iowa Packing company here. About 300 men are affected at this time, it was said.

**Wages Cut at Denver.**

Denver, March 8.—Twenty-five hundred employees of Denver packing plants will be affected by the 12½ per cent wage reduction announced in Chicago today by the packing companies.

**800 Chinese Drowned When Ship Is Wrecked.**

Hongkong, March 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—More than 800 Chinese are believed to have been drowned in the wreck of the steamer Hong Moh on March 6, off the coast of Swatow, Kwangtung province, on March 3, news of which was received here today.

The steamer, which is of 3,000 tons and British owned in Singapore, carried 1,100 Chinese on its present trip and only 248 of these have been reported as rescued.

**Okmulgee Printers and Publishers to Arbitrate.**

Okmulgee, Okla., March 8.—Conferees were being held today by publishers and a representative of the International Typographical union in an effort to settle a strike of union printers employed in Okmulgee newspaper plants, which began yesterday and resulted in suspension of publication of two daily newspapers.

**Officers Find Big Still Housed in Concrete Dugout.**

Martinez, Cal., March 8.—A concrete dugout with walls a foot thick, located in the basement of a hotel here, was found by federal prohibition officers to shelter a still and liquor with an estimated value of \$12,000. The officials had to cut their way with picks through the concrete, being unable to break open the door. The two proprietors were arrested.

**Bank Bandits Get Bonds.**

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## Return to 10-Hour Day Is Announced by Packers

Reduction in Wages of 12½ Per Cent, Affecting More Than 100,000 Employees in United States, Will Go Into Effect March 14.

On the day before the called meeting of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers in Omaha, officials of the packing industry, issued an official announcement of wage cuts of approximately 12½ per cent, affecting more than 100,000 employees of the country.

The reductions are effective March 14, and call for a return to the 10-hour working day.

Today national officers of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers will meet with district delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada in Omaha.

This meeting is for the avowed purpose of giving battle to the scheduled wage reductions of the packing plants, predicted last week with the sounding of the assembly call for this meeting in Omaha by Dennis Lane, secretary-treasurer of the Butcher Workers' union.

The new wage scale, announced by the packers yesterday, reduces the hourly rate of employees 8 cents an hour.

The piece work rates are reduced 12½ per cent.

The lowest rate, at present, paid labor at the packing plants is 53 cents an hour. The higher paid employees will be reduced proportionately.

Minimum wage guarantee for 40 hours' pay per week will be continued.

Reduction of working hours is included in the announcement of the wage reductions, providing for time and one-half for overtime to be paid only after 10 hours labor in any one day, or after 54 hours in any one week.

**Foreign Policy Taken up at First Cabinet Meeting**

**Government Not Considering Withdrawal of Troops From Rhine—Action of Columbian Treaty Urged.**

Washington, March 8.—Aspects of the nation's foreign relations, as well as problems of administrative organization, were considered by President Harding and his cabinet today at the first meeting.

Afterward announcement was made at the War department that in formulating its policy toward the Rhine situation, this government is not now considering a withdrawal of the American troops.

It was learned that as another step toward Pan-American amity, the president is preparing to ask that the senate ratify at once the Colombian treaty.

Developments in the Panama-Costa Rica hostilities were less definite, but it is understood that the cabinet took cognizance of the situation and canvassed latest official reports. The next step awaits receipt of a reply from Panama to the American note.

In domestic questions major attention was directed toward perfection of the cabinet organization. Mr. Harding is understood to have made co-operation the keynote of his preliminary instructions to his secretaries, telling them he wanted no hesitation and no jealousy about any changes of jurisdiction decided on in the reorganization scheme being formulated.

**To Meet Friday.**

The only announcement after the meeting came from the White House. It related to the time of future sessions. It was said that the cabinet would be called together again Friday and that thereafter meetings would be held at least once a week, probably Tuesdays.

The announcement concerning American troops on the Rhine was (Turn to Page Two, Column Five.)

**Campaign to Standardize Police Methods Started**

New York, March 8.—Standardization of police methods and the proposed establishment of a national bureau for the exchange of information relative to criminals will be the main topics of discussion before the national police convention, which Commissioner of Police R. E. Enright announced will be held here from May 2 to 7. Police executives from all cities having a population of 10,000 or more will be invited.

In announcing the convention, the commissioner declared that national co-operation of police methods was essential to locate and label criminals and radicals.

**Fist Fight Occurs in Lower House of Utah Legislature**

Salt Lake City, March 8.—The fourth fist encounter to mark the present session of the Utah legislature occurred on the floor of the lower house today when Representative James Overy, jr., and Will H. Folland, city attorney of Salt Lake City, came to blows following a heated discussion regarding a bill for a change in the civic government of Salt Lake.

**"Mike De Pike" Heiler Is Convicted of Conspiracy**

Chicago, March 8.—"Mike De Pike" Heiler and five others today were found guilty by a jury of conspiracy to transport \$175,000 worth of whiskey from Hobbs, Ky., to Chicago in violation of the Volstead act. The verdict was returned before Federal Judge Evans after the jury had been out more than 24 hours. Six defendants were acquitted.

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Double time will be paid for Sundays and holidays.

Announcement was also made that the packers are now working out plans to establish closer relations between the workers and the management with a view to giving the employees a voice in all matters of mutual interest.

Details of these plans are to be made public in the near future, according to the announcement.

The orders for the reduction in wages follows the cancellation by the packers on February 26 of the war-time arbitration agreements for the settlement of all disputes.

"The reduction of 12½ per cent in wages is very small in view of the fact that packing house wages average three times as much today as they did before the war," J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co., is quoted in dispatches from Chicago, in discussing the decreases.

"Despite the lower rate, employees can probably earn as much or more than under existing conditions."

"The 40-hour minimum wage, with its basic eight-hour day, has demonstrated positively during the two years it has been in effect that it results in decreased weekly earnings."

"The adjustment should enable employees to average 48 hours' wages per week and their earnings will compare favorably with the earnings in other industries."

"Our expenses of doing business are still at the war level. They are almost three times as high as in 1914. Our wages have fallen continuously since 1917."

"Unless we make further cuts in expense, we cannot expect to get enough out of meat and by-products to pay for live stock and have enough left to cover expenses."

**Ebert Declares Occupation Is Treaty Violation**

**Statement Declares Imperial Government Not to Rest Until Powers Yield Before Germany's Right.**

Berlin, March 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Friedrich Ebert, the German imperial president, declared in a proclamation issued today that Germany was not in a position to use force to oppose the forcible methods of the allies in occupying additional German territory, but that she nevertheless protested vigorously against what the president declared was an open violation of the treaty of peace.

In his proclamation, addressed to his "fellow citizens," President Ebert said:

"Our opponents in the world war imposed upon us an unheard of demand, impossible of fulfillment, both for money and for a contract which even the work of a generation would not have sufficed to carry out."

**Admits Defenseless.**

"We must not and we cannot comply with it. Our honor and self-respect forbid it."

"With an open breach of the peace treaty of Versailles, our opponents are advancing to the occupation of more German territory."

"We, however, are not in a position to oppose the force with force. We are defenseless."

"Nevertheless, we can cry out, so all who still recognize the voice of righteousness may hear."

**Might Is Victor.**

"Right is being downtrodden by might."

"The whole German people is suffering with those of our citizens who are forced to suffer foreign domination. With firm bonds must this sorrow unite us in one sentiment, one will."

"Fellow citizens, meet this foreign domination with grave dignity. Maintain an upright demeanor. Do not allow yourselves to be driven into committing ill-considered acts. Be patient and have faith."

"The imperial government will not rest until the foreign power yields before our right."

Duesseldorf, March 8.—Inhabitants of this city were warned in a proclamation issued by the mayor today against taking a provocative attitude toward allied forces occupying the town. They were asked to be dignified and quiet. Women and children were especially warned to remain at home. The population was gloomy, but was resigned to the situation.

**Cardinal Gibbons Endorses Relief Work in Ireland**

New York, March 8.—Cardinal Gibbons, in a statement today, endorsed the campaign of the American committee for relief in Ireland.

"Contributors will have the satisfaction of knowing their money is relieving destitution and bringing comfort and consolation to the women and children of a race that has itself always been pre-eminently distinguished by generosity and charity," said the statement, which called attention to the Irish soldiers of the American revolution, and added that "the whole Catholic church of America is most deeply indebted to the Irish people."

**Anti-Cigaret Bill in Utah Signed by Governor Mabey**

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8.—The anti-cigaret bill, forbidding the sale of cigarettes in Utah, was signed by Governor Charles R. Mabey today. The law becomes operative at the expiration of 90 days. The bill also prohibits smoking in public places, which are defined.

**Bill for Primary Law Debated in Lower House**

Lincoln, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Douglas of Nebraska today introduced a bill which would give the party candidates power to choose their candidates for each office and place their names on the primary ballot.

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A final vote on the bill will come in the lower house tomorrow.

## Kerensky Is Backing Red Revolt

One Time Ruler of Russia, Overthrown by Soviets, Sponsors Uprising Now Menacing Bolsheviki.

### Six Months to Tell Story

Paris, March 8.—Kerensky, one time ruler of Russia, left Paris for Reval last night to personally assume command of the movement to overthrow the soviets. The details of the program under which Kerensky will work were drawn up by the Russian revolutionary committee in Paris in January. It has since been revised and approved by allied military and diplomatic chiefs.

On the eve of his departure Kerensky explained his plans as follows:

"This is the beginning of the end for Lenin," he said. "Within six months Russia will no longer be a communist state, but a republic modeled on the American Declaration of Independence."

**Confident of Support.**

"The movement which began February 18 at Kronstadt is spreading throughout Russia like a forest fire. Peasants in the Ukraine, the northern Caucasus, the Crimea and in western Siberia have revolted."

My latest information is that Petrograd has been taken by revolting troops allied with the Kronstadt marines. It was captured Saturday night and the fighting is still going on on the outskirts. In the south the peasant army, 100,000 strong, is marching from Kiev to Moscow, commanded by General Bomkhar-tine, who was formerly second in command under General Wrangel.

"We are confident of support by the allied governments, to whom all plans for the counter revolution were submitted in January. Our committees in Paris cabled Washington demanding the active aid of the American government, which can best be given in food supplies, medicines, bandages and chemicals."

A. Milukoff, the first president of free Russia, is remaining in Paris, charged with the work of getting aid from the allies for the white army. In an interview he says:

"Russia asks moral and material aid, but no military help from Europe or the United States. This is purely a Russian movement and we do not want a single allied soldier."

**Plan General Campaign.**

From the highest sources, however, it is learned that as soon as the fall of Petrograd is confirmed a general war over soviet Russia will be decided upon by Poland, Hungary and Roumania, and possibly by Bulgaria. Plans for this campaign have been drawn up, according to "Humanite," by Marshal Petain and approved by Marshal Foch.

The central European armies will receive active aid from the allies in the shape of money, munitions, food, rolling stock and officers. In this connection it is asserted in well informed quarters that hundreds of former Russian nobles have been charged with the work.

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**Husband of Woman Who Fasted to Save Soul Beats Up Physician**

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Danville, Ill., March 8.—Ernie Harrington, husband of Sadie Harrington, who claimed to have fasted 48 days in an effort to save her husband's soul, was arrested, charged with assaulting Dr. J. B. Hudley, prominent Danville physician. He was placed under bond of \$500 and will be given a hearing before magistrate Judge L. J. McLaughlin.

Harrington, it is alleged, jumped into the doctor's automobile on the public square in Danville and beat him up, breaking his nose, bruising him about the head and breaking a finger. While the fight was in progress, it is said, Harrington dropped a bottle partly filled with "white mule" from his pocket. This was taken over to prohibition enforcement officers who are making an investigation.

Harrington is the same man who beat up Harry Burch, a Chicago moving picture operator when Burch attempted to take some pictures at the Harrington home during Sadie Harrington's alleged fast.

**Bodies of Man and Woman Are Found in Central Park**

New York, March 8.—Shot through the head, the bodies of Willis McCurdy, 35, a manager for the American Surety company, and Alice K. Snowden, a stenographer in his office, were found early today in Central Park. A revolver lay nearby.

Belief that McCurdy shot the girl and then killed himself was expressed by police who investigated the case. They learned, they said, that Mrs. Snowden had been engaged to another employee of the surety company. McCurdy leaves a widow and child.

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**Harding Chooses Doctor**

Washington, March 8.—President Harding has definitely appointed Dr. C. E. Sawyer of Marion, O., the Harding family physician, his personal physician and expects to nominate him in the near future for the rank of brigadier general in the army medical corps.

Dr. Sawyer's commission would follow a custom of years under which the president's physician has been an officer of the army or navy medical service.

**Man's Neck Dislocated When Hit by Motor Car**

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## "I Can't Hear You"

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## Smith Bread Bill Passed by Senate After Hot Debate

**Woman Lobbyist for Measure Given Scathing Denunciation During Discussion.**

Lincoln, March 8.—(Special.)—The Smith bread bill passed the committee of the whole in the senate this afternoon by a vote of 21 to 12.

The debate on the bill carried with it a scathing denunciation of Mrs. W. E. Barkley, a woman lobbyist who has worked in behalf of the bill, by Senator Hoagland of North Platte.

"I am voting for the bill, but at the same time I wish to express my disapproval and disgust with the actions of a woman lobbyist on this floor," the senator said. "She has questioned the motives of certain senators and has acted in a manner highly unpleasant which deserves censuring."

Mrs. Barkley was sitting in the senate at the time. She laughed at first and then her face grew red.

**Fight Passage of Bill.**

Senators Cronin of Holt and Cooper and Berka of Douglas fought for the passage of the bill. Senator Cronin declared that if the bill, which standardizes the bread laws, were not for the benefit of the consumer, hired lobbyists and dozens of bakers wouldn't have been on the job continuously fighting the measure.

"Let's put this legislature on record favoring one progressive measure," Senator Cooper pleaded.

Senator Bush of Kimball fought the bill insistently, assisted by Senator Cronin of Holt and Cooper.

**Harding to Get Revised List of Army Promotions**

Washington, March 8.—A revised list of nominations for promotion of army officers above the rank of major will be submitted by Secretary Weeks to the president, possibly this week, for transmission to the senate. It is expected that the list as finally approved by the secretary, will differ materially from that forwarded by former Secretary Baker.

Secretary Weeks is studying service records of the officers nominated by his predecessor, who failed of confirmation, and records, particularly as regards the world war, of some officers who were not on that list.

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## Walla Walla Residents Protest Against Bees "Roaming at Large"

Walla Walla, Wash., March 8.—Several residents of this city formally protested against "bees being permitted to roam at large within the city limits."

These "insects" were declared to be a nuisance and the petitioners to the city commission asked that the owners be declared by ordinance guilty of committing a nuisance which would be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. The petition was referred to Mayor Hill, as commissioner of public safety.

**Little Progress Made In Effort to Settle Railway Wage Strike**

Atlanta, Ga., March 8.—Conferees through which the federal mediation board hopes to settle the strike on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway continued today, but with no announcement as to results.

The fourth day of the strike found service on the road at a standstill, only one train having been operated since the union employees walked out Saturday, W. L. Chambers, commissioner of the mediation board, appeared hopeful of a final settlement.

Truck lines have been instituted by the Postoffice department to reach Alabama and Georgia towns on the roads that have no other rail lines on which to depend.