

## Armour Denies Packers Would Welcome Strike

Statement That Big Five Want Tieup in Order to Reduce Surplus of Meat Declared Erroneous.

Chicago, March 9.—A statement denying charges that the packers "would welcome a strike as a means of getting rid of accumulated products, which now are in storage" was issued today by J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co. The charges were made yesterday by Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, in commenting on wage reductions announced by the packers.

"Statements that strikes or labor troubles would be welcomed by meat packers as an aid to disposing of big accumulations of meat are wholly untrue," Mr. Armour said.

He declared the bulk of American meat consumption is of fresh meat and that the government's March report showed cold storage of meat, lard, etc., was 250,000 pounds less than for the corresponding month last year.

"Ninety per cent of our employees appreciate that lower production costs are essential and justifiable and we do not believe they are going to be swayed by a few self-styled leaders, whose jobs and salaries are always in danger, except when there is conflict," the statement continued.

"Our action with regard to wages is a definite part of the whole nation's campaign to get back to normal."

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## Hebron Woman's Club Makes Plans for Coming Year

Hebron, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—Hebron Women's club held their welfare day luncheon and annual election of officers. Ninety-four women attended.

Mrs. Grace K. Liggett was elected president; Mrs. H. P. Harding, vice president; Mrs. R. A. Hensel, recording secretary; Mrs. C. Willmore, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. Payson, treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Hall, doorkeeper; Mrs. H. P. Harding and Mrs. C. Colson were elected delegates to the district convention to be held in Cedar Rapids, April 12.

Mrs. W. R. Hall and Mrs. R. A. Hensel, alternates. New committees were appointed for year's work.

Reports show \$450 in fund to purchase new soldiers' monument for cemetery. A Japanese carnival will be held in the gymnasium at the first available date for the date of the "chess" month. April 12 was named as shrub exchange day in the Hebron beautiful movement.

## Each Auto and Truck Dealer to Have Own Show

In addition to the big Omaha Automobile show at the Auditorium and annex, there will also be about 50 more in the city at the same time. For ever automobile and truck dealer in Omaha will have a little show all of his own at his own display rooms. Great preparations are being made for these.

Visitors in the city will also have the opportunity of inspecting several new auto homes, which have been completed since the last show. Among them are O'Brien-Davis-Coad Auto company, Nebraska Paige company, Chevrolet Motor company, Hayward-Nash company, Peterson Motor company. The following distributors have changed their locations since last year: Stewart Motor company, Knudson Auto company, Standard Motor Car company and Keystone Motors corporation.

## Mother and Daughter and Father and Son Banquets Held

Fairbury, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—A Mother and Daughter banquet was held at the Methodist church here. More than 200 attended. Mrs. Marie Wilcox, state evangelist for the W. C. T. U. of Nebraska, delivered the principal address and Miss Marie Wilson of University Place, entertained with several readings.

The Father and Son banquet was held at the same hour at the Christian church. C. F. White and A. R. Nichols and George Croissant, a high school student, were speakers for the occasion.

## Fairbury Teachers Are Re-Elected to Increase

Fairbury, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—All Fairbury teachers were re-elected for another year at the regular increase in salaries provided for by the salary schedule. Most of them will remain. The principals and special teachers were re-elected last month and have all signed their contracts. Superintendent Morton has another year on his present contract.

## Butcher Workmen Heads Here for Wage Meeting



Dennis Lane, international secretary-treasurer of the Butchers' and Meat Workers' union, left, and Patrick Gorman, vice president of the union.

## Strike Vote Monday Unless Harding Takes Action, Butcher Workmen Aver

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delegates yesterday, as interpreted by international officers of the union, is a straight threat to strike. It reads:

"Unless our international officers receive assurance from the president that action is taken in accord with our request, they are hereby instructed to take such action as will result in a unanimous and effective resistance on the part of the entire membership to return to the 10-hour workday, wage reductions and other barbaric conditions that existed prior to 1917."

**Long Conference Held.**

The conference, which was held in Butcher Workmen's hall, and was attended by international and district officers, and delegates from the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union, from all parts of the country, lasted practically all afternoon.

It was preceded by an executive meeting, at which the following officers were present: Patrick E. Gorman, international vice president, and Dennis Lane, secretary, both of Chicago, and T. A. McCreash of Spokane, Alex. Nieblowski of Chicago, John Kennedy of New York, Jacob H. Davis of Omaha, P. J. Guest of Buffalo and E. W. Robinson of Denver, all district presidents of the union.

The delegates attending were practically all instructed by their local unions, according to Vice President Gorman.

**Delegates of Accord.**

"There was no dissension," said Mr. Gorman. "The meeting was entirely of one accord. There is nothing more to say."

Union officers asserted confidence that President Harding would handle his first industrial dispute in a satisfactory manner.

**Wire Sent to Gomers.**

Although the conference was orderly at all times the delegates unanimously denounced the decision of the packers to reduce wages by approximately 15 per cent and to extend the possible working day to 10 hours.

The following message was sent to Samuel Gomers, president of the American Federation of Labor:

"You will recollect that I spoke and have also written you with reference to the calling of a conference of representatives of the other international unions employed in the packing house industry. The packers have now announced a reduction in wages and a return to the 10-hour day effective Monday, the 14th. Our international is now assembled in special conference in this city to formulate plans to deal with the situation. It is the desire of this convention, and we respectfully request, that you immediately issue a call by wire for a conference of representatives of those international unions named in my letter of March 1 to meet, if possible, in Chicago, next week. Kindly wire care of the Butcher Workmen's hall, South Omaha, today or tomorrow, the date and place of meeting you set for such a conference."

The message was signed by Secretary Lane.

## Text of Dispatch Sent By Officials Of Butcher Workmen To President

The following is the text of the dispatch sent to President Harding by the butcher workmen, following afternoon:

"Hon. Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, White House, Washington, D. C.: The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, meeting in this city to consider the situation thrust upon them by the five big meat packing corporations of the United States, in an effort to prevent an industrial warfare that will do incalculable harm, lay the facts before you and respectfully request you to use the power and influence of your great office to bring to the council table this small group of employers who are bent upon plunging one of the great food industries of the nation into chaos.

"During the war the workers of the packing plants joined the union in large numbers. These workers found themselves forced to struggle against mounting living costs while paid what had been starvation wages, even when prewar prices prevailed. At the same time facts were published broadcast about the enormous profits accruing to their employers. These workers made up their minds to strive for justice and at the most critical period of our country's recent history, cessation of production was threatened which, if it had come to pass, would have interrupted the stream of food supplies to our soldiers in time of war.

**Employees Are Restrained.**

"In this national emergency the employers in the packing industry showed fight and said they were willing that a strike should take place. On the other hand, the employees' representatives took counsel with the men and induced them to remain on the job as a patriotic duty, while efforts were made to bring the packers into conference. With great difficulty your predecessor in the high office of president of the United States, succeeded in bringing the packers into conference. The result, after many anxious hours and much labor, was the agreement entered into with the United States by the packers that, during the period of war, they would submit all points of difference and their remedies to arbitration. Judge Alschuler was selected as the arbitrator to arbitrate these differences.

"Subsequent to the signing of the armistice, the packers wrote to the secretary of labor of the United States, stating that 'in order to avoid labor controversies and to promote the general welfare during the troubled period of reconstruction' they desired a continuation of the arrangement until one year after peace was signed between the United States and enemy countries. They signed such an agreement with the United States Department of Labor, and our organization did likewise at the request of Secretary Wilson.

**Packers Take Advantage.**

"Now, at the very beginning of the reconstruction period, taking advantage of what they conceive to be a condition unfavorable to their work, the packers repudiate their agreement with the United States and have announced that they will no longer submit to the arbitration

Cudahy concerns to hold in abeyance the wages and hour changes that they arbitrarily propose to put into effect next Monday, until your secretary of labor can investigate the charges contained herein. The destruction of the confidence of the millions of organized and unorganized workers in the efficacy of government agencies are involved in this situation.

"The packers should not be permitted to brazenly violate the agreement, thereby ignoring the government and their employees, the other parties to it, destroying at the same time, the agency of arbitration set up by the government, which could and should pass upon any changes the packers, or we as employees, may desire to put into effect.

"We hold ourselves in readiness to respond to any demands you may care to make upon us in carrying out your policy of conference table rather than settlement table after conflict and suffering in this situation.

"This telegram sent by order of the special conference now in session at Omaha.

"Very respectfully yours,  
"DENNIS LANE,  
"Secretary-Treasurer,  
"Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America."

## Resolutions Passed By Meat Cutters Urging Wage Fight Action By Harding

The following is a copy of the resolution adopted by the butcher workmen in their conference in Omaha yesterday:

"Whereas, The agreement we, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, and the so-called 'Big Five' packers, entered into during the war at the earnest solicitation of the government, which has come to be known as the Alschuler agreement, in order to maintain peace and harmony and continued production, was renewed in May, 1919 at the solicitation of the packers and the government for a period to extend until one year after peace had been signed; And,

"Whereas, The packers at that time stated as their reason for seeking the renewal of such agreement 'that they desired to avoid labor controversies during the troubled period of reconstruction'; And,

"Whereas, Now in the very beginning of the reconstruction period, believing that because there is a great army of unemployed, that the time is opportune to destroy our organization and bring about a return to the hellish conditions that existed prior to 1917, that they have now announced a reduction in wages and a return to the 10-hour workday at starvation wages and severity to the point where no workman dare call his soul his own, the packers have now, in true slaughterhouse fashion, with contemptuous disregard for the government and the effect it may have upon the general public, violated that agreement and brazenly announced that in the future they will not recognize the jurisdiction of Judge Alschuler or abide by his decisions as the arbitrator selected by the government; And,

"Whereas, Such action by the packers is a conspicuous example for all within our nation who may have anarchistic tendencies and leanings, as it amounts to such a glaring contempt and disregard for established governmental agencies, that such action should arouse a most emphatic condemnation by the general public, and most surely calls for a unanimous and unflinching fight to a finish by not only our membership, but that of all of organized labor; Be it therefore,

"Resolved, That we, representatives of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, in special conference assembled, do hereby instruct our international officers to immediately prepare a statement to President Warren G. Harding, and transmit same by telegram, giving the facts with reference to the violation by the packers of their agreement with the United States Department of Labor, and pointing out the public announcement already made by the packers of their intention to increase the hours of labor from 8 to 10 per day, at this time, when there are over 4,000,000 of unemployed workers, also reducing the now less than living wage of 53 cents an hour, and that we who sacrificed the opportunity

## District Leaders Of Packer Workmen

E. W. Robinson, district president of Denver, and T. A. McCreash, district president of Spokane, who are in Omaha to attend the executive session of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen.

One hundred and ten cities and towns will be visited by the trade extension committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce on the annual trade excursion of Omaha business men this spring.

The itinerary for this trip was made public yesterday by the committee. The excursionists will start out in a private train May 23 and will remain on their tour until May 28.

Most of the territory to be visited during the trip will be in southeastern Nebraska.

Some of the towns to be visited are Springfield, Louisville, Hiawatha, Falls City, Clay Center, Crete, York, Tecumseh, Table Rock, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth and Brownsville.

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## INGROWN TOE NAIL

How to Toughen Skin so Nail Turns Out Itself

"We submit that there is an orderly and established American method of proceeding in industrial affairs. It is the meeting of employers and the association of workers, or labor unions, in conference and the arbitration peacefully of disputes, thereby avoiding strikes or lockouts if possible. This method contemplates strikes and lockouts and the other hostilities of industrial warfare only as a last resort, when no peaceful settlement is possible. We have in mind your own utterance when you said in your inaugural address that you would 'rather submit industrial controversies to the conference table in advance, than to a settlement table after conflict and suffering.'

"We therefore respectfully petition you to bring to the conference table in advance, these willful men who control the meat packing industry of our nation, and who have violated their agreement with the United States government, to prevent them from carrying out their unscrupulous design to throw the packing industry into a state of disorder. As a suggestion in that direction, we urge that you request the Armory, Swift, Wilson, Morris, and

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## "Raise Pigs, Grow Rich," Slogan Of Children's Club

Meeting to Be Held Saturday In Movement To Train Young in Breeding Prize Live Stock.

"Raise pigs, grow rich!" This is the slogan of Douglas county children raising thoroughbred Poland-China pigs, who meet Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Otto Pfeiffer in Elkhorn.

Another group, raising Chester White pigs, will meet Saturday morning at 10 at the home of C. B. Ritchie in Florence. M. D. Cossen of the animal husbandry department of the state university will talk at both meetings. The movement to train children of farmers in this county to be pure live stock breeders of the future, was started by E. G. Maxwell, county agent, with offices in the Federal building.

"If these clubs are continued from year to year, according to our plan, these children will have the thoroughbred herds of their own by the time they grow up," he said.

Records are kept, reports exchanged and credits given for work accomplished. Pfeiffer and Ritchie donated the animals for those who enrolled in the class last year.

Litters raised by this year's club will be exhibited at the county and state fairs in the fall.

John Peters of Millard was named leader of a group of children in Millard who are raising Holstein cows.

The county agent is also taking orders for certified seed potatoes for farmers in this vicinity. The seed potatoes are brought in from Clinton, Neb., and other western points in the state.

"Last year's experiment at Valley showed that yielded potatoes from Gordon, Neb., yielded 15.9 bushels more per acre than native seed, so many farmers in this vicinity will plant the western seed," said Maxwell.

## Standard Oil Company Cuts Export Price of Oil 1 Cent

New York, March 9.—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey today announced a reduction of 1 cent a gallon in the export price of refined oil and gasoline.

## Good Judgment After Eating

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