

4 BIG PACKERS BAN UNIONS IN CHICAGO YARDS

Dealings Will Be With Committee of Employees, Not Labor Leaders.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—The "open shop" prevails today in the plants of four of the largest meat packing concerns in the country. Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Wilson & Co., and the Cudahy Packing Company announced the inauguration of the "open shop representation" system of dealing with their employees. Labor unions, under this plan, are not recognized by the packers.

The announcement of the adoption of the shop representation plan followed the expiration today of the Alscher agreement under which Federal Judge Samuel Alscher was arbiter of all disputes between the packers and the employees. The packers had served notice that they would not renew this agreement, which they regarded as a wartime measure.

Under the shop representation plan, all men and women are eligible to work in the packing plants, whether members of unions or not; no person not an employee of the company may represent employees in the adjustment of grievances and employees elect their own representatives by ballot. All representatives elected must be American citizens.

It was announced by James G. Condon, attorney for the packers, that 50 per cent of the employees of the plants involved had voted for adoption of the new plan. Condon also announced there would be no immediate attempt to readjust wages or working conditions.

Other meat packers' unions declined to comment upon the action of the packers. It is believed, however, the unions will make a determined attempt to force a conference with the packers in an effort to preserve union influence in the packing plants.

BANDITS VISIT CHILI PARLOR, HOMES, ROADS

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night watchman and was away from home when the men entered the house.

While the robbery occurred at 7:30 o'clock it was not until 11 o'clock that the police were notified. The money bag was dropped by the bandits in the yard, where it was found by the police.

Joseph Karmes, 4501 Winthrop avenue, returned home last night and found that during the last week while his family was away his house had been broken into by a burglar. A pearl ring, a safety razor, an electric iron and a reproducer for a phonograph were missing. The house had been ransacked.

MEN BLOCK UP ROAD

The police emergency squad went to the Harding street bridge over White River early last night to investigate the report that two men hiding in the weeds had blocked the bridge with boards evidently planning to hold up auto-mobilists. The officers found the bridge partly blocked with two boards, but failed to find the two men.

A man was discovered at the home of Samuel Davis, 937 Hamilton avenue yesterday and talked to Mr. Davis' daughter urging her to buy some music books. Although she insisted she did not want the books he kept talking until she went into the house. She was just in time to see a negro run through a rear door. She found \$1 had been stolen and the man who had been seen had disappeared. The police believe the white man was working as a "stall" for the negro burglar and planned to keep people talking on the front porch while the negro entered the homes through a rear door.

Mrs. Juanita Bond, 3640 Central avenue, ate supper last night at the Denison cafe and placed her handbag on the back of the chair and forgot it. Returning later she found that the handbag had disappeared. It contained \$25, a ticket to Wyoming and a vanity set. Mrs. Bond told the police she had planned to start for Wyoming today to visit her mother, who is ill.

POLICE CHASE FOWLERS AWAY

Mrs. R. R. House, 958 Middle Drive, Woodstock, reported that a burglar had entered her home last night and a purse containing \$4 was missing.

Louis Chatman, 1604 West Thirty-Fourth street, notified the police at 11 o'clock last night that two men were trying to break into his garage. When the emergency squad reached the scene the prowlers had disappeared.

C. T. Sollers, 27 West Ohio street, reported that a thief took a tire valued at \$10 off of his automobile last night.

Burglars early this morning at Belvoir Company's store, 759 Fa. Warren avenue, by breaking the glass in the front door. A pay telephone, three cartons of cigarettes, five boxes of cigars, fifteen boxes of candy were taken and the cash register was opened. Merchandise stolen and damage done by the thieves will cause a loss of \$250.

3 ASK CLEMENCY OF STATE BOARD

Indianapolis Men Seek Relief From Sentences.

Indianapolis men were before the State board of pardons today seeking clemency.

Charles Leon, who was convicted in the court Sept. 13, 1917, and fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to serve thirty days at the State farm, and who was again convicted Oct. 3, 1919, and fined \$200 and costs and sentenced to serve six days, was seeking a remission of a part of his sentence.

He was convicted of keeping a blind tiger. According to the pardon board record, Leon was paroled by Governor James P. Goodrich on condition that he pay his fines on installments of \$3 a week, and his parole this way and ask for the remission of his representation fines and costs remaining due.

Henry Jordan, convicted in the Marion County Juvenile Court March 16, 1921, and sentenced to serve 150 days at the State Farm and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs for contributing to delinquency of a child, was asking a pardon.

Clemency was also being asked by Harry Coleman, sentenced March 6, 1920, to serve five to fourteen years for highway robbery and six months to five years for vehicle taking. He was convicted of stealing an automobile and then holding up three men.

Husband's Cake Takes the Prize

POLITICS NOT IN POSTMASTERSHIP, AVERS MOORES

Civil Service Picks Three Highest Men—and Then, 'The Games On.'

HOOSIERS WILL ADDRESS STEEL MEN NEXT WEEK

Many Versed in Metal Lore Expected at State Fair-ground.

Politics is not going to have anything to do with the selection of a postmaster for Indiana post-roads at a crucial point, said Maxwell Moore, Congressman of the South district, who is not going to have anything to do with the postmastership of Indianapolis—up to a certain point.

Mr. Moore visited Mayor Charles W. Jewett and City Controller Robert H. Bryson at the city hall today. He said he was just calling on his city hall friends.

They are J. Weaver Smith, industrial engineer of the Citizens Gas Company, and H. E. Hayward, metallurgist of the Link Belt Company, both of Indianapolis, and E. W. Pierce, metallurgist of the Maxwell Motor Car Company of Newcastle, Ind.

Speakers for the convention are of international importance to the steel industry. Their addresses will be divided into three highest qualified applicants. Politics has nothing to do with that. Neither have I. I haven't told anybody that I want any applicant picked as one of the three highest and nobody has said anything about that.

"I won't deny, however, that politics may enter into it when the three highest applicants are known. It is right that politics should enter into it then."

CAN'T 'JITNEY' CAR COMPANY, SAYS JAMESON

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the company's service and the citizens who depend upon it is the question.

"I want to put the company right before the public. The company is willing to change nothing reasonable. Its whole attitude is one of compliance with the board of public works' orders. It is right that we are not going to do anything unreasonable."

Dr. James did not specify what the company regards as unreasonable. The traction officials, however, never have expressed their willingness that there should be provision in the new contract for paving between tracks and continuation of the payment of the \$20,000 annual franchise tax to the board of park commissioners.

Dr. Jameson in his letter to the board of public works said that on Sept. 12, the directors discussed construction and reconstruction of tracks, some of the most important of which are as follows:

Delaware street from Washington street to Massachusetts avenue, Pennsylvania street from Forty-Third to Fifty-Second street, Pennsylvania street from Maryland to Georgia streets, Washington street from Capitol to Michigan street, Kentucky avenue from Maryland to Georgia streets, East Washington street from East to Noble streets, Talmadge avenue from Seventeen to Nineteen streets, West Michigan street from Goodell to Tibbs avenues, Oliver avenue from River avenue to Birch street, South East street from Virginia avenue to Lincoln, Michigan street from McMillan street from the Belt Railroad to Raymond street, Shely street from the Belknap Railroad to Southern avenue, Indiana avenue from Ohio street to a point west of New York street, Senate avenue from Thirty-Fifth street to Maple road and Senate avenue from Maple road to Forty-Third street.

ANXIOUS TO GET

WHAT THEY NEED.

"All of the officers and directors of the company express themselves as anxious that the work on these tracks should be commenced and carried through to completion at the earliest possible date, but in order to carry out this work, a sum of money must be provided, which the company is immediately confronted with the impossibility of securing under the present existing conditions," wrote Dr. Jameson.

"We desire to state positively that while we will be unable to carry this forward at this time, our inability to do so is due to a lack of non-compliance with the city's demands, and is based wholly upon the utter impossibility of the company to do so on account of lack of revenues caused largely by jitney competition and impairment of temporary franchise, by failure of the city to afford just protection."

"We believe that if the company were relieved of the unfair and injurious jitney competition which has so seriously affected its revenues an credit during the present year, that we would be in position promptly to commence the work outlined above."

"The board of directors, therefore, instructed that the action of your honorable board should be held in the condition of affairs and to respectfully urge your cooperation with the other branches of the city government in securing the passage of an effective jitney ordinance which will eliminate this unfair and injurious competition and place the company in a position to cooperate with the plans of the board of public works."

WHAT MR. MILLER WROTE IN REPLY.

In reply, Mr. Miller stated: "At the last conference between the mayor, the corporation counsel, the board of public works and a committee of the street car company it was stated that these representatives of the city would be willing to meet with your representatives of the street car company at any time, day or night, with a view of solving the problem presented and it is the understanding of the corporation that the street car company is to be asked to present to the board of directors the substance of the conference. It was the understanding that they would advise us when they were willing to resume negotiations."

"Therefore, the delay in a settlement of this question is occasioned by the failure of the representatives of the street car company to advise us of their willingness to resume negotiations."

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