

HOPE TO PREVENT THE MARINE STRIKE MAY 1 IN NAVY CONSTRUCTION

Chairman Benson of Shipping Board Discusses Threatened Shipping Tie-Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Hope that officers and seamen on American ships and shipowners will be able to reach an agreement that will eliminate the possibility of a general seamen's strike was expressed tonight by Chairman Benson of the shipping board and Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's union. Both commented on New York dispatches stating that shipping circles there were discussing the possibility of such a strike May 1, when the existing working agreements expire.

Chairman Benson said that although the shipping board had no direct connection with the labor problem, it would use its good offices to further a solution of the problem. The hope of the seamen, President Furuseth said, was that the shipowners may think a little better of it when they have consulted with the new shipping board appointed by the incoming administration.

Personally, Admiral Benson said, his feeling toward the working men was most sympathetic, and at the same time he realized that the time had come when the ship operators must reduce expenditures and thus turn the vessels over to Norway, England and Japan.

Similar views were expressed in a statement by Matthew Wolf, vice president of the American Federation of Labor. Refusal of the owners to continue relations with the seamen's union, he said, would mean the "destruction of the American merchant marine."

Readjustments are being effected in all lines of business, Chairman Benson declared. "Wages and the cost of living are going down and shipowners' wages must follow. As an alternative to reducing wages, he asserted, the vessels must be tied up and that would mean no jobs at all for the seamen. Hours of work and other questions must be worked out between the seamen and the operators, he added, to meet present conditions.

"We do not like to contemplate the results that will inevitably come from any action that the shipowners may take to drive American seamen from the sea again," President Furuseth said. "If the shipowners want to drive the 51 per cent of the total number of seamen in the American merchant marine, who are native born, back on shore and this arrange to turn the vessels over to Norway, England and Japan, we seamen cannot help it."

Mr. Furuseth said the union had sent a letter to the shipowners three weeks ago offering to meet them in a "fair and open conference" to consider their request to put into effect wage reductions. The union offered, he added, to put into effect immediately any changes that might be mutually agreed upon, without any time for the expiration of the present agreement, which runs until May 1.

"We have never received any reply from the shipping board," he said, adding that his organization has a membership of 115,000.

WOULD SELL STOCK IN STATE RAILROADS AND BUILD MOUNTAIN LINES

(Continued from Page One.) table the motion to re-refer and then the fireworks started, which ended in points of order from all sections of the floor. The speaker from Frank Outlaw and Elmer Long. During the course of the debate, Senator McCain got the floor to protest against some of the points of order made and the lieutenant-governor presiding suggested to him that it was the third time he had spoken on this same subject during the debate. The chair hoped to lessen the argument and expedite the business, but it did not have that effect. The senator from Vance. "I am sorry to inform the chair that it is not true that this is the third time I have spoken on this subject," McCain declared, pounding the desk with his clenched fist. The chair begged his pardon and the senator from Vance continued his discussion of the effort of the opposition to get this measure back before the committee in order to kill it. He thought every man in the senate should have read the bill since it had been printed and was available. Some one called on Walter Woodson, chairman of the committee, to know what he preferred about the reference of the bill. He said he wanted to have it referred and very frankly admitted that he was opposed to any censorship at all. He did not think the reference would change the attitude of any senator, but he did believe it should be given a little more consideration by the committee before it was indorsed and sent to the senate. The proponents of the measure asked if it would be possible to get the bill considered in time for a report back to the senate on Saturday night. Woodson thought it possible, but did not want to promise definitely, since he could not bind his committee. Finally, he did promise to get the report back in time for Saturday night's session and with this promise, the senate voted to refer the measure. Then Senator McCain wanted to move that the bill be set as special order on Monday night. Frank Dunlap made the point of order that this motion was out of order, since the senate did not now have the bill and consequently could not set a time for discussing a measure which was in the hands of the committee. Senator Mendenhall, who had been called to the chair, was of this opinion, but this did not stop debate. Finally, Senator Outlaw made a motion for the senate not to talk about this bill any more until Tuesday, saying he wanted to get something before the house and this motion carried.

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Gregory Weinstein, Martens' deported secretary, also was cleared, according to Mr. Recht, who said he received a telegram yesterday from the department of labor announcing that the two men "having been deported and having arrived in Russia, the warrant of arrest and deportation order against them has been cancelled."

Mr. Recht said that it had not been his intention to make known this action until he had consulted the department of labor, but explained that in "some mysterious manner" the blue-penciling of the formal charges against Martens and Weinstein had leaked out and had been published in a foreign language newspaper here.

"Martens and Weinstein are given a clean slate and are free to return to the United States at any time," he added. "Of course, another warrant of arrest and deportation order could be issued against them after their arrival."

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Although Martens was never recognized as the ambassador of soviet Russia, department officials said, he was recognized as a representative of that country and as such it was felt that he merited certain consideration. Orders previously had been issued, they explained, that he be shown every courtesy and consideration and upon the receipt of official advice that he had arrived in Russia the warrant was cancelled.

HARDING WILL CLEAN OUT THE DEMOCRATS

Not Ope to Be Left in White House Employ

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President-elect Harding will not leave a Democrat employed in the white house when he takes charge. He has indicated that he would like to have a clean slate, as far as Democrats are concerned, that is what he will get, for all of the Wilson employes, women as well as men, are getting out. When Mr. Wilson succeeded President Taft, he never fired a Republican, but he got back his Democratic friends until vacancies occurred. Among those to go now are three young women he placed. No North Carolinians are in this lot.

PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE DEMANDED BY KINSTON

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NEW BERN, Feb. 25.—Kinston threw a monkey wrench into the plans to form an eastern Carolina baseball league here tonight when fans representing that city insisted upon the formation of a professional league under the rules of organized baseball. While Wilmington is considered as automatically barred by reason of Goldsboro and Wilmington were not represented, the former having given up the idea of entering the league, a telegram to this effect came to Mayor Parker Q. Moore yesterday morning.

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