

Says Inflation Bad For Labor

Prices Would Increase Before Wages, Green Declares

Washington — William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement opposing agitation for currency inflation, declared that labor would insist on wage increases immediately.

Currency inflation questions are "of grave importance to labor," Green declared, adding that inflation "will seriously affect the economic and social welfare of the masses of the people."

"An increase in wages," he asserted, "should precede an increase in commodity prices."

The federation, Green said, has "determined to safeguard the interests of the wage earners by insisting upon increases in wages immediately."

Green's statement, issued by authority of the federation's executive committee, said that "an increase in the price of articles which enter into living costs is bound to follow the inauguration of currency inflation."

Green asserted that labor leaders "propose to call upon labor to begin the fight immediately for wage increases and to use such legitimate influence and power as may be at their command to bring about the restoration of the buying power of the masses of the people."

Route One Items

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Thompson and Marshal Lemons spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Morgan of Woodleaf.

H. Morgan has purchased a radio. W. B. Myers with wife and children visited George Powlas the second.

Frank Sides of Kannapolis visited George Fink recently. G. R. Fink is spending some time in the home of Mrs. Heglar of Cabarrus County, he being called on account of the illness of a grandson.

Horace Shaver has been sawing wood with his outfit.

BLAMES BIRTH CONTROL

New York—Birth control is back on the fall in sales of certified milk here, Dr. John L. Rice, city health commissioner, said. "Build up the birth rate if you want to sell more milk," he advised the Certified Milk Producers of America in annual convention.

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TURKEY GOES MODERN—Miss Kemaly Pasha of Turkey takes first prize at St. Moritz, Switzerland, for her Parisian get-up. What a contrast with the typical baggy raiment of Turkish women!



FOREMOST BEAUTY EXPERT—Hazel Rawson Caden, of Women's Home Companion, starts work on Handbook of Beauty which will reach almost three million women.



PANACEAS FOR FARMERS—Senator Borah and George N. Peek of the late-lamented AAA have new prescriptions for agriculture. Borah in Collier's advises the farmers to stick to the home market; Peek in The Country Home, eminent farm magazine, urges the value of world markets.



FASHION FROM ETHIOPIA—American beauty makers use the plumed head-dress of Haile Selassie's shock troops as new style motif.

Scenic Route Work Begins

Additional Land Is Being Acquired In Five Counties

New equipment for beginning actual construction of the scenic parkway between Laurel Springs and Roaring Gap has arrived by rail in West Jefferson and is being moved to Laurel Springs, where it is understood it will be used in the early construction of the lap of roadway which lies in Alleghany.

Ford King, of Boone, assistant district engineer, says that the facilities of the state are being used in helping move the heavy equipment.

In order to provide recreational areas along the route of the park-park highway which will connect the Shenandoah and the Great Smoky Mountains National parks, some 7,000 acres of land along the route of the parkway in North Carolina is being purchased by the resettlement administration. This land is now in process of being acquired in Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes, Watauga and Avery counties. Similar recreation sites along the route of the parkway in Virginia, amounting to a total of 9,800 acres, will probably be purchased in Floyd, Patrick and Franklin counties, it was indicated.

Funds for the purchase and development of these tracts of land along the parkway route are being provided by the resettlement administration as a part of its "better land use" program. The actual development of these recreational sites will be under the direct supervision of the National Park service. It is regarded as likely that additional sites will be acquired along the entire route of the parkway through North Carolina, although resettlement officials declined to comment on this angle. If this is done, the parkway will become a veritable national park in itself, with camp sites, picnic tables, foot and bribe trails, likewise fireplaces and sanitation facilities at frequent intervals along the parkway. For in addition to these special recreational areas now being provided by the resettlement administration, the right-of-way for the parkway is to be about 200 feet wide, with easements extended as much as 1,000 feet on each side. All of this land is to be developed under the supervision of the National Park service. It will be defaced with advertising signboards, hot dog stands, filling stations and so forth, unless permission is granted by the National Park service and unless they conform to definite rules and specifications.

By means of these special recreation areas, those who enjoy camping out and "roughing it" may pitch their camps while traveling from one park to another.

Hearing Is Closed In Klumac Case

A two-day hearing in which the plaintiff, Cannon Mills, Inc., presented its evidence was completed here Wednesday in the litigation against Klumac Cotton Mills of this city. Hubert E. Olive of Lexington was the referee.

Principal witnesses for the plaintiff, who is suing Klumac for \$50,000 unpaid balance on a note and for about \$162,000 balance on open account, included Charles A. Cannon of Kannapolis, Hearne Swink and Fred A. Williams.

Mr. Cannon is chairman of the board of Cannon Mills, Inc., New York selling agency, Swink is secretary of Cannon Mills company of Kannapolis and Williams is president of the selling agency.

Klumac filed a counter suit against the selling agency, alleging damages of \$687,500 for a breach of contract and some \$175,000 alleged recoverable for usury. Klumac, through its secretary-treasurer and principal stockholder, W. F. McCanness, at a previous hearing testified that the selling house ran the Klumac plant for six months in 1934, violated its contract and charged an unlawful rate of interest both on the note and open account.

Attorneys for both sides will file briefs later with the referee.

9 Seconds Required To Snuff Out Jenkins' Life In Gas Chamber

Raleigh—Ed Jenkins, 49-year-old Bessemer City white man, died in North Carolina's lethal gas chamber last Friday, the first white prisoner to be executed with hydrocyanic gas east of the Mississippi river.

Death "to all intents and purposes" came to Jenkins, a 250-pound man, nine seconds after he first inhaled the deadly vapors, a signed statement of three physicians who witnessed the execution read. However, seven and one-half minutes elapsed from the time the sodium cyanide pellets were dropped into the sulphuric acid solution before the prisoner was "officially" pronounced dead and his heart stopped.

Dr. G. S. Coleman, prison physician, Dr. W. C. Davidson, dean of the Duke University Medical school, and Dr. F. M. Hanes, professor of the Practice of Medicine at Duke, all said Jenkins "died painlessly and the method of execution was humane."

Jenkins, one of the largest men ever executed in North Carolina, made no statement about his case after he was led into the gas chamber at 10:37. He requested J. Winder Bryan, assistant warden who directed the execution, to send some packages he had left in his cell to his widow, Mrs. Bessie I. Jenkins, in Bessemer City.

Jenkins died without a blindfold, making that request after he was strapped in the chair.

Arsenal Found In Hotel Room

Winston-Salem—Four men were held by police here Saturday night after five revolvers, a pump gun and a large quantity of ammunition had been found in a hotel room which they allegedly occupied.

The four men were listed by police as James Maddrey, 46, of Raleigh; J. W. Bradley, 24, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wiley C. Jarvis and James Matthew Gatewood, Winston-Salem.

Two of the men, police said, were arrested in the hotel room and two others in an automobile near the hotel.

Chief of Police W. F. Anderson said an investigation disclosed that Bradley was sentenced in July, 1928, to serve 15 to 30 years in Eastern State penitentiary at Philadelphia for breaking and entering. Anderson said no charges had been brought against the prisoners but that they would be held without bond until investigation is completed.

Magnesium Eye Sees Invisible

Chicago—A scientific eye which is blind to everything but the invisible rays that cause sunburn was set on the trial of the common cold.

Its job will be to measure the intensity of ultra-violet rays which produce Vitamin A, one of the prime factors in the body's resistance to colds.

The "eye" is a new type of photo-electric cells, developed by Prof. Robert Cashman, Northwestern university physicist. Its newness lies in the fact that it uses the element magnesium.

"Electric eyes" developed in the past were designed like radio tubes, and coated on the inside with colloids of alkali metals. They were sensitive to the entire light spectrum, both the visible range and the invisible infrared and ultra-violet.

The new "eye" looks like a miniature diver's helmet, made of pure magnesium with a little round window in front. Inside the window is a tiny disc of nickel, to attract the electrons thrown off by the magnesium when the light rays strike.

The magnesium cell is blind to everything the human eye can see. It reacts only to the "therapeutic" band of invisible ultra-violet rays. This band, ranging from 2,700 to 3,300 angstroms, includes the rays that cause sunburn. The visible spectrum starts at 4,000 angstroms.

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MINNEAPOLIS . . . Above is court picture of Isadore Blumenfeld alias Kid Cann, liquor salesman, in his trial started for the alleged slaying of Walter Liggett, crusading publisher, shot down following newspaper attacks on racketeers at officials.

JUDGE'S CASH AND LAWYER'S PIPE STOLEN

Lexington—Judge J. A. Rousseau and Solicitor H. L. Koontz have learned intimately about thieves since they opened Superior Court here. The solicitor, an ardent pipe smoker, left a pipe on a window sill in the prisoner's room at the court house for a few minutes.

It was gone when he went back to look and had not been recovered at last report.

Judge Rousseau reported that while he slept very soundly in his hotel room at Greensboro the door, which he had bolted inside, was forced and several dollars taken from his trousers pockets.

Chemists Find Wines Inferior

Manufacturers and Bottlers Found Breaking Pure Food Laws

Washington, D. C.—In the Nation's Capitol and nearby cities there is a traditional demand for blackberry wine. Three New York State firms had no blackberry wine but they did have grape wine. Some of those they colored artificially, labeled "Blackberry Type Wine," and shipped in barrels to Baltimore.

A Baltimore bottler transferred the wine from barrels to bottles and it became "Blackberry Wine," although the composition was not changed. The Food and Drug Administration seized consignments of the wine under both names in and around Washington and as far south as Georgia. Government chemists found tartaric acid in all of the samples. This acid is not normally present in blackberries but does occur in grapes. Blackberries owe their tartness chiefly to isocitric acid.

Other shipments of so-called California Muscatel, Sherry, Tokay, and Port were found to be mis-branded as to variety and state and to contain only about 75 per cent of the amount of alcohol indicated in the labeling. Those also were seized under the Food and Drug Act, which forbids the use in labeling of any statement, design or device which is false or misleading in any particular.

Kriegsminister step this way?

There is a military reason for this keen distinction. Adolf Hitler never rose beyond the rank of a lance corporal in the old imperial army. As far as his military rank is concerned, he has no right to claim the compliment of being addressed in the third person. His title of commander-in-chief is a political and civil one and not a military, in the opinion of the German army.

Old Maids At U.N.C. Band Together In Club

Chapel Hill.—Apparently determined not to be outdone by the wives of married students, who recently organized a Carolina Dames club, the women graduate students in the University of North Carolina here have organized an "Old Maids" club and elected the following officers:

Miss Carlotta DeLong, of Lewisburg, W. Va., president; Miss Katherine Barrier, of Johnson City, Tenn., vice president; and Miss Polly Jacobson, of Winston-Salem, secretary and treasurer.

According to the "Old Maids,"

Treasury-Post Office Bill Asks Billion

Washington — Festooned with reports that business was improving and that the banking situation was "excellent," a \$989,623,829 appropriation bill for the Treasury and Post Office departments was ushered into the House Wednesday.

The billion-dollar bill allotted the lion's share of the requested funds to run the vast post office machine during the next fiscal year, with about \$211,000,000 going to the treasury.

Incorporated in the measure were provisions for heavy increases in the enforcement branches of the two services—the postal inspection wing, the coast guard, the secret service, and the narcotics bureau—with funds also for the transpacific air service and prediction of a transatlantic service by April or May, 1937.

The appropriations committee said the Post Office department's part was "based upon a volume of business estimated to produce revenue collections of approximately \$705,000,000, and increase estimated revenues over the fiscal year 1936 of approximately \$35,000,000."

"The postal business is an accurate barometer of rising business conditions of the country," the committee reported to the House, "and the increase of postal revenues from \$586,000,000 for the fiscal year 1934 to estimated revenues of \$670,000,000 for the present fiscal year and \$705,000,000 for the next fiscal year testify to the gradual improvement of business conditions."

Has Tough Time Landing Himself Behind The Bars

Charlotte—Well, Avery Sherlin, 31, finally landed in jail.

He said he was under federal suspended sentence for stealing pistons from a national guard unit at Berryhill, Va., that he was cold and hungry, and figured jail would be best. It's an old story but—

Sherlin said he went into a clothing store, just picked up a suit and walked out (hoping to be caught) but nobody said anything. Still wanting to be jailed he pawned the suit, got drunk and when he got sober he was still free.

So he went to headquarters and admitted his theft, his drunkenness, told police of his violated Roanoke, Va., suspended sentence and the police laughed and told me I would have to do something worth while to get in jail in Charlotte.

"I tried for work but couldn't get it," Sherlin said, "and I couldn't get any charity, so I went into a cafe, ate a big meal, got a pack of cigarettes and told the cashier to have me arrested because I was broke. The cashier just sympathized and said it was all right. I insisted and finally a cop was called and the cop said it wasn't against the law for a hungry man to eat."

"So I went out and got a screwdriver and found a jeweler's window and I unscrewed several screws from the show case window and finally I got it open. Nobody paid any attention to me. I took a handful of watches and circulated them around and last night the law came for me."

"Here I am in jail, warm and not hungry. Here I am in a place I'd been trying to get for four days. Am I happy? Who wouldn't be?"

FLAYS BACKERS OF F. R.

Atlanta—Governor Eugene Tal- madge, elated over President Roosevelt's request for repeal of the Bankhead cotton act, lashed out at Georgia's congressional delegation, all of whom are supporting the President's renomination.

leap year calls for a special Saint Valentine's day program but was not announced just what the program would take. Other plans of the club include a tea for all students and member of the faculty on student faculty day, February 13.