

Labor Crisis Growing Out of High Cost Living Halts Congress Recession

(Continued from Page One.) time and a half for overtime demanded by the four brotherhoods when a general strike was threatened in 1916 and left for future determination, and 400,000,000 which would go to the conductors if the trainmen's wage scale was adjusted as requested. Some of the demands would advance wages 120 per cent over the pre-war level.

Hines to Break Bill. Director General Hines had a conference late today with Senator Cummins and Representative Esh, chairman of the Congressional Commerce Committee, at which he discussed the labor crisis and explained his views that additional wage increases should come from a commission created by Congress. He promised to draft and submit a bill which would embody his ideas.

Hines Says It Would Mean 800 Million in Increased Pay of Men

(Continued from Page One.) recent developments above referred to.

"What if developed in May and June that the continued pressure of the increase in the cost of living is causing railroad employees, generally, to strike that they be given substantial protection through further important increases in wages if the cost of living was not reduced, I realized that the question was assuming such a wide and deep significance to the American public as well as railroad employees that the question ought not to be dealt with in the same way in which the railroad wages had been increased in connection with the war emergency. I therefore advised the board of railroad wages and working conditions on July 2nd, that they could not regard themselves as vested with jurisdiction to formulate and recommend further general wage increases to be made by me, but that in all cases there arising which they should report the facts to me that I might decide in the light of the facts upon a fair and just procedure."

"I feel that the developments have now reached the point where the situation has taken a sufficiently concrete form to serve as the basis for a positive recommendation. I therefore respectfully recommend that Congress be asked promptly to adopt legislation providing a properly constituted body on which the public and labor will be adequately represented and which will be empowered to pass on these and all railroad wage problems, but not on rules and working conditions (because the latter cannot be satisfactorily separated from the current handling of railroad operations and therefore should continue to be dealt with by the railroad administration). Such legislation should also provide that if wage increases shall be decided upon it shall be mandatory upon the rate-making body to provide where necessary increased rates to take care of the resulting increases in the cost of operating the railroads.

Rise in Cost Must Be Restrainted. "I do not think that we can properly deal with this great problem without a full recognition of the fact that the cost of living is rapidly rising and that every month that passes promises to impair still further the purchasing power of the existing wages of railroad employees unless the rise in the cost of living can be successfully restrained (as I earnestly hope in the general public interest it can speedily be). I therefore further recommend that Congress be asked to provide in any such legislation that any increase in railroad wages which may be made by the tribunal constituted for that purpose shall be made effective as of August 1, 1919, to such extent as that tribunal may regard reasonable and proper in order to give railroad employees from that date the benefit which the tribunal may think they were then entitled to. In this way the delay necessarily incident to the creation of such tribunal and its action will not be prejudicial to the fair interests of the railroad employees."

President Wilson in his letter to the committee chairman said:

"May I not say that I concur in the suggestions which Mr. Hines makes in the two concluding paragraphs of his letter? I hope that it will be possible for your committee to consider and recommend legislation which will provide a body of the proper constitution authorized to investigate and determine all questions concerning the wages of railway employees, and which will

also make the decisions of that body mandatory upon the rate-making body and provide, when necessary, increased rates to cover any recommended increases in wages and, therefore, in the cost of operating the railroads. In view also of the indisputable fact with regard to the increased cost of living I concur in Mr. Hines' suggestion that the legislation under consideration should authorize the body thus set up to make its findings with regard to wage increases retroactive to the first of August, 1919, at any rate to the extent that that tribunal may regard reasonable and proper, in order to give real relief to the employees concerned."

"I need not, I am sure, urge upon you the importance of this matter, which seems vital from more than one point of view, and I hope that you will think this form of action the proper and necessary one."

AN EXCELLENT APPETIZER

EDITOR SHARPE IS NAMED PRESIDENT (Continued from Page One.)

vote who was not a member. Champions of the resolution jumped at a chance to show their position on the League. The only unqualified negative vote was cast by Mr. Anderson himself. W. W. Weaver and F. J. Triplatt voted yes because they said they didn't think the question was out for the Press Association to act upon. On Mr. Anderson's motion the vote was made unanimous.

The News Print Problem. At the opening of the morning session, Dr. J. O. Taylor, a paper manufacturer of Roanoke Rapids, read what Editor W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, pronounced the most remarkably informing paper on the news print problem he had ever heard. Dr. Taylor sketched in rapid outline the whole history of paper making and startled his hearers when he told them that the paper mills of the country are producing only 75 per cent of the paper that is being consumed; and that the forests of this country are being depleted three times faster than nature is reproducing them. "We are wasting our forest products," Dr. Taylor warned, "nothing in the world is so appalling as the manner in which we are chopping away at the very vitals of the national life." He pointed out that substantially less paper is being produced than was being produced ten years ago. He urged that the North Carolina Press Association set in motion influences for conservation of paper resources by the abating of waste, by growing more timber and other means. On motion of W. C. Dowd, Dr. Taylor was tendered by a rising vote the appreciation of the association for his helpful address.

"The sex barrier is down, convention and prejudice will not in the next few years keep a woman from success in whatever calling she elects," said Mrs. Caroline Land, of the Albemarle News, in a paper on "Woman and the Fourth Estate." "Woman," said Mrs. Land "is in danger of finding her graves in her own nature. The profession of journalism is strong with Kipling in the belief that the game is more than the player of the game and the ship is more than the crew. The personal element is abandoned. A composite sheet bearing the limitations of the man's nature, is the epitome of good journalism. It's a game that a woman can play. But if she wins it, she will be under necessity to turn out her copy without the fig leaf imprint."

Propaganda Advertising. H. Galt Braxton, editor of the Kingston Free Press, in a paper on "Propaganda Advertising," declared that the time had come when the newspaper publisher had to distinguish between free advertising and the real news of the day. Newspaper men had to apply to their business, business principles just as with any other enterprise and the propagandists had to be referred to the counting room for a rate card. Mr. Braxton excepted the propaganda that is put out by various government bureaus with educational aims and appeared to have in mind principally the business men who sought to secure advertising in the form of news matter so-called.

With the subject, "What is an Adequate Price for a Weekly or Semi-Weekly Newspaper?" J. A. Sharpe, editor of the Lumberton Robesonian, reached the conclusion, subject to amendment, depending on circumstances that the subscription price of a weekly or semi-weekly ought to be three times the cost of the white paper and mailing cost combined. He said, however, that it was a question largely for each publisher and it was difficult to lay down a general rule. He thought a committee ought to be appointed to consider what would be a suitable relation between advertising and subscription revenues. President Whitehead supplemented the remarks of both Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Braxton with the declaration that the papers had to make both advertising and subscription yield more or continue to live on glory and work for nothing.

Officers Are Elected. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, J. A. Sharpe, Lumberton Robesonian; first vice-president, B. T. Wade, Morehead City Courier; second vice-president, J. F. Hurley, Salisbury Post; third vice-president, Parker An-

State of North Carolina, County of Wake--In the City Court of Raleigh, Before W. C. Harris, Judge. M. Ashby Lambert, Plaintiff, vs. J. R. Goller and Wife, Mrs. J. R. Goller, Defendants--Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment.

The Defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the City Court of Raleigh, North Carolina, in which the Plaintiff seeks to recover of the Defendants, the sum of \$400.00 demanded by the Plaintiff on account of the non-payment of two promissory notes executed by the Defendants on April 17, 1919, each note being for \$200.00, payable to the Plaintiff or his order, on said April 17, 1919.

The Defendants will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the Judge of the City Court of Raleigh, on the 11th day of July, 1919, against the property of said Defendants, which warrant is returnable before the Judge of said Court, on the 6th day of August, 1919. The Defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Judge of the City Court of Raleigh in the Municipal Building, on the 6th day of August, 1919, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 11th day of August, 1919.

W. C. HARRIS, Judge of the City Court of Raleigh.

BONDS FOR SALE. The town of Aurora will receive sealed bids for \$250,000 street improvement and light bonds until Aug. 14th, 1919, 12 o'clock noon. Certified check of \$1000.00 must accompany all bids. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Address L. D. MIDYETTE, Mayor PAUL T. SPARROW, Town Clerk.

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