

OVER PRODUCTION AN IMPOSSIBILITY

Herbert Hoover Explodes Current Theory In Address To Engineering Council

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Continuous improvement in productivity is necessary for the advancement of civilization, national progress, better human relations and higher standards of living, Herbert Hoover declared in an address here tonight before the convention of the American Engineering Council.

American industry, including agriculture, he said, is at present running from 30 to 40 per cent below capacity production. Cooperation between industries and with labor and government was cited as a means for guaranteeing an increase which would be "certain even if it is slow."

The danger of over-supply as a limiting factor in production was dismissed as without "proper foundation." The speaker added there is no such thing as over-production.

When the commodities or services produced by the whole nation, he continued, "are capable of absorption by the right character. When ten men or one hundred million men divide their united output, they can be doubling their output and have twice the amount to divide. There is no limit to the increase of living standards except the limitations of human strain, scientific discovery, mechanical invention and natural resources."

"The absorption of increased productivity lies in the conversion of luxuries of today into necessities of tomorrow," he said. "The surplus of productive power is constantly shifted to new articles from those that have reached the saturation point of demand."

The speaker said that wastes in American production were measured mainly in unemployment, lost time due to labor conflict, losses in labor turnover, failure to obtain maximum production of the individual, poor coordination of great industries and failures in transportation, coal and power supplies.

Stabilization and standardization of industrial output by agreement, eliminating overlapping efforts and seasonal activities were cited as one means for bringing greater production.

MITCHELL CLAIMS NO RECOMMENDATION

Mr. John Mitchell, Assistant State Bank Examiner, who told the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate and House Friday that bankers in the State are already indirectly charging more than 8 per cent on loans, yesterday issued a statement in which he said that his testimony before the committee should not be construed to mean that "the State Corporation Commission or the banking department under its supervision has made any recommendation with respect to the proposed 8 per cent bill."

VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT LEAVES AFTER VACATION

Asheville, Feb. 14.—Vice President-elect Calvin Coolidge and party left here this afternoon for their homes in Northampton, Mass., after spending two weeks here on a vacation, the first the next Vice President enjoyed since he was elected by the people last November. His departure was attended by a large number of people who went to the station to see Mr. Coolidge depart. He has promised to come back to Asheville during the summer to spend another vacation.

RAILWAY LABOR BOARD SETTLES CONTROVERSY

Rosnoke, Va., Feb. 14.—The Federal Railway Labor Board at Chicago has handed down its decision in the controversies between the Norfolk and Western Railroad and members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, it was announced here today at headquarters of the road.

NO DANGER OF TYPHUS EPIDEMIC, OFFICIAL SAYS

Federal Authorities To Assume Charge of Anti-Typhus Work In New York

Washington, Feb. 14.—Federal medical authorities will probably assume charge of anti-typhus work in New York by Wednesday, Ewing La Follette, assistant secretary of the Treasury in charge of public health, announced tonight. Transfer of the title of the quarantine station in New York to the government, he said, is expected within the next twenty-four hours.

Additional facilities will be provided for detecting typhus cases among incoming passengers at the port of New York, Mr. La Follette said, and the present medical staff will be increased by public health service officials from Washington.

With the acquisition of the New York station, Mr. La Follette said public health authorities were of the opinion that every necessary step to safeguard the country against entry of typhus would have been taken. The Boston station, he explained, is Federal controlled and ships now are being diverted to that port to relieve the congestion at New York.

With the health service taking precautions abroad and in this country, Mr. La Follette said, there is no danger of a typhus epidemic.

Miss Walters Entertains

Miss Macon Walters last night entertained a number of her friends at a St. Valentine's rock party at her home on 323 East Lane street. A color scheme of red and white was carried out in the decorations and refreshments. The first prize was won by Miss Mary Frances Craven and the hostess received the trophy.

Clemson Beats University of S. C.

Clemson College, S. C., Feb. 14.—The Clemson College football team defeated the University of South Carolina here this afternoon 44 to 18.

Senate Opposes Any Gratuities To Its Members

(Continued from page one) A bill embodying one of the recommendations of the commission appointed by Governor Bicket to study conditions prevalent among the negro race and to suggest remedial legislation, of which the Senator from Robeson was a member. The bill provides for the erection of a reform school for negro boys similar to the Stonewall Jackson Training School at Concord. The bill provides that the school shall be located on land owned by the State at Kinston or Raleigh and appropriates \$25,000 for permanent improvements and \$10,000 a year for maintenance.

Another Interest Bill

Senator McCain last night introduced a variation of the bill providing for eight per cent interest by contract which is sought by the bankers of the State. The measure provides that when a private corporation borrows money at an interest rate in excess of six per cent, the first payment of interest on the note shall operate as a waiver of the law of usury.

Senator Griffin Last Night Offered a Bill

adding the seven counties of the first Senatorial District to the list of counties named in a special act making it a misdemeanor to be publicly drunk. Senator Walker last night had his bill providing for the submission of a Constitutional Amendment creating a Board of Pardons, recommended to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances for amendments. Last week the bill was made a special order for Thursday.

House Session

The bond validating resolution was brought up as the first order of business when the House convened, and Representative Everett, of Durham, took occasion to state at some length his opposition to a system of finance that did not provide for the eventual retirement of obligations. He was reminded by Representative Murphy that passage of the pending measure was necessitated by the fact that the bonds fall due this morning, and the House had to do something to save the State's credit.

Minority members were quick to seize upon the Rowan member's statement to precipitate a debate that lasted for a full hour before the matter was put to a vote and passed, 93 to 41. Minority Leader Williams raised the question of where the money had gone, and without direct statement, endeavored to indicate that there might be some doubts as to the use that had been made of the money obtained from previously authorized bond issues.

Continuing his attack, he wanted to know why the Treasurer had not offered the bonds in North Carolina. He had been assured that a certain company would have been glad to take them at

six per cent. Freed from all quarters of the House for the name of the company, he gave it, and Representative Connor arose to assure him that the same firm had offered to take Wilson county's bonds, at six per cent, but wanted a three per cent commission for doing it.

Representative Cowles took the debate from him, and spoke at length, although the acting speaker, Representative Bowie twice ruled that he was out of order. He had the Montcastle report and copies of the News and Observer and of the Greensboro News. From the former he undertook to prove that the Democrats had turned down some very excellent recommendations on State finance and from the latter, that newspaper men had deliberately misrepresented the financial situation under consideration. His quarrel with the News and Observer of Sunday was in that it made no mention of an item included in the total of the pending issue of short term notes. The item was \$200,000 authorized at the special session to take care of a deficit in certain State institutions.

Points of order were raised against him, but he continued to talk until the debate spread out so generally that connected discourse was practically out of the question. He read an itemized statement, imputed to the State Treasurer, of the amounts that enter into the four and a half million dollar issue of short term notes.

With a brief interlude of discussion of whether it would be proper for the House to invite Thomas Dixon to make an address to the General Assembly, and finally deciding that it would be quite alright, although not unanimously, the House found itself with the Lee resolution on its hands together with a motion that it be put on its immediate passage. The resolution called for information as to how much the Tax Commission had done toward reducing taxes.

In the preamble of the resolution, Mr. Lee set forth an itemized account of certain reductions of corporate property tax that had been made in Thomas county since the report of the Commission was made to the General Assembly in August and the tax rate fixed for the year. He wanted to know how wide spread these reductions had been, and how far they affected the total valuation in the State, both as to corporate property and real estate.

Representative Bowie moved to send the resolution to the committee on finance, and a bitter outburst of debate followed. Williams of Cabarrus declared that the commission had granted a drastic reduction to the Cannon mills in Cabarrus county after the tax levy had been made, that cut down the estimated revenue of the county \$24,000 and that the county was forced to borrow the money to pay its expenses. The reduction was several million dollars.

Charges were made against the Democrats that they were afraid to let the light strike the reductions that had been made, and Bowie retaliated with the charge that the minority was playing peanut politics. Angered by the thrust, Republicans in the House reiterated the charge that the Democrats were afraid to let the facts be known. Representative Murphy insisted that there was nothing to be hidden, and when Mr. Lee finally called the question, the House sided with him by a substantial majority.

Physical Condition of House. The Neal-Connor resolution calling for an investigation of the Soldiers Home is deferred to be based on the alleged physical condition of the institution. No charges of any character are contained in the document that went through the House when the rules were suspended. It merely calls for a committee of five to investigate and report to the General Assembly what they find as to conditions. The speaker

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will not name the committee until after the Senate concurs.

When the calendar was reached the bill providing for the punishment of persons turning in false fire alarms, fixing a definite minimum penalty of \$200 fine or six months on the roads, called for more talk, and the House did little else than pass the bill, with an amendment that removed the penalty and left it in the discretion of the court.

Senior Senator Supports Smith-Towner Measure

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appears to have subsided. Despite the high hopes of some who are unfriendly to the party, it appears now that the entire business will blow over without any split in the party, and that an amicable settlement of any or all differences that exist will be reached at a meeting of the executive committee to be held at the Sherburne Hotel in this city Thursday.

The meeting of the executive committee was called about the time Thomas Love, National Committeeman from Texas, and Robert Woolley, sent their telegram to Chairman White. These two gentlemen have been invited by Chairman White to appear before the executive committee Thursday, and whatever wrinkles there may be in the cloth will doubtless be ironed out at that time.

About all the differences there has been—at least all that has ever appeared on the surface—was to the time and the method of reorganizing and getting national headquarters to functioning, by way of preparation for the Congressional campaign next year, which is only a preliminary to the Presidential campaign of 1924. The appearances of Mr. Love and Mr. Woolley at the executive committee meeting will be the means of setting any differences there has ever been as to these matters, leaders here now confidently profess to settle, and definite steps toward reorganization are expected to be completed at this meeting.

The committee still has under lease a part of the quarters occupied in the Woodward Building here the last four years, but the force there now is only clerical, and one of the questions the executive committee is to consider is just how much office space will be used and just how large a force will be employed during the present year in the preliminary work of the 1922 campaign.

Appleby Wins Billiard Match Cleveland, Feb. 14.—Francis S. Appleby, of New York, won the afternoon match of the National Amateur 18.3 ball line billiard championship tournament from Dr. A. L. Brown, of Cleveland, 300 to 88. Appleby's average of 14 6-21 was one of the highest of the tournament. He had high runs of 70, 68 and 20.

Leonard May Meet Mitchell. Milwaukee, Feb. 14.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, today was offered \$20,000 by Tom Andrews, local promoter, to meet Richie Mitchell, of Milwaukee, here sometime in March. The bout would be a ten-round no-decision affair.

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