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CAPITAL-LABOR JOIN TO FIGHT JOB SHORTAGE

Engineers' Committee Aids Labor Organizations War on Unemployment in the Country.

(By E. M. Thierry.)

New York, March 3.—Two widely separated groups—the country's leading engineers and informal organization of labor leaders—have simultaneously reached a basis for working out the problem of unemployment.

It's an engineering problem, both groups decided. Neither was aware of the other's activities. Now they are going to get together to end the industrial slump, reduce unemployment and obviate further wage cutting.

The committee of 16 appointed by Herbert Hoover decided to spend \$500,000 raised by the Federated American Engineering Societies to survey economic evils in American industry and find a plan to eliminate the waste and inefficiency held responsible for unemployment.

Twenty-six labor bodies, including the American Federation of Labor, have joined in the working out of a practical plan to end unemployment, with the aid of engineers and industrial experts.

The engineers' committee of 16 has decided to work with the labor bodies, hoping to parallel the survey with a cooperative working plan evolved by the unprecedented association of industrial leaders and workers.

Hoover, as president of the Federated American Engineering Societies, is honorary chairman of the committee of 16. J. Parke Channing, mining engineer, is chairman. The federation comprises 100 societies with a membership of 150,000 engineers.

Start at Once.

The engineers' survey has the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Several hundred field workers start immediately on the survey. They will report early in April, when the Engineering Societies will act in a remedial way.

Initial investigation is to be into the textile industry and the shoe industry and manufacturing generally in New England, New York and Pennsylvania.

"The human side of industry is a big engineering problem that has been neglected," said Vice Chairman Wallace.

"This is to be a social, economic and business survey. We want to prove evils in industry, eradicate them and prevent them growing up again."

First action taken by labor leaders was the calling of an "Unemployment Conference" here March 5.

Labor "Stumped"

Invitations to engineers to tackle the problem were sent out after preliminary meeting of 26 labor leaders reached this point of view:

"We can't start up industry until we discover how industry is run. Let us get the facts. Let us arrange a plan by which idle man-power can be applied to idle equipment and the unemployed set to work to produce the things they want."

The germ of the idea evolved by the engineers is credited to Charles E. Knoepfel of New York. His original scheme called for a systematic task taking, the creation of new standards of production approximating normal, and the establishment of a reservoir for products for which there may not be a lively demand now.

Knoepfel's plan recommended that employers take workers wholly into their confidence and that a definite cooperative arrangement be made with the A. F. of L. Members of the engineers' committee of 16 include:

Honorary Chairman Hoover, Chairman Channing, Vice Chairman Wallace, Harrington Emerson, Robert Linto, Robert E. Wolf, Jno. H. Williams, Charles E. Knoepfel and L. P. Alford, all of New York; Fred J. Miller, Bucks county, Pa.; Morris L. Cooke, Philadelphia; Ira N. Hollis, Worcester, Mass.; George D. Babecek, Peoria, Ill.; E. E. Hunt, Riverside, Conn.; H. R. V. Scheel, Passaic, N. J.; and F. G. Coburn, Bethlehem, Pa.

Ormond Beach, Fla., March 3.—What's your record for nine holes of golf? Can you do it in 45?

John D. Rockefeller does it frequently. And he's 81.

While the richest man in the world keeps abreast of current events, he doesn't take much active part in them. His life is a continual round of golf—hopping from one course to another.

Rockefeller isn't physically able to stand a complete round of the links so he usually winds up his play at the ninth hole.

KNOW HIM?



This is the first picture of President-elect Harding in a tile hat. But you'll see him often in "plug" hats now. The photo was taken while he was dedicating an historical tablet at St. Augustine.

HARDING'S LAST MESSAGE TO HIS AMERICAN FOLKS

President-Elect Believes America Should Be Eminent on the Seas to Be Safe at Home.

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Marion, O., Feb. 3.—Warren G. Harding's last expression as a private citizen is given in the following interview.

"This republic cannot and will not fail if each of us does his part. If we but work, are thrifty and seek that understanding which reveals mutually of interest, no difference can long abide."

"Our greatest assurance as a home lies in an intelligent, resolute people in a land undamaged by war, at enmity with no people, envying none, coveting nothing, seeking no territory, striving for no glories which do not become a righteous nation."

"If there is one thing in my heart more than another, it is that at the end of the coming administration there remains the America we inherited from the fathers without the surrender of a single part. I only wish for our America a soul truly American."

"I know there is not a man or woman who does not rejoice in American solidarity and who does not want it preserved."

"We crave fraternity. We wish amicable relations everywhere, we offer peace and choose to promote it, but we demand our freedom and our own America. I believe an American eminent on the seas, respected in every avenue of trade will be safer at home and greater in influence throughout the world."

"I like to think of an America whose citizens are ever seeking the greatest development and influence of the republic, and I like to think of a government which protects its citizens everywhere they go on a lawful mission—everywhere under the shining sun."

"There's a new world relationship and when the next administration comes into power we're going to play our part. We're going to ask for Nations associated together in justice, but it must be an Association which surrenders nothing of American freedom."

"Our government's good fortunes do not lie in any surrender at either end of the avenue (at either Capital or Whitehouse in Washington) but in the co-ordination and co-operation which becomes in two branches in a great and truly representative popular Government."

"I have been thinking all the time of getting an organization best fitted to serve this country. I am a partisan. I believe in party government. I have chosen a Republican cabinet, but no selection has been made because of party obligation without consideration for the best service of the country."

"I would rather have the respect and confidence of my home town people, who have known me intimately all my life, than to have been elected President. And I have a feeling that so long as I can continue to hold their respect and confidence I will be credited at least with doing my best for all the American people."

"When I am thru down at Washington I want to be able to come back home and again be a part of the home community."

Dignity of the Law.

Indianapolis, March 3.—Judge J. T. Moll refused to hear the testimony of a woman witness. After she returned to the courtroom he allowed her to testify. That was after she had changed flesh-colored stockings for black ones.

TERMS OF ALLIES MUST BE MET BY GERMANS MONDAY

Allies Will Take Necessary Steps to Collect the Money by Occupation of Territory.

(By The Associated Press)

London, March 3.—Germany was today given until Monday at noon to accept the fundamental conditions laid down by the allied supreme council at Paris. The German delegation was informed by the allied representatives today that if Germany does not accept those terms the allies will take immediate steps.

The first step will be the occupation of the period of annuities of Duisburg, Duesseldorf and Ruhrdorf.

The second, each allied country will place such a tax on German merchandise as it may deem proper.

The third, a customs boundary along the Rhine under allied control will be established.

The German delegates were informed that only modification of the Paris reparation decision to Germany would be regarding the condition of payment such as a reduction of the period of annuities from forty-two to thirty years.

The German counter-proposal which was submitted to the Allies on Monday were not susceptible of examination, Premier Lloyd George told Dr. Walter Simons, head of the German delegation after today's session of the conference had assembled at St. James Palace at noon.

FIRE DESTROYS A HOME IN SUBURBS

A big two story frame residence near the Walker Lumber Company in the northwestern suburbs of the city was destroyed by fire about 5 o'clock this morning.

The house, which was a new one, having been built last summer, was occupied by Mr. W. S. Watson, an employe of the lumber plant. Mr. Watson started a fire in one of the downstairs fireplaces shortly before 5 o'clock this morning and with a young son went over to the lumber plant to attend to some duties.

In a short time he sent the son back to awake Mrs. Watson and when he returned he discovered the fire which had started around the fireplace. The members of the family were hastily aroused, but the fire spread rapidly and very little of the household goods were removed from the house, and part of this caught afterward and was destroyed, only an organ being saved.

Mr. Watson moved here a short time ago from Concord and it is not learned whether he had any insurance on his household goods. The residence was a total loss but is partially covered by insurance.

The firemen responded to the alarm from box 22 but the fire had gained great headway on account of the distance and it was impossible to save the building. A falling chimney some time after the fire came near striking several bystanders, throwing bricks all around them but no one was hurt.

NAVAL BILL CAN'T PASS THIS SESSION

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 3.—Hope of passing the naval appropriations bill at this session was abandoned today by Senator Poindester, republican of Washington, who has been in charge of it, and the senate will proceed to other business.

Senator Poindester said that from experience of the past four days during which the bill has been debated, he was satisfied that it could not be enacted before adjournment tomorrow and he was unwilling to hold up other important measures to press it.

The Washington senator attacked the measure as passed in the house declaring that had it been enacted it would have led to the "general demoralization and paralysis of the American navy."

A new naval bill will have to be drafted at the special session which President Harding is expected to call for April 4th. Senator Poindester told the senate a number of circumstances brought about the failure of the bill.

"The chief one," he said, "is the late day it was received from the house—February 24th. As it came from the house it contained no appropriation for aircraft, while Great Britain has provided millions of pounds of sterling for that service."

STRIKE ORDERED ON A. B. & A. ROAD

Chicago, March 3.—Sanction from 16 railroad brotherhoods and unions for a strike of employes on the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic was dispatched to local representatives of the unions following a midnight conference of the heads of the organizations here, it was announced today.

WILSON TO PRACTICE LAW WITH BAINBRIDGE COLBY

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson formally announced today that he would resume the practice of law in partnership with Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state. The firm will maintain offices in New York and Washington.

This announcement was made at the White House in the following statement: "President Wilson made announcement today that at the conclusion of his term of office he would resume the practice of law, forming a partnership with Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby."

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GREAT CROWDS AT THE UNION STATION TO GREET HARDING

President-Elect Arrived From Marion Early in Afternoon—Police Keep Crowds Back.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 3.—President-elect Harding reached Washington at 1 o'clock this afternoon and went into conference with inauguration officials on details of tomorrow's ceremony.

A Washington, March 3.—Great crowds of inauguration visitors and home folks gathered in and around the union station to greet President-elect Harding on his arrival from his home at Marion, Ohio, early this afternoon. The station concourse was jammed while hundreds not so fortunate as to be able to get in the doors braved a misting rain to get a glimpse of the new President-to-be.

A special detail of nearly one hundred policemen were on hand to keep open a lane leading from the train shed to the presidential room at the station and open the way for automobiles for the party on leaving the station.

Vice-President-elect Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge were to greet the Harding party in the presidential room and accompany them to the New Willard Hotel where Mr. and Mrs. Harding will make their headquarters until they go to the White House tomorrow afternoon.

A dozen motorcycle policemen will accompany the party from the station, while another detail of special police are at the hotel to keep the lane open through the crowds gathered there.

Christian Harding's Secretary, Baltimore, March 3.—(On board the Harding special train en route to Washington.)—President-elect Harding today definitely announced the selection of James J. Davis, of Pittsburg, to be secretary of labor, and George B. Christian, Jr., to be secretary to the president.

CLARK SERVICES PLANS ARE READY

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 3.—The house of representatives had completed arrangement today for the funeral services in the house chamber Saturday morning for the late minority leader and former Speaker Champ Clark, who died here yesterday after a brief illness. The services which will be held at 10:30 will be a tribute of respect such as has been paid only a few times in the history of the American Congress.

It will be the first time the house has been used for such a purpose since 1914 when services were held for the late Seneca Payne, for more than thirty years a representative from New York. The body of the former speaker will lie in state in the rotunda before the services.

Both houses of congress voted to appoint a committee to attend the funeral as representatives of their respective bodies.

TUMULTY WON'T SERVE

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 3.—William B. Wilson, the retiring secretary of labor, was appointed today by President Wilson as a member of the international joint commission to succeed Obadiah Gardner, of Maine, whose resignation was received by the president. It is announced at the White House that Mr. Wilson had accepted the post.

Washington, March 3.—Joseph Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson today announced that he had declined an appointment as a member of the International Joint Commission. He said it would not be fair to the president for him to accept the post which he would not be able to give full time and consideration.

Mr. Tumulty said his declination would not mean the reappointment of Obadiah Gardner, of Maine, chairman of the commission whose resignation was accepted by the president.

The Canadian potato crop for 1920 was 138,527,000 bushels.

ELECTION CONTEST HEARING HERE MAY BE ENDED TODAY

Attorneys for Both Sides Anxious to Complete Work This Afternoon—One More Ward.

The hearing of evidence of Contestant Campbell in the Campbell-Doughton election contest will likely end late today if the desires of the attorneys on both sides are fulfilled.

Monroe Adams, who is in charge of the case of Mr. Campbell since Mr. Holton and Mr. Britt's departure, is rushing things as much as possible, and he is given all the encouragement possible by the attorneys for Mr. Doughton.

Dr. Campbell himself arrived in the city yesterday and is keeping up with the evidence today. His son, W. L. Campbell, who was recently sworn as a member of the bar, is assisting Mr. Adams. J. W. Waggoner of the local bar is also assisting the contestant. Mr. Doughton's legal talent is the same as on the opening day of the hearing, headed by former Governor Bickett who is assisted by Craige and Carlton of the local bar.

After the hearing here the contestant will submit his evidence from Caldwell and Ashe counties. Following the hearing in the two remaining counties, Contestee Doughton will begin submitting his evidence to prove his countercharges to Mr. Campbell.

The contestant has evidence from the south ward of the city to spread on the minutes this afternoon and several minor precincts of the county, and possibly several witnesses who were not on hand at the right time. However it is believed some of these witnesses may not be called unless they can be had today and time permits.

This morning, in addition to several witnesses in county precincts, judges of the east ward testified. They testified in regard to absentee votes. The first was the Republican judge, E. L. Austin. He testified that there were between seventy-five and a hundred absentee votes cast. One he challenged and it was not voted. Of the number cast only one was a Republican vote he said. He also said that a number of the absentee votes cast did not have either of the congressional candidates marked.

J. C. Kesler, Democratic judge from the same ward, testified that there were about fifty absentee votes, he didn't know how many were Democratic. He said he did not save the votes for the understanding of the law to mean that unless they were marked with the voters name that it was unnecessary. Some of the votes were with tickets and some without, he said. He said the only vote questioned by the Republican judge was thrown out.

Mr. Kesler also said that a number of the absentee votes were not cast for Mr. Doughton and Mr. Adams but were for the other candidates of the party.

Mike Winecuff, who was on the stand yesterday, stated that he challenged only absentee voters. The article in yesterday's Evening Post did not specifically mention the voters Mr. Winecuff testified that he challenged as being absentee, however, that is the case and we gladly make that correction.

TWO COAL STRIKES ON OTHERWISE CONDITION IN FIELDS ARE IMPROVED

Charleston, W. Va., March 3.—Alto quoted coal prices are the lowest in years, and despite unreasonable weather, the affairs of the United Mine Workers, as regards the strike situation in West Virginia, are better than for months, says Fred Mooney, secretary of District 17, United Mine Workers of America.

There are now only two strikes of consequence in West Virginia fields—the Mingo county strike and one in Preston county.

The first involves the right of the miners to organize and the second has to do with the alleged repudiation of wage agreements by the Pen-Mary coal interests, a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Co. The Preston strike has been in progress nearly two years.

In Mingo county non-union men who have been operating mines have just left their jobs. This has closed down three additional mines.

"Everything possible is done to make the lot of the strikers more bearable," Mooney says. "Scores are living in tents, but these have been floored, coal is being provided and food furnished where necessary."

NEW PLANE MUFFLER Will Increase Efficiency of Bombing Raids in War.

Washington, March 3.—An airplane motor muffler, invented by a man named Berger, of Zurich, Switzerland, army aviation experts here say, may revolutionize army air practice. Maj. H. S. Burwell, who visited Zurich to inspect the muffler, in his report suggests these advantages:

Makes lower, unexpected bombing raids possible.

Allows plain code signals by use of muffler cut-outs.

Makes possible conversation between pilot and observer and alleviates difficulties in tuning wireless telephone sets.

Mufflers of the usual type either diminished power of the motor or caused it to overheat.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The army appropriation bill was completed today and sent to the president. The house accepted the compromise agreed to by the senate for an army of 156,000 men during the next fiscal year.

Weather Phenomenon Richmond, Ky., March 3.—The weather sharks are trying to figure this one. Lightning accompanied the last snow storm.

LONG SERVICE



Frank W. Collier (left) started as a page in the house when a boy. He is now congressional postmaster. Joseph G. Rodgers, sergeant-at-arms of the house, joined the Capitol police force 31 years ago.

REV. J. L. MORGAN PRESIDENT OF NEW LUTHERAN SYNOD

Rev. H. B. Shaffner, Secretary, J. D. Heilig, Treasurer—Invited to Meet at Burlington.

Rev. J. L. Morgan of Salisbury, president of the North Carolina Lutheran synod, which went out of existence yesterday when the merger of this synod and the Tennessee synod was perfected, was elected president of the new organization, the name of which is The United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. This honor came to Mr. Morgan on the third ballot and he was immediately escorted to the rostrum and made a talk expressing his appreciation for the confidence imposed in him and pledging his best efforts to merit that confidence and trust, and at once took over the reins as head of the new church corporation.

President Morgan's term of office, which is a salaried one, is for a period of five years, and it will be good news to Salisbury and Rowan people to know that he will maintain his residence and official headquarters in this city.

Other officers chosen, all for a period of one year, were: Secretary, Rev. H. B. Shaffner, of King's Mountain, a member of the former Tennessee synod; statistical secretary, Rev. Dr. E. H. Kohn, of Mt. Holly, also of the late Tennessee synod; treasurer, Mr. James D. Heilig, of Salisbury, who has been treasurer of the North Carolina synod for more than 25 years, having succeeded his late father, Col. F. N. Heilig.

Immediately after the joint session was assembled in St. John's Lutheran church yesterday afternoon for the first meeting of a temporary organization was formed with Rev. Dr. J. C. Deltz president and Rev. M. L. Stirewalt secretary.

The merger proposition, as decided upon at the separate sessions of the two synods was taken up and no time was lost in getting down to business, and within a short time the bill of enactment of the new organization was favorably acted upon, as also was the legal report, and the constitution and bylaws, and these were adopted and the merger formally adopted and the merger formally adopted and the merger formally adopted.

Rev. Dr. Deltz, president of the new organization, was called upon to lead in prayer after the consolidation had been formed and he offered a most appropriate prayer on the occasion. Then followed several talks by members of the two old synods, all of an inspiring and congratulatory nature, the leaders in these addresses being Hon. C. M. Efrid, of Lexington, S. C., L. M. Swink, Esq., of Winston-Salem, and Rev. Dr. M. G. Sherer, of New York.

A committee of nine members was authorized to be appointed by the president to canvass the whole educational system and field of the new synod, and this committee will be named at an early date.

It was decided that an adjourned meeting of the synod be called by President Morgan on order of the arrangement committee.

A resolution of thanks to the congregation of St. John's church, the Lutherans of Salisbury and Spencer, the people of Salisbury and the press for entertainment and courtesies was adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. T. S. Brown, pastor of Macedonia Lutheran church, Burlington, extended an invitation to The United Evangelical Lutheran church of North Carolina to hold its next convention in that city and in his church. The North Carolina synod was to have met there but the merger disposes of this meeting. The time and place of the first regular convention of the new organization was left with the arrangements committee. After prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton, former president of the Tennessee synod, the meeting came to a close.

The North Carolina synod which passed out of existence yesterday contained 77 congregations and the Tennessee synod, which also ceased with the merger, contained 131 congregations, thus the new organization has within its bounds 208 congregations.

The United States army has 65 officers and 1,435 enlisted men in China.

PHYSICAL EXAM. BILL FOR CUPID VICTIMS PASSES

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, March 3.—The lower house of the General Assembly at last night's session by a vote of 74 to 39 passed the Bellamy bill providing that applicants for marriage must submit to the registrar of deeds a certificate showing that they are in good physical condition before the marriage license may be issued.

Over the provision of the bill which related to the mental test for all applicants there was considerable debate in which numerous members spoke. When it seemed that the bill would be lost an amendment was offered by Doughton and Grant providing that the certificate from the physician must show that the applicant is free from venereal diseases and that he or she has never been adjudged insane, an idiot or an imbecile by a court.

The bill will require a certificate for both parties to the marriage contract but the female applicant will only have to show a certificate that she is not afflicted with tuberculosis. There was much discussion over the measure after Representative Bellamy had taken the floor and explained the provisions of the proposed law. Matthews of Bertie county attacked the bill saying that it should have been entitled an act to promote immorality in North Carolina. The bill if passed, he said, would throw fifty per cent of the negroes in Eastern North Carolina from marriage and predicted that as a result there would be five hundred per cent more illegitimate children heretofore.

Walter Murphy gave assistance to the proponents of the bill and made a strong speech for it. The bill passed its final reading and goes to the senate for consideration.

Following out the recommendations of Governor Morrison in his message to the General Assembly a bill has been proposed by the joint finance committee of the House and Senate creating the office of tax commissioner whose duty it shall be to handle all taxation and revenue matters. These matters are now being passed upon by the State Corporation Commission.

Allen J. Maxwell, member of the corporation commission, and who is recognized as the best taxation expert in the employ of the State is being mentioned for the position. If the committee's bill goes through and the office is created the pay is fixed at \$6,000. The appointment is to be made by the governor for a period of six years.

Representative Everett of Richmond proposed the bill which was seconded by Senator Dewar, Republican member from Cherokee. Creation of the tax commissioner is understood to mean the defeat of the bill recently proposed providing for a commissioner of banking.

The Finance committee also voted to leave the property exemption at \$300.

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There are several proposals one of which is by Senator Varner of Robeson which is in reality a revaluation of the revaluation as it now stands. Whether the senator will be able to convince the members of his plan should be followed out in another question. The old argument against it is the cost the State would be put to by ordering another assessment of valuations.

It was learned here today that the heads of the finance committee expect to effect a compromise over the Varner plan and the members having other plans as to what ought to be done with revaluation. Some announcement is expected in time to pass a bill before the session ends.

Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. W. B. Cooper entertained the members of the General Assembly at the Woman's Club yesterday evening at a sumptuous dinner. Covers were laid for 200, the dinner being served from six to eight o'clock.

KITCHIN RAPIDLY RECOVERING HEALTH

(By The Associated Press)