

EMPLOYEES OF PACKERS SEEK FULL CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT

Delegation Leaves Chicago For Washington To Ask President To Take Over Industry As Done With Railroads

INVESTIGATION SHOWS SOURCES OF BIG PROFIT

Employees of Every Branch and Representing Every Craft Make Up Body and Are Prepared To Present Case In Full

CHICAGO, January 17—(Associated Press)—To urge the immediate taking over by the government of the great meat packing and slaughterhouse industries of the country a delegation composed of representatives of every branch and every department and every craft of the packing industry left Chicago last night for Washington. It is the intention of this delegation to secure a hearing from the President and present their case to him directly but they are ready to see any other government officials and to lay the case before them and the Federal Trades Board which has already held a number of hearings on the packing industry and the various other industries with which it has become interwoven.

HEARINGS IN PROGRESS

Hearings before the Federal Trades Board have brought out testimony to show ownership of railroad terminals in Chicago by packing house industries. It has been shown the stock yards are owned and controlled by the same or similar industries. The connection between the packers and the hide and leather business has also been shown as well as has the entering of the packers into retail business and its effect upon the retail prices paid by the consumer.

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SELECTIVE DRAFT COMPLICATED BY MANY BLUNDERS

Hilo Board Finds Only About Twenty-five Percent of Registrants Answer Questions Correctly—Similar Trouble Here

HILO, January 16—(Special to The Advertiser)—The local draft board which is now receiving questionnaire blanks from registrants finds that twenty-five percent of them have been improperly filled out by registrants. The draft board announces that if the percentage continues at this rate it will serve to complicate the entire draft matter for a year before the tangle can be straightened out. In explanation of the situation the local draft board places the blame on the legal advisers, claiming the latter do not read the questionnaires themselves and are therefore not properly qualified to direct the filling out of blanks by the registrants.

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REGISTRANTS OVER AGE LIMIT EXEMPT?

Secretary Baker Recommends Those Reaching Thirty-second Birthday Be Not Liable

WASHINGTON, January 17—(Associated Press)—Discharge from the liability to draft of all those who have passed their thirty-first year since their registration and who were not called in the first selection was recommended by Secretary of War Baker yesterday.

It is the view of Baker that those reaching their thirty-second year before they are called are exempt or should be, contemplating the limit of thirty-one years when the men are called. They are replaced on the list, he contends, by the youths who reach their twenty-first year and are now compelled to register and are made subject to draft.

RUSSIA PROMISES ARMENIANS LITTLE

Favors Their Right To Determine Own Destinies Whether In Russia Or In Turkey

PETROGRAD, January 17—(Associated Press)—Little but sympathy is extended to the Armenians by the Bolshevik government in a decree which was issued yesterday directed to the people of Turkish Armenia and signed by Lenin and the other Bolshevik leaders. The decree says the government and the workers' and peasants' council supports the rights of all the Armenians in Russia and will support those in Turkey as well to the extent of acknowledging their complete independence in deciding for themselves their own destinies. It makes no promise of any aid or assistance to this end.

Following protests on the part of the diplomats of the Allied Powers the government yesterday ordered the release of General Djamshid and staff. British officials and the news from the protests were upon the arrest and detention of the party.

ADDRESS TO REICHSTAG IS FURTHER POSTPONED

COPENHAGEN, January 16—(Associated Press)—The Berlin correspondent of the newspaper National Tidende says that Chancellor von Hertling will address the reichstag on Friday, if his health permits.

SUSPECTED BOMB FOUND ON NAVY YARD DRY DOCK

AN ATLANTIC PORT, January 16—(Associated Press)—What is believed to be a bomb was found today beside a navy yard at the drydock here. German writing on the object aroused suspicion.

CHANCE OF AGREEMENT ON HOME RULE REMOTE

LONDON, January 16—(Associated Press)—The London Times interprets recent news from Dublin to mean that the chances of an agreement on a plan of government by the Irish convention are remote.

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ITALIANS REPULSE ENEMY'S COUNTERS

Efforts of Austro-Germans To Recover Lost Positions Are All Frustrated

NEW YORK, January 17—(Associated Press)—Except in Italy where powerful offensives were unsuccessfully launched by the Austro-Germans in an effort to recover important positions which they lost earlier in the week, there was little infantry activity yesterday. On the western front there were some minor reports but they were not of major importance. Artillery duels raged violently in several sectors of that front throughout the day.

Preceded by intense artillery fire the Austro-Germans launched vicious counters yesterday against the Italians and their Allies on two sectors of the Italian front, both in the mountain region of Northern Italy and on the longer Poas sector.

Artillery Fire Preceded

With daylight the big gun fire quickened into a heavy barrage in an effort to clear the way for the coming counters. Under this curtain of shells the Teuton infantry drove forward but they never reached the trenches of the Allies. As they advanced the Italian, French and British batteries countered heavily and a machine gun and rifle fire mowed the enemy down by the hundred. They fell back but only to return to the battle reinforced or to five places to fresh troops which were in turn driven back under the metal hail which fell upon them and sent their ranks amok. Late in the afternoon these efforts ceased and the field was left strewn with dead and dying.

PEACE PLANS MAKE SLOW HEADWAY

Central Powers Have Trouble and Russia As Well—Life of Lenin Sought

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MURDER COMMITTED IN HINDU PLOTS

Witness Tells of Killing of Indian Policeman Which He Could Not Countenance

SAN FRANCISCO, January 17—(Associated Press)—The details of how one murder was successfully carried through by the plotters engaged in fomenting a revolution in India, on which charge a number of Hindus and Germans are now on trial here, was related on the witness stand yesterday by Pramatha Nath Mukerji, a "surprise witness" produced by the prosecution.

Mukerji related how an Indian police official was murdered by Atma Ram, one of the revolutionists, who carried out his share of the murder plot at Nanking, China. Atma Ram was subsequently caught by the British and was hanged.

The witness admitted that he had been one of the revolutionists in the inception of the German financed plot, believing that the success of the plan meant the liberation of India from foreign rule. When the plotters began by murdering individuals, however, and he learned that the murder of the Doctor Cook party had taken place, he deserted the revolutionaries. He was prepared to engage in a war but not in a series of murders, he said.

LOOT FROM BANK IS FOUND IN APARTMENT

CAMP PUNSTON, Kansas, January 16—(Associated Press)—Sixty-two thousand dollars, taken from the looted Camp Punston army bank last Friday night, was found today hidden in the walls of the apartment occupied by Capt. Lewis B. Whisler. Captain Whisler was found a suicide on Sunday. It has been virtually established that Whisler was one of the men who, armed with axes, broke into the bank and killed four of the five guards there.

AMERICANS LEARN WHAT BAD-ROADS REALLY MEAN

AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, January 16—(Associated Press)—The roads up to and behind that portion of the French front where the American army is operating is the worst ever experienced by the Americans. The American army units and many motor trucks are mired in endeavoring to drag vehicles through the roads.

BERLIN DENIES RUMOR

AMSTERDAM, January 16—(Associated Press)—It is denied at Berlin that aviators caught distributing copies of President Wilson's message behind the German lines will be shot.

TO CUT RED TAPE AND GET RESULTS

Advisory Board of Secretary Wilson Told What is Expected of Them At First Meeting

WASHINGTON, January 17—(Associated Press)—"Get down to facts. Cut the red tape where you have to, but get down to the real facts and get the results," was the advice that Secretary of Labor Wilson gave to the new advisory committee when he met with them yesterday.

Adequate housing facilities for employees at the various war industrial and shipbuilding centers will be the first thing the board will undertake to secure. They have been told to get quick results and they are going after them.

The new advisory council of the department of labor, just appointed by Secretary Wilson, with John Lind as presiding officer, held its first meeting yesterday and decided upon a policy under which women will be prevented from taking positions involving labor laws (such as those available to fill the positions). The object of this policy is to prevent a reduction of wages based on the employment of women instead of men.

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HOLSTEIN WOULD OUST KOHALA FOOD AGENT

A formal protest against the commissioning of George Buchholtz as a district agent for the food commission is to be filed with the commission by H. L. Holstein, speaker of the house of representatives and member from Hawaii.

A letter from a Kohala resident placed the case before Holstein. It is said that there is no personal animus or objection to Buchholtz, but it is felt that an alien enemy should not hold an official position in touch with the workings of the food commission.

It is said that commissions went out to each plantation in the Territory without any inquiry into the citizenship status of the plantation managers. They were asked to accept the commission and take an oath of loyalty cooperation. This was done by Buchholtz, the oath being witnessed by George Tulloch, notary public at Kohala.

WORK FOR RAILROADS FOUND TO BE HEAVY

WASHINGTON, January 16—(Associated Press)—Daniel Willard, hotel railroad man, leader in the National Council of Defense and also of the War Industries Board, resigned the latter position today. He says that his work with the railroads under the government control scheme is so heavy that it requires all his attention, and that the war industries work also requires a great deal of time.

LARGE FOOD SUPPLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

NEW YORK, January 16—(Associated Press)—A "four-alarm" or dangerously large fire broke out today in a five-story warehouse filled with government food on the Brooklyn waterfront.

The fire was not extinguished until noon. It is estimated that the damage is half a million.

ORIENTAL INTERESTS FINANCE BANK SYSTEM

LIMA, Peru, January 17—(Associated Press)—Japanese and Chinese financial interests have arranged here for the establishment of a system of banks throughout Peru.

MAY NOT BE SPY

BALTIMORE, January 16—(Associated Press)—The United States district attorney here believes that Walter Spoorman, arrested Saturday at Newport News is guilty of violation of the enemy proclamation only, in having trespassed on a zone forbidden to alien enemies.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Advertisement.

AFFIRM ONLY OR QUIT, LATEST ORDER

Hackfeld Employees Must Sign Pledge Bearing On Their Patriotism To America

Employees of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., who refuse to sign a pledge affirming their loyalty to the United States in the prosecution of the war against German barbarity and Kaiserism will be looking for a job during the coming week, according to a decision reached yesterday morning at a meeting of the board of directors.

The resolution, which was carried by a unanimous vote of the directors, carries a proviso whereby employees who are citizens of allied or neutral countries, or who, for any other reason, are inconsistent with their continued employment by the company, cannot sign the pledge, may present their reasons in writing. These will be considered by the directors and dealt with accordingly.

J. F. C. Hagans, president of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., and members of the board of directors already have signed the pledge, and copies will be distributed among all employees during the next few days with a request for immediate execution.

The resolution adopted by the directors at yesterday's meeting is as follows:

"That, as one of the preliminaries toward securing the Americanization of the company, a declaration be drawn up substantially on the following lines:

"We, the undersigned, natural born or naturalized citizens of the United States of America, do hereby affirm our allegiance to said country, and in the various capacities in which we are connected with H. Hackfeld & Co., Limited, do hereby agree to use our best efforts in making said corporation an American institution in the fullest and best sense of the word.

"That said declaration shall first be signed by this board of directors and then presented to the managers of the main establishment and all branches upon the salary list of the company. While signing said declaration shall not be considered a reason why changes cannot be made that may be deemed advisable in the interests of the company for any reason, failure to sign shall be prima facie sufficient reason for dismissal as soon as arrangements can be made to effect the change without undue disturbance to the business of the corporation.

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HOLIDAYS ORDERED FOR FIVE DAYS TO AVERT COAL FAMINE

Factories and Other Business Including Munition Plants Must Close; Mondays Will Be Workless For Following Ten Weeks

WASHINGTON, January 17—(Associated Press)—By order of the government, in a drastic effort by Fuel Administrator Garfield to relieve the bituminous coal famine situation, every industry east of the Mississippi River, with but few exceptions, will close down tonight and remain closed for five days.

This order which affects the greatest manufacturing districts of the world, including in its scope twenty-nine States, the order being effective in Minnesota and Louisiana as well as those States lying wholly east of the great river, was telegraphed broadcast last night. It applies to factories and mills, to all public activities which call for the use of public buildings, to munition works and to some offices.

INDUSTRIES STOP COMPLETELY

In more than half the United States not a wheel will turn for five days and fires will be drawn in many thousands of furnaces in order that the suffering of countless millions may be relieved and the railroads given a period of grace within which to clear their lines of great accumulations of snow and prepare to handle the coal of which the stoppage of transportation has checked the mining.

MONDAYS MADE HOLIDAYS

In addition to this drastic order for a five-day holiday, all factories, public buildings, saloons, places of amusement and a number of other buildings which have to be heated are ordered to observe every Monday as a holiday for the next ten weeks. Shipyards are exempted from this order, but munition plants are not.

Through the five-day holiday and the ten Monday holidays to allow the fuel administrator estimates that nearly thirty million tons of bituminous coal will be conserved, which amount is about half of what the present coal shortage is today. All coal estimated on is bituminous. Anthracite is used by railroads and for heating purposes and almost entirely in the East.

PRESIDENT APPROVES OF PLAN

Fuel Administrator Garfield issued his sweeping order with the full approval of the President, the administrator having conferred at length with the latter and laid before him the situation created through the general coal shortage and the abnormal weather conditions that have turned a shortage into a veritable famine, threatening the very lives of very many thousands and perhaps millions of people.

In the order issued, industries which are to be given preference in deliveries of coal are listed, the railroads being listed as first. This list is to be observed strictly when the deliveries of coal recommence.

ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES CONSIDERED

Eventually every essential industry is to be supplied, but there is no assurance that industries classed as unessential in the prosecution of the main business of the country, that of winning the war, will be able to secure coal at any early date.

NEW YORK CITY SHOCKED

Reports from New York state that the order of Garfield last night came as a shock to the business district, where few of the men interviewed were found inclined to look with favor on the unprecedented order. Many asserted that a certain effect is to cause great suffering among wage earners through having to stop work or nearly a week and for one day a week throughout the winter.

DISAGREEABLE FEATURE OF WAR

William Howard Taft made a statement in which he said: "This is one of the disagreeable features of war and one of the results of war, but like good Americans we will adapt ourselves to it as we will to all other conditions necessary to carry out the orders of the government in its war work as well as its work of relief."

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