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EIGHT-HOUR LAW HELP TO WILSON'S CAMPAIGN

Fact Is Pointed Out That Labor Commands About 3,000,000 Votes.

ANOTHER SIDE TO QUESTION Many Wealthy Men, It Is Believed, Who Might Have Contributed Funds to Democratic Party Now Will Refuse to Do So.

NEW YORK, September 9.—What effect will the action of Congress in decreasing an eight-hour day for trainmen have on the result of the national election? If the election were to occur right away, it would make President Wilson's re-election certain. But in November?—well, many things can happen in two months. One of these things will be enhanced contributions to the Republican campaign chest.

For, aside from the merits of the strike question and its settlement, the practical effect of the stand taken by the President has been to make votes for the Democrats and funds for the Republicans.

Whatever the effect on labor as a whole the act hurriedly passed by Congress may have, there is no question about labor, in this section at least, hailing it as an epochal victory. And those whose hours are longest and pay the lowest seem to be most overjoyed by the success of the trainmen.

They appear to think it a forerunner of an eight-hour day, if need be by congressional enactment, for all forms of labor.

Therefore, there has been a general acclaim from organized labor and one as enthusiastic, if not so well-voiced, from the unorganized. Most of the labor leaders, following the lead of Samuel Gompers, are coming out openly for Wilson and the Democrats, and the Republicans are having some trouble checking defections from that element of their ranks.

TRAINMEN WILL BE UNANIMOUS FOR WILSON The trainmen, it is said, will be well-nigh unanimous for Wilson. Their number 490,000, and are mostly voters. But men who operate trains are not good voters; their work keeps a great many of them from the polls. The Democrats can count upon getting ballots from 50 per cent of them; the others will be scattered or fail to go to the polls.

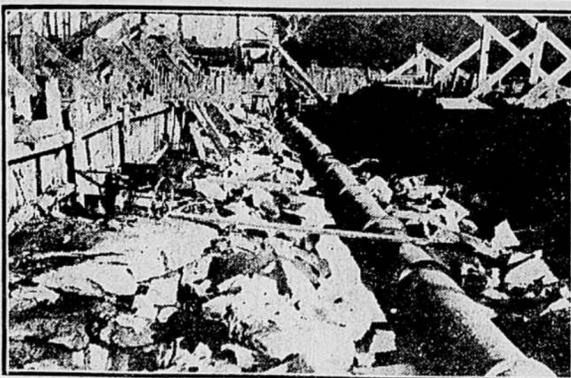
Thus, the direct benefit that may come from the votes of the railroaders will be small, for the 200,000 who may be depended on to annually cast ballots will be scattered through all the States in the Union. Some will be in States, like those of the South, which would be Democratic regardless of the result of the threatened strike, and many in States like Pennsylvania, "almost" as the after-effect of the Wilsonian "what happened or may happen. Their votes will be an item well worth considering in the big close States like New York and Indiana.

But all the trouble incident to straightening out the strike situation as a measure of practical politics would have been wasted effort were the after-effect on the fortunes of parties reflected solely by those directly involved. In no event would the November election be so close as to make it possible for the trainmen to decide the issue. The strategical importance of the problem comes from the fact that "labor" as a whole commands about 3,000,000 votes. By going solidly one way or the other it could decide the result in any of the half-dozen States whose choice will be the next President of the United States.

LABOR VOTE GETS DEFEATS CANDIDATES Just how much of the potential "labor vote" is actual is one of those uncertainties of politics. Politicians count it as a body. It often defeats candidates for office, but rarely elects any. Gompers and the Federation of Labor supported Bryan in 1908, as the Republicans are pointing out, but did not help him appreciably. No doubt a large number of voters are influenced by labor questions, but just how many are controlled by those questions alone is a doubtful problem. In this case those who go to Wilson on the strike issue alone will do so out of appreciation, for Hughes's record on labor questions is not a bad one. Some of his decisions while on the bench, like the one in the Danbury haters' case, are being used against him. He has come out for arbitration, but has not come out against the eight-hour day.

However, in the final analysis, the course of President Wilson will get him many votes from the labor world which he would not have received had there been no threatened strike and no forced settlement in favor of the workers. If that were all there is to it, it might be safely predicted that

Great Pipe Lies on River's Bed



Twenty-Inch Supply Main Connecting South Richmond With New Reservoir and the Settling Basins.

These votes would be sufficient in number to make his re-election certain. But there is another side. As intimated above, it consists largely of funds. Undoubtedly many men of means who otherwise would have contributed to the Democratic exchequer will now refuse to do so. Many will give to the Republicans. The action of Congress will make it more difficult for the Democrats to finance their campaign and much easier for the Republicans to finance theirs.

COST OF LEGITIMATE CAMPAIGNING HAS ADVANCED Money doesn't count for as much in politics as when Mark Hanna checked the free silver tide by liberal distribution of gold, but it is probably more essential than ever. While the corrupt use of money has become less efficacious, the legitimate use of it has become more necessary. The cost of legitimate campaigning has gone up. Without funds for stamps, for printing, for advertising, a party or candidate is helpless, because voters must be reached directly. The Republican gain in that respect is something of a set-off, but not equal to the Democratic gain in numbers of supporters.

Y. W. C. A. OPENS FALL WITH ENLARGED MEMBERSHIP Daily Attendance Is Increasing Constantly, and Use of Gymnasium Is Increasing.

With the beginning of fall activities, the Young Women's Christian Association starts on its third season of usefulness since the opening of the new building at Fifth and Main Streets, a little over two years ago. During this period the growth of the work has been very remarkable, but entirely steady and well-balanced, and the investment of \$161,000 made by the Richmond public has demonstrated its value as a civic asset.

The boarding home at 198 West Cary Street is well equipped and efficiently managed, and offers board under home-like surroundings to about fifty girls. It is always full, and there is usually a waiting list of applicants. The central building is in constant use, from the basement, where the swimming pool and cafeteria attract crowds daily, to the third floor, where clubrooms are offered free of charge for the meeting of such organizations as the Richmond Nurses' Club, the Stenographers' Association, the alumnae of various colleges and numerous

WATER MAIN LIES ON BED OF JAMES RIVER

Superintendent Davis Tells of Construction of Pipe Supplying South Richmond.

TEST AT 150 POUNDS PRESSURE Head of Water Works Says Pipe Properly Laid on Bed of River Is as Substantial as One Laid in Earth Trench.

Superintendent E. E. Davis, of the Richmond Water Department, in the American City, gives a splendid description of the submerged twenty-inch cast-iron bell-and-spigot water main in the bottom of the James River, which links the supply of the north side with the south side, formerly the city of Manchester. The accompanying picture shows how the pipe line looked in the rock trench.

"This piece of work," writes Mr. Davis, "was begun about the middle of May, 1912, and completed on April 22, 1914. It was a tedious and difficult undertaking. Cofferdams had to be built on an uneven surface composed of bowlders of stone. The greatest difficulty was in getting the cofferdam tight, as the rocks and bowlders had so many fissures, which caused leaks. The trouble encountered was due to the blasting done a few years earlier when the railway company's power dam was built. This dam crosses the river just where the water main enters the southern shore, and the blasting had loosened many rocks. There were, of course, a great many 'I told you so's' who prophesied failure, but after the main was completed and no leaks developed no one had any comments.

Laid in True Line FROM SHORE TO SHORE The main was laid in a true line from shore to shore, crossing Belle Isle and a small island. The main extended 700 feet on Belle Isle and about 150 feet on the small island. The total length of the main is

After Vacation Peel Your Discolored Skin

Women returning from the seaside with browned, reddened or freckled complexions will be wise in immediately taking up the mercerized wax treatment. Weather-beaten skin had best come off, for no amount of "beautifying" will ever make such skin pretty to look at. The surest, safest, easiest way to shed the despoiled cuticle is with the treatment suggested. Put the wax on before retiring, as you would cold cream, and rinse it off next morning with warm water. Minute particles of scarf skin will peel off day by day, gradually showing the healthy, youthful skin beneath. One ounce of mercerized wax, obtainable at any drug store, is enough to make any discolored or spotted complexion clear, white and satiny soft. Its action is so gentle no harm is caused and the face shows no trace of its use. Burning heat, irritating winds and dirt are such wrinkle-makers that the daily use of the following astringent tonic lotion at this season is highly advisable. Powdered saxolite, one ounce, dissolved in witch hazel, one-half pint. Used as a face bath this is a splendid wrinkle remover and preventive. Adv.

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about 2,000 feet. I was very careful in preparing specifications as to the manner of laying the pipe, the trench in the rock and on the island. I also specified how the joints should be made—i. e., the depth and thickness of lead joints and the proper method of caulking. The contractor was required to have all joints made by employees of our pipe-laying force, under the charge of the resident engineer or myself. The pipe was tested at the foundry at 300 pounds per square inch, and was also tested at 150 pounds per

square inch hydrostatic. It was laid in sections varying from 150 to 200 feet, and each section was tested when finished. The same pressure was put on all sections laid as the work progressed, but a test of 150 pounds on the whole was made when it was finished. Only one pipe burst, and that was caused by fish hunters with a Mauser rifle shooting at fish in shallow water, their bullets striking the pipe. There was ninety pounds pressure on the pipe at the time it burst. This happened on the small island, and the break was soon repaired. The depth of the water over the pipe varies from six feet to the surface of the river at low flow near one of the islands. "We were often asked if there was not some danger of the pipe bursting or leaking. My reply was that the manner of laying this pipe was the same as if it were in an earth trench; that no trouble had ever developed in the trench pipe, and, furthermore, that I did not believe that a pipe laid properly in the bottom of the river would fail any quicker than in an earth trench."

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