

OPENS BATTLE OF NATION LOOKED FOR IN NEW HAVEN

Employers of 113 Concerns Organize Council to Fight for Issue.

UNION LEADERS READY Proposal to Cut Wages 20 P. C. Is Rejected by Building Trades.

CALL IT BLOW AT LABOR

Workers Believe Connecticut Is to Be Made the Centre of Countrywide War.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 25.—Union labor leaders here to-day professed to see in the announcement by large New Haven employers that they had organized an open shop council, evidence that this city and State is to be made the nation's battleground in capital's fight against the trades unions of the country and the principles upon which they are founded.

Although officers of the State federation were chary of comment, it was apparent to-day that neither they nor the members of the organization they represent were surprised by the concerted action of 113 New Haven concerns which have combined to fight the closed shop principle of trades unions.

Patrick F. O'Meara, president of the State Federation of Labor, said he had no statement to make, but producing a booklet captioned "Facts and Facts," which was published last month by authority of the New Haven Trades Council, in reply to assertions made by Alfred C. Gilbert, president of the A. C. Gilbert Company of this city, in an address here on the open and closed shop, he said "There is the answer to those people."

While there was no official statement issued from either the Trades Council or the State Federation of Labor, it appeared to be the consensus among leaders in trades unions here and among members in general that the announcement of the open shop council, wherein its members declare their right to employ whom they desire, when they desire, and to respect the right of the worker to choose his employer and accept or reject the wage offered to him, merely is an invitation to all trades unions to a battle to the finish.

"And we are ready," declared one leader. "The crux of the whole matter is this, that these men—employers who have enrolled in the open shop council—reserve for themselves a privilege they deny to us; they themselves, organize for their mutual welfare and protection, but they deny this right to their workers."

At the recent conference of the building crafts of the State in this city, called to discuss the 20 per cent. decrease suggested by the Connecticut Builders Exchange, it was the sentiment of the delegates, and so written in a resolution passed, that the fight is made against us is not so much the fight of the builders themselves as it is the fight of powerful financial interests who stand behind them.

SPRINGFIELD UNIONS FIGHT LABOR CONTRACT

Employers Forbid Men to Join Labor Body.

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 25.—Employees of the metal trades in this city are waging a strenuous fight against the so-called American plan, which requires employees to sign individual contracts which forbid them belonging to any labor membership in a labor union while employed by the firm or annoying, molesting or interfering with the business, customers or employees of the company before they terminate employment. The plan of the contract to which labor objects reads:

"I understand that employment is upon a strictly non-union basis, and I agree that while retained in employment I will not be or become a member of any trade union; that if I hereafter apply for membership in any trade union I will at once notify my employer, who may thereupon terminate my employment; that upon termination of my employment for any reason I will not in any manner, direct or indirect, molest or interfere with the business, customers or employees of said employer."

Organized labor showed its resentment last Saturday when 1,000 attended a mass meeting in Northern Michigan. The labor movement in Northern Michigan and the college man exposed the industrial spy system through which private detectives are used to enter shops, gain admittance to the unions and when labor difficulties are imminent, spend the funds in the treasury.

Printers' union used by employers, and when signed by the employee, labor men say, the employer fills in the hours of labor and price scale, from which there is no appeal.

SHOE FACTORY TO REOPEN.

BROOKTON, Mass., March 25.—After being closed several months the New Factory of the George E. Koth Company, shoe manufacturers in this city, will reopen Monday and will give employment to a large number of operatives. The other plants of the company are in operation with enough orders on hand to keep busy some time. The Koth No. 4 factory at Middleboro Mass. will resume operations Monday.

CHAT WITH THEIR VICTIMS WHILE THEY ROB THE HOME

Two Burglars in Chicago Fashionable District Get Glass of Water for Woman, Tuck Children in Their Bed and Get Away With \$10,000 in Furs.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, March 25.—Burglars of Chicago, operating in fashionable neighborhoods, have all the elan and camaraderie that characterize the set they travel in for the moment. To this Walter J. Zigwitz, president of the Chicago Machine Company, will testify.

Awakened last night by a noise beneath the bedroom window of his Park Ridge home, Mr. Zigwitz shouted, "Who's there?" "We're just a couple of burglars coming to pay you a visit," was the reply. "Get back into bed, we'll be in soon."

The burglars kept their promise. Seated on the edge of a window seat they questioned the householder and his wife with easy freedom. "Twin beds, huh," one of them said. "Guess that's the way the swells sleep."

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SEES PERIL HERE OF MINORITY RULE

Dr. Ira A. Hollis Points to Demands of American Federation of Labor.

Declaring America is in peril of minority rule, Dr. Ira A. Hollis, president of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, said last night before a joint gathering of the metropolitan section of the Society of Mechanical Engineers and the New York section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers that our only safety lies "in playing one minority off against another."

Dr. Hollis attacked the American Federation of Labor for its action in demanding the enactment of legislation favorable to its members, and said legislation which exempts organized labor from the injunction statutes and other laws which apply to capital never can be tolerated.

"When the American Federation of Labor demands of Congress certain legislation, it represents very strongly to the President of the United States that he must have one of their number in his cabinet," Dr. Hollis said. "It is an undue exercise of power by a minority and is so serious to the future welfare of our republic as the present activities of the hyphenates like the German-Americans and the Irish-Americans, public policy must in their minds hinge upon the problems of the Old World, their countries, just as similar considerations actuate the group of men in Washington who are directing labor."

"Unchecked power of minorities is a danger to any form of Government. We saw what it did to Germany when the Junker rushed a whole people into this horrible war from which we are hoping some day to recover, and we saw what threatened last winter when the mining men went out. The actual interference of minorities with legislation and executive action is one of the very striking things in America. Those who hold the balance of power are virtually rulers of America."

BURTON DENOUNCES OFFICIALS IN KANSAS

Says Anti-Nonpartisan League Mob Is Protected.

SALINA, Kan., March 25.—Declaring that Attorney-General Hopkins and other officials had all the evidence they needed to prosecute leaders of the anti-Nonpartisan League demonstration in Barton county recently, J. Ralph Burton, one of the victims, said in an address last night they were endeavoring to force him to go back into hostile territory.

The address was in reply to the Attorney-General, who recently notified Gov. Allen that he had been unable to induce any of the victims of the demonstration to file a statement with him.

The former United States Senator, who rented a hall for his address, declared that "Gov. Allen is a mob governor, Richard Hopkins is a mob Attorney-General and Judge D. A. Banta of Barton county is a mob Judge."

SUMMER TOUR RATES SOON ON N. Y. CENTRAL

10 Per Cent. Reduction Given to Pleasure Points.

The New York Central Railroad announced yesterday that special summer tourist rates of 10 per cent. less than the regular fare will be inaugurated this year for round trips, with time limit, to all points in the territory covered by the system. This will apply especially to traffic to the Adirondacks, the Catskills, Niagara Falls and the resorts in the Thousand Islands, along the Great Lakes and in Northern Michigan. The reduction will become effective between May 15 and June 1 and will continue up to and including September 30. It was also announced that the Central's Western line of the system will have for all points west of Chicago special one-way colonist or home seeler rates.

GLOVES 8, 12, 16-Button Mousquetaire French Kid, Suede & Mocha For Women

Got any kids? Two; well, that's great stuff." Mrs. Zigwitz felt faint. She told one of the men so.

"Well, I'll get you a glass of water," said the burglar. When he returned with the water he announced their intention of taking a few things, including an automobile, and said the latter would be found early in the morning near by.

Expressing great solicitude over the children, and tucking them neatly in, the men made away leisurely with \$10,000 worth of furs, jewelry and clothing. No silverware, with which the householder was touched, the car was found near the house early in the morning as promised.

"They were all right," Mr. Zigwitz said. "They sure were fine to my wife and the kids."

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INJUNCTION HALTS PHONE INCREASE

Justice Newburger Puts Temporary Restraint on 28 Per Cent. Jump in Rates.

Justice Joseph E. Newburger in a Supreme Court order issued yesterday a temporary injunction order restraining the New York Telephone Company from putting into effect the order of March 17 of the Public Service Commission of the Second district allowing a 28 per cent. increase in telephone rates. The court's order was issued upon petition of John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, and was made returnable next Wednesday morning in Special Term, Part 1, of the Supreme Court.

The Corporation Counsel contended that the order of the commission is void and without legal effect in that the commission was without power to grant such an increase. He argued that the commission had admitted its lack of power in asking the Legislature to enact a law giving the commission that authority.

"The commission," said Mr. O'Brien, "was unanimously of the opinion on January 1, 1921, that it had no power to make an order of the character of the 28 per cent. increase order. In fact, several of the opinions written by the commission in support of the recommendation made by them to the Legislature, but now it is argued that the present law does give them the power. We do not believe that it will take any suspension to satisfy the court that the commission usurps powers which it itself hardly three months ago requested the Legislature to give it."

MACY GETS A JUDGMENT AGAINST THE VICTOR CO.

\$49,698 Talking Machine Verdict to Be Appealed.

Damages to the amount of \$49,697.71 were awarded yesterday to R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., in a suit against the Victor Talking Machine Company by a jury in the United States District Court. The damages resulted from an alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, the plaintiffs charging that restrictions placed upon the sale of phonograph records caused competition to be restrained and destroyed.

Under a provision of the Sherman law the award for damages is trebled, which in this case will make the total \$149,093.23. The suit was for triple damages, aggregating \$150,000, the Macy company alleging that it had sustained financial losses to that extent through the refusal of the Victor company to sell records to it for three years, from 1917 to 1919.

PAPER MILLS TO CUT OUTPUT.

WESTBROOK, Me., March 25.—The S. D. Warren Company announced to-day that its paper mills would reduce their schedule to five days a week beginning April 2, until further notice. Business conditions are said to have necessitated a curtailment of production.

BOSTON BREAD PRICES SLID.

BOSTON, March 25.—Bread prices in Boston will be reduced Monday 1 and 2 cents a loaf, to 19 and 15 cents for standard weights, two large bread-making companies announced to-day. Last November bread quotations were reduced 1 cent.

RAIL MEN WOULD RUN SYSTEMS ON COST-PLUS BASIS

Jewell, President of Union, Offers His Solution of the Transport Problem.

ADMITS DIFFICULTIES Says Too Much of Earnings Under Present Plan Drop in 'Wall Street Pot.'

WILL RENEW HEARINGS

Besler, Loomis and Byram Are Requested to Appear Before Board Monday.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, March 25.—How can railroads pay present union wages to unskilled workers and keep out of bankruptcy?

What constructive proposals have the labor organizations to offer to railroad managements for the protection of their properties as against labor's wage demands?

These questions reach the heart of the railroad problems presented to the United States Railroad Labor Board. Rail officials have declared that bankruptcy is inevitable if present wage rates are maintained.

The two questions were put to B. M. Jewell, president of the railroad employees department of the American Federation of Labor, to-day by THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Mr. Jewell is presenting to the Labor Board the organization's answer to the railroad managements on the continuance of national agreements. These agreements, railroad owners say, are wasteful and inefficient and cause an annual loss to the roads of \$300,000,000.

The answer of Mr. Jewell follows: "There is little use in our offering to railroad managements a constructive plan of cooperation for conducting that industry so long as the dictators of railroad policy insist that every dollar of earnings furnish a large quota to the 'Wall Street pot.'"

"If the railroads should come to us with a proposition to conduct the industry on a cost of service plan plus a just and reasonable return for legitimate investments in railroad securities, we would willingly enter into a conference arrangement with them to help work out the railroads' problem."

"But we would insist that the problem be worked out in a way that was fair to the public, to the workers and to those who make or have made legitimate investments in railroad securities. The railroad problem as it stands to-day is especially difficult because of general business conditions throughout the country, but it can be solved right if it is desired to solve it right."

"When those who control the railroads get away from their policy of self-interest and go to the problem with a dispassionate and just consideration to workers, public and investors, and treat the transportation industry not as a private money-making business, but as a public service institution, then the railroad problem will be solved."

The board issued requests to-day for the appearance before it on Monday of W. G. Besler of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, E. E. Loomis of the Lehigh Valley and H. E. Byram of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

OVERLOANS CLOSE BANK.

California Institution Has Deposits of \$1,000,000.

MORENO, Cal., March 25.—The California National Bank, with deposits approximating \$1,000,000, closed to-day. Difficulties due to overloans were said by bank officials to be the cause. The bank's loans are chiefly to agricultural interests. It is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank.

PLANT CUTS WORK SCHEDULE.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 25.—The Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Company, makers of tanks and gasoline pumps, announced to-day that beginning Monday the plant would be operated four days a week instead of six. The step affects 1,200 employees. The firm recently abolished its night shift. General business conditions are the announced reason for the reduction. The office force of 200 will be unaffected.

LABOR BOARD APPEAL DENIED RAIL STRIKERS

Judge Says Rail Question Is a Judicial One.

ATLANTA, March 25.—Judge Samuel H. Sibley in Federal District Court here to-night denied the petition of striking union men of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railway that he rescind his wage reduction order and refer the matter to the Federal Railroad Labor Board for action.

Giving his opinion orally at the conclusion of hearings, Judge Sibley announced that the question was a judicial one and that to-morrow the question of the justness of wages would be taken up before him. The judge held in effect that no board or law could rightfully fix wages so high that a railroad could not pay them and operate. Asserting that while in some instances a labor board might be a better judge of wages than a court, he said that in the case before him the question was one to be decided in court.

The provisions of the Newlands act, requiring twenty days' notice to employees of carriers in receivership before wage reductions can be made, was upheld by the board or law could rightfully fix wages so high that a railroad could not pay them and operate. However, that in his opinion the provisions applied only to the brotherhoods representing train crews and he modified to that extent his order to R. L. Bugge, receiver of the railroad, reducing wages 25 per cent.

FULL TIME IN MOTOR PLANT.

DETROIT, March 25.—Resumption of full time operations, effective March 28, was announced to-day by the Hudson Motor Car Company. The company has been operating with a curtailed force on a reduced working schedule for several months.

Festival of Music

March 29th to April 6th, Manhattan Opera House, 34th Street near 8th Avenue. By the ORATORIO SOCIETY OF NEW YORK. Walter Damrosch, Musical Director. Chorus of 600; New York Symphony Orchestra of 110.

Mar. 29th 8.15 THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE—Pierne Garrison, Leonard, Tyrone, Schilling, Parkhurst, Laval, Chamble, Detmer

Mar. 30th 8.15 ST. MATHEW PASSION—Bach Sundeilus, D'Alvarez, Meader, Werrenath, Illingworth

Apr. 1 8.15 The Dream of Gerontius Peratt, D'Alvarez, Chamble, Putnam

Apr. 2 8.15 Klank, Harold, Patton—Elgar MARGARET ANGLIN in

Apr. 3 8.15 Bach-Wagner Programme "IPHIGENIA IN AULIS" of Euripides

Apr. 4 8.15 Heston, Whitehill and BACH CHORUS OF BETHLEHEM Music by Damrosch Merie Alcock

Tickets, \$1.00 to \$3.00, now on sale at Room 605, 1 West 84th Street, Room 1202 Aeolian Bldg., and Box Office Manhattan Opera House

TUG STRIKE HALTED BY U. S. MEDIATION

Labor Department Sends Conciliator Here and Men Agree to Go Back.

A one day strike of engineers on coastwise towboats was ended yesterday, temporarily at least, at the request of the United States Department of Labor, which offered to act as conciliator. Dr. L. G. Davis of that department came up from Washington and had a satisfactory talk with Thomas B. Healy, executive chairman of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. Last night he went to New Jersey to see Charles G. Hanna, who represents the boat owners. Whether the owners will accept the Government's offer of mediation is to be made known to-day.

Mr. Healy, who had appealed on Thursday to Secretary of Commerce Hoover, received this message yesterday from H. L. Kerwin, director of conciliation of the Department of Labor: "Your telegram to Secretary Hoover referred to this department. We trust that no engineers nor others employed will leave positions at this time. Please write us fully exact status situation in order that we may assign conciliator of conciliation to cases. Urge upon you importance of having men remain at work pending effort to conciliate."

Mr. Healy replied that the men had returned to work pending conciliation. Then on the heels of the telegram from Washington arrived Conciliator Davis.

13 MONTHS OLD BABY DECLARED A STOWAWAY

Mother Forgot to Mention Child on Boarding Ship.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—A thirteen-month-old girl was declared to be a stowaway and held as such by immigration officials upon the arrival here to-day of the Italian liner San Rocco from Genoa and Naples. The infant, Emma Farroni, was bundled aboard ship by her mother, Angelina Farreri, at Naples, remaining undiscovered until after the ship passed Gibraltar. As her name was not on the passenger list Emma was declared a stowaway. Mrs. Farreri said in the rush to get aboard she forgot to mention the child's presence.

It was said to-night mother and child would be released to-morrow and sent to their home in Scranton.

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