

DRASTIC LABOR CODE IS URGED FOR WAR TERM

Law to Prevent Strikes in Munition Plants Is Urged

Washington, July 27.—Congressional action to prevent strikes in war munition plants and to stabilize labor conditions in the United States is being planned in connection with the new manpower bill, which the War Department will submit to Congress soon after it reconvenes late in August.

That the labor situation has been so acute that it is giving great concern to government departments, and to Congress, also, is evidenced by the steps taken during the last few days to prevent the tripling of munitions production through labor difficulties.

The Administration's manpower bill, it has become known unofficially, would place only those men within the enlarged draft ages who fall into class one under military control, while industrial manpower in general should be placed under the control of the Department of Labor. The Department would draft whatever labor might be needed, from industry to another, as conditions might require.

Members of the military affairs committee of the House the last two days have conferred with officials of the War Department and the Department of Labor, urging that all men within the new draft age be placed under military control, so that the military authorities could cope with any strike or other labor difficulty.

Want All to File Qualifications As an alternative, they have urged that should the authority to draft labor be placed in the Department of Labor, every man who registers under the new age limits of the draft be required to file a comprehensive statement of his qualifications. They want not only those who will be available for military duty alone to file these reports, but as well all the men within the new age limits who would be industrially exempted from military duty.

The final terms of the new manpower bill have not been decided upon, however. Even the new age limits have not been determined. Chairman Dent, of the House military affairs committee, said today Secretary Baker is said to favor twenty and thirty-five as the new limit. Congressmen who desire to place labor under the control of the military forces favor a maximum age of forty-five years or over.

The members of Congress who are remaining in Washington during the recess, including some of the most ardent pro-labor senators and representatives, are preparing drastic legislation to prohibit strikes and otherwise control labor. They will seek to have this legislation considered while the new manpower bill is before Congress.

These measures include: A law to prohibit strikes, similar to the measure defeated last spring. A stringent anti-profiteering law. Standardization of living prices with consequent standardization of labor wages.

Edge Now Spurns Aid From Hearst

New York, July 27.—Another candidate for political office, Governor Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, who is seeking the nomination for United States Senator for both the long and short term, went on record yesterday as emphatically declining the support of William R. Hearst. Through his private secretary, R. A. Porter, Governor Edge announced that he was not seeking Hearst support, did not want it, and would not take it.

The question arose because Governor Edge had invited Arthur Brisbane, chief of the Hearst editorial forces to a dinner which the Governor was to give last night at the Summer Executive Mansion at Sea Girt. This dinner was called off by Governor Edge remembered he had a previous engagement at the one Branch Horse Show. At least, this was the reason given by the Governor's secretary for canceling the dinner plans. Secretary Porter would not admit that the dinner engagement was broken because of the expected presence of Mr. Brisbane.

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STEELTON NEWS ITEMS

WAR AFFECTS PLAYGROUNDS

Attendance Falls Off Because Boys and Girls Are "Doing Their Bit"

The war is having its effects on the attendance of the borough playgrounds this season.

Supervisor H. T. Confer said today the drop in attendance of the larger boys and girls is because many have gone to work during the summer months. The opportunities to make big money is given as the reason for taking so many of the boys and girls by Supervisor Confer.

Last year the attendance of boys and girls between the ages of twelve and sixteen was exceptionally large, but this season few boys and girls of this age are seen about the grounds, Supervisor Confer said.

Even with this condition prevailing, attendance this year has been slightly larger than last year, according to reports. Attendance of smaller children is largely responsible for the increase.

Last year the various athletic meets and league contests were more interesting due largely to the fact that large boys and girls were participants. However, this season the regular weekly session of the Sunday school will be held at the usual hour.

PASTOR ON VACATION

The Rev. J. K. Hoffman, pastor of the Grace United Evangelical Church, leaves on a vacation on Monday, August 5, and will be held tomorrow. The regular weekly session of the Sunday school will be held at the usual hour.

Lehrman Automobile Truck Plunges Over Embankment

An automobile truck owned by Louis Lehrman, Second and Chestnut street, together with a large amount of groceries, was completely demolished when the car plunged over a 300-foot embankment at Highland street this morning at 10 o'clock. The driver of the car was turning in the road and the car went away from him, plunging over the bank. The driver jumped when the car started, probably saving his life. He was not injured.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Miss Pauline Rife will sing "Open the Gates of the Temple," at the morning service in St. John's Lutheran Church in the evening Mrs. V. O. Shive will sing a soprano solo, "Sunlight Land."

Steelton Churches

Trinity Episcopal, the Rev. W. C. Heilmann, rector, 8 a. m., Holy Communion; 10 a. m., church school; 11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon by the Rev. John Heritage.

Centenary United Brethren, the Rev. A. K. Weir, pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Virtue-Importing Christ," and at 7:30 p. m. on "The Perfect Pattern of Life." Sunday school 9:45; C. E. 6:30.

Main Street Church of God, the Rev. G. W. Getz, pastor, will preach at 10:45 a. m. on "Walking No More With Him," and at 7:30 p. m. on "Complete in Christ." Sunday school 9:45; C. E. 6:30.

St. John's Lutheran, the Rev. G. N. Lauffer, pastor, will preach at 10:45 a. m. on "With Christ in God," and at 7:30 p. m. on "The Song of Moses." Sunday school 9:45; C. E. 6:30.

First Presbyterian—Sunday school at 9:45; preaching by the Rev. M. S. Fales, of Harrisburg at 11 o'clock.

First M. E.—The Rev. Herbert A. Sawyer, pastor, Sunday school at 9:30, 10:45, subject, "The Abundant Life." Thirty-six soldier boys from the aero squad of Middletown, will be present at this service. 6:30 Epworth League; 7:30, subject, "The Sense of Want."

New Cumberland Youth Overseas With Engineers

Claude Steigerwalt

Claude Steigerwalt, resident of New Cumberland, is the latest resident of the "cross-river town" to reach France to aid in continuing the big Yankee offensive. Notice of his safe arrival has just been received by his wife. He is a member of Company A, Third Hundred and Fourth Engineers, and had been stationed at Camp Meade before being employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Enola before entering the United States service.

Painting of the entire structure which is owned by Fred B. Aldinger and Lewis Silber, is practically completed. Fred Shickley is the contractor in charge. Yesterday he started noonday crowds by ascending to the top of a flagstaff on the roof of the hotel and unfurling a large American flag. "I am not the steeplejack profession," he explained, "but when it comes to hoisting the Stars and Stripes, why that's different."

Reaches War-Torn France Without a Serious Mishap

Sergeant R. W. Taylor

Sergeant Raymond W. Taylor, of the Machine Gun Company of the Three Hundred and Sixteenth Infantry, writes to his brother, Arthur A. Taylor, 1854 Park street, that he has reached the shores of war-torn France without mishap. Prior to his entering the service, Taylor was employed as a brakeman by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira P. Taylor, of Biglerville.

Suburban Notes

DILLSBURG

Mrs. Ida Kinsley, of Harrisburg, spent Thursday with Amelia Bender in Harrisburg street.

W. M. Elicker, editor of the Dillsburg Bulletin, has been ill for several days.

Mrs. H. K. Spahr, who suffered from an attack of paralysis about ten days, is improving.

M. P. Deardoff and Grover C. Fishel left on Monday evening with two auto trucks loaded with household goods for Conneville, Pa. The goods were the property of R. D. Klinedinst, formerly of Wellsville. The distance is about two hundred miles.

S. B. Melsenholder has been granted letters of administration on the estate of D. W. Betzel.

Mrs. W. L. Crawford spent the week at Boston, Mass. She visited her husband, who is stationed near that place in the United States service.

HUMMELSTOWN

Misses Esther, Ruth and Pearl Kilmer are spending a week at Mt. Getta.

Miss Bina Swartz is spending a week with relatives at Reading.

Mrs. Curtis Davis and daughter, of Philadelphia, are spending a month with Mrs. Charles Brehm.

Miss Martha Swartz, Miss Charles Swartz, Miss E. Brennan, Miss Ruth McNaair and Miss Agnes Markley.

The fifteen young men who left town last evening for Camp Lee, Va., were given a royal send-off. Headed by the Liberty Band a parade was held.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles Houser was held from her late home in Ann street yesterday afternoon. The Rev. James Cunningham, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, officiated. Burial was in the Middletown Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox, of Ephrata, are the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. C. E. Bowers, Swatara street.

Miss Esther Bomgardner is spending several days at Penbrook.

BECK-KUNTZELMAN

Enola, July 27.—Miss Ethel May Kuntzelman and Frederick Martin Beck, both of Enola, were married at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the Enola Methodist Episcopal Church parsonage by the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Aller.

Mother Dies Before She Learns of His Death

Serving U. S. in France

Rocco Di Sciascio

Rocco di Sciascio, who lived for two years in this city with his brother, Tony Sciascio, now of 138 Harman avenue, was killed in action June 22, according to the word received by his brother.

RAILROAD RUMBLES

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

Philadelphia Division—The 127 crew first to go after 4 o'clock: 102, 125, Engineer for 102, Fireman for 127, 125, Brakemen for 127, 125.

ENOLA DIVISION

Enola Division—The 226 crew first to go after 5:15 o'clock: 218, 254, 206, 247, 229, 227, 212, 222, 254, 206, 247, 229, 227, 212, 222, 254, 206, 247, 229, 227, 212, 222.

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LESS DRINK NEAR MINES FOR MORE COAL IS URGED

Chief Button Tells Retail Coal Dealers Men Would Increase Output

Philadelphia, July 27.—Seward E. Button, Chief of the Department of Mines of Pennsylvania, addressing the members of the Pennsylvania Retail Coal Dealers' Association yesterday afternoon, advocated stricter regulation of saloons and other drinking places in the mining regions of the state as a measure which would materially increase the output of coal.

That the danger is realized by groups of miners themselves, who are taking steps to avert it, was shown in a statement issued yesterday by the anthracite committee.

Miners Can't Run Saloons

"District No. 5, of the United Mine Workers' Union, has started a movement to divorce any possible enervating efforts of booze from the mines by decreeing that no man can work in the collieries who is affiliated in any way with liquor establishments," the statement says.

The miners' organization further takes the ground that if a miner work all day he is not in shape to take the next morning's shift. He should be in the mine at night and in the morning to handle dangerous work after spending a part of the night in a saloon.

Addresses were further delivered by John Lloyd, resident vice-president of the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association, who said that \$9 per cent more money than ever before, and by Samuel B. Crowell, of the Federal fuel administration. The latter announced that the tonnage of coal produced in Pennsylvania in 1917 was 150,000 tons over any previous year.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Frank J. Wallis; Harrisburg; vice-president, Walter L. Montgomery; Harrisburg; treasurer, G. Arthur Strunk; directors H. Samuel Hays, York; W. H. Kneas, Norristown; Walter Leedon, Bristol; C. Frank Williamson, Media.

Refuse to Work Eight Hours

In a clause of the last agreement between the anthracite operators and workers it is agreed that the work day shall be one of eight hours, but this clause has not been taken seriously by the anthracite employers.

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Work has been started at the Northumberland shops upon the installation of electric lights on all Pennsylvania Railroad locomotives on the Williamsport division.

New Scrip Mileage Good For All Traveling Expenses

The United States will issue a scrip mileage book, which will be put into service on all railroads, beginning August 15. The book will sell for \$30, there being in it \$29.40 in three-cent coupons and sixty one-cent coupons. The latter are to prevent the necessity of tearing out a three-cent coupon which charges amount to one or two cents above a multiple of three. This will avoid, also, all necessity of change in cash either way.

This book will serve as a universal purse for traveling needs, including transportation, meals, excess baggage, Pullman and parlor car accommodations.

Reaches France After Six Weeks in Service

George D. Umholtz

George D. Umholtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Umholtz, Progress, Pa., after being in the United States service only six weeks, has reached France safely. He is attached to Company D, Third Hundred and Fourth Engineers, and is engaged among Uncle Sam's military forces.

Italy Now Sees Us As We Are in War

New York, July 27.—While the people of Italy were entirely misled by German propaganda as to the purpose of the United States in entering the war, they are now quite won over by the courage and spirit of the American troops now in the field with the Italians, according to Aldo Casuto, London editor of the "Messagero" of Rome, who came to the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday.

"People here do not know Italy," said Mr. Casuto, "and our knowledge of the United States has mostly been gained second hand and through English and French cables, and therefore through English and French eyes. Germany spread the story when you entered the war that you did so to bring the war to a close so that you would make money out of it. That is a sample of the German propaganda of the time of the lowest ebb in our fortunes, you can believe it did not help raise our spirits. But when the American soldier arrived in Italy all doubts were dispelled, for they are fine. They brought the sincere message from the Americans, and no one will know what that has meant. We do not ask for great numbers of English, French, and Americans, but just enough to show our people that you are in side by side with our boys and men."

"The morale of Italy, both in the army and among the civil population, was never so high as now. We are in the war to the end. I have been asked very often if we would fight to a finish, and I want to say emphatically that we have never entertained any other idea."

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