

AN UNJUST SHARE PASSED TO LABOR

Asked to Bear the Major Portion of Loss in Reduction

LABOR WAR IS SEEN

Cabinet Officials Not Optimistic Over Controversies Now Brought to Front

By W. H. STRICKER
WASHINGTON, May 10.—Labor problems are assuming grave importance each passing month, in the view of administration leaders.

Cabinet members intimately in touch with labor matters do not believe that wage controversies may yet develop trouble of a serious character.

The president wants to see readjustment of both price and wage conditions upon a stable and equitable basis. But neither the president nor his advisers desire to see

In the cabinet there is a belief that determined movements by large interests to bring about reduced operating costs, almost solely by shifting the reductions to the shoulders of labor in the form of wage cuts are fraught with danger for the future.

"The labor situation is full of dynamite," said a member of the cabinet several days ago.

Labor is unwilling to be made the goat for big employers in the readjustment process. They should not be made to bear all the sacrifices while capital appears intent to keep upon them."

An exhaustive study of unemployment conditions is being made by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Secretary of Labor Davis and Governor Harding of the reserve banks. There are 4,000,000 unemployed today, according to conservative estimates. Some officials figure there are not less than 6,000,000. Counting five to the average family, that means about 20,000,000 people affected by idleness and loss of productive income.

But the trouble will not come from the unemployed, but from the organized union workers who remain at work, some officials believe.

Labor Crisis in Sight.

A labor crisis of serious proportions may develop by midsummer, through the action of organized labor in making demands for higher wages to defeat what labor now charges to be capitalistic plans to crush labor, by the wage cut route.

The arguments of labor that industry is endeavoring to keep its profits high, by cutting wage scales, are weighed by government officials and journals of labor and money points. The logic of labor's reasoning is a strong appeal. Labor says in some industries wages have been decreased to near the prewar level, while the things labor must buy have far to go before it can be said that the high cost of living has gone down materially.

The railroad labor row is being watched closely. If that bridge is crossed safely, it may happen only after further government intervention. Then, beyond the labor row, is the prospect of numerous smaller labor controversies. Strikes or disturbances in any of the leading industries might have disastrous effect upon the nation's producing and distributing processes.

Unfair Treatment Sensed.

There are officials who readily

THEATERS

PALACE: "I Am Guilty," with Marion Hamilton, the star of "Earthbound," will open Sunday by Pathe orchestra.

BALTO: Presents "Down and Low" stories to continue the "Low" picture series, which is mighty moral, also a good one.

STRAND: "True Your Wife," starring Katherine Hepburn, a master production by the Skipper's National Pictures.

BROADWAY: "Legends of Broadway," a picture of a picture, comes and goes; Pathé news and a good comedy. "Riders," a picture of several good comedies, continues.

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