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RAILROAD WAGES AND RATES

There is a widespread idea that the crises now evident in railroad affairs is due to differences between the workers and the employing railroad officials. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Every railroad in the United States today is tool, hand and foot, so far as its earnings and expenditures are concerned. No railroad president, board of directors or other railroad official has the slightest power or authority to fix rates, the price of passenger tickets or the wages to be paid to railroad employees.

The interstate-commerce commission has absolute authority with respect to freight and passenger rates. The United States labor board has absolute authority to dictate the scale of wages to be paid to every class of labor employed in railroad work.

Recognition of this fact which is a matter of common knowledge, which is also commonly ignored, removes consideration of the railroad labor question as one of controversy between employer and worker, and places it front-square where it belongs—a definite issue between railroad workers and the United States government.

Recent cuts in the railroad wage scale are a consequence of and follow by two months the orders of the interstate-commerce commission to all railroads to reduce rates. The wage cuts ordered by the United States labor board are in consonance with the railroad freight rate and are estimated to about balance the reduction income caused by the lower freight rates.

The general public is vitally interested in the action taken by both the interstate-commerce commission and the United States labor board as it is the evident purpose of both these federal bodies to inaugurate a downward movement in the cost of all commodities.

The cost of transportation absolutely controls the price of all commodities. Until freight rates, passenger rates and railroad wages are reduced to something like normalcy, it is impossible for prices to become normal.

PARTISAN PROPAGANDA

The Pathe films have gone into the party propaganda business, foisting upon exhibitors cartoons devoted to misrepresentation of the tariff policy of the republican party. The concern is distributing throughout the country cartoons asserting the absolutely false and partisan theory that when a tariff law is enacted, the amount of the tariff imposed on a given article is added to the price in this country. The Pathe company is attempting to arouse sentiment against the republican party and a protective tariff by claiming that increased tariff rates on shoes, food and clothing make certain an increase in the price of these commodities to the ultimate consumer.

Senate republicans have collected some two hundred imported articles offered for sale in American retail houses, with the original invoices showing that the American consumer is paying a profit of from 200 to 5000 per cent on this stuff bought abroad at prices below American cost of production. The American consumer has not been given the advantage of the saving. The American treasury loses the amount of the tariff, but the buyer of these articles gets no benefit of the reduction, all of which is absorbed by the importers and distributive agencies.

Patrons of moving picture houses using Pathe films should protest to exhibitors against the prostitution of their business to the selfish ends of the foes of protection. The readiness of a great film distributing house to lend itself to such propaganda strengthens the sentiment in behalf of declaring moving pictures public utilities and putting them within strict governmental control. When the people pay the price of admission at a moving picture house, they have a right to expect that they will not be offended or deluded by fake propaganda of this sort.

ESTABLISHED FACT

Whether or not imported goods are sold in America at larger profits than is necessary for safe business operations is a matter which may be left for settlement between the statesmen and importers now engaged in hot controversy over the issue.

One phase of the subject is of vital interest to every citizen, however, whether he be a retailer or wholesale-buyer. It is the fact that so soon as American manufacturing can be stopped by a flood of cheap imports competing with home products, the foreign commodities will rise in price to whatever level their makers desire to set.

Then importer and consumer will alike suffer.

The safe way, the patriotic way and the honest way is to safeguard the home market. That means to make it possible for everything which can be produced at home to be made and marketed at a proper profit. So long as this is done, American manufacturing will be in no danger from Old World competition. When production becomes unprofitable here, we shall pay whatever the foreign maker of commodities we buy desires to bring from us for his goods.

This has been the principle recognized in American trade during the greater part of our country's history. When we failed to encourage our own manufacturing, everybody suffered—not merely those industrial interests which lost their own nation's support, but all the people. When we made certain of home trade being sure of a good market at home, everybody shared in the resultant prosperity—and everybody was happy excepting those comparatively few individuals who did not find pleasure in a busy and contented America.

AUDITS BEING RUSHED

A cleanup of war contract audits is being carried on by the finance division of the war department under the direction of Secretary of War Weeks.

During the war a total of 150,000 individual contracts were entered into by the department. An audit of all financial transactions growing out of these contracts has been going on since Secretary Weeks took charge of the department. To date 15,000 cases have been disposed of and \$1,894,000 has been recovered from contractors who have sent in their checks voluntarily upon being notified and convinced of errors in the way of overpayment.

In addition to this amount the finance division has turned over other audits to the department of justice for collection from contractors by legal procedure the sum of \$4,370,000.

Moreover, it is said by the war finance division that other audits which have not yet been perfected indicate a recovery of \$26,645,000 more for the government.

In order to expedite the work of auditing the 135,000 contracts yet remaining, the senate has just approved an increased appropriation of \$600,000 for the war finance division, to be used exclusively for this work.

LAWS NOT A CURE-ALL

One of the chief reasons why our post-war period of reconstruction has extended over so long a time is the unsound notion we have had that laws will solve serious economic and social problems. We have turned to congress and to our state legislatures for remedies when as a matter of fact the only remedy was to be found within ourselves individually. We have cluttered up our statutes with laws which only made the return to stability more complicated instead of easier. There are now signs of a revolt against the passage of numberless laws and it is a welcome and hopeful sign.

The watchword for our lawmakers in the future should be fewer laws and less hampering with private business and individual enterprise. Progress is made by human beings, not by legislation.

CLASS HATRED

There is much evidence, available to careful observation, that a campaign of class hatred is abroad in the land, in comparison with which the propaganda spread in the first Bryan campaign of 26 years ago was insignificant. A great number of radical organizations have been formed. Many of them have conspicuous headquarters at the national capital, and not a few of them seem to be growing rapidly in membership. It is at least a possibility of the future that these organizations may form a political fusion. If so, the formation of two major parties—the conservative and the radical—as in several of the older countries of the world, may be materially hastened.

RADICALISM

Radicalism never got anybody anywhere. The history of the movements patterned after the bolsheviks and the I. W. W.s and other "isms" that sought to do away with God and government and morality does not show a single success. And it never will. Retaliation and revenge for real or fancied grievances may be human, but they fail. The people of North Dakota who experimented with a mild sort of radicalism under the exploiter, Twain, can testify to that. The same, conservative method may be slower, but it is the only safe system.

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