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U. S. MOVING AGAINST FOOD PROFITEERS, WILSON TELLS CONGRESS IN HIS SPEECH

SOVIET METHOD BEST, CONGRESS TOLD BY PLUMB

Railroad Labor's Advocate Would Delay Nationalizing Other Industries.

IS CLOSELY QUESTIONED

Scores Rockefeller Plan as Unfair to the Consuming Public.

Application in this country of the Russian soviet doctrine of nationalization of industries and natural resources was advocated by Glenn E. Plumb, author of organized labor's plan for nationalization of the railroads before the House Interstate commerce committee yesterday.

Representative Sanders read from a document containing a declaration for government ownership of forests, mines and waterpower, and asked the witness if he favored that doctrine.

Plumb agreed that he did. When Mr. Sanders explained that what he had read was a part of the Russian soviet constitution, Mr. Plumb declared he did not know what the soviet plan was, and had never read it.

When Mr. Plumb was asked by Representative Rayburn if he advocated the application of the Plumb railroad plan to other industries in the United States, the witness replied:

"I would not so advocate at this time, but frankly the principle is applicable to every socialized industry, either based on a grant from the government or operated as a monopoly."

"Do you believe it would be fair to other employees to socialize the railroads and not them?" Mr. Rayburn asked.

"I don't believe it would be wise," the witness said, "to take up this principle and apply it to all socialized industries at once and by one act. But I do believe it would be wise with regard to the railroads, because they are purely a government industry and operated in the interest of the public service."

"Capitalists Eat Each Other." Mr. Rayburn then inquired how long it would be, if this plan was applied to all industries, before the workers, jealous of each other's profits, would "eat up each other." Mr. Plumb declared the plan as applied to industries would last longer than the old system of capitalists in control of the industries "eating up each other, and with a much better training in the eating up habit."

He pointed out that the 2,000 original railroad organizations in this country had dwindled into only two opposing groups. "And now it is only a question which of the remaining tigers will eat up the other one first," he added.

"There is not enough wisdom in Congress, nor in the world, to patch up the old system which has broken down," Mr. Plumb declared.

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Poor Health of Fifty Eggs Cost Farmer \$1 Each

Claude C. Hurly, a farmer of Monteville, Md., paid \$1 each for fifty bad eggs yesterday.

Judge Robert Hardison, who set the price, was not inclined to think that the price was exorbitant, either. But housewives of Washington need not worry. They probably may never pay such a price for eggs, much less added ones.

Hurly was detected in the act of selling a crate of eggs, fifty of which were unfit for consumption, at the wholesale market, Ninth and B streets northwest, yesterday. A Health Department food inspector arrested Hurly and took him to Police Court, while the latter was under the jurisdiction of the District.

Hurly pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5 by Judge Hardison, in the United States branch for violation of the food regulations.

Spain Favors Joining League.

Madrid, Aug. 8.—The chamber of deputies today adopted a committee report favoring Spain's adherence to the league of nations.

WANTED.

A live-wire provision representative. Excellent opportunity for energetic man. Must be experienced. No other need apply. Big proposition. Apply BOX 931 Herald Office.—Adv.

RODMAN'S SPEECH BARRED BY DANIELS

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 8.—Declaration by Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander of the Pacific fleet, that the address he had prepared for delivery at a banquet last night had been ordered held up by Secretary Daniels, created a sensation here today. Neither Rodman nor Daniels made any explanation.

Rodman's statement was made when he was called on to speak at the banquet at Coronado last night at which Daniels and Western governors were guests of honor.

Neighbors Offer \$500 For Kidnapped Baby

New York, Aug. 8.—Neighbors of Mrs. August Wentz have offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to the return of her 7 weeks' old son, Arthur, who was kidnapped. The child's father has collapsed from the nervous strain. The mother prays continually for the baby's return.

DENIES BARRING BOYS FOR PROFIT

Not for Purpose of Renting More Suits to Adults, Says Beach Manager.

With the gates of the Tidal Basin bathing beach closed to them, the children of Washington are flocking to the Municipal pools, crowding them 150 per cent above their proper capacity.

Normally the city's swimming tanks accommodate about 1,500 persons, but since the edict against the children has been issued by Col. Clarence S. Ridley, superintendent of public grounds and indirectly in charge of the Tidal Basin, over 2,500 are visiting the pools on the Monument grounds daily.

Supt. Brunner, of the municipal pools, has arranged a one-hour schedule that permits the greatest possible number of youngsters to avail themselves of a cooling dip in the water.

Three years ago Maj. Pullman appointed Brunner as a special police officer, detailed to instruct the children in the rudiments of swimming on the theory the healthful exercise was the best preventive of juvenile crime. Maj. Pullman is a firm believer that every child should learn to swim.

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FOUR FINNS ACCUSED OF ANARCHIST PLOT

New York, Aug. 8.—Four Finns thought to be members of a dangerous radical group operating throughout the country, were arrested here today and charged with criminal anarchy. Members of New York's bomb squad declared they and their ten or twelve associates have been advocating overthrow of the government by force.

Detectives said Philadelphia, Scranton and Buffalo were among the cities where the Finns had operated recently.

DEPORT AMERICAN AS SINN FEINER

London, August 8.—Hugh O'Rourke, who was charged by the British authorities with having come to England with German money to lead a revolt of the English working classes during the war, was deported to the United States tonight, the Daily Express learns.

O'Rourke is an Irish-American of alleged pro-German leanings. He is said to have been prominent in American anarchistic circles and to have helped finance the Sinn Fein revolt in 1916.

\$100,000 IN JEWELRY STOLEN BY ARMED MEN

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Two men robbed the Morgan Jewelry Company's store here of \$100,000 worth of jewelry shortly after the store opened today.

Both men were armed and one was masked. Entering as the clerks were taking the window display jewels from the safe, they forced the clerks to lie down on the floor back of the counter. Then they seized the display case and escaped. It was believed they had an automobile in waiting.

Gary Hard Hit by Strike.

Gary, Ind., Aug. 8.—More than 13,000 steel workers here are idle as a result of the strike of 450 local railway shopmen. Only three of the twelve blast furnaces are in operation.

BARGAIN PRICES FOR ARMY FOOD ARE ANNOUNCED

War Department Quotes Figures at Which Goods May Be Had.

POSTOFFICE IS READY

Parcel Limit Raised to 125 Pounds for Larger Containers.

The War Department's price list for surplus army food, to be sold to housewives through parcels post, appear on page 7.

The War Department last night announced prices at which surplus army food supplies are to be sold through parcel post to housewives.

At the same time Postmaster General Burleson announced temporary authority has been obtained from the Interstate Commerce Commission to raise the weight limit on parcel post packages to 125 pounds. This was necessary to care for some of the larger containers in which the army food is packed.

Lower Prices Sought.

With these two steps, arrangements for sale of the government's surplus food stocks, to begin August 18, were practically completed. Tons of food to be thrown on the market, officials hope, will aid in reducing high prices. Staples of all kinds are included in the War Department list. "In arriving at these prices, the War Department has disregarded costs of commodities to the government."

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\$63 MORE GIVEN EVICTED WIDOW

Coal Dealer Who Bought Horses of Simmons Sends \$50 Check.

Pleasant memories of days when her husband was living and prosperous were recalled last night to Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, the 66-year-old, ill and nearly blind woman evicted from her home, 506 I street northwest, when a reporter from The Washington Herald presented her with \$63, the contributions received for her during the day.

Sixty dollars of this sum was sent by S. M. Frazier, coal dealer in Anacostia, who was a friend of her late husband. Mr. Frazier explained last night that he had often bought horses from Mr. Simmons and that once when things were not breaking brightly for him Mr. Simmons extended him several credit favors which he never forgot.

Mr. Frazier was surprised to learn of Mrs. Simmons' plight and hastened to write her a check for \$60. When C. C. Hayes, a friend of Mr. Frazier, heard of the case he gave him \$10 to add to this contribution.

A contribution of \$2 is also acknowledged from Martin Meeneke.

PANKHURST ACCUSED OF GETTING RED GOLD

London, Aug. 8.—Sylvia Pankhurst, England's leading feminist agitator, was again in the limelight today when Scotland Yard officials charged she had received \$30,000 in Russian gold from Bela Kun, former Hungarian Soviet leader. The money was received through a Norwegian radical, it was stated, and was to be used for promoting British strikes. Miss Pankhurst denied she had received the money.

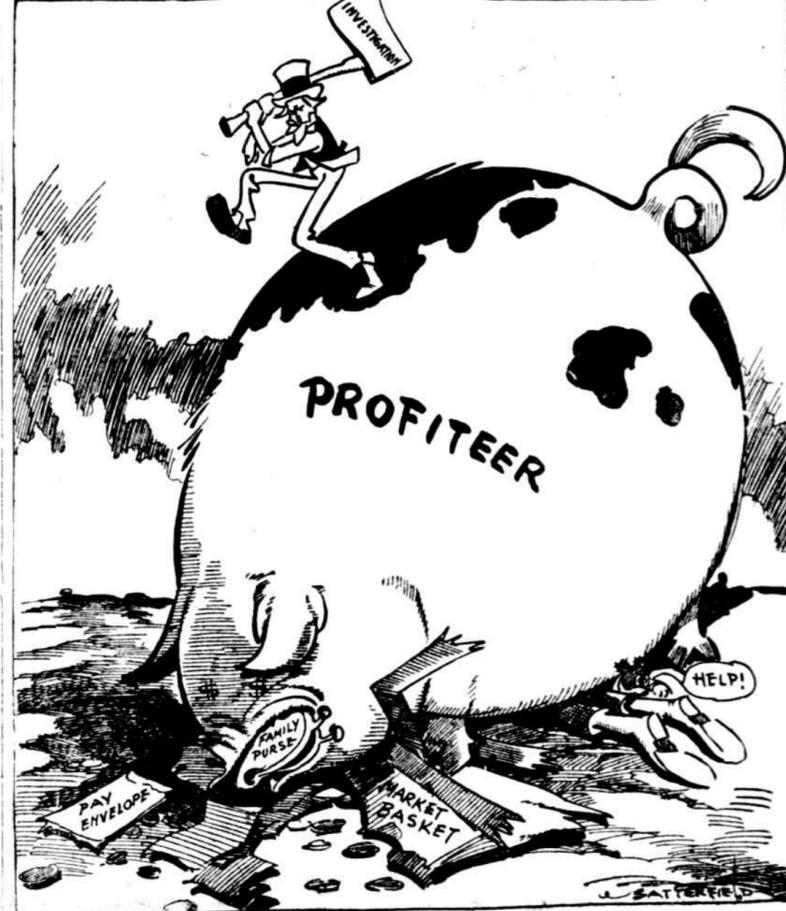
Scotland Yard operatives said papers seized in a recent raid in Glasgow included a complete set of rules of the Soviet republic and location of places where bombs were buried in Glasgow and Manchester.

Turks Declare 'Holy War' On Greeks in Asia Minor

Athens (via London), Aug. 8.—The Turks have proclaimed a "holy war" against the Greeks landed at Panderma.

Panderma lies in Asia Minor, in the province of Broussa, on the southern shore of the Sea of Marmora.

MAKE HIM SOQUEAL, UNCLE!



Wife's Confession Frees Stanton of Rolph Killing

Wrongs Done Pretty Woman by Man Who Was Slain Were Told to Jury in Alexandria Court.

Tears streamed from the eyes of Martha Stanton last night when she heard the words "Not guilty" from the lips of the foreman of the jury that had passed upon the fate of her husband, Worth Stanton, who, for three days, had been on trial for his life in the court room at Alexandria, for killing Jesse Rolph.

Having confessed her transgressions with Rolph, as did Evelyn Nesbit Thaw with Stanford White to save Harry Thaw, to keep Worth Stanton from the electric chair, Martha Stanton last night again pledged loyalty to the freed man. Her lesson had been learned at tragic cost.

Mrs. Stanton's testimony, little less dramatic than that given by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, is believed to have greatly affected the jury. The jury in Alexandria occupied less than thirty-eight minutes to give Stanton back to the woman whose mistakes had caused him to see red and rid the world of the man who had imposed his will upon the young woman.

WARN RUMANIA BY ULTIMATUM

Allies Tell Invaders of Hungary "Withdraw or Be Expelled from League."

Paris, Aug. 8.—In the strongest possible terms the Peace Conference informed Rumania that unless she immediately withdraws her troops from Budapest and ceases all aggression against Hungary she will forfeit the friendship and good will of the allied and associated powers and make herself an international outlaw, exposed to fatal consequences for herself.

The note, which by this time has reached Bucharest, is nothing short of an ultimatum. It tells Rumania that if she does not immediately obey the mandates of the Peace Conference she will be ousted from the league of nations.

White House Chief Clerk's Auto Stolen

Tom Brahaney, Chief Clerk at the White House, yesterday, elected to swim at the tidal bathing beach, and taking along his faithful jitney, was soon where the coolness of the water gave old man heat a knockout blow.

After disporting himself in the water for some length of time, he decided to crank up the bus and get to work at the Executive Mansion. Leaving the bath house feeling cool and ready to start in on a hard day's work, he was soon warm again, his bus had vanished.

The car was later found at Del Ray, Virginia, badly wrecked, having been ditched.

NINE NEW YORK THEATERS DARK

George M. Cohan, Sam Forrest and Al Jolson Try To Break Strike.

New York, Aug. 8.—Nine theaters remained "dark" as members of the Actors' Equity Association declared their strike was succeeding tonight.

Managers made more strenuous efforts to fulfill the public's demand to be amused than to win their fight against the striking actors' demand that they be paid while rehearsing, by calling in road companies to fill gaps in their companies and by patching up other gaps as best they might.

The Cohan & Harris Theater, which was "dark" last night, reopened tonight with George M. Cohan appearing in the "Royal Vagabond" and Sam Forrest, general stage manager of the theater, also questioned to face the audience across the footlights as a member of the cast.

Al Jolson and Sophie Tucker occupied the places of a couple of striking actors in the "Gaieties of 1919" at the Forty-fourth Street Theater.

The Selwyn Theater reopened tonight with "The Challenge" and thereby hangs one of the interesting incidents "staged" by the striking actors.

It was decided tonight by the Actors Equity Association to send out pickets and the Rialto was plentifully sprinkled with picketing actors when the theater crowds started for their favorite playhouses.

AMERICAN SHIPPING GAINS 382 PER CENT

London, Aug. 8.—America's tremendous strides in the maritime world since 1914 are graphically portrayed in the new edition of Lloyd's Shipping Register, which shows the steam sea-going tonnage of the United States has increased 382 per cent in five years, whereas the tonnage of the United Kingdom has decreased 13 per cent.

Japan, with 36 per cent gain, leads the increases by other nations.

\$1,125 Left in Car By a Bank Runner

H. L. Selby, cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, last night reported to the police that a wallet containing \$1,125 was lost on a car of the Capital Traction Company, by his runner, Harry Tyler, address not known.

Tyler told the police that he had left the wallet on a seat in the car, and when getting off forgot to take it with him.

Detective Sergeant Baur is assigned to the case.

WHITE LABOR DESERTS CHICAGO STOCKYARDS

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 8.—Desertions of white labor from packing houses became so serious here today that shippers were advised to hold their stock until further notice.

White workers quit work because of the return of negroes, who, they claimed, are not union men.

At the plants it was said 3,300 men refused to report today. The State troops were withdrawn from the stockyards today, placating some workers who objected to their presence. Police and deputies remained on guard and the troops continued their vigilance outside.

Prisoner Now Wants to Live.

Oswining, N. Y., Aug. 8.—George Fawcett Hamby, under sentence of death for murder in connection with robbery of a Brooklyn bank last December, has decided not to oppose the appeal of his attorneys for a stay of sentence. It was learned today. Up to this time he had declared he wished to die as soon as possible.

President Asks Federal Control Of Distribution

Broad Legislative Program Urged on Congress to Enable the Government to Slash Cost of Living—Executive Would License Interstate Shipments and Mark Production Costs on All Commodities.

President Wilson yesterday urged upon Congress a broad legislative program to reduce the cost of living and relieve the American people of burdens which he said are unbearable.

He proposed national control of the processes of industry, saying: "Nothing less will suffice."

The President spoke before a joint session of the two Houses.

New Laws Urged.

Specifically, he made these recommendations: Enactment of laws limiting the time food may remain in cold storage.

Provision licensing industries engaged in interstate traffic with limitation of profits.

Inclusion of all necessities of life under provisions of food control legislation, and extension of the laws to peace.

Appropriations for Federal agencies to enable them to distribute information on manufacturing costs.

Adequate penalties to punish profiteers and hoarders.

Marking of production costs on packages of commodities shipped between States.

Early ratification of the peace treaty.

Unity in meeting post-war problems.

To Push Prosecutions. The President said studies of the attorney general have shown that combinations of producers and of traders have been formed for the control of prices which are clearly in restraint of trade.

Against these prosecutions will be promptly instituted and actively pushed," he said, "which will in all likelihood have a prompt corrective effect."

The President said surplus stock of food and other necessities held by the government will be sold at prices which will bring no profit, and that foods in storage will be drawn out and sold by the Department of Justice.

Crowds gathered at the Capital to watch the President's arrival, and cheered loudly when he left his automobile and entered the House chamber.

He was escorted to the Speaker's rostrum by a committee of Senators. Chamber seats were filled, and all available space in the galleries was occupied. Applause at the President's appearance lasted several minutes, and was frequent throughout his address.

His statement that there must be no threats from railroad workers who are asking increased wages drew forth greatest demonstrations. Republicans here joined with Democrats, while their applause had been only perfunctory when the President was speaking about the peace treaty.

The President pointed out that high prices are not justified by any scarcity of food, and said that laws of supply and demand are not operative.

An effort to check speculation and to need not recite the particulars of this critical matter, if prices demanded and paid at the source of supply, at the factory, in the food markets, at the shops, in the restaurants and hotels, alike in the city and in the village. They are familiar to you. They are the talk of every domestic circle and of every group of casual acquaintances even. It is a matter of familiar knowledge, also, that a process has set in which is likely, unless something is done, to push prices and rents and the whole cost of living higher and yet higher in a vicious cycle to which there is no logical or natural end.

With the increase in the prices of the necessities of life, come demands for a decrease in wages—demands which are justified if there be no other means of enabling men to live.

Price Increase Follows Wage Boost. Upon the increase of wages, there follows close an increase in the price of the products which are made. It is a proportionate increase, for the manufacturer does not content himself with that, but an increase considerably greater than the added wage cost and for which the added wage cost is often a stimulus hardly more than an excuse. The laborers who do not get an increase in pay when they demand it are likely to strike, and the strike only makes matters worse. It checks production, if it affects the railways it prevents distribution and strips the markets, so that there is presently nothing to buy, and there is another excessive addition to prices resulting from the scarcity.

These are facts and forces with which we have become only too familiar.

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