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REIGN OF TERROR IN INDUSTRY THREATENED

Gompers in Address Before Industrial Conference Made Strong Appeal For Arbitration of Steel Strike

(By GEORGE H. MANNING)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 19.—Organized labor, as represented by the American Federation of Labor, is fighting the most critical battle of its existence. While in a death grip with the United States steel corporation and straining every sinew to obtain a victory in the strike which may mean life or death to the organized labor movement, it is the least from within, agents of the I. W. W. and intensely radical elements working for its down-fall, that gnaw at its very heart-strings.

The foremost leaders of the American Federation of Labor know that they must obtain a victory in the clash with the steel corporation, and must also obtain from the industrial conference now in session here a recognition of union principles and a new, liberal and humanitarian working agreement to be put in force between capital and labor in all American industries, or must give way to a radical or Bolshevik movement that will attain its ends by force and destruction.

While the labor leaders are battling for the very life of the union labor organization, the structure is being torn down also from within, and while public sentiment is being turned against the organized labor movement by the succession of unauthorized strikes and hasty walkouts that have within the past few weeks caused serious paralysis to important public business.

The radicals and I. W. W.'s in the ranks of labor are dissatisfied with the peaceful, persuasive and conciliatory processes through which the A. F. of L. leaders have sought to gain ground. Their constant claims of defeat for peaceful methods and advocacy of ruthless destruction of industry as a better weapon are responsible, the A. F. of L. officials attending the industrial conference assert, for the numerous unauthorized strikes and overwhelming votes in favor of strikes in almost all wage disputes.

An intense feeling of indifference to consequences and recklessness among the working element has been brought about by a sudden relaxation from the strain of the war that has given the radical agitators a fertile field upon which they have worked industriously with marked success, the labor leaders declare.

The rank and file of the union workers are good, patriotic citizens, well disciplined and having the general public welfare at heart, and the labor leaders attending the industrial conference assert, and unauthorized or spontaneous walkouts like that of the longshoremen, the expressmen and hamsters in New York, represent only isolated cases of a few radicals gaining the upper hand and guiding an unwise and destructive course.

The indifferent and reckless attitude of the working classes first showed itself in Russia following the fall of Czar Nicholas, spread to all the countries of Europe, particularly England, and is now gaining ground by leaps and bounds in the United States until it has reached the point where the I. W. W.'s and Bolsheviks threaten to overthrow the A. F. of L. and the recognized orderly and conservative leaders of union labor and to take command with a wave of the red flag, they admit.

President Samuel Gompers admitted the existence of this state of affairs in an eloquent address to the industrial conference here last Tuesday, when he made an impassioned appeal to the representatives of the public and the employers to adopt his resolution for arbitration of the steel strike. The employers group would not yield, however, and Mr. Gompers, known as "Grand Old Man," went home to bed suffering from a mental and physical breakdown.

The situation within the ranks of organized labor, with the radicals and I. W. W.'s exerting all their powers to overthrow the conservatives led by Gompers, with occasional indications of a measure of success, is bringing considerable uneasiness to the lead-

TREATY FIGHT TO ENTER ON FINAL PHASE

Republicans Expect to Block Ratification by Standing Together on Program of Reservations.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The long treaty fight in the senate is about to enter its final phase. Leaders hope during the coming week to clear away all proposed amendments and make substantial progress in framing the ratification resolution.

Virtually conceding that no amendments will be adopted, opposition managers are determined to nullify the ratifying resolution with reservations, and Senator Lodge, Republican leader, declared in a statement tonight that a decisive majority would stand for reservations that would be "unequivocal and effective."

Privately opposition leaders declared Lodge's claim was backed by an understanding amounting virtually to complete agreement among all the forty-nine Republicans and six Democrats to stand together for a reservation program evolved after many weeks of conference. How far the remaining forty-one senators will go in opposition to reservations is an uncertain question even in the minds of some of their leaders. They have stood unreservedly through the long fight against the president's program of ratification's submission to other powers, but it is for the president himself to decide finally whether and reservations adopted will require resubmission, and his illness has left the administration leaders somewhat in the dark.

CONDITION OF PRESIDENT IS ENCOURAGING

Washington, Oct. 19.—Having obtained relief from the prostatic condition which retarded his recovery last week, President Wilson was the victim today of slight digestive troubles. His condition otherwise throughout the day, Rear Admiral Grayson announced tonight, was unchanged. The bulletin said: "The president has a slight digestive disturbance today. Otherwise his condition is unchanged." During the day it was said the president's physicians were greatly encouraged by his condition, notwithstanding the digestive troubles and that last night was the first time Dr. Grayson had not been called for some reason to attend the president after he retired. Dr. Grayson has spent the night at the White House ever since the president returned from his speaking trip.

WEST FLORIDA TO GET MORE CARS FOR SAW MILLS

Washington, Oct. 19.—Congressman Smithwick, of Pensacola, called on officials of the railroad administration today to urge that steps be taken to furnish more cars to the lumber shippers of Florida situated west of the Apalachicola river. Several complaints have been received from the saw mill men of western Florida. The railroad administration officials promised Mr. Smithwick that a considerable improvement in the situation would be made within the next week.

RAILWAY CLERKS MAY WALK OUT IF DEMANDS NOT MET

Boston, Oct. 19.—Approximately 1,200 members of the local branch of the express division of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks today unanimously endorsed the proposition for a nation-wide strike of the brotherhood early next morning unless the wage demands before the railroad administration were granted by November 2.

"CONGRATULATIONS!"



LEPER COLONY BE DISCUSSED IN CONFERENCE

State Health Officer Green Arranges For Engagement Between Catts and Surgeon General Blue Next Week.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Senators Fletcher and Trammell have received telegrams from Dr. Ralph M. Green, state health officer of Florida, stating that he had been requested by Governor Catts to request them to arrange with Surgeon General Blue for an appointment for a conference with the governor next Thursday morning.

Dr. Blue said he would be delighted to see the governor and those who may accompany him to the conference. While Dr. Green did not mention the purpose of the conference it is presumed it will be in regard to the proposed plan to locate a federal leper colony in Florida.

BARRICADE DIXIE HIGHWAY; HOLD UP ALL AUTOMOBILES

Chattanooga, Oct. 19.—When indignant citizens of James county put a rope around the neck of James Oliver and strung him up to a tree shortly after midnight near Oclewah, he broke down and is alleged to have told the name of his companion, who he said shot and killed W. H. McIntosh, deputy sheriff, a few hours earlier.

GERMANS UNDER GUARD CLEAN UP RUINS OF WAR

Between Ypres and Dixmude by Thousands They Are Stacking Shells, Burying the Dead and Fixing Land to Till.

Dixmude, Belgium.—(By Associated Press)—Scattered over the low-lying country between Ypres and Dixmude, scenes of many a battle, are thousands of German prisoners under guard of British and Belgian soldiers as well as civilians who have been called into the gigantic task of clearing up the battlefields and once more making it fit for habitation. They are stacking shells, recovering brass cases and burying the dead. There is a military efficiency about their work and the progress they are making is most gratifying for all the governments concerned.

One may still see the ruins of many British and Belgian tanks, caught in the German shell fire, now twisted and broken wrecks. Now they lie rusted and neglected, mere shells of the once powerful machines which went into action. Some of them are almost buried in the mud, other shang precariously on the edge of dilapidated trenches, while still others stand high in the fields where they were abandoned by such of their crews as survived. Many of them are torn and riddled as though their heavy armored

VISCOUNT ASTOR DIED SATURDAY HEART DISEASE

London, Oct. 19.—Viscount Astor of Hever Castle, died of heart disease Saturday morning. He had been in failing health for a year. The body is lying at the residence of his son, Waldorf Astor, member of parliament, in St. James square.

FLYERS START FOR ROCKAWAY AT 6:30 TODAY

Long Flight From Local Station to be Completed in Two and a Half Days if Plans Are Fulfilled.

Expecting to complete flight to Rockaway, Long Island, in two and a half days, a distance of approximately 2,800 miles, Lieutenant Webster Wright and Lambert Hewitt will hop off from the Naval Air station this morning at 6:30 o'clock, it was announced last night by Lieut. Wright. Fair weather conditions are promised.

From a point in the vicinity of Cedar Keys the flyers in two H-16A flying boats will proceed across country a distance of about 120 miles, to Jacksonville. They will spend the first night at Brunswick, Ga., the second at Hampton Roads and arrive at Rockaway Wednesday at noon. A water course will be followed all the way up the coast from Jacksonville, as well as from Pensacola to the vicinity of Cedar Keys.

Lieut. Wright is to be in charge of the expedition and will pilot one of the boats with Machinist M. P. Cook as assistant pilot. Lieut. Hewitt will be chief pilot of the second boat and will be assisted by Ensign Burr Chase. A crew of mechanics will be assigned to each boat.

COMMANDER GETS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

New York, Oct. 19.—A distinguished service medal was conferred on Commander Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army today for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service.

TRAIN LOAD OF PENSACOLA BOOSTERS FOR CENTENNIAL GET AWAY TO TALLAHASSEE

FINNISH ARMY REPORTS FALL OF PETROGRAD

Finnish Announcement Not Corroborated From Other Sources Says Report From Washington.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The fall of Petrograd and the occupancy of that city and the fortress of Kronstadt by the Russian anti-Bolshevik troops, has been reported officially by the general staff of the Finnish army to a Vosburg representative of the north-west government of Russia.

This information reached the state department tonight. It was said, however, a direct dispatch dated today from the state department's representative nearest Petrograd, said the Finnish official announcement was not corroborated from other sources.

London, Oct. 19.—Red troops which returned from Krashoye, Solo and Gatchina shortly afterwards reoccupied both towns and the soviet army started a counter offensive which promised success, says a wireless dispatch tonight from Moscow. The dispatch adds land batteries at Kronstadt repelled attacks of the British fleet.

New York, Oct. 19.—Appeals to the people of Russia to throw off the yoke of Bolshevism and turn to a government of "true democracy," written by a score or more of prominent American statesmen, business men, editors and leaders, are to be given wide publicity throughout that country by the magazine "Struggling Russia," it was announced today.

The magazine published by the Russian information bureau in the United States, announces that articles are being prepared in a special issue, thousands of copies of which will be sent to the land of the Red Terror for distribution.

FAIL TO AGREE ON EMPLOYER AND LABOR QUESTIONS

Washington, Oct. 19.—The solution of the difficulties threatening the life of the national industrial conference seemed more hopeless than ever tonight after the conferences of the central committee in a three-hour session failed to conciliate the differences between the labor and employer wings. The tentative agreement which was reached late Saturday on the vital question of collective bargaining was shattered at the meeting today when the employers' group insisted on adding to it a substitute resolution clause declaring for the right of employers and employees to bargain individually. The labor delegates unqualifiedly rejected this clause. The conference reconvenes tomorrow.

GERMAN BODIES WILL BE REMOVED SAYS COMMANDANT

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 19.—The local post of the American Legion after an investigation of the charges that American soldiers and German prisoners were buried together in the national cemetery here, the commandant, Charlie Hood, announced today the Legion will see that the graves are changed "if it is necessary to take the matter to the floor of congress for authority to separate the loyal, patriotic Americans from the traitorous aliens who were interned because of their plotting against the United States government."

The Confederate veterans, G. A. R. and Women of the American Federation will aid, it is said.

Spirit Demonstrated at Concert on Departure Was Evincing of Unanimity of Local People in Enterprise.

PENSACOLIANS WILL PLAY TRUMP CARD

Florida Purchase Commission Will Be Shown This City Has Not Only the Spirit But Financial Arrangements as Well

Pensacola's special train load of Centennial Boosters left for Tallahassee at 8:30 o'clock last night. Before leaving a concert was held and hundreds of people, friends of the delegates and centennial boosters, saw the special on its way. The train left from the L. & N. station on time 'midst the cheering of the happy and hopeful throng.

John Frenkel spent a half hour before the train started, teaching all hands to sing "Pensacola Town." The Fort Barrancas band made the trip with the delegates and gave a concert before the train pulled out.

There was all kinds of enthusiasm in evidence and Pensacola workers felt confident of annexing the centennial.

Pensacola has one strong card to play today. Under the laws of the State of Florida, no municipality can issue bonds without a special authorizing act from the legislature. Jacksonville therefore has no way to raise money except by taxation, which will bring an undue strain on the tax payers.

Pensacola is prepared to sell bonds, a special act of the legislature giving her authority to sell \$1,000,000 for the purpose of a centennial.

A full discussion of all the aspects of the case by centennial workers last night gave the impression that if Pensacola does not get the big centennial today it will be because there is something wrong in Denmark.

Following were among the local business and professional men on the train who are determined to land the big show enterprise: J. H. Collins, Leo Fabinski, Everlasting Fabrics Co., Bennie Landrum, Isis Theatre by Johnnie Jones, Pensacola Electric Company by J. A. Holtzclaw, Consolidated Grocery Company, Pensacola Crockery & Dry Goods Company by Ike Hitchman, White & White, Gentry-Strickland Company, Harry W. Thompson, W. H. Kilbee, Marston & Quina, Clutter Music House, Elebash Jewelry Company, Fisher-Brown Insurance Agency, Angelo Griffith, D. S. Oppenheimer, Child Restaurant, M. L. Roeb & Son, H. M. Barr Boiler Works, J. E. Baars, Theo. Baars, E. R. Malone, John H. Cross, Vasso & Company, Pensacola Evening News, Mayes Printing Company, Central Garage by Fred Schad, Rox Crowley, Palace Cafe, T. B. Tebault, H. Hays, J. E. White & Brothers, G. L. A. Henry White & McCann Tire & Repair Company, Ready-to-Wear, Balkcom Drug Company, George Emanuel, Meharg & Testman, San Carlos Hotel Company, The John White Store, Pensacola Buick Company, M. & O. Clothing Store, Sol Cahn & Company, John Sideris & Company, M. G. Forchheimer & Company, L. E. Nobles & Company, Victor Bokas, Dr. J. C. Baldwin, W. E. Lazelle, George P. Wentworth, W. M. Camp, William Falk, J. B. Perkins, J. T. Sprinkle, Peter Lindenstruth, Chero-Cola Bottling Works, Hygeia Bottling Works, Albert Klein, LaMode, Pensacola Finance Company, Charles Liberis, B. & B. Fruit Store, E. & B. Cafe, W. C. Diffenderfer, J. O. Walker, George H. Hinrichs, city commissioner, John B. Jones, city attorney; Ray Hardware Company, Levy & Hallmark, Riverside Cafe, B. C. Duval, Southern Construction Company, Pensacola Yacht Club, Lima-Cola Bottling Company, L. M. Webster, The Meyer Shoe Store, The Watson Agency, Harrison Brothers, R. J. Brewton (purchase 3 tickets), The Lewis Bear Company, Export Fuel & Ice Company, F. D. Sanders (mayor), W. J. Forbes, Herbert Printing Company, Berman Grocery Company.

NO AGREEMENT IN SOVIET BLOCKADE MADE BY GERMANY

Berlin, Oct. 19.—Contrary to reports from London and Paris, Germany has not yet replied to the note from the entente urging a common blockade of soviet Russia, according to official information today by the Associated Press. The statement was made that the German cabinet had not yet taken up the subject for serious deliberation.