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ECONOMIST FOR UNIONS GIVES CHARGE

W. JETT LAUCK CHARGES THAT "A CAPITAL COMBINE" IS BEHIND SHUT-DOWNS.

POLICY IS BACKED BY TWELVE INSTITUTIONS

Railroads, He Asserted Before the United States Railroad Labor Board Today, Were the Chosen Vehicle for the Labor Drive and Lay-offs of Men.

CHICAGO, Apr. 19.—Charges that a "capital combine," headed by 12 New York financial institutions inaugurated a policy of nationwide shut-downs, was made today before the United States Railroad Labor Board by W. Jett Lauck, economist for the unions which are arguing for perpetuation of their national agreements with the railroads.

Mr. Lauck named about 100 men who, through interlocking directorships, he claimed, centered in these dozen institutions, control of the majority of the country's important railroads, and of basic raw materials. He charged that:

"This inter-related capital group deliberately deflated the farmers and then undertook by precipitating industrial stagnation, to deflate labor."

Railroads Chosen Vehicle.

The railroads, he asserted, were the chosen vehicle for this labor drive. Lay-offs of repair men on railroads in recent months, he charged, were made deliberately, while much of the repair work was let to outside companies who charged the roads about twice what the same repairs would have cost in their own shops. One purpose, he said, was to get this portion of railroad labor out of government jurisdiction by forcing it to work for the outside concerns. These concerns, he said, were largely under this same financial control as the roads.

The document that Mr. Lauck presented made about 125,000 words. It was prepared by the American Federation of Labor Bureau of Research, Railway Employee's Department, and entitled, "Human Standards and Railroad Policy."

The dozen New York financial institutions named were: Mutual Life Insurance Company of N. Y., First National Bank, Equitable Trust Co., J. P. Morgan and Co., Guaranty Trust Co., Equitable Life Assurance Society of United States, American Surety Co., National Surety Co., Mechanics & Metals National Bank, National City Bank, New York Trust Co., Chase National Bank.

Stationed Directors.

Mr. Lauck charged that these banks had directors in 92 Class One railroads, and in 20 railroad equipment companies, that their directorships reached 24 coal railroads and coal companies, and that through non-banking directors this alleged capital combine was still further interlocked. In presenting the report Mr. Lauck gave this summary of its contents:

"The evidence shows there is a capital combine consisting of the major banks, the railroads and the industries controlling basic materials, and that this combine has and exercises a power over the economic destiny of the United States. It shows that with in the identical capitalist group lies the power to adjust or misadjust relative prices in a manner that will stimulate or suppress industrial activity. It points out that this focal capitalistic group has deliberately maintained high prices of steel, coal, cement and other basic materials and that the railroads, financed by the same interests, have refused to place the orders for plant maintenance, or even the orders necessary to prevent plant and equipment deterioration.

House of Morgan is Center.

"The exhibit shows that the greatest factors in American industry, the railway equipment producers, the railway repair works, the steel interests, the coal, cement and other basic material producers—all are closely bound together by intercapitalist relations and interlocking directorates, coming to focus in the House of Morgan."

"The Railway Employees make no claim as to the propriety of a centralized system of economic control. The point of the exhibit is its challenge of the unconscionable mis-use which the capital combine has made of its power. The employees call attention to the national responsibility which the possession of such power entails and note that this responsibility has been recognized as written into the Federal laws of the United States, and the employees specifically point out that

CONVENTION IS IN NEW YORK

SIXTH WORLD'S C. E. CONVENTION COMING

Attendance at Convention July 6-11, Is Expected to Pass the 15,000 Mark, Say Leaders

The Sixth World's and Twenty-eighth International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in New York City July 6-11, 1921. The attendance at this convention is expected to pass the 15,000 mark and will be a very cosmopolitan gathering, representing practically every country of the civilized world.

Some of the greatest orators of the day have been invited to speak, including President Warren G. Harding, Lloyd George, Dr. Jowett and the leaders of practically every denomination. The music will surpass that of any previous convention, with a large chorus lead and directed by Homer A. Rode, leader and Percy Foster. Great treats are also promised by renowned soloists.

New York, the world's wonder city, offers a myriad of attractions. Side trips include an all-day journey up the Hudson, stopping at West Point, Catskill Mountains, Lake George, Lake Champlain, Manhattan Island, Coney Island, Washington, D. C., Boston and Philadelphia. The convention will be held in Madison Square Garden, the scene of many notable events.

The Oregon Christian Endeavor Union is striving to secure at least 25 delegates to this great convention. Oregon is inviting the next International Christian Endeavor Convention to come to Portland in 1923. C. E. leaders are endeavoring to have as many companies as possible represented at New York in order to make this a real invitation from Oregon as well as Portland. Oregon has never entertained an International C. E. Convention and it is generally believed that a large delegation to New York will do much toward securing the next one for Portland in 1923.

HOSPITAL DAY IS ENDORSED

PRESIDENT HARDING WRITES SHOWING INTEREST

May 12 Day When 8,000 Hospitals Will Make Organized Effort to Tell Scope of Work

CHICAGO, April 19.—In a letter to Matthew O. Foley, executive secretary of the National Hospital Day Committee, President Warren G. Harding has endorsed National Hospital Day, May 12, when the 8,000 hospitals throughout the country will make an organized effort to tell the public of the true scope of hospital services.

President Harding's letter follows:

"The White House, Washington, May 12, 1921.

"My dear Mr. Foley,

"It is especially a pleasure at this time to express my interest in the work of National Hospital Day which seeks to arouse the largest possible public interest in the work of the country's hospitals and similar institutions. You have most properly chosen May 12th, the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale as the day to be celebrated as National Hospital Day. Just at this time those of us who are concerned in the administration of National affairs are having our attention forced to the very great need of expanded hospital facilities, by reason of the requirements of disabled soldiers. I can most heartily extend my good wishes for the most useful results from your efforts.

"Very truly yours,

"Warren G. Harding."

HANDCUFFED. TWO ESCAPE

PORTLAND, Apr. 19.—Handcuffed and leg-ironed, James Silver and Harry Hoffer, Seattle boys who escaped jail here on March 1, and arrested in Los Angeles on March 24, escaped from the train between Dunsmuir and Siskiyou, California, last night, after being put to bed by the depot marshal.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Apr. 19.—The stock market was unchanged today, easy week and but steady.

QUICK WORK IS NEEDED ON S. A. TREATY

SENATE IS EXPECTED TO OFFICIALLY RATIFY COLOMBIAN TREATY NOW PENDING.

END OF COLOMBIAN DISPUTE IN SIGHT

Vote Is to Be Taken on April 20, Which Is Likely to Just Exceed Necessary Two Thirds; Opponents of Measure Have Been Hiding Behind Memory of Roosevelt.

(Observer Washington Bureau.) WASHINGTON, Apr. 19.—Without question of doubt, the Colombian treaty, which is now the special order of business of the senate, will be ratified when the vote is taken, on April 20. But for the promptness of the administration in urging the senate to take immediate action, the results might not be so satisfactory to the friends of the treaty. As it is, there will be many votes to spare above the requisite two-thirds of the senators present and voting. Most of the enemies of the treaty hide behind the memory of former President Roosevelt in their opposition, but the fight for the treaty is led by Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee, perhaps the closest political friend the former president enjoyed.

President Harding has only been in office six weeks and no matter how much some of the Republican leaders would prefer not to have the Colombian treaty ratified, they are even more determined to have harmony and co-operation between the legislative and executive departments of the government. Therefore, the first request of President Harding in connection with a foreign treaty will be approved by the senate. Were his request to come a year later, after disagreements and difficulties, it is improbable that the administration could muster a two-thirds vote necessary to ratify this treaty, which has been the subject of bitter argument for a number of years.

Some of the objectionable language in the original draft of the treaty has been eliminated, thus enabling some of the former opponents of the treaty to now vote for it. Also there is now the question of commercial rights and privileges of the American citizen of greater importance than heretofore, involving oil and platinum concessions of great value. In fact, citizens of the United States have just recently secured concessions for platinum in Colombia, which give them practically a world monopoly of this metal, now that the Russian mines are in no position to compete in the production of platinum or its distribution. This platinum concession has been secured by the Lewisohn Exploration company, New York, through its control of the South American gold and platinum company, which is the formal holder of the title and concession. The United States government under the terms

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PRINCE'S LIFE ENDANGERED

BOILER TUBE ON JAPANESE STEAMER EXPLODES.

Two Sailors Killed and Two Wounded; Prince Hirohito Was On Way To Europe.

TOKIO, Apr. 19.—Two sailors were killed, and two wounded in the explosion of a boiler tube on the Japanese battleship Katori, on which the Crown Prince Hirohito was traveling to Europe. The vessel was between Colombo and Suez when the accident happened, says an official statement. The Prince arrived at Suez safely on Friday.

LONEY PRAISES COMING EVENT

NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA HERE APRIL 30.

President of Local Musicians Urges All to Attend Concert Next Week.

The New York Philharmonic orchestra, which appears at the L. D. S. tabernacle under the auspices of the Ad club, April 30, is one of the finest organizations of the kind in the country and local musicians are anticipating the finest musical program ever given in La Grande when the New Yorkers come here.

Andrew Loney, president of the La Grande musicians' union and conductor of the La Grande Philharmonic orchestra, in discussing the coming of this famous orchestra said: "A splendid opportunity to hear one of the best organizations in the United States is to be presented to the people of La Grande when this famous musical organization appears here. 'I have heard this organization and enjoyed the concert given better than any organization of its kind I have ever heard. The people of La Grande should support this concert that there may be a capacity house.'

NEW MARATHON RECORD MADE

BOSTON, Apr. 19.—The American marathon, carrying virtually the road racing championship of the country at 26 miles was won today by Frank Zona, of Newark, N. J., making the record in two hours, 18 minutes and 73.5 seconds.

COUNTRY CLUB PARTY TONIGHT

The five hundred party at the Country Club this evening is attracting much interest among the members of that club, and the social committee in charge are making arrangements for a very jolly time. Playing is scheduled to commence at 8:30 o'clock.

Teachers For Next Year Selected; Entire Corps Of This Year Chosen

School Wood Contract Awarded At Low Figure

Because of the decrease in wood prices the taxpayers of La Grande will pay \$1123.50 less for fuel to be used in the public schools during the year 1921-22 than during the current school year. A contract was let last night to J. D. Fitzgerald for the delivery of 530 cords of wood by October 1 at the rate of \$6.90 a cord, delivered. Last year contracts were let for as high as \$19 and the average price paid for fuel for just \$9. The bids last year were so high that it was considered cheaper to use coal but because of the inability of securing and installing

CAPT. DENIES EVER TALKING

ROSENBLUTH DENIES ALL OF POTHIER'S CHARGES

Prosecutor Selden Gives Out Statement of Capt. Rosenbluth's Denial of Accusation

TACOMA, Apr. 19.—The complete denial of the charges in the Roland Pothier alleged confession were made by Captain Rosenbluth, who declared that he had no conversations with Pothier regarding Major Cronkite. Prosecutor Selden gave out a statement of the testimony to this effect by Rosenbluth.

WOULD AVOID JAP CONFLICT

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19.—The far eastern republic of China has been ordered by the Russian bolshevik government to avoid any conflict with Japan, and if possible to undertake negotiations for a trade treaty with Japan, according to official advice.

MARY ROBERTS RINE HART AND FAMILY TO VISIT OREGON

EUGENE, Apr. 19.—Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, noted writer; her husband, Dr. D. M. Rinehart, and their two sons will take a 30 days' trip in the Cascade mountains this summer, according to Harry G. Hayes, hunter and guide of McKenzie bridge, who has been engaged by them. The trip will be started near Mount Hood and will be continued through to Crater Lake.

BIG BOUT IS NOW ARRANGED

NEW YORK, Apr. 19.—Tex Rickard announced today that the Dempsey-Carpenter bout would be fought at Jersey City, on Saturday, July 2.

WILL PLEAD INATTENTION

SEATTLE, Apr. 19.—Pilot Marden, second mate Kollenberger and third mate Hage, of the steamer Governor, will plead in the next few days before the federal steamboat inspection board to the charge of inattention to duty in connection with the sinking of the Governor by the freighter West Hartland on April 1.

Captain Harry Marden, pilot of the Governor, and Third Mate Hage, pleaded not guilty today. Kollenberger is at sea and is expected to plead when he reaches port. The trial before the steamboat inspection board is to start Monday.

LARGE AMOUNT OF WHEAT SIGNED TO NEW ASSOCIATION

That the farms of Union county are interested in the co-operative movement, and especially as it is represented by the Oregon Grain Growers' association, was shown Saturday when immediately following the meeting at which the association's aims were explained over 30,000 bushels of grain were signed up by the men in charge of the organization work in Union county.

C. A. Barnes, of Goldendale, Wash., who is in charge of the work and J. H. Doyle, of Baker, who is also helping organization work, and J. E. Reynolds are in the field today on organization work for the association and expect many more farmers to fall in line within the next few days.

GERMANY HAS FEW DAYS GRACE

MUST TRANSFER MONEY TO BRANCH BANKS.

If Germany Refuses to Comply With Ultimatum, the Commission Will Demand Delivery of Gold.

PARIS, Apr. 19.—The allied reparations commission has given Germany until April 22 to transfer the gold holding of the Reich bank to the Coblenz and Cologne branches of the bank. If Germany refuses to comply with the ultimatum, the commission will require the immediate delivery of the gold to the commission itself.

SCOUT LEADERS MEET

MEETINGS OF THE BOY SCOUT LEADER CLASS will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month, according to a decision reached at a meeting last night. At last night's meeting the program for the coming summer was discussed. Week-end camping trips and other recreational activities will be indulged in during the summer by the scouts.

TWO LOCAL PEOPLE ARE ELECTED TO SERVE IN VACANCIES CAUSED BY RESIGNATIONS — HAMPTON WILL AGAIN HEAD SCHOOL SYSTEM TS SUPERINTENDENT — ONE VACANCY IS STILL UNFILLED.

At a meeting of the school board last evening the teachers who are to serve in the public schools of La Grande during 1921-22 were elected. With the exception of the teachers resigning, all the teachers in the schools at present were re-elected.

All but one of the vacancies created by resignations were filled at the meeting last evening. Among the new teachers are two whose families reside in La Grande: Francis Cramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cramer, will teach science in the high school. Miss Edith Bragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bragg, will teach in the grades.

At present Mr. Cramer is teaching in the Milton schools. Miss Bragg is attending Monmouth this year. The other teacher elected to fill vacancies are Mrs. Grace Fine, who is now teaching in Elgin, to teach language work in the high school, and Miss Bernice Lloyd, who will teach in the grades. Miss Lloyd is now teaching in the Moro schools.

Five Resign. The teachers resigning whose places are to be filled by these new teachers are Misses May Nell, Mildred Riddle and Marie A. Reilly, of the high school faculty, and Rose Klein and Emma Keating of the grade schools. H. M. DuBois, principal of the high school this year, announces his resignation some time ago.

The newly elected teachers have until May 15 to signify their acceptance and until the last day of school May 27, to sign their contracts.

Supervisors Named

A. C. Hampton will continue to be city superintendent of schools, devoting his time to the entire school system. E. D. Towler will be the principal of the high school. Mr. Towler has been teaching science in the high school during the past year. These teachers having rank of supervisor are Miss Fay Armstrong, who has charge of the physical training; Miss Francis M. Birney, supervisor of music; Miss Hazel J. Magnuson, supervisor of home economics; E. A. McEachran supervisor of manual training; Miss Jean M. Whitney, supervisor of English; Miss Blanche Clarke, supervisor of penmanship and art. The supervisors have charge of the work in both high school and grade schools.

High School Faculty

The other members of the High School faculty are: Marjorie Barratt, Eileen Bowling, Blanche Clark, Leslie Campbell, Ora A. Eckles, Jessie Fariss, Doris Hubbell, Frances Smith and Cecil C. Snow.

Grade School Teachers

The three grammar school principals are in charge of the work and J. H. Doyle, of Baker, who is also helping organization work, and J. E. Reynolds are in the field today on organization work for the association and expect many more farmers to fall in line within the next few days.

While no announcement regarding salaries was made by the school board, the entire amount paid in salaries next year will be slightly less than this year, owing to the fact that some of the teachers who resigned were teachers of greater experience than those who are taking their place. The policy of the board of the past in paying liberal salaries has been adhered to and it is understood that no decreases have been made.

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