

ANTI-TRUST LAW IS HELD UNWORKABLE

Government Urges Elimination of Competition During War, Business Men Hear.

LABOR UNREST EXPLAINED

Secretary Wilson Asserts Profits Should Be Regulated so There Would Be "No Swag to Divide Between Capital and Labor."

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 20.—A vigorous denunciation of the operation of the Sherman anti-trust act as hampering the efforts of business men to aid the Government in prosecution of the war was made by Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, before the war convention here of American business men today.

"If there is any one thing this war has demonstrated," he said, "it is the principle of the Sherman act will not stand the strain of war. The moment the stress of war comes to the Nation we see this principle to a false god overturned. The Government itself is eliminating competition and has realized that business must be conducted on a basis of reasonable profit. The only way to reach a basis is by conferences among producers."

The bill pending in Congress to permit combination in export trade should be passed immediately, Mr. Johnson declared, that American industry may act in concert in furthering the country's foreign commerce.

Unpatriotic business men seeking excessive profits were blamed for the spirit of unrest among labor by Secretary of Labor Wilson, who spoke before the labor section of the convention. "Labor has been restless," he said, "because the word has gone forth that the iron and steel men are making 200 to 400 per cent and that shipping, mining and the other great industries are getting excessive returns. This feeling on the part of labor has been justified. In my investigation of the coal industry in the East it was shown that operators in some instances extorted \$5 and \$6 for coal that cost them \$1.50.

"I have told labor this is no time to insist on recognition of their unions, nor to force changes in labor standards, but this programme endangers the future liberty of the people. I now tell you American business men it is no time to insist on profiteering, as many have been doing. You should welcome price-fixing because it means a logical standard of pay for labor. Let labor and yourselves find a common ground that is acceptable, if not satisfactory, to insure the greatest amount of production at the least cost in cash and labor. There should be no swag to divide between capital and labor."



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The National Capitol would be seen, from which all these vast enterprises are directed and co-ordinated, with hundreds of telephone lines radiating from it to all parts of the country, and linking it to each military and industrial center.

A veritable maze of other telephone pole lines, covering the whole country with a network of wires, would be visible, connecting city, town, camp, fortification, navy-yards, military headquarters, coast-guard stations and lighthouses.

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OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

MRS. MATIE M. SLEETH RE-ELECTED W. C. T. U. HEAD.

Luncheon Served at Meeting of County Organization and Various Addresses Heard.

The election of officers was an important feature of yesterday morning's session of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Mattie M. Sleeth was re-elected president of the county organization. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. Carrie Pratt; treasurer, Mrs. Ada Jolley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ernest Richardson; recording secretary, Mrs. Mildred Hanson. Mrs. George Honey, of Gresham, was elected delegate-at-large to the state convention, to be held in Albany, October 2 to 5.

At noon luncheon was served under the direction of Mrs. Hattie Wilson. The afternoon session was opened with memorial services conducted by Mrs. A. Donaldson. Mrs. Lola Baldwin, head of the woman's police department, gave a talk about the various lines of work which are opening for young girls at this time.

Mrs. Jennie Kemp made an address on "Patriotism Applied." She told of the many ways in which a woman may show her patriotism in home work as well as outside lines of work. Mrs. Lucia Adilton presented a report of work done during the year and made an address on "Food Conservation."

MILL WATCHMAN SLUGGED

Men Who Say They Are I. W. W. Rob Guard at Wheeler Plant.

WHEELER, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Highwaymen early this morning sandbagged and robbed James Watkins, night watchman at the Schiffman lumber mill. At 12 o'clock the watchman discovered three men loitering about the furnace-room and ordered them off the premises.

When they were questioned they said they were I. W. W. agitators from Astoria and that they would return today and the mill would be shut down. They then left.

An hour and a half later Watchman Watkins was found by the watchman from the neighboring shingle mill, unconscious. On regaining consciousness Watkins said he heard a movement about the mill and started to investigate when he was struck down in the darkness.

OREGON COWS WIN PRIZES

Top Price of \$300 Paid for Utah Rambouillet Ram.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Clifford Reid, of McMinnville, Or., won most of the prizes in the Jersey class at the Washington state fair today, also the Jersey Club's cup for the best registered merit cow.

The Middledale farm, of Oregon, took all awards in Guernseys, without competition.

PIONEER DIES AT BAKER

Francis W. Thompson Passes Away After Long Illness.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Francis W. Thompson, aged 78 years, pioneer Baker County miner, freighter

and rancher, died here this afternoon after an extended illness. Mr. Thompson went to California in 1840 from Maine. He was engaged in mining in California for five years and then spent a few years in Canyon City, Grant County. He came to Baker in 1868 and lived here ever since. Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife and eight children.

Plan of Investigation Adopted. WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—A system

of investigating coal producers' claims that Government-fixed fuel prices are too low to allow profitable operation, has been worked out between Dr. H. A. Garfield, the fuel administrator, and the Federal Trade Commission.

Cattle Consigned to Portland.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Shipments of stock from Baker today included 300 head of cattle to Portland, consigned by F. J. Fraser. They came

from the John Day Valley and were sold here by H. H. Trowbridge.

Fruit Is Abundant.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Using their advantage of an enormous fruit crop, the people of Eagle and Pine Valleys are eating fruit in place of meat and other foods that figure in making the high cost of living higher. Thus far the frosts have done no damage either in Pine or Eagle Valley

and both communities report an excellent yield of peaches, apples and pears, due to an unusually favorable summer.

Substitute Shipping Bill Favored. WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—A substi-

tute for the Administration bill to enable foreign registered vessels to enter coastwise trade, drawn to impose limitations as to permits issued by the

Shipping Board, was unanimously agreed upon by the House merchant marine committee today. Alaska is exempted from all provisions.

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Two Portland Reports:

S. J. Craft, retired farmer, 1936 E. Washington St., says: "From my own experience I can say Doan's Kidney Pills are wonderful. When I was living in the Mt. Taber section several years ago, my kidneys were in bad shape. The kidney secretions passed too often and in small quantities. That weakness broke my rest at night. I was advised to use Doan's Kidney Pills and though I had lost heart because so many remedies had failed to help me, I tried them. In almost no time I felt better and before long Doan's had removed the suffering entirely."

H. R. Rothenberger, prop. shoe store, 1938 E. Stark st., says: "The bad drinking water affected my kidneys when I was living in Illinois. My back ached and the muscles felt as though they were drawn up and stiff. It was pretty hard for me to bend over. My sleep didn't seem to refresh me and I felt lame and stiff all the time, although the trouble was worse in the morning. My kidneys didn't act as they should but Doan's Kidney Pills fixed me up fine. Since then I have used Doan's off and on and they have kept me strong and well."

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