

LABOR SHOULDS SHARE OF BURDEN

Council Upholds Statement of President That Conflict Is Working Man's War.

GIGANTIC STRUGGLE AHEAD

Time Has Come When Americans Must Face Grave Importance of Daily Work, Says Executive Council of Organization.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—American labor's endorsement of war aims as stated by President Wilson and recognition that the war against Prussianism is a workingman's war is emphasized in a declaration issued tonight by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at the close of a seven-day session at headquarters here.

The declaration says the peace parleys between Russia and Germany have shown the futility of diplomatic negotiations until the German militarists are convinced that they cannot impose their will upon the rest of the world, and that spontaneous uprisings in Germany have demonstrated that the militarist government still is stronger than the movement there for emancipation. A gigantic struggle lies ahead and now is the time when all workers must soberly face the grave importance of their daily work, says the declaration.

World Faces Grave Crisis.

Following is the text of the declaration: "We are face to face with a world crisis. We are in a world struggle which will determine for the immediate future whether the principles of democratic freedom or the principles of autocracy shall rule. The decision will determine not only the destiny of nations, but of every community and of every individual. No life will be untouched."

"Either the principles of free democracy or of Prussian militaristic autocracy will prevail. There can be no compromise. So there can be no neutrality among nations or individuals. We must stand up and be counted with one cause or the other. For labor there is but one choice."

"The hope of labor lies in opportunity for freedom. The workers of America will not permit themselves to be deceived or deceived themselves into thinking the fate of the war will not vitally change our own lives. A victory for Germany would mean a Pan-German empire dominating Europe and exercising a world balance of power which Germany will seek to extend by force into world control."

"Prussian rule means supervision, checks, unfreedom in every relation of life. Prussianism has its roots in the old ideal under which men sought to rule by suppressing the minds and wills of their fellows; it blights the new ideal of government without force or chains—political or industrial—protected by perfect freedom for all."

"Unless the reconstruction shall soon come from the German workers within that country it is now plain that the opportunity to uproot the agencies of force will come only when democracy has defeated autocracy in the military field and wins the right to reconstruct relations between nations and men. The peace parleys between Russia and Germany have shown the futility of diplomatic negotiations until Prussian militarists are convinced they cannot impose their will on the rest of the world. Force is the basis of their whole organization and is the only argument they will understand."

Militarists Still Strong.

"Spontaneous uprisings in Germany in protest against the military government have shown that the German government is still stronger than the movement for German emancipation. German freedom is ultimately the problem of the German people. The defeat of Prussian obstinacy on the battle field will be the opportunity for German liberty at home. You have seen the time when any one nation can maintain its freedom irrespective of other nations. Civilization has closely linked nations together by ties of commerce, common interests, problems and purposes. The future of free nations will depend upon their joint ability to devise agencies for dealing with their common affairs so that the greatest opportunity for life, liberty and pursuit of happiness may be assured to all. "This matter of world democracy is of vital interest to labor."

Labor Makes All Possible.

"Labor is not a sect or a party; it represents the invincible desire for greater opportunity of life for all nations; labor is the brains, sinews and brains of society. It is the user of tools. Tools under the creative power of muscle and brain shape the materials of civilization. Labor makes possible every great forward movement of the world. But labor is inseparable from political and social life and cannot progress. Labor now makes it possible that this titanic struggle for democratic freedom can be made."

"The common people everywhere are hungry for wider opportunities to live. They have shown the willingness to spend or be spent for an ideal. They are in this war for ideal. Those ideals are best expressed by their chosen representatives in a message delivered to the Congress of the United States January 8, setting forth the program of the world's peace. President Wilson's statement of war aims has been universally endorsed by British organized labor. It is in absolute harmony with the fundamental principles of the Buffalo convention of the American Federation of Labor."

Fight Is for Ideals.

"We are at war for these ideals. Our first big casualty list has brought to every home the impress of war. This is only the beginning. A gigantic struggle lies just ahead that will test to the uttermost the endurance and the ability and the spirit of our people. That struggle will be fought out in the mines, farms, shops, mills, shipyards, as well as on the battlefields. Soldiers and sailors are helpless if the producers do not do their part. Every link in the chain of the mobilization of the fighting forces and necessary supplies is indispensable to winning the war against militarism and principles of unfreedom."

"The worker that fastens the rivets in building the ship is performing just as necessary war service to our Republic as the sailor who takes the ship across or the gunner in the trenches."

Problem Must Be Faced.

"This is a time when all workers must soberly face the grave importance of their work and decide industrial matters with a mind full of the world relations of each act. The problem of production is indispensable to winning the war against militarism and principles of unfreedom. The development and maintenance of industrial morale. Willing

co-operation comes not only from doing justice, but from receiving justice. The worker is a human being whose life has value and dignity to him. He is willing to sacrifice for an ideal, but not for the selfish gain of another. Justice begets peace. Consideration begets co-operation. These conditions are essential to war production. Production is necessary to win the war. Upon the adjustment and upon employers falls the preponderance of responsibility in securing greatest efficiency from workers. Standard of human welfare and consideration of the human side of production are part of technique of efficient production.

Workers Will Do Share.

"Give workers a decent place to live, protect them against conditions to take all their wages for bar, existence, give them agencies where grievances can be adjusted and industrial justice assured, make it plain that their labor counts in the winning of a war for greater freedom, not for private profiteering—and workers can be confidently expected to do their part. Workers are loyal. They want to do their share for the republic and for winning the war."

"This is labor's war. It must be won by labor and every stage in the fighting and the final victory must be to count for humanity. That result only can justify the awful sacrifice."

"We present these matters to the workers of free America, confidently relying upon the splendid spirit and understanding which has made possible present progress, to enable us to fight a good fight and to establish principles of freedom throughout the whole world. We regret that circumstances make impossible continuous close personal relations between the workers of America and those of the allied countries, and that we cannot have representatives in the inter-allied labor conference about to convene in London."

Allies' Cause Our Cause.

"Their cause and purpose are our cause and purpose. We cannot meet with representatives of those who are allied against us in this world war for freedom, but we hope they will sweep away the barriers which they have raised between us. Freedom and the downfall of autocracy must come in Middle Europe. We doubly welcome the change if it comes through the workers of those countries."

"While this war shall last, we shall be working and fighting shoulder to shoulder with fellow-workers of Great Britain and Italy. We ask the workers of Russia to make common cause with us, for our purpose is their purpose, that finally the freedom-loving of all countries may make the world safe for all peoples to live in freedom and safety."

128 STILL UNREPORTED

NAMES OF FOUR MORE VICTIMS OF SINKING MADE PUBLIC.

War Department Reports Throw No Light on Fate of 12 Oregon Men Among the Missing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A list of 27 of the known Tuscania dead, made public tonight, contained four names not previously reported in the Associated Press list of American soldiers buried on the British coast. They were: Clarence J. Davidson, Anacostia, Mont.; Thomas A. Llewellyn, Scottsdale, Pa.; Clifford Norris, New London, Wis.; and Leigh A. Wright, Hillsdale, Miss. The additional survivors of the Tuscania, reported last night as H. O'Rand, was Hershell O. Baird. The War Department has not yet been able to complete either the list of survivors or the full of the lost. Of 217 Americans aboard the Tuscania there are still 128 names on the Associated Press record of those unreported.

Reports received by the War Department throw no light whatever on the fate of 12 Oregon men regarding whom no official reports have yet been received since the sinking of the Tuscania.

Mistakes in the names of five Oregon men who were lost are cleared up in an announcement today. The five are: R. A. Green, son of H. W. Green, of Jewell, listed as Peter A. Green; Jack E. Gurney, son of Mrs. J. E. Gurney, of Glade; James L. Perce, son of Sidney Perce, of Creswell, listed as James L. Perce; Percy A. Stevens, son of Mrs. P. A. Stevens, of Bend, listed as Percy Stephens; and Custus Willson, son of Mrs. F. J. Willson, of Salem, listed as Curtis W. Willson.

TASK OF FARMERS BIG

SECRETARY HOUSTON URGES EXTRA EFFORTS THIS YEAR.

Stockmen in Oklahoma Reported to Be Feeding Wheat to Hogs on Account of Corn Shortage.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Prediction that the country's farmers will overcome this year, as they did last, the difficulties in respect to labor and otherwise, was made Saturday by Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, in a statement. There should be no let-up this year in efforts to better the record of last year and to conserve food.

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Women must go to work on farms and perform manual labor before an increased production can be effected, Mr. Simpson told the committee. The United States employment service will rely on such locally so far as possible to supply the labor needed for producing the Nation's food crops this summer. If others are required they will be obtained from the surplus of workers in industrial centers.

Both cases of labor, the farmers will have fullest co-operation of the service without expense to themselves.

WILSON DENIES HEARING

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dent of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, was sent to President Wilson tonight assuring him that representatives of the union had been instructed to use their influence to have the strikers return to work at once. The text of the telegram follows: "My Dear Mr. President—Your telegram requesting the members of the union to return to work is at hand. In reply, I am instructing our representatives to go among men of our craft and use their influence to have men return to work at once. I have exhausted every effort to reach an adjustment with the Shipping Board. I have no power to sign the agreement or adjustment, which would deprive our members of their constitutional rights. "Being desirous of reaching a conclusion whereby a cessation of work may be prevented in the future, I must respectfully request that you notify me as to when I can meet you, as I feel that is the only way in which to solve the problem."

"WILLIAM D. HUTCHESON."

LABOR AND CAPITAL WILL GET TOGETHER

Secretary of Labor Wilson Calls Conference of Employers and Union Leaders.

RELATIONS TO HAVE BASIS

Ten Men Selected Who Will Choose Two Representatives of Public to Share in Deliberations on All Phases of Situation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Establishment of a national labor program, which was begun with the reorganization of the department of labor, progressed another important step today with the announcement of the personnel of the joint conference of employers and union leaders, who will lay down a basis of relations between capital and labor during the war.

The first session of the conference will be held in the office of Secretary Wilson February 25. The five members chosen to represent each side by the national industrial conference board and the American Federation of Labor, will choose two other representatives of the public, making twelve conferees to share in the deliberations, which will cover all phases of the situation.

Ten Conferees Selected.

The representatives of employers are: Loyall A. Osborne, New York, vice-president Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, and chairman of the executive committee of the national industrial conference board.

Charles F. Brooker, Ansonia, Conn., president of the American Brass Company.

W. H. Vandervoort, East Moline, Ill., president of the Root & Vandervoort Engine Company.

L. E. Love, New York, president of the Delaware & Hudson Company, chairman of board and executive committee of Kansas City Southern Railway Company, president of the Hudson Coal Company, Northern Iron & Coal Company and Schuykill Coal & Iron Company.

E. Edwin Michael, Roanoke, Va., president of the Virginia Bridge & Iron Company.

The representatives of the workers are:

Frank J. Hayes, president United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Ind.

William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Indianapolis, Ind.

J. A. Franklin, president of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders of America, Kansas City, Kan.

Victor Olander, representative International Seamen's Union of America, Chicago.

T. A. Rickert, president United Garment Workers of America, Chicago.

Idea Presented by Secretary.

"Agreements on principles and policies which should govern the relations between employers and workers during the war," Secretary Wilson wrote, "will greatly facilitate the formulation of a national program and will contribute largely to a successful administration of that program."

Among the questions to be considered by the conferees will be the basis for wage determination, strikes and lockouts, piece work prices and price fixing, method of eliminating improper restrictions on output of war materials from whatever cause practice to govern duration of labor, discrimination against union and nonunion men, admission of union agents to plants, method of promptly adjusting disputes at their source through boards containing equal representation of employers and employees, right of workmen to organize.

Prevention of disturbances rather than the cure of them will be the central doctrine of the Government's entire policy. Reorganization of the Labor Department will seek to eliminate duplications of effort and conflicting action by various departments in an effort to obviate friction. Where friction arises, the Government will endeavor to remove the cause before interruption of production results.

ROUMANS WILL FIGHT ON

Head of Mission to United States Says Country Will Not Quit War.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Cut off from every friendly country except by wireless, Roumania will fight to the end, Dr. C. Angelescu, head of the Roumanian mission, which reached here yesterday, declared.

"The Bolsheviks is making war on us, so Roumania now must fight two enemies," he said. "We are cut off from every friendly country—there are enemies on every side of us—but we will not give in. Roumania will fight to the end, no matter what the cost. "We entered this war because 4,000,000 of our kinsmen are arbitrarily submitted to Austro-Hungarian domination, and we will fight until they are free."

RAILWAY IS SHUT DOWN

Pacific Great Eastern Closed for Time at Least.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 17.—Minister of Railways John Oliver has received official notification of the shutdown of the Pacific Great Eastern Railroad, a Canadian line which runs from Vancouver up the Fraser River Valley. The Minister said he did not know whether the road would be shut down permanently.

SLAV ENVOY IS ROUTED

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appeared. He was observed from the moment he stepped into the room until he moved to the front of the platform to speak. Then the crowd became quiet again. When he had finished they filed quietly out.

RIDGEFIELD ENROLLS LABOR.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—James E. Keith, cashier of the Ridgefield State Bank, has been appointed local enrollment agent of the United States public service reserve, Department of Labor, and is now enrolling both skilled and unskilled labor for public service.

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TURK CRIMES PREDICTED

FURTHER MASSACRES OF ARMENIANS APPEAR IMMINENT.

As Excuse Prior to Beginning Atrocities, Ottomans Say Armenians Are Spreading Terror.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The return of the Turks to Armenia since the withdrawal of the Russian Caucasian armies may be expected to plunge Armenia into a new chapter of atrocities and massacres. That the Turkish action in this direction will be met with no opposition from the fact that the German newspapers recently printed several official Turkish pronouncements which preceded the earlier Armenian massacres.

A communication published last week said: "Armed bands of Armenian guerrillas are beginning to persecute the Ottoman inhabitants of Armenia, and appeals to the Russian military are unavailing. The facts hereinfor are confirmed by testimony of natives who have escaped from the claws of the Armenians. Moreover, deputations have been sent to the Turkish government with requests for help by the populations of various districts, who are defenseless against Armenian persecution and are continually exposed to its terrors."

The statement concludes with a list of "significant atrocities alleged to have been perpetrated by Armenians."

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER HELD

Jerome Stewart, Accused by Albany Couple, to Face Grand Jury.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Jerome Stewart, accused of selling Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hornback, of this city, a barren hillside in California for a large price on the representation that it was a well-improved farm, waived examination yesterday and was held to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of obtaining property under false pretenses.

DENVERITE RECOVERS BABY

Search Ends in Tacoma, Where Divorced Wife Had Fled.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—R. W. Perkins, of Denver, ended a year's search for his 18-month-old daughter in Tacoma yesterday. He found her here with her mother, from whom he is divorced.

Perkins arrived here Thursday night and obtained a warrant in the Superior Court. At first the mother refused to give the baby up, but later consented. Perkins immediately left for California with his baby.

DESERT TO BECOME SHORE

New Fort Bliss Baths and Pool to Bring Coast Luxuries Inland.

FORT BLISS, Tex., Feb. 16.—American soldiers will soon be swimming out here, on the edge of the desert, as freely as if they were camped on the seashore. The big post swimming pool, which is being erected by the El Paso War Service Board for the use of the soldiers of the fort and surrounding camps, will be completed at the end of this month.

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