

CONGRESS OVERTURNING DEMAND OF LABOR

Expected Call of Federation Made by Gompers.

INCOMPETENTS ARE HIT

Executives Who Failed to Cut Cost of Living Are Scored in Appeal to Electorate.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The American Federation of Labor has issued its expected call to the electorate for "an overturn in congress."

Under the signature of President Samuel Gompers the current issue of the American Federationist, the official organ, carries an indictment of congress and the executive departments for "incompetence on the cost of living issue" and outlining a programme of "deep cutting measures."

"There must be an overturn in congress. Enemies must be defeated; friends must be elected." Profits Are Hitzed. An itemized list of corporation profits, similar to that recently quoted in a speech by Senator Capper of Kansas, was presented by Mr. Gompers, who declared that while 21 enumerated corporations last year reported normal, the average cost of living increased 36 per cent and the average union wage 55 per cent.

"The deep cutting measures," which Mr. Gompers writes will be necessary "to guard the nation's distributing machinery against assaults from the pirates of trade and commerce," follow: Immediate adjustments of wages, both in private employment and in government service, to at least meet the living cost of the past year; income tax by reason of this era of frenzied profiteering and gambling.

"Immediate effective distribution of continued increases in the cost of living. An end to the kind of legislation typified by the Beach-Cummins railroad law and the Kansas court of industrial relations law. There must be an end of legislative repression, restriction and coercion. Not only must there be an end to the enactment of legislation of this character, but there must be an repeal of legislation already enacted.

Publicity Is Urged. "The congress will do well to give immediate and effective consideration to the proposal of the American labor movement that control of credit capital be taken from private financiers and placed in the hands of a public trust to be administered upon principles of voluntary and co-operative character. This will strike a vital blow toward eliminating the abuses of profiteering and exploitation.

"Congress should provide immediately for publicity for income tax returns. There must be immediate steps toward equalization of wages and cost of living and effective steps to prevent a new margin from replacing the one to be dissolved. This means that there must be a permanent remedy for the high cost of living."

Strike Held "Symptom." "The working class of the United States," continued Mr. Gompers, "are speaking in mandatory terms. If those in control of the legislative destinies of the country do not understand the needs of the workers, at least the workers themselves understand. They know the restraint which they have practiced. They know the limit to their endurance. They demand to be heard in a manner which comprehends the welfare of the country."

President Wilson proposed measures for relief of the distressed. "But congress gave no heed," and since the signing of the armistice, "the American people have been laid a course of plunder, restriction and coercion."

The recent unannounced strike of railway men, Mr. Gompers characterized as "a symptom of what is the matter with America." His methods he deplored as "foredoomed to failure and in contravention of the discipline of the trades union movement, but he argues, their appeals for relief from increased living costs were of long standing, and that they suffered "postponement after postponement."

Specific Profiteering Cited. Mr. Gompers devotes some of his statements to specific cases of "profiteering and gambling." Aside from the increased corporation profits listed, he gives three "illustrations derived from authentic sources."

A Chicago auctioneer bought a quantity of webbing, and, without having seen it or having any knowledge of its nature or use, sold it at a profit of \$4000.

A New York warehouse broker, buying a warehouse receipt for several thousand yards of silk, sold it at a profit of \$10,000.

"He performed no service in getting it from producer to consumer," writes Mr. Gompers. "He bought a piece of paper and sold it."

Palmer Also Criticized. "If congress had seen fit to respond to the wishes of the president," writes Mr. Gompers, "and enact some of the legislation suggested by him, it would have been possible to curb, at least to some extent, this unlicensed plundering in the necessities of life. For congress to deny that relief is possible is to deny that relief is possible."

MILL AREA SWEEP BY \$600,000 BLAZE

Portland Shipyard and Factory Are Total Loss.

HIGH WIND DRIVES FIRE

Three Dwellings Lost and Other Plants Damaged as Blaze Sweeps Long Strip.

PATROL IS DUE JUNE 15

FOREST SERVICE START HANGS ON AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Colonel Arnold Makes Promise of State and Protection Units to Meet Share of Expense.

If the state and forest protection agencies will meet part of the necessary expense, forest patrol of Oregon will be started June 15, according to Colonel H. H. Arnold, who last Thursday addressed a forestry conference at Salem. Among those prominent in the conference were Governor Olcott, C. S. Chapman of the Oregon Forest Fire Association, George Cecil, district forester, and F. A. Elliott, state forester.

INDEMNITY IS DIVIDED

FRANCE TO GET 55 PER CENT, GREAT BRITAIN 25.

Remainder to Be Shared by Belgium, Italy and Serbia, Says Announcement of Millerand.

PARIS, May 23.—France is to receive 55 per cent of Germany's indemnity, Great Britain 25 per cent, and the remainder to be shared by Belgium, Italy and Serbia, Premier Millerand told the finance and foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies in explaining his recent conversations with Premier Lloyd George at Hythe. The proportions were announced by the rate of interest to be demanded from Germany on the 120,000,000,000 marks indemnity she was to pay had not been determined, but he believed it would not be less than 5 per cent plus a 1 per cent redeeming rate for the holders of gold bonds which Germany must issue.

The indemnity, he said, would be shared by France and Great Britain, and of the compensation for devastated mines and for cattle destroyed or stolen during the war.

CARAVAN REACHES GOAL

Stockton, Cal., Welcomes Ad Clubs; Special Service Held.

STOCKTON, Cal., May 23.—The seventh annual convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Clubs convention opened in Stockton this afternoon with an inspirational service at the Methodist church. Dave S. Matthews of Stockton, presiding. The northern auto caravan of 48 cars arrived in Stockton at 12 o'clock and was greeted with the blowing of whistles and much enthusiasm. There were 48 cars in the party. The Los Angeles caravan of fifteen cars arrived at 3 o'clock. Governor Stephens welcomed the delegates at the inspirational service. Mayor Oulahan of Stockton greeted the visitors in the name of the city. The banquet address was delivered by Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, president of Mills college, Oakland. Her subject was "The Significance of Advertising."

At the convention session tomorrow addresses will be made by Attorney Charles E. Mehl, United States treasury department; Rollin C. Ayers of San Francisco and Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt of Oakland.

A. H. WHITE DEATH SUDDEN

Father of Adjutant-General Passes at His Home Last Night.

A. H. White, father of Adjutant-General White and Hal M. White, retired to Mayor Baker, died last night suddenly at his home, 121 Florida street, Fulton.

Mr. White had been ill for six months, but the end came unexpectedly. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but services probably will be held Wednesday.

Mr. White, who is survived by his wife, in addition to his two sons, came to Portland ten years ago from Salt Lake City, where he was engaged in the mining business. He intended to retire, but because of his familiarity with agriculture as a result of his early life as a farmer in Hancock county, Ia., where he was born, he was induced to become a dairying instructor. Mr. White was 69 years old.

CZAR STORY DISCOUNTED

Filing of Affidavit Seems to End Question of Survivors.

LONDON, May 23.—Various stories which have been current regarding certain members of the Russian royal family having escaped the massacre in which the former czar met death in the London probate registry yesterday by Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna, wife of Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, and sister of the late czar.

The grand duchess has been living in London, and letters of administration had been granted her for the English estate of the former czar, amounting to £500. The affidavit of the grand duchess asserted that the czar died on Jan. 19, 1918, at Ekaterinburg, and adds that he died intestate, "leaving no widow or child."

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LINE DRAWN AGAINST PARTIAL DELEGATES

Half Vote Not to Be Accepted by Republicans.

SPOKANE IS AFFECTED

Question Arises as Result of Alternates in Washington Credited by State Convention.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 23.—(Special)—J. N. J. Bostwick of Hilliard and Mrs. Sarah Flannigan of Spokane go to Chicago carrying credentials showing that they are entitled to a half vote piece as alternate delegates from the fifth congressional district of this state, the republican national committee will infer there is some sort of a row on and will proceed to treat the incident as a new form of contest.

That is the word that State Chairman Walker has received from the republican national committee. He transmitted the credentials for the 14 delegates and the set of alternates elected by the republican state convention at its Bellingham meeting last month. The credentials for the delegates and the 13 full-fledged alternates were accepted by the national committee with approval and Chairman Walker was thanked for his promptness in forwarding them.

But the national committee drew the line at the half alternates from the Spokane district. According to the report received by Chairman Walker, an alternate who is not a member of the party or it simply doesn't exist. There isn't any such thing provided for in the official call. Chairman Walker was apprised, as a 50 per cent alternate, and two 50 per cent alternates only makes the situation more intolerable. Since the situation is straightened pretty pronto, the national committee will insist on believing that there is some sort of new-fangled contest on over the seat and will proceed to try Mrs. Flannigan and Mr. Bostwick, neither of whom has any desire to be tried.

State senator Johnson of Colville, one of the delegates from the district, has been reported to be ill in a Spokane hospital. While it is expected he will be able to make the Chicago trip, there is a possibility he might have to stay at home, in which event an alternate from the 5th district would occupy his seat. Possibly this situation would not call for a settlement of the Bostwick-Flannigan contest for J. H. Scammoth of Metaline Falls, a place that lies in Delegate Johnson's senatorial district, is a full-fledged alternate and first on the list for the right to sit in a missing delegate's seat.

'FORESTS' WEEK IS HERE

CAMPAIGN FOR FIRE PREVENTION TO BE STARTED.

Daily Instruction to Be Given in Schools and Speakers Will Address Clubs.

By an intensive campaign, which is to overlook no opportunity to reach the consciousness of the public, forest protection will be taught in Portland and Oregon this week. Officially designated by Governor Olcott as "forest fire prevention week," and opening yesterday, the seven-day period will be marked by public speaking and object lessons on the fire hazard in Oregon forests.

In the schools, daily instruction will be given on forest fire prevention and speakers will address noon-day lunches of the civic clubs on the same topic. The fire prevention campaign is to be fore in co-operation with slides that will carry messages of forest protection. Hundreds of such slides have been sent to many Oregon towns from the offices of the Western Forestry and Conservation association for use in the local playhouses. In central library is an exhibit, directed by the forestry service, depicting the loss and peril from forest fires and illustrating means of prevention.

Forest fire prevention week is not being observed only by Oregon. Similar campaigns are being carried forward in Colorado, California, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota and Washington.

Lack of Water Hinders Fight

After the mill was out of all danger, the Campbell steamed down to the other end of the fire and fought back the flames, which swept toward the spar plant and the tub factory.

By 7 o'clock last night the plants at that end of the peninsula were all out of danger. Lack of water at the western end of the peninsula, where the fire first started, hindered the volunteer fire fighters from the outset and it was necessary to use the pumps from the Monarch mill to get any water on the blaze from the start. But because of the rapidity with which the fire spread, it quickly destroyed the one line of hose and cut off all water connections until the Portland fire apparatus arrived on the scene.

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