

LABOR SEEKS CURE FOR JOB SHORTAGE

American Federation Ready for Conference.

PUBLIC WORK SUGGESTED

Executive Council of Organization Adjourns to Meet in Washington November 14.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 30.—Organized labor is ready to consider any invitation from the government to participate in a conference with a view of solving unemployment. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced today at the closing session of the federal unemployment council. Such a conference, he declared, "is not to be opposed, when workers are suffering from unemployment and there is no work in sight."

Mr. Gompers said that the council adopted a motion instructing him to notify the council members of an invitation was received to participate. The council will then act accordingly, he added.

"We have not been invited to participate," he continued, "but as labor is the primary factor in the unemployment situation, it would be absurd for labor not to be represented."

Opposition is Reported. It was learned that there was some opposition to representatives of the federation participating in such a meeting. One member declared such a conference would gain nothing for organized labor, which, he added, is charged with being responsible for the unemployment because of its refusal to "submit meekly to wage reductions."

The council, in any event, it was stated, will press its program calling on federal and state governments to furnish work to thousands of unemployed by starting public works and road building, which, he added, will take the matter up personally with President Harding.

Mr. Gompers announced that efforts would be made within 60 days to bring about reestablishment of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, with its membership of 200,000.

He said that the council had called for a conference with the representatives of the suspended union and officials of the building trades department.

Appeal Is Sent Out. The council today sent an appeal to all state legislatures except Ohio, asking them to adopt or amend their workmen's compensation laws to correspond with the Ohio act.

The council, which has been in session here for more than a week, adjourned to meet in Washington November 14, but will hold a special meeting before that time if necessary.

A campaign for a membership of 5,000,000 will be launched on Labor day, the executive council announced.

President Samuel Gompers issued an appeal to labor throughout the country to rally on Labor day in public gatherings for inspiring public addresses and distribution of literature of our movement.

Mr. Gompers will make a speaking tour of the United States, starting in Baltimore Labor day.

5000 WILL LOSE POSITIONS

Colorado Fuel & Iron Company to Curtail Operations.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 30.—Deferred orders and overproduction will result in the closing down of so much of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company's steel plant near Pueblo that operations in the company's Young's mine, and coking coal mines in the Trinidad district of Colorado will be suspended Saturday next, it was announced after the company's offices here today.

After Saturday the working parts of the big Pueblo mill will include only those used in making barbed wire, nails and iron rods. According to Fred Barrar, executive assistant to President J. F. Welborn of the company, the plant near Pueblo will employ only 1500 men Saturday as compared with 7500, the normal number.

No probable date for reopening has been set.

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Harding Gets Responses to Proposal on Unemployment.

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The conference will make a practical study of unemployment conditions in an effort to see what can be done practically and soundly to ameliorate the situation.

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Just Electric & Machine, Pulton & Crane, United Radiator, Western Electric, Machine Tool, American Twist Drill, Chicago Pneumatic Tool, Detroit Twist Drill, National Twist Drill.

Motors—American Engine, Cattle Brothers, Continental, Jinkley, Kernath Manufacturing, Northway.

Overalls and Clothes—Bauer Garment, Canine Garment, Hamilton Garment, Detroit Princess, W. M. Pink & Co., Larned, Carter & Co., Hugh Wallace Company and H. J. Willing Company.

Paints, Oils and Varnishes—Acme, Berry Brothers, Detroit Graphite and Detroit White Lead.

Pulp and Paper—Detroit Sulphite, Pulp & Paper.

Rolling Mills—Detroit Copper & Brass and Michigan Copper & Brass.

Stoves—Art, Best, Detroit, Detroit Vapor, Gas Oil, Little Wonder, Michigan and Peninsula.

Rubber Ties—Morgan & Wright.

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