

NON-PARTISAN BODY IN IDAHO AGITATED

La Follette Speech Stirs Up Leaders to Protest Their Loyalty to Nation.

LEAGUE'S MOTIVES TOLD

Members in Northwestern State Say Wisconsin Senator in Speech at St. Paul Went Outside Subject for Discussion.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—A joint session of the Nonpartisan League and an American League of Women's Clubs...

The Nonpartisan League movement had been gaining impetus over this state prior to the National conference...

Since the St. Paul conference there has been a noticeable desire by those interested to disclaim any charge...

Scholtz was a member of the league's committee that visited on LaFollette at Washington and asked him to speak at the St. Paul conference...

"When the conference opened," said Mr. Scholtz, "President Townley told the delegates that the farmers were disappointed in not receiving more money for their wheat..."

League members in Idaho regret the LaFollette incident and not a few of them openly condemn it. Some think it was unwise to have invited the Wisconsin senator to speak at all.

Among the more prominent men who spoke at the St. Paul conference was Senator William F. Borah, who is now in Boise and will shortly make known his no uncertain terms what his attitude will be with respect to the league for re-election...

Senator Borah's Stand Given. Senator Borah has already been enlisted in the second liberty loan campaign and will speak in its behalf...

"I voted for this war," declared Senator Borah, "and there is no member of Congress more earnestly in favor of its continuance to a successful end for the cause of democracy than I am."

"I also favored a greater payment for war purposes on the part of those who have made immense war profits. These are conservatively estimated at \$7,000,000,000 to date, and yet the revenue bill takes only a little more than the profits of the steel corporations for one year."

FACTIONS GET TOGETHER

(Continued From First Page.) with instructions to confer with a committee representing striking employees in an effort to arrive at an early and equitable basis of agreement looking towards a settlement.

Conferences May Start Today. "Late in the afternoon the committee above noted met with us and since that time the secretary of the Joint Board of the Building Trades Council and the Metal Trades Council has been requested to report this development to his colleagues with a further request that a committee be provided at once that conferences may start. It is hoped these will begin today."

The only authoritative statements relative to conferences and progress of negotiations will be issued by the joint conference committee or Mr. Smith or Mr. Harry."

Meanwhile a most important feature looms in the distance is the approaching visit of the members of the Labor Adjustment Board, which will leave Washington in service to this week, for the purpose of attempting a settlement of the troubles here and in other cities.

Ernie Dennis, executive secretary of the State Council of Defense, yesterday received from George F. Porter, chief of the section on co-operation with states, of the National Council of Defense, the following telegram:

President's Mission on Way. "President's mediation commission leaving today for the West for the purpose of investigating the labor situation with a view to informing themselves as to the industrial situation and to offering friendly services to assisting present and avoiding future difficulties. They come as personal representatives of the President. Please get in touch with them and render all possible assistance."

Conditions along the river as to the shipbuilding plants remained practically unchanged yesterday. The Willamette Iron & Steel Works being the only steel plant in operation. The Coast Shipbuilding Company, a wooden construction concern, is the only large one of the kind running anything like

capacity, with the others crippled extensively. It is the three other large steel shipyards.

Picketeters Are Arrested. Picketing was rather brisk yesterday, following the meeting of the unions in the Auditorium Friday night, and there was a slight clash between them and the police at the Willamette plant yesterday afternoon, when a number were arrested.

Men arrested gave their names as follows: William L. Martin, Arthur O'Leah, Alex. B. Larson, Earl Hales, Edgar Jones and Jean Watkins. They were released on bail. Because of the publicly announced statement of the strikers that they would continue picketing, the police were out in considerable numbers, but nothing serious occurred.

Hearings of those recently taken in under the anti-picketing ordinance, passed by vote of the people last June, are scheduled to come up Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal Court before Judge Rossmann. These are so-called test cases, it being the contention of the unions that the ordinance is unconstitutional, while the City Attorney declares it is not.

Mayor Issues Statement. Mayor Baker made the following statement to the Council yesterday when asking the members to name Mr. Smith as the city mediator.

"In spite of every effort that I have made to bring about some settlement of the trouble between the strikers and the employers, today the parties are further apart than at any previous time."

"All appeals submitted have been rejected, including a strong personal appeal from the President. Both factions have been urged to consider their duty to the Nation and to the community, and while this situation seems discouraging I have not given up hope and I feel that there must be some way whereby they can be brought together so that their difficulties can be discussed and at least a temporary adjustment made."

"I believe that the importance of the continuance of operation in this industry to the Nation, to Portland and to thousands of employes involved will necessarily make all concerned seriously consider the situation and believe that neither faction will be so unreasonable as to positively refuse to negotiate providing a discussion is properly brought about."

"For this purpose I have decided that the city efforts in bringing the factions together should be handled by a man who can secure the ear of labor leaders and a man who has the confidence of the business men of the community at least to the extent that they will believe his efforts sincere and that they will be given an even break in all negotiations and discussions."

"I have given this subject much thought and tried to select a man who would fill the requirements. I know of many prominent men connected with the business activities of Portland who would be willing to undertake this task with the sole object of rendering a service to the community, but none of them could deal both with the employers and the union men on the basis outlined above."

"After serious thought I have decided that the logical man who answers all the requirements is Eugene Smith, former president of the Central Labor Council."

"As president of this organization during the past year he is in a position to gain a hearing with all the labor interests, while president of the Central Labor Council he had occasion to negotiate with a number of the largest business interests in the community and the heads of some of our leading commercial enterprises are aware of his ability. I believe that if Mr. Smith is asked to act as mediator in behalf of the city he will do so in the interest of the workingman, in the interest of the community, and the result will be in the interest of the employers of the city plants engaged in the shipbuilding industry."

Mr. Smith is hopeful. Mr. Smith, in announcing his acceptance of the position, made the following statement:

"I have been called in to aid in adjusting the industrial controversies now on in Portland and vicinity as a result of a special meeting of the City Commissioners called for the purpose of considering the strike situation Saturday."

"When asked by the Mayor to act, I, of course, accepted, as I believe it to be the duty of all to aid if possible. My experience in such matters leaves me firmly convinced that they are mostly the result of misunderstandings and misinterpretations of motives."

Mediators to Co-operate. "In the present situation I shall act with the best interests of the employees and the employers in mind, ever keeping clearly in view the momentous interests of the Nation and the interests of Portland and Oregon as shipbuilding centers."

"Needless to say, I will act in co-operation with the Federal officials now here, and I am sure that we will receive the full support of the labor and business forces that we may arrive at an equitable settlement of one that I trust will prove a stepping-stone to lasting harmony."

I ask the press, the officials and representatives of the merchant employers to so speak and act that the prejudice, suspicion and rancor now aroused may be allayed, that we may get back to earth and do things."

MARTIN IS CONVERTED

ZEAL COMES NEAR GETTING STRIKER INTO TROUBLE. Conference With Mayor and Others at City Jail Results in Order for Release.

William L. Martin, striker, yesterday learned a few things at first hand, from the conference. He had done his full duty as a picket, having been twice arrested, and said he would go home and remain there for a while and let someone else be the goat.

Mr. Martin, when arrested last Tuesday, dwelt much upon the theme of his own patriotism, saying he was in the Army in the Philippines and that there was more than some had done, who, if necessary, he could mention.

Mr. Martin was again at the picket line yesterday afternoon, when Captain Moore and Sergeant Wade, with their men, turned back a crowd of picketers, and was arrested. While waiting in the patrol wagon he made the remark that he was the man who is fighting for the Kaiser, and when he was arrested something was said to the four-member conference in jail.

Mayor Baker, being apprized of the remark, ordered Mr. Martin turned over to the Federal authorities. It was a good thing, probably it saved a man to his family and children and saved him from serious trouble.

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