

LABOR LEADERS ASK PRESIDENT TO URGE FOOD BILL PASSAGE

Delegation of Forty Headed by Samuel Gompers Confers With Chief Executive.

CALL WORKERS UNDERED

President Is Asked to Go Before Congress or Summon Leaders to Press Legislation for Full Power.

Washington, June 12.—(U. N. S.)—Forty labor leaders, headed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had a conference Monday with President Wilson. They asked these things:

First—That President Wilson either go before congress or summon congressional leaders to him to urge the immediate passage of the food bills.

Second—That the food bills be passed by July.

Third—That the president and Herbert C. Hoover receive the power to handle the food situation themselves.

The labor men told the president that while the cost of living has advanced beyond all reason, wages have remained practically the same.

Workmen Are Undered

They maintain that, as a result, many working men are suffering from under-nourishment. They made veiled prediction that unless the president was able to bring about changes in the conditions, widespread discontent might follow.

President Wilson, while he gave no indication of his probable course, told the delegation that he was in entire accord with them. He said he believed congress at the earliest moment would act to clothe Mr. Hoover with the authority he needs. Mr. Hoover called at the White House prior to the visits of the labor men.

"In the half hour we had," said Mr. Gompers, "we tried to present our views on this question. We think that as an act of patriotic duty the people of this country should urge congress to pass the legislation."

Labor Wants Power Restored

"The laboring men of the United States think that in view of the extraordinary emergency now existing, congress ought to grant to the president and to Mr. Hoover the power to deal with this food situation. We feel that this food bill should be made law before the first of July, as the new contracts are made at that time and the first crops will begin to move. We want action before the country shall write too late."

As an instance of what regulation will do, the bakers of Detroit are selling a loaf of bread in Detroit for 17 cents. The same bakers are selling the same bread across the line in Windsor, Canada, for 9 cents. Canada has regulation, we have none.

Bread Chapter in Belgium

"Mr. Sullivan, a member of this delegation, who has just returned from Europe, brings the information that in France and Belgium a larger and better loaf of bread is sold for less money than right here in the United States."

Accompanying Mr. Gompers were Congressmen J. J. Nolan of California, Edward Keating of Colorado, John R. Fay of Pennsylvania, and Carl C. Van Dyke of Minnesota and Meyer London of New York.

LEVER FOOD CONTROL MEASURE NOW READY FOR ACTION IN HOUSE

Washington, June 12.—(U. P.)—The Lever food control bill was ordered favorably reported by the house agriculture committee Monday. This bill gives the president power to name Herbert C. Hoover as food administrator.

The bill provides that the president may bring the bill before congress by June 15. An effort will be made to make it a law by July 1.

Besides authorizing the president to name a food administrator, the bill makes it unlawful for any person to destroy food for the keeping, to raise prices, and gives the executive power to control food manufacture.

Provisions of Bill Drastic

Willful hoarding or destruction of necessities is made a crime punishable by two years imprisonment.

The president is authorized to seize and have governmentally operated any factory, mine or other plant which is deemed necessary to the production of foodstuffs, to license the importation and exportation, manufacture, storage or distribution of any food necessary, in order to carry into effect legislation for conserving the food supply during the war.

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One Man Arrested In Portland Upon Charge of Slacking

Oregon has developed exceedingly few slackers.

Only one arrest under the military registration order was made in Portland today and reports from the entire state indicate only four.

Special Deputy Sheriff O. H. Davis pulled Fred Rush out of a box car in the East Portland yards and found him minus a green ticket. Rush explained that he had actually registered for failing to mail his military ticket to himself at Pocatello, fearing he might lose it. At Pocatello he said he missed connections with his mail.

United States Attorney Reames said that 20 indictments are looked for from the federal grand jury next week, but he would not go into details. Imprisonment up to a year without the option of fine is the penalty.

Reports from Arlington have it that Sherman Wehrlich was arrested by a deputy United States marshal this morning for failing to register for the war census.

SOCIALISTS DECLARE GERMANY TO ISSUE NEW PEACE OFFER

Scandinavian Committee, in View of Hint, Requests the Russians to Send Delegates

By Arthur E. Mann

Stockholm, June 12.—(U. P.)—Prediction that the German peace offer, to be issued by the German majority Socialists will "favorably impress the entente" by reason of its liberality, was stated today by a member of the Dutch-Scandinavian committee, who has been conferring with the Teutons.

In view of this hint, the Scandinavian committee immediately telegraphed to Petrograd requesting that the workmen and soldiers' council send delegates at once.

Wilson's Declaration Favored

Amsterdam, June 12.—(U. N. S.)—The Socialists of all neutral countries must support the declarations made by President Wilson in his note to Russia, if they wish to see democracy triumph, said the Telegram today in commenting upon the document.

Statement May Come Forth

Washington, June 12.—(U. N. S.)—Theodore Roosevelt, professor of law at the University of Wisconsin, is withholding newspaper comment on President Wilson's note to Russia, indicated to state department officials that the government itself may publish a statement in reply.

With the arrival of the Root mission in Petrograd tonight this government looks for immediate and effective action to end the revolutionary government of Russia on a firm footing.

Coos Bay Man Helps Red Cross

Estate Manager Gives Lots for Cause With Understanding That They Are to Be Disposed of to Advantage.

North Bend, Or., June 12.—(U. P.)—Winson Coon, estate manager of the Simpson estate, has made a generous donation to the Red Cross fund for Coos county. He has given five town lots, the proceeds of which will be used for the honor guard girls' school at \$1 each and hold a drawing. The holder of the lucky number will be given a clear title to the five lots which are valued at \$100 each. The \$300 derived from the sale of the tickets for the drawing is to be turned over to the fund.

The committee in charge of the work of raising \$18,000 for the Red Cross in Coos and Curry county are starting a vigorous campaign. It is expected that several donations of \$1500 will be made and everyone will be asked to contribute as much as can possibly be afforded.

President Gets Full Power

There is practically no limit to the power given the president to assume the role as a food dictator during the war.

The committee added fuel to the list of commodities which, at the president's dictation, may be sold only by licensed dealers.

The committee cut out the provision in the original bill providing for the use of mixed flour and the provision increasing the milling content of wheat in flour.

Moore in Session

Bellingham, Wash., June 12.—(P. N. S.)—Delegates from Oregon, Washington and Idaho are here today to attend the annual tri-state convention of the Loyal Order of Moose. The convention will end tomorrow with election of officers. T. B. Larue of Spokane is an active candidate for president.

FARMERS OF STATE MEETING AT ASTORIA

Only Minor Officials to Be Elected This Year; Committees Named.

Astoria, Or., June 12.—Astoria is host today to the farmers of Oregon, over 200 delegates being here this morning to attend the forty-fourth annual convention of the Oregon state grange, which convened at the Moose hall at 10 o'clock. Every section of the state is well represented, and many more delegates are expected to arrive today.

When Grand Master C. E. Spence called the session to order this morning all but two of the officers were at their stations. Only a short session was held this morning, the time being devoted to organization and report of the credentials committee, and assigning of resolutions to various committees.

Auto Trip Today

This afternoon the visitors will be taken on an automobile trip to places of interest about the city and tonight the business men will give a banquet in their honor.

Former Mayor E. E. Gray will be the toastmaster. A program has been prepared for the occasion.

No election of officers is to be held at this session with the exception of one member of the executive committee. Tomorrow afternoon the delegates will be taken by auto to Seaside.

Standing Committees Appointed

The following standing committees have been appointed for the session. The first named on each committee is chairman.

Credentials—Mary S. Howard, Minnie School, John Seidling, William Maxwell.

Finance—H. S. Crouse, F. B. Harlow, George Sharp, R. B. Vining.

Division of labor—Mrs. J. J. Nicolle, W. G. Keys, George Ellis, Seth L. White.

Elections—H. A. Darnall, C. J. Hurd, C. H. Bailey.

Pure food—William Schulerich, E. J. Myers, Mrs. Edith Green, Mrs. Maude Taylor, William Withee.

Legislation—Mrs. Anna Robbins, A. S. Sells, A. J. Green, Mrs. George Ellis.

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Woman's work—Mrs. Hester Covert, Mrs. Thora E. Grae, A. E. Brown, C. C. Clement, Warren H. Bailey, Mrs. Lizzie Withers.

Cooperation—Mrs. Anna Robbins, P. Peterson, J. J. Nicolle, Harold Von Reason, L. S. Lambert, Mrs. L. L. Crawford.

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Agents at Work on Theory

Springfield, Mo., June 12.—(U. P.)—The government agents are investigating the "German plot" angle of the kidnapping, which resulted in the tragic death of 14-month-old Lloyd Keet, son of J. H. Keet, of Kansas City.

It has been suggested that the ransom demanded was to be devoted to furthering German plots in this country. The government is now working to say whether anything has been discovered to support this theory.

Mrs. Keet, who has been under constant stress of mind since her husband's death, is now in a serious condition today.

None of the alleged abductors is in the local jail. Piersol and Cletus Keet, Jr., the two sons of J. H. Keet, are at Kansas City. Taylor Adams, his wife and son, Maxie, and Sam McGinnis have been hidden away by Sheriff Webb.

Few Americans Are In Central Empires

United States Minister to Sweden Morris Estimates Not Over 400 Remain. Majority Being in Berlin.

Stockholm, June 12.—(U. P.)—Not more than 400 Americans now remain in the central empires, according to the latest compilation today by United States Minister Morris. Nearly all of these are in Berlin and are Americans whose affiliations have induced them to stay.

Few Americans are now in Sweden awaiting return to America. The country, however, has become a Mecca for Russian refugees—particularly the Russian czar's family.

The city of the Russian czar's family, Minister Morris estimated today that there were now in Stockholm