LABOR CONFERENCE TOPIC AT HEARING

Prompt Action to Permit United States to Be Represented Asked of Senate.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(I. N. S.)—An appeal for prompt action by congress to permit the United States to be represented at the international labor conference, provided for under the treaty of Versailles, was voiced by Secretary of Labor Wilson before the senate foreign relations committee when it resumed its open hearings today.

It was pointed out by Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, that under a rider to the general deficiency bill of March 4, 1913, the president was prohibited from authorizing participation of the United States in any international gathering without the consent of congress.

Secretary Wilson said he realized that unanimous consent by congress was necessary to permit the United States to be officially represented at the proposed conference, scheduled to be held at Washington in October, but he hoped that such action be forthcoming before the house adjourned tomorrow until September 9.

WILSON EXPLAINS SITUATION

Wilson said that under the treaty the United States was "requested" to call the conference, whether or not the senate ratified the treaty. If the treaty were ratified, the United States would be represented officially as a treaty obligation. If the senate did not ratify the treaty, but three other nations did, the request that the United States call the conference would still stand, but the United States would not be officially represented, Wilson said. Twenty-two nations had already signified their intention of being represented and he hoped the United States would be. When he concluded, Senator Lodge said the committee would probably act on the matter later in the day.

Bernard M. Baruch, the president's confidential adviser at Paris, resuming his testimony, stated that he believed Germany would be unable to pay the reparation bill presented to her, but that he anticipated that the reparation commission would cut the bill ultimately to a size that Germany could meet.

COMMON SENSE RELIED UPON

"Then you rely upon the common sense of the reparation commission to scale down Germany's reparation to a point commensurate with her ability to pay?" inquired Senator Johnson of California.

"I do," Baruch replied.

Although he did not expect the United States to share in the indemnities or reparation to be exacted from Germany, Baruch added, he considered it necessary for the United States to be represented on the reparation commission as the other nations of the world were looking to the United States for help in making Germany pay her war bill.

ATTY. GEN. PALMER TO PROSECUTE PROFITEERS

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a little more than $1 worth of food for every man, woman and child in the country—was conceded to be a drop in the bucket. When this has been exhausted, it was pointed out, the situation ordinarily would revert to where it stood before the distribution.

"The mounting cost of living is the most important subject in the world today," said Chairman Colver of the federal trade commission.

"There has been a steady climb. Prices go up. Wages go up to compensate. Wages having gone up, costs increase and another increase in price is made, but the only result is to force a repetition of the process.

"The trouble lies deeper than the problem of wages vs. food and fuel," he continued.

"To begin with there is such an inflation of money that the dollar is cheap as compared with bread and shoes. When money is cheap, everything else, measured by it, is dear. 'The high cost of living' is only another way of saying 'the low price of money.'

OTHER CAUSES ENUMERATED

"There are other causes:

"One third of the land of the country is being held out of use for speculation.

"Values have been written up on undug coal and ore, on uncut timber and in land values, on the crops of years yet to come—in short, the future value of natural resources has been capitalized and today's supply is made to provide the carrying charge on the production of the future.

"Quite aside from these things there is, no doubt, profiteering on a large and small scale. Everybody, whether he has labor or commodities to sell, is asking higher and higher prices."

REDUCE MONEY, SUGGESTION

Reduction of the amount of money in circulation as a remedy for the high cost of living was before the senate today with Senator Myers of Montana urging that congress take immediate steps to this end.

Senator Myers pointed out that the general stock of money in the United States on July 1, 1914, was $3,738,620,345, while on July 1, 1919, it was $7,538,473,771. This increase in money, Senator Myers maintained, corresponds with the increase in living costs and he declared that the increased amount of money was responsible.

HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE APPEALS TO PRESIDENT FOR ACTION

New York, Aug. 1.—(I. N. S.)—The housewives of the nation came into the fight against the high cost of living today, and through the National Housewives' league made an appeal direct to the White House for relief.

Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the league, in a letter to President Wilson, declared that the abnormally high prices for wheat and corn are almost entirely responsible for the cost of foodstuffs.

"Bread and meat are American food fundamentals," she said. "Cash wheat is today $2.75 and $2.80 a bushel. That makes high flour. Meat is high because the commodity which makes meat—corn—has reached an unheard-of figure. Once bring down the price of these two grains and the cost of foodstuffs will tumble.

"Investigations will do no good. Since 1910 we have seen investigation follow investigation with monotonous regularity. And every blamed one of them cost us money and brought down the price of things not one penny. We don't want investigation; we want action.

"Why can't this billion dollar subsidy be used to benefit the consumer if there is no other way out? Let the government buy wheat at the guaranteed price of $2.26 a bushel and sell it to the consumer at a dollar less—at $1.26."

PROFITEERS MOSTLY TO BLAME

Attorney General Palmer said that the investigations to date had emphasized that, while of course there is a certain percentage of the increased costs attributable to natural economic forces, the majority of the advances are due to profiteering. This phase of the subject has been made the special object of attack by the law enforcement branch of the government, which is under Attorney General Palmer's direct control.

In this connection pressure was being brought to bear on President Wilson to make available income and excess profits tax returns by certain chains of wholesale grocers, foodstuff dealers and packers throughout the country.

According to some of the officials who yesterday participated in the conference which appointed the Hines committee, the records of the treasury show that certain firms dealing in foodstuffs, clothing and footwear have returned statistics admitting they made last year from 200 to as high as 1500 per cent profits over all previous business years. It is claimed that most of this profit actually resulted from profiteering.

Profits May Be Limited

Washington, Aug. 1.—(U. P.) Congress will be asked to limit profits on necessities, Senator Kirby, Arkansas, announced during heated debate today on the high cost of living. The resolution of Representative Igoe, Missouri, ordering the federal trade commission to investigate the high cost of shoes, was reported to the house favorably today by the committee on interstate commerce. It will be called up tomorrow and an effort made to pass it before the recess.

Resignations of Superintendents Accepted by Postal

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Resignations of three district superintendents of the Postal Telegraph company, for the division of the Rocky mountains, were accepted today and successors announced. No reasons for the resignations were given by either the retiring officials or the company.

W. Hearn, superintendent of the first division, with headquarters at San Francisco, is succeeded by H. C. Shaw, formerly division electrical engineer; J. A. Forehand, superintendent of the second division at Seattle, is succeeded by H. E. Patton, former manager at Cleveland, and V. V. Stevenson, superintendent of the third division at Los Angeles, is succeeded by W. W. Morrison, former manager of St. Louis.

Federal Minerals Relief Board Ends Medford Hearings

Medford, Aug. 1.—The war minerals relief commission will end its hearings on relief applications in the Medford district this afternoon and in the evening John F. Shafroth will leave for Portland to make preparations for hearings there, beginning August 6.

Commissioner Foster left Thursday for Salem, after which he will go direct to Baker to begin hearings there on August 5. Commissioner Moore and Chief Clerk Myers left for Spokane Thursday night, where hearings will begin on August 5.

Medford is the last place at which the full board will hold sessions.

TREATY PROTOCOL GIVEN TO SENATE

Believed to Provide Resumption of Trade With Germany Pending Ratification.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson this afternoon submitted to the senate a protocol to the treaty with Germany. President Wilson sent the following message with the protocol:

"To the Senate:

"I have the honor to transmit to the senate herewith accompanied by a letter from the secretary of state, a brief protocol to the treaty of peace with Germany. The certified copy which I transmit has just been received by the department of state and I am transmitting it without delay.

"The protocol originated in a written interchange of views between the representatives of the allied and associated powers and the representatives of Germany, as a result of which the representatives of Germany requested that certain explanations of methods and facilities which it was proposed should be accorded the German government in the execution of the treaty should be reduced to writing and signed by the powers signatory to the treaty so as to form a definite and binding memorandum.

"WOODROW WILSON."

The protocol was merely an arrangement reduced to writing concerning the methods of executing the treaty.

Senator Lodge this afternoon had inserted in the Congressional Record a copy of the treaty signed by the "Big Five" with Poland, which Lodge stated had been presented to the British parliament two weeks ago. The senate was still waiting, he said, for the president to submit it to the ratifying branch of the United States government.

Route of Air Patrol Over Forests Will Be Presented Today

At a meeting held this afternoon, Governor Olcott, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the airplane forest patrol project, will present the plan of route of the airplane forest patrol. It is probable that Sergeant McKee and Lieutenant Kiel, army fliers, will be in charge of the patrols. It is uncertain whether the planes will be stationed at Portland, Salem or Roseburg.

The planes furnished by the war department were purchased for use in recruiting for airplane service, and the department has asked that they be used in patrolling the forests close to the cities where recruiting campaigns are to be conducted.

The planes are furnished upon urgent request of Governor Olcott, State Forester F. A. Elliott and the United States forest service. While many more planes are needed to successfully patrol the forest during the fire season, it is felt by forest officials that the initial planes are a step in the right direction.

40 Per Cent in Bank Clearings This Year

Eugene, Aug. 1.—Bank clearings for the month of July show an increase over the same period last year of nearly 40 per cent. The total bank clearings for July, 1919, are $1,122,584.78 as against $803,999.96 for July, 1918.

Mystery Still Veils Bandon Girl Murder; Clues Prove False

Marshfield, Aug. 1.—Mystery continues to surround the murder of Lillian Leuthold, Bandon girl. The sheriff, coroner and district attorney have been constantly at work on the case. Myriad clues have been followed but developed nothing.

The woman who was suspected has been cleared. Several men were detained but all had alibis. All sorts of wild rumors have become current—all without foundation.

It is still believed by investigators that the murder was committed by some one known to the girl, who is residing in Bandon.

The bullet taken from the body is of 25 caliber. Not a gun can be found in Bandon which shoots that size bullet. A number of persons have been found who passed along the road after the murder was committed but did not notice anything. The blood in the road had been covered with dust, but the concealing of the crime was done hurriedly. A man has been found who heard the girl scream and shots fired, but thought nothing of it.

A reward of $2000 for information which leads to the arrest of the murderer is being considered.

WEALTHY PARSEES FROM INDIA HERE

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they have been so nice and so genial. When we landed we were treated as laborers by your immigration officials, who would not let us come in until we had given a heavy bond—but since then your people have been nice. But your scenery—ah, it is not like India. But then we have only seen Yosemite park and that was at a bad time, for it was hot. We were disappointed. In India, you should see the Himalayas! You should see Kashmar, a city where the people live in boats! A beautiful lake it is, miles and miles long, so clear and everything about so green and fine. Lots of Americans live there who have retired from their businesses at home. And all the people live in boathouses!

HEARD OF HIGHWAY

"But we have not seen your Columbia river highway, although we have heard much of it. Perhaps we shall not be disappointed in Oregon."

"I am charmed with the country and people," says Mrs. Mehta. "We have been to Europe many times, but never found people so polite. I like to shop in your stores, but oh, your goods are high. They are high and not so good as we have in India. I have bought much crepe de chine and will have it made up according to the fashions of my country, but it is no good and it is so expensive.

"I miss the horses. I love horses and racing. Are there no horse races here? Everything I have seen has been motors. I ride a great deal in India. For four months I was in a hospital because of a bad fall a horse gave me. I have many race horses in Bombay."

The Mehtas and Camas will go northward after visiting Portland and cross the continent, afterwards sailing for Europe.

Forest Service May Assume Control of Public Grazing Land

Steps for establishing national forest regulations upon the 200,000,000 acres of public land used for grazing purposes are being taken at the forest service with the arrival of A. F. Potter, associate forester, from Washington, D. C. This is a result of action recently taken by the stockmen of the West in a meeting at Salt Lake City, indorsing federal control of public grazing lands under supervision of the department of agriculture.

Mr. Potter is consulting with local officials regarding administrative plans which will be necessary if action is taken by congress along the line urged by the stockmen.

During the past 10 years the stock grazed upon the national forests has been increased fully 50 per cent by constructive range management, and it is believed similar results can be secured on a large portion of unreserved public lands now being used without restriction by all classes of stock.

Mr. Potter will be joined by W. C. Barnes, assistant forester, who plans to visit the national forest stock ranges east of the mountains.

Chairman of Tariff Commission Resigns

Washington, Aug. 1.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today accepted the resignation of F. W. Taussig, chairman of the United States tariff commission, effective immediately. The resignation was submitted while Taussig was in Paris with the American peace commission.

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COLUMBIA BEACH
SATURDAY—4:30 P. M.

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Tobacco Habit Dangerous
says Doctor Connor, formerly of Johns Hopkins hospital. Thousands of men suffering from fatal diseases would be in perfect health today were it not for the deadly drug Nicotine. Stop the habit now before it's too late. It's a simple process to rid yourself of the tobacco habit in any form. Just go to any up-to-date drug store and get some Nicotol tablets; take them as directed and lo, the pernicious habit quickly vanishes. Druggists refund the money if they fail. Be sure to read large and interesting announcement by Doctor Connor soon to appear in this paper. It tells of the danger of nicotine poisoning and how to avoid it. In the meantime try Nicotol tablets; you will be surprised at the result.—Adv.

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