

PRESIDENT RELIES ON PUBLIC OPINION TO HALT STRIKERS

By David Lawrence
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Washington, Oct. 21.—Railroad labor faces decisions far more important to its welfare than cuts in wages, if a strike should be called in defiance of the edict of the United States railroad labor board. Having in mind all eventualities the administration is canvassing the alternatives in the event that a strike should be persisted in after the railroad labor board has done all that it can to adjust the controversy. For the fact is, the Eech-Cummins law, which created the labor board, did not provide penalties for violations of its decisions. President Harding hopes that public opinion will provide the penalty so that recourse to the courts will be unnecessary. Needless to say, that would be a solution more in harmony with the wishes of the president than any other. That's why he dismisses as premature all proposals which take into consideration punishment for possible violation by the unions of the mandate of the railroad board.

Nevertheless there is a well defined feeling in administration quarters which recognizes that some kind of a policy must be pursued. If, indeed, public opinion does not compel respect for the decisions of the railroad labor board, that policy unquestionably will be an amendment to the Eech-Cummins law, imposing fines and imprisonment on all persons convicted of inciting strikes or lockouts in defiance of the decisions of the United States railroad labor board.

Such a drastic step is inevitable if a strike should be called. When congress had under consideration an anti-strike clause last year, as a part of the Eech-Cummins bill, the senate voted in favor of it. The influence of organized labor defeated the clause, when the bill was in conference between the two houses, and it was omitted from the law. There was at that time no psychological computations using congress to act. If it is reasoned, the senate did actually adopt such a provision, when no strike was imminent and the matter discussed were purely hypothetical, what would be the attitude of congress as a whole when the nation's food supply and transportation of commodities are seriously held up by a country-wide strike on the railroads?

The impression prevails that if President Harding asked the senate to pass the Eech-Cummins law, so that the decisions of the railroad labor board would be respected, there would be no difficulty in rushing such a measure through congress. The big question is whether the railroad labor unions will force the administration to such an extreme.

STRIKE WILL FORCE ACTION
It's coming if there is a railroad strike. The fight will be transferred to the halls of congress, where already there is enough sentiment against a railroad strike at this time to insure passage of any measure deemed necessary by the administration.

Incidentally, the original anti strike clause imposed heavy penalties on carriers and their executives for entering into combinations between themselves to produce lockouts or strikes. Probably this time an amendment would be drafted which would simply make it unlawful for carriers or employees to enter into any combinations between themselves to violate the decisions of the railroad labor board. There would be no reference presumably to strikes or lockouts.

The passage of such a law effects organized labor as a whole. If the experi-

OFFICERS ARREST MANY CHAUFFEURS WITHOUT LICENSES

Forty-seven arrests were made in Portland for violations of the Oregon state motor law on the initial day of a campaign started Thursday, waged by state and city officials against drivers of trucks and for-hire cars who are operating without chauffeur licenses. The majority of the arrests were made among drivers of wholesale trucks who were stopped on Front street.

State Traffic Officer Griffith and City Patrolman Deenan are the only officers at present at work in the campaign, but other men will be assigned to special duty if necessary. Lieutenant Thatcher of the automobile theft department of the police department, who is in charge of the work for the city, has pledged himself for a rigid enforcement of the law, and he said Thursday he would spare no efforts until he was satisfied all drivers in the city affected by the law were properly licensed.

Licenses are required of all drivers of department store trucks and delivery wagons, according to a recent interpretation of the law by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle. The section of the 1921 laws pertaining to chauffeurs reads: "The term 'chauffeur' shall mean any person who operates a motor vehicle in the transportation of persons or property and who receives any compensa-

tion for such service in wages, commissions or otherwise, paid directly, or who, as owner or employee, operates a motor vehicle carrying passengers or property for hire."

After word had been circulated in the wholesale district that arrests were being made for delivery truck drivers who had no chauffeur licenses, scores of operators swarmed into police headquarters to obtain certificates.

ment succeeded in handling public utilities there might be in the future an effort to make it cover other commodities, like coal mining. When the original anti-strike clause was passed by the senate it was provided that nothing in the act should be construed as preventing any individual from quitting his job. What was aimed at was combinations of two or more persons who persuaded individuals to quit their jobs. Similarly there are combinations of individuals in management who use coercive measures to compel men in associated lines of business to pursue courses of action which provoke strikes.

ADMINISTRATION WANTS PEACE
The administration is concerned for the moment only with the railway situation. It is trying, through the labor board to establish peace between the railroad executives and their men. Failing in that, a law with severe penalties against those who would interrupt railway transportation is bound to be proposed.

Will railroad labor accept the lesser disadvantages, or run the risk of being prevented altogether from using the strike weapon? Official Washington has confidence that the mediation of the railroad labor board will be fair and even handed, and that when its proposals for a settlement are made this week they will be accepted.

Admits Charge of Passing Bad Checks

Arthur J. Gettings, arrested by Detectives Leonard and Hellyer, Thursday afternoon at Sixth and Stark streets on a charge of vagrancy, later confessed to passing a worthless check for \$19.29 on the Imperial Valley Fruit company, Fourth and Yamhill streets. The check was drawn on the Bank of Commerce, Oregon City, and was made out with a check protector. Gettings bought a box of apples, paying for them with the check, and saying that he would call for them later. When he failed to return, officials of the fruit company became suspicious and turned the affair over to detectives.

HOME SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

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And as Coyote trotted along he heard a little tree-frog singing in a bush. Tree-frog sang so much like the cricket that Coyote soon tired of listening. Then he listened and looked and listened and looked until he saw Tree-frog hidden behind a piece of bark; and as he swallowed Tree-frog he said, "That is the end of your song."

As Coyote trotted on he heard a Jarry singing. Some call him Lonest; but he is only Jarry. He, too, repeats his song; and as Coyote listened it seemed that there was no end of it. Jarry opened his eyes wider and he saw Coyote; and he thought, I will fool him. So Jarry slipped out of his skin; and when Coyote swallowed it, he said, "That is the end of your song." Then Jarry laughed and said, "That was only an empty husk." Then, lighting on a high branch he gritted his teeth and taunted Coyote, who, after several vain attacks, trotted away greatly exasperated.

Coyote was not a great singer himself in those days; so he went to a lone place to practice. Timber-wolf heard him and could not sleep. Exasperated, he sought Coyote and said "That song is a torture to me; can you not finish it?" Coyote said, "I must sing something or I will be unhappy." Timber-wolf said, "I will teach you my song; but you must learn when to stop even it." Coyote never learned to sing the wolf-song nicely, for he stutters; but it is much better than the old coyote song. Coyote still stutters and stutters when he starts to sing. He can stop all right; but he has difficulty in beginning.

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