PRESIDENT WILL TACKLE QUESTION OF LABOR PEACE

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Washington, Aug. 1.—When the two big strikes now pending are settled the entire question of industrial relations will be tackled by President Harding and Senator Borah, chairman of the senate committee on labor, in an effort to draw up a code of principles that can be enforced.

The president outlined such a code in his message to congress last December and Senator Kenyon of Iowa, who was then chairman of the committee on labor, introduced a bill which is still before the committee, even though Mr. Kenyon has resigned to go on the federal bench. Other proposals have been made along the same lines, and Senator Borah visited President Harding the other day to get his views on the kind of legislation that would meet his approval. Mr. Harding promised to go into the question thoroughly with Senator Borah just as soon as the present strike situation is cleared up.

VIEWPOINT GIVEN

The truth of the matter is that although the rail and coal strikes cannot be cured by legislation at the moment several issues have been raised which will again cause embarrassment to the public welfare unless settled.

Both the president and Senator Borah feel, of course, that much more can be accomplished in the calm moments after the industrial storm of this summer than if proposals were to affect the particular controversies of the hour.

The president's viewpoint on the necessity of a regulated industrial community is expressed in his own words thus:

PUBLIC FIRST

"As we have great bodies of law carefully regulating the organization and operations of industrial and financial corporations, as we have treaties and compacts among nations which look to the settlement of differences without the necessity of conflict in arms, so we might well have plans of conference of common counsels, of mediation, arbitration and judicial determination in controversies between labor and capital.

"To accomplish this would involve the necessity to develop a thoroughgoing code of practice in dealing with such affairs. It might be well to frankly set forth the superior interest of the community as a whole to either the labor group or the capital group. With rights, privileges, immunities and modes of organization thus carefully defined, it should be possible to set up judicial or quasi-judicial tribunals for the consideration and determination of all disputes which menace the public welfare.

BOTH HAVE RIGHTS

"The right of labor to organize is just as fundamental and necessary as is the right of capital to organize. The right of labor to negotiate, to deal with and solve its particular problems in an organized way, through its chosen agents, is just as essential as is the right of capital to organize, to maintain corporations, to limit the liabilities of stockholders. Indeed, we have come to recognize that the limited liabilities of the citizen as a member of a labor organization closely parallels the limitation of liability of a citizen as a stockholder in a corporation for profit. Along these lines of reasoning we shall make the greatest progress toward solution of our problem of capital and labor.

"Because of the corporation which enjoys the privilege of limited liability of stockholders, particularly when engaged in the public service, it is recognized that the outside public has a large concern which must be protected; and so we provide regulations, restrictions, and in some cases detailed supervision.

DIFFICULTY NAMED

"Likewise in the case of labor organizations, we might well apply similar and equally well defined principles of regulation and supervision in order to conserve the public interests as affected by their operations. Just as it is not desirable that a corporation shall be allowed to impose undue exactions upon the public, so it is not desirable that a labor organization shall be permitted to exact unfair terms of employment or subject the public to actual distresses in order to enforce its terms."

The difficulty thus far in industrial relations has been that some of the principles which Mr. Harding avows as fundamental have not been accepted. The capital and labor conference held in Washington under the last administration was wrecked at the very start by men like L. F. Loree—a factor, by the way, in the present rail strike—because the principle of collective bargaining through labor unions was deemed offensive.

TO USE INFLUENCE

Much water has gone over the dam since that conference, but the issues raised then are still unsettled, and if an agreement could have been reached then some of the recent conspiracies to break unionism would not have gained much ground.

In fact, officials here think efforts to break down recognized principles of the right of men to organize have contributed not a little to the industrial crisis this summer. President Harding means to put his influence behind a code of charter that will have sufficient sustained force of law and public opinion to solve these questions.

Picnic Is to Mark 24th Anniversary Of Fall of Manila

Sunday, August 13, the 24th anniversary of the fall of Manila before the onslaught of American troops, will be observed by former members of the Second Oregon volunteer infantry and their families, with a picnic at Laurelhurst park. A program of music and games is being arranged, and a brief history of the regiment, including engagements in which it participated in 1898 and 1899, will be given by one of its members. Picnic dinner will be served at 6 p. m. The committee members are Percy Willis, W. C. North, John B. Hibbard, Charles A. Murphy, W. E. Finzer and Richard Deich.

BOY, MATCHES, FIRE

La Grande, Aug. 1.—A 5-year-old boy and matches caused a fire which destroyed a barn, some hay and a number of chickens belonging to B. T. Roberts, a farmer. The lad was playing in the barn with the matches.

Maniac, Armed With Iron Pipe, Beats 2 Girls Unconscious

Seattle, Aug. 1.—(U. P.)—A special detail of police today were guarding the neighborhood surrounding the scene of the slugging of two Seattle girls by a husky maniac last night, in which they were beaten unconscious by an iron pipe wrapped in paper, wielded by the mad man.

The two sisters, Mrs. L. Karlberg and Miss Mabel Stubb, were picking berries a few blocks from their home in the underbrush when the fellow approached and engaged them in conversation.

"We didn't notice him much," Mrs. Karlberg said later, "but he was a great big fellow about six feet tall and weighing around 200 pounds. He asked a few questions and we kept on picking berries until something hit me on the head. Then I lost consciousness."

Miss Stubb, when she saw her sister fall, screamed loudly. The mad man leaped upon her, striking viciously with the iron bar, until she was battered to the ground, fainting from pain.

Sara Bernhardt Is Peeved at Actions Of Dramatic Circle

Paris, Aug. 1.—Sara Bernhardt is again displaying her eternal vigor in a spirited controversy with the society of dramatic authors.

The aged actress, in an emphatic letter, assailed the provisions of the society's constitution which prohibits her writing her own pieces or those of employes of relatives, under penalty of forfeiting a percentage of royalties.

The dispute started when Bernhardt played in Regine Armand, of which her son-in-law, Louis Verneuil, is the author, in her own theater here last season.

"Every creator ought to be a master of his own creation, whether it is an industrial invention, a perfume or a play," she declared indignantly. "The society exists only because of some 30 authors. Let's allow them to exploit themselves and reap the whole product of their labor. Let's not preoccupy ourselves with deadweighs. Let's imitate England, which though a monarchy is the only free country in Europe."

Billy Sunday to Talk to Ad Club On Mt. Hood Loop

The Rev. and Mrs. William Ashley Sunday—but wait. Eliminating the formalities, Billy and "Ma" Sunday, will be guests of the Portland Ad club Wednesday at its regular Wednesday luncheon.

The famous evangelist, accompanied by a delegation of Hood River and The Dalles business men, is coming down to tell Portland what he thinks about the delay over the completion of the Mount Hood loop. He has picked for his subject the often heard phrase "Hell Is Paved With Good Intentions—and So Is the Mount Hoop Loop."

Members of the state highway commission and the tax conservation body will also be present. John B. Yeon has promised to tell the inside of the financial tangle that is holding up the work on this scenic drive.

At present the work of the Mount Hood loop is about half completed, and is held up by problems of financing the county's share of it.

Irrigation Project In Silver Lake Near Finish; Crop Yields

Salem, Or., Aug. 1.—At a cost of $275,000, the Silver Lake irrigation project, in Lake county is to be completed within the very near future, according to C. E. Stricklin, one of the field engineers for the state engineering department, who returned here from a visit to the project yesterday.

The work is to be completed at a cost under the original estimate, Mr. Stricklin said.

Water is now in the canals on the project and the land is in crops. Barley, averaging from 40 to 50 bushels an acre is being raised, wheat averaging 25 to 30 bushels and oats averaging as high as 50 bushels.

Washington County School Attendance 6062 During Year

Salem, Or., Aug. 1.—There were 6062 pupils enrolled in the schools of Washington county during the past year, according to a report filed yesterday with J. A. Churchill, state superintendent, by Mrs. Emma Bryant, Washington county superintendent. The percentage of attendance for the year was 96.4 and this was held by officials to be unusually good.

There were 225 teachers in the county, of whom 185 were women and 40 were men. The women's monthly salaries averaged $112.46 and the men's $154.51. The total cost of education during the year was $382,547.33, or an average of $63.10 a pupil.

Morgan Home Is to Be U. S. Embassy

By United News

London, Aug. 1.—The American government will soon have its own embassy here, having taken over the title to the J. P. Morgan palace, in Prince's Gate, which was offered by the New York banker as a gift to the American people. Ambassador Harvey is expected to move into the new embassy in the fall, when he and Mrs. Harvey return from their summer place."

ELEVEN ARE INDICTED

La Grande, Aug. 1.—Eleven true bills were brought in by the Union county grand jury. Basil Gray, charged with cattle rustling, pleaded guilty. Joe Williams, colored, and Joe Brown, colored, charged with larceny in a store, and W. A. Hartman, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, have been taken into custody on indictments returned.

'Artist' Bigamist At Salem Fails to Raise $1000 Bond

Salem, Or., Aug. 1.—Brill G. Sontag, who was arrested at Aumsville yesterday on a charge of bigamy, waived a preliminary hearing when he was arraigned in the justice court here late yesterday afternoon and was bound over to the county grand jury. Failing to furnish the $1000 demanded for his release by Judge Unruh, Sontag was held in the county jail.

According to authorities, Sontag was first married in Washington in 1913 and by his first wife was the father of five children. A few weeks ago he came to Marion county and was married to Miss Belle Zager, daughter of a prominent Ausmville rancher. In the community he was known as a New York artist. He is 28 years old.

John Black, Veteran Golfer, Dangerously Hurt in Auto Spill

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 1.—(I. N. S.)—John Black, golf professional, was fighting for life today at Columbia hospital here in the same quiet manner that he fought for the title at Skokie club, Chicago.

Suffering from a fractured skull, a dislocated shouider, several broken ribs and possible internal injuries, the "old master" of golf, who was injured in an automobile accident last night, which killed his friend Richard Hamilton Brown, wealthy insurance broker, appeared slightly improved today. Mrs. Black was at his bedside all night. The car in which Brown and Black were riding at a high speed left the road and turned over several times when Brown turned out to avoid another car.

C. A. VonSchriltz Is Reelected Head Of Labor Council

G. A. Von Schriltz was reelected president of the Central Labor council by a vote of 58 to 31 at the council's annual election of officers, held Monday night in the Labor temple. D. E. Nickerson was Von Schriltz' opponent.

J. E. Starr was elected vice president and W. E. Kimsey secretary and treasurer. Other officers: Reading clerk, Vern Epling; conductor, D. M. Madison; warden, J. J. Bay; trustees, Gus Anderson, C. J. Hayes and J. T. Morrow; executive board, Gus Anderson and C. S. Hartwig, and legislative committee, W. E. Kimsey and R. D. Merchant.

Kimsey, in stating the policy of the officers, said there would be no change from the present "sane policy, which has raised Portland unions to a high standard."

Trapper of Northern Country Shows How To Beat Hardships

(By United News)

The Pas, Man., Aug. 1.—One of the most remarkable feats of endurance in the history of the north was revealed today in reports from Mile 32, Hudson Bay railway.

Frank Reynard, 72, trapper, was marooned on an island without provisions or shelter for 22 days and is now recuperating at his cabin.

Reynard, whose shack is at Mile 32, on Cormorant lake, went out over three weeks ago in his canoe in search of duck eggs. He landed on a small rocky island, and during his search a storm blew up. His canoe was blown by the wind into the lake and rapidly disappeared from sight.

Isolated at a start where traveler's seldom go, Reynard sustained life with half a dozen duck eggs, water, snails, small crawfish, wild mint and the roots of weeds.

There was no fuel on the island for building a fire and no protection from the elements.

At the end of 22 days he was found, conscious but weak, by J. R. Kerr, another trapper. The old man was taken back to his cabin and is being nursed by Kerr. The heating and strengthening properties of the wild mint kept him alive, Reynard said.