

ECONOMIC PROBLEM OVERSHADOWS ALL

Smashing of Labor Unions Grave Situation Says Roosevelt

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 18.—Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt of New York and Congresswoman Alice Robertson of Oklahoma, addressed almost 1,000 persons on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Pittsburgh Press club here tonight.

Colonel Roosevelt declared that of all the problems facing the world today the economic problem overshadows the rest.

"That appalling manifestation of past misrule, bolshevism is primarily an unsolved economic struggle, but it is not the only mischievous economic movement that is abroad in the land," he said. "There is another, which is almost as bad. It has as its aim the smashing of labor unions."

"The unions are essentially a right and necessary part of our scheme of relationship. The working people need unions to protect and express themselves. They have done a great good in the country. Those who advocate their destruction are doing an un-American, short-sighted and mischievous work. Opponents of the unions urge that they have at times been represented by crooked men. I admit it. Have not, however, business interests at times done wrong, and have not they also been at times represented by crooked men?"

Colonel Roosevelt said that while great progress had been made for the betterment of working men and women in this country that further steps must be taken. "Insofar as possible we must work toward a condition where every one engaged in business have some direct interest in the success of that business. We will have to work toward a condition where, in the broad sense, a term you can speak of employer and employe as on a partnership basis. When we approach such a condition then our economic problems will be in a large part solved."

DELEGATES ARRIVE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—Delegates were arriving here tonight for the 48th annual convention of the Independent Order of B'Nai B'rith for district No. 4 to

be held here beginning next Monday. Approximately 300 delegates were expected and all sections of the Pacific slope will be represented.

The Daughters of the covenant, auxiliary of the B'Nai B'rith also will meet here for its district convention at the same time. A number of entertainment features have been arranged for the visitors by the local executive committee—Z. Swett, Ben Selling, Isaac Swett, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, J. Shemanski, Alex E. Miller, A. Rosenstein, Alex Weinstein, B. W. Rubin, Sig Lipman, Nathan Weinstein and E. N. Weinbaum.

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farmers and stock raisers who are brought into competition with the railroads for labor.

"6. That under normal conditions the adjustment of these differences cannot be made the subject of national conferences, as that implies by its very nature a violation of the differing needs of the railroads and the territories they serve.

"7. That any insistence by leaders of railway labor organizations that their claims to recognition shall be admitted in violation of the foregoing principles can only result in precipitating a clear-cut issue essential to efficient and economical railroad operation and the allied interests of railway employes in standard and uniform wages and working conditions regardless of the differing needs of the various railroads and of the widely differing character, needs and resources of the various parts of the country which they serve."

Concerning future action on the part of the executives, the committee report simply advised them that the decision of the labor board in regard to rates of pay for unskilled labor "relegates the initiative of union upon this matter to individual railroads and their own employes."

Former Salem Physician Dies in Venita Oklahoma

Dr. H. E. McCaffrey, 38 years old, died at Venita, Oklahoma, on Monday, February 14.

The deceased was for five months a physician at the state hospital here in 1918 and 1919. During the world war he served as a first lieutenant in the medical corps and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. He was a member of the American legion. The funeral services will be held here Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church and interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery. Rigdon & Son have charge of the remains.

R. R. HEARINGS ARE POSTPONED

March 1 Granted As Date For National Agreement Arguments

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The railway labor board today postponed until March 1 further hearings over the national agreements and also granted the request of B. M. Jewell, representing the employes, that he be granted until March 1 to prepare rebuttal evidence.

The board announced, however, in the meantime it reserved the right to issue further orders or directions.

On March 1 the board will take up evidence presented by the following organizations in the order named:

The brotherhood of maintenance of way employes. The clerks. Firemen and oilers. Signal men.

F. S. Grable, president of the maintenance of way employes organization, petitioned the board for a statement explaining to railway workers that pay reductions cannot be forced on them until new rates have been established by law.

Strife between seven independent railroad employes organizations and the union brotherhoods broke out again today before the board, in charges by the independents of attempts to control labor representation before the board.

Speaking for the independents, J. L. Eldridge, vice president of the railroad yardmasters of America, said the collective bargaining proposal presented by the unions to the board yesterday was another attempt to obtain recognition that the unions were the only representatives of the employes.

HOUSE BILLS

The following bills were introduced in the house Feb. 18:

H. B. 364, by committee on roads and highways—Amending section 4816, Oregon laws, relating to a license tax on gasoline, distillate, liberty fuel and other volatile and inflammable liquids for motor vehicles.

H. B. 365, by committee on roads and highways—Authorizing the issuance and retirement of \$7,000,000 in bonds for highway construction.

SENATE BILLS

The following bills were introduced in the senate yesterday:

S. B. 372, senate committee on roads and highways—Empowering the state board of control to sell short term highway bonds, and providing that bonds sold by the board shall bear interest fixed by the board but not more than 6 per cent, amending the present law which makes 4 1/2 per cent the maximum.

S. B. 373, senate committee on roads and highways—Authorizing state highway commission to sell short term bonds, applying the \$10,000,000 act of 1920 session as well as to new issues that may be authorized.

The following bills were introduced in the senate yesterday:

S. B. 372, senate roads committee—Relating to sale of bonds by board of control for highway work.

S. B. 373, senate roads committee—Authorizing state board of control to issue short term bonds.

S. B. 374, senate judiciary committee—Establishing liability of abstractors.

S. B. 375, Staples—Relating to destruction of weeds and weed seed.

S. B. 376, senate committee on railroad and utilities—Providing \$800 additional compensation for public service commissioners

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



due to additional duties under grain inspection act. S. B. 377, committee on county and state officers—Relating to salaries of Lane county officers.

WILLAMETTE FORD DEALERS MEET HERE

68 Employers and Salesmen Hear Superintendent of Plant Talk

Sixty-eight Ford folks sat down to a banquet in the Y. W. C. A. dining room last evening, beginning at 7 o'clock and running for three or four hours. These 68 people were the Ford dealers and their salesmen to whom the Valley Motor company people in Salem were hosts from the following cities: Independence, Dallas, McMinnville, Albany, Corvallis, Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Silverton, Stayton, Canby, Falls City, Lebanon, Scio and Eugene.

They were surely a live looking bunch, and they came to talk shop and to listen to Frank Haddas, the general superintendent of the River Rouge plant of the Ford people. This is the new \$20,000,000 plant of the Ford company in Detroit, where are the blast furnaces, the coke ovens, the body plant, and the tractor plant. Mr. Haddas is one of the big men in the Ford organization.

The other principal speaker was S. A. Stellwagen, head of the Portland branch of the Ford company, taking in all of Oregon and five counties in Washington.

The Outlook is Good. It was stated by Mr. Haddas and Mr. Stellwagen that there are now over twice as many prospects on file for the sale of Fords and Fordsons as there were at this time last year.

And this holds true almost all over the United States—

So that there is bound to be a shortage of cars and tractors before long, because, after the shut-down of the Ford factories, it will take some time for a stage of full production again; which may be envisioned when it is stated that there are 60,000 employes at the Ford factories.

They explained the reason for the shut-down, saying that Mr. Ford was determined to reduce prices, and he could not safely do so without the reduction in prices of raw materials. The raw materials people could not be brought to terms without a complete shut-down. As the Ford organization takes as much raw materials as all the other factories in the country combined, one may see the effect of the shut-down on the raw materials men.

Mr. Stellwagen predicted that full factory production will be kept up indefinitely after things get limbered up at the factories. This meant 4000 Ford cars and 1000 Fordson tractors a day before the shut down; but it will mean an increase in the future, with new plants and machinery.

Both Mr. Haddas and Mr. Stellwagen asserted that there would have to be full production at the factories in order to maintain present prices of cars and tractors.

Many questions were asked and answered, and it was a most interesting and enjoyable meeting.

Mr. Stellwagen has held such meetings in Salem before, and he is recognized as one of the ablest men in all the great Ford organization.

Marriage Examination Bill Passed by House

Senate bill No. 174, prepared by Dr. Owens Adair and introduced in the senate by Senator Smith, providing for examination of all applicants for marriage licenses for mental as well as physical weaknesses, passed by the house yesterday afternoon by an almost unanimous vote. The bill also provides conditions on which license may be issued to the physically and mentally subnormal.

Similar objections were raised to the bill that were raised to a like bill of which Dr. Owens Adair was author, and which was introduced in the house near the first of the session by Mrs. Kinney. The previous bill was defeated on the

MASS MEETING OF FARMERS CALLED

Perilous Condition of Agriculture Is To Be Considered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A call for a mass meeting here on April 20, was issued today to members of the national farmers' union by its president, Charles S. Barrett, who declared he was prompted by "the perilous condition of agriculture."

"This is the time," the call said, "when the farmers, like other interests should in the most forceful manner compatible with respect we always should have for authority, impress upon the government, the need of legislative measures in behalf of 'the noble calling of agriculture.'"

"A new administration is about to assume command in Washington," it continued. "It takes control in a time of great national stress, when deflation, largely artificial, has accomplished the temporary ruin of thousands of our

farmers and permanent ruin of thousands of others." Interests seeking to "control the food, the clothing, the transportation systems and the distribution of the nation's commodities," were declared to be "well entrenched." In Washington and Mr. Barrett asserted that the farmers would "be able to impress upon congress that we are a real power, with real interests to protect."

"It is evident that the packers will not help us," the call continued.

"Come to Washington and show the authorities here that you have the will and the power to obtain those rights which as citizens of the United States you are entitled to."

U. OF W. BEATS STANFORD.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Washington university's superior basket shooting triumphed over Stanford university in their conference basketball game here tonight when the Sundoggers ran up a score of 28 to 25 against the southerners. Washington took an early lead in the first half and that period ended with the score 15 to 8 in favor of the local university. Stanford came back strongly in the second half but was unable to overcome Washington's advantage.

RAILWAY TRACTS DIVERTED TO LAKE

Dublin Outrage Discovered Before Any Mishap Occurs

DUBLIN, Feb. 18.—It is officially announced that the tracks of a railway line in County Donegal on Wednesday were diverted from the permanent way to run into a lake between Cashinagar and Gweedore. The outrage was discovered, however, before a mishap occurred.

Today's official review says the report of outrages in the last week afford grounds for satisfaction. The greatly reduced number of casualties to crown forces, it adds, leads to the opinion that the recent lawless activities have reached the maximum and the arrests and seizures being made daily should result in a sensible improvement in the situation shortly.

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