

RAIL EMPLOYEES TO FIGHT HIGH COSTS BY CO-OPERATION

Washington, Jan. 8.—Organized railroad employees have started on the other end of the line in an effort to solve the problem of the high cost of living. Unable to obtain relief through additional wage increases which one of the chiefs said were invariably followed by increases in living costs, the four big railroad brotherhoods and the affiliated railway shop crafts have adopted a scheme to escape the profits of the middle man by a system of co-operative buying, production and distribution of the necessities of life.

Plans for the co-operative movement were laid at the farmer-labor conference at Chicago in November and although they are yet in a tentative stage, a definite course of action is expected to be adopted at a second conference called for February 12-13 at Chicago.

CIVIC CENTER PLAN FOR COMMUNITIES URGED BY WORKERS

New York, Jan. 8.—A community experiment similar to the one which has been carried on in a section of Cincinnati the past two and a half years by the National Social Unit organization will be conducted here in 1920, it plans for a merger of this organization and the community councils of greater New York, recently formulated by the executive boards of both bodies are announced.

The work of the community councils, already established in 40 sections of New York City, has demonstrated their ability to awaken civic interest, increase neighborliness and promote co-operative endeavor. The Cincinnati unit has shown that the organization of people by small population units, with a representative for each unit, with a representative for each unit, has been extraordinarily successful as a means of enabling the discussion of community needs and programs.

MERCHANT MARINE PROPAGANDA PLAN

New York, Jan. 8.—For the purpose of creating nation wide interest in the development of the American merchant marine, a series of demonstrations showing marine resources of the country, will begin here April 12 and last one week, it was announced today by the national marine league.

Lloyd-George And Nitti Confer With Clemenceau

London, Jan. 8.—Premier Lloyd-George and Premier Nitti with their counselors left this morning for Paris where they will confer with Premier Clemenceau of France.

CUPPER OFF TO CONVENTION

Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, left this morning for Washington, D. C., as a member of the executive committee of the western states reclamation conference which, on next Monday, will interview the congressional delegates from the 11 reclamation states in the interest of increased appropriations for reclamation and irrigation projects. Cupper expects to join the other members of the committee in Denver Saturday, participating in reclamation conferences during the remaining three days en route to the national capital.

Bushey Explains Wherefor And Why of Bandana

Politics are funny things. But perhaps the funniest thing about them is the tactics politicians use in acquiring friends, support and incidentally votes.

There are tactics, many and varied, that are used. Some politicians even try to get by on a broad smile—an attempt to melt votes out of the heart of the elector. But many politicians like this:

County Judge W. M. Bushey, He doesn't smoke, therefore doesn't hand out cigars in hope of eliciting votes. He doesn't possess an auto, at least it isn't often seen if he has, so he can't inspire votes with the fumes of leather cushions or gas.

That's why, when he sits at his desk in the court house, and talks to a group of farmers, his cold grows worse making the frequent use of the red bandana imperative. He can see it doesn't take an optimist, or even a philosopher, to see the sparkle in the farmer's eye—that sparkle of profound brotherhood!

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ROOSEVELT'S PLAN FOR MEETING COAL FAMINE REVEALED

New York, Jan. 8.—Hitherto unpublished details of the "drastic" plan President Roosevelt had decided to adopt to settle the anthracite strike of 1917, said to have been known only to two members of his cabinet and a few persons who were to take part in its execution appear in the fifth installment of the Colonel's own letters edited by Joseph Rucklin Bishop in the January issue of Scribner's Magazine. The article also gives some intimate sidelights on Roosevelt's attitude toward union labor.

Fuel Riots Foreseen

Writing to Robert Bacon on October 5, 1917, shortly after a conference in Washington of the mine operators and the strike leader, the late John Mitchell, in a futile effort to settle the trouble by the appointment of a commission of investigation or arbitration, he said:

The situation is bad, especially because it is possible it may grow infinitely worse. If when the severe weather comes on there is a coal famine, I dread to think of the suffering in parts of our great cities especially, and I fear there will be riotous acts as bad a type as any broad riots we have ever seen. Of course once the rioting has begun, the only thing to do is to maintain order. It is a dreadful thing to be brought face to face with a necessity of taking measures, however unpalatable, which will mean the death of men who have been maltreated by want and suffering.

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10 ACRES about 3 1/2 miles from Salem. 6 acres in fruit. No buildings, but we better fruit land anywhere. Yes its on a good truck road. If you act quick! \$2,000
26 ACRES 4 miles out. All under cultivation. 60 fruit trees. On paved road. Fair buildings. Will take in good house in Salem in trade.
22 ACRES Good buildings 4 miles from town. Good heavy soil. Will take some trade. \$8000
320 ACRES 7 miles from Salem. 10 good buildings. Water piped to house. 400 fruit trees. 175 acres under cultivation. Balance timber and pasture. A bargain for someone. \$67.00 Per Acre.
5 ACRES 2 1/2 miles out. All cultivated. Good buildings. \$3000
TWO 4-ACRE tracts close to Fair grounds. One \$500 the other \$1100

Cloverdale Notes.

Cloverdale, Jan. 8.—The W. C. T. U ladies held an all day meeting at Mrs. M. Phillet's Wednesday. Quiting was the order of the day. A feast was spread for the dinner hour.

All Diamonds Mined and In Use Worth 13 Billion Dollars, Expert Says

Chicago, Jan. 8.—If all the diamonds mined in history and existing today as cut and polished gems were gathered from the ends of the earth, they would form a pile about as large as a wagon load of coal dumped on the sidewalk, says a Chicago statistical expert. The pile would contain 48,355,474 carats and the gems would weigh 10 1/2 tons. If the pile were in the form of a cone, it would have a base diameter of eight feet and a height of five feet.

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Bulgar Government Resigns; Socialists Form Cabinet

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—The Bulgarian government has resigned and socialists are trying to form a cabinet under the leadership of Dr. S. Danef, former premier and minister of foreign affairs, according to a Sofia dispatch filed yesterday.

FIRE STRANDS VESSEL

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—Fire in the engine room of the Canadian Pacific trans-Pacific liner Montezuma has crippled the boat and compelled her to enter a drydock at Hongkong, according to word received here today by the Merchants Exchange.

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