

UNCLE SAM TAKES STRONG STAND FOR LABOR UNIONISM

By Gilson Gardner.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Labor problems are recognized now as the most important of the war. Without industrial success there can be no military success. Everything depends on production of war essentials—arms, munitions, equipment and food. These must come for a vast army from a civilian population depleted by the call to arms.

Our government has concentrated on labor. Its activities come under the following heads:

Labor Activities
1. Recruiting and placing labor where most needed for war work. This is done thru the U. S. labor department, acting thru its employment service.

2. Settling labor problems. This is done thru the recently created war labor board, with ex-President Wm. H. Taft and Frank Walsh at its head.

3. Forcing non-essential labor and idlers into active essential work. Each of the above is of great importance and the total results are certain to be the gearing up of the industrial machinery of the United States to a greater measure of effectiveness.

First, the government is trying to substitute a single agency thru which all labor shall be employed. The employment service has divided the country into 13 districts and has established 349 branch offices. It works with 100,000 rural postmasters, as well as all state labor agencies. There are representatives in each state, county and township. There are 20,000 enrolling agencies.

To Settle Strikes
Now for No. 2. Strikes delay work. They must, therefore, be settled. That is the real job taken on by Frank Walsh and ex-President Taft. The administration has officially recognized the right of workers in any industry to organize. Unionism has been made an official policy.

No. 3 is young yet, and will have to work itself out. What is an essential industry? Is a question that will have to be answered by the war industries board when the war department starts in on the labor problem, using the draft law. But it is the feeling among labor leaders and others that the department is well headed for its new work. Right at the start Secretary Baker has crushed any feeling in labor circles that we were working toward "labor conscription" or military "strike breaking" by the statement that the "work or fight" order will never be used as a club over labor.

ENEMY PATROLS SUFFER LOSSES

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Enemy patrols suffered considerable losses northwest of Chateau Thierry and in the Woivre region, General Pershing reported today in his communique for yesterday. In the Chateau Thierry and Woivre regions and in Lorraine artillery fighting continues.

The communique follows: "Section A.—Patrolling has again been especially active. Northwest of Chateau Thierry and in the Woivre hostile patrols suffered considerable losses in patrol encounters and form our machine gun fire. Artillery fighting continues in these regions and in Lorraine.

"Section B.—There is nothing to report in this section."

LONGEST WHISKERED MAN DEAD AT 82

BALLS FERRY (Shasta Co.) Cal., June 21.—Marion Francis McGehee, the longest whiskered man in Shasta county, died here yesterday morning in the home of his stepson, George E. Brown.

His beard was 6 feet 9 inches long and he said he had never shaved in his life of 82 years. He kept his beard plucked under his chin and unfolded it for public gaze only on public occasions. It was as fine as silk and was kept scrupulously clean, his morning task being always to comb out and braid his beard after his ablutions.

McGehee was an old soldier of the Civil war. He was a resident of this county for forty years, his home being most of the time in Mantion, where the funeral was held this morning.

STRONG SCENES IN GREAT BIBICAL PLAY AT THE PAGE

There were wine openers and liberal spenders even in old Jerusalem, if one may judge by the striking character of the Sea Captain in "The Wanderer," the great Biblical play which is now attracting such throngs to the Page Saturday evening, June 22. This picturesque figure of the Sea Captain is one of the most novel conceptions evolved by any dramatist in recent years. He appears in the second act of the play, showing the revels of the idolaters, where Jether, the shepherd boy from the hills of Hebron is squandering his last shekel in a vain effort to retain the love of Tisha, the attractive siren who has lured him on to sacrifice everything. As Jether's fortunes wane, the great Sea Captain appears upon the scene as a rival for the affection of Tisha.

Giant Plays Part
The Sea Captain is played by Lion-eli Braham, the big English giant who came to this country to appear in "Caliban." He is six feet six inches tall and weighs over 300 pounds. He is described as Pharis, a Tyrrian sea captain of enormous wealth. When this giant appears at the house of Nadina he pauses upon the steps and scatters gold pieces in every direction among the 40 or more young ladies who frequent the house of Nadina.

Then comes a great scene, where Tisha dances before him in an effort to arouse his love. Nadina, the mother, whispers to her daughter: "Waste not thy time with this fool Jether. Pharis, the sea captain, for each kiss will give thee an emerald."

Cave Man's Wooing
Tisha succeeds in winning the love of the Sea Captain, and when Jether is robbed of his last remaining shekel and is about to be turned out of the house, Pharis picks her up in his arms and says: "Wilt go on a voyage with me, girl? Then come with me to the ship." He carries her off as she laughs with joy, while Nadina shakes her fist at the Sea Captain and exclaims: "He steals my daughter and pays me not a single shekel for her."

The work of Miss Jean Robertson as Tisha and of Mr. Braham as the Sea Captain will rank as one of the most effective scenes of the "cave-man" type of wooing ever shown in this city. All who see "The Wanderer" at the Page, comment upon the splendid work of Miss Robertson and Mr. Braham in this scene.

FAST FIGHTING SINGLE AIRPLANES

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Preparations for adding a fast single-seated fighting airplane to the aircraft production program in this country are under way. The machine selected is understood to be a development of a modern British pursuit plane. Thus far the construction of single-seated fighting planes has not been undertaken in this country, the equipment for American aviators at the front having been turned over to British and French factories. Originally it was proposed to build these planes here, as well as in Europe, and a \$30,000,000 project to this end was well advanced when General Pershing recommended that construction in the United States be confined to bombing planes, carrying unusually heavy machine gun equipment, and that all single-seaters be procured abroad.

It was decided by General Pershing that the single-seated types of planes changed so rapidly that the long distance between the fighting front and place of manufacture would make it impossible to keep the American equipment up to date if it were produced at home.

MEAT RESTRICTIONS IN OREGON ARE OFF

PORTLAND, June 21.—Meat restrictions are off in Oregon. The regulation limiting the consumption of meat per person to two pounds a week has been lifted for Oregon and certain other states, according to a recent ruling of the national food administration.

The reason for this action lies in the problems of transportation and the difficulty involved in shipping meat to other localities. The state has an abundant supply of meat on hand, which cannot be shipped out; hence, it should be eaten.

SCENE FROM "THE WANDERER" AT THE PAGE THEATER, SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 22



Manager Bergman says "The Wanderer" is not only the most spectacular play that is traveling today, but is the largest company requiring a special train of several cars. There are 200 people besides 100 sheep, goats, dogs and burrows carried by the company that are used in the wonderful first act of the play. Mr. Bergman says the curtain will not be raised until 8:30 or 8:45 giving those in the stores time to get to the theatre after closing. If you want to see the best play of the season see "The Wanderer" and get your tickets at once.

APPLE INDUSTRY WILL BE PLACED ON WAR BASIS

(From Portland Journal.)
Apple growers of the northwest, thru representatives sent to Portland at the request of the governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, have decided to put the apple industry on a war basis to cooperate with the government in the winning of the war. The conference of the representatives held Wednesday in the Portland hotel resulted in the appointing of a war board, members of which are experts in production, transportation, distribution and military needs.

This board will work with the Fruit Growers' Agency, Inc., an organization formed at the instance of the bureau of markets in the department of agriculture three years ago under the guidance of Paul H. Weyrauch of Walla Walla, Wash., now a major in the United States field artillery in France. The board will be available for meetings at any time to consider the problems of the industry in the northwest as a whole in supplying fruit to the army and navy. It will represent practically the entire boxed apple industry of the country.

The members of the board appointed at the meeting are E. H. Hinman, Walla Walla, Wash.; W. T. Clark, Wenatchee, Wash.; E. W. McCullough, Hood River; Prof. C. L. Lewis, Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis; D. L. Ingard, Payette, Idaho.

Fruits are necessary for the health of the soldiers and sailors, it was pointed out at the conference; and the demand for apples from the men at the front has been tremendous. The northwest crop last year was some 31,000 carloads and the growers expect almost as large a yield this year, so that there will be 25,000,000 boxes of fruit, a large part of which it is planned to send to the armies of the allies.

The food administration is urging the use of apples and potatoes as substitutes for other much needed foods, it was brought out, and an effort is to be made to use the entire crop this year. The best fruit will be used for shipment to the fighting forces, while the poorer grades will be used for home consumption.

BANK DEPOSITS GAIN A BILLION

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Resources of national banks on May 10, the date of the last national bank call, were \$18,240,000,000, an increase since March 1 of \$244,000,000, and a decrease since May 1, 1917, of \$2,105,000,000. Deposits on May 10, Comptroller of the Currency Williams announced today, amounted to \$14,355,000,000, which is \$53,000,000 less than on arch 4, but \$1,300,000,000 more than on May 1, 1917.

The banks' reserve amounted to \$1,100,000,000, an excess of \$147,000,000 above the amount required by law. The total reserve amounted to 10.74 per cent. Other items were reported as follows: Holdings of United States bonds and certificates of indebtedness, \$2,657,900,000; cash on hand and due from federal reserve banks, \$1,730,000,000; bills payable and discounts, \$844,000,000; circulation, \$650,000,000.

WRITE CHEERFUL LETTERS TO BOYS ON FIRING LINE

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Cheerful home letters with plenty of snapshot pictures not only will check loneliness and low spirits among American fighting men at the front, but actually will make them less liable to shell shock, according to W. Frank Persons, division of civilian relief of the American Red Cross, back in Washington after four weeks with the expeditionary forces in France.

"In order that such letters may be written," Mr. Persons said tonight, "The American people must see to it that no family of a soldier lacks for anything that will enable it to write cheerfully. The Red Cross home service section undertakes to direct this task.

Morale Keeping Up
"Of the morale of our fighting men, I heard only uniform approval throughout France," he continued. "They are maintaining that morale under conditions, which, because of loneliness, strangeness and remoteness, do not, in themselves, predispose to buoyancy of mind. The English and French military authorities are fully awake to the tremendous benefit to morale of maintaining home interests and satisfying the longing instincts of their soldiers. They therefore make a 10-day furlough every four months a regular feature of their military system.

"Our soldiers cannot come home for such visits. Therefore, as far as it is possible to do so, we must take the American home to them, must keep them constantly in touch with American life as we are living it from day to day in city, town or rural district.

Snapshots Important
"Very important in keeping the American home a living reality in France are letters from home—cheerful letters, giving complete news, personal news not worth a line perhaps in any newspaper, but of real moment to every member of that particular family group. These letters must come regularly and frequently and leave no gaps in home history. And this serial story of the home life should be illustrated with plenty of snapshots and pictures. News and frequent pictures of the children are peculiarly important.

"Such home news keeps the men buoyed up and in fine fighting spirit. Its absence may send them into battle worried, blue or morose and in no mental shape to take care of themselves or do their full part in protecting their trench mates."

BERLIN NEWSPAPERS GRILL KAISER'S SPEECH

GENEVA, June 21.—Several German newspapers openly attacked the speech made by Emperor William of German great headquarters on the occasion of his anniversary.

AGENTS PLAYED USEFUL PART IN WAR CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Examination of correspondence seized by the department of justice agents from offices of illegal contingent fee agents has convinced officials that altho the system by which middlemen obtained contracts from manufacturers is improper and undesirable, it had certain justification in view of the difficulty experienced by many contractors in making connections in Washington with the bureau or department having charge of contracts for articles they manufactured.

For this reason the department of justice is making special efforts, it was announced today, to formulate a new method for supplying adequate information on all government needs to manufacturers and to make the perforce of contract agents entirely unnecessary. In this connection, the navy system of publishing periodically what it desires to buy is under close examination, and some features of this may be extended to the war department.

Some letters have been received during the last few days from contractors who were clients of the contingent fee agents and who praised their services saying they had been unable even by repeated personal trips to Washington to make connections with the army officers supervising purchase of materials they produced. Officials admit also that a few of the contracts brokerage houses conducted business in an apparently open manner without seeking to use sinister influences with government representatives or intimating that they had such information. By far the greater proportion of letters which have flooded the department this week, however, are from contractors who condemn the middlemen.

O'LEARY EXPLAINS FLIGHT AS DUE TO NERVOUS COLLAPSE

NEW YORK, June 21.—While shielding his brother, John J. O'Leary from charges of originally aiding his escape from trial last month for alleged violation of the espionage act, Jeremiah A. O'Leary, the Sinn Fein leader, pictured himself as on the verge of nervous collapse when he fled to the west May 7. He was laboring under the obsession, he indicated, that government agents had entered into a conspiracy to have him sent to prison.

Deserted by his counsel, Henry A. Wise, who had been advised by government agents, O'Leary asserted, not to connect himself with the case, as it might jeopardize his professional reputation, Jeremiah O'Leary said he became convinced he could not obtain other advisers who could defend him properly and that this so preyed on his mind that he became "thoroly disorganized."

The defense laid much emphasis on testimony tending to show that O'Leary, since his return from Sara, Wash., Tuesday, in custody of federal officers, had had no opportunity of conferring with his brother, his counsel or others interested in John's behalf, relative to the testimony he would give today. Then Earl B. Barnes, assistant district attorney, elicited from the Sinn Fein a statement that he had read in this morning's New York American an interview with T. B. Felder, attorney for John O'Leary, which gave Felder's version of the testimony Jeremiah "was expected to give," at the trial today, "if he told the truth."

This paper, O'Leary said, he had seen at the Tomba prison, where he has been confined. Papers spread upon the floor of his cell as a "make-shift carpet," and which were dated as far back as June 5, furnished him with information as to the progress of his brother's trial, the witness admitted.

O'Leary maintained his composure through the day's questioning. A smile overspread his features most of the time but once or twice he became nettled at some questions.

GENERAL GREENE REDUCED AND SENT TO MANILA

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Major General Henry A. Greene, who has been in command of the national army division at Camp Lewis, Washington, has been assigned to the command of the Philippine department after demotion to the rank of brigadier general.

It is understood General Greene has protested against the order and is coming to Washington to make an effort to have it rescinded.

SEND TELEGRAMS BY TRAIN INSTEAD OF WIRE COMMON.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Transmissions of night letter telegrams by train messenger instead of by wire between eastern cities is a practice of long standing, it was learned after the postoffice department had taken action to stop the traffic by arresting five train agents of the Western Union company who had suit cases filled with night messages which they were carrying between New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington.

The messenger—four of whom taken at New York and one at Boston—will be called before a Federal grand jury. Those responsible for it will be charged with violating the law giving the government postal system a monopoly of transmission of public communications by train and other post routes.

It was intimated today that a high official of the company knew of the practice. Upon conviction they would be subject to the penalty of \$500 fine, or six months' imprisonment for each offense.

Postal inspectors who made the seizures today had previously gathered evidence, it is said, that thousands of night letter telegrams have been carried by train between the eastern cities, and delivered to their destinations with all the earmarks of having been sent by wire. Fictitious letters and figures, ordinarily indicating the identity of the telegraph operators at each end of the wire and the time of receipt were borne by the messages, which had been typed in the office where they originated.

By leaving either end of their routes or midnight trains, messengers usually were able to deliver bundles of messages in the destination cities early the next morning, and the telegrams then were distributed to the addresses as if they had just come by wire.

POSTPONE ACTION ON PROHIBITION BILL

WASHINGTON, June 21.—After a three hour session the senate agriculture committee today decided to postpone action on the Jones prohibition rider to the agricultural appropriation bill and to reopen hearings for the purpose of further investigating statements made by Bainbridge Colby of the shipping board that to take beer away from the shipyard employees would reduce the output of American yards 25 per cent.

Do Not Get Careless With Your Blood Supply

Impurities Invite Disease.
You should pay particular heed to any indication that your blood supply is becoming sluggish, or that there is a lessening in its strength and vitality. By keeping your blood purified, your system more easily wards off disease that is ever present, waiting to attack wherever there is an opening.

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