

BUSINESS SEEKS REPRESENTATION AT PEACE MEET

Reconstruction Congress Represents Industries of Nation Hears Plea of President of National Chamber of Commerce for Advisory Commission of Business Men.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 4.—In his opening address to the reconstruction congress of business men representing nearly all the industries of the country here today, Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, declared that American business, in common with like interests of other nations, should be consulted in framing the peace conditions.

"With this in mind," said Mr. Wheeler, "I addressed a letter to the president on November 23, containing the following inquiry: 'Would it be helpful if American industry should name a thoroughly representative committee, particularly informed regarding the basic industries of the country, to be present in France during the course of the peace conference and available for counsel on such phases of the peace negotiations as may bear directly upon commerce and industry? If such a group would be useful, great care would be taken to select men having the largest vision and the most generous impulses in connection with the resumption of industrial activity throughout the world.'

"To this inquiry the following reply was received: 'You may be sure that I would send a message to the meeting at Atlantic City if I knew what message to send, but frankly I do not. It is a time when we must all thoughtfully take counsel and apply the wisest action to circumstances as they arise. 'I am of course engrossed with preparations for leaving for the other side. I hope that you will extend my warmest greetings to those who will assemble at Atlantic City.'

Advisory Commission
"It may be that the president has in mind, or has already selected an advisory industrial commission with whom the members of the peace conference may take counsel as occasion arises, but upon this point his letter is silent except in the broad statement that 'we must all thoughtfully take counsel and apply the wisest action to circumstances as they arise.'

"Since in questions of economic reconstruction other nations will undoubtedly be adequately represented by the most expert support that can be marshaled, it is for you to determine whether you regard the matter of sufficient importance to advocate the appointment of a commission whose continuous presence in Paris will provide like representation on behalf of American industry.

"The principle of economic boycott," Mr. Wheeler said, "is neither politically nor economically sound, nor is the principle of 'favored nations' in commercial treaties."

Ask Liberal Program
Speaking of the problems of internal adjustment, Mr. Wheeler said: "Tearing asunder the normal relationships of business and compelling suspension of activity in some instances to meet the emergency of a war program, is properly a function of the government with such acquiescence and aid as business may provide, but the task of making readjustments, or rebuilding those same industries into their old uses and efficiency, is the function of business with such acquiescence and aid as the government may provide."

"Insofar as war contracts are concerned, and the control of basic materials that entered largely into war production, the government must needs adopt a liberal program with regard to the cancellation of orders."

PROSPERITY ERA AHEAD FOR U.S. SAYS REDFIELD

Secretary of Commerce Tells Business Men to Go Slow in Cutting Wages—America Must Furnish Materials and Food for Europe and Every Ship Possible Will Be Busy.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 4.—"If it is permitted me to urge a few words of practical advice to American industry, I should say to them: Beware of the temptation hastily to lay rash hands upon wages," said Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield in addressing the reconstruction congress of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today.

Continuing, Mr. Redfield said: "Find and seize hold upon all that conscience has said or can say concerning industry. The responsive power of well-paid and contented labor to far-sighted leadership in industry is the greatest force in production and happy are they who have it behind them."

To Feed the World
"Our near future foreign policy is affected by another factor, namely, the capacity of the world's shipping. We have got to feed the world for a while and it is going to take ships to carry the food. We must supply the world with much equipment and raw material and that is going to take ships to carry them. We have got to keep a large army—large as we call armies, on the other side, for some time to come, and they will have to be fed and furnished with supplies. We do not know what is behind the Russian veil. A job may need to be done there that we dare not leave undone—we hope not—but we must have a considerable army abroad—not half our present one, but still a considerable force and they must be fed and supplied."

"Sincerely looking at it, I think that every ship the world has and can get has all of its carrying capacities taken for the next two years to come. 'Let me say to you with entire frankness that we are in a certain sense at a commercial parting of the ways. The officer of a great manufacturing concern has said 'democracy in commerce would prompt us to recognize the rights of our foreign competitors and to seek the welfare of those with whom we trade in order that we may continue to share in a welfare to which we contribute; mutual good will inevitably follow and where good will exist war is impossible. It prescribes the continual exercise of what has been called the golden rule of business.'

Prosperity Predicted
"There is no doubt that prosperity lies ahead of America but there is yet an unsolved doubt as to what use America will make of her prosperity. When we get beyond the three-mile limit, are we going to be as far advanced in our thought as we are at home? Can we carry the spirit of American law where the law of America does not prevail? If we do not, we may become fat and rich and within the contempt of the world in so doing. Will our thought be to aid, with a spirit of service running thru all, serving those who have served us first? How will the world feel toward American twenty years hence? It all depends. If you can leave to your sons as they go about the earth the knowledge that America rose to a height of marvellous power, financial ability, military, political, industrial and economical and she use that power to her own good always, and also always for the good of the world, then your sons can travel the whole round orb of the globe, among friends knit to one another with bonds of esteem and affection which cannot be broken."

GLASS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED M'ADOO BY THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Word went around unofficially on the house side of the capitol today that Representative Carter Glass of Virginia, chairman of the banking and currency committee, had been chosen by President Wilson to become secretary of the treasury.

Carter Glass was born in Lynchburg and was educated in the public and private schools of that city. He has represented the Sixth district of Virginia in the Fifty-ninth and all



succeeding congresses and was a member of the Virginia state assembly from 1899 to 1903 and of the Virginia constitutional assembly in 1901 and 1902. For eight years he was a member of the board of visitors, University of Virginia.

Representative Glass also is prominent in Virginia as a newspaper publisher, being the owner of the Lynchburg Daily News, a morning paper, and of the Lynchburg Daily Advance, an evening paper.

COUNTY WORK TO BE ORGANIZED BY Y. M. C. A. FOR BOYS

W. P. Walter of Portland is in the city today in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. county work program. Mr. Walter was formerly boys' secretary of the Astoria Y. M. C. A.

At the present time Mr. Walter is a special field secretary, promoting county work for the Y. M. C. A. This is a new department of association work so far as the northwest is concerned, although hundreds of counties in eastern and middle western states have long enjoyed its benefits. The promotion of county work in Oregon and Idaho is under the direction of John H. Rudd, of Portland, state secretary for county work.

"By means of its county work program the Y. M. C. A. hopes to do for the boys and young men of the smaller towns and rural communities what it has been doing for the boys and young men of the larger and more favored cities," explains Mr. Walter. "I do not mean by this that we are going into every small town and country community with an expensive building and an elaborate equipment. That would be out of the question. To the contrary, the county work program is strictly non-equipment, and its success depends in a large measure upon the personality of the county secretary."

"The county work is all inclusive in its scope, covering every form of activity in an effort to make for a well balanced and well rounded manhood. It conducts a four fold program, dealing with the religious, educational, social and physical activities of the community and relies to a great extent upon a trained volunteer leadership in conducting these activities."

The program is financed by a budget raised by voluntary subscriptions. We estimate that \$3,500 will cover the entire expense of a county organization for a year. The work in each county is supervised by a committee of farmers, business men and

professional men who employ a trained secretary who gives his entire time to the work."

Mr. Walter explained that the county work program of the Y. M. C. A. did not presume to supplant any existing organizations but rather seeks to co-operate with the schools, churches, the home and any organizations working for the betterment of conditions in the community.

Columbia county in the northwest part of the state has just been organized, the first county in the northwest to adopt the county work program.

Loyal Legion Loggers and Lumbermen 130,000 strong in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to continue organization to fight I. W. W.ism and radicalism.

The cost of votes to taxpayers at elections in parts of western states, ranged from 50 cents to \$1.00 each.

WOMAN'S DEVOTION TO HOME.

Home duties to many women appear more important than health. No matter how ill they feel, they drag themselves through their daily tasks, overdo and pay the penalty in headaches, backache, dragging-down pains and nervousness, they become irritable, and finally discover that some form of female complaint has fastened itself upon them. When a woman gets into this condition there is one tried and true remedy made from the roots and herbs of the field. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for more than forty years has continued its great work among women in restoring health after many other remedies have failed.

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