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CHARGE OF SOCIALISTIC PROPAGANDA IN TRADE BOARD RANKS IS MADE

Full Investigation Demanded By Senator Watson In Resolution Today

Washington, Oct. 20.—Investigation of charges that employees of the federal trade commission are engaged in "socialistic propaganda" is called for in a resolution introduced by Senator Watson, Indiana, today.

Watson accompanied his resolution with the statement that he is not asking this investigation in an effort to aid the "big five" packers, who have been under fire from the federal trade commission. He said he was seeking to learn the truth of statements that members of the commission were engaged in socialistic activities.

The text of the resolution follows: "Whereas, there is ready to believe that a number of the employees of the federal trade commission have been and now are engaged in socialistic propaganda and in furthering the organization and growth of socialistic organizations; and

"Whereas, if bolshevism with all that it implies is to be met and overcome in our country, it must be done by first outlining all its adherents and advocates from public office; therefore, be it

"Resolved, in the senate of the United States, that the committee on interstate commerce of the senate is hereby authorized and directed by subcommittee or otherwise, to inquire into and report to the senate at the earliest practical date upon the truth of these charges, that said committee may conduct such inquiry by subcommittee or otherwise and shall be empowered to hold sessions during the recess of the senate and for this purpose the committee or any subcommittee thereof is empowered to send for persons and papers, to employ whatever assistance, either clerical or legal, they deem necessary to aid in conducting the investigation, to administer oaths, to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, to conduct hearings and have reports of the same printed for use; and any expense in connection with such inquiry shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the senate upon vouchers to be approved by the chairman of the committee."

In a speech accompanying this resolution, Watson declared he is "astounded" at the number of adherents to socialism holding government office. He attacked the federal trade commission's method of investigating the packers. "What I say in support of this resolution is in no wise a defense of the packers," Watson continued. "Their activities are being investigated by another committee of this body. I mention

it only to call attention briefly to the socialistic activities of some of the members of the federal trade commission who were chosen to investigate the operation of these corporations. "My theory is that, no matter what business is subjected to investigation by the federal trade commission, it is entitled to fair and decent treatment. The agents of the government should be sent out to investigate and not to persecute. They should impartially collect the facts and transmit them to the federal trade commission in order that that body may come to just conclusions concerning the questions involved. But in these cases, that course has not always been pursued."

Senator Hitchcock asked Watson if he meant to infer that employees were advocating socialism as part of their official duties. "Only in a private capacity," Watson explained. Hitchcock then attacked the language of Watson's resolution, declaring Watson appeared to confuse bolshevism and socialism.

Watson read a list of the commission's employees who worked on the packer investigation. "All of these employees are not socialists nor have they been involved in socialistic activities, but some of them have been to a most amazing degree," he said.

In a speech before the business men at their regular noonday luncheon today, City Superintendent of Schools John W. Todd declared that a disbandment of the public school system in this city is threatened unless teachers' salary is raised. He said that the school board has found it necessary to re-establish the system here four times because of this failure of the people to keep teachers, and he sounded a warning prediction that the same will occur this spring unless steps are taken to prevent it.

That practical learning is fast taking the place of "theoretical studies" in schools, and that children are more eager to attend school because of this fact, was stated by Mr. Todd. Great emphasis is being given to the teaching of the "three R's," he said, in Salem's city schools.

Superintendent Todd lauded the board of directors. He said that he hoped the city would "maintain such men on the board, as they have absolutely no axe to grind." The body is purged of all personal conquests and politics, he declared.

Briefly Mr. Todd recounted the activities of the school authorities in the city. He told of the interest shown by girls in the much improved domestic science work, and declared that their cafeteria system was a profitable undertaking. The work being carried on by the carpenter class was also explained by the superintendent.

Prophesying that "a bomb will explode" in Salem soon, Mr. Todd asserted that something must be done to alleviate the shortage of rooms in the Washington junior school, and in the grant and Lincoln schools. The only logical solution of this serious problem, he told the business men, was to remove some of the classes to less congested schools. In doing this, he said, criticism is sure to come. And he expressed the hope that the people would realize the situation, and know that this must be done.

Three classes are being taken up in night school, he said. They are: mechanical shop, mechanical drawing and shop drawing. A big attendance at this school is anticipated, he said. A "substitute" meal was served this noon. Products from the Tacoma plant of the Steward Food Products company were placed on the table, and eaten with a relish by the many men present. J. C. Steward, president of the company, and founder of the proposed plant here, explained the use of the materials, and quoted their relative prices with those of products they substitute.

Four Hunters In Oregon Pay Fines For Law Breaking

Portland, Or., Oct. 20.—Four Oregon hunters were arrested during the week end for violation of the state game laws and paid fines amounting to \$181.45.

Robert Breeding and J. W. Steward, both of Wolf Creek, were arrested near Wolf Creek by Deputy Warden F. B. Herrington. The men pleaded guilty of dogging and killing a doe and were each fined \$50 and costs at Grants Pass.

O. J. Clossett of Portland was arrested at Rucker by John F. Adams, deputy game warden, charged with shooting ducks unlawfully. Clossett pleaded guilty at Gold Beach and was fined \$45 and costs.

S. Speaker of Speaker, Or., was arrested for hunting without a license and was fined \$25 and costs.

President Spends Good Night; Comfortable Today

Washington, Oct. 20.—"The president's digestive disturbance has subsided almost completely," said a statement issued by his physicians at 11:25 a. m. today.

"After a fairly good night, he is comfortable this morning," the bulletin continued. The statement was signed by Dr. Doctors Grayson, Ruffin and Stitt.

OFFICER HURT IN RACE AFTER AUTO THIEVES

In an exciting race late Sunday night with two youths who had stolen Councilman Henry Vandervort's auto from in front of the Methodist Episcopal church, Motorcycles Officer Moffitt sustained a sprained ankle when he leaped from his machine, and five shots were fired at the fleeing auto.

Two youths, both wearing caps and dark suits, one tall and the other short, were seen by Officer Moffitt a moment before they sped off in the stolen car. He ordered them to halt as they hurried east on State street, they turned on the speed, the car dashing up State street at a rate of speed estimated by the officer as being 60 miles an hour.

When the machine turned north on Winter street, Moffitt fired. The speed of the car increased. Then he fired four more shots, which, apparently took no effect. As Officer Moffitt hurried after them he saw one of the boys leap from the racing car, soon followed by the other.

The machine, still speeding, ran off the street, hit a tree near the Washington school, and rebounded back into the street. Officer Moffitt was hurt when he leaped from his motorcycle onto the racing machine and brought it to a stop.

Officers White and Morelock were summoned by Moffitt, and a thorough search in the wooded territory around the school building was made. It is believed that one of the boys was hurt when he leaped from the car.

GYPSY WANTED FOR KIDNAPPING CHILD IS ARRESTED HERE

Steve Johns, a gypsy, wanted by Portland police on a charge of kidnapping, was taken into custody here at 1:30 p. m. today by Officer Moffitt, as he was making his way south through the city. Word to arrest John was received shortly after noon from Captain of Detectives Circle of Portland. The gypsy made no attempt to escape, and accompanied Moffitt to jail without resistance.

In the auto he was driving was the girl he is charged with kidnapping. He was also accompanied by a man and two women.

Portland, Or., Oct. 20.—Mrs. Rosa Mark today caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Steve John on a charge of kidnapping his own daughter. They are gypsies.

Mrs. Mark alleges that John, some time ago, sold his daughter, Bakerie, 17, to her for \$600, with the understanding that the girl should become the wife of Mrs. Mark's son when she became of legal marrying age.

Congress To Adjourn Soon After Acting Upon Treaty Washington, Oct. 20.—Adjournment of congress will follow closely on the final treaty vote, according to plans of senate leaders today.

Hope of enacting the program of domestic legislation outlined by President Wilson has been abandoned until the regular session in December.

House leaders and chairmen of important senate committees are still urging the necessity of passing on important domestic legislation.

PROSECUTION OF BEET SUGAR MEN PROPOSED

Attorney General Threatens Legal Action Against Refiners Who Sell Above Set Price Of Government.

Release Of Stocks In Storage At Basic Figure Of 10 Cents Sought To Relieve Present Serious Shortage.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Attorney General Palmer today threatened prosecution against beet sugar refiners who ask higher prices than those set by the sugar equalization board. The whole-sale prices fixed by the sugar equalization board, Palmer's announcement revealed is "ten cents each less two percent seaboard basis."

Palmer's warning which was telegraphed to beet sugar refiners throughout the country showed that the sugar equalization board and the department of justice have been cooperating to get the beet sugar supply on the market at a fair price to relieve the present shortage.

Palmer, in his telegram to refiners, quoted a telegram which the equalization board has also sent to refiners. This message revealed that the beet sugar factories were failing to sell their products as produced because of uncertainty about prices.

Palmer's telegram follows: "After a thorough investigation by the recognized authorities on sugar, the United States equalization board has notified the department of justice of the following facts:

"As a considerable part of the country generally supplied at this time of the year with beet sugar may be embarrassed because of the beet sugar factories failure to sell beet sugar as produced and this condition in turn is due to uncertainty regarding price, our judgment is that no higher price than ten cents each less two percent seaboard basis is justified, and we hope you will decide at once to begin marketing your sugars on this basis and relieve the very serious situation. The price of ten and one half cents net cash f. o. b. plant which has been offered by the sugar equalization board for sugars in excess of requirements in your territory as shown by your 1917 deliveries as a minimum up to 50,000 tons for November and December shipment to relieve an acute shortage among the manufacturers east is not to be considered a precedent or basis for local prices."

"I ask you to make your announcement of prices based on the above," Palmer continued. "The department of justice will treat as an unjust charge any price in excess of this and consider such a charge a violation of section 4 of the Lever food control act as amended. Please wire today your concurrence in the above."

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Bligh Joins In Drive To Provide More Homes Here

The erection of a new and modern one story cottage, on his place at 159 North 24th street, was begun Monday by T. G. Bligh, the theater man.

The house will cost approximately \$2500, Mr. Bligh said that he has already received several offers for the home, and that upon the completion of this house, he would build another.

A building permit was issued Saturday to B. M. Randall, all 1845 West Nob Hill street, to repair and alter a one story cottage. Costs of this work will be approximately \$1000, Mr. Randall said.

President Will Not Allow Conference To "Pass Buck"

Washington, Oct. 20.—(United Press.)—President Wilson will not permit the national industrial conference to break up in a disagreement. This was learned on high authority at the White House today.

If any delegates quit the conference, the president will name substitutes or cause them to be named, it was made clear. Even should an entire group walk out the administration would make an effort to have it replaced. The industrial conference is here "to see this thing through," according to the attitude taken at the executive mansion.

So much is at stake that the government cannot afford to let the conference go to pieces.

John W. Gruner, geologist from Minnesota, has arrived to take up his duties as professor in the school of mines at Oregon Agricultural college.

Seven Phone Companies Operating In Towns of Valley Ask Higher Rate

Seven different independent telephone companies operating in Lebanon, Newburg, Forest Grove, Dallas Hillsboro, and Silverton join in a petition for increased rates in an application filed with the public service commission this morning through Jay Bowerman of Portland, attorney for the companies.

The recent increase in wages to operators and linemen as well as increases in the price of material and equipment is given by the applicants as the cause for the request for a rate increase which they ask to be made similar to those granted to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company under like conditions.

The companies joining in the blanket application are the Lebanon Mutual Telephone company, Newburg Telephone company, Interurban Telephone company of Forest Grove, Dallas Telephone company, Independent Telephone company of Forest Grove, Hillsboro Telephone company and the Interurban Telephone company of Silverton.

The Independent Telephone company of Pilot Rock is another application filed with the commission this morning, asks for an increase in rates sufficient to cover the actual cost of batteries which the company is required to furnish subscribers.

The Electric System of the city of Sutherlin, owned by Kiernan, Yeon and Polman ask for an increase in rates for electricity.

Members of the commission stated this morning that the present congested condition of the docket, due to innumerable applications and complaint precluded any possibility of an early hearing on any of these applications. It will be at least sixty days before any new hearings can be set, according to Chairman Buchtel, and in the meantime the present rates must continue in effect.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI FORCES CLOSING IN ON TROTSKY'S ARMY

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LOGANBERRY CASES REOPENED IN JUDGE KELLY'S COURT TODAY

Much interest was manifested Monday morning in the opening of the trial of the Salem Kin Products company against a number of loganberry growers of the county, who are being sued for alleged violation of contract with the company. Many persons flocked to department No. 2 of the circuit court long before the session began.

It is said that a number of growers, early in the season had contracted with the company to furnish berries at a rate less than four cents. The price advanced this summer, and many of the growers demanded the market price of nine cents. The company offered five and a half cents. But this being unsatisfactory, the growers got an injunction against the company July 14, compelling the payment of the difference between four and a half cents and the market price, or three and a half cents, into the hands of the county clerk.

The controversy now, which may last three days, is to determine whether the company or the growers will get the three and a half cents deposited with the county clerk for each pound of berries delivered.

Judge Percy R. Kelly is setting through the case with Judge George Bingham.

GARY DECLARES STRIKE SHOULD BE FOUGHT OUT

Steel Corporation Head Tells Industrial Conference No Compromise With Strikers Can Solve Problems.

Claims Interests Of Public Must Be Considered First And That Open Shop Principle Cannot Be Recognized.

Washington, Oct. 20.—"The pending steel strike should not be arbitrated nor compromised," said Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, in a speech today before the national industrial conference.

Gary's statement follows: "I desire to make a brief statement in relation to the question under discussion as well as others submitted to this conference. Further explanation of any vote I may register will probably be unnecessary.

"Like other members of the conference, I recognize that the public interest must always be considered as of the first importance, that all private interests must be subordinated.

"I am heartily in accord with the desire of the president to firmly establish proper and satisfactory relations between all groups of citizens connected with industry, including, of course, what has been designated as capital and labor.

"I believe in conciliation, co-operation and arbitration whenever practicable without sacrificing principle.

"I am of the fixed opinion that the pending strike against the steel industry of this country should not be arbitrated or compromised, nor any action taken by the conference which bears upon that subject.

"Also that there should be maintenance of actual practice, without interruption, the open shop as I understand it—namely, that every man whether he does or does not belong to a labor union shall have the opportunity to engage in any line of legitimate employment on terms and conditions agreed upon between employee and employer.

"I am opposed to a policy or practice which unnecessarily limits production, increases costs, deprives the workman from receiving the highest wage rates resulting from voluntary and reasonable effort, hinders promotion or advancement in accordance with merit, or otherwise interferes with the freedom of individual action.

"As unorganized labor, which embraces the vast majority of working people, has no special representation in this conference, I deem it appropriate to say that all labor should receive due consideration and that it is the obligation, and ought to be the pleasure of employers at all times and in every respect to treat justly and liberally all employees, whether unorganized or organized."

Alleged Slayer Of Portland Woman Returned For Trial

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 20.—Captured in Nome, Alaska, after a long chase, Clarence Johnson, alleged confessed slayer of Mrs. Uis Freeman, his benefactress, passed through Seattle last night en route to Portland where the crime was committed last August 15. Johnson was in custody of Detectives John A. Goltz and Robert L. Phillips of Portland.

Last night a woman called the police on the telephone and said she had seen a man leap out of an automobile on Sixth avenue shortly before midnight and grapple with a young woman whom he overpowered and threw into his machine, driving away at a fast speed. The police believe the kidnapping may be connected with the murder.

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