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INDUSTRIAL MEETING FINALLY ADJOURNED

With Only Delegates of Public Group Remaining Washington Conference Comes to Close.

Washington, Oct. 24.—With a recommendation to President Wilson that he create a commission to carry on the work which the national industrial conference was unable to accomplish, the public group, the last remaining element of the body, finally adjourned tonight.

Despite two attempts by Mr. Wilson to save from dissolution the gathering, tonight's adjournment brought to a formal close the conference, called by the executive to find some common ground of cooperation between labor and capital, on the outcome of which were held in abeyance strikes affecting the entire industrial life of the nation.

The report of the public representatives, declining to assume the task for which the original gathering was called, was transmitted to the White House through Chairman Bernard B. Baruch in the form of a thousand word letter. No information was forthcoming as to the president's next move to bring industrial peace to the country.

The report of the public group to President Wilson, made public by Chairman Baruch summarized the proceedings of the 14 days the conference was in session, put the stamp of approval on the plan for industrial board suggested by Secretary of Labor Wilson, and recommended the calling of another body containing industrial experts to undertake the peace adjustment.

It was drafted by a committee of five delegates of which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was chairman. Although four or five conferees were opposed to final adjournment, only Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, voted against the motion on final test.

Delegates urged that the high cost of living and other problems be pressed for immediate solution before dissolution but a strong majority of the representatives, it was said felt that the conference virtually came to an end with the withdrawal of the labor group Wednesday and that the public group was not sufficiently representative to undertake a general program, and also was handicapped by popular disfavor.

The industrial board plan of Secretary Wilson, which met with favor among the delegates, provides for boards of employers and employees in each industry with a general board of appeals, and, as a final resort in cases of dispute, an umpire chosen by the parties to the dispute or from a standing list of 20 named by the president.

Several public representatives were not present at the final session. Of these, Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation went to New York Wednesday noon and did not return, and J. J. Forrester, president of the Order of Railway Clerks, withdrew following similar action on the part of the representatives of organized labor.

Secretary Lane, who first suggested the industrial conference and who was selected as its chairman, said today he believed the president would organize a new conference which would endeavor to bring about a basis for industrial peace.

Mr. Lane said the industrial disputes which have been held in abeyance pending the outcome of the original conference probably would and should be further postponed.

Officials of the American Federation of Labor, however, were not so optimistic as to the disputes. They explained while action in a number of pending controversies has been held up at the president's suggestion labor generally has not been optimistic as to the results of this effort to bring about industrial peace and they were inclined to the belief that nothing was to be gained by further delaying the issues.

Holding that the industrial conference as originally constituted accomplished more than appeared on the surface, Chairman Baruch pointed out, five results of the gathering. These he outlined as follows:

First, it brought the issues involved home to the entire nation.

"Second, it demonstrated the great difficulty of the solution.

"Third, the discussion had the effect of setting the entire people thinking and from this thought will come the solution.

"Fourth, there was brought home to all participants the intimate relation that exists between the mining interests of all industrial questions.

"Fifth, which, as was not brought out clearly, was that both capital and labor owed to society—which is inclusive of capital and labor—the duty to produce in quantity at the lowest possible cost commensurate with the protection of both capital and labor.

PRESIDENT WARNS COAL STRIKERS

Says the Law will be Enforced and the Means Found to Protect the Interests of the Nation in Any Emergency that May Arise.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Holding the impending coal strike to be not only unjustifiable but also unlawful, President Wilson, in a statement issued tonight, with the support of his entire cabinet, called on the coal miners of the nation, both union officers and members, to rescind the strike order effective November 1.

The president declined to enter into the merits of the controversy between the miners and operators, but emphatically declared that the strike, which he characterized as the most far reaching proposal in the nation's history to restrict production and distribution of all necessities of life, had apparently been ordered without a vote of the individual miners concerned. For this reason, the president served definite notice that the law will be enforced and the means will be found to protect the interests of the nation in any emergency that may arise out of this unhappy business."

The president's statement was issued tonight after his cabinet had gone over the situation with Secretary Wilson of the labor department, whose efforts to bring miners and operators together in negotiations had failed. The cabinet, with only Secretary Lansing detained at his home by illness, met first in the morning and again tonight. Rear Admiral Grayson, the president's personal physician, was summoned to the evening session. Apparently he agreed to the submission of the matter to his patient, for soon afterward the cabinet meeting broke up and the president's statement was issued.

The president, in his statement, reviewed the steps leading up to the strike call, including the Cleveland convention of the United Mine Workers of America, one month ago, at which the demands for a 30 hour week and a 60 per cent increase in wages was formulated. The war in itself, the president asserted, still was a fact, peace negotiations still in suspense and troops still being transported. Because of these factors and the added consideration that victims of the strike would be among both the rich and the poor of the nation, the president said the proposed walkout could only be considered as unlawful and as the nation's executive entrusted with enforcement of the law, he would use the means at his disposal to prevent any stoppage of work.

The services of the government as a mediator offered yesterday by the president through Secretary Wilson but not accepted, were again held out, the president declaring that he held himself in readiness at the request of either or both sides to appoint a commission to investigate the situation, to effect an orderly settlement of disputed question with due recognition of the rights of the miners, the operators and the public.

There was no direct intimation of what steps the cabinet had discussed to prevent stoppage of work should the president's solemn warning to the miners to rescind the strike order fail of result. It was regarded as significant, however, that attention was drawn in White House circles to the statement made by Secretary Baker in a recent address in Indianapolis, when Mr. Baker announced that department commanders had been directed to furnish troops at the request of governors without referring the matter to Washington. Major General Wood in the Central department has already exercised that authority in the steel strike situation.

BUYS STORE ROOM.

Dr. T. E. Rhame has recently purchased from L. H. Davidson, his storeroom on Main street and will move his drug business there the first of the year. The store room now occupied by Dr. Rhame on Musgrove street will be occupied by B. L. King after the first of January, his present location having been purchased from W. M. Sumerel by E. J. Adair.

all of the 'things' that are necessary to keep up the proper, just and human standards of modern life."

Asserting that the industrial problems of the nation are of importance to every citizen, regardless of whether he be wage earner or a salaried person, Mr. Baruch stated in his letter of transmittal all workers merit not alone proper financial treatment but the recognition of their position as part of the foundations of society itself. This recognition, he said, must come not as a privilege granted but as a matter of inherent right.

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