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JOBS FOR ALL AT GOOD PAY, WATSON PLEA

Senator Amplifies Views on
5-Day Week and Right
to Work.

DENIES HE IS RADICAL

Steady Employment With
No Wage Cuts Seen as
Nation's Need.

BY EDWARD J. MEEMAN
"Every man under the flag is entitled to a job. Government fails and falls unless all men have equal opportunity to work."

"The five-day week without reduction of wages must become universal and permanent in America to prevent future business depression and resulting unemployment."

In these words Senator James E. Watson, Republican leader in the upper house, in an interview with the Scripps-Howard newspapers today, reiterated and amplified the views which started Indiana aubances last week.

The veteran senator smilingly denied that in uttering these principles he was breaking with his own record which had earned him the appellation of "reactionary."

Men Must Have Work

"I merely am carrying my theories of government to their logical conclusion," he asserted. "Our theory of equality becomes a mockery unless all men have equal opportunity to work. Idle men will give ear to Communist agitators: men with high wages and property won't."

"We 'reactionaries' must see to it that no man willing to work is denied the opportunity, if we want to preserve the form of government we believe in."

"I believe that fear in the minds of business men, nervously watching the stock market, is delaying our recovery from the present depression."

"But when we recover from this depression, what then? There will be a great army of unemployed under the best of conditions unless we shorten working hours."

"Within the last six years the rapid improvement of machinery has displaced two million men. The theory has been that those displaced would go somewhere else. But the displaced eventually have no place to go, for the substitution of machinery for men takes place everywhere."

Must Be Equal

"The theory of our government is the equality of men. The declaration says that all men are created equal. We go beyond that. We say that men must be equal. Every man must be in position to maintain the equality our government gives him. That means the practical thing of wages. Every man must be paid enough wages to own his own home. He must have the conveniences, even the luxuries, which he should have to live under a government devoted to equality."

"It is unthinkable that great numbers of Americans should belong to a suppressed class, and be unable to hold their own in the nation. Therefore, in shortening hours to prevent overproduction, we can not lower wages. In establishing the five-day week, wages must remain the same as for six days."

"It has been said that people are not ready to use this extra day of leisure profitably. It is said that they would use it in pleasure seeking rather than in self-improvement. But what if some workingmen do waste or abuse their leisure?"

Barron Ground for Reds

"I rather would see thirty million men idle one day a week than two million men idle seven days a week. The workingman who is idle one day a week may go to some personal excess, but the two million men who are idle all the time will give ear to the Communist agitator."

"The man who is employed, and is earning enough to clothe and educate his children, drive a car, have a radio, and go to the movies can not be appealed to by the Red who wants a new economic system. For that reason alone we 'reactionaries' should see that all are so employed."

Senator Watson was asked if he had acquired these views recently.

"No, they are the result of a lifetime study of economics, and they grow naturally out of my conservative theories," he said.

No Legislation Planned

Watson was asked whether he contemplated any legislation to carry out his ideas. He said he did not; but he would continue to use his position in public life to bring these views to the attention of industrial leaders whose problem it is.

He reiterated his position that the Smoot-Hawley tariff protects a high-wage system and asserted that, though radicals would disagree with him, his tariff views were not inconsistent with his proposal of the five-day week.

BLAST TRAPS HUNDREDS

150 Feared Dead in German Explosions; 200 Are Injured.

By United Press
AACHEN, Germany, Oct. 21.—A terrific explosion entombed several hundred men in the Wilhelm coal mine today.

An unconfirmed private report said 150 miners had been killed. It was not confirmed from official sources which counted thirty-five bodies recovered, 300 still entombed and 200 injured.

A TIGHT SQUEEZE Smoke-Dizzy Parrot Is Saved



Mrs. Hattie E. Morrell and "Dickie."

REALTORS NEAR MILLION MARK

Hustlers Leading Rustlers in Sales Contest.

Contest between two teams of Indianapolis Real Estate Board members for largest number and amount of sales neared the million dollar mark today, as the Hustlers led the Rustlers in amount, but faltered in number of sales.

Until noon today the Hustlers had closed twenty-three deals, representing \$593,572 while the Rustlers had closed thirty-one deals, representing \$353,632. The total is \$947,209. The contest, which began a week ago, will end Wednesday.

"Dickie" was "pretty groggy," City Fireman Jimmy Guinan declared, when Guinan and his mates from Pumper Company 27 invaded the smoke-filled kitchen of the home of Mrs. E. Hattie E. Morrell, 65, at 939 North Gray street, at 4 a. m. today.

Mrs. Morrell and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrell, had fled the home in their night clothing when fire from an over-heated furnace licked the walls.

Dickie, the Morrell's pet parrot for thirty years, had given no warning. At least, none was heard. To his owners' consternation, Guinan dashed into the kitchen to remove Dickie from his prone position in his cage.

"I squeezed him, and the smoke came out," said Guinan, describing artificial respiration as applied to a bird. "I let his lungs fill up; then I squeezed him again. There wasn't much smoke. Soon he was all right."

In the fire, one canary perished, another was saved and \$500 damage was inflicted to the house.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—President Hoover has referred to the Justice department a resolution asking his intervention in the case of Thomas Mooney and Warren K. Billings, labor leaders serving life sentences in connection with the Preparedness day bombing in San Francisco.

The resolution was adopted by the editors of Scripps-Howard newspapers at French Lick, Ind. It was received at the White House Monday. Any action by Mr. Hoover will await Attorney-General Mitchell's recommendation.

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