

RAILWAY WAGE PACT SEEN AS EPOCHAL EVENT

Capital, Labor Recognize Common Interests, Says Chicago Economist.

Prof. Harry A. Mills of the University of Chicago has written the following article on the economic significance of the railway wage conference at the request of the United Press. Professor Mills is chairman of the department of economics at Chicago and himself has acted as an arbitrator of labor disputes.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The agreement between the railway companies and twenty international unions will be regarded as a great historical document in the field of the industrial relations.

The companies and unions have recognized they are in the same boat and have worked together to bail it out so that it will continue to function.

No doubt they have done a better job than had the matter gone to arbitration. Arbitration is a weak and uncertain substitute for solutions arrived at as in this conference.

Railways and their employees are victims of business depression, disordered finance and increasing and unequal competition from new transportation forms. Reduction in operating costs was necessary. The 10 per cent wage reduction will be helpful in tiding over the depression.

Wage Cut Seen Necessary
Though wage reductions should be avoided when possible, they are necessary at times.

In recognizing this was necessary in this instance, the unions showed real understanding. And the railroad presidents showed an appreciation of the problem presented by unemployed workers.

It is expected the companies and unions will co-operate fully and whole-heartedly in meeting this problem. They no doubt will find it a most difficult matter to work out unless depression gives way to a decided boom in industry, but many things can be done when there is common desire to find a way out.

Agreement Wholesome Sign

Stabilization of employment, division of work, an effort to place those unemployed by the railroads in other industries, and a dismissal wage are some methods to be considered.

The companies and workers' representatives are to continue to face their problem and reason together in the future. It renews confidence in our economic system and in free enterprise.

The public should be glad of the contract of methods and outcome here and those of the soft coal trade a few years back.

Couzens Is Skeptical

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Chairman Couzens of the senate interstate commerce committee believes the 10 per cent wage reduction accepted by railway employees is merely a palliative. He told the United Press the brunt of railway economic reorganization eventually would fall on holders of common stock and junior securities.

Couzens attributes the plight of the roads largely to modern competition by buses, trucks and pipe lines. He believes no return ever again will be made in billions of dollars now invested in railway equipment. The senator's committee is engaged with railway problems. His gloomy view is that about \$10,000,000,000 of railway equipment must be wiped off the books. Couzens expects the railway's next move to be for federal regulation of bus and truck rates.

And he is convinced the public would not stand for bus and truck rates fixed at a high level merely to enable the roads to compete. He foresees the necessity for the roads to abandon about 70,000 stations where automotive competition is surpassing the rails.

FATHER SUES INSANE SLAYER FOR \$20,000

Asks Damages for Death of Little Girl at Hands of Fiend.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—A suit for \$20,000 damages was filed here Monday by Joseph McLean, father of Marian McLean, 6, against Charles Bischoff, confessed murderer of the child.

The father charged he suffered "mental anguish and nervous shock" during the four days his daughter was missing and when her mutilated body was found. He asked recompensation for loss of the child's company and the "pleasure and love" she gave him.

Bischoff is awaiting a decision by five judges who received a report of alienists that he was insane. The alienists recommended he be committed to an asylum.

APPORTION GRID FUND

Charity Game Receipts to Go for Food, Fuel, Clothing.

Indiana's share in the big ten charity football games fund will be expended for food, fuel and clothing in neediest districts of the state, it was decided at a conference in Governor Harry C. Leslie's office Monday afternoon.

A special committee appointed to audit the funds attended the conference. Members are:

President Edward C. Elliott of Purdue University, President William W. Smith of Indiana University, Elmer W. Stout, bankers, Lawrence P. Carr, cashier of the state board of accounts, William A. Arnett, manager of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. John H. Hewitt, state unemployment relief director.

LIQUOR SUSPECTS HELD

Cops Find Three Gallons of Alky Under Kitchen Steps.

Two men faced mind tiger charges today after police alleged they confiscated more than three gallons of alcohol in a residence at 437 West Abbott street.

Earl Duncan and Mike Pierce were held by Sergeant John Eisenhut and his squad, when officers said they found the alcohol under kitchen steps.

During the raid, officers said, several "customers" entered the place, admitting they came for booze.

HOUSING FACTS ARE BLOT ON U. S.

Babbitt's Tile Bath Is Rare Exception, Not the Rule



This is the picture of the typical American home, as painted by enthusiastic boosters in the piping times of prosperity. But—



This picture is far more truthful. It shows what conditions are in reality in thousands upon thousands of American homes.

Contrary to general belief—a belief not entirely unshared by "Babbitt-baiting" literature of the last decade—America is not one great glittering picture of plumbing advertising. In fact, less than half the houses in America measure up to the standard of health and decency.

A graphic picture of housing and sanitary conditions in this country is contained in a series of six articles to be published in this newspaper. These articles are published with the consent of the magazine Fortune, in which this material originally appeared. This is the first article. Others will follow.

GEORGE FOLLANSBEE BABBITT heaved his two thick legs over the side of his sleeping porch in Floral Heights, extinguished the nationally advertised alarm clock with the cathedral chimes, and stumped down the hallway to the white tile bath.

There, surrounded by the glass towel rack and the glittering medicine cabinet and the flush plumbing of his American citizenship, he shaved.

Mr. Babbitt was a type. He personified the luxury of the American Century. You liked him if you liked realistic literature, and you disliked him if you disliked realistic literature.

In Mr. Mencken's classroom, where realism was admired, he and his guest towel and his cement drive and his hydrangeas were biting satire, a bitter debunking of the sentimentality of the American mind.

In the clubrooms of the respectable academicians who spoke of the award of the Nobel prize to Sinclair Lewis as an insult to their country (and an oversight of themselves), he and all his ways were hateful.

BUT it was merely a question of taste. Neither Mr. Mencken nor the academicians had the slightest doubt of the authenticity of the picture, or of the right of Mr. Babbitt to represent, in his person and his possessions, and particularly in his house and in his bath, the person and the possessions and the house and the bath of the average American of our time.

The hot water faucet and the medicine closet and the modern sanitary installation were assumed to be prerogatives of the nation. They were typical. America, it was said, was like that—an Eldorado of plumbing, a paradise of sleeping porches, a shining, polished shimmer of brass pipes, iridescent water closet seats, oil burners, vacuum cleaners, electric stoves, garbage incinerators, washing machines and two-car garages running from golf club to golf club across the Atlantic tidewater, the Allegheny mountains, the valley of the

Ohio, the valley of the Mississippi, and the valley of the Missouri to the Rockies and the Sierras and the sea.

Even Mr. Lewis' enemies did not quarrel with his realism. They quarreled with his Americanism.

And never, so far as memory serves, did any of them suggest that the real trouble with Babbitt was not at all its disgust with the material opulence of American civilization, but its child-like faith that the opulence existed. Never did a critic rise to say that Babbitt, as a saga of the age, was not realism, but rich, luxurious romance.

THIS is, in its way, curious. For the one fact certain about the great majority of Americans—the 65 or 70 or 75 per cent whose incomes, even in times of prosperity, lie downward of \$2,000 a year—the one fact certain about this great mass of the population is that its members do not inhabit Mr. Babbitt's world.

They don't wash in Mr. Babbitt's bathroom. An incredible percentage of them don't wash in any bathroom at all. (In New York alone more than a million people have no bathing facilities in their homes.) They don't enjoy Mr. Babbitt's heat and light and air.

Mr. Babbitt's scrupulous water-closet becomes for millions of them a foul hall toilet shared with five to twenty-five other humans, or a back-yard privy.

A good half of them, if they read of Mr. Babbitt's house at all, read of it as of a lovely and impossible paradise in another world.

George Follansbee's budget was more than \$5,000 a year (and he estimated, as he thought over his latest deal and his tax bill and his children, that he ought to "pull out eight thousand"), he was better off than 98.9 per cent of his countrymen. And Babbitt became a novel of the richest one per cent.

A realization of that fact should correct certain presuppositions about American housing. It should persuade the general reader that the picture of America as one great glitter of plumbing ads is not altogether lifelike.

But whether it will prepare him for the actual truth is another matter. For the truth is that American housing is not only not superlative; it is not even good.

The truth is that less than half the homes in America measure up to minimum standards of health and decency.

NEXT: Amazing Figures.

GANGSTERS KILL 3 IN N. Y. FLAT

Enemies of Vincent Coll Slay Men and Woman.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Gangster enemies of Vincent Coll, young racketeer with a \$50,000 price on his head, were sought today after they invaded a Bronx apartment, fired a fusillade at the men, women and children occupants, killing two men and a woman and wounding three others.

Arthur (Dutch Schultz) Flegenheimer and Coll, former partners, are rivals for the Bronx beer trade, and numerous bloody killings have been charged to that rivalry. Friends of Coll were victims of Monday night's execution.

Coll was not present at the cheese and cracker lunch interrupted by the revolver fire. As the gunmen turned and ran downstairs one of the children, a boy of 9, ran after them. He said they got in automobiles and drove away. The boy ran to a corner and shouted to a store clerk: "My mamma's been shot!"

As detectives thronged upstairs to the flat, those who had escaped uninjured were helping the wounded. All were held for questioning.

DE PAUW HEAD TO TALK

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam Will Discuss China Conflict Here Feb. 13.

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, president of De Pauw university, will interpret present Sino-Japanese conditions at a luncheon meeting, open to the public in the Spink-Arms, Saturday, Feb. 13. He will speak of his experiences in the Orient, from which he returned Dec. 28.

The Indiana Council on International Relations, with headquarters in the Insurance building, is in charge of reservations.

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