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CONGRESS TO RUSH REVIVAL BILLS' ACTION

Roosevelt Speech Is Added Spur to Work on Job and Wage Measures.

HIGHER PAY STRESSED

President Also Emphasizes Need for Eliminating Cut Throat System.

BY RUTH FINNEY
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WASHINGTON, May 8.—With definite assurance from President Roosevelt that the fundamental task of securing for the worker decent wages, short working hours, and new jobs through rehabilitation of industry will be undertaken at this session of congress, the two groups studying these problems moved forward today with fresh enthusiasm.

The house labor committee expects to report a short work week—minimum wage bill not later than Thursday.

Senator Robert F. Wagner (Dem., N. Y.), chairman of the group which is working on bill to aid industrial recovery, expects to lay the completed measure before President Roosevelt Thursday if conferences being held today with representatives of organized labor result in agreement on sections of the bill relating to collective bargaining.

Gives Definite Program

The President's address to the country Sunday night unequivocally acknowledged that his program for recovery is incomplete without legislation on wages and hours of labor and legislation to check unfair competition in industry.

An outline of his stand on these subjects, made public in addressing the Chamber of Commerce of the United States Thursday, was filled in with definite recommendations in his talk to the people.

Wages were put first in the President's discussion of this program Sunday night, as they were in his earlier address.

After listing job-making legislation already proposed to congress, the President said:

"Well-considered and conservative measures likewise will be proposed which will attempt to give to the industrial workers of the country a more fair wage return, prevent cut-throat competition, and unduly long hours for labor, and at the same time encourage each industry to prevent overproduction."

Partnership, Not "Control"

Later in his talk the President repudiated the phrase "control of industry," which has been used to describe plans for eliminating unfair practices, and suggested instead that the plan is for "a partnership" between government and industry, "not partnership in profits, for the profits still would go to private citizens, but rather a partnership in planning, and a partnership to see that the plans are carried out."

Illustrating his meaning with a reference to the cotton industry, he indicated that he will recommend some relaxation in enforcement of the anti-trust laws, while retaining the protective features of those laws.

"It probably is true that 90 per cent of the cotton manufacturers would agree to eliminate starvation wages, would agree to stop long hours of employment, would agree to stop child labor, would agree to prevent an overproduction that would result in unsalable surpluses," said the President.

Would Hurt Unfair Methods

"But what good is such agreement if the other 10 per cent of the cotton manufacturers pay starvation wages, require long hours, employ children in their mills, and turn out burdensome surpluses?"

"The unfair 10 per cent could produce goods so cheaply that the fair 90 per cent would be compelled to meet the unfair conditions. Here is where government comes in."

"Government ought to have the right and will have the right, after surveying and planning for an industry, to prevent, with the assistance of the overwhelming majority of that industry, unfair practice and to enforce this agreement by the authority of government."

"The so-called anti-trust laws were intended to prevent the creation of monopolies and to forbid unreasonable profits to those monopolies."

"That purpose of the anti-trust laws must be continued, but these laws never were intended to encourage the kind of unfair competition that results in long hours, starvation wages, and overproduction."

Wage Clause to Be Added

The subcommittee of the house labor committee which is redrafting the short-work week minimum wage bill, according to present indications, will add the minimum wage provisions so urgently recommended by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, and other suggestions of hers to make the bill more flexible and more enforceable.

Apparently it will include some form of foreign embargo clause disapproved by the administration, but this easily might be eliminated on the floor of the house, in spite of committed action.

Sunday conferences on the industrial recovery bill failed to iron out all differences between economists and business men working on it. Conflicts still exist as to extent of government power to be invoked, with business men urging that the major part of the program be left to trade associations.

Madman Slays Farmer, Then Forces Daughter of Victim to Kill Him

Drunken Laborer Shoots Employer; Compels Girl to Take Shotgun and Pull Trigger; Dies Instantly.

By United Press

ELGIN, Ill., May 8.—A farmhand killed his employer near here Sunday, then forced a 17-year-old girl to kill him in one of the strangest tragedies of midwestern rural history.

The three principals were: John Schmitz, 56, farmer, shot to death by his employee, Oliver Day, 48, the farmhand, who killed Schmitz.

Loretta Schmitz, 17, the farmer's daughter, whom Day forced to kill him with a shotgun under threat of "wiping out" the Schmitz family if she refused.

A posse, formed by Schmitz' wife, reached the farmyard a few minutes too late to prevent the second shooting.

Dead on Floor

They found Schmitz dead on one bedroom floor and Day dying on another.

Day had worked fifteen years on the 160-acre Schmitz farm in the rich, flat corn area eight miles west of here. He had seen Loretta grow from a 2-year-old baby into a pretty girl of 17.

When sober, Day was such a hard worker that Schmitz always forgave him for going on periodic "sprees."

Spree On Spree

The laborer started one of these "sprees" a week ago.

Saturday night Schmitz went to a meeting at the Plato Center school board, of which he was a member. Loretta went out with Donald Fitchie, 18. Mrs. Schmitz and her son, John, 11, visited with a married daughter, Mrs. Erma Johnson.

Mrs. Loretta and Fitchie returned home at 9 p.m., Day pointed a shotgun at them and told them to leave. They did.

"We went to the schoolhouse and I told father what had happened," the girl related. "He told me to go to Erma's. After the meeting, he took us all home. Oliver wasn't around then."

Shoots His Employer

The family retired. Early Sunday Schmitz heard Day pronouncing on the porch and told the farmhand to go to bed. An hour later, Day opened the door of Schmitz' bedroom and flashed a light.

"I'm going to kill you all," he shouted, and fired the shotgun.

The Charge Struck Schmitz in the Leg

Despite the wound, he arose and tried to fight. Day fired again, Schmitz, struck in the neck, fell. Mrs. Schmitz fled as Day staggered to leave.

Day then entered Loretta's bedroom and forced her to accompany him to his bedroom. He told her to get on the bed. She did.

Forced to Kill Man

"I'm going to kill you, Loretta," he told her, and pulled the trigger of the shotgun. The gun failed to work.

"Maybe you had better kill me instead," said the farmhand, and handed the shotgun to Loretta.

"Now you kill me, or I'll kill you," he told her.

"I pulled the trigger," she related, "but the gun still wouldn't work. He came over and fixed it, then stood against the wall and told me to kill him then to shoot myself."

"I pulled the trigger. He fell over."

Loretta seized her brother and fled from the house just as the posse galloped into the farmyard.

Day, struck in the abdomen, died an hour later in St. Joseph hospital here.

YOUNG FARMER SHOT

Neighbor Is Questioned by Sheriff; At Odds, Is Report.

By United Press

SEYMOUR, Ind., May 8.—A series of holdups and burglaries in Miami county over the week-end netted more than \$1,000 in cash and other loot.

W. B. Perry, a filling station proprietor, was robbed of \$100 after being tied up with wire. M. G. Scott, a taxi driver, was kidnapped, driven into the country and robbed of his taxicab. He was released.

Smashing Drive on Peiping Is Opened by Japanese

BY HERBERT R. EKINS,
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PEIPING, China, May 8.—Japanese entrenched in the Miyunshien sector, below the great wall about twenty-three miles north of Peiping, began an intense artillery bombardment of the Chinese positions today.

The fighting was taken to pressage a major Japanese thrust southward which would be most likely to end in the occupation of this key city.

The event of determined Chinese resistance and major Japanese casualties. Huge American and British interests center in Peiping and Tientsin.

Chinese Japanese and American communiques confirmed the Japanese re-occupation of the Luanho triangle, formed by the Luan river, the great wall and the sea, with heavy loss of Chinese life and many Japanese casualties.

The fighting in the Luanho triangle included battles at Peitaiho and Changli. The Chinese forces under General Ho Chu-Kuo fell back on their main defenses at Luanho.

Japanese troops advancing down the railway proceeded cautiously, expecting a major action at Luanho.

Additional Japanese units began an advance toward Peiping along Women's Page

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GANDHI FREED FROM PRISON; STARTS FAST

British Release Captive, Fearing Revolt If He Died in Cell.

SPENT YEAR IN JAIL

Friends Fear Indian Leader Will Not Survive 21-Day Starvation Ordeal.

By United Press

POONA, India, May 8.—The Mahatma Gandhi was released from prison by British authorities today at the start of his three weeks' fast.

The emaciated leader of Indian Nationalism, who, his friends fear, may not survive the fast, was set free after more than a year in Yeravda jail for refusing to abandon his civil disobedience campaign.

He was released because the government feared disturbances if he died in prison.

MOTHER OF 3 ENDS LIFE AFTER QUARREL

Now You Can Dance With Whom-ever You Please," Husband Told.

MILWAUKEE, May 8.—Because their mother quarreled with their father over his dancing with other women at a roof garden, the three Cichy children were motherless today.

Mrs. Leona Cichy, 26, opened gas jets in the kitchen stove Sunday and sat reading Dickens' "David Copperfield" until she died. Pinned to her dress was a theater pass on which was written this note to the husband:

"Now you can take whom-ever you wish to the burlesque and dance with whom-ever you please at the roof garden."

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CHILDREN'S CIRCUS TO BEGIN PERFORMANCES

Gentry Brothers to Give First Show This Afternoon

First presentations of the Gentry Brothers trained animal shows were to be given today with a matinee performance at 3:45 and a night show scheduled for 8 at the grounds, Thirty-eighth and Illinois streets.

The shows arrived Sunday and were visited by crowds at the grounds. Matinee and night performances also will be given this June with his classmates instead of receiving a federal sentence for transporting liquor.

Transporting charges were dismissed today by Judge Robert C. Baltzell when Val Nolan, district attorney, informed the court that the federal grand jury indictment of James should be nolled because the youth had no knowledge that he was violating the law.

Young Presutti was arrested after he went to the home of a schoolmate and the latter's father, Dominic Mall, asked a "lift." Mall took him to the house and asked James to take him to a Pennsylvania street address, was abducting him with a twenty-five-year maximum penalty, whereas, Cyril, who helped in negotiating for ransom, was accused merely as an accessory.

Kenneth admitted full responsibility for the plot and its execution, state police said. It was he who, disguised with burnt cork and chauffeur's uniform, abducted Peggy from her school; it was he who drove her first to a cabin in a cranberry bog, and then transported her to a dismal, black hole beneath a cottage across the street from the Buck home; it was he who, through the efforts of his mother, was able to get her released from the Buck home.

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