

## CONCERTED DRIVE IS MADE BY INDUSTRY TO SCUTTLE SHORT WORK WEEK PRINCIPLE

Jokers in Submitted Codes Also Threaten Aim of Recovery Act for Substantial Increases in Workers' Wages.

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WASHINGTON, July 20.—A concerted drive on the part of industry to scuttle the principle of the short work week through jokers and exceptions in its industrial codes apparently was in progress today.

Similar jokers threatened the purpose of the recovery act to effect substantial increase in wages.

The electrical manufacturing industry—one of whose most prominent members, Gerard Swope of the General Electric Company, is a member of the recovery administration's industrial advisory board—is trying to obtain administration approval of a code which provides that in case of seasonal demand employees may be worked more than forty hours a week, and that in case of emergency no limitation shall apply.

The shipbuilding industry, facing the prospect of largest from the government in the form of \$238,000,000 worth of naval construction, is asking a forty-hour week averaged over a six month period, which would permit long working hours in rush periods and very short ones in others.

### Fight for Shorter

It is proposing that not even the forty-hour week shall apply to designing, engineering and mold loft departments until six months from now when the work of drawing construction plans shall have been completed.

The lumber code, hearings on which were also under way today, provides for a forty-eight-hour week in many parts of the country.

Two other codes now pending those for steel and oil, proposing averaging a forty-hour week over a six month period.

Proponents of the short work week as a means of wiping out unemployment argue that only a thirty-hour week with a six-hour day will be effective in this respect.

In the electrical manufacturing industry an eleven-hour week is necessary to restore normal employment, the brotherhood says.

### Jokers Are Charged

Jokers in the wage provisions of the electrical manufacturing code were pointed out by the Electrical Workers' union at the hearing on that document.

The code provides that minimum wages of 35 cents an hour need not

be paid in cities of less than 200,000 population if the administration approves. The international brotherhood points out that only six of the twenty-two factories of General Electric and Westinghouse companies are in cities of more than 200,000 population.

The electrical workers charge also that an exception for "casual workers" in the code may include as many as 90,000 persons, while the total employed in the first six months of 1933 was only 116,000. Office boys and girls, learners and casual employees are promised 80 per cent of the 35-cent minimum wage and the total amount paid them in any calendar month is not to exceed 5 per cent of the total amount paid all employees, the code provides.

The shipbuilding codes provides a minimum wage of 35 cents an hour in the south and 40 cents in the north, but excepts apprentices and learners for a period of two years. That would mean learners taken on at the present time would remain learners, and, therefore, exempt from the minimum wage provisions during the entire time the recovery act is in operation.

The shipbuilders submitted a new code as hearings opened Wednesday, with much less liberal provisions for labor than the code originally proposed.

This reflects a general tendency on the part of industry to submit constantly less acceptable codes as the business revival lessens the reliance of employers upon the government for help.

## PLANS BALM SUIT AS 'WEDDING GIFT'



Bette Kaage, former Follies girl, plans a suit for breach of promise as a sort of wedding present for Alan Dinehart, movie actor and director, who recently married Mozelle Britton, movie actress.

## TENNIS SCENES ARE NEWS REEL FEATURE

World's Fair Crowds Also Highlight of Film.

Remarkable action pictures of Jean Borotra and Jacques Brugnon of France, holders of the men's doubles championship, defeating the English team on the famous Wimbledon courts, before a distinguished throng of visitors, are to be seen in the current issue of The Indianapolis Times-Universal Newsreel, as Graham McNamee, noted radio announcer, gives a graphic description.

Other important news reported by McNamee include graphic and exclusive views of the Chicago world's fair as breathless crowds listen to direct wireless reports from Italy's twenty-four-plane armada of its progress in the flight from Italy to America; pictures of a colorful Indian pow-wow at Flagstaff, Ariz., and remarkable and exclusive views of Jack Snow being raised from his "grave" at Irvington, N. J., after being buried alive for forty-three days.

## ROAD CAFES TO GET CHANCE AT BEER PERMITS

New Ruling Liberalizes Law as Applied Out of City Limits.

Beer permits for roadside restaurants, not within an incorporated town or city, were made possible today through a new ruling by Paul Fry, state excise director.

The ruling liberalizes the law and will let any place qualify that can accommodate twenty-five persons for food. This counts in tables on lawns, as well as inside, Fry stated.

Previously, it was held that the beer control law would not permit sales outside of towns and cities, except in hotels that could accommodate twenty guests.

"There are many fine chicken dinner places that were being barred

from the sale of beer so we changed the ruling and they can now serve it," Fry explained.

He issued a mineral springs permit today for the Northern Indiana Mineral Springs Company, which

operates a resort just outside South Bend.

Under the mineral springs section of the law a permit can be held for \$100, with all the privileges that other places pay \$300 to procure. However, a bubbling spring of

mineral water of value must be on the grounds to secure the \$100 license. About twenty such have been issued. Some are where there is a well rather than springs and these will be revoked, Fry declared.

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