

'WHITE COLLAR' AIDS OMITTED IN SHIP CODE

Planned Revision to Cut Hours, Raise Pay of Office Workers.

By Scripts-Hoover Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, July 29.—The shipbuilding code signed this week by President Roosevelt may be modified shortly to shorten work hours and raise wages of white-collar workers.

Officials of the recovery administration expressed surprise today when omission of these workers from the final code was called to their attention.

The first code submitted by the shipbuilders provided a reduced work week and minimum pay rates for all employees. The day before hearing on this code a new one was substituted which covered only employees on an hour rate. Final action on the code was hurried through because bids were to be opened for construction of naval vessels, and apparently, in the hurry, the changed wording was overlooked.

Office Workers Included

The President attached a provision to the cotton textile code, the first signed, declaring that white collar workers should come under its terms. General Hugh S. Johnson repeatedly has declared that such workers must be included in all attempts to increase purchasing power, and the President's emergency re-employment plan specifically provides for them.

Members of the labor advisory board were as surprised as other recovery administration officials when the omission in the shipbuilders' code was called to their attention. They have not yet made public their report on this code to Johnson.

The shipbuilders' code was more lenient than that for the cotton textile industry in several respects in spite of the shorter work week and higher minimum wages for which it provides.

Six-Month Basis

Yards building vessels for the merchant marine are permitted to calculate their 36-hour work week on a six-month basis. Employees engaged in designing, engineering and in mold loft and order departments and other employees necessary for preparation of plans—the only ones to whom immediate employment will be given under the new ship contracts—are permitted to work forty-eight hours a week for the next six months. Apprentices may be paid less than the minimum wage for a two-year period—the life of the recovery act.

In addition strong representations will be made to Johnson today by his labor advisers as to the need of setting up immediate machinery to investigate alleged code violations.

Meanwhile officials of the recovery administration are exhibiting keen interest in progress being made by the American Federation of labor in organizing industrial unions in mass production industries.

Want Industrial Unions

They have found a number of prominent industrialists who have maintained open shops and opposed craft unionism receptive to the idea of industrial unions that would make it possible for them to negotiate with one set of labor officials instead of half a dozen.

In a few industries only the opposition of existing craft unions is preventing such action at the present time. In others the American Federation of Labor is making a beginning by chartering federal plant unions.

William Green, president of the federation, after first saying that such unions would be united only by "councils" and not by federations, admitted that he was planning organizations of federal unions into industrial unions at some future time, and that federation officials would retain the right to bargain for the federals if asked to do so.

CONTINUE WATER CASE

Rate Hearing in U. S. Court to Be Resumed Monday.

The rate case of the Indianapolis Water Company being heard by Albert Ward, special master of the chancery, was continued in federal court Friday until Monday morning at 9:30.

Paul R. Hansen, Chicago consulting engineer, will continue on the stand with exhibits and testimony to attempt to show that the last rate order of the Indiana public service commission was not confiscatory, as alleged by the water company.

The lengthy hearing is expected to continue throughout August and a part of September.

DR. HERTHER POST HEAD

Officers Elected by Hilton U. Brown American Legion Unit.

Dr. Carl Herther will be installed as commander of Hilton U. Brown Jr. Post No. 85, American Legion, Aug. 11.

Other officers are: E. K. Parish, Ray E. Harris, Clair Keller and Roy W. Pitcher, vice-commanders; E. J. Holmes, adjutant; Joseph Stocker, finance officer; A. M. Dinsmore, chaplain; Robert Shelburn, Omer Patten, Herman Bobbe and Roy L. Voldstad, members of the executive committee.

RAIL VETERAN RETIRED

John Hunter Honored by Fellows at 38-Year Service.

After thirty-eight years service with the Big Four Railroad, John Hunter, 70, of 4526 East Washington street, was retired on a pension Friday. To honor his record fellow-workers gave a party for Hunter at Beech Grove Friday night.

Hunter served as machinist at the Beech Grove shops. He was lauded by workmen for possessing unusual physical strength for a man of his age.

THE NEW DEAL IN PICTURES—NO. 3

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At the request of President Roosevelt, Congress passed a law permitting the manufacture and sale of beer of not more than 3.2 per cent alcohol by weight.



The act provided for federal permit fees of \$50 for wholesalers and \$20 for retailers, and imposed a tax of \$5 a barrel to provide the federal treasury with revenue estimated at \$125,000,000 yearly.

BEER COMES BACK



Regulation of beer was left to the individual states with safeguards for those which remained dry. States, counties and cities were able to impose additional taxes.



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