Current Events IN REVIEW

by Edward W. Pickard

© Western Newspaper Union.

Wagner Act Upheld by the Supreme Court

FIVE history - making decisions were handed down by the Supreme court, all upholding the validity of the Wagner labor relations act and inferentially broadening the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution. The most important ruling made by five of the nine justices and read by Chief Justice Hughes, was in the case of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company and directed the reinstatement of ten discharged employees. The decision supported the constitutional basis of the Wagner act, finding it a legal "scheme" to protect commerce from injury resulting from the denial by employers of the right of employees to organize and "from the refusal of employers to accept the procedure of collective bargaining."

Chief Justice Hughes

The broad constitutionality of the act, was strongly noted by the chief justice. He declared that:

"We think it clear that the national labor relations act may be construed so as to operate within the spirit of constitutional authority."

Hughes defined the right of employees to self-organization and to select their representatives for collective bargaining as "a fundamental right."

Regarding the vital point of the application of the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution, Hughes declared:

"The congressional authority to protect interstate commerce from burdens and obstructions is not limited to transactions which can be deemed to be an essential part of a 'flow' of interstate or foreign commerce. Burdens or obstructions may be due to injurious action springing from other sources."

In the case of the Associated Press, concerning the dismissal of Morris Watson, a New York editorial employee, the court was split, 5 to 4. The majority opinion, read by Justice Roberts, held that the act does not "abridge the freedom of speech or of the press safe-guarded by the first amendment" to the Constitution. The court took the view that Watson was dismissed not because his work was unsatisfactory but because of his activities in the Newspaper Guild, and ordered his reinstatement.

Dissenting conservatives, comprising Justices Willis Van Devanter, George Sutherland, James C. McReynolds and Pierce Butler, contended that the act should not be applied to the Associated Press because its provisions violated the "freedom of the press" clause of the Constitution. They found that if the act interfered with the ability of the Associated Press to maintain a policy of impartial news reporting, it must fall under the freedom of the press guaranty.

The three other cases, in each of which the Wagner act was upheld, involved dismissal of 18 employees by an interstate bus company; a dispute between the Fruehauf Trailer Company of Detroit, Mich., and the United Automobile Workers Union; and a dispute between the Friedmann - Harry Marks Clothing Company of Richmond Va., and Amalgamated Clothing Workers. In the bus case the decision was unanimous; in the others the division was 5 to 4.

Canada Motors Strike on Verge of Settlement

MITCHELL HEPBURN, premier of Ontario, reiterating his determination not to permit C. I. O. representatives from the United States to take part in negotiations for settlement of the strike in the General Motors of Canada plant at Oshawa, promised to "call out an army if necessary" to protect the property of the corporation. Hugh Thompson, U. A. W. A. organizer, barred by Hepburn, threatened that every General Motors plant in America would be closed unless the Oshawa strike were settled soon with recognition of the union demands. Homer Martin, president of the U. A. W. A., called Hepburn a number of unpleasant names. The Toronto Trades and Labor Council pledged the support of its 40,000 members to the union's strike against General Motors.

Premier Hepburn

Notwithstanding all this, it appeared likely at this writing that the trouble at Oshawa would be brought to an end very soon by the agreement of General Motors of Canada to recognize the United Automobile Workers and to increase the wages of its employees. To some unbiased observers it seemed that Premier Hepburn had intervened in the affair unnecessarily or at least prematurely, and that his blustery language was not warranted, since the strike was being conducted in a fairly orderly manner with no threat of a sitdown.

C. I. O. Men Shoot Several Foes in Galena, Kan.

ORGANIZERS of the International Union of Mill, Mine and Smelter Workers, an affiliate of the C. I. O., invaded the lead and zinc field of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri and were forcibly resisted by the "blue carders" of the Tri-State Metal Mine and Smelter Workers' union, which the C. I. O. says is a company union. The latter dismantled the C. I. O. offices at Picher and Treece and then moved into Galena, Kan., where they paraded. As they reached the C. I. O. headquarters one of the marchers smashed a window. There was a burst of gunfire from the building and at least eight men and one lad fell wounded.

Leaders of the blue card union say nearly every miner in the region belongs to it, that they are drawing higher pay than ever before and are interested only in keeping conditions as they are and in an opportunity to work.

The C. I. O. has started a campaign to organize the 270,000 employees of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, the largest corporation in the United States. Local unions are to be chartered by the United Electrical and Radio Workers of America. Promotional literature is being distributed.

Prime Minister Baldwin Will Soon Quit Office

FREQUENT reports that Stanley Baldwin would soon retire from the post of prime minister of Great Britain were confirmed by him in a speech to the members of his constituency at Worcester. It is expected he will quit office almost immediately after the coronation of King George VI on May 12, and there seems little doubt that his successor will be Neville Chamberlain, now chancellor of the exchequer.

Neville Chamberlain

In his Worcester address Mr. Baldwin said: "It is far better to go when people may still think of you as perhaps not incompetent in your work than to stay until they know before you do that you are becoming incompetent.

"In a democratic country the prime minister is not only the head of a government, but he is the leader of a party and the leader of the house of commons. To carry on that tripartite task for many years beyond the age I have now reached is, in my belief, beyond the strength of human nature."

The prime minister's long service to his country will be rewarded by elevation to the peerage.

British Navy Ordered to Protect Merchant Ships

GREAT BRITAIN will respect the blockade of the northern Spanish port of Bilbao established by General Franco, Fascist leader. But her navy has been given orders by the cabinet to protect to the fullest extent all British shipping outside the three mile limit. The huge battle cruiser Hood and other warships were sent in a hurry to the Bay of Biscay, and orders were given to open fire on any Spanish vessel interfering with British cargo ships on the high seas. The cabinet, it was said, decided to continue to withhold the granting of belligerent rights to Franco but regarded the blockade of Bilbao as a special case since Franco's forces surround the town by sea and land. Six British ships had been waiting at St. Jean de Luz and one at Bayonne, unable to land food cargoes at Bilbao because of the presence of Franco's warships.

Farmers Must Pay More to Raise 1937 Crops

ACCORDING to the Department of Agriculture American farmers will have to pay more to raise their crops in 1937 than they did last year. Farm labor will cost more. Seed prices already have advanced sharply, and feed prices will be materially higher than in 1936.

The department said farm wage rates will continue the "slow rise of the last three years" due to an increase in both the nonagricultural and agricultural demand for labor.

The department forecast that "production and sales of farm machinery during 1937 probably will exceed those of 1936—which were the highest since 1930—and equal the 1925-29 average, especially if crop conditions are more nearly normal."

Fertilizer sales and prices, it was said, probably will average "somewhat higher" than in 1936.

Drive Against Communism Started by the K. of C.

IT IS the opinion of the Knights of Columbus that communism is responsible for sitdown and other strikes in the United States and Canada, and that national organization of 600,000 Catholic men therefore has started an "endless crusade" against what it terms "the most damnable organization in the world." The program was launched officially by 400 delegates of councils in the New York district and will be carried on all over the country.

Fascism Is Defeated in Belgian Election

BELGIAN Fascists were badly defeated in an election which was admittedly a show of Fascist and anti-Fascist strength though it was only for one seat in parliament. The voters flatly rejected Leon Degrelle, foe of Premier Paul Van Zeeland, the former obtaining only 69,242 votes as against 275,840 for Van Zeeland. The Fascists there are known as Rexists and were backed by the Flemish nationalists.

Senate Hits Sitdowns but Spares the President

IN ORDER to get the Guffey coal control bill through the senate without an amendment condemning the sitdown strike, Majority Leader Joe Robinson promised to permit consideration of a resolution carrying similar condemnation, but when it was presented and adopted, by a vote of 75 to 3, it was not a joint resolution, which would require the signature of the President. That was what Senator McNary and others wanted, but Robinson said it must be concurrent, because he would not put Mr. Roosevelt in the position of having to indicate his position on the sitdown strike by either signing or vetoing the measure.

Sen. Robinson

Besides declaring the sitdown strike "illegal and contrary to sound public policy" the resolution as adopted took a double slap at the employers by also declaring:

"That the so-called industrial spy system breeds fear, suspicion and animosity, tends to cause strikes and industrial warfare and is contrary to sound public policy; and

"That it is likewise contrary to sound public policy for any employer to deny the right of collective bargaining, to foster the company union or to engage in any other unfair labor practice as defined in the national labor relations act."

Senator Lewis Urges New Peace Conference

SENATOR JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS of Illinois told the senate that he believes the time has come for President Roosevelt to call an international peace conference that would revise the treaty of Versailles. He said the object of the conference would be to reach a "new disposition that might content the nations that are now in revolt and which continue in conflict because of the affront and injury they feel was worked upon them under the terms of the treaty."

The senator asserted the popularity of Mr. Roosevelt abroad would lend much to the success of such a conference.

Trans-Atlantic Air Service Soon to Be Realized

TRANS-ATLANTIC air service between the United States and Great Britain may be expected to start almost immediately, for the last obstacle in its way was removed by an agreement with Canada concerning routes through the Dominion.

Assistant Secretary of Commerce J. Monroe Johnson announced that two routes through Canada had been made available for trans-Atlantic flying craft that will make a total of four trips a week. One route is by way of Shediac, N. B., and the other through Montreal. The hop-off point for eastward flights over the ocean would be from Bottwood, N. F., which also would be landfall on the westward flights.

Johnson said that under the agreement British and United States planes would make two crossings apiece weekly.

Italian Editor Accuses France and Russia

THAT France and Russia are flagrantly violating the Spanish civil war neutrality agreement by sending aid to the Madrid government is the charge flatly made by Virginio Gayda, Italian editor who is generally regarded as voicing the views of Premier Mussolini.

Gayda said 25 officers of the French general staff were mapping the strategy of the loyalists especially on the front northeast of Madrid, and that transshipment had been permitted through France of much war material made in the United States. He alleged that Edouard Daladier, French minister of war, is receiving reports on the performance of the new 155 millimeter (6.1 inch) French guns sent to Spain and used extensively in the Guadalajara battle.

The Spanish steamer Mar Negro, Gayda declared, was en route to Valencia from Odessa, Russia, with a cargo of munitions of war for the Spanish government.

"Say It" With Frilly, Lacy Neckwear

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

YES, indeed, fashion is in an utterly feminine romancing mood this spring. Hats gay with ribbons and flowers and laces, suits prettified with the daintiest frilliest lingerie blouses worn for years, dresses of prints so flowery and multi-colorful as to dazzle the eye and that which is a sure sign of the return of romanticism in the mode—the revival of the laciest, the daintiest, the most adorable fluffy-ruffle neckwear and dainty snowy lingerie touches that even the wildest flights of one's imagination might ere devise.

And now that we know that frilly, ultra-feminine neckline and wrist-line fantasies are going to be the very thing let's look up some of the entrancing things which shops are showing this season. The group pictured is typical of the many charming, flattering jabots, collar-and-cuff sets and "bibs" that smart women are wearing to give an extra spring-like touch to their tailored silk and their sheer wool dresses.

In the first place there's nothing smarter than finely pleated laces for neckwear. The good-looking collar and cuff set that gives so keen a fashion touch to the simple crepe frock worn by the young woman standing below to the left in the picture is of a rather heavy lace in a dark shade of ecru. The V-shaped collar is extremely flattering and together with its wide cuffs makes a "picture." With this lace three-piece you can give infinite variety to a winter-weary wardrobe or it will enhance your newest frock to a glamorous degree.

See to the right above in the group Claudette Colbert wearing a stunning collar made of an interesting silk-drawn novelty lace fluted row upon row as you see. This actress favors a combination of the collar in Peter Pan effect, the jabot at the front and a tiny bow of dark plain material to match her lovely dress.

An entirely different type of lacy neckwear is the "bib" or yoke effect pictured left above. It is one of those exquisitely fine and beautiful accessories that you can wear with your very best gown in most ladylike fashion. The lace is a choice Alencon type with insets of hand-embroidered batiste as delicately sheer as chiffon. The lace is cut in a square with a circular lace ruffle at the top and another ruffle following the square outline of the bib.

Above to the right lavish embroidery edged with dainty val lace adds charm to a band collar with its tiered ruffles of permanent Swiss organdie beautifully flower-embroidered. Fine as a cobweb, this imported organdie is decidedly practical in spite of its fragile look.

Bows, too, are going to be worn a lot this season. In fact snowy, lacy lingerie accents are registering for a tremendous vogue, be they collars, cuffs, dainty gilets with waistcoat belts that button around the waist, "bibs," jabots or any accessory item made of lace, of Swiss organdie of washable mousseline de soie or of any delicate sheer and these will carry a wealth of embroidery or hand stitchery in many instances. The new bows now showing in endless variety are cunning on tailored dresses. If they are not of mousseline or organdie with lace edgings then they are apt to be entirely of heavy laces like Cluny or Irish.

© Western Newspaper Union.

SMART FOR SPRING

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Capes, capes and more capes, thus does the parade of spring suits announce a vogue of tremendous importance this season. Even if you buy a jacket and skirt suit you are supposed to buy a stylish smartly tailored wool cape to wear over it. The new ensembles are that way—skirt, plus jacket, plus cape. The one shown here is of a stunning black wool fabric for skirt and cape with jacket of black and white loosely woven worsted. The scarf is coral colored.

SAILOR HATS AND TURBANS IN STYLE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Where there's new fashions there's always new thrills. Just about the most exciting thrills registering on the new season's program are the "nifty" little sailor hats and turbans that are made of bizarre plaid or stripe crepes or taffeta silk. These are the sort that the moment you see them you make up your mind in a flash that your happiness depends on acquiring just such a chapeau. The sailors are covered as smooth as glass with the striped silk (or the plaid) with perhaps a little whirligig of ribbon for a finish or a rakish wee feather; and then as if that is not enough to entice you, more than likely a matching scarf adds to the allure, or if not a scarf, one of the new romantic gypsy sashes that ties so nonchalantly about waistlines these days. Cast your plainest dark crepe frock under the witchery of these plaid or striped silk accessories and it will take on untold glory and glamor.

Tunic Dresses Are Worn for Daytime and Evening

Mainboucher, who first launched the tunic dress, makes use of them for every occasion in his winter collection.

One of the new Mainboucher tunic dresses is in black wool crepe. The top, which ends in a flaring basque at the hip, has been caught into a diamond-shaped pattern which is studded with brilliants. The skirt is of plain wool crepe.

Outstanding is a black satin tunic evening gown which comes to the knees in front but extends downward in back to form a train. The underskirt is black tulle, gathered very full.

Happy Hulda Goes On Dishpan Duty

Pattern 1383

Happy Hulda, as chief-cook-and-bottle-washer, invites you to cross stitch this set of seven tea towels (8 to the inch crosses), in the gayest floss you can find! Pattern 1383 contains a transfer pattern of seven motifs (one for each day of the week) averaging about 6 by 6½ inches; material requirements; illustrations of all stitches used; color suggestions.

Send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) for this pattern to The Sewing Circle Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Write plainly pattern number, your name and address.

Foreign Words and Phrases

Etourderie. (F.) Giddy conduct, an imprudent caprice.

Ricordo. (It.) A souvenir, a keepsake.

A contre coeur. (F.) Unwillingly

Calembour. (F.) A pun.

Pas seul. (F.) A dance performed by one person.

A la lettre. (F.) To the letter, literally.

Claqueur. (F.) One paid for applauding at a theater.

Coup de maitre. (F.) A master stroke.

Ex animo. (L.) Heartily.

Deo favente. (L.) With the help of God.

Si non e vero, e ben trovato. (It.) If it is not true, it is very ingenious.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets made of May Apple are effective in removing accumulated body waste.—Adv.

Helping Others

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?

"Black Leaf 40"
KILLS INSECTS
ON FLOWERS • FRUITS
VEGETABLES & SHRUBS
Demand original sealed bottles, from your dealer
3644

Ignorance and Knowledge

Distance sometimes endears friendship and absence sweeteneth it.—Howell.

Miss REE LEEF says:
"CAPUDINE relieves HEADACHE quicker because it's liquid... already dissolved"

To Our Sorrow

Reciprocation is often nothing other than retaliation.

GOOD RELIEF of constipation by a GOOD LAXATIVE
Many folks get such refreshing relief by taking Black-Draught for constipation that they prefer it to other laxatives and urge their friends to try it. Black-Draught is made of the leaves and roots of plants. It does not disturb digestion but stimulates the lower bowel so that constipation is relieved.
BLACK-DRAUGHT
purely vegetable laxative

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

OPPORTUNITY

Man to Establish His Own Profitable independent brush business in protected terr. Lib. discounts with free goods. Write FULTON SALES CORP., Lancaster, Pa.