

Hines Confers With Rail Workers

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Relation of the price of wheat to the cost of living was debated by several senators. Mr. Grounau denied that the government's wheat price guarantee causes undue prices for bread. He was supported by Senators Kellogg and Nelson, Republicans, of Minnesota, who said wheat was being sold far above the government's guarantee at the principal terminals.

The three senators predicted that this year's crop would be lower than government estimates. Senator Grounau said it would be 450,000,000 bushels and not 1,250,000,000, as forecast by the Department of Agriculture.

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Workers Seek Representation The demands of Mr. Stone are likely to be turned by Mr. Wilson to political account. One common suggestion is that in the future control of the railroads, when Mr. Hines' administration ends, the owners or stockholders, the government, and the railroad workers will be represented.

What Mr. Stone seeks probably both by his demand for nationalization and by his demand for higher wages is that the representation of labor in the control of the railroads should be as large as possible.

The President can show his friendliness to labor by supporting a plan to give labor the largest share possible in the control of the railroads. He may hope to put this issue up to the Republicans in Congress and to demonstrate the lack of sympathy among the Republicans there for labor.

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Strike Effective "Club" He might call a strike to force nationalization. With this "club" in his hands he is likely to secure favorable terms.

With the coming of Mr. Stone on the stage the whole political scene shifts. The Republicans are likely speedily to lose interest in demonstrating Mr. Wilson's failure at Paris and turn about to face a situation reminiscent of 1916, when the same railroad unions with their demands, more than any other single thing, made Mr. Wilson's re-election possible.

The Republicans then thought that the President by his surrender had offended the sober sense of the country. But the election demonstrated the growing solidarity of labor for the first time.

Military Service for All, Is Proposed

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Under such exemption clauses the average number of boys of nineteen to be found qualified for training each year would be approximately 600,000. This number from the last annual class to have been trained would be held ready for immediate mobilization at all times.

No Change in Guard Plans No change in the existing law with regard to the organization of the national guard and its relation to the regular army was suggested. Mr. Baker said it was assumed that the national defense not federalizing the guard would be retained in force.

Secretary Baker said in a letter accompanying the bill that the plan had not yet been referred to General Pershing, but that pending his return from France it could be used as the basis for hearings which the Senate military committee is to have before drafting legislation establishing a permanent military policy.

"The bill as drawn," said Secretary Baker, "provides for a system of universal training for a very brief period applicable to all male citizens, with suitable provision for exemptions and deferments."

It does not, however, provide for any reserve obligation, since it is unnecessary with a system of universal service in time of emergency.

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Approximately half the police force is striking. It is reported that more troops and some tanks have been ordered to the city.

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