## Harding Addresses Congress on Strikes

sponsibility. When related to a publie service the mere fact of organization magnifies that responsibility and public interest transcends that of either grouped capital or organized labor.

Another development is so significant that the hardships of the mo ment may be well endured to rivet popular attention to the necessary be avoided if federal jurisdiction were settlement. It is fundamental to all asserted by suitable legislation by freedom that all men have unquescongress. tioned rights to lawful pursuits, to

work and to live and choose their own lawful ways to happiness. In these strikes these rights have been ionied by assault and violence, by able sense of federal impotence to

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armed lawlessness. In many com- deal with the shocking crime at Hermunities the municipal authorities rin, Ill., which so recently shamed have winked at these violations, un-til liberty is a mockery and the law a matter of community contempt. It in madness, it is alleged that two fair to say that the great mass of aliens were murdered. This act adds dered attempts at adjustment. I organized workmen do not approve to the outraged sense of American but they seem helpless to hinder, justice the humiliation which lies in hese conditions cannot remain in the federal governments confessed pathy or approval for this element free America. If free men cannot lack of authority to punish that untoil according to their own lawful alterable crime choosing, all our constitutional guar-Had it happened in any other land

antees born of democracy are surthan our own, and the wrath of righteous justice were not ineffec- tremists who strive for class dominarendered to mobocracy and the freem of a hundred millions is surively expressed, we should have rendered to the small minority which pitied the civilization that would tolerate and sorrowed for the governwould have no law.

### No Hasty Action.

It is not my thought to ask con-gress to deal with these fundamental out just punishment. problems at this time. No hasty action would contribute to the solution popular resentment that the federal precisely as we have been progresthe present critical situation. government has not sought to efface sively legislating to prevent capital. There is existing law by which to this blot from our national shield, istic, corporate or managerial dominasettle the prevailing disputes. There are statutes forbidding conspiracy to hinder interstate commerce. There are laws to assure the highest possible safety in railway service. It is roy purpose to invoke these laws, yil and criminal, against all offenders alike.

The legal safeguarding against like menaces in the future must be worked out when no passion sways, when no prejudice influences, when the whole problem may be appraised and the public welfare may be asserted against any and every interest which assumes authority beyond that of the government itself.

One specific thing I must ask at your hands at the earliest possible moment. There is pending a bill to provide for the better protection of liens and for the enforcement of their treaty rights. It is a measure, in short, to create a jurisdiction for the federal courts through which the national government will have appropriate power to protect aliens in the rights secured to them under treaties and to deal with crimes which affect our foreign relations.

#### Bestowal of Jurisdiction.

The matter has been before congress on many previous occasions. President Tyler in his first annual message advised congress that inasmuch as "the government is charged with the maintenance of peace and the preservation of amicable relations with the nations of the earth, it the to possess without question all the reasonable and proper means of maintaining the one and preserving the other

President Harrison asked for the same bestowal of jurisdiction, having encountered deep embarrassment which grew out of the lynching of eleven aliens in New Orleans in 1891.

classes where the ultimate respon- that the federal government has been tion which is contrary to public wel- the power of the government to sibility of the federal government tolerant of the mockery of local fare. We also recognize the right of maintain transportation and sustain may be involved. President Roose- inquiry and the failure of justice in employee and employee alike when the right of men to work.

Congress on Strikes may be involved. President Roose-velt uttered a like request to con-velt uttered a like request to con-velt uttered a like request to con-velt uttered a like request to con-the delect in the oresident Tait to constituting the neces-forces in railroad operation, shalt permitted to choose a course in a pussilanimous position to make form the engagements by an ex-planation that the duty to keep them It is deplorable that

control. If we would promise, we must put ourselves in a position to perform our promise. We cannot permit the possible failure of justice uation. It is terrorizing to know due, to local prejudice in any state that such madness may be directed sary, government by law must and or municipal government, to expose us to the risk of war which might against men merely for choosing to will b

the federal government to be able to

put an end to such crimes against civilization and punish those who sanction them.

Patient Conference.

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refer to the warfare on the unions of

of discord in the ranks of industry.

Any legislation in the future must

be as free from this element of trouble-making as it is from labor ex-

to labor's uplift. It is of public in-

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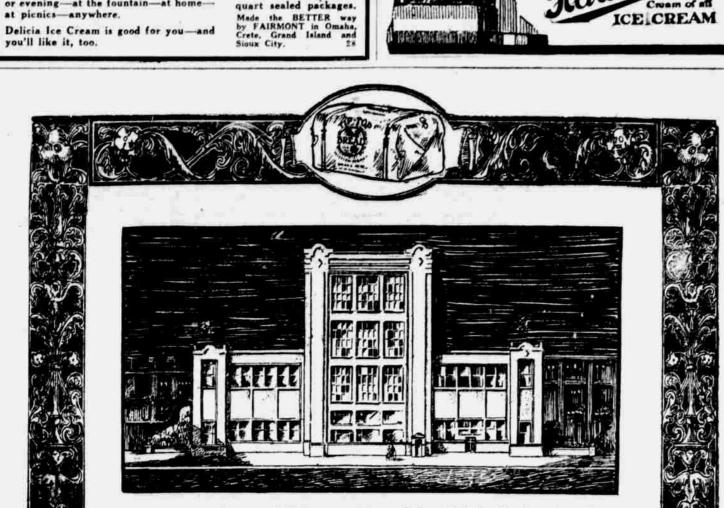
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