

Labor:

I gather from what Ellwood tells me that the first step - active work with labor - at least the most important, came in the period immediately after the armistice when various unions undertook to extend organizations throughout industry. ^{While} steel was the most aggressive and attracted public attention there was trouble in all the industries on the subject of unions.

Strikes developed in all the General Electric plants. Ellwood says that Young never went to any plant himself, that there was always a head of labor relations. But the plan that he pursued was decided by him and he was in constant conference with the plant representatives. He saw, too, the head of the electrical unions - a name to be looked up.

He referred me to a file of correspondence on labor difficulties; in the winter of 1918 and 1919 ^{he} says that they sent out a great deal of publicity for which I take it he was usually the author. I am not sure about that. Advised me to get this from Miss Chandler.

He says that the next day after they came back from Paris where they had been on the South American business, they went to Washington and that he was there through the first industrial conference. I had not realized that Young was in Washington at that time. He said that he was in constant consultation with Lane. I think there was hardly a day that they did not talk things over.

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I must find out when Young first knew Lane - if the ^{water}/power question had brought them in contact as I suspect.

He speaks with great respect of the failure of the first Conference and I have always believed that it failed because and Barouch were playing politics. I tell him of my first two looks at Young in that Conference.

He thinks it would be well to talk a little more with him about this, also about the second Conference. There is one thing of importance in the second Conference was that ^{Young} for the first time with Robinson and Hoover. Attorney General Gregory was a member of the Conference. I think Young must have already known him and had negotiations with him during the formation of the radio corporation.

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