

hereby urge upon all employers and employees within the United States the necessity of utilizing the means and methods provided for the adjustment of all industrial disputes, and request that during the pendency of mediation or arbitration through the said means and methods, there shall be no discontinuance of industrial operations which would result in curtailment of the production of war necessities. Unquote. Our boys are at the front. stop. They are making the supreme sacrifice for the protection of the lives of our people and the maintenance of our institutions. stop! Surely it is not asking you too much in their name to urge that you return to work, submitting your disputes to the War Labor Board for adjustment.

Exact copy as signed by W. B. Wilson.
Mailed By
Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of the Secretary
Washington

May 4, 1918.

Hon. H. J. Skeffington,
Hon. John J. Casey,
Commissioners of Conciliation,
Schenectady, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of telegram which I have today sent to Mr. H. McDougall of Schenectady, New York, and Mr. Charles Hartman at Pittsfield, Mass., which is self-explanatory.

You are directed to appear before the strikers in both cities and urge them to return to work at once, and ascertain if the General Electric Company will also accept the services of the National War Labor Board.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) W. B. Wilson,
Secretary.

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Pittsfield, Mass., May 6, 1918.

I am more than pleased as a patriotic citizen, and as the Manager of this Plant, to accept unreservedly the request contained in telegram from the Secretary of Labor, and in expressing my own feelings I know that I express those of all my associates, who desire, without any qualification, to do everything in their power to bring the war in which we are now engaged to a speedy and a successful conclusion.

C. C. Chesney.

To Mr. H. J. Skeffington,
Commissioner of Conciliation.