

FLOUR CITY LABOR RAPS MAY 30TH DELAY

Roll Rule Halted in Miners' Convention

DAUGHERTY, DENBY, DUE FOR DISCARD

Too Much to Carry for Candidate Cal.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Attorney-General Daugherty and Secretary of the Navy Denby are slated for the discard, is the prediction freely made by senators closely in touch with the developments in the Teapot Dome investigation.

Well-informed political observers are of the opinion that ousting of these two oil-dome twins will come too late to save the Coolidge administration but believe that the president's hand has been forced by the recent disclosures.

It is a matter of record that Denby joined Fall in recommending the transfer of the naval reserve oil lands to the jurisdiction of the department of the interior over the protest of naval engineers.

On Record in Senate
On April 21, 1922, Denby, in a communication to the senate, said that "at the suggestion of the secretary of the navy, the President of the United States, directed the secretary of the interior to take over the administration of lands in the naval reserves in consultation and cooperation with the secretary of the navy."

After this, Denby signed the Teapot Dome lease giving these properties to Sinclair and the Number 1, naval reserve lease to Doheny.

Before the senate investigating committee, Denby claimed to know very little about these leases, but senators hold that as the official watchman of the naval oil reserves it was his duty to guard them and that he cannot escape responsibility for their loss and the subsequent scandal.

Daugherty Under Suspicion
No one, apparently, is willing to entrust the handling of any proceedings, criminal or civil, to Attorney-General Daugherty, and a knowledge of this strong feeling against the head of the administration's legal department is believed to have been a factor in prompting President Coolidge to announce his readiness to appoint special prosecutors if criminal proceedings should be necessary.

Senators are emphatic in denunciation of the part played by Daugherty and his departure for Florida, while the administration is quivering from the shock of one of the greatest scandals in American political history, is considered highly significant.

When action is taken next week by the house and senate on the cancellation of the oil leases it is practically certain that all legal measures will be taken entirely out of Daugherty's hands.

See Coolidge as Target.
Overnight developments in the oil lease scandal, now engaging official Washington at all hours, made it appear today that President Coolidge may become a direct target of attack of those who are demanding a complete cleanup in the present investigation.

The President, it was reported, is inclined, at present, to stand by his cabinet members. Friends of the President in the Senate represented him as feeling that charges that have been

"Daily Worker's" Summary of Oil Mess Disclosure

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WASHINGTON.—Here is the story in skeleton of the Teapot Dome and other naval reserve leases:

On May 31, 1921, President Harding, urged by Secretary of the Navy Denby and Secretary of the Interior Fall, transferred the navy oil reserves from the navy to the interior department.

July 21, Fall and Denby signed contracts with E. L. Doheny for exploitation of reserves One and Two in California.

April 7, 1922, Fall and Denby signed leases with H. E. Sinclair for Teapot Dome reserve, a 9,481-acre tract in Natronah county, Wyoming, containing roughly 22,000,000 barrels of oil.

April 15, the senate, having heard of the Teapot Dome lease, which was not officially announced, asked for copies of all leases.

April 21, Senator LaFollette, in a resolution, called for a complete investigation.

April 29, senate ordered investigation.

January 30, 1923, senate public lands committee hired experts to see whether it was true oil was draining out of Teapot Dome.

March 4, Fall resigned from cabinet.

October 22, senate committee began hearings, following report of experts.

October 23, Fall, before committee, said he was proud of leases.

October 25, Denby told committee leasing was "a routine detail," and he knew little about it.

December 27, Fall wrote committee he borrowed \$100,000 from E. B. McLean, publisher, to buy ranch and said he never got a cent from Sinclair or Doheny.

January 11, 1924, McLean at Palm Beach, testified Fall got checks for \$100,000, but returned them uncashed, saying he had arranged to get money elsewhere.

January 21, Archie Roosevelt and G. D. Wahlberg, Sinclair's personal secretary, told of suspicions that Teapot Dome lease was obtained by corruption and said Sinclair had gone to Europe secretly.

January 22, Fall subpoenaed.

January 24, Doheny said he loaned Fall \$100,000 on unsecured note.

January 25, J. W. Zevely, Sinclair's man, said he loaned Fall \$25,000 and advanced \$10,000 for expenses of trip to Russia.

January 26, President Coolidge announced he would appoint special counsel to investigate and to prosecute civilly and criminally any wrong-doing. Doheny offered to cancel leases on California reserves.

January 28, senate prepared to demand immediate cancellation of leases.

New \$17,000,000 Oil Scandal Is Capital Sensation

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C.—A new sensation involving the navy department appeared this afternoon when Chairman Butler of the House naval affairs committee, summoned Secretary Denby and several naval officers to appear tomorrow for questioning in connection with charges of alleged illegal expenditure of some seventeen million dollars in oil royalties.

It's All Right for England.
WASHINGTON.—Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, when asked for an opinion as to the entrance of the British labor movement into political power in the government, said: "It is a remarkable achievement. I see no reason why the taking of political control should dampen the ardor of British trade unionists for unionism."

Work Daily for "The Daily"
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LEWIS GRIP ON UNION IS WEAKENING

Militants Win In Hard Fought Battle At Indianapolis

By JOHN FITZGERALD
(Staff Correspondent of The Daily Worker)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—John L. Lewis and his machine received a crushing defeat when, after a stormy session, the convention voted down the report of the constitution committee headed by Van Bitner.

The constitution committee report recommended non-concurrence in resolution 115, from Pursglove, W. Va., calling for the election by referendum vote of all organizers and field workers. The resolution specified that these officials should be prorated according to the numerical strength of the nationalities composing the membership of the union.

Machine Beat by 30 Votes.
After John Hindmarsh, of River-

ton, Ill., had delivered a telling speech against the report of the committee, James Watt, of Springfield, one of the progressive leaders in the convention, took the platform and, amid encouraging cheers, moved the previous question. The previous question carried by a large majority and the vote on the committee report was then taken. The count was 730 in favor and 760 against.

The administration then staged a demonstration for a roll call and many of the progressives voted in favor of it declaring that the great majority of the local unions had pledged their delegates to work and fight against the appointive power clause in the constitution. They predicted that the amendment providing for the election of international organizers would carry by a heavy majority.

Whole Day for Roll Call
The roll call may take one whole day or even longer. If it ends in a defeat of the administration it is the opinion of both administration and progressive delegates that the power of John L. Lewis in the United Mine Workers is broken.

Wild Rumors
Shortly after Chairman Van Bitner of the constitution committee began to read the report, Delegate Savage, secretary of the Ohio district, moved that the convention go into executive session allowing only press correspondents to remain. The reason given was that divers persons of "red" proclivities, not delegates, were voting. Rumors were spread that 300 "reds" had been imported from Pittsburgh the previous evening.

The motion carried and all visitors were ordered to leave the hall excepting being made in favor of wives of delegates.

Capellini Unpopular.
Rinaldo Capellini, president of the anthracite district, until his election an enemy of the Lewis machine, does not appear to be very popular at this convention. He was howled down when he tried to put Delegate Oates of Pittsburgh in a corner.

Oates expressed in no uncertain terms his disgust with the attempt of Capellini to come to the rescue of the hard pressed administration.

Delegate Prentiss, colored, an appointee, upheld the appointive power clause, declaring that colored men would be discriminated against in the election of organizers.

An outstanding characteristic of this convention is the superb loyalty of the appointed organizers to the Lewis machine. As Delegate Hindmarsh pointed out, they support the administration on every issue, big and little.

Lewis' Squawks.
After the previous question had been carried Lewis tried to state that he had been given no opportunity to state his views but the delegates did not want any more oratory.

Duncan McDonald spoke here Monday night to an audience of three or four hundred delegates and replied to attacks made on him by the convention. His speech was witty and instructive and he was loudly applauded.

Alex Kowat was an interested member of the audience.

JUST ANOTHER MINE DISASTER



Only a Few More Miners Murdered.

OVERFLOW LENIN MEETINGS HELD IN LOS ANGELES

Huge Demonstrations in Many Cities

"Two overflow meetings, expressing condolences of Los Angeles workers with the Russian workers over the loss of our great leader, Lenin, were held here Sunday afternoon," says a message from S. A. Baker, secretary of the Workers Party in Los Angeles.

"For over two hours," the message continued, "1,500 workers listened to speeches in five languages, expressing undying devotion to the ideals for which Lenin lived and died. The meetings were held under the auspices of Workers Party, Local Los Angeles."

A successful meeting was held in Denver at Machinists' Hall, the same date.
New York's meeting in Madison Square Garden, Monday evening, February 4th, will be one of the biggest events the city has seen in months. Speeches by C. E. Ruthenberg and William Z. Foster will be followed by addresses from well-known citizens of the metropolis. The Russian Symphony orchestra and moving pictures of the life of Lenin will add to the features of the evening.

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Detroit, Arena Gardens, 5810 Woodward ave., Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p. m. Speakers: Dennis Batt and C. E. Ruthenberg. The Ukrainian and Russian choir will sing the Russian revolutionary funeral march.

New York, Madison Square Garden, Monday, Feb. 4, at 8 p. m. Wm. Z. Foster and C. E. Ruthenberg, speakers.

Warren, Ohio, Hippodrome, Sunday, Feb. 3, 7 p. m. Speakers in English, South Slavish, Polish and Finnish.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 8, 8 p. m. Connecticut Meetings
Bridgeport, Conn., Carpenters' Hall, Sunday, Feb. 3, at 3 p. m.
Ansonia, Conn., City Hall, Sunday, Feb. 3, at 3 p. m.
Hartford, Conn., Sunday, Feb. 3, at 8 p. m.
New Haven, Conn., Hermanson Hall, Feb. 6, at 8 p. m.
Stamford, Conn., Feb. 7, at 8 p. m.
Streetcar Men Ask Wage Increase.
CLEVELAND.—The underpaid street car men of Cleveland will demand wage increases and improvement in working conditions to take effect at the expiration of the present agreement May 1.

CIVIC FEDERATION AND GOMPERS UNITED BY MUTUAL SOVIET FEAR

(By The Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Samuel Gompers has called upon Chairman Borah of the senate subcommittee investigating Russian-American relations, to permit Gompers and some of his associates in this country to testify.

It is the purpose of this group, back of which is the National Civic Federation, to argue that recognition of Russia would endanger the conservative leadership of American labor, and turn the workers over to victimization at the hands of Communist agitators. They maintain that the existing leadership of the A. F. of L. is the safest bulwark of existing social institutions in the United States.

Legion Takes Over City Government of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WILKESBARRE, Pa.—The local post of the American Legion, which broke up the Lenin Memorial meeting in lawless fashion, has been given the authority by Mayor Hart to decide what meetings shall and shall not be held in future.

This decision was made at a conference with the mayor when Harry Winitzky and Herbert Benjamin, representing the Workers Party, declared that they would insist on the right of free speech in Wilkesbarre.

Legionnaires at the conference tried to intimidate the workers' representatives and seemed to be on the point of attacking them physically.

All meetings demanding civil liberty will be dispersed, the mayor and legionnaires declared, unless they have the Legion's permission.

The labor men will contest this outrageous fascist rule.

Radio Monopoly Charged
WASHINGTON, D. C.—A radio monopoly is charged by the federal trade commission against eight corporations listed as "violating the law against unfair competition in trade." Practically all radio equipment and service comes thru this gigantic combine, the government charges. The accused corporations are: The Radio Corporation of America, General Electric, American Telephone and Telegraph, Westinghouse, Western Electric, International Radio, United Fruit and Wireless Specialty companies.

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Johnson City Mine Horror Due to Deadly Fire Damp From Workings

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The explosion in the McClintock mine at Johnston City, which resulted in the death of 33 miners and injury to eight, was caused by fire damp, forced out of an abandoned working, becoming ignited from an open miner's lamp, in the opinion of Director Martin Bolt of the State Department of Mines and Minerals. Bolt has just returned from making an investigation of the explosion. Bolt is in Belleville on official business today.

A probe will be made to discover whether the laws relating to gas inspection had been followed out before the disaster. (More news of mine disaster on Page 8.)

MINNEAPOLIS UNION MEN FOR NO DELAY

Insist on Holding of May 30th Convention

(Special to The Daily Worker)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Unanimous endorsement of the May 30 convention, an emphatic declaration in favor of a national class Farmer-Labor Party and unqualified support of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Federation, were the outstanding features of the meeting of the Hennepin County Committee of the Working People's Non-Partisan Political League held here last night.

Wm. Mahoney of St. Paul, editor of the Minnesota Labor Advocate, recently returned from Washington, gave an impartial summary of the arguments for and against a postponement of the May 30 Farmer-Labor convention, stating that the conference of farmer-labor groups of the western and southwestern states held recently in Denver, had gone on record for the May 30 meet as scheduled and against any postponement. The report of the actions of the Denver conference carried considerable weight with the delegates.

Militants Fight Postponement.
I. G. Scott, socialist alderman and a member of the Plasterers' Union; R. S. Wiggins, member of the City and County Employees' Union and assistant city attorney; Frank Miner of the Machinists Union, and Robley D. Cramer, editor of the Minneapolis Labor Review, all made telling arguments against any postponement of the May 30 convention.

The opposition to the May 30 convention was few in number and poorly organized; it made some feeble attempts to block the landslide for May 30 by attacking the radicals in the style of the capitalist press, but these tactics had no effect on the overwhelming majority of the delegates present.

Candidates endorsed for committee offices by the delegates opposing any postponement of the May 30 convention were elected unanimously by acclamation.

The new officers are: Scott, chairman; Drake, vice-chairman; Miss Myrtle Cain, financial secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was in its entirety the most emphatic endorsement of the work for a class Farmer-Labor party yet given by the progressive labor elements in this city.

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Militants Organized for First Time in Miners' Convention

"The progressives are organized before a definite program for the first time in the history of the United Mine Workers of America," said William Z. Foster, just back from the Indianapolis convention.

"That is the outstanding fact of the convention," said Foster with elation, "and it is the thing that will win for the

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PRESS PLAYS UP LEWIS DRIVE ON "BILL" FOSTER

"Not Foster But Principles," Says Kennedy

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The United front between the reactionaries in the labor movement and the capitalist press was again demonstrated this afternoon when the local papers here came out with big headlines featuring the passage of a resolution at the convention of the U. M. W. of A. attacking William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, who spoke here a few days ago.

The resolution originated from a local union in Taylorville, Illinois, and was introduced by one Ben Williams, a staunch member of the "payroll" brigade. It charged Foster with seeking to dictate his policies to the United Mine Workers of America and several other high crimes and misdemeanors.

Kennedy Urges Concurrence
 Chairman Kennedy of the resolutions committee recommended concurrence with the resolution, on the ground that the resolution came from a "legitimate" source and also that the United Mine Workers union was perfectly well able to take care of its own affairs. He declared that the committee was not inspired by any animus against Foster personally but against his principles and methods.

Foster and the things he stands for did not lack support in the convention. Delegate Thomas Parry of Illinois took the platform and in well chosen words paid testimony to the great work Foster did and is doing for the American labor movement. He referred to his leadership in the steel strike and the organization of the stock yard employees in Chicago, and asked that Foster be given the privilege of the floor to answer the charges against him.

Foster Defended
 "William Z. Foster is not a disruptor of the American labor movement," declared Delegate Parry, "and I challenge any man on the floor of this convention to prove it. The things that he stands for are the things that the American working class want and the hatred that he has earned from the capitalist class is the best testimony to his worth to the labor movement."

The report of the resolutions committee was adopted by a safe majority, the payroll vote being an important nucleus which can always be relied on.

Work Daily for "The Daily!"
Rodzianko Dies Forgotten.
 BELGRADE, Yugoslavia.—The day Lenin was being buried Michael V. Rodzianko, president of the last Russian Duma died. Rodzianko, born in 1859, took part in the March revolution.

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Capellini, Broken Progressive Reed Leans Against Reactionary Lewis

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (By Mail).—When Rinaldo Capellini, president of District 1, United Mine Workers of America, came to bat for the administration against the radical element at the convention, a deep feeling of disgust swept thru the sophisticated portion of the gathering, that portion that understands the art of changing progressives into reactionary henchmen.

Capellini is not an intellectual, neither is he a thug. At least not in appearance. His English is by no means perfect, but he has a good voice and can appeal to the emotions of his hearers very effectively. He is not a strong man, but he has an emotional appeal, and his empty sleeve lends pathos to his words. He reminds one somewhat of Michael Davitt, the great Irish Land Leaguer, in this respect. Of course Davitt was not a renegade. Capellini is.

Nobody doubts but that the young Italian mine leader was won over by arguments other than those that appeal to the intellect. But there is a difference of opinion among those that knew him when he cherished a book full of newspaper clippings containing attacks on him by John L. Lewis and the mine owners for his activities in behalf of Alex Howat and the radicals in general. Some believe he was at that time a sincere progressive. Others believe that he was only catering to the progressives and once having gained office that he felt safe to dispense with his radical camouflage.

Capellini was the possessor of three automobiles and well furnished some before he was elected as president of District One. He was given the automobiles by the miners who looked up to him as a sincere and honest leader.

Capellini Outdoes Brennan
 His opponent, William Brennan was considered a reactionary but it is safe to say that Brennan could not deliver a more vicious tirade against the progressive elements in the miners union than Capellini did last week.

When Capellini "wined and dined" the Communists in his district, he was under no illusions as to what they stood for. They told him what they stood for and nobody talked more vigorously than he did for progressive and radical measures, the program that he spurns today. What has happened in the meantime to account for the right-about-face?

Those who claim that Capellini was always a reactionary in disguise, point to the fact that he had his headquarters in Mulligan's barroom, his several automobiles and his comparative affluence. But merely meeting his friends in a saloon would not convict him of playing double in spite of John L. Lewis's objection to having anything to do with a bartender, other than transacting legitimate business in accordance with the rules of the Bartenders' Union.

Something Happens Behind Scenes
 The writer was informed by those who were acquainted with him after his election that he held to his convictions such as they were until the meeting which took place in Scranton, which among other matters decided the matter of the legality of his election as president of District 1.

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GOMPERS WILL BREAK LANCE ON SOVIET SHIELD

Invites Himself Before Reopened Hearings

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 WASHINGTON.—With the hope of turning the tide against the sentiment for Russian recognition, Samuel Gompers, conservative leader of the American Federation of Labor, has called upon Senator Borah for permission to testify before the committee investigating evidence of Russian propaganda in this country. The committee opens its hearing today or tomorrow.

Gompers asks that several of his associates appear with him. These may include James Duncan, vice president of the federation, Matthew Woll, chief spokesman for Gompers, and Chester Wright, renegade Socialist and chief engineer of the Gompers' anti-red publicity.

The A. F. of L. hierarchy will maintain that their organization, as now constituted, is the chief bulwark of existing social institutions in the United States, and that recognition of Russia will threaten the domination of conservative labor policy in this country. At the Portland convention of the federation, Matthew Woll declared that recognition would assist such movements as that represented by William F. Dunne, who had just been unseated.

Duncan is the "Russian expert" of the official family of the federation. He was a member of the Eilhu Root mission to Russia in 1917 and enjoyed the confidence of the leaders of the mission to such an extent that he was chosen by his colleagues to speak before the Petrograd Soviet. His subject was the "Union Label" and he spoke for an hour and a half on this safe and sane theme to the astonishment of the delegates to the Soviet, who had just overthrown czarism and capitalism.

Represent Civic Federation
 Behind the Gompers' forces lurks the American Civic Federation, arch foe of Russian recognition.

Senator Borah is not enthusiastic about the continuance of the hearings, being more interested in bringing the subject of Soviet recognition direct to congress, but he has consented to give the state department and its friends another opportunity to present some of the evidence that they have failed to adduce so far.

Party Spokesmen May Appear
 The Workers Party expects to have the opportunity to nail the lies against Soviet Russia and American radicals when the senate subcommittee resumes its hearings on the recognition of Soviet Russia. Senator Borah, after a visit from C. E. Ruthenberg, executive secretary of the party and Jay Lovestone, said he would take up their request to appear before the committee with his colleagues and expected quick action.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, is expected to send Ellis Searles, author of his anti-red publicity, as a pinch hitter for the reactionary forces. Lewis's original intention, it is learned, may be given up as the result of the strength shown by the progressive forces at the miners' convention.

It was Senator Borah's intention to adjourn the hearings permanently and throw the whole case before the senate but demands of witnesses to appear have caused reconsideration. Borah feels that Secretary Hughes has made no case as yet, but he will continue the hearings till opportunities to present evidence have been exhausted.

Dick Trails Dick Thru Vice Dens of Old New York

NEW YORK.—Police Commissioner Richard Enright doesn't trust his own dicks, so he is using two special and very secret squads of detectives to watch the others. Just now the men who shadow the shadowers are on the trail of the vice and liquor battalion, known as the reorganized Special Service Division.

It seems that chastity and sobriety is not the invariable rule among the dicks whose duty it is to keep New York pure and sober, and some there are who prefer dalliance in the houses of sin to the cold work of riding in patrol wagons with arrested ladies of easy virtue and handcuffed bootleggers. So Enright is following the motto of "set a dick to catch a dick." But who will shadow the shadowers of the shadowers?

Mexican Fascisti Suffer Heavy Rupture as Esperanza Falls

MEXICO CITY.—A rear guard action was fought today between Fascisti retreating from Esperanza and federal troops who scored an important victory in the capture of that city yesterday.

Bells were rung here and sirens blew when word came that Esperanza had fallen at 2 p. m. Monday. The counter-revolutionists were driven in the direction of Boca del Monte.

Two thousand workers met at the Ideal theater, listened to patriotic speeches and then paraded the streets of the capital. Street cars bore banners, "Death to Traitors."

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Children of New York's Poor Are Victims of Sewer Rats

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 NEW YORK.—Baby cribs in New York's tenement districts are being armored against assaults by vicious sewer rats which recently attacked and bit three children in a week.

Adele Quattrochi, who was bitten thirteen times by a rat "as large as a cat," is back in her crib after being treated at the hospital. Her mother has encased the crib in small mesh chicken wire.

The latest victims of rats were Louis Adamo, 40 years old, and his 11 year old son, tenants of the same building as the Quattrochi family.

PREACHERS FIGHT FOR FREE SPEECH IN K. C. PULPITS

Insist on Right to Call Courts Crooked

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Ministers of Kansas City united today to battle against "efforts of courts to curb free speech in the pulpits."

Practically every minister in the city came to the support of Rev. Baxter Waters, pastor of the Budd Park Christian Church who, after attacking delays and other "loose" methods of courts in dealing with criminals, was hauled before Thad B. Landon, circuit judge, and severely reprimanded for criticizing the courts.

Judge Landon demanded Rev. Waters prove his statements that "juries are fixed," and then told the minister that encouragement of criminal classes comes, not from laxness in court methods, but from violation of laws by church members. He charged many of Rev. Waters' congregation were breaking the prohibition law.

Rev. Waters characterized Judge Landon's efforts to curb his speech as a "reversion to the ancient days of oppression when the prophets were banished, tortured and imprisoned because of their criticism of civil and political evils."

"If the time ever comes when any man is denied the right to discuss the conduct of courts, then freedom will have ceased," Rev. Waters told his congregation.

A score of other ministers delivered sermons Sunday on the incident, all backing Rev. Waters' statements.

Judge Landon refused to make any answer to the ministers today and indicated the incident was closed as far as he is concerned.

What's This? The LaFollette Crowd Remembers Farmers!

WASHINGTON.—The La Follette group in the senate today appealed to American farmers to show constructive interest in measures pending before congress for their relief.

In a manifesto addressed to "farmers of the Northwest," nine progressive stated their inability to legislate wisely on farm relief matters without guidance from the farmers themselves.

They called on the farmers to hold old time precinct meetings in their localities, adopting resolutions stating clearly what legislative relief they desire, sign and forward them to Washington.

Senators who signed the manifesto were La Follette, Wisconsin; Ladd and Frazier, North Dakota; Brookhart, Iowa; Howell, Nebraska; Johnson and Shipstead, Minnesota; Wheeler, Montana and Dill, Washington.

General Strike Is Threatened in Argentina Friday

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 BUENOS AIRES.—All Argentines may be tied up by a general strike Friday morning, involving railway workers, dockers and seamen, building tradesmen, chauffeurs, retail clerks, newspaper compositors and miscellaneous crafts.

The labor unions declare they will walk out if the government attempts to put into effect the new pension law under which the workers will be assessed 9 per cent of their wages the first year and 5 per cent thereafter.

February 1 is the last day for putting into effect the new law and if the government yields to the strike threat and fails to institute the pension scheme by that date the law is automatically dead.

Magnus' Curb Is Decked by Eleven Cars of Old Crowd

(By The Federated Press)
 WASHINGTON.—Eleven limousines were standing at one time, one day, in front of Senator Magnus Johnson's little house in the suburb of Tacoma Park, here, while wives of the standpat senators and cabinet members made calls. The rule until now—when the administration needs to get support from the progressives at any price—has been that wives of new members must call first on the wives of the old crowd.

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BODIES OF DEAD MINERS; PROBE DEMANDED

Rescuers Fight Way Thru Gas and Water

(Special to The Daily Worker)
SHANKTOWN, Pa.—Groping thru gas filled corridors with the water sloshing about the boots, rescuers are dragging out one by one the bodies of the victims of the blast explosion that took more than forty lives in the Barnes and Tucker Coal company.

Thirty-six bodies have already been brought to the surface and stretched out in an emergency morgue at Star Ford, near here. Recovery of the bodies has been delayed by the almost insurmountable difficulties in which they are working.

Four May Be Buried Alive.
Possibility that four other men are still entombed and alive is arousing the rescuers to the most determined efforts, tho they are exhausted by 12 hours of exhausting toil, broken by meager periods of rest.

Officials of the United Mine Workers, Dist. No. 2, are demanding a probe of the disaster that will unearth all the facts of the gas conditions that snuffed out the lives of their 49 fellow workers. State mine inspectors are expected to start their inquiry today.

Hold Inquest Today.
JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—The coroner's inquest this morning into the causes of the deaths of the miners who lost their lives in the terrific gas explosion in the east mine of the Crerer-Clinch Coal company is eagerly awaited by the population of Williamson county.

Witnesses will be called to tell of gas conditions immediately preceding the disaster. It is charged by miners that mining laws have been ignored by the company in the past.

Men who escaped uninjured will appear in person at the inquest and depositions will be taken from survivors who are confined to their hospital cots by burns and the effect of the gas fumes.

Rescuers are still penetrating the shattered workings of the 280-foot level in the hope of recovering the bodies of six men still said to be missing.

Johnston City is wrapped in gloom over the awful disaster. Nearly every family is connected by ties of friendship, if not of blood, with the victims of the catastrophe.

West Frankfort Miner Killed.
WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—Vernon Burton, 30, died in a hospital here, a few hours after he was caught under a fall of coal in mine Eighteen of the Industrial Coal company. He had a wife and one child.

Both Daugherty and Denby Are Due for the Discard

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made against members of his inherited cabinet are not yet "sufficient for serious consideration."

Denby's Head Demanded.
One resolution, however, has already been introduced, demanding the resignation of Secretary Denby. Senator Walsh is scheduled to take further direct action against Denby today.

As a consequence, Senator Caraway, for one, is prepared to turn the guns directly upon the White House. Mr. Coolidge was the first vice-president to sit with the cabinet. Senator Walsh has called the senate's attention to the Fall letter of June 1922, in which the then secretary mentioned that the oil leases were discussed at cabinet meetings.

"Where was Mr. Coolidge while the cabinet was discussing the legality of the Teapot Dome lease?" Caraway intends to ask.

The investigating committee refused this morning to accept an invitation to go to Fall's house to question him.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Walsh, it was decided that physicians who have been attending Fall will appear before the committee tomorrow to give an opinion as to when Fall's health will permit him to appear.

Oil Dome Twins.
With the attack shifting from former Secretary of the Interior Fall to Mr. Coolidge and two members of his cabinet—Secretary of the Navy Denby and Attorney General Daugherty—there were indications that the administration was preparing to strike back at those critics who are trying to fasten responsibility on the Coolidge regime for what happened in the late President Harding's term.

Mr. Coolidge will not at present ask either Denby or Daugherty to resign, despite formal demands in the senate that he do so, it was stated at the White House, after the president had conferred for two hours with a group of senate leaders he summoned last night.

Washington's Greatest Sensation

By LAURENCE TODD.

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—F. L. Doheny, confessing his unsecured "loan" of \$100,000 to Secretary of the Interior Fall—given in cash and sent to Washington in a satchel carried by Doheny's son, at a time between the planning of the disposal of the naval oil lands and the making of the lease of the two California naval reserves to his concern—was the first of the major characters in the Teapot Dome scandal to face Senator Walsh's committee after the McLean and Roosevelt disclosures.

Doheny is a former mining prospector—weak and flabby of appearance, and given to protecting himself by boasting that he is "just an improvident, irresponsible, old-time prospector," of generous impulses and ready to lend a hundred thousand or a million of his ready money to an old-time friend like Fall. He chokes back a sob when he speaks of Fall's hard financial luck—"after he has tried all his life, like myself, to acquire money."

This gigantic robbery of the public domain by Fall and his friends smiles quietly as he hears Doheny protest that the naval reserve lease was not considered by Doheny's manager to be "worth a nickel." Doheny testified a month ago that he ought to clean up \$100,000,000 on the deal.

Doheny's Poor Memory.
Walsh gently asks Doheny why he sent \$100,000 from New York to Washington in cash, and by his own son. Doheny cannot remember whether that was his own idea or Fall's. And about the date of the loan, with reference to the date of negotiating the lease.

Doheny began by saying that it was long before the lease, and his company knew nothing of the loan, and hence could not have been influenced by it, and that there was positively no relation between the two things.

Walsh reminds him of Admiral Robinson's testimony, showing that the whole scheme for getting rid of the naval oil reserves was decided upon in the council of the navy department at about this same time. Spectators gain a sense of impending climax when Walsh asks Doheny whether he has conferred with any members of the senate committee since reaching town, and then demands the contents of a note which Senator Smoot has handed to Doheny. The note reads: "I want to see you in my room." Smoot laughs uneasily.

Committee Room Hounded.
Senators and congressmen and scores of newspaper correspondents crowd the committee room, listening for every word. Gavin McNab, lawyer to Doheny and "Iron Boss" of Democratic politics in California, sits beside him, hands trembling, waiting to put in a helpful word as to secret conferences in New Orleans with Fall, and as to proposals made in New Orleans that Doheny talk things over with Sinclair's lawyer, Zevely. Senator LaFollette, whose resolution led to the unmasking of

Men, Mobs and Motion at the Coal Miners' Convention

The afternoon session was quite tame. Mr. Lewis was in a jovial mood. He smiled once, and the effect on the audience was electrical. Later on the great man descended from the stage and shook hands with a miner. Several delegates were seen taking notes. No doubt this will be considered of sufficient importance to report back to their local unions as an outstanding event.

Delegates to the convention stood in silence for one minute at the convention to express their sorrow for the victims of the mine blasts in Johnson City, Illinois and Shanks-town, Pa. The miners are accustomed to such incidents, approximately ten lives being sacrificed daily to the greed of the coal barons who hesitate to apply the necessary precautions to guarantee safety.

It was learned today that the local union in Johnston, Ill., which had jurisdiction over the ill-fated mine, called the attention of the state mining inspector to the unsafe condition of the mine. No attention was paid to this request and many lives are now sacrificed for this criminal negligence.

On recommendation of the resolutions committee one thousand dollars was voted to the defense fund of the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee.

Rena Mooney addressed the convention briefly and was given an ovation out of respect for the brave man who is behind the bars in Saint Quentin. It is a pardonable digression to say here, that the Mooney case is a standing indictment of the American labor movement. Had the reactionaries who control that movement taken any real interest in his case, the capitalist government of California would have been compelled to release him long ago.

The radicals saved him from the gallows and organized whatever was done to bring his case before the public. Now, the labor lieutenants of capitalism from Gomera down, donate a thousand dollars occasionally for his defense, as a sop to public opinion.

The labor leaders were half as interested in freeing Mooney as they are in crucifying workers who violate the "sacred contract" with the boss under exceptional conditions, Tom Mooney's friends would not be obliged to depend on the tender mercies of some hypocritical political faker who may happen to have the power of liberty or servitude over that gallant battler for the workers' right.

A long resolution favoring more playgrounds, another in favor of the Kelly Bill now before Congress in behalf of better conditions for postal clerks and a diluted resolution against injunctions finished the report of the resolutions committee.

A resolution demanding that membership in the miners' union be limited to miners' sons and those in unorganized territory was voted down. The wage scale committee is said not to be in agreement over the demands to be made on the operators when they meet in Florida next month. John L. Lewis is known to favor a long term contract with the present wage scale, while the six hour day is recognized as a matter of principle. If the 20 per cent wage increase is pressed at the outset it is considered merely as a counter to the silencing of the demand for the six hour day.

A resolution was passed urging the withdrawal of all troops from occupied Germany. The German workers were entitled to political and economic freedom, under capitalism of course.

The fight on the part of the administration forces to refuse Delegate Perkovitz a seat at the convention revealed the capitalist psychology of these individuals. The chairman of the committee is from the north of England, and while the writer does not hold him personally responsible for his physiognomy, John Mossop, the individual referred to, bears a striking resemblance to the hale and hearty John Bull, whose picture appears on a certain brand of British cigarettes. A typical English squire, he never expressed the slightest concern, for the miners whose livelihoods were involved in the decision of his committee, but he fell backwards in his extreme consideration for the interests of the employers. And he did this without a trace of malice. Just a reactionary fossil whose mind has not taken on a new impulsion for half a century.

Nick Perkovitz hates the capitalist system with a hatred that is holy. And the feeling between himself and all the coal companies that ever had the pleasure of hiring his pick is mutual. There is no love lost between them. He feels toward a coal operator much the same as a cat feels toward a dirty little mouse.

Mossop Gets Confused.
When asked a question involving the human side of the coal miners' work, Chairman Mossop appeared quite confused. He never thought of Perkovitz as a human being. To Mossop the militant coal miner was an animated attachment which was a necessary adjunct to the handle of a pick or something to hang a lamp on, so that enough energy could be brought to bear on the pick to produce coal, not to provide Perkovitz with food clothing and shelter but simply to fulfill the terms of the contract. Any other aspect of the case left Mossop as ill at ease as a seal on dry land.

Delegate Hindmarsh astounded him by asking if the credentials committee solicited any information outside of that provided by the defeated candidate for convention honors from the Dows local. Mossop seemed to think this was insulting, positively so. What had information to do with the case any how? It was enough that Perkovitz is a

vigorous person, hates capitalism and those who profit by it. Why request any further information?

Frank Farrington declared that Delegate Perkovitz was discharged once for loading "aggravated impurities" and again for something else. It was quite difficult to learn whether Nick had more to fear from the coal company or from some of the union officials. His local union, the men who worked with him, stood solidly behind him as did the convention delegates. They were unable to wave the red flag at him, which probably saved him from walking back to Dawell.

A report to Secretary Green for the delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention at Portland, concluded the session. Delegate Watt, speaking on the report showed by the records of the Portland convention that the A. F. of L., lost over a million members during the past year.

MINER MILITANTS ARE ORGANIZED FOR FIRST TIME

Foster Talks About the Big Convention

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movement in the end, regardless of minor victories the machine may win thru its payroll vote.

"The Indianapolis administration," continued the secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, "stands before the labor movement at this convention utterly bankrupt of all plans for the salvation of the union in the present desperate crisis. The only plans for the strengthening of the union thru organization of the strategic open shop fields and closer cooperation with the rest of the labor movement came from the left wing opposition.

"Middle of the road progressives are strewn by the wayside," declared Foster. "Only the left wing is lined up in opposition to the reactionary administration."

S. P. Opposition Shattered.
"The left wing opposition is drawn from the rank-and-file delegates. All the office holders who might otherwise be sympathetic have been whipped into line by the machine. But the left wingers have the machine so worried that they are the one subject of discussion."

Foster traced the old Socialist Party opposition within the union and its lack of a definite program and he pointed out how this Socialist Party opposition had been shattered by the process of driving out the sincere ones and absorbing the others into the machine.

Big Sentiment for Howat.
"I was much impressed with the sentiment for Howat. There are so many delegates lined up for him that he may conquer his way back into the union in spite of John L. Lewis. "Lewis is not so strongly entrenched as some radicals think. An organized progressive movement can clean out the international union and put thru its own policies. That is the big thing about this convention. The progressives are organized and they are on their way to victory. It may take time, but they have taken the initial steps necessary."

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Should Be Success.
To THE DAILY WORKER: I think that THE DAILY WORKER is full of pep and it published the real stuff not the junk the capitalist papers print. There is no reason in the world why it should not make a great success.—Benjamin C. Chass, Pittsburgh, Pa.

British Actors Win Case.
LONDON.—Actors organized as the Joint Protection Committee of the Entertainment Industry, familiarly called the Actors' Association, won a victory in Justice Russell's court, when the judge upheld the right to induce theaters to break contracts with the plaintiff, the producer of a revue.

Syndicalism Jury Deadlocked.
UKIAH, Cal.—The jury in the criminal syndicalism trial of Oscar Erickson is deadlocked. The jury will probably be dismissed before long and a new trial ordered. No charge except membership in the I. W. W. was made against Erickson.

Turkey Goes Back to Liquor.
CONSTANTINOPLE.—Without a dissenting vote, the Turkish assembly abandoned the nation's prohibition experiment, adopting Ismet Pasha's scheme for restoring state monopoly of liquor.

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The workmanlike manner in which the militant trade unionists of the Minneapolis labor movement dealt with the attempt of middle-class politicians to postpone the Farmer-Labor convention scheduled for St. Paul, May 30, and thereby create confusion in the ranks of the workers and farmers will bring joy to the heart of everyone who sincerely desires to see a national class party of workers and farmers getting its first fighting experience in the arena of the 1924 campaign.

The DAILY WORKER is out to build a solidly organized, class-conscious and well-disciplined Farmer-Labor party; it knows that the task is too big for it alone, and for the Workers Party of America whose official organ it is.

It therefore welcomes such able assistance as the movement to which it is committed as was rendered on last Monday evening by the militant trade union elements who, tho they may not see eye to eye with us on many things, are for the Communist policy of the united front against middle-class politicians, reactionary labor union officials and the capitalist system.

Our comrades in Minneapolis have reason to be proud of the efficient manner in which the offensive against the May 30 convention was halted.

The result of the attempt to postpone the May 30 convention has been to strengthen the movement in the Twin Cities, to bring closer all elements sincerely committed to a national class party and to prove to the LaFollettes, Shipsteads and Johnsons with considerable conclusiveness that leadership and skill in practical maneuvering are not solely in the possession of middle-class senators fortunate enough to be elected by workers and farmers.

We believe that the action of the Minneapolis meeting will do much to convince William Leahoney, editor of the Minnesota Labor Advocate, who broached the postponement proposition, that he has made a mistake and seriously underestimated the strength of the sentiment for the convention which he was largely instrumental in calling in his home town for May 30.

The Monday night meeting was not only a victory for Minneapolis militants. It was also a victory for the national Farmer-Labor party movement.

A continuation of such efforts will make certain the consummation of the efforts for the formation of a national Farmer-Labor party in St. Paul, May 30.

The Den of Thieves

A New York judge waxed indignant in sentencing the head of one of the metropolitan bucketing firms. This wizard of finance was given a sentence of from six months to three years in the penitentiary. Judging from our experiences with such sentences on the sons of the wealthy, we are sure that this will be a maximum sentence of six months.

What was the crime of this "bucketeer"? In the judge's charge we find a rather interesting explanation. At one juncture the judge explained: "This man's firm operated bucket shops, and they were dens of thievery! Piteable stories have been told me by customers, some of whom have been widows who lost all they had. I cannot overlook what has been going on in Wall Street. I believe the place is rotten to the core."

This is rather strange. We have always been told that Wall Street was the sanctum sanctorum of individual initiative, of capitalist success, of the greatest achievements of American enterprise. Why this complete right about face? When does success become sinister?

The trouble is just this: Rabiner got caught. If Rabiner had not been caught, his activities would not be sinister. The judge would not have said a word about the poor widows who were losing every cent in their efforts to reap to fruits of individual enterprise. If Mr. Rabiner had succeeded in escaping for a number of years longer, who knows what he might have been given the job of Secretary of United States Treasury. There is nothing that succeeds like success—especially in Wall Street.

Just as a helpful suggestion to members of what will go down in history as the "Teapot cabinet," we quote the following from one of George Ade's Fables in Slang:

"One time an investigating committee was about to Get Something On Him for Dallying with the Profiteers, but he Donned a Fresh White Tie and made a speech about Our Heroic Dead on a Hundred Battlefields and most everyone said that such a Thunderous Patriot could not possibly be a Crook."

"The World" Is a Liar

A correspondent of the New York World, has for some time been engaged in maligning and slandering the Soviet Republic.

The other day, writing up the hearings on Soviet Russia conducted by Borah's sub-committee, this correspondent allowed his imagination full play.

Quoting his story, appearing in The World of January 22nd, we read: "Menace of Death Compels Secrecy Regarding Russia: Secretary Hughes made known thru Hilton Young, Chief of the Eastern European Division, that confidential information upon which this attitude was based would be supplied the committee—but only in secret session. It was explained that otherwise the lives of the State Department's informants would be imperiled."

The question in dispute before the Senate Committee was whether the American Communists were being financed by the Third International. The State Department charged, but could not prove it. Borah demanded that the State Department make good its charge or withdraw it and cease spreading misinformation. The World correspondent was present thruout the whole tussle between the State Department witness and Senator Borah. It was a vital point in the proceedings. Every newspaper man was on the job to get a big story.

The next morning the writer showed The World's report to the Associated Press man and he was revolted by its outright lies. The DAILY WORKER correspondent then consulted the stenographer's official minutes on this point. We find on page 83 of the proceedings the following record of what actually was said: "Senator Borah: 'You state now that your fear is that the life of the party you conveyed you the information would be imperiled?'"

"Kelley (State Department): 'No, sir; I state that there is certain information of which the sources cannot be disclosed that is available to the committee in executive session.' Senator Borah: 'Of course, the Committee may do as it pleases, but I do not want any secret information myself. You may proceed.'"

Here we have it. The World correspondent is just a plain liar. He was merely serving the capitalist owners of his job. This incident simply shows that the workers must have their own press, that the workers cannot trust even the most liberal of capitalist newspapers. The workers must have their own press to serve them as the capitalists have their press serving the employing class.

Gompers' Democracy

We are not going to recite all the anti-democratic acts of Mr. Sam Gompers. But the other night after the State Department fired its first gun against the movement for American recognition of Soviet Russia, Mr. Gompers and his agents held a "rousing rally" in the Capitol against the resumption of normal relations with the First Workers and Farmers Republic. At this meeting, addressed by a gentleman traveling under the rather modest name of Mr. Sensinoff, and posing as an advisor of the defunct Kerensky regime, there occurred an incident typifying the democracy Mr. Gompers and his ilk stand for.

After Mr. Sensinoff had delivered his weird tale of the horrors of Sovietism, a delegate to the Central Labor Union of Washington, Mr. Primoff, got up and requested that both sides be heard and that someone be invited to address the Central Labor Body on the other side of the Russian recognition case—in favor of Russian recognition. Forthwith, E. F. McGrady, one of Gompers' legislative advisors, and others, leaped to their feet in a mad attempt to stop the reasonable remarks of delegate Primoff. These aristocrats of the American labor movement, who have shed so many tears in behalf of the rights of freedom of speech and press for all pogrom hooligans and counter-revolutionists in Russia showed their hand.

They showed by their threat to have Primoff withdrawn as a delegate from one of the Federal Employes' Unions, that they believe in democracy only when it serves the interests of the exploiters and enemies of labor. Mr. Gompers' agents in putting the lid on delegate Primoff, exposed themselves completely as being advocates of capitalist democracy—of that fraudulent democracy under which the workers are exploited, their strikes are broken, the farmers are dispossessed, and the mass of people kept in subjection. Mr. Gompers and his friends in this meeting unmasked themselves as enemies of genuine democracy—working class democracy.

Resentful Renegades

All of the renegades, John Spargo among them, who ran to the shelter of capitalism when this country went into the world war, have been writing articles to show that Soviet Russia and the Communist Party of Russia have forsaken communism and gone back to capitalism.

Now that renewed efforts are being made to force recognition of Soviet Russia by the House of Morgan government of our fair land these same renegades are filling the capitalist press with articles showing that Soviet Russia has abolished private property in natural resources and want to have us do the same thing. Traitors are hard to satisfy.

Now is the time for admirers of President Coolidge to dig up his articles on the menace of radicalism in our schools and colleges to prove that he could not have been connected in any discreditable manner with the theft of the naval oil reserves.

BALIEFF OFFERS OPTICAL MIRACLE ON GARRICK STAGE

Chauve-Souris Successor Has Many Surprises

By ALFRED V. FRANKENSTEIN
Balieff's second bill at the Chauve-Souris, in its last week at the Garrick theatre, is a series of surprises in stage setting. In spite of much music, and the much talked-of verbal scrambles of Mr. Balieff, the principal appeal of the show is to the eye, and the credit for these optical miracles must go to Soudeikine, the stage designer. Sometimes he surprises us by his elaborateness, and then again by the simplicity of his means.

In the sketch entitled "The Duke of Marlborough Goes to War," five priests chant many verses of a song, the melody of which is a glorified version of "We Won't Go Home Till Morning," and the action is carried on by a series of huge and grotesque painted silhouettes in the background.

One number, called "The Chinese Billikens," consists of a Chinese altar, around which sit four red billikens, immovable, except for heads and wrists, sneezing rhythmically, while a glorious lady, in Louis XIV. dress, who doesn't really belong in the picture at all, dances daintily.

In the famous "Katinks" scene a color bomb explodes all over the stage, and somewhat the same effect is produced in the one called "The Barber of Seville." In this last, seven characters from the popular Italian opera sit in a sort of brilliantly colored semicircle. Their bodies are built into the scene, but the heads and arms are their own.

An example of Soudeikine's simplicity is in the setting for a Danish dance. The stage holds only a huge dinner plate, stood on edge, showing fishing boats painted in blue.

In a few places the show falls flat. These are the sentimental songs, which are a little better than the horrors perpetrated between pictures at our movie "palaces," relieved, perhaps, of some of their banality by the fact that one can not understand the language in which they are sung.

Balieff himself sometimes actually uses a word identifiable as English. His principal effect lies in the way he ends his sentences when one is expecting him to say more.

Musically, the climax of the second bill, is in the gypsy scene. Some forty voices join in a great, roaring, bawling wild chorus, as the curtain falls.

British Rail Tie-Up Ends; Victory, Says J. Bromley

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON.—The new labor government cleared its first hurdle thru settlement of the national railway strike which was reached at 5 o'clock this morning after an all-night conference of railway managers and union leaders.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald learned the news over the telephone before breakfast and left for Edinburgh shortly afterwards on a private visit, obviously a greatly relieved man.

J. Bromley, leader of the striking locomotive engineers and firemen, said after the conference broke up: "The terms reached were most satisfactory. The men will return to work immediately."

Another strike official said the service would be back to normal by night.

The strike lasted just eight days. The men went out on the night of the 20th, after negotiations failed. The strike was timed to coincide with wage reductions authorized by the national wage board, to which engineers and firemen objected.

The walkout affected some 70,000 men, traffic was tied up on some lines and ran disjointedly and spasmodically on others; there was some violence in Scotland but no casualties; motor lorries and airplanes were used in great numbers to relieve the situation.

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U. of M. Students Show Value of Higher Education

MISSOULA, Mont. — Three University of Montana students today confessed that they framed the hold-up of the Missoula Postoffice, in which they obtained more than \$30,000, it was announced by police. They are Robert A. Hetter, Boston; Robert Quackter, Butte, and Bernard A. Quennell, Kalispell, Mont.

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DETROIT, MICH.

READERS ATTENTION

NOTICE—A meeting of the members of the Workers Party in Detroit is called for Friday, Feb. 1st, at 8:00 P. M., in the House of the Masses, 2101 Gratiot Ave., for the purpose of making final arrangements to take care of the Lenin Memorial Meeting, which will be held in Arena Gardens, 5810 Woodward Ave., Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at 2:00 P. M. sharp. An overflow meeting is expected, and an efficient handling of the crowd will require a perfect organization. All Party members will therefore attend the Friday evening meeting to receive their assignment of work for Sunday afternoon.

8,500,000 Women at Work in U. S. and Mostly Poorly Paid

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Industrial hygiene, social legislation, compensation work and labor education were foremost among the issues discussed at the Consumers' league conference here.

Speaking on occupational diseases, Dr. Alice Hamilton, Harvard medical school, dwelt upon the primitive status of protection against industrial diseases in America. The frequency of lead poisoning is 15 times greater in America than in British potteries, she said. "Meanwhile," added Dr. Hamilton, "the use of dangerous substances in our industries is increasing."

Difficulties which confront the American worker, seeking compensation in case of illness or injury, were described by Mrs. Maud Swartz, National Women's Trade Union league. The worker does not know the law. Often, he does not even understand the language of the court. Mrs. Swartz concluded by indicating measures now being undertaken to aid women workers in legal and medical affairs.

Miss Mary Anderson, director, women's bureau, U. S. department of labor, reported 8,500,000 women at work in the United States, and more than 2,000,000 of these married. The speaker described women's situation in American industry as "the most monotonous and most poorly paid."

High Living Costs Hit France Hard; People Dissatisfied

PARIS.—The high cost of living has hit France with a vengeance. France is at the beginning of the same economic crisis thru which the little "neutral" countries had to pass right after the world war, and which Austria and Germany are still facing.

The best index to the dissatisfied temper of the people is the recent demonstration of the Paris policemen who were mercilessly clubbed down by the soldiery.

Following the police, the civil service and government employes of every description are now holding a series of protest meetings, in Paris, Lyons, Angers and many provincial cities. They are urgently clamoring for better pay to meet the rising cost of living.

French Legions Dominate Europe But Franc Drops

PARIS—France has taken the position formerly occupied by Germany in Europe. The legions of France are now superior in numbers and efficiency to the armed hosts of the Kaiser before the fatal August day in 1914, when the goose step of Wilhelm's army corps shook Europe.

In spite of a declining birth rate, France hopes to maintain her present military hegemony by military alliances across all the way from Belgium in Western Europe to Poland in Eastern Europe.

The only fly in the French ointment just now is the Franc. It is falling steadily and while not yet a vaudeville joke like the mark its condition is serious enough to warrant calling in the financial doctors.

Courts for the Orgy.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The injunction sought by the government to restrain the New York coffee and sugar exchange from speculative dealings in futures which was refused by the federal court in New York, was also refused by the supreme court today.

In appealing to the supreme court, the attorney general charged that an "orgy of speculation in raw sugar from February to April, 1923 resulted in the artificial increase in the price of sugar from \$3.56 to \$5.97 per hundred pounds.

SWEET CHARITY
Cleveland has just finished its drive for \$4,200,000.00 for the filling of its charity chest, to meet the needs of its destitute citizens for the coming year.

The papers are full of slush about the "or, and how the "big-hearted corporations" are donating thousands of dollars to relieve the suffering of these unfortunates.

Alongside of the story of the starving workers is the statement that the American Steel pays an extra dividend of 1.1-4 per cent on its stock.

This Bid Leads Ford.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A bill authorizing acceptance of the offer for Muscle Shoals made by the Alabama Power company and its associates, was introduced in the house today by Representative Hull, Iowa, leading opponent of the bid for the project made by Henry Ford.

The Industries for the workers!

Additional Facts Unearthed by Daily Worker Show Probe of Firetrap Mere White Wash

The report of the second day's work of the investigator from the board of education, the bureau of fire prevention and building commissioners' office gives further ground for the charge made by the DAILY WORKER that the inspection being carried on by these offices under the direction of the business manager of the board of education is a mere whitewash.

Mr. Daniel E. Burns, the business manager, said the reports indicated that "There is nothing to be alarmed about. Nothing startling has been uncovered. All the schools visited by the inspectors passed the inspection all right."

The investigation is being carried on under Mr. Burns' personal direction. Inspectors from the bureau of fire prevention and the building commissioner's office have been assigned to work with an inspector from the engineer's office of the board of education. These three inspectors make their reports directly to Mr. Burns.

A week ago when the bureau of fire prevention made their yearly report to the Mayor they said that a list of public schools which are a menace to life would be sent him. In spite of the fact that two inspectors have been working on the preparation of the list for a week it is not yet ready. Is this list being held up until the board of education white washes itself?

New Architect Appointed
It will be recalled that the board of education appointed a new architect, who will have charge of the engineering department, and the department which handles the repair and remodeling of old school buildings. This appointment followed within a few days the statement of the chief engineer of the board that more than fifty public schools are unsafe and unfit for use.

Has the board of education appointed a new architect and given him control of the engineering department in order to have some one to stand between the public and the man who declared fifty or more school buildings unfit for use?

Visit Fallon School
One of the schools visited by the inspectors Monday was the Fallon school, at Wallace and Root Sts., in the district "behind the yards." The Fallon school has classes for crippled children and is not an ordinary school. Special attention has been paid there to the needs of crippled children. The fire inspectors found every thing "all right."

That they should find every thing "all right" is not surprising since the Fallon school has been devoting itself to special problems. Mr. Burns did not say what other schools were visited by the inspectors but did say they found every thing "all right" in the schools they did visit.

Yesterday the DAILY WORKER investigator visited the Moseley school, at S. Michigan Ave. and 24th St. In that school more than a thousand children are accommodated in 24 rooms with 882 seats. Twelve divisions of the school are on the double shift system. The first class attends from 8:00 a. m. to 12:15 and the second from 12:30 till 4:00 p. m.

Built in 1856
The school, a three story building, the original part of which was erected in 1856 does not have either fire escapes or a sprinkler system. The fire extinguishers are of the oldest style and few in number.

The pupils are mostly Negro children. The discipline seems to be very lax.

The stairs are of the winding narrow sort found in most of the older school buildings. There is nothing fire proof about the building. In many of the class rooms a low partition a few feet from the wall serves as a cloak room.

The assembly room is an ordinary class room. The chairs used are not fastened to the floor. The gymnasium is also an ordinary class room with very little gym equipment.

There are classes for subnormal, anaemic and tubercular children. The rest room for the tubercular children is an ordinary class room with army cots and in no way adapted for the special use to which it is put.

Lunch Room Inadequate.
The lunch room serves more than 250 children a day and is small and inadequate. The boys' toilet is in the basement and the equipment is of the oldest sort. The place is dark and damp. Because the boys play room in the basement is darker and dirtier on cold and wet days many of the boys hang around the toilet, using it as a play room.

Many of the younger children's class rooms are on the third floor. Since there is no fire escape this is especially dangerous. The principal, Leona Thorne, said that she could not see the good of fire escapes as many of the children would not know how to use them. She herself was not sure she could use one, she added.

In contrast to the building used as a school by the children of workers is the Standard Club, across Michigan avenue. It is housed in a large stone building with fire escapes on four sides. It is equipped with elevators and a magnificent gymnasium that is used about a tenth as much as the school gym. In contrast to the facilities for the tubercular children the club has several sun parlors and a fine roof garden.

Club Furnishes Big Contrast.
Almost any one of the rooms in the club would make two of the school rooms. The school has 21 teachers, the club has nearly a hundred servants. The school has poor light, the club is well equipped with

Welcome the Daily Worker Distributed at Public Schools

Members of the Young Workers League, in co-operation with The DAILY WORKER, are distributing copies of The DAILY WORKER at various schools in Chicago. Sam Green, who is in charge of the work for the Y. W. L., reports that both the older children at the schools and their parents are very much interested in the articles on the schools.

In South Chicago, near the Thorp school, Green says the parents to whom he gave The DAILY WORKER praised its courage in exposing the school conditions and the point of view of the articles. Many of the people to whom he gave the papers asked where they could get copies regularly so as to be able to follow the articles from day to day.

The school ashes and most modern system of indirect lighting. The school ashes and garbage are piled up in the playground next to one of the entrances. The club has its garbage taken from an alley in the rear, far away from the entrance where the members pass. The club has a fine library; the school has none.

The people who belong to the club are rich, the kids who go to the Moseley school are the kids of the workers.

DEFENSE COUNCIL TO TELL SENATE LIST OF OUTRAGES

Pennsylvania Facts to Go Before Committee

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Facts regarding the violation of constitutional rights of the workers by officers of various subdivisions of the United States government will be presented to the senate committee on education and labor of which Senator Borah is chairman.

After a conference with Andrew T. McNamara, president of District Council No. 6, of International Association of Machinists and chairman of the Labor Defense and Free Speech Council of Western Pennsylvania, and Fred H. Merrick, district organizer Workers Party of Pittsburgh, and Jay Lovestone; Senator Borah agreed to have the facts of the denial of civil liberties to the Pittsburgh and McKeesport workers presented to his committee when it will open the hearings on his bill making the violation of civil liberties by an officer of the United States government punishable by a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment of ten years.

The Labor Defense and Free Speech Council of Western Pennsylvania, is now gathering all evidence regarding the violation of constitutional rights of the workers and is preparing to put its whole case before the senate committee as soon as it is called. In the meanwhile all defense efforts will be renewed with redoubled energies in the Pittsburgh district.

Work Daily for "The Daily!"

What Will They Do Now?
LINCOLN, Neb.—President A. A. Murphey of the University of Florida, William Jennings Bryan's candidate for president, does not agree with the commoner that principles of evolution should not be taught in institutions of learning, according to a letter received by Chancellor Avery of Nebraska university from four professors at the University of Florida.

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