

FRENCH LABOR BODY LIMITS STRIKE ORDER

Only Moral Support Given in Rail Men's Fight for Wage Raise.

WAR RULES REIMPOSED

PARIS, March 1.—The general federation of labor, which has assumed the direction of the French railway strike, today announced that it has refused to allow the strike called in sympathy with the railway men to be extended. The federation will extend its moral support only.

The strike situation remained stationary today. The cities' food supply, government officials said, was assured. Precautions in all the larger cities in the strike have been ordered to commandeer automobiles and other means of transportation where necessary to insure proper distribution of foods.

WAB TIME BILL PASSED

To prevent a fuel shortage the government announced that all war time coal restrictions will be imposed, beginning today. The restrictions include early closing of restaurants, theaters and amusement places. All strikers subject to military duty are being mobilized.

Resistance caused by the strikers has been inaugurated attempting to prevent the government from carrying out its policy of mobilization.

Marcel Hulin, in an article in the Echo de Paris, asserted that Minister Millerand, in his organization of a permanent civil guard composed of technicians and citizens to fight revolutionary strikes.

MORE SPECIFIC DEMANDS MODIFIED

The strikers today apparently had abandoned their more specific demands, particularly for a promise of immediate nationalization of the rail lines and were seeking to make the issues of a more general nature. A majority of trains, taking the entire country into consideration, were reported running regularly.

Early indications were that the strike should not have been born out and although the public was rushing madly to buy in stores of food, there was little fear on the part of authorities of a severe shortage.

Woman Says Arrest Trick to Get Mines

CHICAGO, March 1.—Asserting that her arrest was caused by persons who want to obtain control of "Mexican mining properties worth millions of dollars," Mrs. Jennie H. Strong, president of the La Cobre Mining company, who was brought here under arrest from El Paso charged with operating a confidence game, was given a preliminary hearing today in a police court.

The mining company's chief property is a copper mine in Sonora. Mrs. Strong's attorney, however, about by stockholders, retorting, she said, "from a criminal conspiracy by other officials of the company to clear their own skirts."

Will Raise Funds to Finance City's June Centennial



Bryn Mawr Girls Denied Court Peeps

NEW YORK, March 1.—District Attorney Swann refused permission for Bryn Mawr girl students to visit the night court to study sociology, decrying "the modern tendency that leads to exploration of sewers to see if they are filthy."

ISRAELITES' STORY FEATURE OF FETE

Jewish Observance Wednesday Includes Reading of Esther.

The book of Esther will be read in Jewish synagogues Wednesday in honor of the festival of Purim, a minor holiday which is observed in social and religious circles as a day of mirth and gaiety by those of Jewish faith.

The book tells a Scriptural story of the miraculously escape of the people of Israel from a dire fate in the Persian temple. For centuries the reading of the book of Esther has been accompanied by a display of commendation on the part of Jewish congregations of Mordecai, the savior of the people, and Queen Esther receives hearty applause while Haman, the arch enemy, is derided.

The day is set aside for one of social enjoyment and those in distress are presented with gifts to gladden their hearts. Jewish families also emphasize the festive spirit with extra delicacies at mealtime.

Wisconsin Alumni Clubs Here Merged

The men's and women's organizations of the Wisconsin alumni of Indianapolis have merged into one organization, to be known as the Indianapolis Wisconsin Alumni Association. The action was taken at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buchanan, 316 North Pennsylvania street.

Robert Brewer was elected president of the combined organization. Miss Mary A. Ashby was elected vice president and Howard Tomlinson secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Mills' committee is composed of Gilbert Phillips, manager of the Fletcher American Company; Chester Jewett of the Union Trust Company; John B. Reynolds, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and B. J. Salzgaber of the Mutual Printing Company.

General plans for financing the celebration probably will be announced in a few days.

Find Deserted Baby Twins Dead in Gary

GARY, Ind., March 1.—A bundle found along the Wabash railroad right of way at Georgia street in Gary this afternoon, disclosed the dead bodies of new born twins. The only identification is a laundry mark found on the sheet in which the bodies had been wrapped.

League of Nations Plan Probe of Russia

PARIS, March 1.—The executive committee of the league of nations will meet here March 12 to organize a commission to investigate conditions in Russia.

The Indiana Wall Paper Company opened its new wholesale house today. The building at 27 and 29 East Maryland street, formerly occupied by the Indiana Paper Company will house the wholesale department only. The retail store will continue in the same quarters at 21 Virginia avenue, occupying the entire building, brought to Maryland street. Paper hangers and painter supplies of every description are handled in stock.

MODERN SCHOOL DISPLACING RED ONE-ROOM HOUSE

Consolidation Growing With Autos and Community Wagons.

The little red brick schoolhouse of one room, in which a patient teacher labored with the budding intellects of the smart and sturdy of all ages, is being rapidly ousted by a place in the home with the family survey and other outgrown institutions of American rural life. L. N. Hines, state superintendent of public instruction, said today.

Consolidation of country schools, made possible by the automobile and the introduction of community wagons, is pushing the modern school into the neighborhood school out of the world.

MARION RANKS THIRD IN CONSOLIDATION.

In 1890 there were 8,853 one-room schools in the state. Today there are 4,880. More than 45 per cent have been discontinued as a result of consolidation.

In consolidated schools, more advanced teaching and modern educational equipment are provided for the education of country children. There are 1,002 consolidated schools in Indiana in place of the abandoned one-room schools.

Randolph county has abandoned 92.1 per cent of its one-room schools; Montgomery county is second with a percentage of 91.4, and Marion county, third, with 90.08 per cent. Of 315 one-room schools in Randolph county in 1890, only nine remain; of ninety-eight such schools in Marion county, nine remain.

In Martin and Pike counties, not seem to be particularly to the consolidation idea, as they have many one-room schools today than in 1890. The six most backward counties in the state in this respect are Harrison, Orange, Monroe, Crawford, Martin and Pike. Crawford has seventy-five one-room schools, the same number as thirty years ago.

Consolidated schools of the state have cost an average of \$20,287 each. Shop work is provided in 234 buildings, home economics laboratories in 331 and agricultural laboratories in 231. Forty-nine have auditoriums for community gatherings. There are 4,103 school wagons in use in the state. The average time spent by a pupil each day in riding is one hour.

Irish Bond Drive Winds Up March 17

The Indiana Wall Paper Company opened its new wholesale house today. The building at 27 and 29 East Maryland street, formerly occupied by the Indiana Paper Company will house the wholesale department only.

The total amount of subscriptions in Indianapolis is reported to be near \$12,000,000. Subscribers in the city were removed today to 312 Law building.

A meeting of the general committee will be held next Sunday afternoon at the Hotel English. P. J. Hannan, city chairman for the drive, announces that a mass meeting will be held in Tomlinson hall March 17.

WALL-SWEET DISTRICTS IDLE.

ROME, March 1.—Ceasare Nava, minister of liberated regions, has issued a statement asserting that 100,000 persons are idle in the war-devastated districts. Most of these people, Nava said, are Italians repatriated by the war.

John W. Kirk, 80, Observes Birthday

John W. Kirk, 80 years old, observed his twentieth birthday yesterday with a family reunion at his home, 231 Beville street.

Mr. Kirk was born in Henry county, Kentucky, Feb. 29, 1840. He served three years with the Thirty-seventh Indiana volunteers during the Civil war. His family consists of six sons and one daughter, twenty-five grandchildren and one great grandchild, besides a wife to whom he was married Feb. 4, who was Mrs. Sarah J. Donovan, widow of a Civil war veteran. She is the third Mrs. Kirk.

Margaret Iilly, a leap year baby, observed her first birthday yesterday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Iilly, 809 Cottage avenue.

Clarence H. Mack, 1613 South East street, a dentist in the Occidental building, observed his fifth birthday yesterday. He is 24 years old.

Accused of Assault on 4-Year-Old Girl

Joseph Detrick, 43, of 931 East Maryland street, is held on a serious charge today.

He is accused by Louis Newton, 324 East Maryland street, and Fred Smith, 725 Bates street, of having assaulted a 4-year-old girl. The police say Detrick confessed misconduct toward the child.

France Honors War Worker Once Here

Cass Connaway, former Indianapolis attorney, received the decoration as officer de l'Instruction Publique from the French government in recognition of services rendered during the war as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in France, according to word received here. Mr. Connaway is now living in New York.

Louisville, Ky., where they will attend the annual meeting of the Central Electric Railway association.

D. E. Smith, professor at Purdue university, will speak March 11 on "Economic Use of Electricity for Car Purposes." R. G. Custer of the Interstate Public Service Company, will speak Wednesday afternoon, March 10.

Gives \$3,457,350 in Year for Education

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Trolley Men Going on Trip March 9

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Louisville, Ky., where they will attend the annual meeting of the Central Electric Railway association.

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Total Insurance placed and paid for in 1919 \$1,418,681,492

The largest amount ever placed in one year by any Company in the World.

Gain in Insurance in Force in 1919 \$914,140,618

More than ever has been gained in one year by any Company in the World.

Number of Policies in Force December 31, 1919 21,770,671

Larger than that of any other Company in America.

Gain in Number of Outstanding Policies 1,986,410

Larger than any Company in the World has ever gained in one year.

Assets \$864,821,824.55

Increase in Assets during 1919 \$89,367,126.27

Larger than that of any other Company in the World.

Liabilities \$835,736,487.38

Surplus \$29,085,337.17

Number of Claims paid in 1919 289,125

Averaging one policy paid for every 30 seconds of each business day of 8 hours.

Amount paid to Policy-holders in 1919 \$73,581,759.91

Payment of claims averaged \$505.93 a minute of each business day of 8 hours.

Metropolitan Nurses made 1,300,883 visits free of charge to 256,000 sick Industrial Policy-holders.

Metropolitan men distributed over Twelve Millions of pieces of literature on health.

Bringing the total distribution to over 200,000,000.

Reduction in general mortality at ages 1 to 74 in 8 years 17.9 per cent.

Typhoid reduction, 69 per cent.; Tuberculosis, over 33 per cent.; Heart disease, over 23 per cent.; Bright's disease, over 25 per cent.; Infectious diseases of children, over 46 per cent.

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