

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. Prefects 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 food.

WAR TIME RULES TO BE IMPOSED.

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 five arrests.

The government has inaugurated mail plane service for distribution of mails and other essentials between Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Bordeaux, Strasbourg, Brussels, London, Tours and Dijon to be continued throughout the strike.

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 of a dangerous food shortage had not been borne out and although the public was rushing madly to lay 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 LaCobrina 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 claim in Sonora, Mrs. Strong's arrest was brought about by stockholders, resulting, 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



FRED HOKE.

General plans for the financing of the Indianapolis centennial celebration, to be held in June, are being worked out by Fred Hoke of the Holcomb & Hoke Manufacturing Company, and Fred Mills, executive secretary of the board in charge of arrangements for the world's advertising convention also to be held here in June.

Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Mills as chairman of the budget committee was made today by Aquila Q. Jones, vice chairman of the general centennial committee. Mr. Mills will work out the cost of the centennial celebration. Fred Hoke is chairman of the committee on finance, and it will be under his direction that details of the plans for financing the celebration will be worked out.

Mr. Mills's committee is composed of Gilbert Clippinger of the Fletcher American Company, Chester Jewett of the Union Trust Company, John B. Reynolds, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and E. J. Salzgeber 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

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.
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.

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, deprecating 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 miraculous escape of the people of Israel from a dire fate in the Persian empire. For centuries the reading of the book of Esther has been accompanied by a display of commendation on the part of Jewish congregations. Mordecai, the savior of the people, and Queen Esther receive hearty applause while Hannah, the arch enemy, is derided.

The day is set aside as 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, 3119 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.

Indiana Wall Paper Co. Opens New Store

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 23 Virginia avenue, occupying the entire building through to Maryland street. Paper hangers and painters' supplies of every description are handled in stock.

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.

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 dumb of all ages, is being rapidly relegated to a place in limbo with the family surrey 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 one-room 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 1,880. More than 45 per cent have been discontinued as a result of consolidations. In consolidated schools corps of trained teachers 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 91.1, and Marion county third, with 90.8 per cent. Of 115 one-room schools in Randolph county in 1890, only nine remain; of ninety-eight such schools in Marion county, nine remain.

Martin and Pike counties do not seem to have taken kindly to the consolidation idea, as they have more 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 4,193 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 "Irish republic" bond certificate drive will not end until St. Patrick's day, March 17, it was announced today. The total amount of subscriptions in Indianapolis is reported to be near \$12,000. Headquarters for the drive 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. Hansen, city chairman for the drive, announces that a mass meeting will be held in Tomlinson hall March 17.

WAR-SWEPT DISTRICTS IDLE.

ROME, March 1.—Cesare 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 avenue.

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, a 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 and a lifetime friend of Mr. Kirk. She is the third Mrs. Kirk.

Margaret Lily, a leap year baby, observed her first birthday yesterday at

the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lily, 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 932 East Maryland street, is held on a serious charge today.

He is accused by Louis Newton, 934 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 Conaway, 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. Conaway is now living in New York.

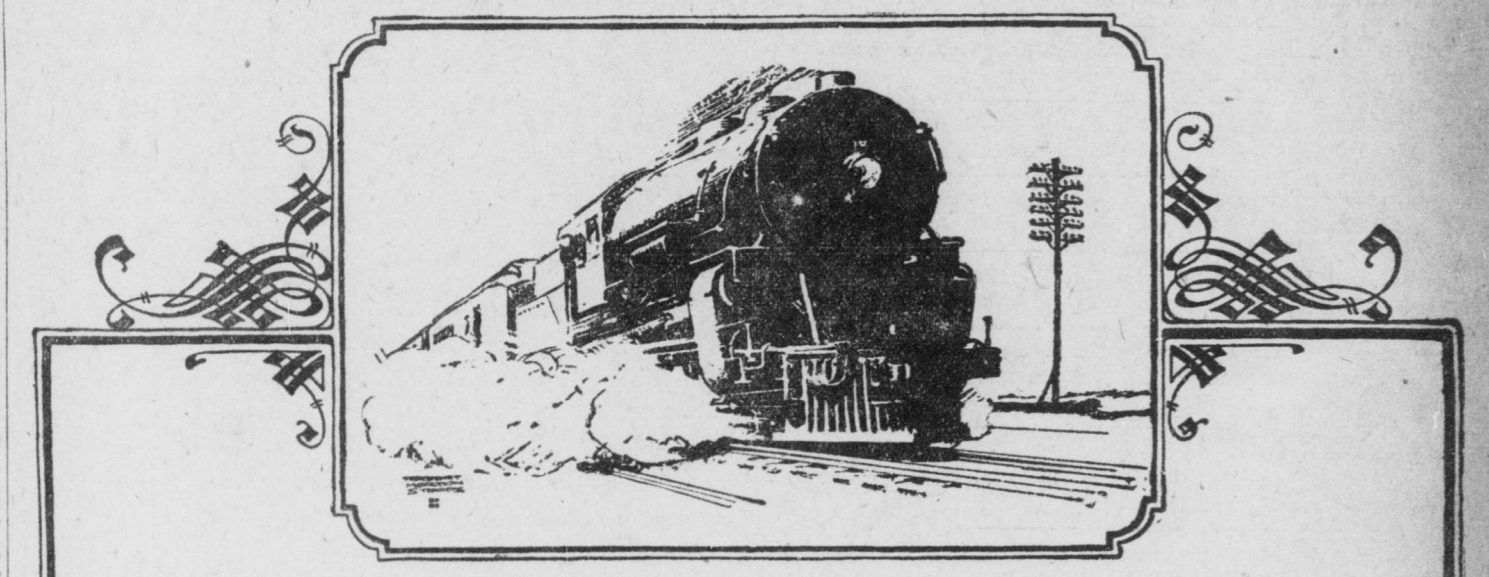
Trolley Men Going on Trip March 9

A special interurban car will leave Indianapolis at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of March 9 to carry Indianapolis men to

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

NEW YORK, March 1.—Appropriations aggregating \$3,457,350 were made during the last year to universities, colleges and other educational institutions by the general education board, founded by John D. Rockefeller. The annual report has just been made public.



THE NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES have been demobilized. Once more they are in the hands of their owners. We are proud of our war record. Whatever we could do to help win the war was done gladly and with the zeal of patriotism which animated every good American. By reason of our superior equipment and splendid personnel, we were able to contribute to the country an efficient, never-failing transportation service which played an important part in bringing victory.

CHANGED conditions confront the railroads of the country, presenting for solution serious problems. Our rolling-stock is depleted, for, during the war, purchases could not keep pace with the demands of traffic. It will be impossible to restore overnight all the refinements of service which made this the best railroad in the country, or for that matter, in the world. But that will be done, as quickly as lies within human power. We are fully alive to our responsibilities to the public. We want the co-operation and good-will of the public and the public's representatives, the officials of the federal government and the various States which we serve, and intend to deserve them in fullest measure.

TO that end, we purpose to discuss frankly with the public our policies, our ideals, our service, our equipment, our personnel. We want to retain old friends and to make new ones on the basis of thorough knowledge and understanding. Thus we can serve the public as it should be served by a modern, efficient railroad.

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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.

In general reduction and in each case of disease, this is far greater than that shown by statistics of the Registration Area of the United States.

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