

RAPS LABOR'S WAR RECORD AS BREEDING EVIL

President Metal Trades Association Calls Adamson Law 'Vicious.'

SUPPORTS 'OPEN SHOP'

Criticism of political methods of the American Federation of Labor and its attitude in the war was voiced by John W. O'Leary, president of the National Metal Trades association, and James A. Emery, general counsel for the National Industrial Council, at the annual dinner of the Indianapolis branch of the Metal Trades association last night.

Mr. O'Leary, who served in the president's industrial conference as a representative of employers, and who was identified with labor conditions throughout the war, described the trend of industrial conditions throughout the country the last six years.

H. G. Meyers of the Chandler and Taylor company, was nominated for president of the Indianapolis branch by approval of the nominating committee's report. Others nominated were: W. D. Oakes of the Oakes Manufacturing company, vice president; L. M. Walworth of the Diamond Chain company, treasurer; George W. Veldy of the Wieldy Motors company, and Stanley Whitworth of the Stutz Motor company, members of the executive committee.

The rapidly changing events of great moment have been taking place has created in the American people a tendency to give up in despair, and to try and escape, said Mr. O'Leary in his address. "It is only a natural result of the sequence of events but it is none the less dangerous."

CALLS 'OPEN SHOP'

AMERICAN POLICY.

"Six years ago the world broke so suddenly as to amaze a large part of the civilized world. The allies, at least, were caught unprepared. The country adopted a policy of neutrality, politically. Our commerce was at first depressed, but soon replaced what had been lost with enormous war material contracts from the other side."

"For years we had followed the strictly American policy in industry of large production by independent workmen. Individual initiative and a high standard of living characterized all forms of industrial endeavor. That policy is called by some the 'open shop.' I like to call it the American policy."

"Germany had trade unionism, but unions were actually under government control and were government instruments; the Russian policy of handling labor was to keep workmen ignorant and under oppression, and England had pure trade unionism, so powerfully developed that before the war came she had reached a place where she was no longer a factor in world trade."

HOLDS ADAMSON LAW 'VICIOUS'

"Due to lost time in England and other conditions which militated against the allies, the time came when America had to go into the war for self-preservation. We may fool ourselves with talk of idealism, but that is what we entered the war for. We began a hysterical attempt to find ourselves; we had no plan, and we were stumbling for the best methods to follow."

"While America was thus engaged a few men were trying to gain a great advantage for themselves. They went to Washington and with threats demanded concessions which they never could have won in time of peace. Congress passed the Adamson law, the most vicious and costly measure ever adopted in this country."

"The war labor conference board was appointed, and despite our best efforts, production went down instead of up. There was more strikes in this country in the war than in any other period of similar length in the nation's history. Wages went up and up and working hours in this crucial time went down and down."

"We were in serious danger of being forced into a line of action that would have proved ruinous to American industry when the armistice came."

FOUGHT IT OUT ON STEEL STRIKE

"We had tried going with the unions; we had tried profit-sharing; we had tried shorter hours, and always with the result that production was worse off than before."

"The country didn't really wake up until the steel strike came. Then we learned that there was an 'out-and-out plan afoot to force syndicalism on industry. We fought it out and won."

Mr. Emery declared the federation of labor refused to relinquish its strike policy in the war when the country was fighting for its life. An announcement was made after a conference between Mr. Gompers and government representatives that a truce had been declared by labor for the war period, he declared, and said that Mr. Gompers denied it the next day.

"The federation demanded for working men exemption from the draft," Mr. Emery said, "and exemption especially for the organization's organizers and field agents, who were needed, it was said, to keep labor at work. Mr. Gompers demanded that workmen at home should be accorded all the respect and governmental consideration due fighting men. And yet this group retained the right to strike at any time from their 10 a day war task, while a soldier at the front would be shot at sunrise for relaxing for a moment and sleeping on duty."

\$5,000 Verdict Against Indianapolis Firm

Special to The Times.

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 17.—A jury has returned a verdict in the case of Harvey L. Patten against the Indiana Electrotape Company and Indiana F. Ham, awarding the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$5,000 on account of personal injuries. The case came here on a change of venue from Marion county.

Ham was driving an automobile truck belonging to the electrotape company and the machine collided with a motorcycle which Patten was riding. The evidence showed that the plaintiff was badly hurt. The accident occurred in Indianapolis a year ago.

Franchise League

There will be a meeting of the Twelfth ward league school at the McCarty street branch library tonight at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Henry Newman is in charge of the meeting and Mrs. Robert Huggins is the instructor.

The league is starting a class in one of the colored wards tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. George W. Cable, 411 North West street, will be the hostess and Mrs. Frank Doudican the speaker.

Zeta Sigma Phi sorority of DePaul, an honorary journalistic organization, has invited the Franchise league women to Greenfield next Wednesday to hear Miss Evelyn Pankhurst talk on "What I Saw in Russia." Members desiring to attend are asked to see Mrs. Tucker at league headquarters.

There will be a meeting of the Franchise league in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Richard Edwards of Peru will talk on "The League of Women Voters." Mrs. Edwards is the only Indiana woman among the national officers of the league and has just returned from attending the national convention.

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barton

THE DISCONTENTED DUCK.

"QUACK! Quack! Quack!" The sound came from a swamp beside the road in Topsy-Turvy Land, where Nancy and Nick were trotting along happily, looking for Jocko. It was a sorrowful, sad quack, and instantly the twins stopped, anxious to help anything in trouble.

"Where are you?" called Nick, "and what's the matter? What's your name?"

"I was a duck once. I don't know what I am now. Come and look," came the answer.

"Why, you're still a duck!" exclaimed Nick, peering through the weeds. "Only your tail looks queer!"

"Doesn't it, though!" said the duck. "I just caught a glimpse of myself in the water, and I must say I'm a sight. But I got what I wanted. I never had a tail, you know, just a nub that waggled when I walked. And I always admired the black Minorca rooster's tail so, especially when the sun made it all bronze and blue. It seemed I just had to have that tail—"



"I was a duck once. I don't know what I am now," came the answer, or one like it. So one day when the Fairy Queen visited the barnyard and asked if we were all happy, I said I wasn't, and told her why.

"Well," said she, "I can fix that, only you'll have to live in Topsy-Turvy Land. You can't stay here any more. People wouldn't know what kind of a bird you were."

"Just give me what I want," I said, "and I'll live anywhere."

"So she waved her wand and here I came with my new tail feathers! And now I'm not only ugly, but I have no friends and I miss the grubs under the woodpile."

Nancy took a pair of sharp, shiny scissors from her pocket and held them up. "Perhaps I can cut your tail off," she said.

"Oh, will you?" exclaimed the duck, gratefully. And what happened then I'll tell you tomorrow.—Copyright, 1920, N. E. A.

BRIGHTWOOD IN CRY FOR HELP

New Club Demands Better Streets and Car Service.

The Lenox Improvement club, with thirty-four members, was organized last night at a meeting held in the Omer J. Wisheart Grocery, 2002 North LaSalle street. The object of the club is to obtain much needed improvements in the northwest section of the district known as Brightwood. This includes the territory between Olney and Oxford streets and Twenty-fifth and Thirty-fourth streets. The newly formed club is in no way connected with the Brightwood Civic club.

H. W. Clark was elected temporary chairman and Fletcher L. Humphrey, secretary. Officers of the club will be elected at a meeting called for the Wisheart store next Wednesday night. Committees were appointed to confer with the board of works in an effort to have the streets north of Twenty-fifth street and west of Olney street put in condition so the fire department can reach fires in that district. The streets are now impassable, and at a recent fire the apparatus became stuck in the mud.

Another committee was named to appeal to the board of works to give the residents of the Lenox addition street car service by granting an extension of the Brightwood line on Dearborn street. Many residents of that district have to walk from five to ten blocks to reach a street car.

New Coal Deposits Found by French

LYONS, March 17.—Deposits of coal have been discovered near Lyons and in the departments of Soane and Nièvre. Anthracite has also been found recently at Colombiers, in the department of Cher.

Convention Must Pick Legion Flower

An American legion flower can be selected by a convention, who will not make his name known, to be added to its memorial fund as a memorial to Clarence Miller, who died last week.

Mr. Miller was treasurer of English's opera house. The donor made the gift in recognition of his thoughtfulness and courtesy in his dealings with the public, the donor having known Mr. Miller only

ASK COMMUNITY HOUSE FUNDS

Campaign Launched by Citizens of Brookside Park.

A campaign for funds to build a community house in Brookside park was launched today.

Thirty-five citizens of the First ward met at school No. 54 last night and organized the Brookside War Memorial association, which will have charge of the campaign. The meeting was called by the Housewives' league and Mrs. H. G. Blume, president of the league, presided.

Arthur Butler was elected chairman of the association; Frederick P. Nervous, first vice chairman; Homer Williamson, second vice chairman; J. J. Madden, third vice chairman; Charles Dolmer, fourth vice chairman; Charles Dolmer, recording secretary, and W. S. Soyner, treasurer.

Plans for the proposed building were discussed and a survey of the community was decided upon. This will be carried out this week in connection with the campaign for funds.

The park board has planned to build a \$25,000 shelterhouse in the park and has offered to assist with the financial end of the new proposition if the community house contains this feature.

Gives as Memorial to Clarence Miller

The Children's Aid association has received a gift from a physician, who will not make his name known, to be added to its memorial fund as a memorial to Clarence Miller, who died last week.

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This Girl, 21, Has Only 22 Hubbies

DAYTON, O., March 17.—Claiming that their "wife" has twenty-two husbands and is divorced from none of them, Thirtie Sallie of Cincinnati and James Nick of Dayton, jointly asked the police today to arrest Margaret Foster, 21, on a charge of bigamy. She now is said to be in Springfield, O.

Sallie claims she married the woman at Cheviot, O., Feb. 16, 1920, and Nick claims to have wed her March 10. They are joining in the hunt for their alleged common wife.

through contact at the theater box office.

The Children's Aid association memorial fund is composed of many gifts which have been made in memory of deceased persons, the proceeds being used to alleviate distress among small children of the city.

Tiger Charge Costs Fine and Sentence

Ernest Smock, 323 East Market street, former merchant policeman, was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to serve thirty days on the penal farm on a charge of operating a blind tiger. He was tried before Judge Pritchard in city court yesterday afternoon.

Smock was arrested by Sergeant Dean and Russell in company with J. M. McCall, merchant policeman, when it was alleged that the two were engaged in the manufacture of liquor. Mrs. Seeman Cook, whose husband operates a soft drink place on Senate avenue, was fined \$100 and cost and sentenced to serve thirty days in the woman's prison on charges of violating the prohibition law.

WILSON FRAMES NOTE ON TURKEY

Polk Expected to Forward Message Soon.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Wilson has stated his views on the Turkish question in a communication to Under Secretary of State Polk.

It is understood this communication will be used as the basis of a communication which will go forward to the allies in reply to their message informing this government of the tentative agreement for the settlement of the Turkish problem.

It is probable the president is in conflict with the proposed settlement. The agreement provides that the sultan shall remain in Constantinople, although Turkish military forces shall be withdrawn. The president has heretofore been of the opinion that the sultan should not be permitted to remain in Europe.

Provisions for the recognition of the independence of Armenia met with the approval of the president. The proposed settlement, however, draws no boundary lines for Armenia and it is likely the president will offer some suggestions along these lines.

Prince of Wales Goes to Australia

LONDON, March 17.—The prince of Wales left Victoria station today for Portsmouth to sail on the cruiser Renown for his tour of Australia. King George, Queen Mary and the other members of the royal family were at the station.

The cheering crowd broke through the police cordon and raced to the train.

WAR WAIFF HAILS DAD, MA AND SIS

Left as Babe in Belgium, He Finds Them in America.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Joe Merck was uncertain today that he can settle down to the quiet life of an American gentleman. The first ten years of his life have been packed with too much excitement.

Joe took up residence with his parents here—with three strangers he was told to accept as father, mother and sister. He didn't know any of them.

The trouble was that at the age 1 year he was left in Belgium when his parents came here. He was sick then. Along came the war and Joe was one of the waifs who successfully fought starvation and brutality.

American Red Cross workers learned his identity and he was sent to his parents here, making the long journey alone.

Soldier Students Make Good Grades

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 17.—Soldier students at University of Michigan have made good with a vengeance. When scholarship records for last semester were completed deans of the colleges announced that not one of the 120 men sent to school here by the government had failed to make the prescribed grades. "Why shouldn't we make good with the government paying all our expenses and \$80 a month besides?" said one of the veterans. "It's the least we can do to show we appreciate it."

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