

HOOVER'S PLEA IGNORED; MANY SLASH WAGES

New Cuts Announced All Over Country; Strikes Are Numerous.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, May 26.—In spite of President Hoover's disapproval of wage reductions, and President William Green's advice that labor resist them, new cuts have been announced during the last week in all parts of the country.

Paramount-Publix has reduced salaries of all employees from 5 to 25 per cent and Warner Bros. are said to be considering a 20 per cent cut. Street car workers in Portland, Ore., have been cut an average of 7½ per cent.

Minnesota's commissioner of forestry has cut wages of fire fighters from 20 to 25 per cent, announcing his belief that idle men are starting fires to get jobs fighting them. A bill is pending in the Alabama legislature to cut salaries of all state employees 20 per cent.

"Booster" Lays Off 1,700

According to "Labor," published by the railroad brotherhoods, the Brooklyn Edison Company has installed a "speeded-up" system which resulted in discharge of 1,700 men. The company's president is Mathew S. Sloan, who attended President Hoover's conferences on the depression. He has been active in unemployment work in Brooklyn.

Twelve new strikes and labor controversies were brought to the labor department's conciliation service for settlement during the week. Three of these concerned layoffs, and nine were wage disputes, the latter involving 3,360 men.

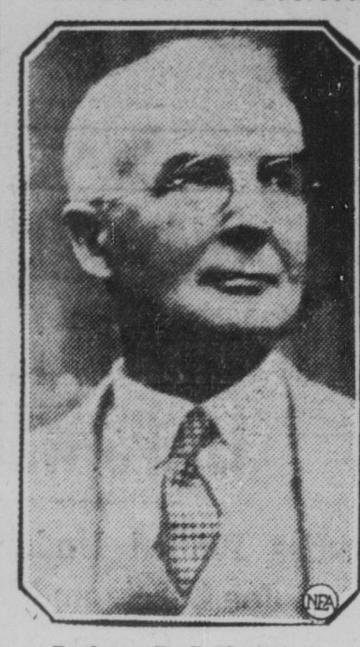
The controversies involve five strikes and three threats of strikes. Bakers at the Mohican market, Pittsburgh, are striking over renewal of a wage agreement; clothing workers at Udelitz & Handelman, New York, over piecework rates; drivers at the Newark Evening News over wages and conditions; and 2,400 rubber workers at the Mishawaka (Ind.) Rubber and Woolen Manufacturing Company, over a wage cut. Miners are on strike from the Knox Consolidated Coal Company, Tere Haute.

Miners Discharged

Discharge of 140 miners by three companies at Wilder, Tenn., threatens to cause three more strikes and to affect 575 more men. Four more controversies all concern wages. Elevator men in Gimbel's department store, Philadelphia, have been cut 20 per cent. Plumbers and steam fitters working for the Erie (Pa.) Sanitary Association were willing to accept a \$1-a-day wage cut, but not a \$3-a-day cut.

Painters in Des Moines and cement workers at the Gulfport (Miss.) Veterans' hospital are involved in the other disputes.

Barred From Citizenship, He Holds to Stand



WIDOW ACCUSED OF POISONING 4 FOR INSURANCE

Kin of Chicago Woman Tell Authorities of Plot to Slay Roomers.

By United Press
CHICAGO, May 26.—Four persons who died in the home of Mrs. Margaret Summers, leaving her as the beneficiary of insurance policies, were killed by arsenic poisoning, Dr. Clarence W. Mehlberger, coroner's physician, testified today at an inquest in which the highest prosecuting officials of the county joined.

Separate coroner's jury verdicts returned in the four deaths accused Mrs. Summers of causing them by administering the arsenic and recommended that the widow be held for the grand jury on murder charges.

Mrs. Summers, dark, short and stout, still wearing a black dress and black coat as mourning symbols, moaned in protest against the accusing testimony offered by Dr. Mehlberger and other witnesses. "No, no," she murmured, wringing her hands and bursting into tears, as she heard herself accused of boasting that she had poisoned her husband, Thomas (Shags) Summers, who died Aug. 9, 1930, and listened to testimony regarding three other deaths.

The testimony offered at the third session of the inquest to determine what killed Summers, Thomas Myers, Mrs. Summers' nephew; William Rileman, 47-year-old peddler, and Thomas Lanagan, the latter two roomers in the Summers home. All died within the last year.

Mrs. Summers attended the in-

vestigation which caused the professor to decline to take an oath to bear arms in support of the United States with reservation against conflicts which he regarded as "against the will of God" were made in actual war experience.

At the outbreak of the World War, Professor MacIntosh obtained leave of absence from Yale divinity school and enlisted as a chaplain with the British forces.

He served in that capacity until entry of the United States into the war.

Because the United States was his adopted country—and he had already made an attempt to become a citizen—he transferred to the American Y. M. C. A., with which he served until peace came.

Girl Dies in Fire

FRANKFORT, Ind., May 26.—Verna Amyx, 16, was burned fatally in a fire which destroyed her home near here. The blaze started when the girl attempted to light a stove fire with kerosene.

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sen, coroner, when it was discovered through the accusations of relatives that she was the benefi-

ciary of numerous insurance poli-
cies on which she paid premiums.

Dr. Mehlberger, a Northwestern University chemist, reported that

analysis of the vital organs of Sum-

mers and Myers showed they had

died of chronic arsenic poisoning, through quantities of the deadly powder having been administered to them from time to time.

Dr. Mehlberger said that Riemer

died of the same cause, although it was necessary to determine this from his tissues because vital organs had been removed.

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