

GREEN POUNDS AT DREISER IN BITTER TERMS

Brands Novelist's Remarks
As Baseless and
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By Times Special
WASHINGTON, July 7.—Striking back at an attack on organized labor, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has addressed an open letter to Theodore Dreiser, novelist, who urged the disbanding of the labor federation.

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"Coal operators in many instances were reluctantly forced to recognize the miners' union, with which agreements were made. The rights of all concerned were clearly defined."

"Wages were increased and conditions of life and living became more tolerable. No one ever heard of you or those associated with you going into the coal fields when this struggle was on, investigating the efforts of the United Mine Workers, or extending to them a word of sympathy or encouragement."

"The so-called National Workers' union, which you have espoused, never did anything to assist in securing any of these benefits and blessings for the miners."

RACKETEER IS SLAIN

Gangland Puts Larry Rubin "On Spot;" Suspect "Captured." By Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 7.—Support money paid into the office of the Allen county clerk for the first six months of 1931 totals \$42,804.14.



BY BEN STERN

PERTINACITY of Republican county commissioners in retaining their hold upon the county poor farm is a thing to cause wonder.

Despite repeated grand jury recommendations that there be a shake-up at that institution, John C. Carter and family continue to hang on to one of the "gravest" public jobs in the county.

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