

# LABOR FIGHTER TO HELP GUIDE REVIVAL SETUP

Richberg Has Been Back of Progressive Cause for 20 Years.

By HERBERT LITTLE, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Another musician, this one however, a lawyer who has fought for progressive and liberal principles for more than twenty years, has been selected to help guide the Roosevelt administration's new co-operative revision of the American business structure.

He is Donald Randall Richberg, veteran of the Bull Moose and La Follette campaigns, lawyer for the railroad brotherhoods, novelist and co-author of the railway labor act and the new national recovery act which he is to administer with General Hugh Johnson.

Here this spring to oppose the original version of the administration's railroad bill on behalf of the brotherhoods, Richberg was drafted by President Roosevelt to aid in drafting the national recovery act. The public works section now virtually is the same as the public works will be drafted for Senators Edward R. Costigan and Robert La Follette.

## Extensive Legal Knowledge

His legal knowledge and advice is the bulwark of the bill's chances when and if the supreme court considers its constitutionality.

But this work did not stop his attack on the Roosevelt railroad bill. He appeared before the committee of congress to defend the recovery act—here again he was the only lawyer called—and the same day he denounced the railroad bill before another committee.

Now Richberg, forceful but friendly—the President calls him "Don"—has been chosen to work with his antithesis, General Johnson, a hard-bitten army man, an executive with long experience in the army, later on the war industries board and still later, with the Moline Plow Company.

## Fought High Utility Rates

It appears not to have been decided whether Richberg will counsel for the new government business administration or co-administrator.

In either case, these two men will pass on the legality and the public interest of all business agreements, the wages, hours and working conditions of most of the workers of the country, and decide upon the disposal of what is probably the world's largest public works program.

For two years they probably will wield as much power as the House of Morgan has for the last twenty. Richberg originated the law-drafting bureau for the 1912 Progressives.

He fought high utility rates in the home city, Chicago, over long years, and won. He fought hardest against the notorious Wilkerson-Daugherty injunctions in the 1922 shopmen's strike.

## Drafts Yellow Dog Law

In addition to the railway labor act, he drafted the Norris anti-yellow dog contract and injunction act recently made law.

He made a remarkable argument in the billion-dollar O'Fallon railroad valuation case—on, of all things, the social aspects.

He lost, but the brief's predictions read like a prophecy of what has happened since 1929.

## DRAFTED LEADER



Donald R. Richberg (above), drafted by President Roosevelt to help write the national recovery act, will help administer the measure.

# FORMER COURT CLERK IN NEW LEGAL TANGLE

Pascal Pyle Faces Child Neglect Count; Woman May Be Tried.

Pascal Pyle, former deputy clerk in municipal court, who early this year served a ninety-day jail term for altering records, prepared today to fight a charge of child neglect in juvenile court. Date for hearing has not been set.

Detectives arrested Pyle on a warrant obtained Wednesday by his wife, Mrs. Marie Pyle, shortly after he attended funeral services for his mother, Mrs. Lucy Pyle.

Children of the couple are two daughters, 13 and 15. A woman charged with contributing to delinquency is expected to be tried with Pyle. She is not under arrest, but police are said to be holding a warrant for her.

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# POINT IS GAINED BY CITY IN SUIT ON WATER RATE

Testimony at Hearing Is to Be Sponsored by Attorney-General.

City attorneys today gained a new foothold in the Indianapolis Water Company's rate case in federal court, following agreement between them and representatives of the attorney-general.

Under the agreement, testimony of the city's witnesses will be sponsored by the attorney-general, but will not be binding on the public service commission when the city's circuit court suit for lower rates is tried.

Amicable settlement of the three-way dispute, which for a time threatened to bar the city attorneys and witnesses from participation in the hearing, was followed by resumption of testimony by city witnesses.

## Tells of Inundation

Henry B. Steeg, city plan commission secretary-engineer, testified before the federal court today that various parcels of water company land, valued by company witnesses as high as \$2,000 an acre, during the May flood, and of deterioration of certain of the company's structures.

He was followed by Frank E. Gates, first of a dozen Indianapolis Real Estate Board appraisal committee members. They are expected to testify that the water company's lands are valued at no more than \$1,427,000, less than half the figure given by George T. Whelden, realtor.

## Tangle Over Suit

Dispute over the city's standing in the case arose late Thursday when water company attorneys objected to testimony of Steeg, contending that since the city had not entered an appearance, it legally could not introduce testimony.

Edward H. Knight, city corporation counsel, explained that, to enter an appearance, the city would have to dismiss its circuit court suit.

George W. Hufsmith, deputy attorney-general, at first refused to sponsor all the city's testimony, saying that his only duty was to support the public service commission rate order.

The company is seeking to set this aside. Hufsmith said he could not be bound by the city's testimony, because of the necessity later of defending the order in the city's circuit court suit.

# Maniac on Bicycle Is Campus Murder Suspect

New Clues Are Revealed in Murder of Attractive Y. W. C. A. Secretary.

By DAN BOWERMAN, United Press Staff Correspondent

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO, Cal., June 2.—Reports of a "shabby stranger," of a maniac on a bicycle, and of a jilted and jobless fiancé were added today to the jumble of rumor and fact from which authorities are trying to reconstruct the true story of Mrs. Allene Lamson's mysterious and violent death.

Santa Clara county sheriff's officers held to their theory that the attractive and intellectual campus Y. W. C. A. secretary, mother of a 13-month-old child, was beaten to death and placed, nude, in her bathtub.

## Check 'Mysterious Stranger'

They held the victim's husband, David, a minor Stanford official, unofficial prisoner in the county jail for the third successive night. There were no charges against Lamson.

Stanford University—the school of which Herbert Hoover is a trustee—entered the investigation. Student engineers, who said they were ordered to the task by the university, set up surveying instruments and ran transits of the vine-covered stucco home in which the tragedy took place. Almon E. Roth, university controller, visited Lamson in his cell.

Campus police, separate from the Palo Alto city force, were making a third inquiry.

## Not Killed by Fall

The campus force was checking the "shabby stranger" theory. They found a student who saw a mysterious loiterer near the Lamson home. Another person told them he saw a tall man, apparently demented, on a bicycle. The man



Mrs. Allene Lamson

hid in roadside bushes when a bus passed, then rode toward the university.

They also checked a report that a former fiancé of Mrs. Lamson, unemployed, recently had returned to Palo Alto.

A photograph taken by Officer D. E. Lawrence, sheriff's officers claimed, proved Mrs. Lamson, who was ill, had not fainted and crushed her skull in a fall while in the tub. The photo shows the body in a reclining position, with the head and arms hanging over the rim of the tub near the faucets.

## MOTHER SCHOOL PUPIL

Brings Her Three Children to Classes Each Day in Same Building.

By United Press

SILVERTON, Ore., June 2.—Thirteen years ago Constance Otjen quit Silvertown high school where she was a junior to get married. This year, now Mrs. Fred Barker, she is back finishing her course. With her to school each day come three children aged 9, 8 and 6.

# COFFEE SPILLED ON GOWN; ASKS \$2,500 IN SUIT

Woman Asks Damages for Waiter's Blunder at Hotel Banquet.

A cup of coffee usually is worth 5 cents but when spilled on an evening gown, embarrassing and injuring a guest, the price may leap as high as \$2,500.

At least, this amount of damages is sought in superior court three today by Hazel M. Reiser, Indianapolis.

She sued the Marott hotel, alleging a waiter spilled hot coffee on her while she was attending a banquet at the hotel, May 9. Embarrassment and physical injuries because of the mishap entitle her to the damages, the suit says.

## LYING HELD IMMORTAL

Washington Cherry Tree and Pocahontas Stories Are Cited.

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, June 2.—The cherry tree episode in the life of George Washington and the rescue of John Smith by Pocahontas are two "ornamental lies which have become woven into the fabric of our history," according to Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach.

"Lying is an immortal achievement," he told the Pennsylvania Library Association. "Great liars can be numbered on the fingers of one hand and there is not a woman among them. The lies of Rabelais, essentially a truthful man, will live as long as literature."

## Injured in Fall Down Stairs

Mrs. Flora Shortridge, 24, of 521 East New York street, was injured today when she fell down the rear stairs at her home.

# FAMED PHILADELPHIA SYMPHONY MAY END

Pay Cut Request May Result in Orchestra Remaining Silent.

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, June 2.—Philadelphia's famed orchestra, which has made musical history under the leadership of Leopold Stokowski, may not hold any concerts next year.

The board of managers, through W. Curtis Bok, has asked the musicians to accept a nine per cent wage cut as the only way the orchestra can be saved.

Last year the musicians agreed to a 10 per cent reduction.

Adolph Hirschberg, president of the Musicians' Protective Association, said the union would not take a hand in settling the wage dispute. Union rates require a minimum of \$80 a week for a thirty-six week season.

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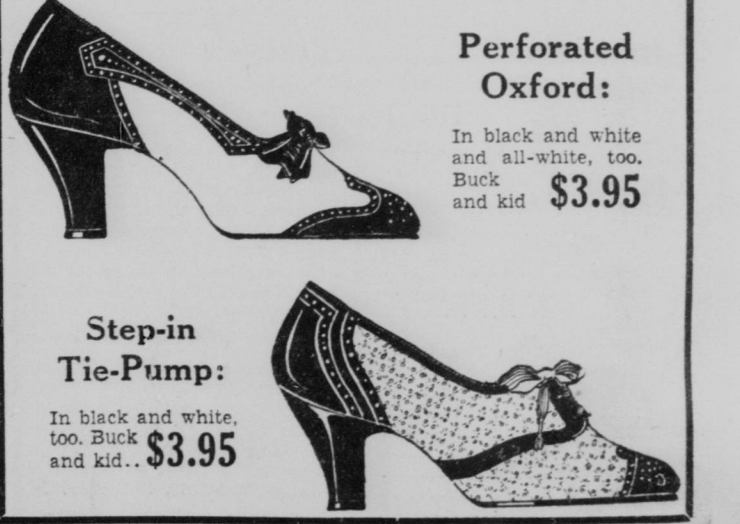
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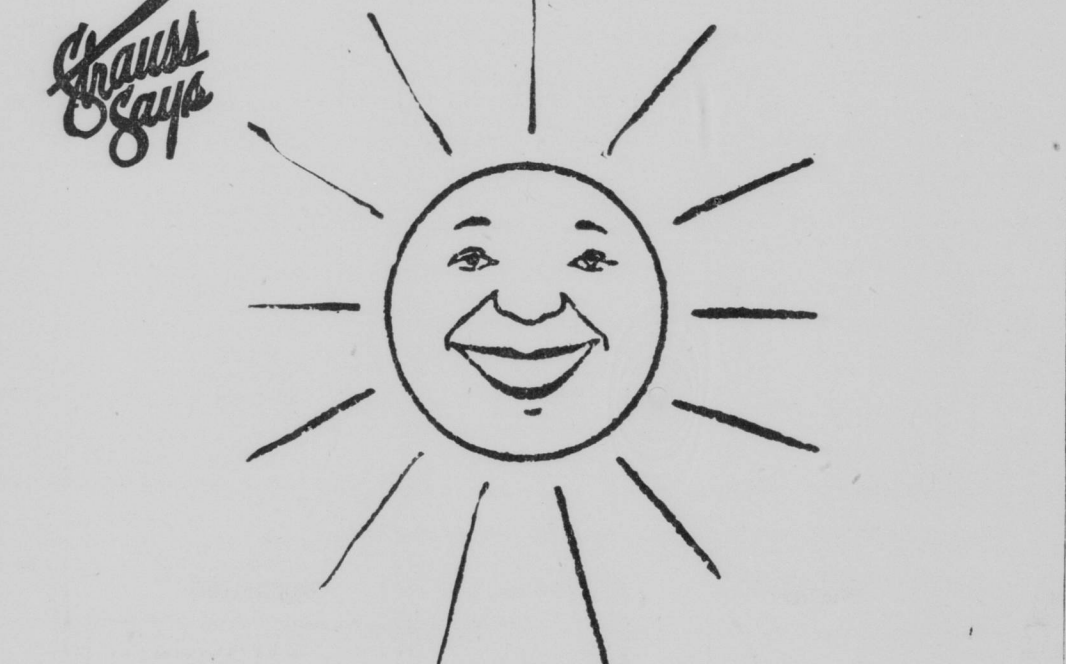
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