

VAST RICHES OF LIBERTY LEAGUE BACKERS BARED

Corporations in Control
Boast Assets Topping
37 Billions.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The American Liberty League, a non-partisan society created to oppose "radical" movements in the National Government, was shown today to be under control of a group representing industrial and financial organizations possessing assets of more than \$37,000,000,000.

A United Press survey of the league's new executive committee and advisory council disclosed a close connection between members and some of the nation's greatest business enterprises.

League directors were shown to have affiliations with such organizations as the United States Steel Corp., General Motors, Standard Oil Co., Chase National Bank, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the Mutual Life Insurance Co., and scores of others.

A study of corporation and financial statistics showed that of the 20 men and women who will constitute the league's executive committee, 13 are officers or directors of organizations with assets of more than \$14,000,000,000.

On the executive committee are Alfred E. Smith, former presidential candidate and Governor of New York; Irene du Pont, head of the huge Delaware powder concern; John W. Davis, former Democratic presidential nominee, and A. A. Sprague, Chicago industrialist.

Corporation Wealth Listed
Some of the corporations of which committee members are directors and their total assets:

American Telephone and Telegraph Co., \$3,076,568,666; General Motors Corp., \$1,183,674,005; Armour & Co., \$356,179,450; U. S. Steel Corp., \$2,102,896,880; Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, \$1,131,089,858; E. I. du Pont, Nemours & Co., \$605,631,064; Chicago & North Western Railroad, \$857,751,940.

The league named 156 men and women as members of its advisory council. Included were men who are serving as directors of a variety of organizations, including banks, railroads, investment houses, public utilities and manufacturing concerns.

Assets of some of the institutions represented by council members:

United Light and Power Co., \$572,658,684; Illinois Bell Telephone Co., \$326,153,423; Shell Union Oil Co., \$687,699,898; Goodyear-Vacuum Oil Co., \$900,061,283; Central Hanover Bank of New York, \$696,913,634; First National Bank of Chicago, \$643,114,767; Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, \$1,220,833,814; Bethlehem Steel Corp., \$649,388,274; the Pullman Co., \$276,555,754; Great Northern Railway, \$651,424,768; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$680,464,026.

Du Pont on Council

Missouri Pacific Railroad, \$664,947,552; Anaconda Copper Mining Co., \$692,430,089; Erie Railroad, \$625,505,049; Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, \$345,024,377; Bankers Trust Co. of New York, \$737,202,420; United Gas Improvement Co., \$345,460,440; American Can Co., \$203,004,550; New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, \$309,951,133; Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., \$198,736,506; Phelps Dodge Corp., \$345,224,448; and the New York Trust Co., \$310,432,261.

Among prominent members of the council were Pierre S. du Pont, Edward F. Hutton, Henry B. Joy, Alvan MacAuley, Grayson M. P. Murphy, John J. Raskob, Elihu Root, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., E. T. Weir, Joseph E. Widener, and Hal E. Roach.

Many on the league's staff were listed as officers or directors of a dozen or more banks and industrial concerns.

City Men Take Posts
Fred C. Gause and Samuel O. Pickens, both members of the local law firm of Pickens, Gause, Gilliam and Pickens, have accepted posts on the advisory council of the American Liberty League, Mr. Gause revealed today.

He said that both had been asked by mail whether they were in sympathy with the league's plans and that, sympathetic, they had accepted the proffered posts. He knew nothing of possible Indianapolis activities of the league.

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A former president of the Kentucky Dental Society, Dr. W. R. Atkins will direct an important clinical demonstration at the annual meeting of the Indianapolis Dental Society Monday. Expected to attract 1500 Midwest dentists, the meeting will be held at the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

CAB CO. SUED OVER KIDNAPING OF BABY

Mother Asks \$5000 as Re-
sult of Abduction.

Because Mrs. Dorothy Marsh, held in \$5000 bond on kidnapping charges, selected a Red Cab for her trip to the home of Mrs. Grace Robbins, 941 Lexington-av., from which she took Mrs. Robbins' four-day-old child, attorneys for Mrs. Robbins today had on file a suit against Red Cab, Inc., for \$5000 damages.

The complaint alleges that Mrs. Robbins was in bed at her home on Dec. 20, when Mrs. Marsh, posing as a social worker, entered and snatched the baby from her arms, later fleeing in a Red Cab driven by Claude Hill.

According to Mrs. Robbins' complaint, the cab driver waited 20 minutes in front of the house with the motor running while the kidnapping was taking place. When she pursued Mrs. Marsh to the door, Mrs. Robbins says, the cab sped away at 50 miles an hour. T. R. Kackley, secretary and treasurer of Red Cab, Inc., said, when notified of the suit, that the kidnapped child was located through information supplied by the taxi driver. He had not heard of the suit, but insisted the driver had no way of knowing Mrs. Marsh's intentions when he was hired.

LIONS CLUB TO BOOST CLOTHE-A-CHILD FUND

Three More Boys and Girls to Be
Given Help.

Arrangements to increase their "Clothe-A-Child" fund for three more boys and girls have been made by directors of the Lion's Club.

The contribution will be kept for addition to the fund which will be raised next winter.

Plans for furthering the club's dental clinic at the English Avenue Boys' Club, selection of delegates to the international convention in Mexico City, also were discussed by directors.

HOSIERY WORKERS TO HEAR CODE OFFICIAL

National Federation Secretary to
Speak Saturday.

William Smith, Philadelphia, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers and member of the Hosiery Code Authority, will be the principal speaker at 10:30 Saturday at a mass meeting of hosiery workers at Union Hall, 168 W. 9th-st.

All hosiery workers in the city have been invited to attend the meeting, at which Walter Truman, the federation's district manager for the mid-western territory, will act as chairman.

Mr. Smith acted as strike leader during the Real Silk strike here.

MERIT RULES POLICE SYSTEM IN MILWAUKEE

Politics Barred, Morrissey
and Deery Learn on
Visit There.

BY TIFTON S. BLISH
Times Staff Writer

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 9.—The use of the merit system in the Milwaukee Police Department is being investigated here today by Chief Mike Morrissey and Corporation Counsel James E. Deery of Indianapolis, with a view toward the establishment of a similar system in the Indianapolis Police Department.

The two officials came here yesterday at the request of Mayor John W. Kern, who, impressed by widespread reports of the efficiency of the Milwaukee police, which generally is attributed to the civil service methods employed here, asked for a thorough investigation and report on the Milwaukee system.

The Indianapolis Times for some time has urged the adoption of the merit system in the Indianapolis Police Department and, if Chief Morrissey and Mr. Deery report that the system could be beneficial and practical in Indianapolis, legislative action will be introduced, either in the current General Assembly or in the City Council, to provide for its adoption, it was learned.

The civil service system was established in the Milwaukee police force about eight years ago by Daniel A. Hoan, the city's long-time Socialist mayor.

Must Pass Examination

Under the Milwaukee system, all policemen and officials are appointed to their positions only after they have passed a competitive examination and they can be removed from office or demoted only when charges of inefficiency or malfeasance in office have been proved against them. All appointments are made by the Mayor and a non-partisan board of Police and Fire Commissioners and they likewise act on dismissals and demotions.

This board, which corresponds somewhat to the Indianapolis Safety Board, is composed of five members, one of whom is appointed each year by the Mayor to serve for a five-year term. Not more than two commissioners may belong to the same political party. They act in disciplinary cases after recommendations have been made to them by a Police Trial Board composed of the police chief and inspector and the highest ranking police officers.

Efficiency Obtained

As a result of this system, the discipline and efficiency of the Milwaukee police force is famous throughout the country. A policeman is obligated to put forth his best efforts if he wishes to be sure of holding his position, and he is not in the constant fear of being forced out of his job by a change in the city administration.

Likewise, a policeman is given a place on the force because he has proved his ability by competitive examination and not because he has been a loyal party worker or because he has managed to win the favor of his ward boss.

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A miniature German operetta will feature the winter festival of the Federation of German Societies at South Side Turner Hall, 306 Prospect-st., Sunday afternoon, Jan. 20. Miss Sonja Grigo has the leading role. Other members of the cast are Paul Eswein, Frank Hilgemeier, Franz Scheer, Reiny Scheer, Walter Fink, Irwin Burkhardt and Ernst Schaefer. Musical numbers will be given by Miss Roberta May Bland, 11-year-old harpist, and a 16-piece symphony orchestra.

MEXICO TAKES CHARGE OVER PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Government Move Aimed at In-
struction in Religion.

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—Strict regulations governing private schools in Mexico, banning religious symbols and placing them under the public school system in line with the government's education reforms, were issued by President Lazaro Cardenas today.

The regulations stipulated that private schools must be under strict government supervision, with at least 75 per cent of the teachers Mexicans. All connection with religious cults is banned and it is forbidden to have in any part of a school any symbol of religious faith, such as images, prints, etc.

Noted Painter Is Dead

By United Press
NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Hubert Vos, 79, famous portrait painter of hundreds of prominent persons, died yesterday of pneumonia. He was especially well known for his portraits of Asiatic royalty.

LEGISLATORS TO PREPARE FOR NEW SESSION

Preliminaries to Be Disposed
Of; McNutt Works on
Message.

Final preparations were being made today by House and Senate leaders for party caucuses scheduled for 7:30 tonight.

Democratic members of the Assembly will meet in their respective houses at the Statehouse and Republican members will meet at the Claypool. Gov. Paul V. McNutt is completing his message, which will be read to a joint meeting of both houses in the House of Representatives tomorrow morning.

Present plans call for a recess tomorrow, after formalities are completed, until Friday morning when introduction of bills will be started.

Democratic minor officials will be named at the caucuses tonight.

Norman Gordon, now in charge of the State Store License Division, is slated for secretary of the Senate. Bernard O'Neill, South Bend, is expected to be named assistant secretary. George Evelyn, Terre Haute, Vigo County Democratic chairman, is scheduled to be the Senate postmaster, and John Huff, Auburn, former DeKalb county sheriff, probably will be named chief doorkeeper. Edward Beggs, Indianapolis, is slated for the post of principal clerk of the House.

House and Senate leaders already have been designated at previous caucuses. Senator Jacob Weiss, Indianapolis, is scheduled for formal election as president pro tem of the Senate. Rep. Edward H. Stein, Bloomfield, has been designated as Speaker of the House.

The probable majority floor leader in the House is Rep. Frank G. Thompson, Bluffton, and Rep. James M. Knapp, Hagerstown, will become the Republican floor leader.



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