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STASSEN PLAN IS CONSIDERED AS STRIKE CURB

New Minnesota Senator
May Ask Enactment of
'Count Ten' Law.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Moderating influences are at work to temper the sudden wave of excitement over strikes in defense industries and prevent the passage of drastic measures which would curb the fundamental rights of labor.

Typical is the approach of one of the Senate's new members, 34-year-old Joseph Ball (R. Minn.), who is considering introduction of a bill to set up a Federal mediation system, applicable only to disputes in defense industries. His proposal derives from the highly successful Minnesota law which requires a "cooling-off" period before a strike or lockout can be ordered.

Under this law, sponsored by young Governor Harold E. Stassen, strikes have been greatly reduced in a state which in times past saw more than its share of labor disturbances and violence. It was an outgrowth of the reaction against labor extremism which manifested itself in Minnesota in the 1938 election and sent Mr. Stassen to the Governor's chair.

Prescribes 20-Day Wait

The Minnesota statute, known as the "count ten" law, prescribes a total waiting time of 20 days in the case of all disputes except those in industries where a suspension would endanger the life, safety, health or well-being of a substantial number of people in any community—power plants, transportation agencies, hospitals and the like—for which a 50-day waiting period is required.

In an industrial dispute, if the parties are not able to work out an adjustment in 10 days, then either side can notify the labor conciliator in writing of an intention to strike or lock out.

The conciliator steps in upon receipt of this notice and seeks to adjust the dispute. Neither side can act for 10 days from the filing of the notice and the intervention of the conciliator, and the time may be extended by agreement of both parties.

Arbitration Provided

In the case of an industry affected with the public welfare, the labor conciliator proceeds with negotiations as in other cases, but he also notifies the Governor. The latter then may appoint a commission of three, representing industry, labor and the public, to investigate. This commission makes a report, which the Governor may make public.

No strike or lockout can be started, nor can the status quo be disturbed, until the commission's report is filed or 30 days have elapsed after the original notification to the Governor by the labor conciliator. This permits a cooling-off period of 50 days or more.

The Minnesota system has still another outlet in a provision for arbitration proceedings, which may be resorted to upon written agreement by both parties.

The Minnesota system imposes no compulsion. The conciliator merely urges his good offices as an outside party. But its success proves that the around-the-table procedure, with haste eliminated and time given for tempers to cool, is an effective one.

It has not stopped all strikes, but it has averted a surprising number. Senator Ball was moved to suggest this sort of conciliator procedure in defense industries when proposals were made in the House, in a recent debate, for the outlawing of all strikes, for compulsory arbitration, and the like. His idea would be to avert such extreme measures which might be jammed through under emotional stress.

A possible basis for mediation machinery useful in the national defense situation also may be found in a bill introduced last February by Senator Robert Wagner (D. N. Y.), which would set up a National Mediation Board of Three in the labor department to adjust labor disputes.

WANTS TO BE DRAFTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 29 (U. P.).—Woodrow Wilson Todd, 34, hopes he will be drafted into the Army, the sooner the better. Fined \$100 for drunken driving, he said, he is paying it on the installment plan. If he is drafted, Judge C. A. Gale said he would cancel the fine.

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Where Is That Parking Lot?

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 29 (U. P.).—Cary F. Clay asked the help of police today to help him locate a parking lot where he left his automobile 10 days ago.

Clay, who lives at Paris, Ky., drove to Cincinnati and arranged to leave the car in a parking lot. Then he had a parking attendant drive him to catch a train while he left on a business trip.

SUSPECT TO FACE MISSOURI CHARGES

VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 29 (U. P.).—Harley Grizzle, 40, a local business man who was arrested here Nov. 4, today was turned over to authorities of Troy, Mo., to face charges of robbery.

While at Evansville Grizzle fought off several attempts to remove him to towns in Missouri and Illinois, where he was reported wanted for robbery.

Phony Fireplace Just One Of Latest U. S. Inventions

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—The Patent Office announces that it has issued certificate number 2,219,507 on a new boon to the householder—a feature that may be specially appreciated by the "small apartment dweller."

The new invention, patented by Charles W. Apper and Abraham L. Rosenfeld of Philadelphia, is in effect a phony fireplace, completely collapsible and easy to store away

in the nearest closet when not in use. Not only is it decorative—the trick gadget also is useful. Lift up the attached mantelpiece, and you find the back of the fireplace is hollow, forming a convenient storage space for old photographs or fishing tackle. Yet the whole thing can be taken down and hidden away if unexpected guests arrive and the space is needed.

The fireplace has only one in-

convenience, and that a minor one. It doesn't give out any heat. For those who like cherries and hate cherry pits, George W. Ashlock Jr., of Oakland, Cal., has just the thing. It's a fairly large machine, and it has approximately 100 parts, but it takes the cherry stones out smoothly and rapidly.

The latest prize for the most puzzling invention goes to John S. Anderson of Chicago. His original idea is a seven-bladed hand scraper

—that is, a scraper for the hands. Judging from the drawings accompanying the patent application, the Anderson gadget is designed for rubbing over the palm of the hand in case there's anything there you want to get rid of. You cannot slip and cut yourself—the sides, he says, are "suitably knurled" to prevent such a mishap.

Another unusual invention is a double-barreled pipe, invented by

Charles P. Nash Jr., Charlottesville, Va. Into the main bowl Nash says, you stuff your tobacco and light it. The second, or auxiliary bowl, is left unlighted. Result—the smoke cooled and diluted by pure air.

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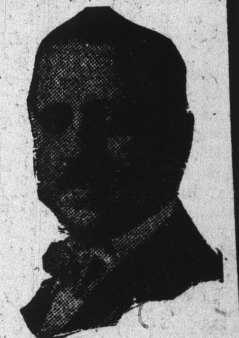
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