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## LABOR BACKS TEACHERS IN PAY REQUEST

Committee to Report Monday for Teachers' Federation on Question— $\frac{3}{4}$  of Body Dissatisfied.

## BOARD IS CRITICIZED

Developments of the teachers' pay question here Friday were two:

First, the increases in the budget authorized recently by the school board were characterized as unsatisfactory by three-fourths of the teachers present at a federation meeting Thursday evening.

Second, the Central labor council, at a special called meeting, asked through resolutions for the resignation of the entire school board.

Vern Pentecost, president of the Central Labor council, said Thursday night's meeting was called specially to discuss the question of increased pay for teachers.

Speaking for the council, Pentecost said he felt there was no one in Richmond that would not gladly pay the increased taxation, providing city schools were in the hands of competent instructors.

"Is Gross Injustice."

"We feel," said Pentecost, "that the action of the school board in granting such a meager increase to the teachers, and the adding of another month to the school term, is a gross injustice. Not only to the teachers, but to the school children and parents as well."

"Approximately 2,500 homes are represented in the Central Labor council and it is felt that nine months is sufficiently long for a school term," continued Pentecost. "We want competent teachers in our schools. These cannot be obtained unless a living salary is paid."

Pentecost asserted the action of the council "was not antagonistic. It is merely a move whereby teachers may obtain a fair wage and not have to work an extra month to obtain it."

Won't Sign Contracts Yet.

A decision not to sign contracts until after the report of an appointed committee the first of the week, was reached at a conference of the Teachers' federation in the high school building Thursday afternoon.

This was followed by a standing vote of all teachers satisfied with their contracts. The affirmative vote brought only five to their feet. One of these protested the question unfair, on the ground that many had not reached a decision. The negative vote brought fully three-fourths of the number to their feet.

**Herionimus Heads Committee.**

The committee appointed to ascertain the percent of increase of salaries of all members of the federation are: H. C. Herionimus, chairman; E. C. Cline, Miss Flora Broadbush, Miss Anna Bradbury, E. E. Rice and H. F. Ross. Two others will be appointed later.

The school board will furnish the percentage of increase granted to teachers and all other information possible. The committee will be notified to obtain data on the cost of living for the last year and also the monthly living increase.

Byram C. Robbins, attorney for the federation, reviewed the activity of the committee appointed to try to obtain the advance in salary. His discussion took in all steps of the negotiations up to Thursday's meeting. The figures of the school board, quoted by Robbins, showed city teachers had received an average of 70 per cent increase in wages since 1914, while the cost of living has advanced about 125 per cent.

**Increase 25 Per Cent.**

Robbins also said that the \$46,525 authorized as an increase in salary meant an increase of 25 per cent in the teachers' pay roll over that of last year. Computing this on a nine-months' term, however, the increase is only about 11 per cent.

Robbins said the school board has no money to meet the flat \$500 increase asked. In fact, there is not enough money to meet the increase already granted. But the school board has power to borrow money and to issue bonds to cover the increased budget.

To meet the increased budget resulting from the increase granted, additional taxes will have to be levied. This will not happen until September, however. He quoted several prominent Richmond men as being absolutely in favor of paying the teachers more money. The men represent some of the largest tax payers in the city.

**Toner Campaigners To Cover County Saturday**

The Toner campaign in Wayne county will close Saturday with an automobile tour of the county by a party made up of Oswald Ryan, of Anderson; W. E. Pickett, Toner manager for Wayne county; O. F. Jones and Esther Griffin White.

Street meetings will be held. The itinerary includes Centerville, Pershing and Cambridge in the morning; Milton, Dublin and Hagerstown in the afternoon. Willenburg, Fountain City and Greensburg in the early evening.

The trip will end with a street meeting on some down town Main street corner here between 8:30 and 9 p. m.

**AH, HERE'S CHEERING NEWS! LOOP LUNCHES-LOWER PRICES**

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Ill., April 30.—Two of a chain of quick lunch restaurants in the business district had in effect today a reduction of five cents in the price of orders as follows:

**PROMINENT DEMOCRAT DIES**

WASHINGTON, April 30.—John T. McGraw, Democratic national committeeman from West Virginia, died suddenly on a train near Baltimore, while enroute from New York to his home in Grafton, West Virginia.

Thought to Be Millionairess; Gets \$3,538



Mrs. Oscar Lewisohn (Edna May).

## Stone Age, Balance of Power, Diplomacy Resumed in England

By MARY HENKE.

LONDON, April 15.—Disgust is permuting the comments of those Englishmen who are not hindered in their expression by a sense of political war.

The nation's competition for the Mesopotamia oil lands has been especially attacked by those men who had hoped for a new diplomatic order of things.

Both France and England have frankly shown their designs on this land, and Lloyd George's indiscretion in saying so to parliament has brought down much indignation on his head.

**Business at Old Stand.**

An undergrowth of secret treaties is still to be cleared away, it seems, and the chances of the 10 years from now the nation will be "doing business" at the old stand, their policies unchanged, their possessions enriched by profitable mandates in the east, their statesmen still talking Bolshevism and war, and the people still in a dangerous state of unrest.

The peace treaty has certainly failed to settle anything, as its opponents charged. Everybody is hinting, whispering, predicting — more.

Americans who have lived for a long time abroad say there will be another war, unless the peace-loving factors unite against the Junkers. It seems incredible that in a year so much idealism and hope could have subsided into the present cynicism.

**Loose Faith in Premier.**

Since Lloyd George has made so many promises and failed to carry them out, people have been losing the

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**Every Citizen Is Placed On Clean-up Week Committee**

Richmond must wash its face. Such is the verdict of the committee in charge of Clean-up Week, which was renewed today by the house rules committee with members of the house immigration committee as witnesses.

Committeemen expected the testimony to a continuation of the recital of Mr. Post's activities in certain deportation proceedings against radicals, in which members have charged the assistant secretary with violating the law so as to free undesirable foreigners.

Trash will be removed from all parts of the city. Citizens are asked to see that vacant lots are cleaned up, trees trimmed, alleys cleaned, fences repaired, and to help remove all the blight that mar the civic beauty of Richmond.

Local men with disabilities received in the war are in training in several colleges of the state, and some have been placed in the local business college, said the representative. Several are taking training in local garages and factories.

**Two Service Men Placed For Vocational**

Lee R. Nicholson and Roman Vosmeier, ex-service men of Wayne county have been placed by the federal vocational board and will take up their work on Monday according to a representative of the board who was in Richmond Friday. Nicholson will learn the shoe business with H. F. Drews, 204 North Seventh street, and Vosmeier will take up piano tuning with the Starr Piano company.

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**To Head Chicago Opera Co.**

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, April 30—Herbert M. Johnson, business controller of the Chicago opera company, will succeed the late Cleofonte Campanini, as executive director of the company. Mr. Johnson is the first American to hold the post of director of an opera organization.

**MISS HARTMAN SECRETARY PRO TEM OF SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU**

Miss Gladys Hartman, who has been associated with the local Social Service Bureau for nearly two years as visiting secretary, will assume the duties of acting secretary until a new general secretary is appointed by the board. Miss Ethel Clark, general secretary for over two years, will leave Sunday for Indianapolis, where she will be connected with the state board of charities as supervisor of Outdoor Public Poor Relief.

**VILLAGE OF TENTS WILL SHELTER N. Y. EVICTED**

NEW YORK, April 30.—A village of tents will rise on the grounds of the Salvation Army training college here to shelter New Yorkers who will be rendered homeless tomorrow or directly thereafter May 1 by eviction proceedings. Salvation Army officials announced today. Plans are being laid to care for 1,000 persons.

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## Display U. S. Flag

Richmond business men, stores, manufacturers and property owners are asked to display flags and other appropriate decorations as a celebration of Americanization Day, scheduled for Saturday.

Mayor Zimmerman has appointed John Schneider, city councilman, Dr. George B. Hunt, and Sam Vigran as a committee. As the celebration comes close to Decoration Day, the committee will not attempt to stage a parade, but it is thought that he day will be generally observed by the display of patriotic emblems.

## RADICALS HAD PICKED MAY 1 FOR BOMB-FEST

Department of Justice Gives Operatives Free Hand to Prevent Outrages Allegedly Planned for Day.

## OFFICIALS ARE WARNED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Federal agents have been instructed to "go as far as the law will allow, in breaking May day radical demonstrations."

On making this announcement today Assistant Attorney General Garven said department of justice officials were contemplating an effort to protect the lives of officials, federal and state, who have been marked for destruction and to prevent violence generally.

Warning that they had been selected by radical elements for assault or assassination as part of May day demonstration had been received from department of justice agents today by more than a score of federal and state officials. Announcement of the discovery of the plot by government agents was announced last night by Attorney General Palmer.

## Part of May Day

The assassinations and assaults were to have been a part of the May day program planned by the Communist Labor party and other radical groups. Mr. Palmer said, adding that the contemplated violence was to be incident to attempts to bring strikes in all the basic American industries in behalf of peace with soviet Russia.

Information the attorney general declared in possession of the department indicated in possession of the department indicated the radical agents have been working in "direction and in unison" with those who have been active in instigating disorders on that day in Europe.

## Allege Inhuman Treatment

"Inhuman treatment" of the soviet government of Russia by the United States and the allied powers has been alleged by agents of the radical movement especially in their propaganda among foreigners in industrial centers, Mr. Palmer asserted, adding that the proposed strikes and other disturbances were intended to impress upon American officials the threats of radicals that relations with Russia must be resumed.

The propaganda used in the textile manufacturing districts, Mr. Palmer said, included the argument that strikes would reduce the high cost of living.

## POST PROBE TAKEN UP AGAIN TODAY

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## Two Named Commissioners

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Print paper brokers from New York and other cities will be summoned before the senate committee investigating the paper situation, decision having been made in executive session today to subpoena them. The date of their appearance is indefinite.

## Fortifications Bill

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WASHINGTON, April 30.—Henry Ford, professor of politics at Princeton university, and James Duncan, of Quincy, Mass., former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, were nominated today by President Wilson to be members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## May Lose Standing

(By Associated Press)

TOLEDO, April 30.—Expulsion from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen unless they return to work immediately confronts 24 switchmen in the employ of the New York Central railroad who struck yesterday because of alleged delay in a hearing on their alleged wage grievance.

## MORE BATTLES ARE EXPECTED; FIGHTING AT PULPITO PASS

(By Associated Press)

EL PASO, Tex., April 30.—Reinforcements for the Chihuahua City loyal troops and also for the revolting Carranza garrison, which went over to the Sonora revolutionary movement, presented possibility for a serious clash, observers of developments in the new Mexican uprising said today.

Possession of the Chihuahua state capital would mean a serious blow to the federal forces because of possible interruption to communication with Mexico City, it was pointed out, and the rebels would gain control of the supply center.

## Can't See Uprising

Although Juarez military officials asserted danger of an uprising there was past, outposts were stationed last night to prevent a possible surprise attack on the border town and American army officers at Fort Bliss held troops in readiness for instant use in case a skirmish endangered lives on the American side.

General J. G. Escobar, Juarez, commander, and other Mexican federal,

continued to minimize the dangers to the central government from the Sonora revolt. Gen. Escobar said the clash yesterday in Pulpito Pass was a mere skirmish.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, April 30.—Clash of Carranza and Sonora troops at Pulpito pass in the mountains southeast of here late yesterday forced a larger and more decisive encounter in the near future, rebel leaders here said today. On either side of Pulpito Pass both factions have been concentrating men for more than three weeks.

The El Paso report that Ignacio Enriquez, candidate for governor of Chihuahua, was marching with "home guards" to reinforce revolutionaries near Chihuahua City was accepted as true. A few days ago a report was current here that Enriquez had revolted with the defense specials, but military officials said the report was "premature." They admitted that negotiations for the revolt of Enriquez were under way.

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