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## HOME RULE GIVES LABOR EVEN BREAK

Editor of Dayton Labor Paper Says Labor Gets a Square Deal—Citizens Tell Complaints to Commissioners.

## WORKERS SATISFIED

Editor's Note: Clarence B. Greene, director of the Dayton Bureau of Research, has prepared a series of articles on home rule for the Palladium. The eighth follows:

In any city where a radical change in municipal government is proposed, the opponents of the proposition raise the issue that the departure from the old order of things will not meet the approval of labor. Commission-manager government proposals have not escaped these assaults from the professional politician, who would use labor to his own selfish advantage. That politician has argued that commission-manager government is high-brow and not the kind to give the laboring man a real voice in municipal affairs.

In some instances the political temper has been able to sway a portion of labor to his way of thinking, but in a majority of cases the worker has been amply shown that commission-manager government is more to his advantage than the federal form, with its political log-rolling and sectionalism.

The best evidence of labor's satisfaction with commission-manager government is to be found in Dayton, O., where the majority of the workers are found solidly behind the system. Discussing this plan of municipal government, E. A. Nunan, editor of the Labor Review, published by and for organized labor, made the following statement which is a sample of the average point of view of the workers of that city:

### Labor Satisfied

"From the standpoint of the laboring man no objection can be voiced to the commission-manager form of government. In fact, our experience in Dayton has shown the system to be satisfactory in every respect; not meaning that labor receives any special consideration, but it does receive all that it asks—an even break."

### General Robert Neville Arrives in Philadelphia

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—General Robert Georges Neville, the hero of Verdun, arrived here today and will be the guest of the city during his stay. He came to Philadelphia as the official representative of France to the centenary pilgrimage celebration.

General Neville will visit Independence Hall, the grave of Benjamin Franklin, the old Christ church, the statue of Joan of Arc and other scenes of historical significance in the association of France and America. He will later go to Valley Forge.

The scene of the activities of his fellow-countryman Lafayette.

Dr. Ernest LaPlace, president of the central committee of the French committee, has charge of the welcome.

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## WILSON OFFER IS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL

Reply to President Wilson's Offer to Act as Mediator in Armenia Being Drafted—Proposal Meets Approval.

### SPAIN, BRAZIL TO JOIN

(By Associated Press)

GENEVA, Dec. 1.—A letter to President Wilson, accepting his offer to act as mediator in Armenia was being drafted by the Council of the League of Nations here today. Mr. Wilson's note, which was received this morning, was read to members of the council at 10:30 o'clock and was received with marks of liveliest satisfaction.

It was announced this afternoon that Spain and Brazil had offered to join President Wilson in his role of Armenian mediator. This offer has been embodied in the reply to Mr. Wilson framed by the council.

President Wilson's acceptance created a great impression when it was announced today.

"Poor old Europe will feel less abandoned," was a remark made by a member of the French delegation while discussing the matter.

The news gave the assembly great relief, as the Armenian question had become the bugbear of the assembly.

### Much Speculation.

There is much speculation as to what form the mediation of Armenia will take. A. J. Balfour, a leader of the British delegation, remarked to the assembly the other day that in order to negotiate it would be necessary to offer Mustapha Kemal, chief of the Turkish nationalists, something either money or territory and this remark is recalled in connection with Mr. Wilson's known opposition to the disposition made of some parts of the territory of Turkey by the Sevres treaty.

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"That is welcome news," he declared when the information was given him. It brings relief to all of us who are trying to find a way to help the Armenians out of the difficulty. Mr. Wilson's acceptance is commendable and worthy of the best traditions of the United States which have always been a friend of Armenia and taken the lead in alleviating her sufferings.

"The decision of President Wilson is not in any sense political, from my point of view and cannot give encouragement to all those who wish to see the United States in the league. It is simply a natural development of an old, humanitarian policy."

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen who had been one of the first to become interested in Armenia, and is a member of the committee considering developments in that country, was rather inclined to pessimism yesterday. When he heard the news today, however, he beamed with joy.

"We have found the man," he cried, "and the rest will be easy."

### Bulgaria Doubtful.

Application by Bulgaria for admission to the league of nations was expected to be brought up today at the session of the assembly of the league. Serbia, Greece and Rumania had indicated they were seriously opposed to the admission of Bulgaria, and it appeared probable they would make an issue of the matter.

At a meeting of the commission for the admission of new members yesterday it was indicated that Austria would be accorded membership in the league without a dissenting vote.

While the commission discussed Austria's application for some time, no final action was taken, but all the delegates expressed themselves in favor of admitting that country to the organization.

### Objectives Voiced.

Another attempt was made today to gain approval of the league's budget for the forthcoming year. This matter came before the assembly yesterday but objections were voiced by several nations, delegates from New Zealand, Australia and India pointing out that in their opinion 7,000,000 francs in gold was an excessive amount.

Albert Thomas of Great Britain, head of the international labor bureau, explained contemplated expenditures by that organization and Sir Eric Drummond, general secretary of the league participated in the argument, explaining the need of the amount named.

As a result of the protests of delegates another meeting of the economic commission was held this morning for the purpose of once more going over the estimates preparatory to submitting the budget at this afternoon's session.

The council of the League of Nations today unanimously approved the invitation drawn up by the military commission calling on the United States to name a representative to sit on the commission. The invitation, the text of which was made public and cabled in news dispatches last night, expressed the view that the general consideration of the subject of a reduction of armaments would be "greatly facilitated" if the United States government could see its way to send a representative to sit in a consultative capacity with the commission.

Following the council's approval of the invitation at its session today a note embodying it was dispatched to the Washington government.

### Lower Prices Not Expected On Farm Implements

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—The practice of international dealings in securities under joint account arbitration arrangements suspended by the stock exchange in 1913, was revived here today. The only difference between the practice as revised and that before 1913 is that dealings on the London and Amsterdam exchanges will be conducted direct from brokerage houses instead of on the floor of the stock exchange.

The workers of this city should weigh most carefully the words of Editor Nunan, and reflect upon past conditions here, before they allow themselves to be misled by self-seekers who at best are working for individual rather than public interest. Every workingman in this city should firmly urge the enactment of the law which will allow the election of a new commission, pledged to the appointment of a capable and earnest city manager.

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Brokers said business of this nature is likely to be more brisk with Amsterdam, than with London since rules in London restrict such trading to actual cash transactions, thus preventing profits by "short" transactions. Cable transmission to Amsterdam, also, is swifter they said.

### Douglas Will Speak At Dalton, Thursday

Ben Taylor, secretary of the Dalton townships federation, announces that Maurice Douglas, first vice president of the state federation, will address the farmers' meeting at Dalton on Thursday evening, December 2. Mr. Douglas is an interesting and well posted speaker.

### Detectives End Mystery by Arrest

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—John Doughty, arrested in Oregon and returned here to face charges of theft and conspiracy in the kidnapping of Ambrose J. Small, theatre owner, who has been missing since last December, will be held without bail for a hearing next Monday, the police announced today. Doughty is a former employee of the missing man.

Detectives attempting to solve the mystery surrounding Small's disappearance said they placed little credence in the theory that he was murdered and the body shipped away in a trunk.

### New Shipping Board Holds First Meeting

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The first meeting of the new shipping board of seven commissioners named by President Wilson under the Jones Merchant Marine Act will be held today. No business will be taken up at the initial meeting at which the new commissioners will qualify. Chairman Benson said beyond the possible election of a vice-chairman and the distribution of the various duties to each commissioner.

### WEIGHTY QUESTIONS AWAITS CONSIDERATION BY STATE GOVERNORS

(By Associated Press)

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 1.—New England clasped hands with the Pacific slope here today and the Denizen of the frozen Great Lakes shore met and fraternized with the dweller of the land along the Rio Grande when two score governors and governors-elect assembled in the Pennsylvania senate chamber for the opening session of their eighth annual conference.

Discussion of weighty questions of government administration and the threshing out of problems of state craft and economics which await post war readjustment in every state of the Union faced the executives when they convened under the gavel of Governor William C. Sproul of Pennsylvania in his capacity of host and temporary chairman.

Throughout last evening and early today the governors and governors-to-be detained and were met at the railroad station by Pennsylvania civil and military authorities and were escorted to conference headquarters at the Penna-Harris hotel.

After each was driven to the executive mansion for a short call and then to the capital to be greeted by Governor Sproul in the executive offices.

### Official Discussions.

Today's schedule called for a rigorous program of official discussion punctuated by entertainment at the hotel for luncheon and at the governors' home for a formal dinner in the evening.

At half past ten the session scheduled to begin with the addresses of welcome by Governor Sproul on behalf of Pennsylvania and Lieut. Gov. Edward F. Beidleman, speaking in the name of Harrisburg. Response was by Governor Thomas E. Campbell, of Arizona.

Each of the subsequent prepared addresses was to be followed by general discussion. The other subjects on the program for discussion were:

"The national importance of agriculture," Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana; "The Responsibility of the state for industrial justice," Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas; "The work of the national conference on uniform state laws," Judge William M. Hargrave, Pennsylvania's delegate to the conference, and "The decentralization of governmental functions and activities," Governor R. A. Cooper of South Carolina.

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