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LEWIS WILL SEEK HIGHEST LABOR OFFICE

President of Miners Formally Announces Candidacy — Gompers Says His Name Will Not Be Withdrawn.

TO DECIDE BIG ISSUES

By Associated Press, DENVER, June 20.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, today formally announced that he was a candidate for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor, in opposition to Samuel Gompers.

"I have decided to permit my name to be submitted to the convention as a candidate for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor," was the brief announcement made by Mr. Lewis. He declined to make any further statement.

Gompers in Race

President Gompers announced that he will be a candidate for re-election in the following statement:

"The delegates to the convention will determine who shall be their officers and if they see fit to re-elect their president they will have the opportunity. "My name will go before the convention and it will not be withdrawn."

The complicated situation growing over the split between the two factions of Irish sympathizers was expected to be disposed of today or tomorrow when the resolutions committee brings in its report. The committee is understood to have decided to reject the resolutions urging boycott of British-made goods and report favorably the less drastic resolution of sympathy for the Irish cause and calling for restoration of the Irish republic.

May Oppose Report

Supporters of the boycott resolution, who declare it the "official resolution of the Irish republic," asserted they will carry the fight to the floor of the convention in an effort to overthrow the committee's report if it is unfavorable. They said they will also demand a roll call on the measure.

Sam Evans, personal representative of Frank P. Walsh, is here directing the fight in behalf of the boy-cott resolution.

The international association of machinists have announced their determination to have the convention repudiate the action of the executive council in severing relations with the international federation of trade unions. They have submitted a resolution directing the council to immediately re-affiliate the federation with the labor European movement.

Have Rail Support.

The request of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Ways employees and railway shop laborers for reinstatement in the federation, it was learned, has the full support of all the railroad organizations. This union, with its membership of nearly two hundred thousand, was suspended in 1919 because of a jurisdictional dispute with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The carpenters' union has announced its intention with co-operation of the building trades' unions, to fight against the railroad organization re-instatement.

The question of putting into effect the federation's railroad program calling for "government control with democratic operation" is expected to be one of the major issues. Delegates of the machinists' union and other railroad organizations declared that the executive council take steps immediately toward getting this program under way.

Secretary Frank Morrison said the convention would probably complete its business and adjourn next Saturday.

MEMORIAL ROAD PLAN DISCUSSED FRIDAY

Making the National Old Trails road a memorial highway in honor of the soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the late war, will be discussed Friday night, at 8 o'clock, by representatives of local organizations, meeting in the K. of P. building.

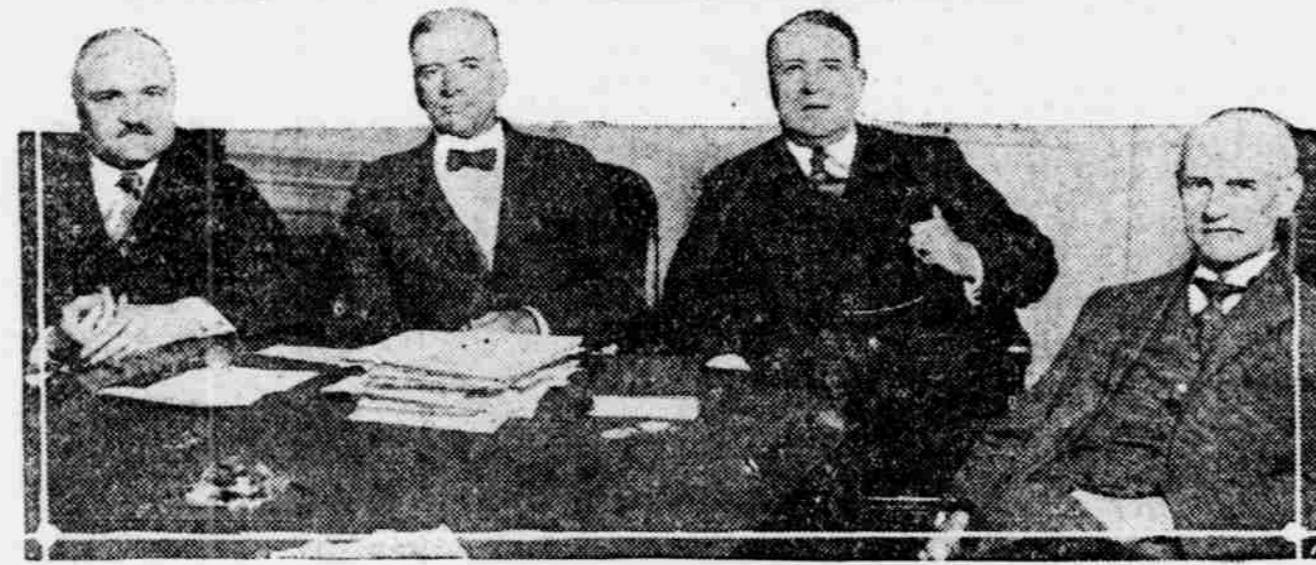
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HOUSE FAVORS BOOST IN PHILIPPINE DEBT

By Associated Press, WASHINGTON, June 20.—The house passed today a bill authorizing the Philippine government to increase the limit of indebtedness from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000. An effort will be made to obtain quick senate action, proponents of the measure said.

Senate Committee Investigating All Soldier Relief Measures



The photo, taken at the first session of the committee, shows: Senators William M. Calder, Howard Sutherland (chairman), David I. Walsh, and O. E. Weller. Senator Pomerene was absent.

Solon Claims Land Tax Bill Remedy For Social Injustice

Minnesota Congressman Asserts Proposed Revenue Would Decrease Prices, Promote Production, Break up Monopolies and Decentralize Accumulation of Wealth

PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU WASHINGTON, June 20.—A land value tax bill, along the lines of the Nolan bill of the last session of congress which was vigorously opposed by many farmers of the sixth Indiana congressional district, is now being pressed for favorable consideration by its author, Rep. Oscar E. Keller of Minnesota. It is one of three tax revision measures the Minnesota congressman has introduced.

The Keller bill provides a one cent tax on land values after deducting all improvements and allowing an exemption of \$10,000 on the land. All tenant farmers would be exempt under the provisions of the bill.

Following the introduction of the Nolan bill last year a deluge of protests against it were received in Washington from farmers in every county in the sixth district. Over one thousand complaints were received from Sheldone county alone.

Measure Pending. Representative Keller claims, however, that his bill is advocated by the Farmers' Federal Tax League of America and by the Committee of Manufacturers and Merchants on Federal Taxation. The bill is pending before the ways and means committee of the house.

The Minnesota congressman asserts that the land value tax he proposes would raise approximately \$1,000,000 annually, largely from hitherto untouched sources; that it would be eas-

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE NO SERIOUS DAMAGE; FARMERS ARE HAPPY

Local storms Friday, Saturday and Sunday broke a long continued and damaging drought in Wayne and Preble counties, to the deep relief of farmers in this section.

Preble county had been especially hard hit by the dry weather, tobacco planting having been seriously retarded, owing to inability even to prepare much of the ground, while what had been prepared was too dry for plants to live after they had been transplanted.

One estimate by a man who has to do much travelling over the county, placed the amount of ground unprepared on account of the dry weather at one-fourth of the crop acreage of the county.

A heavy rain in the southern end of the country relieved that portion of Preble Friday, the storm flooding some of the lower fields. Saturday, a welcome rain storm that almost amounted to a cloudburst, swept the width of Wayne and Preble counties along the National Road, accompanied by a strong wind, which, however did little damage beyond laying down a small portion of the grain. Farmers along the National Road to the distance of several miles on each side received the benefits of this rain, which was a life saver to some.

Heavy Rain Sunday. Another heavy rain went through Wayne county Sunday from south to north, through Center township and up across Green township. This was another severe storm, coming up suddenly in the afternoon, and accompanied by a strong wind. Later, during the evening, there was a heavy downpour in the eastern part of Wayne county.

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Printing Plants Adopt 44 Hour Week Today

By Associated Press, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., June 20.—The 44 hour week became effective today in all the union printing plants in Saratoga county. The agreement was reached by arbitration.

Five Men Hold Up Expressman; Get \$16,000

GRANITE CITY, Ill., June 20.—Regret over the death of Representative Mason of Illinois is expressed in a cablegram received today by Speaker G. H. Leffert from President Barcelo of the Porto Rico senate. The message referred to Mr. Mason as "Porto Rico's greatest friend."

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Prominent Churchman Victim of Sudden Illness

By Associated Press, BOSTON, June 20.—The Reverend William Shaw, general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, was a patient at a local hospital today as a result of a sudden illness, suffered while he was delivering an address last night. His physicians said they did not consider his illness critical.

RAIL SLASH EXTENDED TO OTHER ROADS

Wage Reduction Order Affecting All Companies Not Named in June 1 Decision Expected This Week.

CUT TO BE IDENTICAL

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, June 20.—Announcement of a wage reduction order affecting practically all railroads involved in the \$60,000,000 wage award of July 1920, and not named in the reduction order of June 1, is expected this week. It was learned yesterday at the United States Railroad labor board.

A brief hearing covering about 30 roads asking wage cuts was held today. The board's decision on this case and on the hearing of June 6, when more than 150 roads presented petitions will be rendered simultaneously.

The decision, it was learned officially today, will be drawn as an addendum to the wage reduction order of June 1, and the reduction virtually will be identical with the average 12 per cent cut granted by that order.

Masked Auto Bandits

By Associated Press, PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 20.—Four masked automobile bandits held up Frederick Myers, a runner for the Mutual Trust company, here today and seized a bag containing between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The runner fired after the fleeing bandits who escaped with the money.

Choose Earlier Date.

The question of setting the date for the election on Sept. 6, the same date that a vote on constitutional amendments will be taken, was discussed but several councilmen and the mayor were opposed to this date and the earlier date was chosen.

Council will meet for its regular meeting Monday night. The question of carnivals will be brought to the attention of the city elders again, according to Mayor Zimmerman. Several business men are planning to visit the council meeting and urge the regulation of the number of carnivals visiting the city. It is stated that business men have compiled figures intended to show that legitimate businesses of the city are hurt by the continuous string of carnivals that have shown in Richmond this summer.

RECREATION CENTERS ARE OPENED MONDAY; MANY SPORTS OFFERED

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RESELLER WILL OPPOSE LIBERTY APPLICATION FOR DAYTON POWER

By Associated Press, CINCINNATI, June 20.—City Attorney Will Reller will fight the petition of the Liberty Light and Power company, asking to be allowed to take current interchangeably from the Dayton company's current. Hearing for this petition is to be before the Indiana Public Service commission in Indianapolis, at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Notification of the hearing was received by the board of works Monday morning. A resolution that the City attorney oppose the petition to the fullest extent was unanimously passed by the board. Mayor W. W. Zimmerman will accompany Mr. Reller to Indianapolis.

It is understood that the purpose of the Liberty plant is to make connections with the Dayton company's current at a point near New Westville, providing the petition is granted.

A member of the board of works said Monday that with the new equipment and facilities of the local city light plant all of the needs of the Liberty firm could be met easily. Every effort is to be made to prevent the Dayton company gaining its petition.

Bills Passed.

Bills totaling approximately \$18,000 were passed by the board. Many of the larger bills were for the city's coal supply.

J. L. Teegarden was awarded a preliminary contract for the improvement of North A street between North Second and Third streets.

It is hoped that the community service can organize senior and junior baseball and newcomb leagues, horseshoe matches and athletic contests of various kinds.

Among the other features planned is that of basket and raffia making, dramatics and folk dancing. Probably prizes will be offered later in the season to those being the most skilled in one or more of these added playground attractions, according to Mr. Slocum.

Playground supervisors met Monday morning to discuss the summer work. The above mentioned playground attractions were practically agreed upon. Grounds opened include the Twenty-second street, Finley, Warner, Seward, and Whitewater school grounds. Each playground was to have complete baseball, volleyball and basketball equipment. Horseshoe and sand piles were also to be on hand for use.

Studebaker Paymaster Faces Serious Charge

By Associated Press, CINCINNATI, June 20.—William Ley, 40, head paymaster of the automobile division of the Studebaker Corporation, Detroit, was held by the police here today upon complaint of John C. Hogan, special detective, employed by the corporation, who said warrants charging embezzlement and forgery had been issued by Detroit for Ley. Hogan claimed Ley's accounts were \$15,000 to \$20,000 short. Ley had been living at a hotel here until recently when he moved to Newport, Ky. Ley waived extradition.

Weather Forecast

MOORE'S LOCAL FORECAST.

Fair, followed by thunderstorms.

Generally fair weather of today will be followed by unsettled during the next 24 hours, with occasional thunderstorms.

For Indiana by the United States Weather Bureau.—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; probably local thunderstorms in south portion; little change in temperatures.

Temperatures for Yesterday.

Maximum 84

Minimum 68

Today.

Noon 88

Weather Conditions.—The severe drought has now been broken over Wayne and adjacent counties, due to a storm which crossed the Great Lakes and originated in the Rocky mountains. The hot wave was severe over the Southern and Central states and in portions of the Northern states. At Charleston, S. C., 100 degrees, and as high as 94 degrees in Minnesota. The cool wave continues over the Rocky Mountain states, with 28 above at Flagstaff, Arizona. This illness critical.

FRENCH STEAMER AGROUND.

NORFOLK, Va., June 20.—The French steamer, Nord African, is aground at Cape Lookout and a wrecking tug has been sent to her assistance from the port. A wireless message from the stranded ship said she was in no serious danger as long as the weather continued favorable. The vessel grounded while en route from Norfolk to Charleston, S. C.

Woman Heads School



Miss Leah Fletcher

ENGLAND TO FIX POLICIES AT CONCLAVE

Lloyd George Welcomes Imperial Premiers—Conference Expected To Consider Very Important Matters.

DECIDE PROCEDURE

By Associated Press.

LONDON, June 20.—The conference of imperial premiers met this afternoon in the official residence of the prime minister in Downing street. A brief address of welcome and an outline of the work to be undertaken by the conference were made by Mr. Lloyd George, which was virtually the only business of the session.

Those attending today's sitting were:

Mr. Lloyd George, Austin Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons; Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies; A. G. Balfour, lord president of the council; Premier Hughes of Australia; Meighan, of Canada; Massey, of New Zealand, and Smuts of South Africa, and three representatives of India.

Decide Procedure.

The first work to be done, according to the announced program, was to decide upon the procedure to be followed during the meetings and the extent to which the deliberations of the conference would be made public.

Forecasts of the conference have indicated that the Anglo-Japanese alliance, imperial defense, imperial policy in foreign affairs and other matters of far-reaching importance will be discussed.

SWEDEN AND FINLAND DEBATING STATUS OF THE ALAND ISLANDS

By Associated Press.

GENEVA, June 20.—Sweden and Finland debated questions relative to the future status of the Aland Islands before the council of the league of nations here today. This was the first open session of the council, public meetings held in the past being for the purpose of announcing decisions on matters heard at executive assemblies of the organization. Hjalmar Branting, former Spanish minister of finance, has prepared a presentation of Sweden's claims to the islands, and the answer was to be made by C. W. Bucknell, former Finnish foreign minister, and now the Finnish minister to France.

During the coming week, the Polish-Lithuanian dispute, the report of the commission appointed to pass on proposed amendments to the covenant of the league, and conflicting claims to territory along the frontier of Albania will be considered by the council. Belief is expressed that these matters will be cleared up before Saturday.</p