

FAVORABLE REPORT ON LABOR HEARD DESPITE "YEAR OF UNUSUAL STRIFE"

(By Associated Press)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 12.—The record of organized labor's accomplishment in "a year of unusual strife and unusual industrial depression" was laid before the forty-second annual convention of the American Federation of Labor today in the report of the Federation's executive council.

The report declared that American labor during the year not only suffered from the widespread unemployment that existed, but was beseet "by opponents more active and determined than ever."

"In addition to strictures on the conduct of employers in numerous cases, the report added explicit and pointed criticism of congress and of some legislative bodies, declaring such branches of the government to be "succumbing to a wave of reaction." Fault was found with the action of some courts, including the supreme court, and with what was described as President Harding's "proposal to regulate trade unions."

"It is with no little satisfaction in view of these circumstances," the report on the other hand declared, "that we are able to lay before this convention a report of achievement, a report of solidarity, a report of constructive planning, and a report that only inadequately portrays the militant spirit with which our movement has come through the years. The audacity of those who have made it their business to attack in every possible manner the voluntary organizations of the workers has no parallel in our country. What our movement has been compelled to meet has been a condition in which the predatory powers have sought to break down all resistance in every quarter and to enrich themselves at the expense of the whole people. No experience has testified as eloquently to the fundamental soundness of our organizations and to the manner in which they serve the workers. We shall fight with a greater confidence because of the record that has been made."

Claim Indifference.

The report declared that in the direct labor field "workers in a number of industries have been compelled to resort to cessation of work" because "organized employers" were "unwilling to meet workers in conference for negotiation." The most important instance of this policy was declared to be the cause of the existing coal mine strike, although trouble in the textile, garment, printing, granite, and packing house industries also were cited.

The organized mine owners repudiated their agreement with the United Mine Workers of America, "the report said, "compelling the mine workers to cease work. . . . Packing house employers were likewise guilty of violation of agreements."

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Claim Hostility.

"The year is marked particularly with an increasing hostility of the judiciary toward the effort of wage earners to prevent deterioration of their standards of life and labor," the report continued, "and we recommend that an appeal be made to that higher court of public judgment, and that the public conscience be aroused to the great and grave menace which confronts the perpetuity of the constitutional rights and liberties of all our

people and as originally conceived by the founders of our republic."

Instances of "most flagrant abuses of equity power" were declared to be contained in Federal Judge Anderson's order at Indianapolis, enjoining continuation of the "check-off" system of collecting miners' union dues, and in Federal Judge McClintic's decision in West Virginia against strikes of the same union in that state. This latter decision in the report characterized as "conclusive evidence that the injunction as used . . . is devoid of all sense of fairness and decency and that our courts of equity can be turned conveniently into instruments of the greatest iniquity whenever it will best serve the interests of soulless corporations and a mad desire for wealth."

Possibility of "relief from the constitutional use of the writs of injunction" by legislative action lay in the political field, the report said.

Praise Locals

The executive council described its record of non-partisan political campaign organizing in advance of the fall elections and expressed "satisfaction over the wonderful enthusiasm expressed" by every local organization of labor in the effort which it said proved "Not only the wage earners, but the great mass of our citizenship are crying for relief." The campaign effort will be to focus votes behind a program of "opposition to compulsory labor law," and "opposition to injunctions and contempt proceedings as substitute for trial by jury," the council said.

"Congress has proved that only those who are well-to-do or control great interests can induce it to listen," the council said, in detailing the reason why it asked the federation to enter the campaign for satisfactory candidates. "These facts are slowly penetrating the minds of the people. They are beginning to realize the change they thought they wanted. Unless there is a change in the personnel of the house and senate people can prepare themselves for still greater and greater suffering and injustice."

"The idea seems to prevail that the outcome of the 1922 elections means that every liberty of the people can be taken away provided some individual or group of individuals representing the privileged few desire it for their benefit," the report continued. "The statement is often made that if the United States capitol could be transported to the England of the fifteenth century half the members of congress would be 'to the manner born.'"

State legislative bodies also were taken to task in some cases, chiefly in the matter of compulsory arbitration laws. The Kansas industrial court was described as "an utter failure" and similar legislation in Colorado was said to be "equally as absurd and fully as dangerous."

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Returning to direct labor matters, organized labor scored victory, the report said, "against organized campaigns for the establishment of the so-called open shop."

"Chambers of commerce throughout the country, with certain notable exceptions, have lent themselves to this disruptive propaganda," the report stated. "The United States Chamber

News of the Counties

HANNA'S CREEK, Ind.—Mrs. Homer LaFuze sustained a broken right arm when she fell down a stairway at the local church, Sunday.

Charles Boddy was badly bruised when hit by an automobile while riding his motorcycle near Richmond.

Suburban

MILTON, Ind.—Ruth Ann, the little daughter of Mary Stils and Luther Vardaman was brought from Muncie Monday for burial in West Side cemetery. . . . Children's Day was observed Sunday night at the Christian church with an interesting program. The house was crowded.

The offering amounted to \$80. . . . Miss Ruth McCormick spent a few days the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Vardaman at Muncie. . . . The Methodist Sunday school will have a Children's Day program Sunday evening. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clingman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Squires of Lyonsville over Sunday. . . . Mrs. Carl Caldwell, Miss Mary Caldwell, Mrs. Albert Ferris, Mrs. Oliver Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Linville Wallace, Mrs. Harper Lindsay and Mrs. E. P. Jones attended Earlham May Day, Monday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lantz had as recent guest Noah Morris of Piqua, Ohio. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Benton Wagner and son George and Mrs. Carl Williams attended commencement at Indiana university. Miss Alma Wagner was one of the graduates. . . . Mrs. Charles Ferris had as guest her niece, Mrs. Mary Chauncy. . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones spent the weekend with their son, Ernest, at Indiana university. . . . Richard George from Phoenix, Ariz., and Bert George who has been in the navy four years, have been visiting Milton friends. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crawford, Rev. and Mrs. McCormick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson and Charles Calleyway attended commencement at the College of Missions at Indianapolis Wednesday. . . . The Embroidery club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Nugent. . . . The Loyal Daughters and the Hustlers will serve a penny supper at the Christian church basement Friday evening, June 18. . . . Mrs. Carrie Johnson is visiting her son, Louis, at Indianapolis. . . . Miss Naomi Squier of Richmond and Charles Ivy of Rochester, were weekend guests of John Posey Jones. . . . Mrs.

"COTTON QUEEN OF SOUTH" WOULD SIT IN LOWER HOUSE



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Mrs. Lelia Seton Edmundson, "Cotton Queen of the South," who owns and operates a 1,600-acre cotton plantation near Decatur, Ala., and who for a number of years has been working for better roads and better national laws for the farmers of the south, says she is going to congress in behalf of the cotton planters of the south. She will enter the Democratic primary in August and nomination there is said to be equivalent to election, as her district is largely Democratic.

Martha Everson of Richmond has been visiting Mrs. Flora Vorhees. . . . The Straight Way class of the Christian church held a class meeting in the basement Friday evening. . . . The Loyalty Daughters met with Mrs. Arlon Doll Friday evening. . . . Ross Pitman of Hollansburg, Ohio, was a recent guest of Clarence Pitman. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Theo Crist visited Mrs. Margie Fraze at the Connerville hospital Tuesday. . . . Ross Parker was at Indianapolis Wednesday. . . . At the Bible school council of the Christian church at the home of George Wagner the following officers for the new year were elected: Superintendent, George Wagner; assistant superintendent, E. P. Jones; treasurer, Charles Calloway; secretary, Leroy Hines; assistant secretary, Bernice Hicks; adult superintendent, Alfred Sample; young people, Delbart Pitman; children's department, Mrs. McCormick; cradle roll, Mrs. George Wagner; home department, Mrs. Sample; temperance, Al. P. Jones; pianist, Mrs. Harry Doty; Albert Ferris; teacher training, Mrs. E. Assistant, Mrs. Arlon Doll; Rev. McCormick, Floyd Hines and Rosco Sizelove were appointed delegates to the state convention at Evansville, Thursday night.

CAMPBELLSTOWN, Ohio.—At 6 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wills Leary, of New Hope, Ohio, occurred the marriage of two of Jackson township's most prominent young people, Miss Glennie Leary and Heber O'Hara, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Hara of Campbellstown, O.

The bride is an accomplished musician and the wedding was over Sunday. . . . The house was crowded. The offering amounted to \$80. . . . Miss Ruth McCormick spent a few days the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Vardaman at Muncie. . . . The Methodist Sunday school will have a Children's Day program Sunday evening. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lantz had as recent guest Noah Morris of Piqua, Ohio. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Benton Wagner and son George and Mrs. Carl Williams attended commencement at Indiana university. Miss Alma Wagner was one of the graduates. . . . Mrs. Charles Ferris had as guest her niece, Mrs. Mary Chauncy. . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones spent the weekend with their son, Ernest, at Indiana university. . . . Richard George from Phoenix, Ariz., and Bert George who has been in the navy four years, have been visiting Milton friends. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crawford, Rev. and Mrs. McCormick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson and Charles Calleyway attended commencement at the College of Missions at Indianapolis Wednesday. . . . The Embroidery club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Nugent. . . . The Loyal Daughters and the Hustlers will serve a penny supper at the Christian church basement Friday evening, June 18. . . . Mrs. Carrie Johnson is visiting her son, Louis, at Indianapolis. . . . Miss Naomi Squier of Richmond and Charles Ivy of Rochester, were weekend guests of John Posey Jones. . . . Mrs.

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the groom a school teacher. Before the ceremony Mrs. Ashur Wooley of Richmond, played "I Love You Truly," and Lester Benham sang, "O Promise Me." To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, the bridal party approached the altar.

The bride wore a dress of white organdie with a veil of tulle bound with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bride was attended by Miss Mabel O'Hara, sister of the groom, and the groom was attended by Robert Pence. Little Clayton O'Hara acted as ring bearer, carrying the rings on a lily.

As they halted at the altar Miss Techla Vollmer of Dayton sang "At Dawnning," at the conclusion of which the double ring ceremony was pronounced by Rev. P. V. Harris of South Whitley, Ind.

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