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survive: A. E. Root Jr., of Portland, Or.; Mrs. Vinnie C. Russell of National, Wash.; Mrs. Tenie Dunham of Portland, Or.; and Sara Root of Tacoma. Rev. E. W. Rinehart conducted the funeral from the Kelso Methodist church. Mrs. Root married with the Methodist church when she was 18 years of age and lived a devoted Christian life that will long be remembered by her children and close friends.

Mrs. Esther Ramey Tindolph, who had been critically ill for the past five weeks, died yesterday morning at St. Vincent's hospital as the result of a severe operation. Mrs. Tindolph was born at Scltuato, R. I., June 1854. For thirty-five years she had been a resident of Portland, where she made her home with her only son, Allen G. Tindolph. Of late she had resided at the Campbell hotel, Twenty-third and Hoyt streets.

Besides her son, Mrs. Tindolph is survived by her brothers, George and Charles Ramsdell, now residing in the east. She was a sister of the late Horace D. Ramsdell of this city. Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. From the church a private service will be held at the Portland crematorium.

### TYPHUS SWEEPS SIBERIA

#### THOUSANDS OF NEW CASES BREAKING OUT DAILY

Mortality Among Children, Already 30 Per Cent, Is Reported to Be Increasing. OMSK, Tuesday, Sept. 30.—Siberia is threatened with one of history's greatest typhus epidemics, according to reports received here from Colonel Rudolph Belling, director of St. Luke's hospital, Tokio, but now a member of the American Red Cross, who, with a party of the Red Cross, has been in western Siberia for six months. The cases of typhus among Siberian troops since January 1, according to Dr. Teuster, have aggregated 120,000 and since July 1, 40,000. New cases now number thousands daily.

All the resources of the disinfection hospitals are overwhelmed and the fever rapidly spreading among the healthy soldiers and the civil population of western and middle Siberia. By mid-winter, the epidemic is expected to reach enormous proportions. Near Omsk, according to Dr. Teuster, thousands are actually within one's grasp. Winter is approaching and thousands of them are digging holes in the ground in order to escape the freezing cold. Sanitary conditions are described as frightful.

Unless the American Red Cross can furnish relief, says Dr. Teuster, "the death toll this winter will be far greater than ever before in Siberia." The American Red Cross estimates the mortality among children at 30 per cent and says it is increasing. The American Red Cross is operating a fully equipped hospital train in handling wounded direct from the front and special cars are being sent from the front to distribute medicines and instruments direct to the field hospitals.

### WOMEN DOCTORS RETURN

#### Portland Physicians Are Decorated for Efficient Services.

In a letter received in Portland yesterday from William R. Strandborg comes the news that two of Portland's women physicians, Dr. Mary McLachlan and Dr. Mary Evans, have returned from overseas and will reach Oregon within the next few days. Both of these Portlanders were among the 18 women physicians decorated by the French government for their work in the American Women's Medical association in France and Siberia. Mr. Strandborg met them while he was calling at the offices of the American Women's Medical association, of which another Portlander, Dr. Esther Loveloy, is acting president. Dr. Loveloy contemplates making a lecture tour of the United States in the interests of the American Red Cross, which will bring her to Portland this winter.

Accident Brings Damage Suit. Damages of \$7500 for the death of John Saastamolen, under the wheels of an automobile truck operated by Edward Ziegler and Marion Crowder, 10, 1919, are asked in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday by Helmi Saastamolen, administratrix of her husband's estate. The deceased was riding a bicycle when run down by the truck at Washburn avenue and Willamette boulevard.

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### PORTLAND FIRST TO SEE MUSICAL COMEDY IN STOCK.

The pleasing musical comedy, "Have a Heart," is the attraction at the Alcazar theater this week. It is a late release for stock use and was played here a few months ago at the Helig theater. Portland has the distinction of being the first city in this country to present this up-to-the-minute musical play in stock, and there are still two companies touring the east in "Have a Heart."

The play, written by Charles Frohall and Lee Daly, receives encore after encore, so catchy is this number that the audience hails and whistles it as they leave the theater. The scenery and costumes are unusually pretty and the entire production has an air of class. The last performance will be Sunday night.

Obituary. EUGENE, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth D. Taylor, an early pioneer of the state, died at the home of her son, James Taylor, yesterday at the age of 84 years. Mrs. Taylor crossed the plains with her parents in 1853, six years later than her husband's family. She and William Taylor were married in Lane county in 1858. Mr. Taylor died a week ago.

Their living children are John T. Taylor, North Fork; James J. Taylor, Eugene; Mary C. Hale, Elmira; F. W. Taylor, Deadwood; Virginia L. Duckworth, Eugene; Florence J. Cook, Gold Hill; Charles W. Taylor, Eugene; and Nancy A. Harpole, Junction City.

RELSO, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. B. Root, 89 years of age and a resident of Ostrander for 31 years, died Sunday at the home of her daughter at National, Wash. Mrs. Root was born in Germany and came to this country in 1840. She married A. B. Root in 1846. Four children

### JOHN D. JR. PLEADS FOR LABOR RIGHTS

#### "Recognition as Men" Is Help Workers' Aim.

#### BARGAINING QUESTION UP

Threat Is Made to Withdraw From Conference—Adjournment Prevents Vote on Question. (Continued From First Page.) "Surely the men and women of this great country will stand together as unselfishly in solving this great industrial problem as they did in dealing with the problems of the war if only right is made clear and the way to a solution pointed out. "The solution of the industrial problem can be brought about only by the introduction of a new spirit into the relationship between the parties to industry—a spirit of justice, of brotherhood.

A man who recently spent some months studying the industrial problem and who came into contact with thousands of workmen came to the conclusion that not wages but recognition as men was what the workers really sought. What job can there be if life, what interest can man take in his work, what enthusiasm can be expected to develop on behalf of his employer, when he is regarded as a number on a payroll, a cog in a wheel, a mere hand? Who would not earnestly seek to gain recognition of his manhood and the right to be heard and treated as a human being, and not as a machine?

"For studying the details of plans and methods is apt to lead to endless controversy without constructive result. If we, not, however, unite in the adoption of the principle of representation and the agreement to make every effort to secure the endorsement and acceptance of this principle by all chambers of commerce, industrial and commercial bodies, and all organizations of labor." The assurance given of a closer relation between the parties to industry would further promote good will and help to bridge the gulf between capital and labor.

Mr. Rockefeller was joined by H. B. Endicot, a shoe manufacturer, and a member of the public group who spoke, he said, as "one of the largest employers in the country in the largest employer of labor in his line in the world."

Mr. Fergusson, president of the Newport News shipbuilding company, speaking "as a manager who stands between capital and workers," insisted that there should be no cleavage between men all of whom are Americans and most of whom begin their careers by working with their own hands.

He defended the sincerity of the employers in attempting to solve industrial problems. Declaration Is Presented. The declaration of the "right of workers" to "bargain collectively," and to "be represented by representatives of their own choosing," was presented to the National Industrial conference today by Thomas L. Chadbourne, chairman of the committee of 15.

The right of wage earners to organize in trade and labor unions, to bargain collectively and to be represented by representatives of their own choosing in negotiations and adjustments with employers in respect to wages, hours of labor and relations and conditions of employment is recognized.

This must not be understood as limiting the right of any wage earner to refrain from joining any organization or to deal directly with his employer if he so chooses. The first move of the capital group was an attempt to block presentation of the declaration of the conference, but this failed. Chairman Lane ruled that the question was one for individual and not group voting and the public and labor groups voted to receive the declaration.

Mr. Fish's demand made that the resolution be referred back to the general committee, W. D. Mahon, of the labor group, intimated that the labor delegates would no longer participate in the sessions should such action be taken. "There is no use in sending this resolution back to the committee," he said. "This conference must face and decide this vital issue now."

When this conference repeatedly sidestepped the resolution for arbitration of the steel strike, labor agreed to turn to a consideration of the vital point of all issues, the right of collective bargaining. The committee of 15, which represents all three groups of this conference, has framed a resolution outlining the views of the delegates on that subject for the consideration of the delegates. All factions in the committee of 15 helped to draw up that resolution. Labor announces now that further delay is useless.

Morrison Is Applauded. The first applause heard in the conference since its inception greeted the declaration of Frank Morrison, acting chairman of the labor delegation, that "the conspirators aiming at the ruin of trade unionism should embody their proposition in a programme plachette before this conference, is evidence of their blindness to the spirit today animating the masses of America—a blindness of pride that goes before a fall, blindness to the determination of public opinion that the economic autocrat, the bigmillionaire, the contaminator of Americans through foreign colonization in industrial centers, shall meet his just doom of extinction."

Among the 12 principles proposed by the industrial group to the conference, continued Morrison, "is one which, declaring that there should be no interference with the open shop, concludes, 'no employer should be required to deal with men or groups of men who are not his employees or chosen by and from among them. The principle here enunciated violates established and prevailing customs in industry in the United States.'" "I am glad to see this resolution," said Morrison, "and I am glad to see that it is so clearly stated that there is no interference with the open shop."

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civilized world. In practice it would result in the economic slavery of the industrial wage earners of this country. Group Consciousness Hint. The British industrial conference had recognized the principle of collective bargaining, Morrison told the conference.

A protest against manifestations of "group consciousness" which would block action by the conference, was made by John Spargo, public representative. "Turning toward the employers' group, he said: "It is a short-sighted policy on the part of capital if you persist in your opposition to this eminently reasonable proposition."

Charles Edward Russell of New York, a member of the public group, declared that both labor and capital had demonstrated a new spirit since the beginning of the conference. "Representatives of capital and labor alike are Americans," he said, "and both realize that upon the results of this conference depends the fate of the United States for months and perhaps years."

Capital conferees voiced their dissatisfaction with Secretary Lane's ruling yesterday against the group method of voting on the question of postponing action on the steel strike resolution, declaring that an individual vote was unfair, because the employers group numbered only 17 members, compared with 19 in the labor group and 23 in the public group.

SUGAR STILL SCARCE IN YAKIMA. YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Dealers here have been notified that there is no prospect of relief from the sugar shortage in the near future. One of the larger stores of the city was unable to provide any sugar for its customers and others were selling in small quantities only.

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