

DENY FEDERATION HAS TAKEN SIDES

Executive Council Resents Aspersions on Course of Gompers.

ONLY GIVES INFORMATION

Labor Leaders Do Not Dictate to Workmen How to Vote, But Only Tell Them How Parties Receive Their Demands.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today unanimously adopted the report of the labor representation committee.

"We shall in the future," says the report, "as we have in the past, shape our course upon a non-partisan basis."

The attitude of the council toward President Gompers' position in the campaign is expressed in the report as follows:

"We desire to refute here the aspersions cast upon the executive council practically and one of its members, President Gompers, that it is our purpose or his to dictate to the working people of our country how they should cast their votes in the coming election, nor has anyone promised the vote of the workmen to any particular party. We have strongly, clearly and emphatically as it was our duty, presented the situation in which workmen of the country find themselves, the demands which labor has made upon both political parties as to necessary action which they should take, the treatment they have received, and have appealed to the judgment and patriotism of the working people and the friends of labor throughout the country, since both political parties have spoken, to make their choice as their consciences may dictate. We have so conducted and propose so to conduct our course that the labor movement shall remain as free and independent from political partisan domination as it has ever been in its history."

MUST CLEAR FROM TACOMA

Ships Taking Lumber at Knappa-ton Belong in Puget Sound District.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—A. T. Collier, Deputy Collector of Customs at Tacoma, arrived here last evening for the purpose of entering the British steamship Roverie, which is to load a cargo of lumber at Knappa-ton. The vessel, which is owned by the Knappa-ton Lumber Co., is being loaded at Knappa-ton, and is to be cleared at the local Customs House, but

the Puget Sound Customs authorities have discovered that Knappa-ton is in Washington and claim it is in their district, so they intend to compel all vessels loading at Knappa-ton to enter and clear from Tacoma, notwithstanding the extra expense it will incur, especially to foreign craft, as they must pay the expense of two trips of a Customs officer from the Sound, one to enter the craft and another to clear her. The burden will not be so heavy on American vessels, however, although they may be bound for foreign ports.

Under the law no foreign vessel with cargo can clear from one American port to another, but with an American vessel it is different. Thus, if a coaster loads at Knappa-ton, she can clear for Astoria by merely mailing a manifest to Tacoma and after going into the stream can then clear from the local Customs House for any port desired without incurring so much additional expense. It is understood the matter will be taken up with the department in Washington with a view of permitting all vessels to clear from here as formerly.

BOLD THUGS ROB GROCER

HOLD UP STOREKEEPER AND PATRONS IN SPOKANE.

Proprietor Commanded to Put Down Baby and Empty Cash Draw With Gun Under Nose.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—"Put down that baby and dig up your money," was the command given by the leader of a pair of masked thugs to E. W. Adams, proprietor of the Kenwood grocery store, this evening. The store, purchasing the good things for the Sunday dinner, were two women and the groceryman was holding his baby in his arms. The demand on the grocer was backed up by a revolver, and Adams put down the baby, who toddled about the store while the father tremblingly emptied the till and his pockets.

Meanwhile the other thug terrified the women but their terror was not the sort that ties the tongue. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself," said one woman to the holdup. She had picked up a banana which the thug for a moment evidently thought might be a weapon. "We don't intend to harm you," he said to her, "you put down that banana and quit your rascaldom."

The woman and Adams then held up their hands in the air until the marauders had taken all the money the grocer had. The women were not robbed. The Kenwood is a corner grocery in a well populated section of the residence district.

WINSTON CHURCHILL WEDS

Young English Statesman Marries Miss Hoster at Westminster.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, was married in this city this afternoon to Clementine, daughter of the late Sir Henry Montague-Hosier, who for 32 years was secretary for Lloyds. The ceremony occurred at St. Margaret's Church. The congregation attending the ceremony included the leaders of both political parties and persons prominent in society to the number of about 300, while the curious gathered in the church and in front of the home of the bride.

CHECK UPON FIRES

Protection Needed at Mouth of the Columbia.

WIRELESS UP TO ARCTIC

Experts Now Working on Extension of System of Communication With Far Northern Towns.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 12.—Bids will soon be invited for installing fire protection systems in defense at the mouth of the Columbia River. The plans are nearing completion. Sixty thousand dollars have been allotted for this project.

Army and Navy wireless experts are working in unison in the extension of a system of communication in the Far North. The War Department has been advised of the probable completion during the present month of the new wireless stations in Alaska and the Navy Department has arranged to have a wireless station on Mummy Island at the mouth of Prince William Sound. This station will operate in connection with the Army stations in the interior of Alaska, and especially with stations established this year.

The Army has the Burnside and the Navy has the Yorktown in Alaskan waters on wireless installation with the prospect that the chain of stations will be completed by the close of this season.

FORT WARD IMPROVEMENTS

War Department Will Increase Accommodations at the Post.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 12.—It is planned to add to accommodations at Fort Ward, Wash., to provide a garrison of two companies of Coast Artillery. The scheme looks to the erection of barracks for two companies, one Field Officers' quarters, two Captains' quarters, four Lieutenants' quarters, four noncommissioned staff officers' quarters, two firemen's quarters, the erection of other buildings, clearing of the reservation, grading, construction of roads and the installation of water and sewer systems. About \$37,000 will be spent this year in improvements, including barracks for one company, and later other work will be done.

The Quartermaster-General has authorized the construction of two double noncommissioned officers' quarters and one double set of firemen's quarters at Fort Worlan, Wash.

Authority is also granted for the construction of two double sets of noncommissioned officers' quarters and one double set of firemen's quarters at Fort Casey, Wash.

Stationary Engineers' Officers.

DENVER, Sept. 12.—The National Association of Stationary Engineers concluded its convention here last night by selecting Columbus, O., as the next meeting place, and electing the following officers: President, Fred

Fisher, Los Angeles; vice-president, William J. Reynolds, Hoboken, N. J.; secretary, T. W. Raven, Chicago; treasurer, S. B. Force, Pittsburg. The ladies' auxiliary elected Mrs. Dora Weaver, of Columbus, president.

CLARK ESCAPES; RETAKEN

Man Wanted in Portland on Forgery Charge Breaks His Word.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—When permission had been given him to visit his wife who lay at the point of death in a hospital at Edmonton, Alberta, Harry Clark, of Portland, now a prisoner at the city jail, made a desperate attempt to escape several days ago. He was recaptured. Last night he arrived in Seattle on the steamship Princess Royal in charge of Detective Sergeant C. J. Griffith, of Edmonton, and B. F. Scott, manager of the International Conservatory of Music of Portland, the concern Clark is alleged to have defrauded.

RECOVERS WILL OF VICTIM

Lawyer Finds Mrs. Johnston's Testament Had Been Tampered With.

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—The will of Mrs. Belle Johnston, wife of Lee A. Johnston, who is charged with murdering her at Nome, October 31, 1905, today fell into the hands, through relatives of the dead woman, of Attorney James T. Lawler, who drew up the paper four years ago when the victim was on her way to Alaska.

She owned property worth \$400 at her home in Butte, Mont., and in the will bequeathed it to her two sisters. The names of the real beneficiaries were torn off and in a cramped hand some person had attempted to alter its conditions. The will was found in Johnston's effects after his arrest here on the charge of murder. Johnston admitted cutting up the body of his wife, but claimed it had been done at her request in a room she left him in the cabin after committing suicide.

Aberdeen 7; Spokane 6.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The champions won an exciting contest this afternoon by hammering out the victory in the final inning after they had fessed away their previous chances to win. In the ninth, with the score 6 to 3 in Spokane's favor, the Cats landed on Rasty Wright's delivery, and Jensen, who was sent in to stave off defeat, fared no better. Six hits, including two two-baggers and a three-bagger, gave Aberdeen four runs and the game. The score: R.H.E. Spokane 1 1 1 0 0 2 0 0 1—6 8 2 Aberdeen 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 4—7 13 1 Batteries—Wright, Jensen and Rogers; Starkell and Boettiger.

Poles Object to Census.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Alleged blunders in the recent school census of Chicago by which thousands of Polish-Americans were listed as Russians, Germans and Austrians have aroused Chicago citizens of the Polish race. An investigation has been started, with the result, it is said, that already a miscount of over 100,000 has been proved. Prominent Polish-American political leaders and Roman Catholic priests were listed as Russians, according to the investigators, who allege that the mistakes were made intentionally for the purpose of reducing the apparent political strength of the nationality.

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