

GOSSIPERS ATTACKS FARM CONFERENCE

National Meeting Controlled
by Interests, Is Plaint.

DELEGATE LIST SECRET

Labor Leader Writes That Object
Seemed to Be Split Agricul-
ture and Workers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the forthcoming issue of the organization's official journal, declares that the national agricultural conference held in Washington last month was "controlled absolutely" by a group of approximately 60 railroad presidents, trust magnates, bankers and anti-trade union employers. Its objective, he further asserts, was to "drive farmers and wage earners into hostile camps" and the motto of the controlling group was that of all profiteers, "after the flood."

The article states that during the conference, "every attack on the workers was greeted with an expression of approval," and that he considered it apparent from the start that it would be a cultural propaganda to prevent action by the conference reflecting the nation-wide propaganda of big business for an assault on the wages and the rights of the workers.

List of Delegates Secret.
"While adequate reports of all the inconsequential actions of the conference and some of the important actions," he added, were "conveyed to the public through the daily newspapers, the astounding manner in which the big business interests defeated the mandate of the conference was completely overlooked by the daily newspapers."

Criticizing the delegate makeup of the convention which was prepared by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, Mr. Gompers says that it was impossible to get a list of its members in advance. When assembled, he said, he found it impossible to recall a conference at which greater restrictions were placed on free expression. As the only delegate representing organized labor, in committee sessions and floor debate, he added, he was unable to make any direct attack on his organization.

"No doubt it was hoped to create suspicion and hostility between the wage earners and the farmers," Mr. Gompers' article concludes.

Action Considered Deliberate.
"No doubt it was the deliberate intention to engage them in mutual recriminations in order that the way might be kept clear for the activities of those who mulct them both and render no useful service in return, but the workers will not be deceived."

The conference produced nothing that can damage the relationship. It is astounding that the government should summon a group so dominated by the exploiting and profiteering interests. It is astounding, disappointing and disillusioning, but justice will prevail."

TAX HELD VOTERS' FAULT

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come tax, which will produce a revenue from that considerable percentage of residents who have incomes but own no real property, and therefore manage to dodge paying their share of the cost of operating the government. The income tax, the commission argues, will distribute the burden of taxes more equitably and will relieve the pressure under which real property is now struggling.

Farm Property Taxative.
With the price of commodities such as they are; the cost of production and the high taxes, farm property, according to the commissioners, is far from attractive, and therefore few sales of farms. City property, too, is hard hit and there are several million dollars worth of farm and city property on the delinquent tax list. The commission hopes to work out some solution, with respect to property affected by delinquent taxes, and recommend this remedy to the 1923 legislature in its report.

Much as the commission favors and wants a state income tax, it will not recommend such a measure unless safeguards are prepared so that when real property is relieved of some of the burden by an income tax, the tax-paying bodies will not take advantage of the situation and tilt local levies on real property. The commission wants to equalize the tax burden and is unalterably opposed to providing more money to be spent.

Hearings Are Planned.
For the purpose of interviewing taxpayers in all sections of the state the commission plans to hold hearings in eastern Oregon and western Oregon next month. The first meeting will be at Bend, March 12, and at LaGrande March 14. The next day a hearing will be held at Pendleton and March 16 the commission will be at The Dalles.

March 18 will be the Astoria hearing. Malheur county will be invited to the Baker hearing, Walla Walla to the Grange hearing, Morrow and Grant to Pendleton, and Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook counties to The Dalles. The commission wants to meet county courts, county assessors and organizations of taxpayers and individual taxpayers. The commission is seeking information as to conditions and solicits suggestions for remedies. The western Oregon trip will be scheduled later.

MARRIAGE IS REHEARSED
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dresses, costumes and tea gowns cut on long, straight and simple lines, showing the fashionable long waist and wire or silk gloves. The skirts are of medium length.

Cloth of silver, with a sheen of moonshine, was selected by the princess to form the foundation of her wedding dress.

This was draped with a gossamer overdress embroidered with designs of pearl and gold by some of the most skilled workers of the country. A deep lace collar, falling in little showery, was chosen to appear above the English, silver-shot court train; magnificently mounted on white duchess satin, embroidered in silver and silk.

Decolletage Square Cut.
The decolletage is square cut, the overdress has transparent sleeves reaching to the elbow and veils of glistering silver transform the square corsage into a V-shaped front. Exquisite point lace, which it was understood was worn by Queen Mary at her wedding, played an important part in the evolution of the dress. It is arranged in a deep collar at the

back and falls in soft cascades on each side from the waist, reaching below the hem of the skirt.
The full cost train worked with Indian silver and silk embroideries representing various floral designs of the empire, is about four yards in length. The princess will probably wear a tulle veil falling back in graceful folds from a flat wreath.

Precedents Are Recalled.
The earliest precedent for a princess of the royal household to marry one of her father's subjects is not one with the usual story-book ending, in which the couple "lived happily ever after." The bride in that instance was Lady Joan, daughter of Edward I, "Longshanks," who hoped by giving her to the Earl of Gloucester and Hereford to obtain the earl's loyalty and support.

The wedding occurred in the year 1290, when the princess was 19 years old. She was widowed when 23 years of age and secretly married Ralph de Monthermer, a handsome squire who formerly had been in her husband's service. The king's fury, when knowledge of the marriage reached him, resulted in the imprisonment of his son-in-law, but the entreaties of his daughter finally secured her husband's release. The king, in relenting, summoned De Monthermer to parliament, made him a privy councillor and invested him with many appointments of a lucrative nature. The latter marriage thus ran true to the modern tale—love eventually crowned with happiness.

One Wedding Romantic.
Perhaps the most romantic wedding of a princess to a subject of her father was that of Lady Isabella to Enguerrand Sire de Coucy. Enguerrand was one of the hostages sent by King John, surnamed "Lionheart," king of France, 1199-1216, after John had been defeated and captured by the British king, Richard I, "Lionheart," son of Edward III, at Poitiers in 1356. Enguerrand's mother was a Hapsburg.

Edward III developed a strong liking for Enguerrand and persuaded him to become one of his subjects. His marriage to Isabella followed and he was made Earl of Bedford. But when Richard II became king, Enguerrand renounced his title, deserted his wife and daughter and returned to France. He made a crusade against the Turks and was taken prisoner at Nicopolis and died in captivity at Brusa.

There was no similar marriage of a sovereign's daughter to a subject until the reign of Queen Victoria, when Princess Louise married the Duke of Argyll.

ROMA INQUIRY IS BEGUN
INQUEST TO REVEAL ALL FEATURES OF CRASH.

Four Men Who Lost Their Lives in
Disaster Buried With Military
Honors at Arlington.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 25.—Formal inquiry into the causes and circumstances surrounding the Roma disaster Tuesday, in which 34 men lost their lives, was begun at headquarters of the army supply base here today. Preliminary investigations have been made both by Langley field and war department officers, and reports on these will be submitted to the board.

The inquiry is in the nature of a coroner's inquest, and it is the intention of the board, acting under instructions from the war department, to bring out every feature of the crash.

Captain G. R. West, medical officer who examined the bodies as they were removed from the wreck of the airship, described the nature of the disaster. He stated that the great majority met death from burns, some having been asphyxiated and others being crushed to death by the steel girders and supports.

Several described their impressions when they first saw the airship, and all agreed that they thought she was in trouble.

Just before the Roma started her nose dive, according to Walter Simms, recalled to testify, she buckled up close to the bow, apparently bringing the nose of the ship from left to right.

"It looked to me," he said, "that there was dead weight in the bow; that there was no gas in that part of the bag to hold up the nose. She appeared to lose her buoyancy."

Dr. Nicholson today denied that he had given reporters extracts from letters from the Roma victim, which quoted the Roma victim as saying that the ship was unsafe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Four of those who lost their lives in the Roma disaster were buried today with full military honors in Arlington National cemetery.

Shortly after dawn the steamer Southern of the Washington & Norfolk line put in at her dock here with the bodies of Major Walter W. Vautseler, Freeport, Ill.; Captain Dale Mahry, Tampa, Fla.; Master Sergeant James Murray, New York, and Staff Sergeant Lee M. Harry, Langley Field, Va.

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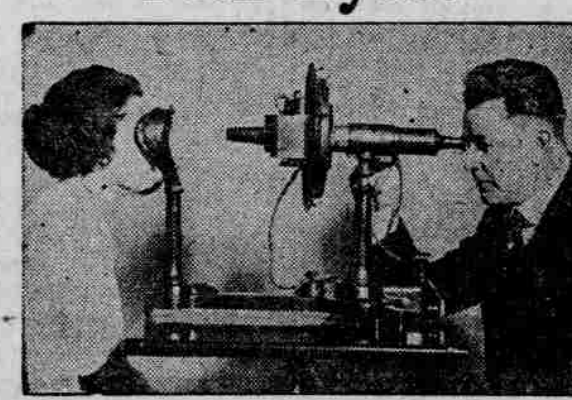
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