

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR SPEAKERS ARE AGAINST MILITARISM

Annual Convention Opens To-day; Reports Show Women Get Wage Increases.

CONDITIONS ARE BETTER

Commission Form of Government Better for Labor Than Councilmanic Form, Says Eugene Smith.

Strong expression hostile to militarism featured the annual report of President T. H. Burchard to the thirtieth annual convention of the State Federation of Labor, which began this morning in Central library auditorium. "We must stand against militarism," he told the delegates to the convention. "Militarism leads to war and labor only advances in times of peace." Similar utterances came from Eugene E. Smith, president of the Portland Central labor council, under whose auspices the session was opened. "We hear much about preparedness," said he. "It is preparedness to protect the interests of our exploiters that we should avoid, we have no preparedness to protect other than the interests of labor." General remarks on the condition of labor were optimistic. Father R. V. O'Hara, chairman of the industrial welfare commission, said that, though business has been 14 per cent subnormal since the state created the commission with power to establish a minimum wage for women workers and minors, the average of increase in women's wages has been 10 per cent. There are more women earning better than \$12 a week than before the law was passed.

Hours Laid Pay More.

The average number of hours for women has been reduced from 10 hours a day, or 60 hours a week, to 9 hours a day, or 54 a week, while the wage rate has been lifted from \$4 and \$5 a week to \$5.25 and \$5.25 minimum. Women have not been displaced in occupations because of the minimum wage law, it was pointed out in rulings, a code conference committee has been appointed and will report in about two months.

In introducing Mayor H. R. Allen, who formally welcomed to Portland the delegates of the convention, Eugene E. Smith said that under commission government labor has been better treated than under the old councilmanic form of government.

Defining the importance of the state federation's organized effort to advance and uplift the interests of labor, he said that water, power and land grant conferences might receive more publicity but none could be more important than the convention of those who represent labor, except, perhaps, the conference on education, wages and farmers' credits that is to be held in Portland next month. He concluded:

Should Represent Labor.

"Those who are sent here to represent labor must be representative of labor not of their own personal opinions and ambitions."

All officers of the federation agreed that the Oregon land and loan measures intended to prevent involuntary unemployment should be supported in initiative campaign and at the general election.

O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, urged the federation to get back of a law penalizing the man who fails to pay the wages earned by one whom he has employed.

Results alone will count in this convention," said President Burchard as the business session began.

We must have results that we can stand for, that employers cannot refuse to stand for."

Committees Are Announced.

Committee appointments were announced as follows: C. M. Ryerson, assistant secretary.

Ways and means—H. C. Kelly, Frank Hannan, R. Hartigan, Jess Irving, O. E. Hibbs.

Credentials—Frank Riley, C. M. Ryerson, R. L. Hickman, Ben Lowry, E. C. Gutzelt.

Label examinations—Mrs. L. Geo. Paine, Leona A. Boulard, J. A. D'Elles, J. C. Dirk.

Constitution and by-laws—A. W. Lawrence, H. H. Hillbush, E. H. Pick, and Peter Daniels, J. Holton.

Resolutions—R. A. Willison, F. C. Simmons, E. E. Smith, William McKenzie, V. O. Sizemore.

Committee on reports of officers—F. L. Bourne, H. M. Loring, J. L. Ficke, W. M. McPherson, J. F. Hadley, Law and legislation—J. A. Madsen, Ben Osborne, Arthur Brock, W. L. Sullivan, P. H. Fulk.

Rules of order—C. A. Sander, H. B. McCabe, C. M. Ryerson, G. A. Nueling, E. Bennett.

Polytechnic School to Meet.

The classes of the Benson Polytechnic school will meet tonight instead of Thursday night. Thursday night will be devoted to graduating exercises.

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This home-made cough syrup is now used in more homes than any other cough remedy. Its promptness, ease and certainty in conquering distressing coughs, chest and throat colds is really remarkable. You can actually feel it take hold. A day's use will usually overcome the ordinary cough, relieves even whooping cough quickly. Splendid too for bronchitis, croup, croup, bronchial asthma and winter coughs.

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Three Still Buried Beneath the Slide

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Responsibility for the Coeur d'Alene disaster will not be determined by the public service commission, but evidence will be gathered at a hearing to be held as soon as possible to use in framing preventive measures against such accidents in the future. Such was the announcement made by Chairman C. A. Reynolds of the state public service commission today, after returning from the scene of the accident. Hope of finding the three missing victims has dwindled hourly since the army of laborers started clearing away the tons of snow and rocky soil. If their bodies were swept past the lower track, they will not be recovered for months.

The missing are: Mrs. Fern Wallace and her baby, of Lyons, Wash., and Ralph Batterman, the 8-year-old son of Edward Batterman of Wenatchee, Wash., who, with two of his children, was killed in the slide. Three of the bodies of the Batterman family have been recovered.

Mrs. Batterman is now in a hospital with her 5-year-old son, after a narrow escape.

RIGHT OF STATE TO CONDEMN U. S. POWER SITES IS IN DOUBT

Supreme Court Decision May Greatly Extend Right of Eminent Domain.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Conservation men said today there may be far reaching effects in the decision of the supreme court that states have the right to pass laws authorizing the states, by eminent domain, to condemn power sites and water rights. They declare that this ruling will mean that states can condemn even federal lands, except such property as military reservations and the like. They believe it will have the tendency of opening up irrigation and power sites, though they indicated that many such extensions may be opposed to the benefit of men believing in reserving and conserving such lands.

"The only question which seems to have been involved in the case just decided by the supreme court of the United States," said ex-Governor West today, "was whether, under the Alabama constitution, the legislature had the right to declare the use of water for power purposes a 'public use.'"

The court held that the legislature had the right under the state constitution and that it could grant to public service corporations the power to exercise the right of eminent domain.

"The water power crowd is endeavoring to secure the right of eminent domain for power sites. This question, it appears, was not before the court, and there is nothing in the decision to give them any joy or consolation."

Neither Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, nor Guy W. Talbot, president of the Pacific Power & Light company, would discuss the supreme court decision today, pending receipt of the actual text of the decision, so they could ascertain exactly what it meant.

Mr. Talbot ventured the suggestion, however, that what meager information had been contained in press dispatches indicated that the high court actually had affirmed the superior right of the states over the federal government in the case of lands within their borders.

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The only product so far manufactured from the flax straw has been excelsior. This will not bring in much money.

Tow Will Be Manufactured.

The manufacture of tow will be taken up when the drying process now under way is completed, it is stated. Tow brings a better price than excelsior but does not yield high returns.

High grade flax fibre brings a better price, but it comes from flax that has been gathered at the right growing season, has been properly retted and has been manufactured according to rules laid down by long experience.

Whether this kind of fibre will be manufactured in a sufficient quantity to attract attention in the markets is a question that has not yet been solved.

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Baptist church at Riverside, Cal., has been unanimously elected pastor of the Salem First Baptist church, succeeding Rev. Harry Marshall.

Mrs. Mary L. M. Dies.

Colfax, Wash., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Mary Lyons, aged 59, a resident of Colfax for the past 19 years, died of cancer Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Ripley, Colfax.

The following children survive: Mrs. Harry Ripley, Mrs. T. J. Hughes of Colfax; Mrs. Tressa Gresser, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Charlie, Thomas and Edward, of Colfax. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a. m.

from St. Patrick's church, Father La Roux officiating.

G. Vincent James Is Dead at Age of 81

George Vincent James, who passed away at his home, 163 North Eighteenth street, yesterday afternoon, was 81 years of age, and was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. He came to Oregon in 1858.

For many years Mr. James was president of the Oregon Transfer company.

The following are the pallbearers: Governor Withycombe, Lee Teutsch, B. O'Shea, George H. Durham, David E. Dunne, Charles F. Beebe, Frank E. Watkins.

Interment will be in the family plot at Lone Fir cemetery.

The services will be held jointly with that of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Youngson. The Edward Holman company is in charge of the funeral.

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