

RAIL EMPLOYEES' DEMANDS WOULD OUST CONGRESSMEN

By E. Russell Palmer
Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—(I. N. S.)—The outstanding purposes of the fifth biennial convention of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, in session here, may be outlined as follows:
Requests for wage increases to be submitted to all railroads on April 28. Results to be reported back to general executive officers "not later than May 30."
Demands include Sundays off with time and a half for all overtime, including Sundays.
PLUMB PLAN INDORSED
Indorsement of the Plumb plan for government ownership and "democratic operation" of all railroads in the country.
Embarkation on non-partisan plan to unseat all members of congress who voted for Cummins-Each railroad bill, described by convention leaders as "the most vicious piece of class legislation ever written on the statute books."
Rebuke for all members of the unions and brotherhoods making up the department or affiliated with it who have participated in the "Chicago" strike.
WOOD IS OPPOSED
The meeting has already informally placed itself on record as opposed to universal military training and to the candidacy of Leonard Wood for the presidency. The candidacy of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has been

attacked, the speaker who suggested that his best course would be to return to Washington and strive to reduce the high cost of living through the agency of the Lever act being loudly applauded.
The general wage request for all classes is for an increase of 20 cents an hour retroactive to January 1, 1919, with a sufficient additional increase to cover the increased cost of living from June 1, 1919, up to the present time. The additional increase to be retroactive to August 1, 1919.
A guaranteed minimum of eight hours Timé and one half time for Sunday and holiday work, with a guaranteed minimum of eight hours for a call on such days.
A guaranteed minimum of eight hours when required to report for duty on any regularly assigned workday.
Elimination of piece work, tonnage and the bonus system.

Give Ex-Service Men Best Political Jobs, Urges Mayor Baker

"I favor giving ex-service men positions of political prominence right down the line," Mayor George L. Baker declared Monday night at the fourteenth annual banquet of Scout Young camp 2, Spanish-American War Veterans, which was held at the Benson hotel.
"Ex-service men should undoubtedly receive preference over all others. Too much consideration cannot be given men who have served in any war—who have helped to hold together those things which make life most dear to all of us."
Other speakers were George A. White, former adjutant general of Oregon; Carl Abrams, past department commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans; Commander Elmer Lundborg, Major W. S. Gilbert of Astoria, chaplain; Past Commander Clarence R. Hoieklis, Commander H. V. Reed acted as toastmaster. The Imperial quartet sang. There were 250 present.

GEN. ALLEN HAS FIRM GRASP OF INTERNAL CONDITIONS IN RUHR

By Karl H. Von Wiegand
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Coblenz, April 11.—(Via Berlin, April 12.)—"Sitting tight and watching," was the laconic answer of General Henry T. Allen, commander of the American forces on the Rhine, when I asked him today what his attitude was toward the Ruhr crisis.
Though military fiction has it that a soldier must not know anything about politics it can be said that probably no American is better informed on what is going on beneath the surface among the allies on the Rhine, and the conditions in Germany, than General Allen.
It appears he has endeavored, no doubt for the benefit of the war department at Washington, to obtain an accurate picture of the Ruhr situation, its causes, developments and possible consequences.
A number of agents were sent into the Ruhr district and their reports were checked off against one another, and an officer of the general staff, one of the "unique" figures in the United States army, was sent into the region that is the bone of contention in the whole crisis. The officer in question is a Belgian by birth, was raised by his Japanese mother, served five years in the foreign legion, six years in the Dutch colonial army in the East Indies and speaks eight languages.
As a result of these various thorough-going investigations, General Allen and the American general staff probably have as true a picture of the situation in the Ruhr region as any chancellery in Europe, and perhaps its representatives are more impartial, because of the

Walla Walla Judge Grants New Trial

Walla Walla, Wash., April 12.—Judge E. C. Mills Monday granted the defendants for a new trial in the case of Joe McCaskill, Dan Stewart and O. Kowaluk, L. W. W., convicted on a criminal syndicalism charge in the county court last month. The motion was granted on the claim of defense counsel that Sheriff David Yates committed a prejudicial error in taking the jury, before it had returned a verdict, to the G. A. R. luncheon and delivering in their hearing an address on Americanism.

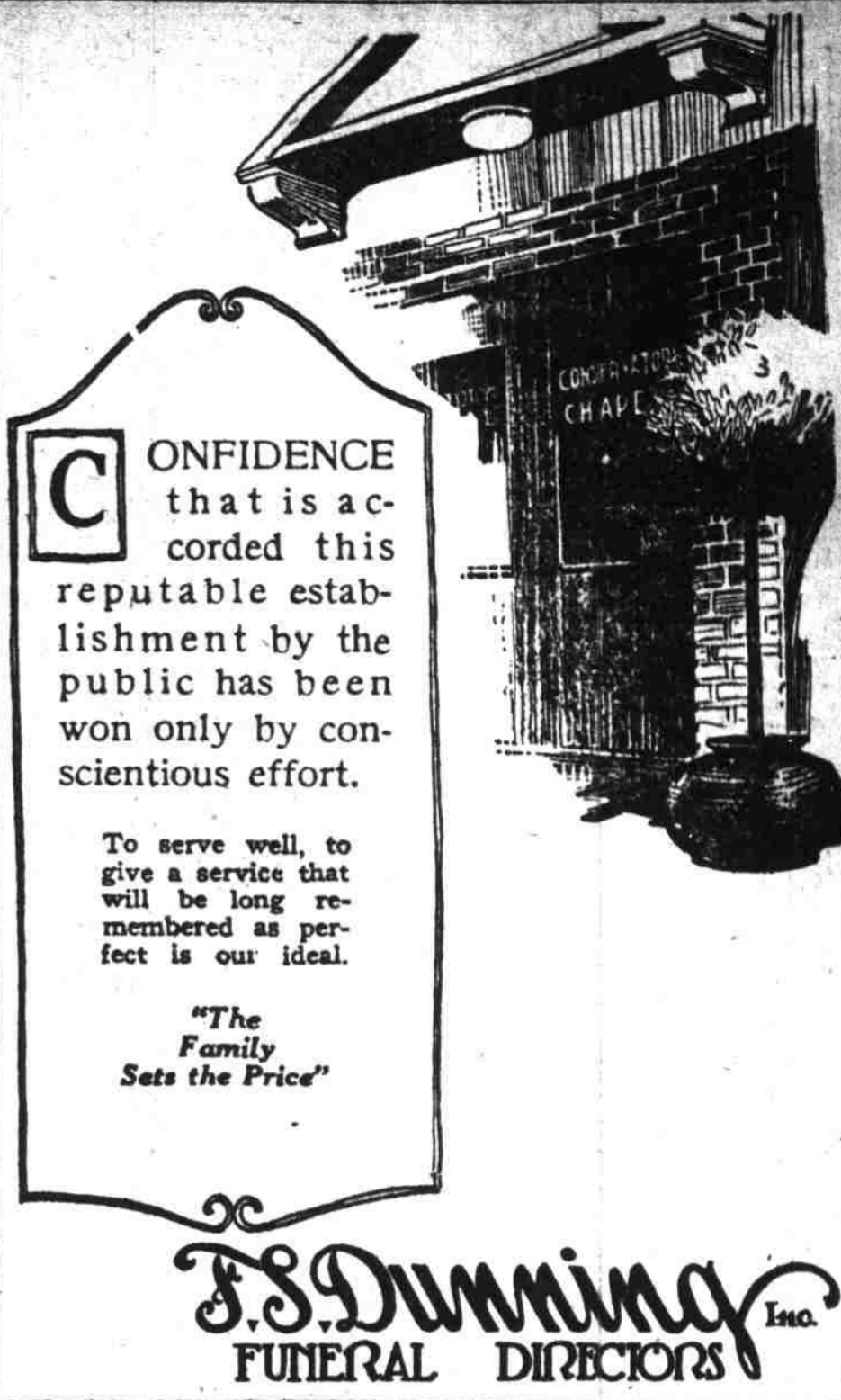
Watchman Routs Yeggs
San Lorenzo, Cal., April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Surprised by Night Watchman Mason while endeavoring to blow the post-office safe here early Monday, at least three armed bandits were routed by the officer who opened fire as they fled from the postoffice building. They returned the fire but the officer escaped injury. The yegmen escaped in an auto.
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