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A. F. L. WANTS AMERICAN SCHOOLS CLEANED OF BAD CONTROLLING INFLUENCES

Report made today to convention covers wide investigation which is alleged to show American school system is influenced by reactionary evils

Makes plea for organization of school teachers as a federated unit of A. F. L. to make effective protests against uneconomic and prejudiced demands

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2.—American public school education faces a social crisis as a result of the "subtle influence" of reactionary forces, a special committee on education of the American Federation of Labor charged today in filing a report to the national convention here.

Condemning the "old-fashioned methods" used in most schools to teach social science and economics, the committee warned that "selfish interests were striking at the very heart of successful democracy" by use of educational propaganda. The report was based on a lengthy investigation of schools, text books and curricula.

The committee's survey covered 6,624 schools, attended by 1,183,058 students. Of these schools, the committee stated, 86 per cent had courses in current events but only 57 per cent in modern civics and less than 29 per cent in modern economics. This condition was cited as leading to "disastrous results to American education."

"Selfish Interests" Blamed

"Selfish interests are seeking to use the public schools for propaganda purposes, are attempting an indefensible censorship of the utterances of teachers and are undermining the dignity and independence of the teaching profession," the report stated. "Such activities tend to tear down the usefulness of the structure of public education which the members of organized labor, in common with other public spirited citizens, have striven to build up.

"A manifestation of the attempt to restrict public school teaching, which is both menacing and undeniable, is the array of scattered cases throughout the country where teachers or other educational authorities have actually been dismissed or suspended for holding views distasteful to industrial, commercial and financial groups, or even for joining teachers' unions. There are numerous cases, which we have canvassed.

"In an effort to find the causes of this drive on education we have organized public education, for whatever purpose. Much of the pressure has come from local bodies, such as Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs and the like. They drive their impetus mainly from two sources. First, the wave of hysteria against 'radicalism' which passed over the country during and immediately after the war, and which was spread indiscriminately in the press, the pulpit and other organs of expression; and, second, the calculated propaganda of national organizations.

Names "Propagandists"

In the latter class the committee named, among others, the American Federation of Teachers, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Rockefeller General Education Board, the American Bankers' Association, the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce in the United States, the International Association of Rotary Clubs, the National Security League and the National Association of Manufacturers.

The committee proposed a "safeguard" against future propaganda by warning every local labor organization to watch the public schools in its own territory.

"Local labor bodies should be particularly alert to express, through any channels open to them, their resentment against any manifestation of the reactionary drive against public education," the report added. "The best protection, however, will come from the professional independence and adequate information of the teachers themselves. When teachers are adequately paid, well informed on current topics, and able through the power of organization to resist improper influence, the schools will be safe. The growth and effectively working towards these objects for the rank and means of public defense, since this organization is consistently of the American Federation of Teachers is therefore the best file of the teaching profession."

Urge Modern Viewpoint

"Economics is coming to be taught, NOT as a body of natural laws and academic theory, but as a practical examination of the operation of economic groups and institutions as they exist," the report continued. "All this change is dictated by sound pedagogical method.

OKLAHOMA VOTING LACKS BLOODSHED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 2.—Fear of bloodshed, during the statewide election held today under conditions without a parallel in American history, almost were dissipated entirely as hour after hour passed in the voting, without the slightest sign of disorder. The election promises to be the quietest and most orderly in the history of the state.

Rain fell part of the day, but voting was heavy in spite of that, according to reports from seventy-four of seventy-seven counties. The only bloodshed, reported, was due to an accident when a special deputy was shot in the arm while examining a brother officer's gun. There are six measures being voted on today. One is giving the legislature the right to meet upon call of a majority of the members without the consent of the governor. The first action pending on the outcome of the voting is an immediate assembly of the state legislature for impeachment of Governor Walton.

The five others are constitutional amendments for a fifty-five million dollar soldier bonus; measure for the refund to depositors suffering from suspension of bank guarantee funds; an act to remove the legal restriction from women; a school tax of fifteen and one-half mills; and workmen's compensation.

Chicagoans to Oklahoma

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Thirty-seven members of the Regen Athletic Club, of this city, led by William Mulligan, brother of the president of the club, are on their way to a secret destination in Oklahoma, for the avowed purpose of aiding Governor Walton, in what he calls his fight on the Ku Klux Klan. It also has been announced that a hundred members have volunteered for duty, along with the subscription of five thousand dollars. Sixty more members of the club will depart soon on a like mission.

DROPSY SUFFERER WAS UNDER KNIFE 47 TIMES

POMPEROY, O., Oct. 2.—Surgeons here are puzzled. Mrs. Ezra King, seventy-seven, a sufferer from dropsy for a number of years, is recovering from her forty-seventh surgical operation, performed for the purpose of removing fluid from her body. The doctors declared it is rare that such an operation is performed more than three or four times without fatal results.

AGED HAVE WHOOPING COUGH, TOO, M. D. FINDS

MARTINS FERRY, O., Oct. 2.—Persons who believe that whooping cough is only a childhood disease are wrong, according to a local physician. He reported that one of his patients—a woman, aged sixty-eight years—is ill with whooping cough, having contracted it during a recent epidemic among children. This is said to be the third time the aged woman has been afflicted with whooping cough.

DENVER, Oct. 2.—Ten persons were injured when the brakes on a Denver tram car failed to work on a car which was speeding down hill at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The injured, three of them women, were taken to hospitals. All of them will recover.

Mother and Son Killed By Train

YREKA, Oct. 2.—Mrs. H. R. Fox and 5-year-old son Tennant were killed instantly at Ester crossing near Bray, Siskiyou County, at 6 o'clock Sunday night when a northbound train on the Weed-Klamath Falls branch of the Southern Pacific struck the automobile in which they were riding.

Three Others Injured

H. R. Fox was driving the car. The front seat was occupied by him, Mrs. Fox and their son. In the rear seat were Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton of Tennant. Mrs. Fox and little son were instantly killed. Fox was injured but not seriously, while Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton escaped with a few superficial hurts.

The car was struck by an extra freight train running ahead of passenger train No. 40.

The bodies have been removed to Tennant. Coroner Kunz has notified the train crew to be present at the inquest Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SMOKES ONE BRAND OF TOBACCO FOR 41 YEARS

WINSTED, Conn., Oct. 2.—Just what brand of smoking tobacco he uses is what friends of Dennis Ahern, passenger conductor on the Central New England Railroad, are trying to learn. Conductor Ahern says he has smoked one brand for forty-one years straight and thereby holds a world record. He has used various pipes.

KING AND MATTHEWS WILL TRY GET OUT

Habeas corpus proceedings were started in the supreme court Sept. 28 to gain the release of Claire King and Rollin Matthews from the Jackson county jail. C. E. Terrill, sheriff of the county, who visited the state fair effected a hearing and declared that both men were being held illegally, charging that the justice of peace who sent them to jail was exceeding his authority.

Matthew is serving a term for possession of liquor and King is in jail for petty larceny.

The writs will be heard today according to an order issued by Chief Justice McBride.

LITHIANS WILL BANQUET WIVES WEDNESDAY NOON

The Lithians will banquet their wives—those Lithians who have wives—at the Ashland Hotel Wednesday noon, V. D. Miller, Chief Effervescent, says Lithians are to stay away from the banquet because they haven't a wife, but if they want to bring a guest they must take unto themselves a wife between now and Wednesday noon.

A SAVAGE SAVAGELY PASSES CHIEF, \$15

Monday, while Chief of Police McNabb was looking over traffic conditions on the east end of the boulevard, a Mr. W. H. Savage, one of the large number of men going someplace else, and in a hurry to get there, showed up on the boulevard in a Ford "speedster" Chief McNabb was on hand to ask him politely to take a walk to the city hall and park there until the judge had a chance to talk to him.

Judge Dill was not available at the time, so Mr. Savage and his friend were invited to Judge Gowdy's office, where the savage speedster was relieved of \$15 as a reminder that signs on the streets and highways are not there for ornamental purposes.

"There seem to be a few people left," said Chief McNabb, after the incident, "who regard passing a school house at a criminal speed of small interest. If that pleasure is worth \$15 to them, the local authorities only hope they can be present when they indulge."

A. F. L. Resolutions

PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—Resolutions calling on the American Federation of Labor to amend its constitution to permit the formation of a "distinct political party of farmers and organized labor," "to prohibit the manufacture and sale of prison goods," "endorse the election of federal judges by popular vote" were placed before the delegates at the opening of the convention's second day.

MUNICH, Oct. 2.—Premier Von-milling has resigned as the head of the Bavarian government. Dictator Vonkahr was chosen as his successor.

Ink mistakes may be eradicated by acid in a small vial at the top of a fountain pen recently put on the market.



Mayor James Rolph, Jr., honorary member of the 363d Infantry Association, will be on hand to personally welcome the thousand of delegates and visiting Legionnaires at the fifth annual National Convention of the American Legion, in San Francisco, October 15-19

Political Issues to Be Discussed at San Francisco Legion Sessions

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2.—National and international problems, as well as those relating purely to the affairs of veterans, will be considered at the national convention of the American Legion in San Francisco, Oct. 15 to 19.

National policies, as outlined by Alvin Owsley, national commander, already have been indorsed by many state conventions, and such resolutions will be presented to the national gathering.

One of the most important of these, according to Colonel Owsley, is a proposal to suspend all immigration for five years. Another problem of importance is the proposed arm disarmament conference. The Legion claims veterans of European nations have agreed to co-operate in this.

Americanization of foreigners already in America, through a compulsory government school and extensive patriotic work, also is proposed. An Iowa department resolution will protest against recognition of Soviet Russia. Liberation of so-called political prisoners probably will be opposed.

Care of disabled veterans, the bonus, provision for orphans of former soldiers, Japanese relief and numerous other questions will be discussed.

Sun Never Sets On Legion Posts

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2.—The sun never sets upon the American Legion. Veterans of the world war have scattered to the four corners of the world and have joined other comrades in forming posts of the legion. The annual report of the legion's national treasurer shows that the legion has chartered posts in seventeen foreign countries and in five territorial possessions of the United States, in addition to the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia.

With almost five hundred members, the Mexico department of the legion leads all other divisions. Posts have been established in the following countries: Argentine, Brazil, British Isles, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland and Turkey as well as in the territorial possessions of Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico.

New York is the largest home department of the legion. Its 57,417 members will give that state a total of sixty-three delegates at the national convention in San Francisco, October 15-19. Illinois, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Ohio follow in relative order.

DUCK DINNER FOLLOWS FOOTBALL AT KLAMATH

Here is what Klamath Falls expects to do for the Ashland high football squad after the game at Klamath Falls Saturday—a big duck dinner. The intent seems to be Klamath Falls expects to humble the Ashland team and then feed them duck to take off the sting of defeat.

But, that is not the way Ashland's team looks at it. They expect to eat the duck as a victory prize in a courteous humble way as victors should, after playing Klamath a clean hard game of winning football.

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—Four hundred Nationalists, with twelve ring leaders, who seized the Fortress Kues-trin Sunday, have been arrested by the Reichswehr, and the backbone of the Monarchist plot is broken. After being disarmed, the revolutionists were locked up in the fortress which they had seized. The rapid crushing of the Nationalist revolt apparently has taken the heart out of the Monarchists and military. The cabinet crisis developed to the point today where it caused Chancellor Stresemann to cancel a speech he was to have made today.

All-American football team, went in 1916 to Scandinavia, where they won three games, lost one, and two were tied.

KELS NOT DEAD, IS TAKEN ALIVE

EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 2.—Alex Kels, missing butcher, in whose stead an unknown man was buried three weeks ago, was arrested last night here in a box car while attempting to shoot himself with a rifle. Kels has maintained silence after admitting his identity. It is expected he will be given a severe grilling in an effort to learn the identity of the man who was shot to death and whose body was burned in Kels' automobile in an effort to cause the belief Kels was dead. Kels has refused to make a statement but, it is understood he has made conflicting statements to the police. Advice from the sheriff at Stockton indicate the belief the man killed was A. Zung, a rancher who is missing. The police are endeavoring to clear the mystery of the slaying and flight. Kels carried life insurance estimated at seventy-thousand dollars. His case is similar to the Brumfield mystery wherein Russel was murdered and his body buried as Brumfield.

WRECK SEARCH FUTILE

CASPER, Wyo., Oct. 2.—After a futile search of four days and nights for a score of missing dead in the wrecked cars of the Burlington passenger train, which plunged into the Cole Creek torrent, practically all hope of recovering the bodies has been abandoned. It has been reported from Lockhart that the body of an unidentified woman has been taken from the chair car, but that decomposition and mutilation had rendered identification impossible.

"APOLOGY HEIRESS" GETS PART OF FAMILY WEALTH

MUSKOGON, Mich., Oct. 2.—Mrs. Bertha Linderman Gilmour, "apology heiress," has received her share of the first distribution of the estate of Mrs. Ella Linderman, her mother. Mrs. Gilmour's share amounts to \$37,500, and was to be given to her, the mother's will stipulated, only upon condition that apologies be given her brother, B. Archie Linderman, Washington and New York clubman, for an alleged quarrel which occurred at the time of the death of their father.

MANY AMERICANS ARE MARRIED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Anglo-American weddings and the number of marriage licenses issued to Americans have established a record this summer, according to London registers.

The church generally suggested they say, is St. George's, Hanover Square, where Theodore Roosevelt was married in December, 1886.

DOGS ARE KILLED OFF AS CARRIERS OF FLEAS

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Oct. 2.—Fleas—the very same kind of jumpers that make Rover sit on his left rib and scratch his right ear with ed Logansport homes in such numbers that the Board of Health took cognizance of the epidemic.

Instead of killing the fleas Logansport is killing dogs. All stray animals are being rounded up and Eighty homes have reported the annoyance to the city authorities.

En Route South—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heidenrick of La Grande spent Sunday at the home of J. D. Mars, who is a nephew of Mr. Heidenrick.

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KLAMATH FALLS WILL HOLD BIG CELEBRATION OCCASION STARTING NATRON CUT-OFF

Dates Set Are October 12 and 13, which will Include Klamath Lakes Route initiation and Strahorn Line's completion to Sprague River

Ashland Chamber of Commerce and Lithians Will Join in Celebrating These Two Big Oregon Developments with her Neighboring City

On October 12 and 13 Oregon will celebrate at Klamath Falls two railway events,—the beginning of work on the completion of the main line of the Southern Pacific which branches at Weed and joins the old main line over the branch which now ends at Oakridge, Oregon. This gives a through main line route between San Francisco and Portland. This route has been called "Klamath Lakes Route," otherwise known as "The Natron Cutoff." It is the largest piece of railway construction undertaken for a considerable period of time and means a great deal for the prosperity of the State of Oregon.

Invitations to the Lithians and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce,

from L. B. Sabin, secretary of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce, have been received by V. D. Miller, Chief Effervescent of the Lithians and J. H. Fuller, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. It almost goes without conjecture that both these civic bodies will attend the celebration in full force. This is a big occasion in the history of Oregon and there will be delegations from the state of Washington as well as Oregon. And, it is expected that Ashland will be represented proportionately by a bigger percentage of her citizens than any other community to express her delight and pleasure in the development which will center in her sister city.

The second railway event which Oregon will celebrate is the fact that the Oregon, California & Eastern railway, commonly known as the Strahorn line, has just reached its first objective, Sprague River, opening up a considerable territory, bringing it in touch with the outside markets.

The people of Oregon have waited for these developments for a considerable length of time. They are momentous ones and it is the proper time to celebrate the occurrences and that it will be to our mutual and lasting benefit to get together and know each other better so that the trade relationship which this development will no doubt strengthen and increase, may be fostered.

The first day there will be a parade in the morning and in the evening a grand pageant, reciting the development of the West from the wagon train of the early days to the present day railroad. This pageant is being conducted and organized under the special direction of Mr. John Goodrich of Hollywood, California.

A great theatre, known as "The Crater," seating in the neighborhood of 10,000 people, in which the pageant will be staged, is being built at the present time. This theatre will have a stage sixty by three hundred feet and the pageant consists of a cast of some two hundred individuals.

On the morning of the second day there will be excursions on the railroad to the front at Kirk, where actual work is to take place in constructing the new railroad. There that the country opened up by this road may be reviewed.

In the afternoon there will be evening and a band concert, and the evening of the second day will be given over to carnival and street dancing.

KNOCKS OUT BECKETT IN FIRST ROUND

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Georges Carpentier, European heavyweight champion, repeated the performance with which he won the title in 1920. The Frenchman knocked out Joe Beckett, British heavyweight, in the first round.

By his victory Carpentier regains the European title, which he lost October 24, 1922, when he was knocked out in the sixth round by Battling Siki at Paris.

WIRE BREVITIES

SEATTLE, Oct. 2.—Sweeping a five mile swath, at the rate of ten miles a day, in what is said to be the worst forest fire of the year, is destroying timber near Perrison, Treston, Isaquah. Every available man is employed to check the flames Isaquah is hedged on all sides by a wall of dense smoke.

It Has Been Noticed—That Bill Allen is singing "My Sweetie Went Away—etc."

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