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FIGHT CENTERS ON LABOR BILLS

Legislature Will Have Stormy Session Over Kubli- Dimick Measure

LABOR OPPOSES FEATURES

Fears That Some Enactments Will Be Used Viciously and Intro- duces an Amended Bill To Combat It

Labor representatives in the Legislature have set a backfire on the Kubli-Dimick criminal syndicalism bill and are prepared to fight it to the finish. They promise that before they are through the Legislature will have some new ideas on the subject. The principle of the Kubli-Dimick measure is admitted as good, but the labor people contend that the bill, if enacted can be used viciously.

As a reply to the criminal syndicalism measure Representative E. E. Smith, of Multnomah, former president of the Central Labor Council, has submitted House bill No. 31 on criminal commercialism. Tonight Representatives Smith and Horne appeared before the Judiciary committee to attack the Kubli-Dimick bill, and advocated a favorable report on the Smith bill. This is the second time that these labor representatives have taken up the subject with the Judiciary committee.

Measure Held Inadequate

When the bills come to the House for third reading the fireworks will start. Mr. Kubli will make a determined fight, contending that his measure is to curb the I. W. W. and the Bolsheviks. He will declare it was designed to suppress unpatriotic agitators and saboteurs. He will point out that similar laws are in effect in Montana and Idaho and that the prosecutions have been successful under them.

Mr. Smith will declare that the I. W. W. is rampant in Montana and that the law apparently does not touch the seat of trouble. The last two sections of the Smith bill are identical in language to the last two sections of the Kubli-Dimick measure. Strange enough, Messrs. Horne and Smith have received word from the I. W. W. not to oppose the Kubli-Dimick bill, the "Wobblies" desiring to make capital out of the measure.

Labor Protection is Asked.

Under the Kubli-Dimick bill the labor men contend that union meeting voting a strike would subject all members present to punishment. If plasterers struck, the plaster ready for spreading would harden and spoil and under the bill the striking plasterers would be guilty of sabotage. After mulling over the criminal syndicalism bill for a week, Mr. Smith devised the backfire, counter irritant, anti-toxin or whatever it may be called.

The Smith bill places the shoe on the other foot and is intended to give members of the Legislature something to think about. If the Kubli-Dimick bill curbs the Bolsheviks, the Smith bill hits just as hard at employers' associations, business firms and anyone who interferes with labor laws.

Smith Bill Outlined

An idea of the scope of the Smith bill is shown by the following excerpts: "Criminal commercialism is the practice which indulges in and advocates the change, amendment of existing or future labor laws safeguarding the health, safety and well being of the laboring men and women of the State of Oregon in any manner, for profit or other purpose, excepting as provided by law.

"The disruption or attempted disruption of any legal and lawful organization of men, women, or men and women associated together for the purpose of peacefully and legally bettering wages and the working conditions of working men and women and children in industry, for profit or otherwise.

"The entering into secret agreement or the advocacy of the same with intent to drive from a competitive field a person or persons engaged in the same line of business as those conspiring against them, for profit or other purpose."

Other crimes defined are monopoly or attempted monopoly achieving or

attempting to achieve the reduction of the purchasing power of wages prior to reduction in cost of every-day necessities, thereby depreciating the value of and labor power of any wage earner.

Conditions to Be Exposed

Commercial sabotage is defined to consist of false and malicious reports made and spread of a competitor's goods, with intent to profit or with other purpose. When Messrs. Smith and Horne begin their talk on sabotage of the commercial variety they promise to expose conditions in restaurant kitchens, in Portland commission houses and various other places.

Commercial sabotage which will be dealt with by these labor spokesmen will be the practice of firms sending large quantities of good fruit and vegetables to the municipal incinerator and having the stuff destroyed in order to create an artificial shortage in that commodity and keep up prices.

Criminal commercialism, contend the labor representatives, leads to the acceptance by large numbers of criminal syndicalism.

COUNTY COURT APPOINTS PATROL

Road Patrolmen Will Assume Duties Formerly Performed By Supervisors

J. K. Platts and William T. Culver of this city, have been appointed as road patrolmen for this year.

Road patrolmen, who fill the positions that supervisors formerly filled, have been appointed by the county court for the year 1919. The court has made quite a number of changes in the personnel of the force this year, and, like last year, has decided in several cases that one man shall have supervision over a number of districts. The names of the patrolmen in the different road districts which are designated by number follow:

- 1—Frank Herman, Harrisburg, R. F. D. 1.
- 2—Chas. Neal, Vida.
- 3—H. J. Downing, Wendling.
- 4—J. K. Platts, Springfield, R. F. D. 2.
- 5—Frank Damewood, Crow.
- 6—H. R. Nolte, Eugene, R. F. D. No. 2.
- 7—W. T. Culver, Springfield, R. F. D. No. 2.
- 8—R. W. Callison, Fall Creek.
- 9—A. T. Miller, Trent.
- 10—O. C. Morton, Creswell.
- 11—A. T. Miller, Trent.
- 12—F. C. England, Walker.
- 13—Warren Kelly, Cottage Grove.
- 14—Edwin Tuller, Cottage Grove.
- 15—Lee Bailey, Eugene, R. F. D. No. 3.
- 16—R. C. Gleason, Disston.
- 17—C. L. Taylor, McKenzie Bridge.
- 18—Claude Jones, Oakridge.
- 19—C. B. McFarland, Landax.
- 20—Fred Robinson, Creswell.
- 21—J. S. Woodward, Florence.
- 22—A. T. Miller, Trent.
- 23—W. W. Hawley, Lorane.
- 24—J. V. Fleck, Veneta.
- 25—V. F. Lyons, Goshen.
- 26—R. W. Johnson, Point Terrace.
- 27—W. R. Smith, Minerva.
- 28—Geo. Stonefield, Ocean View.
- 29—Giles Fowler, Walton.
- 30—L. S. Ogden, Mapleton.
- 31—B. B. Jeans, Reed.
- 32—J. E. Snyder, Walton.
- 33—E. J. Lafayette, Nott.
- 34—Walter Campbell, Eugene Motor Route "A."
- 35—W. M. Summons, Paris.
- 36—H. F. Miller, Eugene Motor Route "A."
- 37—H. H. Earle, Blachly.
- 38—Jos. Hise, Goldson.
- 39—W. H. Evans, Junction City R. F. D. 1.
- 40—O. B. Ingram, Junction City.
- 41—Frank Deming, Elmira.
- 42—O. B. Ingram, Junction City.
- 43—Wm. T. Culver, Springfield R. F. D. 2.
- 44—L. G. Brubaker, Eugene R. F. D. 3.
- 45—Jas. Kennerly, Leaburg.
- 46—B. F. Minney, Vida.
- 47—W. W. Hawley, Lorane.
- 48—V. E. Crowe, Lorane.
- 49—L. W. Newcomb, Canary.
- 50—Alfred Smith, Junction City R. F. D. 3.
- 51—Walter Campbell, Eugene Motor Route "A."
- 52—W. W. Hawley, Lorane.

THE FINE ART OF ACTION

Nothing ever happens that is worth much of a story unless it is something that moves speedily. That is why a picture film, to be interesting, must have action.

But in order to make a story, there must be "action" to weave on and in it.

F'instance—

We couldn't devise a story out of John Winzenried if he sold groceries in the matter-of-fact way he does, but if he did like some grocers and put sand in the sugar, there would be a story to tell and a "scoop" at that.

Then again, to look at Charley Swarts you wouldn't exactly put him down as an inspiration for a fairy story, would you? Well he isn't. Yet when I go to buy six bits worth of meat from Swarts and he puts it on the G. Wash. scales and lets his 5-pound paws rest on the scales with the rest of the meat and says "Just right!" and laughs like a slide trombone with a jackass accompaniment when I take a slant at the scale indicator and see about nine pounds of meat registered when I expected but three, I am ready to write a fairy tale about that ungodly butcher then and there.

Not because there is a fragrant air of romance entwining his loving tendris around a hunk of lile meat, but because Swarts got action in the commonplace incident of selling it to an easy mark printer. He tried this on Little Eva once, but she "called" him for fair. Now she gets what she goes after, and that is why I'd rather dine at the Vanbeanerie instead of home. It goes to show how even the "action" of the village butcher can bring its influence to bear upon home ties and sometimes sow discord and strain family relations.

But last Sunday night at six-thirty came the climax for "action" and "inaction" in Springfield. As usual the streetcar was the nucleus of the action. We don't know why, but if anything happens in Springfield, there is always a streetcar mixed up in it somewhere. This time neither I nor the chinaman was aboard. I had no connection with it, other than I waited until seven for the six-thirty car. So did a lot of other folks, some of whom said it out loud.

65—J. T. Richardson, Egueno-Crow stage.
66—Frank Damewood.
67—Jos Gimpl, Eugene R. F. D. 3.
68 and 69—Edwin Tuller, Cottage Grove.

"And the crooked shall be made straight"—which means, perhaps, that under prohibition corkscrews will be turned into bradaws.

The villain in the story this time was D. Anderson. He has no first name—just an initial D. We know that because we made rigid inquiry—we asked several folks what the D stood for and they told us it didn't stand for much of anything. On this point we extracted more information from Fish than from anybody else. Fish don't talk much but he knew quite a lot about his brother motor-manipulator. More than Martin who was the first motorman on Noah's Ark, and was then transferred to one of the Springfield cars, then running on the Jerusalem-Damascus Interrurban, and later bought by the S. P. and placed on the Springfield line.

Anyway it was hard to get anything definite out of Fish about Anderson's front name. All he could say when asked what the D stood for was, "Damfino!" That beginning with D, we assumed, reluctantly, was Anderson's first name, and we let it go at that.

So, at 6:23, Damfino rounded the curve at the bridge and as he did so the 4 c. p. ray of the headlight shown upon a window in Bill Ebbett's Palace of Damaged Lizzies. In the window appeared a face—it belonged to Ebbett but he had just come from "under" and didn't look natural. It had been mixed up with a smooch from Lizzie's transmission and as Damfino saw it peer from the window he became a little nervous. Instead of shutting off the controller at the curve he threw it in "high" and in about two seconds another S. P. car was bumping ties.

There crept into the story a long period of silence and inaction. Damfino did some strong thinking. He had had a fine record and gloated over the mishaps of the dare-devil Fish. Now he was in the same hot box.

No one knows the alibi Damfino sprung to get out of the mess without a reprimand. It must have been a reach, but if I didn't know what a black smooch upon the map of Ireland looks like upon a dark night with the sticky gleam of a headlight ray shining fitfully upon it, I would never have been able to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth of—Damfino.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FAIR

Another Week Expected to Bring Attendance Up To About Normal

The Springfield grade and high schools opened Monday, January 20, after being closed the second time on account of the influenza epidemic.

"Upon the whole, the attendance was about as we had expected," says

Superintendent Baker, "and it is gradually improving. While there was a number of pupils absent the early part of the week, this was caused by various reasons. Some were unable to get to school on account of the high water, others had not returned from the country and still a few were afraid to come on account of the influenza. Several high school students have returned who were thought to have dropped out for the remainder of the year. We believe that by next week conditions will be fairly well settled and that work can proceed without further interruption.

"Pupils are being pushed in order that they may complete the year's work, and parents are urged to cooperate with the teachers in encouraging the pupils of the upper grades and the high school to do systematic home study."

FIRST CONCERT JAN. 26

University Symphony Orchestra Under Direction of Robert Barron To Make Appearance

The University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Robert Latis Barron, instructor of violin in the school of Music, will appear in its first concert of the year, Sunday, January 26, 3:30 p. m. at the Eugene Theatre. The program will be diversified with solo numbers by Arthur Faguy-Cote, barytone, and Alberta Potter, violinist.

This is the seventh season of the orchestra and it always has had the good fortune to be composed of real performers and always ably directed. Concerted work this year has been hampered considerably by the influenza epidemic, but despite this, Mr. Barron has finally coached the membership into a well-nigh perfect musical organization.

The program to be rendered next Sunday is as follows:

- Overture "Titus" Mozart
- "Cavatina" from "Faust" for barytone and orchestra Gounod
- Mr. Faguy-Cote
- Symphony in B minor Schubert
- Allegro moderato
- Andante on moto
- Romance Op. 26, for violin and orchestra Svendsen
- Alberta Potter

- (a) The Year's at the Spring...Beach
- (b) A Dream of Spring ...L. Thurber
- (c) Tears L. Thurber
- (d) The Americans Come (An episode in France 1918) ...Fay Foster
- Mr. Faguy-Cote
- (Mrs. Faguy-Cote at the piano)
- (a) Ase's Death (from Peer Gynt) Grieg
- (b) Norwegian Dance No. 3Grieg

LODGE HAS INSTALLATION

Neighbors of Woodcraft Induct Some of Newly-Elected Into Office.

The neighbors of Woodcraft met at Woodmen Hall last evening and installed some of their newly elected officers. Inclement weather prevented the full complement attending. Those installed were: Guardian neighbor, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah; Clerk, Mrs. Mina McPherson; Banker, Mrs. Emily Dority; Manager, Mrs. Dell Peterson; Musician, Mrs. Julia Tonseth. The remainder will be installed upon being able to attend. The initiatory degree will be given several new members at a meeting to be called about Feb. 22, at which session a big supper and a big time will be given.

INFLUENZA'S TRAGIC TOLL

Disease Claims Both Mr. and Mrs. Stannard—Four Little Children Now Orphans

Word was brought to Salem tonight that Mrs. J. R. Stannard, wife of the late Representative Stannard of Curry County, succumbed this morning from pneumonia, following influenza. Representative Stannard died last week at Bandon, while enroute to Salem to attend the session.

Mrs. Stannard died at the family home in Gold Beach without learning of her husband's death. They leave four small children.

Big Surprise to Many in Springfield.

People are surprised at the INSTANT action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka. ONE SPOONFUL flushes the ENTIRE bowel tract so completely it relieves ANY CASE sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The INSTANT, pleasant action of Adler-ka surprises both doctors and patients. It removes foul matter which poisoned your stomach for months. M. M. Peery Drug Co.

GOVERNMENT TO RESCUE OF MILLS

Resumption of Buying Relieves Congested Flour Market

PLANTS WILL NOT CLOSE

Both Springfield and Eugene Mills, Carrying Heavy Surplus of Flour, Feel Loosening of Tension.

With the government again in the market for flour and fifty per cent of the original bid already shipped to Portland, the danger of having to shut down the local mills is passed for the time being, according to Elmer D. Paine, president of the Eugene Mill and Elevator company. The order for the flour came last night and has already been filled.

The situation was acute in the local mills previous to the receipt of the order, as both the Eugene mill and the Springfield mill have considerable flour piled up and it was feared that they would have to shut down. However, last night's order relieved the situation, Mr. Paine states, and if the government orders more flour in February, as it seems probable, the relief will be permanent.

With the wheels again turning, it is anticipated that with the increased production of mill feed, the price will again decline. Advances at various times during the past month have brought the price of mill feed up \$12.90 more per ton.

While the government resumption of buying will no doubt temporarily relieve a bad situation, the uncertain conditions that will confront valley mills during all of 1919, has led to a calling of a meeting of the managers at Salem, February 12, to perfect an organization to handle each problem that is certain to present itself in the near future.

Hold Final Contest

The Four-minute Junior Speakers' Contest that was inaugurated last year in behalf of the Junior Red Cross, and participated in by the eighth grade of every public school in America, was decided as far as the Springfield schools were involved in the interesting affair, at the Lincoln school this morning.

Under the rules two boys and two girls were selected by vote of the class to engage in the final contest, and an award is made to one boy and one girl at the final contest. Owing to the illness of one of the girls, there was but one contestant, so Miss Vivian Sensenby had things all her own way. But with the boys, there was a different story to tell. Morrison Miller and Wendell McKinney locked horns in a four-minute oratorical battle, and the judges, Chas. L. Scott, Dr. S. A. Danford, and Robert A. Brodie, had some difficulty in deciding the contest. By the judges' vote of 2 to 1 the palm of victory was finally awarded to Wendell McKinney.

Funeral of George Davis Held On Tuesday

The funeral of George W. Davis was held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from the Walker chapel. Mr. Davis came here three weeks ago from Livingston, California, and expected to locate here.

His death at the home of Mrs. John Preschern Sunday was due to a lingering illness. He is survived by a wife and six daughters and one son. Mrs. Preschern is the only one of the children here.

The Challenge

"A hundred years of peace were going to have. Huh!"

"Who says so?" said the frail little woman at the head of the table.

"Yes; who said so?" said the big man at the other end of the table, in a little bit of an agate voice.

A couple of old rounders were sitting in a bar-room imbibing cocktails. Presently one of them remarked, "Do you know, Bill, I think I'll buy this hotel."

"Wait till we've had a few more drinks," said Bill, "and I'll sell it to you."

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**THERE IS BUSINESS
IN & NEAR SPRINGFIELD**

for

- Another first-class department store.
(More clerks—more payroll)
- Another first-class hardware store.
(More clerks—more payroll)
- One first-class furniture store.
(More clerks—more payroll)
- One combination moving picture house and theatre.
(More employes—more payroll)
- One commercial stationery, office supply and book store.
(More clerks—more payroll)
- One gasoline farm tractor agency.
(More clerks—more payroll)
- Ice Factory and Cold Storage Plant
(More employes—more payroll—star investment)
- One live Commercial Club
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