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S. O. S. CALL IS SOUNDED BY GOMPERS

Labor Leader Declares Crisis Faces Workers With Attacks From Within and Without—Plutocratic Reaction and Bolshevik Hysteria Threaten Republic.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Issues of "the most serious character affecting our people and our republic," are faced by organized labor, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor declared here today at the opening of the extraordinary conference of representatives of national and international unions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Representatives of the 109 national and international unions affiliated in the American Federation of Labor gathered here today in an extraordinary conference to organize against attacks on the union labor movements.

The conference, called by President Gompers, is considered one of epochal importance and one of the few of its kind ever held in the history of the conference.

The first business was the presentation by the executive council of a "bill of rights," and recommendations for a labor program. The council framed its report after being in continuous session nearly all day yesterday.

Campaign Planned
The program was understood to provide for a campaign against anti-union shops, wage reductions, compulsory arbitration, labor injunctions and open shop propaganda.

One of the proposals, it was said, calls for a publicity campaign to offset the propaganda of the enemies of union labor.

Federal and state legislation to further the cause of organized labor also is to be considered.

The conference, union leaders said, is expected to determine the attitude the federation will take in its relation with the incoming republican administration. Survey of industrial conditions throughout the country was being taken by labor leaders here for today's meeting and all agreed that the present depression was the worst the federation had faced in years.

"The coal mining industry has been especially hard hit," said John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America. "Production is less than sixty per cent of normal."

Conditions Unprecedented
Michael D'iche, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, said he had never seen conditions so bad, but added he believed the worst will soon be over.

Conditions in the metal trades were described as bad by A. J. Berres, head of the metal trades department.

"Thousands of our men are out of work," said William Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists. "The railroad situation is especially bad, hundreds of workers being laid off because of reduced working forces."

Industrial depression and widespread unemployment, leaders said, will not deter the unions in the plan to combat further reduction of wages and inauguration of the "open shop."

There are more than 200 delegates present, the majority being executive officers of various unions.

DUBLIN, Feb. 23.—The newspaper editors of Dublin today were notified by the Irish republican army that publication of certain prohibited details of the executions of Sinn Fein members will be hung

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Govt. Ownership Only Solution of Railroad Tangle, Says McAdoo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Declaring the transportation act a failure both in theory and effect, William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads during the war, said today that the carriers were drifting toward government ownership, which he added, seemed to be the only apparent solution.

HOOVER TO MAKE CABINET DECISION KNOWN TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Herbert Hoover today declined to make known his attitude toward the invitation by President-elect Harding to become the next secretary of commerce, tendered to him last night by telephone from St. Augustine. It was indicated at his office that he would have no statement to make for at least twenty-four hours.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—With only a few formalities remaining to close up the selection of his cabinet, President-elect Harding gave his attention today to other immediate appointments and to his inaugural address.

The chance that changes will be made now in the cabinet personnel is considered remote.

There have been published reports that Herbert Hoover might decline the secretary of commerce place, but they manifestly are not credited by Mr. Harding and his advisers.

Another selection understood to have been decided on is that of George B. Christian, Jr., to be secretary to the president. Mr. Christian has been Mr. Harding's private secretary since he entered the senate six years ago. He is 47 years old and has been a neighbor of the Hardings in Marion for years.

BASEBALL STAR IS HERO OF FIRE

CLEVELAND, Feb. 23.—Heroic efforts of George (Dode) Paskert, outfielder of the Cincinnati National league team, saved the lives of five small children and helped save the lives of ten other persons, when fire broke out in a clothing store early today and swept through the second floor where three families were sleeping.

Paskert, passing the store when the fire was discovered, made three trips into the building, carrying out five children wrapped in rugs and his overcoat. He directed the other members of three families to safety.

His hands and arms were badly burned and his face blistered by the flames. The property loss was small.

And So They Pass On
BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Duke Ernst Gunther of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of former Empress Augusta Victoria, is dead at his home at Primmkau, Silesia, it is announced here. Duke Ernst was born August 11, 1863. During the war he acted for a time as assistant governor general of Belgium.

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"Thirdly—The mere statement that these men died for Ireland will convey to the Irish republic all they wish to know of these incidents."

The warning was signed "Grand Headquarters, Irish Republican Army."

LOCAL BILLS ARE PASSED BY SENATE

Salary Increases Jackson Co., Money for Talent Station and Medford Armory Measures Introduced in House, Pass the Senate—Reapportionment Bill Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—The senate passed house bill 220, increasing salaries in Jackson county, 324 appropriating money for a southern Oregon branch experiment station, and 320 for armories at Medford and other points. These bills now go to the governor.

The senate passed the Sheldon bill authorizing boards of directors to build homes for teachers.

The Gordon bill for a box factory at the state penitentiary passed.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—Both houses of the legislature stopped the clock just before noon today, the hour set in a joint resolution for final adjournment. The lawmakers continued to work clearing up final details of legislation. Adjournment sine die was expected this afternoon.

Senate Bill Adopted.
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—The state redistricting bill was finally enacted late yesterday when the house receded from amendments it had made to the senate bill. As finally passed no changes are made in the senatorial districts and two new representatives are gained by eastern Oregon and one by Multnomah county. In detail the changes in the representative districts are:

Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klammath and Lake counties, now having two representatives, have three.

Grant county, which was part of the above large district, is made a joint district with Harney, which was joint with Malheur. Now Grant and Harney have one representative under the law.

Malheur county, heretofore a joint with Harney, has one representative of its own.

Multnomah gains one representative.

Marion county's representation is reduced from five to four members. Linn county's representation is reduced from three to two members; the joint district of Douglas and Jackson is abolished.

Tillamook now joined with Yamhill on one representative, has the representative alone.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—The substitute Roosevelt highway bill, designating the Roosevelt military highway as a state road, was passed by the house late yesterday under suspension of the rules. The bill was introduced shortly before midnight Monday.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—Senator Edley's bill, creating a state bond commission to handle the investment of state funds, has been passed by both the senate and house and is ready for the governor's signature.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—The Bennett house bill extending title to the state in lake bed lands uncovered by receding waters, was passed by the senate today. The bill was the subject of an extended debate yesterday. It affects particularly Malheur lake, and is expected to bring about \$2,000,000 ultimately into the school fund.

Women Jurors Win.
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—Passage of Mrs. Kinney's house bill qualifying women to sit as jurors in Oregon, defeat of the measure designed to legalize betting at horse races and defeat of a measure to increase the salary of the secretary of state from \$4500 to \$6000 a year were features of the senate's session last night.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—Measures passed by the senate include a memorial to the President of the United States to take action to protect the producers of the United States from the flood of foreign markets and a resolution directing the state land board to co-operate with the federal government in the cruising and classifying of the Oregon and California grant lands.

The senate adopted the Sheldon resolution memorializing congress to pass certain bills providing for the addition of certain lands to the Crater national forest. The senate also passed H. B. 339, the motor code bill.

STATE SENATE VOTES \$200,000 PER MINUTE.
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—Two senate bills relating to the state highway program, both introduced by the committee on highways were passed by the senate today.

One authorizes the state board of control in selling bonds under its jurisdiction to regulate interest rate and

President of Cement Company Fined \$1000 Anti-Trust Charge

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—R. P. Butchart, president of the Oregon Portland Cement company, was fined \$5000 today by Federal Judge R. S. Bean, following conviction of violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Clarke Moore, manager, was fined \$2500.

The government alleged conspiracy to divide western territory with a view to restraint of trade.

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—E. W. Ellis, former manager of the Hazelwood company of Portland, a dairy products concern, pleaded guilty in federal court today of selling butter made from rancid fats without proper labeling. He was fined \$1000.

MINSTREL SHOW RECEIPTS \$2440, NET PROFIT \$800

With another fine performance before a crowded and appreciative house, an impromptu feature of which was signal tribute paid to Tom Swem by the Elks lodge for his splendid services in making the production a success, the Elks minstrel show locally passed last night into the pleasant land of reminiscence.

But that ain't nothin'. Do you know that there is a new baby Elk in town? There is. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Yawter, born at the Sacred Heart hospital last night during the performance.

That's why Mr. Yawter was not on the program, his Mother-of-Pearl ballad with its encores being missed in the first part, and his absence cutting out that clever singing and piano stunt with his brother Vernon in the Elks club room scene in part four.

However Uncle Vern partly made up for this in singing one of their songs alone and in general portness, after the news of the boy's birth reached the stage.

But you ain't heard nothin' yet. Receipts \$2440. The receipts for the two performances were \$2440. Deducting from this the share of the theater management on the percentage basis, the war tax, and the heavy general expenses for scenery and the like, the Elks lodge will realize about \$800 net.

The minstrel show will be produced at Grants Pass tomorrow night, the proceeds to go to the fifty or more members of the lodge residing in that city and vicinity, who have already announced that the largest share of the proceeds will go to furnishing a room in the new Grants Pass hospital. The entire house has been sold out for this performance.

The Elks will have a special coach attached to the northbound train for Grants Pass at 5:30 p. m. Thursday. On the return trip this car will be attached to the southbound Shasta, which reaches Medford at 4 a. m. Friday.

One of the big hits at last night's performance, as on the night before, was the graceful dancing and stage presence of little Barbara Mayhew, five years old, in accompanying Herbert Alford's jazz song, "My Little Bimbo."

Another delightful feature which contributed much to the success of the Elks minstrels was the superb orchestra under the leadership of Herbert Launspach, the musical director of the show, all but three of whom are members of the Elks lodge. The well known musicians in this orchestra were H. G. Launspach, piano; A. H. Miller, violin; Mrs. Florence Howell, violin; E. C. Root, clarinet; Wilson Waite, cornet; Ed White, trombone; Earl Roberts, xylophone; Arthur Hazelrigg, drums and traps. Mrs. Howell and Messrs. White and Root were the non-Elk members.

But still that ain't all. Swem is Honored. A totally unexpected feature of last night was when during the last song by the four end men at the closing of the first part they suddenly disappeared into a wing and dragged out onto the stage the man whose untiring labor, artistic genius and extensive dramatic and scenic knowledge was mainly responsible for the success of the Elks minstrels—Tom Swem, garbed in his dirty and paint bedaubed coveralls. At the same time Gus Newbury mounted the stage from the audience and faced the perplexed, embarrassed Mr. Swem.

Mr. Newbury calling attention to the fact that all the splendid scenery and decorative effects were designed and made under direction of Mr. Swem, and that he had untiringly coached all the performers and various acts

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2 AVIATORS ARE KILLED KELLY FIELD

Cadets Allen and Beach Meet Death in Flaming Airplane—Mail Record From San Francisco to Chicago in 29 Hours—Coney Lands in Dallas.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 23.—Cadet fliers L. E. Allen and Virgil W. Beach, both of Kelly Field No. 2, San Antonio, were instantly killed this morning when their plane crashed on Penn field, one mile south of Austin, as they were taking off for San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 23.—Cadets L. E. Allen and Virgil W. Beach, aviators killed at Austin were leading a seven ship formation which left Kelly Field on a practice flight. The ship was burned and the bodies also badly burned.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Lieutenant W. D. Coney, trans-continental aviator, landed here this afternoon from Bronite.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The eastbound plane in the trans-continental mail race against time left Bellefont, Pa., at 2:42 p. m. today, according to word received by air mail officials here. Coincident with this information came the announcement that the westbound flight had been abandoned here after rain and snow held up its relay at Chicago last night. Westbound mail was transferred to the regular service and started for Omaha.

Cleveland, Feb. 23.—Pilot J. O. Webster, flying from Chicago to Cleveland in the eastbound trans-continental mail plane, landed here today. Pilot E. M. Allison, making the last leg of the journey, Cleveland to Hazelhurst Field, started east nine minutes later.

Chicago mail which came in Knight's plane was delivered to the local postoffice 29 hours after it left San Francisco, establishing a record for the service. It left the Pacific coast city at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The eastbound and westbound planes in the trans-continental aerial trials, passed each other in western Illinois early today. Jack Knight, who left Omaha at 1:59 a. m., arrived at the Maywood Field here at 3:30 a. m., two hours after W. J. Smith, piloting the westbound mail, had hopped off for Omaha.

Knight's flight through the night was over territory which he had never before traversed in an airplane. He was weary but otherwise undaunted by his long drawn effort in covering the air route from North Platte, Neb., to Chicago.

"Some cats will look good to me and a bit of sleep will do no harm," he remarked.

Knight, who had never flown the Omaha-Chicago leg, said he had no difficulty except when nearing Des Moines he ran into fog.

Knight will have 24 hours rest here and then start back on the westbound air trail.

Conditions favored the eastward fliers here and Pilot Webster, who took Knight's seal, hoped to make a record run to Cleveland.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 23.—The airplane piloted by Jack Knight is carrying all of the mail shipped from San Francisco yesterday in the attempt for a record speed delivery by day and night flying, it was announced today. A second cargo of mail from San Francisco was transferred to Knight's machine before he departed for the east.

CHIEF WITNESS IN MURDER CASE DIES

SANDWICH, Ont., Feb. 23.—Ernest Deslippe, one of the principal witnesses in the case of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, former liquor license inspector charged with slaying Beverly Trumble, an inn keeper, last November died of pneumonia today. It is understood the evidence given by him at the inquest will be used at the trial now in progress.

Leslies' Weekly, Film Fun and Judge Are Forced to the Wall

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—An involuntary bankruptcy petition was filed here today in federal court against the Leslie Judge company, Fifth avenue publishing corporation, on behalf of three creditors, with claims totalling more than \$600,000.

The petitioners estimated the corporation's liabilities at \$2,210,000 and its assets at \$420,000.

Thomas B. Felder, lawyer, was appointed receiver.

The corporation publishes Leslie's Weekly, a magazine of current events; Judge, a weekly humorous magazine, and Film Fun, a monthly.

GEDDES BACK AGAIN NO ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL HARDING'S IN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, was back in Washington today after personal conferences with foreign office officials in London prepared to take up with the new administration pending questions between this country and Great Britain. The ambassador was summoned to London by Premier Lloyd George last month and among important diplomatic subjects known to have been discussed were Far Eastern affairs, the oil question, disposition of the former German cables, including the Japanese control in the island of Yap, and the funding of the British debt to the United States.

It was assumed that the ambassador would not initiate any formal conversations with state department officials until after the inauguration of President-elect Harding.

SEARCHING FOR WORK, 4 MEN HOLD UP BANK

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 23.—Guy C. Trautman, aged 27 of Tenino, a third suspect in the robbery of the Rucker brothers bank, Lake Stevens, a week ago, was arrested late yesterday afternoon in the region where search was made for him for several days. According to the deputy prosecutor who questioned him, he admitted having taken part in the holdup and implicated two other suspects now in jail, saying there were four in the party.

Trautman, according to the prosecutor, declared that the robbery was planned on the spur of the moment, the party of four having originally started out from Tenino in search of work.

BUSINESS COURSE FOR ENGLAND'S CRIMINALS

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Men incarcerated in Wandsworth prison may be given a business education as a result of the interest aroused recently by a lecture on "Romance of Business." Those most interested were first offenders. It is understood the prisoners may be taught shorthand, typewriting, banking and commercial correspondence.

Tilden to Forget Tennis. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—William T. Tilden, world's champion tennis player, who returned Monday from Australia, said today he plans to "forget tennis for the next six weeks."

A public banquet and reception will be tendered Tilden April 5.

GOVERNMENT ASKS AN INJUNCTION AGAINST LUMBER PRICE CONTROL

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—The government, in proceedings filed in federal district court here today, asked a permanent injunction restraining the Southern Pine association from its alleged activities in fixing prices of lumber.

The proceedings, it was explained, resulted from an investigation of the association by the federal trade commission.

The suit requests that the organization be restrained from compiling or distributing further issues of trade bulletins and price currents; that the concerns and individuals be restrained from holding or attending further meetings of the association or of its committees, for the purpose of statistical exchanges; and that they be required to abandon permanently any efforts to curtail production or increase prices through the organization.

BOLSHEVIKI ATTACK ON JAPAN NEAR

Soviet Troops Are Being Mobilized in Eastern Siberia for Drive on Manchuria—Populace Forced Into Army—Japan Preparing to Meet Spring Drive.

HARBIN, Manchuria, Feb. 22.—Military operations by the Russian bolsheviks against Japanese forces in Siberia are believed to be foreshadowed by concentrations of soviet troops in the eastern end of the country. There were 50,000 bolshevik soldiers in Chita recently and more are said to be arriving. Units are declared to be proceeding to points farther east, assembling principally along the Manchurian frontier. While badly clothed and fed, these soldiers are reported to be well armed and under severe discipline.

Eighteen thousand troops have arrived at Verkhne Udinsk from Moscow. At Khabarovsk on the Amur river, about 40,000 bolshevik troops are concentrated and these are gradually being moved south. The reason given by the bolsheviks for dispatching troops at Khabarovsk is that there are large supplies of grain there, sufficient to maintain the troops for a year. On the other hand reports from there indicate that the supplies available are sufficient for about a month.

Mobilizing Population. To increase the regular and guerrilla forces the bolshevik forces are said to be mobilizing the Russian population of the Far East. This would have the double purpose of increasing the military forces and of disintegrating anti-bolshevik armies. Mobilization is meeting with some opposition from the people, it is said.

Troops are distributed along the whole line of the railroad from Chita east to the Manchurian frontier. At Manchuria on the border, bolshevik organizations have been formed and are asserted to be smuggling agents thru into Manchuria for the work of propaganda. Activity is noticeable in the movement of locomotives and cars from the Usuri railway (connecting Khabarovsk and Nikolai) to the Amur railway which forms the connecting link with Trans-Balkalia through Russian territory.

Japanese Active. Food supplies are being moved from Vladivostok into the Primorsk province and attempts have been made to smuggle arms into these regions.

The bolshevik fear, according to information received here, that the Japanese may create an opposition "buffer state" in the Primorsk region by spring, in which event they might make use of the Kappel and Semenov troops whose long experience in guerrilla warfare would be extremely valuable.

The appointment of the Japanese general, Tachibana to command troops in Siberia is commented upon as significant.

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