

LABOR'S CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT NATION GOTTEN UNDER WAY

Will Endeavor To Elect Friends Of Labor And Defeat Its Enemies.

Washington, March 23.—Organized labor's non-partisan political campaign has gotten under way with "tremendous enthusiasm," as a result of meetings held last night throughout the country by local unions, according to a statement from American Federation of Labor headquarters.

Directions were sent today by President Samuel Gompers, Secretary Frank Morrison and James O'Connell, comprising the campaign executive committee, to all locals for the cementing of the campaign organizations into an efficiently functioning machine. These directions were made public as follows:

Campaign Put Forward.
The meetings of March 23 have been held as suggested and our A. F. of L. non-partisan political campaign has been put forward with tremendous enthusiasm. Our brothers all over the land have entered into this movement in a magnificent spirit of co-operation. We believe every man and woman of the labor movement will be ready to volunteer when called upon. With this object, we are sending a letter to each local union in your city requesting co-operation in this work with your central body by the selection of a committee of three.

Perpetuation of Liberty.
This is a duty we owe to ourselves; an obligation upon us to perpetuate our liberty as working men and women and all citizens of our country.

Exhibition Games
Beaumont, Tex., March 23.—The Philadelphia American second team defeated the Beaumont club of the Texas league in a 16 to 0 walk-over today. The score: R. H. E. Phila. Am. (second team) 16 22 1 Beaumont (Texas league) 0 6 8 Batteries: Keefer and Myatt, Walker; Gasaway, Fudek, Gonzoulin and Alexander.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 23.—The Brooklyn Nationals defeated the New York Americans 19 to 0 in a one-sided contest this afternoon. The score: R. H. E. Brooklyn Nationals 19 3 1 New York Americans 0 4 2 Batteries: Mamaux, Mohart and Elliott; Miller, Kaneger, Shawkey, Collins and Hannah.

Columbus, Ga., March 23.—The Boston Nationals defeated the Detroit Americans 2 to 0 in a game here this afternoon. The score: R. H. E. Boston Nationals 2 4 3 Detroit Americans 0 6 4 Batteries: Jourman and Stange; Oeschner, McQuillan and Gowdy.

Tampa, Fla., March 23.—The Cincinnati Nationals wrested a game from the Washington Americans this afternoon before an interested crowd of spectators. The score: R. H. E. Cincinnati Nationals 6 12 0 Washington Americans 4 11 3 Batteries: Luque, Bressler and Ralston; Johnson, Zachary and Picinich.

Birmingham, Ala., March 23.—The Philadelphia Nationals played rings around the Birmingham club of the Southern Association here today, the final score being 7 to 1 in favor of the Philadelphia Nationals. The score: Philadelphia Nationals 7 9 0 Birmingham Southern Ass'n. 1 2 8 Batters: Meadows, Betts and Wheat; Sigman, Glasner, Meeker, Henderson and Peters, Gooch.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 23.—The St. Louis Americans played Oklahoma City, of the Western League a 21 to 10 game today, the long end of the contest resting with the Americans. The score: St. Louis Americans 21 19 2 Oklahoma City (W. League) 10 11 4 Batters: Burwell and Severid; Whitener, Stoner, Ramsey and Moore, Cian-ton.

McAllen, Tex., March 23.—The Philadelphia Americans (first team) defeated the St. Louis Nationals in a 14 to 13 slugging match this afternoon. The score: Philadelphia Am. (1st team) 14 21 3 St. Louis Nationals 13 20 3 Eckert, Bigbee and Styles; Doak, and Clemans, Dillhofer.

'BOOK ACCOUNTS' OF RAILWAY LINES MOST UNRELIABLE

Watered Stock Should Not Be Considered, It Is Suggested, In Making Rates.

Washington, March 23.—Solid alignment of state railroad commissioners, representing the public, against consideration of the "unreliable" investment accounts of the roads for valuation purposes, developed today before the Interstate Commerce commission, which is holding hearings to determine the basis for payment of the standard dividend under the transportation act.

Consider Elements of Value.
"Since when has the commission rendered its judgments with its face toward Wall street?" he asked, "since when has it disregarded the law and the facts to cover up the rottenness of any situation it came upon in performance of its duty? It has heretofore discovered and exposed many shocking things, but the country still lives and the financial centers are still intact."

All the elements of value must be taken into consideration, Benton contended, but the investment of the roads are not to be regarded as evidence. "Congress has not given you discretion," he told the commission, "if you know the true investment cost of the Chicago and Alton from your valuation investigation, to shut your eyes to that element and consider its wickedly water-soaked investment account."

Representatives of the shippers generally concurred in the proposals of the carriers that the "book accounts" be considered, but advised that they be checked in the light of the other information available to the commission. Expressing themselves as more concerned with the developments of transportation facilities to meet the needs of the country than in the matter of rates, the shippers confined their commendation mainly to the question of the grouping of the roads for rate fixing purposes.

Railroads Yell Poverty.
"Unless the railroads are deprived of the occasion to yell 'poverty,' as they have done in the past, the only solution is government ownership," was the argument of Charles E. Cotterill, of the southern traffic league, in favor of giving the railroad returns sufficient to handle adequately the business of the country. Property investment accounts, he said, might come the closest to forming a basis for a preliminary valuation.

He presented a request that the southern freight classification, as now constituted, be continued for the new rate adjustment. The majority of the shippers favored the continuation of the commission's established grouping of the railroads on the ground that the adjustment should be effected with the least disturbance to existing rate relations. Smaller divisions, it was argued, made for less flexibility. The hearing will be concluded tomorrow.

FUND SUFFICIENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES
Will Provide For All Needs Of Department of Education.

(Special to The Star.)
Raleigh, March 23.—The department of education has sent out a letter to all county superintendents of schools, stating that the augmented educational fund provided for the six months school term for North Carolina will be amply sufficient to take care of all needs of the department of education. The thirty-two cent tax for school purposes provides about three and a half million dollars, and that, according to figures compiled by the clerks of the department, will be amply sufficient to meet all the needs.

KING GEORGE'S LEVEE MOST NOTABLE EVENT
Brilliant Assemblage Attended Function At St. James.

London, March 23.—King George's first levee at St. James palace since 1914, held today, was a brilliant affair. The king, the United States ambassador, and his staff, all dressed in black, presented a notable contrast to the full dress uniforms of military and naval officers and ministers and judges in their wigs and official robes. The king drove in semi-state from Buckingham palace, being escorted by household cavalry.

BEATEN WITH SAME BELT WITH WHICH HE BEAT WIFE
Bally Now Knows How Uncomfortable a Real Beating Is.

Akron, O., March 23.—George Belle, probably knows what his wife suffered when he beat her with a heavy leather belt. On order of Judge Fardee, of the municipal court, a court officer today stripped Belle's back of clothing and applied a series of lashes with the buckle end of the same belt with which the wife had been beaten. Mrs. Belle caused her husband's arrest and took to the court of the beating he had given her with the belt.

MRS. DOROTHY CAMPBELL HURD LEADS FIELD OF WOMEN
(Special to The Star.)
Pinehurst, March 23.—Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, of Pineburg, former national English and Canadian champion, won the gold medal in the qualifying round of the Women's North and South Championship tournament at Pinehurst today. She led the record holders with a remarkably fine round of 39-45-84. Mrs. Hurd's total for the first six holes was one less than par.

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BIG SLUMP NOTED IN MOUSE MARKET
Armistice Caught Breeders Long With Overload Useless Commodity.

New York, March 23.—A big slump in the mouse market is reported from Columbia university, where large stocks of the little rodents are used for experimental purposes. Quotations for mice have fallen far below pre-war levels and many breeders have been forced out of business, according to Dr. Francis Carter Wood.

NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO REVIVE HAND SPINNING
Many Old Looms Resurrected And Commissioned.

New York, March 23.—A national movement to revive hand spinning and weaving of linen to relieve the acute shortage has been launched by the newly organized society for the revival of home industry and domestic art. It was announced today. More than 250 spinning wheels have been collected from home and antique sections of the United States. Expert spinners and handloom weavers, mostly immigrants from Russia, will be engaged in the work and in instruction of novices.

CENTRAL AMERICAN PEOPLE TO COMBINE
General Reunion Of Republics Into One Strong Nation Is Urged.

Washington, March 23.—Agitation for the re-union of the Central American republics into one great nation has been revived in Guatemala, according to advices reaching Washington today, the result being that a tense political situation has developed. President Cabrera, of Guatemala, has been an active opponent of the unionist idea. The report stated that the prisoners were filled with political offenders, but the popular slogan continued.

ONE MAN IS DROWNED WHEN SCHOONER SINKS

Daytona, Fla., March 23.—One man, Melville Ludwigen, was drowned, and another, Arthur Fness, suffered a badly crushed foot following the foundering of the Northwestern near Matanzas Inlet Monday night, according to Captain P. E. Jensen, who accompanied Vene to a hospital here. The Northwestern was a steamer of 1,445 tons, registered out of New York, bound from Charleston to Havana with coal. She carried a crew of 23.

CONSIDER RAILROAD WAGES
Washington, March 23.—Formal consideration of the wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad workers was begun today by the joint wage board organized yesterday by the conference committees. It took up data on wage questions obtained by the railroad administration boards of adjustment.

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