

JOHN L. LEWIS IS ANNOUNCED AS OUT FOR A. F. L. HEAD

Federation Faces One of Its Busiest Weeks - Irish Question Will Probably Be Settled.

Denver, June 20.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, today formally announced that he would be a candidate for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor in opposition to Samuel Gompers.

I have decided to permit my name to be submitted to the convention as a candidate for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor," was the brief announcement made by Mr. Lewis.

Denver, Colo., June 20.—Faced with one of its most strenuous programs, the American Federation of Labor opened the second week's session of its 41st annual convention.

The Irish question, the railroad problem, determination of its future relations with the European trade union movement and many other important matters are scheduled for action by the delegates.

Whether President Samuel Gompers will be opposed for reelection by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America had not been definitely learned.

Supporters of Lewis, however, were hard at work and asserted that his candidacy would be announced within the next twenty-four hours.

While President Gompers and the administration forces have not taken public recognition of the opposition, it was learned that they had made plans to meet a contest but are awaiting the next move of the Mine Workers' leader.

Gompers' supporters have held several conferences during the last twenty-four hours and have taken a canvass of the situation.

The complicated situation growing out of the split of the two factions of Irish sympathizers was expected to be disposed of today or tomorrow when the resolutions committee begins its report.

The committee it is reported, has decided to reject the resolution boycotting English made goods and report favorably the less drastic resolution of sympathy for the Irish cause and calling for recognition of the Irish republic.

MINERS DIDN'T ACCEPT GOV. OFFER

(By The Associated Press) London, June 20.—Leaders of the miners' Federation of Great Britain took no steps yesterday to prevent the withdrawal of the government's offer of an million pounds sterling in the coal industry and it appeared useless for the government to renew the offer, and the money will not be provided by the government for carrying on the business.

The situation is full of uncertainties, the main outstanding fact being the invitation of the miners to all trade unions affected by wage disputes to meet at an early date for the purpose of taking national action to secure their mutual demands.

Most of today's newspapers describe the decision to call this meeting as an "S. O. S." prompted by desperation. As yet nothing has occurred to indicate how the call is likely to be received.

The annual conference of the labor party is to be held at Brighton tomorrow and the miners' union president of the miners' union and Frank Hodges, the union's secretary will attend.

They probably will determine the attitude of leaders of other unions whose aggregate membership is more than three million. "The fight is now taking on an entirely different character," said A. J. Cook, a prominent South Wales leader and member of the miners' federation yesterday.

"The whole body of British miners is going on with the struggle for socialization or nationalization for mines. It is going to be directly against the government," he said.

FURNITURE EXPOSITION.

(By The Associated Press) High Point, June 20.—Several hundred furniture manufacturers from all parts of the United States are here today to attend the Southern furniture exposition which formerly opened here this morning in the new exposition building, a million dollar edifice. It is the first furniture show held south of New York and is attracting national interest, more than 100 exhibitors are represented, some of them coming from distant states. The principal streets of the city are gayly decorated.

New Diet For Cows.

Chestnut Ridge, Ky., June 20.—While Sam Saylor was swimming in Buck Creek a cow came along and ate his socks. Sam was a cold and the cow has indigestion.

"BIG TIM" MURPHY TO BE ARRAIGNED

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, June 20.—The case of Timothy (Big Tim) Murphy, held with a number of alleged accomplices in default of \$100,000 bail in connection with the \$350,000 Dearborn street station mail robbery, will be placed before a grand jury, according to John E. Northup, special assistant district attorney.

"Some of Murphy's admissions will be read to the grand jury," Mr. Northup said, "and also the confessions of some of his pals."

The finding of more than \$100,000 of the loot in a trunk at the home of Murphy's father-in-law, as directly due, Mr. Northup said, to one of Murphy's alleged confessions.

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(By The Associated Press) Wilson, N. C., June 20.—Buried alive 24 hours with only her face uncovered is the unique experience of Harriet Holloway, a negroess, 45 years old, who lives near Wilson. The "burial" took place on the Barfoot mill road two miles from Wilson yesterday.

Harriet has been sick some time. She declared that it was revealed to her in a vision that if she would remain buried 24 hours she would be cured. At her insistence a grave was dug and the woman was placed in the ground in a reclining position and her body covered with two feet of earth. She was placed in the "grave" yesterday morning at 7 o'clock and remained there until 7 o'clock this morning, and was conscious all the time.

When Harriet was removed from the grave this morning physicians who examined her said she was none the worse for her experience. Her condition was not improved, however, physicians stated.

Large crowds visited the spot throughout yesterday to view the grave and its living occupant.

DELTA FARMERS FORM COTTON POOL

(By The Associated Press) Memphis, Tenn., June 20.—Delta planters, growers of the greater part of all long staple cotton raised in the United States, will meet here on June 29 to complete organization of a cooperative market organization.

Representatives from the 16 cotton growing states in conference here recently voted in favor of uniform state marketing organizations for handling and disposing of future cotton crops.

Ten of the states have already adopted the plan and are now organizing marketing agencies.

Oscar F. Bledsoe, Jr., Greenwood, Miss., has been selected president of the marketing association of delta planters. Other officers will be selected at the coming conference.

The organization will be known as the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association and will be chartered under Tennessee laws, although its membership will be made up of the largest plantation owners and cotton growers in the South.

The association will be perfected under the act of legislature of 1917, authorizing the forming of cooperative associations for marketing purposes.

Objects of the association will be to finance and sell the enormous amount of staple cotton produced in the delta. The organization has no capital stock, but financial arrangements are to be made through the banks, the paper used by the agency being secured by cotton held in pool in name of the association.

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Members have signed five-year contracts, agreeing to sell their entire product for the next five years through the association.

DENIES CRIME WHILE ON DEATH BED.

(By The Associated Press) Soperton, Ga., June 20.—Roy Durden, aged 48, a well-known farmer, held in the Treutlen county jail on a murder charge, died here this morning following a major operation performed upon him last week. His dying statement, issued a few months before he passed away, had before then existed a plot between he, Dan Davis, E. A. Coleman and Wiley J. Smith, to kill William H. Hall, a white cropper, for which he and the other three named are now being held on a charge of murder.

MAKING DOLLARS AGAIN

(By The Associated Press) Washington, June 20.—Coinage of silver dollars has been resumed by the mint after a lapse of seven years and the work of replacing the two hundred and seventy-nine million standard silver dollars taken from the treasury during the war to sell to Great Britain has been begun.

Since late in March treasury officials said tonight approximately 20,000,000 silver dollars have been coined. In the same period certificates were issued and federal reserve notes, and treasury certificates securing them, retired. This process, officials said, would continue for the next five years until the treasury's reserve of silver dollars is back to its pre-war basis.

The mint officials explained, ceased coining silver dollars in 1914 when the supply of metal purchased under the coinage act was exhausted. Further authority to make the dollars was not forthcoming until 1918 when Congress passed the Pittman act to enable the sale of melted dollars to England for the relief of silver famine in India.

The Caspian Sea is the largest inland sea or salt lake in the world.

IRISH GIRLS ARRESTED

(By The Associated Press) New York, June 20.—Several hundred Irish immigrant girls arrived here today on the Celtic seeking careers as movie actresses, artists models and stenographers. Few of them expressed any desire to enter domestic service.

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ALAND ISLANDS SUBJECT DEBATE

(By The Associated Press) Geneva, Switzerland, June 20.—Switzerland and Finland debated questions relative to the future status of the Aland Islands before the council of the league of nations here today.

This was the first open session of the council, public meetings held in the past being for the purpose only of announcing decisions on matters heard at executive assemblies of the organization. The debate on the islands was based on the decision of the commission to recommend that the islands be given to Finland.

EDITORS CHANGE DATE OF MEETING

(By The Associated Press) The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association set for August 17th, 18th and 19th has been changed to July 27th, 28th and 29th.

The change was made after officers of the association had been advised by the Bedworth hotel that the July dates would be preferable.

CONG. MASON BURIED

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, June 20.—Funeral services for Congressman William E. Mason, who died in Washington Thursday, were held today at Third Unatani church. Hundreds of friends and political associates accompanied the body to the church. The burial was at Waukegan, Ill.

BANDITS GETS LOOT.

(By The Associated Press) Philadelphia, June 20.—Four masked men held up Fred Myers, a runner for the Mutual Trust company, here today and seized a bag containing between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The runner fled after the fleeing bandits who escaped with the money in an automobile.

DUKES IN DIVORCE COURT

(By The Associated Press) Philadelphia, June 20.—The marriage of Cornelia Biddle and Angier B. Duke, son of Benjamin B. Duke, "tobacco king," was one of the most prominent social events of 1915. Now she is suing for divorce at Philadelphia. They have been separated three years. Picture shows Mrs. Duke with one of her two sons, Anthony Drexel Biddle Duke. Duke is shown below.



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AMERICAN OIL MEN KIWANIANS POUR INTO CLEVELAND

(By The Associated Press) Washington, June 20.—Secretary of State Hughes was urged today by representatives of American oil companies operating in Mexico to take steps to protect the companies against taxation regarded by them as confiscatory.

More than a dozen men, including E. L. Dohney, president of the Mexican Petroleum Company; F. R. Kellogg, general counsel for the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico, and Guy Stevens, director of the association, placed before the secretary of state a memorandum reviewing the history of Mexican taxation of oil since its discovery in that country up to the recent decree of President Obregon increasing the tax 25 per cent.

The situation was presented to the state department a few days after the promulgation of the decree but no action was taken by Secretary Hughes. It was asserted by the oil operators that the decrees were unconstitutional since the provisions of the constitution, could issue such decrees only when special powers were conferred upon him.

The convention will be opened tomorrow morning with addresses of welcome by Mayor Fitzgerald, of Cleveland; Harry L. Davis, governor of Ohio; and Harry H. Board, president of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club. J. Mercer Barnett, of Birmingham Ala., international president, will make the response.

Several hundred delegates who made the trip to Cleveland by special boats are living aboard their steamers. One hundred and fifty members of the Canton, O., Kiwanis club have prepared camping tents in Lakewood Park.

Among the speakers before the convention will be Harry T. Atwood, of Chicago, who will speak on "Back to the Republic"; Roger W. Babson, Wellesley Hills, Mass., who will talk on "The Business Outlook"; the Rev. William States Jacobs, of Houston, Tex., who will speak on "Kiwans and Dr. Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin, O., College, who will talk on "Friendship." United States Senator Atlee Pomerene, member of the Canton, O., Kiwanis Club, also is expected to be among the convention speakers.

COTTON MARKET

(By The Associated Press) New York, June 20.—The cotton market showed renewed weakness early today owing to uncertainties of the British labor trouble, reports of good weather for growing crops and liquidation of July contracts. The opening was easy at a decline of 16 to 39 points making a new low record for the season. July contracts sold off to 10.78 and October to 11.62 a decline of 237 to 262 points from the high prices touched on bullish crop reports last month.

Opening Easy. New York, June 20.—Cotton futures opened easy. July . . . . . 11.00

October . . . . . 11.80

December . . . . . 12.35

January . . . . . 12.50

March . . . . . 12.86

CATTS NOT IN COURT.

(By The Associated Press) Pensacola, Fla., June 20.—Sydney J. Catts, former governor of Florida, did not appear in the federal court up to noon today to plead to an indictment on a charge of perjury and court attaches said as far as they knew no arrangements were made for him to do so. Federal Judge Sheppard has not set a date for the trial.

SCRAP IN SIGHT WOMEN'S MEET

(By The Associated Press) Cleveland, June 20.—Protective legislation designed to protect the interests of women and children—will be a point of controversy of the national convention of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, scheduled to open in Cleveland, Monday June 18.

Whether women need the protection of special laws without which the opposite sex lives and progresses, is a question on which the membership of practically every one of the 369 clubs of the federation is divided. It is understood that not one delegation of the entire convention body will arrive in Cleveland with an undivided opinion on the matter.

Speakers. Discussion of the subject will take place Thursday afternoon following addresses by Miss Mary Van Vleet of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, and Mrs. Hagar Stanton Hatch, author of Woman Citizens. At this time the national organization will go on record either for or against protective legislation.

There is a well-developed sentiment for re-election of Mrs. Lena Lake Forrest of Detroit, as president of the national. The Cleveland club, one of the strong clubs of the federation, is backing Mrs. Forrest and "subs" through the central west are strongly in favor of her. Election is scheduled for Friday. The largest delegations are expected from the western clubs.

Has Charge. While the convention opens with a reception at the Hotel Statler, convention headquarters, on Monday evening, the business of the five-day event will begin with the Tuesday morning session.

Miss Mary Rudd Cochran has entire charge of the arrangements for the convention. She is, in fact, hostess for the party. Dr. Alice Butler, as president of the Cleveland club, will be a prominent figure of the convention.

The Ohio state convention will be held Monday morning and afternoon preceding the opening of the national.

SOLDIER BETTER MAN FOR FIGHT

(By The Associated Press) Indianapolis, Ind., June 20.—The American soldier, came out of the war with more religion than he went in, according to the Rev. Henry Russell Talbot, canon of the National cathedral at Washington, D. C., who arises to defend the doughboy from the label that the "war ruined him."

"He is a better man for having been in the army," asserts the canon, referring to the soldier.

Canon Talbot was senior chaplain of the battle-scarred First Division of the A. E. F. In a communication to National Headquarters of the American Legion here, he admits the American, as he saw him in France was "uncommonly timid in the exercise of his religious duties. He was frightened at his own religious shadow or he might have been grossly ignorant of the canon and practice his religion."

But as the First Division's senior chaplain, the canon was in charge of all the private belongings of the 1,800 Americans killed in the ten days fighting in the Arzonne, and in nine out of every ten of the men's kits found a crucifix, scapular, prayer book or testament. "And in those days," Canon Talbot writes, "the First Division was not carrying anything it did not deem essential."

"There was a kind of collectivism which outruns the ordinary standards of honesty," declares the canon, "but underneath there was implicit, if not explicit reverence for the Son of Man."

MISS NANCY BEAN DEAD

(By The Associated Press) Miss Nancy Holmes Bean died at the home of her brother, J. Wiley Bean, near Bringle's Ferry, early this morning. She was 78 years of age, a daughter of Wiley and Elizabeth Holmes Bean and sister of the late Moses L. Bean of this city.

The funeral will be from Wyatt Grove church Tuesday at 1 o'clock.

AGED SPENCER WOMAN DEAD

(By The Associated Press) Mrs. Pauline C. Blackwell, 84 years old, died Sunday morning at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. L. M. S. Ketchie, 607 Fifth street, Spencer. The funeral and burial took place this morning at Union Lutheran church, five miles east of Salisbury, being conducted by Rev. Edward Fuenwider of St. John's Lutheran church. Among the surviving sons and daughters is Mr. Albert Blackwell of this city.

BLIND VETERAN TO BE THE HERO

(By The Associated Press) Detroit, Mich., June 20.—A blind hero of the World War will be the center of attraction at the formal opening of the first annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, here on June 27. He is Michael Aaronson, Rabbi and student of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, who as chaplain of the Disabled American Veterans will deliver the invocation at the first day's session of the Veterans' convention.

Rabbi Aaronson at the outbreak of the war enlisted and served in the 147th Infantry. Both of his eyes were blown out when in the capture of Montfaucon in the Argonne, he was struck by a shell as he was bringing back wounded American soldiers.

ASK SENATE TO YIELD

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SEVERE BREAK IN COTTON

(By The Associated Press) New York, June 20.—Another severe break occurred in the cotton market today. Prices made new low levels for the season because of the continuance of the British labor trouble and belief that the new crop outlook had improved steadily the last month. Since Thursday, when reports were received that the British coal miners were voting to remain on strike, the market dropped more than 1 1/2 cents a pound with October contracts selling today at 11.38 or more than 2 1/2 cents a pound below the high price touched on bullish crop last month. July has shown even greater weakness because of the arrival of cotton from the South, presumably for delivery on contract, and sold off to 10.53 today, making a decline of 287 points from the high price of last month.

TEX RICKARD MAY REFEREE FIGHT

(By The Associated Press) New York, June 20.—Failure to reach an agreement as to who shall referee the championship battle between Carmen and Dempsey October 2nd has caused Tex Rickard, promoter of the show, to announce that he might step in and officiate himself.

"The first thing you know," he said as he sat on the edge of his new swimming pool at Madison Square Garden, "they'll wind up with me in the ring. I have done it before under similar circumstances and it may happen again."

A GUARD SHOT ESCAPING PRISONER

(By The Associated Press) Raleigh, June 20.—Doc Heffner, of Hickory, serving a sentence at the state prison in connection with the murder of Glenn Lippard, was shot in the leg by a guard last Tuesday night when he and two other prisoners attempted to escape from their prison farm, it was learned here today.

Heffner and his companions broke through the ceiling and made their way to the roof of the building. Heffner jumped off the building, but was seen by a guard and ordered to stop falling to obey the command. The guard fired on Heffner several buckshot striking him in the leg. He is now in the prison hospital where it was stated this morning that he was getting on nicely and would be out in a few days. The other prisoners were captured.

4 ELECTROCUTED IN PENN. PRISON

(By The Associated Press) Belle fountain, Pa., June 20.—Four men were electrocuted in the West penitentiary at Rock View today for the murder of Szima Florian at Erie, Pa., last September. They were Milton Hudson, Robert Trammell and William Stragin, negroes, and Steve Schip, a foreigner. It was the first time in many years four men had paid the death penalty in Pennsylvania for the same crime.

Wm. TURNER TO HANG.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, June 20.—President Harding has declined to commute the death sentence of William Turner, a negro held in the state penitentiary at Richmond, Va., on conviction of the murder of Morgan Moore, Jr., near Alexandria, Va. Turner is sentenced to be hanged next Friday. In refusing to exercise clemency the president is understood to have followed the recommendation of Attorney General Daugherty.

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MORRISON WON'T ISSUE PARDONS TO CONVICTS FREELY

(By The Associated Press) Raleigh, June 20.—"I am now more firmly convinced that violators of the law who have been properly convicted in this State courts should not be given their freedom," declared Governor Cameron Morrison after declining a recent application for pardon.

The governor was referring to one of the first paroles that he granted and which to his mind is evidence enough that the lawbreaker should be fully punished. Wilson county furnished the prisoner whose actions have made it his duty to parole. Governor Morrison did not give the young man's name who traveled from the narrow path, was tried and convicted in the Wilson courts and sentenced to a term of the roads.

Friends of the young man became active and laid before the governor a petition bearing the names of scores of law abiding citizens, court officials, including the judge, and prosecuting attorneys, asking that a parole be granted. It was one of the cases Governor Morrison thought should be given consideration. The parole was allowed.

"And before the ink was dry on that paper," said Governor Morrison, "the fellow had broken in a house or store and was back in trouble again. Under the provisions of the parole, of course, he lost his freedom, the parole being 'voided.' The governor thinks the Wilson county case is a striking example and he seems unable to forget it when lawbreakers and others come before him asking that the r applications for pardons be acted upon favorably.

The governor declares that violators of the law should be kept in the penitentiary or on the chain gangs until "full reformation" is made. "I do not believe that I have the right to pardon folks the courts have said ought to be punished. My refusal to loose lawbreakers of the State has not worried me as I thought it would."

Regardless of the unusually strong showing the municipalities that sent representatives to the capital last week made for a special session of the legislature to correct the errors by which the 1921 municipal finances act was invalidated, opposition to the governor issuing the call is being heard from all sides.

That the state does not want the special session is the belief of the vast number of visitors who came here last week. There are others, however, who think that the call must be issued or else the cities and towns will have to call for receivers within the next six months. Frankly, it is being felt that the municipalities are in desperate financial straits. Only by legislative enactment can these cities and towns get back on their feet.

Governor Morrison does not want to call the legislators into session but it seems that there is nothing in the state since every municipality in the state, at least a third, of importance and size sent representatives here begging that he say the word.

One week from tomorrow the governor's racial conference will be called together here to consider ways and means of bringing about closer and more harmonious relations between the whites and the blacks. The date is June 28.

All of the State officials will be invited to pay a formal visit to Camp Glenn, Morehead City, next month when North Carolina National Guard units will assemble there for their annual period of field training.

The encampment will eclipse all others and the 16 organizations will have an enlisted and commissioned personnel of approximately 1,100.