

**GOMPERS' CROWN NOT ENDANGERED**

Re-election of Veteran Head of A. F. of L. Is Predicted by the Opposition.

By MILDRED MORRIS, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, June 4.—Samuel Gompers is expected to be re-elected as head of the American Federation of Labor which opens June 5.

Sympathizers with the Irish and the laboring causes are lining up for action and their insurgent forces are preparing for a battle to wrest control of the Federation.

Not even forecasters among the "opponents" in opinions expressed tonight predicted the re-election of the veteran.

According to present indications, the "opponents" will confine its efforts to a fight for re-organization of the executive council, the central administrative body of the Federation. It is out after the scalps of some of the old timers on the council and to elect William H. Johnson president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who is regarded as the leader of the insurgent movement and another representative of the railroad unions.

Supporters of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who has been boomed to succeed Gompers, continue active and predict developments at the convention that will unite all opposition forces in the insurgent movement.

While the Irish keep up a driftnet of attack, sympathizers with the Soviet government are expected to keep up their denunciation of Gompers' policies and to start one of the hottest fights at the convention when the policies of the executive council of the Russian government are announced.

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Southern Railroad. It has been impossible to confirm the rumor here, for some of the officials of the road is in the city and the local officials of the company, those in charge of local office, know nothing about the deal which is said to have turned over the majority of the stock to the interests which are headed by James B. Duke and his brother, Benjamin N. Duke.

The Duke brothers have been interested in railroads for some years. They constructed the Durham and Southern Railroad which runs from Durham to Duke, Harnett county. The American Tobacco Company sometime ago bought the Durham and South Carolina road, running from Durham to Bonaal, but this has recently been sold to the Norfolk Southern.

**CHARLOTTE GETS DENTISTS**

The executive committee of the North Carolina Dental Society has decided to hold its next meeting in Charlotte, according to announcement made today by a member of the committee in Raleigh. The meeting will be held June 8 to 20.

The program committee this year has arranged for an unusually interesting program. In addition to the lectures and papers, some of the leading members of the profession have been secured as clinicians. The exhibit committee is also arranging for a display of the latest developments in materials and dental equipment. Practically all of the larger manufacturers of dental supplies will have exhibits at the meeting.

**SOVIET RETREAT STRATEGIC MOVE MANY PROBLEMS ARE YET PENDING**

Russia Is Not Returning to Capitalism; Retreat is Far From a Rout.

By LLOYD ALLEN, United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, June 4.—Russian Bolshevism is retreating but not surrendering, Leonid Krassin, Bolshevik representative here, told The United Press tonight. The retreat is not a rout, he said.

"Russia is not returning to capitalism," Krassin said. "When we were fighting Denikine in the field, we retreated. We retreated from Kolchak. But in both instances we returned to the attack and won. Now we are conducting an economic retreat."

Krassin has just returned from Moscow where, it is to be assumed, he was fully advised as to the meaning of the new Soviet plans which involve the use of capitalistic principles in the lease and lease of property and produce.

"People ought to realize," Krassin said, "that although we are retreating in adopting the new peasant policy, it is rash to assume we are at the point of surrender. It is a retreat but not a rout."

Krassin pointed out that trade agreements with capitalist nations necessitated some compromise of communist principles.

"But that does not mean that we are ceasing to be communists," he said "or that Russia is going to turn capitalist. Remember we have said from the beginning that unless the Russian revolution were followed by a European revolution, Russia, left alone in a capitalist world, would have to compromise to some extent."

Krassin confirmed dispatches which had filled Soviet circles here with joy, namely that rain has been plentiful in Russia and that they have practically guaranteed one of the greatest crops the country ever had. A beautiful harvest is the Soviet's greatest need, according to all its friends here.

**WILLING TO LIMIT**

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tional pool to equalize wages as applicable to the private ownership of mines. They doubtless have become convinced that the country is not disposed for an experiment in nationalization.

But this coal dispute has brought other considerations into view. Surely it has brought us nearer to a recognition of the interest of the community at large in industrial disputes. Modern organizations of capital and labor have as yet been unaccompanied by a sense of civic responsibility. They have only widened the area and increased loss and suffering through strikes and lock-outs.

They have jeopardized the interest of the community, a condition of things which I predicted might ensue when I addressed the Civic Federation Conference in New York nearly twenty years ago. It is a condition of things which, if continued, must bring ruin in its train. Industrial disputes must somehow be settled by reason and the examination of the facts. There must be a progressive application of the principle of arbitration.

Industrial arbitrations of course are anathema to the reactionaries of both sides—men who want to enjoy the amenities of civilized life without paying for them.

But enlightened arbitration will have to come, for all that, if we are to escape anarchy.

**MANY PROBLEMS ARE YET PENDING**

Hughes Has Settled One While at Least Seven Others are Pending.

By HARRY L. ROGERS, International News Staff Correspondent.

Washington, June 4.—The definite settlement of one major international problem and substantial progress in at least seven others have marked the activity of Charles E. Hughes since he assumed the office of Secretary of State three months ago today.

Of the many difficult and delicate questions confronting the State Department, only one, the Cuban tangle, can be regarded as finally solved. General Gomez, liberal contender for the presidency, has withdrawn.

The Panama-Costa Rican boundary dispute apparently is on the verge of settlement.

Dr. Garay, Panaman foreign minister, is now in Washington to make last appeal from this decision but it is not believed that Mr. Hughes will recede from the position he has taken.

The negotiations with Japan and the Allies over the Island of Yap have not yet reached a stage which could be the most liberal interpretation be classed as a settlement. The position of the United States as set forth in Mr. Hughes' joint note of April 2 is apparently perfectly plain to all concerned and administration officials express themselves as well pleased with the situation. Italy has expressed interest agreement with the American position

and France has offered more qualified support.

The difficult Mexican situation is receiving attention at the hands of Secretary Hughes. Through George T. Summerlin, now in Mexico City, in conference with Gen. Obregon, the Secretary of State is pursuing a course which apparently bids fair to bring about a solution not unnecessarily humiliating to the Mexican national pride and at the same time is in no way prejudicial.

The State Department's attitude toward Russia has been adamant. Replying to the Soviet appeal for resumption of trade, Secretary Hughes made it plain that Lenin would have to produce convincing evidence of a change in fundamental economic policies before the matter could be considered.

In a different manner, but no less forcefully, he made it known that there can be no resumption of relations of any kind so long as American citizens are held in Russian prisons.

The administration policy of equal opportunity in the development of the world's oil resources was expressed in two succinct notes to The Netherlands. In these notes, which dealt specifically with the Djambi fields of Dutch East Indies, the Secretary of State served notice on the world that American capital expects the privilege of participating in the exploitation of oil resources all over the world.

To show the practicability of using dogs to carry messages when an airplane is unable to land, a fox terrier recently made a descent of 1,500 feet in a parachute from an airplane.

When he landed he worked himself free from his harness and ran to headquarters with a message suspended from his neck.

**UNEMPLOYMENT IS DECREASING**

More Than One Million Men Have Gone Back to Work Since January.

By RALPH FORD COUCH, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, June 4.—Approximately 2,525,000 workers now are jobless, according to estimates made here today based on reports to several branches of the government, indicating that unemployment is decreasing.

At least 3,500,000 men and women were idle in January, a survey by the United States Employment Service showed. Now, however, no exact reports are available for the entire country but data dealing with selected industries collected by the Labor Department, the Federal Reserve Board and other agencies indicates that wartime wage scales are now generally deflated. Deflation makes it possible to operate at full time factories which formerly were closed or running only two or three days a week.

Production of bituminous coal is shown to be greatly increased in reports to the United States Geological Survey, proving that thousands of mines in the Central, Eastern and Middlewestern fields are returning to work.

Railroads now are getting into the swing of summer track maintenance jobs and are hiring men daily. Railroad shops also are beginning to hum with activity following the winter period when thousands of machinists and other workers were laid off.

Strikes and lockouts during May were fewer than in May for several years past, according to Director Hugh Kerwin, of the Labor Department Bureau of mediation and conciliation.

Despite the strike of marine engineers, seamen, radio operators and cooks and stewards, the number of men idle through controversies with their employers is comparatively small.

Wage deflation now is bringing the general level of wages about 20 per cent below those of this winter, it is indicated.

The average industrial worker now is receiving approximately \$23 a week as compared with \$30 during the winter, according to a survey of unemployment made by the Federal Reserve Board through its twelve banks.

**WOMAN IS ARRESTED FOR KILLING HUSBAND**

New York, June 4.—Mrs. Katherine Eva Kaber, under indictment in Cleveland, Ohio, on a charge of murdering her husband, was arrested here tonight at the apartment of a friend.

Mrs. Kaber's daughter, Mary McArdley, accompanied her to the police station. The prisoner said she was willing and ready to return to Cleveland and face her accusers but that she is innocent of the charge.

New York and Cleveland detectives participated in the arrest, which occurred at the home of Mrs. Verno Smith. Mrs. Kaber had been shadowed for two years since the murder of her husband, but two weeks ago, after her indictment, she disappeared.

The husband was murdered the night of July 13, 1919 as he lay ill in bed. He was stabbed twenty-four times with a stiletto fashioned from a file. An autopsy disclosed that he had been fed arsenic.

Although directly accused of the crime at the inquest, Mrs. Kaber was given her freedom on an alibi.

**DEMAND THAT**

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and the carriers are trying to work out a program that will be least harmful to them.

Of course, if there were a definite tax program available, the air would be cleared, but congress is having trouble enough with the tariff, let alone a revenue bill, and the prospects are not as bright as they were for an early clearing up of legislation affecting business.

The chances are that next fall congress will still be here haranguing about tariff or taxes. Everything moves slowly in the convalescent period—even the wheels of congress. The administration is proceeding steadily, but it would breathe much easier if the people didn't expect so much of the government.

**ANNOUNCE MEXICAN INDEBTEDNESS**

Mexico City—Estimates made by Secretary Treasurer De la Huerta indicate that the indebtedness of the government to the banks of Mexico totals \$9,000,000 pesos, of which 20,000,000 pesos are owned to the Banc Nacional. This debt, it is said, will be recognized and paid by the government as soon as possible. The so-called Huerta debt, which ranges from \$9,000,000 to \$3,000,000 pesos, however, is before congress, which must decide whether or not it should be paid.

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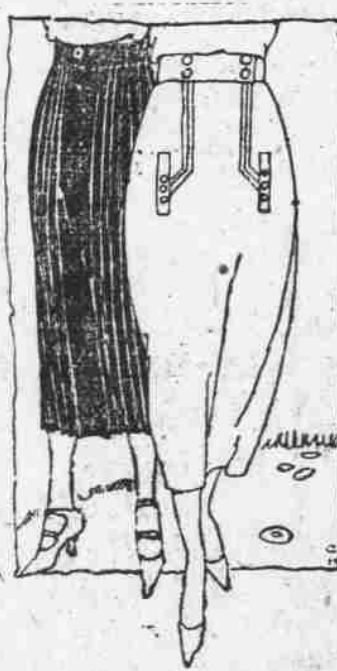
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