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LABOR BOARD DENIES MENTION OF LAUCK, LABOR STATISTICIAN

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Aug. 29.—The Railroad Labor Board today denied the mention of W. Jett Lauck, a labor statistician, that the boards immediately define the principle of a living wage, in case the Maintenance Way Employees, who are seeking increased minimum rates pay.

At the request of E. F. Grable, President of the maintenance organization, hearing then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

PROGRESS-PROSPERITY PORTIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(By Associated Press)
Prague, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 24.—Although the Czechoslovakian Republic is only three and a half years old, it is the one state in Europe which has set its house in order and has avoided the evils of the printing press. The Czechs or Bohemians are a hard-working and plucky race, full of common sense, and they have built up an economic and industrial fabric which has made the country one of the most prosperous in Central Europe. Its industry today is beyond the needs of its own population. The Czech crown, which until last autumn had followed the fluctuations of the German mark, has now established its independence in the world's exchanges.

Since the creation of the republic the bulk of trade has been with Germany, although the United States is gaining an increasing share of it. According to official figures, 47.7 percent of Czech imports in 1921 came from Germany, the latter country taking 36.2 percent of Czech exports. Every Czech realizes that the future of the country's trade is in Central Europe, but he is anxious to avoid as far as possible any economic dependence on Germany.

Like many other European countries, Czechoslovakia's most vital problems concern the much-needed reduction in production costs, the cost of living, the reduction of taxation, and amelioration of the housing situation. At present Prague is one of the most expensive cities in Europe. One of the causes is the tremendous national budget, which is swollen by heavy military expenses.

Compared with Vienna and Budapest, Prague presents an appearance of prosperity and alertness. There is not that sense of despair, uncertainty and indecision which the American traveler meets in Vienna. While other European capitals suffered by the Great War, Prague was hardly affected until the revolution of 1918, when she awoke suddenly to find herself one of the great capitals of Europe.

Czechoslovakia's political system is based upon the strictest democratic principles, her policy being one of innovation and evolution along republican lines. Bolshevism has been crushed. Drastic land reforms have been made, to appease the appetite of the masses. No one is allowed to hold more than 250 hectares of arable land or 500 hectares of forest land. Owing to increased wages, the working classes live in comfortable content. There is little unemployment.

As in most other European cities, the housing problem in Prague is acute. Any owner of a flat or house is liable to have his quarters commandeered by the State. In spite of the government's endeavors to encourage the erection of new buildings, the building trade has remained vir-

The President Thinks Congress Should Grant Him Authority To Take Over The Railroads And Mining Properties

HE ASSURES CONGRESSIONAL SPOKESMAN THAT ONLY THE GRIMMEST PUBLIC NECESSITY WOULD MOVE HIM TO EXERCISE SUCH POWERS, IF GRANTED.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—President Harding still believes that Congress should grant him, immediately, the authority to take over the railroads and mining properties, it is said today at the White House.

But he has assured the Congressional spokesman that only the grimmest necessity would move him to exercise such powers, if granted.

GOthenBURG EXPOSITION EXPECTS INVASION OF AMERICANS

(By Associated Press)
Gothenburg, Sweden, Aug. 29.—So many Americans, many of Swedish birth or parentage, are planning to visit the Jubilee Exposition at Gothenburg, Sweden, next year that a full-sized ocean liner will be needed to carry the travelers from Chicago alone. These will include such representative citizens as the ex-Governor of Minnesota, Adolf Eberhart; Harry Olson, Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago, and United States Senator Medill McCormick.

This announcement is made by Charles S. Peterson, a business man of Chicago, who has come to Sweden to make special arrangements for this invasion of Americans. In connection with this news Dan Brostrom, ex-Minister of the Navy and a well-known shipping man in Sweden, has announced that the Swedish-American Line, of which he is president, will find it necessary to purchase a third liner to be placed in the direct service between the United States and Sweden.

The Exposition at Gothenburg celebrates the 300th anniversary of the founding of that city under the famous king, Gustavus Adolphus. It will illustrate Swedish history, industry, and culture, a special section being allotted to the exhibit from the former colony in America, now the State of Delaware, which was settled by expeditions from Gothenburg in 1638.

Saw Mills To Invade Polish Virgin Forests

(By Associated Press)
Warsaw, Aug. 26.—The enormous forests of Bialowieza, containing many thousands of acres of uncut timber, are engaging the attention of British concerns, who are negotiating for leases. At the same time American business interests have sent an agent over here who, in company with H. H. Smith, Trade Adviser to the American legation at Warsaw, is now on a tour of inspection of the forest lands.

usually suspended. Many of the poorer nobility have migrated to Vienna, Munich, Berlin, Poland or Hungary, in order to benefit by the rate of exchange. Others occupy a small corner of the vast palaces which have been in the possession of their families for centuries.

GOVERNOR OF GA. DECLINES TO INTERVENE IN THE DUPRE CASE

EXECUTIVE LETS ATLANTA YOUTH TAKE DEATH PENALTY. HE WILL BE HANGED FRIDAY.

(By Associated Press)
Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 29.—Governor Hardwick today refused to commute the death sentence of Frank B. Dupre, an Atlanta youth, convicted of the murder of Irby Walker, a private detective, last December.

Dupre is under sentence to be hanged Friday.

GRAFTERS WON'T QUIT WITHOUT FIGHT

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, August 25.—The recent attempt to shoot Edouard Mangones, the mayor of this city of 150,000 people, followed within 24 hours by either the suicide or murder of the city receiver, have created a sensation unusual for Haiti. The resort to firearms, together with tales of a mystery car with three gunmen operating at night, are new symptoms for Haitian politics. In the past crimes of violence were usually accomplished by the secret use of poison or other methods. Since the occupation there have not been more than six murders, and what may prove to be a crime wave is an unusual manifestation.

Absolutely unknown in a century of Haitian local government is the determined campaign of Mayor Mangones, backed by the influence of President Borno and the American-officered gendarmerie, to prosecute local officials charged with shortage of funds, falsification of tax receipts, and graft. Mangones, a man of means, an aristocrat and a business man, has created consternation among the politicians.

PCetaoin shrdlu etaoin etaoin n: Last May he forced the resignation of the commune receiver for a shortage of \$5,000 in his accounts, the receiver claiming that his safe had been robbed of that amount three months before, although he had not reported it. Following that three officials were arrested for alleged falsification of tax receipts to the extent of several thousand dollars. Then came an investigation of Ludovic Monplaisir, Director of Cemeteries, who had long been a partisan adherent of Mangones. In the course of it Monplaisir tried to shoot Mangones, seriously wounding one of his personal cabinet, Edmund Millet.

The following morning the dead body of the new receiver, Clement Denize, was found. Whether his death was due to murder or suicide has not been established. Reports of a mysterious automobile complicated the situation, and gave rise to the theory of murder as part of a planned campaign of intimidation by the mayor's enemies. On the other hand an investigation of Denize's office had been ordered for the following day by Mangones.

Mangones has gone relentlessly on, whatever the truth of the

CONSIDERATION OF THE BONUS BILL NEARS END

(By Associated Press)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—The Senate consideration of the bonus bill neared the end today, but some Senators doubted the final vote before adjournment tonight can be reached. Half dozen or more amendments remained to be acted upon, and a number of Senators desired to deliver addresses.

Girl Scouts Pass Through Town Today

The Girl Scouts of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary passed through Scotland Neck this morning enroute to Washington, N. C., where they will camp for a while. They came in on the train from Weldon this morning and came up the street to wait for the train that backs in from Hobgood, which they took for their destination.

While in the city, the young ladies took a joy ride through town with several of the young men here.

FAMILIES STILL HOPEFUL THAT ENTOMBED MEN ARE STILL ALIVE

(By Associated Press)
Jackson, Cal., Aug. 29.—Families and friends of forty-eight miners, imprisoned since Sunday midnight nearly a mile below the earth's surface by fire in Argonaut Mine today, clung stubbornly to the hope that they are still alive.

The chief hope today is to reach the entombed men within eighteen hours.

FUNDS AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK AT MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—Funds totaling six hundred thousand dollars have been authorized by President Harding to enable army engineers to begin construction work on the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, on an extensive scale pending the use of seven and a half millions appropriated by Congress, which becomes available October first, was officially announced today.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer in interior tonight. Gentle to variable winds.

Denize mystery may prove to be, and the Americans and other foreigners are delighted at this evidence of a growing civic responsibility. For more than a century local graft and malfeasance have been winked at, but Mangones, a man of personal courage and honesty, promises a continuation of his campaign.

"Give Them Everything But The Railroad." —Vice-Pres. A. P. Titus

2 COTTON MILLS AT GREENVILLE, S. C., CLOSED FOR THE LACK OF FUEL

(By Associated Press)
Greenville, S. C., Aug. 29.—Two cotton mills have closed in this vicinity because of the lack of fuel. Others will probably follow.

AN OUTBREAK AMONG REFORMATORY INMATES NECESSITATES STATE POLICE PROTECTION

(By Associated Press)
Faonia, Mich., Aug. 29.—State police have been stationed at the State Reformatory here this morning, as a result of the outbreak among the inmates late last night, which were suppressed only when tear gas was poured into one dormitory where the rioting centered.

GERMANY IS MAKING REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN STANDARDIZATION

New York, Aug. 28.—German standards—as the word is applied in manufacturing and not in philosophy—will some day be the standards by which America will have to furnish materials to most of the countries of the world, according to Oscar R. Wikander, an American engineer, who has just returned from Germany where he represented the American Engineering Standard Committee.

"An example of the progress in standardization which Germany has made since war time conditions began," says Mr. Wikander, "is the recent story of Russian locomotives. Nineteen German and one Swiss manufacturers built 700 locomotives for Russia, and every part in every one of them was interchangeable with the corresponding part in any of the others."

"Because of this standardization, every locomotive which was disabled became a store of spare parts for the others of the same type. Standardization work is being forced by Germans because they want to introduce their standards in the great import countries and possibly in the entire world."

"To this end the great German deliveries in kind to France will, as far as possible, be made according to German standards, thus introducing them into that country."

"Standardization in Germany is the work of a huge committee, which works in splendid cooperation with the manufacturers. This committee—called the 'Normenausschuss'—is most interested in American standardization and is very anxious to collaborate with us in establishing international standards."

England, too, is working to force the adoption of her standards on manufacturers in her colonies and dominions, and it is time for America to plan to meet the conditions which some day may force us to manufacture goods that will conform to the standards 'made in Germany'.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO-ALTON ROAD SAW FIRST TRAIN IN SIXTY HOURS LEAVE ROODHOUSE WITH TWO PASSENGERS ABOARD FOR ST. LOUIS.

(By Associated Press)
Roodhouse, Ill., Aug. 29.—After promising the trainmen who quit last Friday to "give them everything but the railroad," Vice-President A. P. Titus, of the Chicago-Alton Railroad, this morning had the satisfaction of seeing the first train in hours leave Roodhouse with two passengers to St. Louis.

COLE BLEASE SEEKS ANOTHER TERM AS GOV. OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND WOMEN VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME

(By Associated Press)
Columbia, S. C., Aug. 29.—Voters of the State went to the polls today to nominate candidates for State officials in the Democratic Primary. About seventy-four thousand women vote for the first time. Chief interest in the six-cornered race for Governor, in which Cole Blease, two-times Governor, is seeking another term.

LONDON WEATHER HARD EVEN ON GRAVEN IMAGES

London, Aug. 29.—The outer walls of the Houses of Parliament are crumbling. Hundreds of carven images, mostly of imaginary royal figures, have been unable to withstand the ravages of the weather, combined with the smoke-laden London atmosphere. They suffer also from the lack of respect shown them by hundreds of pigeons which roost on the sumps and sharpen their beaks on the noses of kings.

Scarcely a day passes but a monarch's hand or toe falls into Palace Yard. Not long ago a king's head was found in fragments on the terrace. During the coming recess scaffolding will be erected and many workmen employed, at a cost of £11,000, picking off the loose bits. Thus may one man in a day uncrown scores of kings.

Sir John Gilmour, who represents the government department that looks after public buildings, is of the opinion that none of the kings or other distinguished folk will be allowed to stick it out much longer on the outer walls of Parliament. "I think the day will come before long," he says, "when all the statues will have to be taken away. The situation does not agree with them."

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET	
January	22.62
March	22.70
May	22.58
October	22.62
December	22.56
YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
January	22.22
March	22.27
May	22.23
October	22.28
December	22.39