

AMERICAN LEGION IS CHARACTERIZED AS TOOL OF THE CAPITALISTS

CHICAGO LABOR UNION PLANS TO OUST MEMBERS BELONGING TO LEGION

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—More than 100 alleged radicals arrested in the New Year's raids by state and city authorities, today were arraigned in criminal court, and a special grand jury began tackling the masses of evidence seized at headquarters and meeting places...

EARTHQUAKES SHAKE TEN MEXICAN STATES

Many Houses and Cities, Business Blocks and Stores Demolished — Seismic Disturbance in Neighborhood of Vera Cruz.

(By The Associated Press.) MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5.—Ten states were shaken by the earthquake which on Saturday night destroyed at least two villages and caused many deaths in the state of Vera Cruz. These states were Mexico, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Guerrero, Morelos, Jalisco, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo and Querretaro. They stretch from the isthmus of Tequantepec in a north-westerly direction, a distance of nearly 500 miles and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific.

ARMSTRONG MILL MEN ENJOY PLEASANT BANQUET

Sixty-Eight Representatives of the Armstrong Chain of Cotton Mills in Attendance at Fourth Annual Banquet.

Representatives of the Armstrong chain of mills in Gaston county and South Carolina, including officials, superintendents and overseers of the Clara, Dunn, Monarch, Armstrong, Seminole, Piedmont, Mutual, Victory and Winget mills of Gastonia and Dallas, and the Wyojo and Lockmore mills of Rock Hill and York, S. C., were the guests of Col. C. B. Armstrong Saturday night at an elegantly appointed banquet, served by Mr. A. A. Armstrong at the Arlington Hotel.

TODD'S BAKERY CHANGES HANDS

R. Hope Brison and J. B. Pearson New Owners — W. E. Todd Retires After Seventeen Years in Bakery Business.

"For Todd's Sake Eat Bread," a slogan so long familiar to Gastonians, will continue to decorate the delivery wagons and advertisements of Todd's Steam Bakery, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. W. E. Todd, proprietor of the business for 17 years, retires from the firm today.

CONGRESS CONVENES TODAY FOR BUSY SESSION LASTING CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL FALL

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Returning to work Monday after two weeks holiday, congress faced one of the busiest sessions in history and a staggering array of problems awaiting solution. In addition to innumerable domestic matters, some of which have a far-reaching effect on the industrial life of the country, there are international questions of far-reaching import that must be settled, including the treaty of peace with Germany and Austria.

Dakota, and to begin work on the house water power development measure. The house, before taking up various appropriation measures, expected to vote on the question of seating Victor Berger, Milwaukee socialist, who was ousted last session, but re-elected at a special election held recently. Leaders predicted a prompt rejection of the re-election certificate.

SUGAR CAN BE BOUGHT SEPARATE FROM OTHER GOODS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The federal trade commission today held that the selling of sugar in combination with other goods to force purchasers to buy other things in order to obtain sugar, was an unfair method of competition and ordered the Cole-Comrad Company, of Chicago, to cease the practice. The Chicago case was one of many similar complaints which had been lodged with the commission, it was stated.

CAUSE OF DANVILLE FIRE YET UNDETERMINED

(By The Associated Press.) DANVILLE, VA., Jan. 5.—Cause of the fire which Saturday night destroyed property in the business district valued at \$800,000, had not definitely been determined today, although it was said to have originated in the department store of Z. V. Johnson & Co.

Concerning the Venus of Milo. It is said that the base of the Venus of Milo, with the name of the sculptor upon it, was destroyed for the purpose of deceiving a king of France into the belief that it was more ancient than it really is.

2,000 DELEGATES MEET TO DISCUSS THE COAL STRIKE

FORM PHYSICAL STANDARDS AS GUIDE FOR DOCTORS

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Formulation of physical standards as a guide for doctors in examining and determining the fitness of children in industry was the principal topic for discussion today by the permanent committee appointed last June as a result of the child welfare conference held by the Children's Bureau, department of labor. It is the purpose of the committee, many of whom are experts in industrial hygiene, it was announced, to determine what constitutes normal development, sound health and physical fitness of boys and girls who have reached the age at which they may start work.

(By The Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—More than 2,000 delegates, representing the 400,000 soft coal miners of the United States, were assembled here today for the convention which is to discuss the settlement of the nation-wide strike, terminated on December 10 by a truce proposed by President Wilson, which gave the miners a 14 per cent advance in wages. Plans are also to be formulated for presenting to the commission of three men appointed by the President to consider all matters in dispute, and report within 60 days the final terms of settlement.

John P. White, one of the members of the president's commission, will attend the convention and obtain from the miners direct attitude in the controversy before taking up with the scale committee in Washington next week hearings on the miner's demands. The miners are not satisfied with the 14 per cent advance, but are confident the commission, upon full investigation, will find they are entitled to more. They have gathered a mass of data, relative to the increased cost of living in mining districts, which will be presented to the commission. The Columbus convention, it was pointed out by the officers is not called for the purpose of ratifying or rejecting the action of the officers in accepting the proposal of the president. President Lewis and members of the policy committee take the position that not to have accepted would have meant defiance of the government. It is expected that the radical element in the convention may take exceptions to the actions of the officers, but they are said to constitute a small minority. Alleged discrimination on the part of operators in Alabama, Tennessee, eastern Kentucky, Colorado and parts of Illinois against union officials is expected to come before the convention. Secretary Green said the alleged discrimination had been brought to the attention of Attorney General Palmer.

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CONTINUE RAIDS AGAINST SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS PARTIES

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Although nearly 5,000 persons have been arrested since the latest radical raid was started last Friday night, department of justice agents over the country still were seeking out today members of the communist and communist labor organizations, who thus far had escaped the general dragnet.

CONTINUE RAIDS ON COMMUNISTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Continuation of the raids on communists was expected here today. About 600 warrants remained to be served. At least 58 local branches of the communist and communist labor parties which have not been raided are said to be in existence in greater New York.

INFLUENTIAL RUSSIAN COMMUNIST IS ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Gregory Weinstein, chief of staff for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled ambassador to the United States of the Russian soviet republic, was arrested on a deportation warrant today by agents of the department of justice. Weinstein, according to department of justice, is the most influential Russian communist, next to Martens, in America.

The growth of the organization was evidenced by the increased attendance, 27 at the first banquet, 68 at the fourth, and every single one a home-grown product. Mr. W. F. Kincaid, who arrived on a late train from a business trip to southern Georgia, told of the vast differences in wages, working and living conditions of operatives, as prevailing in Gastonia and the territory visited, showing that Gastonia mills paid their superintendents and mill hands more than double the wages in all departments, and that no interest whatever was manifested in the welfare and well being of the mill working classes in the places visited.

Mr. G. G. Willis, of the Citizens Bank, complimented the organization on the working forces for the last Red Cross drive in the mills. A rising vote of thanks to the hotel management was cheerfully given and the happy company disbanded at 11 p. m.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR NEW VICTORY MILL

Mr. H. G. Winget, former superintendent of the Dunn Mill, in South Gastonia, assumed charge of the Victory mill January 1, and is already busy getting the machinery properly installed for the early beginning of operation. He reports that steam will soon be finding its way through the cold pipes and within a few days machinery will be in place.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE WILL LIKELY REFUSE N. C. APPLICATIONS.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 5.—Directors of the Virginia League met here today to draft a playing schedule for the coming season and act on the applications of Wilson and Rocky Mount, N. C., for franchises. Officials of the local club said they believed the applications from North Carolina would be refused and that the organization would continue as a six club circuit.

JITNEYS COLLIDE, TURN OVER; NONE INJURED

Several people had what was apparently a miraculous escape from death about 8 o'clock this morning when two jitneys ran together at the corner of West Franklin avenue and South York. As it was no one was injured, barring the discomfort of being badly shaken up, but all were considerably frightened. The cars turned over on their sides and were considerably damaged.

From the best information obtainable it seems that the big Pinkney-Hanover jitney, which is a heavy closed car with glass windows all round, ran into a smaller jitney driven by John Grant. The Pinkney-Hanover jitney was driven by C. C. Bush, quite a young man, whose father is the owner of the car. Both turned over. In the big car were six or eight passengers, most of them ladies. Despite the shock and a large quantity of flying glass no one was hurt.

PASTOR THREATENED WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS.

The many friends of Rev. W. A. Hough in South Gastonia will regret to learn of his being confined to his bed with what at first threatened to develop pneumonia, he having contracted a severe cold during a twenty-five mile drive on Saturday. The pastor's sudden and unexpected illness necessitated the canceling of preaching services at the South Baptist church yesterday morning and evening. He was resting easier yesterday afternoon and his physician declared the danger of pneumonia had passed.

SERVICE FLAG LOWERED AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

One of the most impressive services ever held in the First Baptist church was that of Sunday night when the service flag of the church was lowered. Miss Mary Hildebrand, the retiring president of the B. Y. P. U. of the church, presided in a most gracious manner. The meeting opened with the singing of an anthem by the choir, after which Rev. W. C. Barrett offered a prayer of thanks for the return of our boys. This was followed by the roll call and introductory remarks by Mr. Denny. Mr. M. O. Thornburg then spoke briefly on "The B. Y. P. U. and Our Boys." This was followed by talks by Mr. J. D. Moore, "The Sunday School and Our Boys," and Prof. J. S. Wray, "The Church and Our Boys."

At the conclusion of these talks Miss Mabel Padgett, dressed as America, lowered the Service Flag into a large American flag which was held by Mr. Everette Jones, representing the Army and Mr. Clyde McLean, representing the Navy. After the service flag had been folded into the American flag, Prof. J. S. Wray, also in uniform, presented the flag to Rev. W. C. Barrett, who, in behalf of the church, accepted it saying it would be placed with the records of the church, for safe-keeping.

The representatives of the stars on the service flag, together with all other men who had seen service, came to the front and with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, a huge American flag was raised.