White Will Oppose Merit Law Change

political puroses, are effectively for-bidden. "Mayor Moore is always open and explicit in his statements and he has said frankly that his objection to the system as it now exists is that the men at the bead of the lists may not be his friends. He desires the power to sensitive. He desires the power to appoint per-zons friendly to his administration, even though they may appear lower on the

The Mayor evidently does not real "The Mayor evidently does not realfize that to adopt the plan he suggests
would entirely frustrate the second object of the civil service law.. If the
appointing officer, and I do not refermerely to the Mayor but to any appointing officer, has the power to select
any person on a lengthy list, it is natural that he would select his friends.
That would mean that he would appoint
those friendly to him politically. This
moved exemit a political machine to be would permit a political machine to be built up by the use of the appointing power—the very thing the civil-service act is intended to prevent.

"The law must be the same no mat-

ter what the character of the appointing officer may be. It must be enforced with equal fairness to all. While we may be sympathetic with Mayor re's desire to strengthen his hands litically, yet if we should break down law even for a laudable purpose, it to law even for a laudable purpose, it ould open the way for flagrant abuse a officials who had the will to do it."

But what about the selection of poemen and police officials, or any other ty official, whose affiliations are angonistic to the Mayor's reform pol
2" I inquired.

Protection for Police

see no danger to discipline in the department by this system," was de reply. On the contrary it should be described in the corps and selection of the department. It protects blice officers against dismissal for slitical reasons and protects them reasons and protects them it is asserted, only eight rounds were political assessments—the two fired by the demonstrators and one by -the two fired by the demonstrators and one by at evils which in the past have pre-ted the maintenance of a disciplined efficient police force. d emergent police torce.
"If a man is more interested in
rving a political leader than he is in
eserving law and order he cannot be a

od policeman.
"The further suggestion that this tem prevents the discharge of police eers for dereliction of duty is wholly The civil service law never templated keeping inefficient or in pordinate men in position.

"If they have been guilty of offenses of any kind, they may be immediately suspended without pay by the head of the department. They may be discharged so soon as the Civil Service Commission finds that the charges are controlled." well founded

"There can be no argument in favor of dismissing an officer when the charges are not sustained, and I do not understand that it has been claimed that the present civil service commission is unfair in its decision.

"What is your opinion of the sug-gestion that the old police trial boards "I am not in favor of it. Trials of police officers by such boards in the past were often farcical in character

and the result a foregone conclusion. Of

course, it would not be so under Direc-Verdicts Made in Advance "Experience has shown though that such police boards usually have in-structions in advance and the dismissal or demotion through their agency is, in fact, the act of the director of the department and is no protection

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against 'discipline' for political rea- Drastic Regulation "The system was a bad one and should never be revived. It may work well in the army, but it will not work in the Philadelphia police force." "What of the mandamus evil and its

50 SHOT IN PRAGUE CLASH Nine Rounds Fired by Police and

Demonstrators Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, Dec. 11 (delayed) - (By A. P.) - The newspa

pers today estimate that at least fifty

persons were wounded in yesterday's

clash between a detachment of police

and a crowd of demonstrators in front

of the Parliament Building, although

the police.

Fights and other disturbances of a minor nature also occurred in various parts of the town. Two deputies were beaten in the street and one military detachment was disarmed.

M. Nemeo, leader of the right wing of the Social Democratic party, narrowly escaped a severe beating at the hands of a crowd.

A Prague dispatch of Friday reported that at least eighteen persons had been wounded when a detachment of police, which was endeavoring to clear away

a crowd of demonstrators from in front of the Parliament Building, found it-self surrounded and was forced to fire

"Bob declares the

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bear in mind, it's

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uation has convinced us that the pri The mandamus evil has been cured vate interests now in control of the proso far as it can be by legislative act in duction and distribution of coal, to Section 10 of the financial article of the spite of efforts by some, are actually "That section provides that no liability of any kind shall be enforcible against the city unless there has been a previous appropriation by Council. This would in my opinion prevent the

previous appropriation by Council. This would in my opinion prevent the mandamusing of the city by executive county officers in cases where Council had not appropriated money to pay for services or supplies, etc.

Whether it would prevent mandamusing by courts is more doubtful, but in cases not directly connected with judicial work is at least worth a trial. judicial work is at least worth a trial. If this can be prevented by legislative act. it has been prevented by Section act, it has been prevented by Section 10 of the charter; if this is not effective a constitutional amendment will be nec-

In conclusion Mr. White said with "As a friend of the Mayor I hope he will not ask the Legislature to weaken the civil service law." I have the impression that Thomas Raeburn White and the committee of seventy will oppose the Mayor in his legislative fight to modify the civil serv-

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Suggests Federal Licensing

"But if no other remedy can be devised," the report warns, "it may be necessary to enact some form of federal licensing to meet the situation."

Senator Edge, discussing the committee's findings, said:

"There is little question in my mind that some legislation will be required to straighten out the fuel situation."

Senator Kenyon, commenting on the committee's work, declared:

"If the matter is to go on, I for one, harsh as the remedy may be, shall favor taking over the mines. It could be done, in my judgment, constitutionally, for coal is charged with a public use. That

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"It has found," he said in a statement, accompanying the report, "that he evil."

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"With detailed information regarding the organization and operation of the coal companies in the hands of the government, the committee believes of the federal government during the government, the committee believes war. While helpful federal action is necessary and should be taken. It deliveries, inferiority of quality, profifteering in prices and undue monopoly of transportation facilities should to a great extent be eliminated.

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would, of course, be a last resort, Some of us are growing tired of appealing to the coal barons to cease robbing the roopele."

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Referring to the labor situation, the report of the committee says:

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