

VOTERS' LEAGUE PLANS ACTIVITY

To Name Committee of Three Today to Formulate Policy for Coming Election

MAY PICK MAGISTRATES

A committee of three will be named today by the Voters' League to formulate a policy concerning the election in November. An independent ticket of magistrates will be a portion of that policy. What other moves will be taken have yet to be determined. The League may yet put an entire list of candidates on the November ballot in an effort to defeat the Vars-Combine candidates who were nominated at the September primaries, but the probability is that the League will rest with the endorsement of some candidates for magistrates. The following five candidates for magistrates who were endorsed at the September primaries will be the League's candidates in the November election, it is said: Benjamin H. Renshaw, Robert Carson, George W. Price, Katherine K. Foster, Henry J. Berardino. In discussing the question of a fight against the Combine candidates in November, the Committee of Three also will consider the proposal of Democratic leaders that the League join with the Democrats in making war upon the Combine. Ever since the defeat of the anti-Vare candidates at the primary an element of the League has been promoting the proposal that it should put an entire ticket in the field for the November election, and by casting overboard the Penrose followers in its organization attempt to muster sufficient independent strength to beat the Vars-Combine candidates. Those members in the League who are affiliated with Senator Penrose and who are accused of having considered the Senator first and the League second in the September primary campaign are being opposed to the idea of ignoring the decision of the primary election. They say the League should accept the decision of the voters and prepare for the next contest. That element is led by George W. Cole. Still another element of the League is of the opinion that it should make an effort to elect the candidates it endorsed for magistrates in the primary fight, but that it should not put a ticket for county officers in the November election. Independent members of the League, led by Mrs. Frank Miles Day and Samuel B. Scott, are bitterly opposed to the doctrine set forth by Mr. Cole and other practical politicians among the membership that the League should be content with the battle it staged in the primary election. They believe the League will not have completed its work until every effort to defeat the Combine candidates has been made. It is pointed out by the anti-Cole element in the League that fusion with the Democrats in the November election would roll up approximately 150,000 votes against the Combine candidates in addition to the votes of between 50,000 and 60,000 independents who did not vote in the primary, principally, it is said, because they resented the Penrose influences in the Voters' League.

CALIFORNIA BANKER SEES BRIGHT BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Summary of Reports From 1000 Institutions Laid Before Association. Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 4.—(By A. P.)—There is nothing in either the domestic or foreign situation to give rise to the pessimistic conclusion that the world is riding straight to ruin, John S. Drum, banker of San Francisco, told the American Bankers' Association, of which he is president, at the opening session today of its forty-seventh annual convention. "Rational examination of our condition today," he said, "must prove to the greatest doubter that our problems are but the natural manifestations of a world-wide maladjustment that great natural forces are working to remedy." Reports from more than a thousand bankers showed, he said, that the three great domestic influences, which, more than all others are retarding the readjustment of prices and costs, are these: "First, Delayed adjustment of cost of labor, which prevents adequate reduction of prices of innumerable commodities and services, in the cost of which the cost of labor is the most important factor, and also serves to prevent full employment of labor. This is due both to slow adjustment of compensation of labor and to the continuation of shop rules that impair its efficiency. "Second, Sustained high costs of transportation, which prevent natural and normal movement of commodities of all kinds to markets. "Third, Continuation of an unsound system of taxation that diverts working capital that is necessary for increased production, for installation of improved methods of production and for full employment of labor."

TEACHERS' SALARIES UP

Question of Promotion and Seniority Under Discussion. Complaints of school teachers that ever promotion robs them of their seniority and the resulting increase of pay will be discussed today when the sub-committee of Teachers' Salaries of the Board of Education meets. Although the Pineson schedule was installed at a cost of nearly \$2,000,000 a year to help build up the morale of the teaching force, there has been a great deal of complaint against it. The teachers claim that a retroactive interpretation of the plan robs them of their seniority standing. It is said that the attitude that the Board of Education takes toward the plan saves the city only about \$125,000 a year while causing a great deal of discontent among the teachers. Director Caven declared, however, that not only would more and better work be done under city-wide cleaning than under contract cleaning, but that it would cost less just as it has cost less in the two districts cleaned by municipal forces this year. Genuine official figures, he said, would prove this.

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COMBINE PLOTS TO BALK CLEANING

Fight on Incinerating Plant Part of Scheme to Tangle Administration Program

MAYOR HAS "ACE IN HOLE"

City Administration leaders regard the guerrilla warfare in Council against the program of city-wide cleaning of the streets by municipal forces on January 1 as part of a plan to prepare for a restoration of the old contract political system of street cleaning under the next Mayor, providing he is friendly to the Vars. This view, emphasized by the fight on the erection of destructors of rubbish and garbage, was rather frankly stated today in Administration circles. Director Caven, however, blowing out the dust that has been kicked up by the Vars forces, announced definitely and flatly that the city would take over the cleaning of all the streets on the first of the coming year, no matter what monkey wrenches may be thrown into the machinery. The mandate of the new City Charter, declared Director Caven, "will be carried out, irrespective of any and all hamstringing tactics that may be indulged in and it will be done at a big saving of the taxpayers' money." The Director plainly intimated that for every trick the Contractor Combine thinks it wins, the Department of Public Works and the Mayor have an "ace in the hole."

AUTO INJURES GIRL, 6

St. Stephen's Parochial School Pupil Hit at Broad and Butler Streets. Mary Smith, six years old, 4337 North Fifteenth street, a pupil of St. Stephen's Parochial School, Broad and Butler streets, was severely injured about the face and head yesterday noon when she was struck at Broad and Pike streets by an auto driven by Harry Cornetta, of Morristown. The girl was on her way home from school and was standing with a number of other children on the west side of Broad street. Trade Vollendorf King said that he was holding the children back and that Mary ran out from the curb in front of Cornetta's machine. The child was taken to St. Luke's Hospital. Magistrate Price released Cornetta in \$300 bail for a further hearing.

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HARDING HEARS MINERS

Committee Asks for Protection of Prisoners in West Virginia. Washington, Oct. 4.—(By A. P.)—Members of a committee appointed by the United Mine Workers of America at the convention held in Indianapolis arrived in Washington today to ask President Harding to give protection to 138 miners who are being held as State prisoners in West Virginia jails and whose lives, the union representatives assert, are in jeopardy. The committee, accompanied by John Moore, of Ohio, who holds the proxy of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, in the National Employment Conference, called at the White House early today and obtained an appointment with President Harding for later in the day. The committee consists of J. W. Wiggins, of West Virginia; F. C. Hughes, of Illinois, and E. J. Giles, of Iowa.

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Preparing Supper, Girl Overcome. Escaping gas from a leaking burner overcame Anna Pascol, fifteen years old, while preparing supper at her home, 6068 Norwood street, Germantown. She was found unconscious by her father, Christopher Pascol, who sent her to the Germantown Hospital. Her condition today was reported as serious.

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