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Want Only to Work, and Must Work to Live," Says International President

ANTI-UNION PLOT CHARGED

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
Wilkes-Barre, March 9. — United Mine Workers of America do not want a strike or even a suspension in the bituminous fields, according to a state-ment issued today by John L. Lewis, international president. "The miners want to work," says Lewis; "they must work to live. They have done and are doing every honorable thing within their power to avert a suspension. But there is this difference between the miners and the operators; the operators want a suspension, while the miners do

not."

Lewis charges that the soft coal operators are seeking to force the miners to accept a reduction in wages that would place them on the level with the non-union miners of West Virginia. The "busting" of the union is the chief aim of the operators, according to Lewis, who charges that the refusal of powerful graups of operators in the Pittaburgh field and in Southern Ohio to meet with the miners means they are out to break up the miners' union. He out to break up the miners' union. He said the miners would not permit this

Plan to Profiteer Charged

The bituminous operators are charged with creating the present trouble for the purpose of profiteering. "One of the prime objects of these operators in staging their refusal and their violation of control was a break with the control of the prime objects." tion of contract was to break up the union," Lewis asserted, "but it must be remembered that there are millions be remembered that there are millions of tons of soft coal on hand and a strike always boosts the selling price, thus giving the operators a fine opportunity to gouge the public pocketbook and clean up enormous profits. It has been done before, and why should it not be done naw?"

The refusal of the operators to nescript for a new agreement on the

gotiate for a new agreement on the claim that the miners would ask an increase in wages is answered by Lewis in the statement that the miners have demanded only a renewal of their present agreement, with a shorter workday. He points out that bituminous miners worked on an average of 125 days in 1921, with an average earning of \$14.50 per week, and he contends that statistical experts show that \$18.70 is needed to keep a family of five in "health and decency." The average earnings of bituminous workers throughout the country from 1913 to 1918 he fixes as \$873.74 per year.

Six-Hour Day Long Enough The demand for a six-hour day and five days per week means, Lewis says, that, 'working steadily thirty hours a week, the miners can produce more coal former independents who put Pennsylsume." He adds the men want a guarantee that they can make a living.

Lewis says the check-off is not the "sinful practice" the operators charge. It simply means, he states, "that a miner gives a written order to his employer to set aside monthly a certain amount to be paid to the union as his dues."

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gatherings of citizens in seven Western gatherings of citizens in seven Western the country can possibly con-

nois district. United Mine Workers of America, today reasserted he would negotiate a separate wage agreement with Illinois operators, unless the international organization called an interstate conference with operators of the central competitive field. conference with operators of the central competitive field, comprising four States.

Fisher is reputed to have the Grundy-Oliver backing and the good wishes of Secretary Mellon, but nothing more in the way of political agents.

CAR SEIZED IN WILD CHASE

'Newsy" Gives Alarm to Police After Hotel Is Robbed

New York, March 0.—(By A. P.)—
Two bandits alighted from a taxicab in front of the Penn Post Hotel, early to-day, entered the hotel and robbed the cash register of about \$200. While one was riffing the till and holding the night derk under his pistol, the other kept

A newsboy, known merely as "Abie." proved their Nemesis and led to the arrest of two women and one man. He was passing at the time and, sizing up the situation at a glance, began rapping on the sidewalk with a stick he was carrying. Two policemen ran to the hotel, just in time to see the two men run out, jump into the taxi and dash

away.

The police commandeered another taxicab and then began an exciting chase, during which nearly a score of shots were exchanged. The bandits' car came to grief a mile and a half from the scene of the robbery, when it

broke an axle.

Two men jumped out of the disabled car, but when the policemen ar-rived they were astounded to find two women and one man still in it. The three were placed under arrest, and the pursuit of the other two was re-sumed. The latter escaped.

ASK LIBERTY FOR ISLANDS

Churches of Christ Oppose American Occupation in Haiti and Domingo

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America.
The statement asserted that "Chris tians of America are watching the atit? Yet we will demonstrate the two republics with deep concern."
the LAUN-DRY-ETTE at it urged that steps be taken at once your own home — make it to "insure that the relations between wash and dry your wash next Haiti and this country be based upon the free consent of a properly consti-tuted Government of the smaller nu- women and children, which comprises



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Special Dispatch to Svening Public Leager Harrisburg, March 9.-Talk of the selection of a man whose name has not been mentioned yet as a compromise candidate for the gubernatorial nomination is growing in Republican circles. Prominent State leaders are not satisfied with any of the candidates now in

Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the State Workmen's Compensation Board. appears now to have the incide track vania in the Bull Moose column in 1912.

the way of political assets.

Although well liked by n Kansas City, Mo., March 9.—(By A. P.)—Arch Helm, president of the Missouri district miners, at a meeting with representatives of the Southwestern coal operators here today, announced that the union was not premounced the unio pared at this time to enter into new wage agreements. The meeting was adjourned shortly afterward.

TWO WOMEN IN BANDITS'
CAR SEIZED IN WILD CHASE

When he became a candidate, but following his meeting with the Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers. The Banking Commissioner saw Government of the pathway of any candidate anything but a bed of roses in the farming and industrial centers.

lowing his meeting with the Government was announced that he would not In the event that Senator William E. Crow is too ill to be a candidate for F. Crow is too ill to be a candidate for the unexpired term of Senator Knox, a harmony deal may be arranged whereby John A. Bell may get Crow's place. Slating of Bell would placate Mayor William A. Magee, of Pittsburgh, and would help silence the demand of Allegheny County for the gubernatorial candidate.

Meanwhile, State leaders are casting their eyes around for available guber-natorial timber. Within a few days lightning rods are expected to be as numerous as flies around a molasses barrel on a midsummer day.

ASK POLICE TO KILL THEM

One Man Offers \$50 for Bullet Shot Through Head

New York, March 9 .- (By A. P.)-Three men, seeking death, last night asked policemen to take their lives. Patrolman Whittaker stood at Fifth avenue and Thirtieth street when William Vergo, forty-one, who said he had no home, approached him and said: "I'll give you \$50 to shoot me or

lend me your gun." Instead the policeman took him to the lockup. Asked what the trouble was, the man

Asked what the trouble was, the man said he wanted to die, that he was tired of life and money. He then took \$1600 from his pocket and threw it on the desk. He was sent to a hospital.

Walking his beat in "Hell's Kitchen." Patrolman Lichtblau was stopped by two men, who asked him to fracture their skulls. They said they had come to that part of the city because it was "notoriously tough." Both were arrested and fined \$3 each.

MENNONITES GO TO MEXICO

Group of 250 Leaves Saskatchewan

for Central America Swift Current, Sask., March 9 .- (By A. P.)-The Old Colony Mennonites are off for Mexico at last, or at least a the advance guard. This group left

STILLMAN GEMS STOLEN

Safe Burglars Take Necklace Among
Loot Worth \$10,000

New York, March D.—A diamond necklace, said to have been the property of Mrs. James A. Stillman and worth thousands of dollars, was among the loot of safe burglars who on Monday night robbed Joseph Riskin, diamond merchant, of jewelry worth from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

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	175.00
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	295.00
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