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LABOR OFFICIALS HOLD CONVENTION
Plant Inspection and Employment Service Discussed at Harrisburg Meeting
MODERN METHODS OUTLINED

By the Associated Press
Harrisburg, May 24.—Factory inspection today "rests upon the principal that work places should be made safe for employees." John P. Meade, of Boston, director of the Division of Industrial Safety of the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, declared here today in an address before the convention of Governmental Labor Officials of the United States and Canada. His subject was "A Typical Plant Inspection."
"Its fundamental purpose," he added, "is to protect the life and health of workmen from hazards arising in connection with machinery and industrial processes. The factory inspector today is the embodiment of the system of legislation, reflecting the demand of an enlightened public sentiment to protect those whose work for society frequently means exposure to serious industrial hazards."
Health Problem Vital
The problem of conserving the life, health and energy of employees, Mr. Meade said, is one requiring social action and one now recognized as a legitimate function of government. "The economic loss sustained through occupational disease cannot be adequately demonstrated in figures," he added, "after citing figures showing that in 1919 there were about 23,000 fatal accidents and 375,000 non-fatal accidents in industries of the country."
"Investigation has shown that impairment of the workman's health is usually followed by a loss of efficiency," the speaker said. "It is here that the competent inspector becomes a valuable asset to both workman and employer. He must be able to point out the type of exhaust system necessary to dispose of fumes, dusts, and gases properly. He must be familiar with the best methods of ventilation in work-rooms and well qualified to advise in connection with general and local fighting."
"Ordinary factory inspection experience is not sufficient to attain this result. Intensive training in the examination of causes underlying industrial accidents and occupational disease is necessary to properly do inspection work."
Canadian Methods Outlined
Methods followed by the Canadian employment service in finding employees for vacant jobs and in distributing workers were outlined by H. C. Hudson, general superintendent of the Ontario office of the employment service of Canada.
The Canadian service, he explained, consists of seventy-six employment offices, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific and, while each province retains complete autonomy in the administration of the offices within its boundaries, each is linked with the other provinces through uniform records and clearance systems. The Immigration Department, Mr. Hudson said, does not permit employers to bring workers into Canada until the Employment Service has ascertained, through the clearance system, that qualified workers cannot be secured in the country.

Reduced Rail Rate for Workers
"A reduced transportation rate is available to workers proceeding to employment over a distance of 117 miles, in all cases where the positions have been secured through the Service," Mr. Hudson said. "This concession has been utilized by thousands of workers and has represented a saving of hundreds of dollars which would otherwise have been spent in the purchase of transportation at the regular rates. In addition it has enabled many workers to accept positions at a distance when they could not have done so if obliged to pay full fare."
Members of the employment staffs, he declared, are chosen solely on the basis of actual qualifications for the work and their aim is to satisfy the employer by the selection of the man or woman best qualified to fill his requirements.

DRAFT 26 "ECONOMY" BILLS
Reorganization Body Intends to Present Measures in Legislature
Harrisburg, May 24.—The State Reorganization Commission yesterday resumed work after a recess of several weeks, and at the session's conclusion Senator George Woodward, chairman, announced twenty-six of the fifty bills intended for the next Legislature have been drafted. They will accompany the commission's report recommending economies in the State Government.
All the bills will be ready for introduction the first day of the session. The commission will not meet again until after the summer, but work on the bills will be continued by the chairman.
W. Richmond Smith, who has been making a study for New York State of a plan for a central purchasing agency, appeared before the commission today. He was recommended by Governor Nathan Miller, of New York, when the commission asked for information relative to the recently enacted law creating a purchasing agent. The New York plan will be started as soon as Governor Sprout appoints an agent.
Walter Linn, representing the Association of Self-Insurers of Philadelphia, also appeared before the commission.

FOCHT STILL IS HOPEFUL
Rejection of Illegal Student Vote Will Nominate Him, He Says
Middleburg, Pa., May 24.—Benjamin K. Focht, of Lewisburg, twice voted behind E. M. Beers, of Mount Union, for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Eighteenth District, yesterday professed to be confident he would be nominated on a contest. Judge Potter, of the County Court, yesterday directed and supervised a recount of votes cast in Penn Township, Snyder County, on petition of Thomas W. Shambach, defeated by Prof. H. A. Surface for the Republican State legislative nomination.
The recount showed that 101 votes were cast for Surface and nine for Shambach, and Beers had a majority of fifty-one votes over Focht.
Representative Focht's contention is that a number of students of Susquehanna University voted in Penn Township without having been properly registered, and he asserted that would mean the throwing out of the entire vote in the township. That, Focht says, would assure his nomination, as well as that of Shambach.

N. J. MAYOR DENIES FORGING
Morristown Executive Pleads Not Guilty to Signing Girls' Names
Morristown, N. J., May 24.—Mayor James H. Bolitho, of Rockaway, indicted by the Morris County Grand Jury on a charge of forging, pleaded not guilty before Judge Mills yesterday and was released on \$500 bail for trial May 31.
Through Mayor Bolitho an action was brought against the Lackawanna Railroad by Antonio Leonard, of Rockaway, as guardian of his two daughters, who were hurt on the railroad. Leonard alleged that a release was given to the railroad by Mayor Bolitho and that it contained a forgery of the girls' names.

TANK TAX IS OPPOSED
Gloucester Dealers Say They Will Fight New Assessment Ruling
National Park, N. J., May 24.—The Gloucester County Board of Taxation has issued orders to the assessors in every district in the county to levy an assessment of \$200 for the purpose of taxation on every gasoline tank and pump supplied by the gas companies to stores and garages. Assessors in Woodbury, Clayton, Swedesboro and Elk Township had already levied the assessment and now all other districts must comply with the order.
The proprietors of the garages and stores say they will take an appeal against the levy on the grounds that the tanks are owned by the gasoline companies. The owners rent them to dealers for \$1 a year.
May Day at High School
The annual May festival of the Friends' West Philadelphia High School will be held today on the school grounds. In connection with this celebration there will be an exhibition of work done by pupils of the school during the term now ending.

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