



400 DELEGATES HERE FOR SESSIONS OF BIG LABOR CONVENTION

Commissioner John Price Jackson Points Out Need of Fair Labor Legislation Both Now and After the War; Necessity of God Laws For Protection of Women Pointed Out by Mrs. Semple; H. M. Brooks Presides

Almost four hundred delegates of the American Federation of Labor met this morning at Board of Trade hall in the opening session of a three day convention. It was undoubtedly the largest convention the Federation has ever held.

Commissioner John Price Jackson, of the Department of Labor and Industry, addressing the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, at the opening session this morning, said: "You are meeting this year under serious conditions of a character and

HAIG'S NIPPERS CLOSE TIGHTLY ON GERMAN LINE

British Roll of German Armies Before Last Barrier to the Important Points of Cambrai and Donai; Australians Entrusted With Most Desperate Bit of Fighting; Surround Bullecourt to Force Its Surrender

The great human nippers which General Haig has forged around the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant switch line are steadily closing and the rolling up of this important section of the German defenses appears to be a matter of a few days.

The Drocourt-Queant line forms a broad salient in the British front 18 miles at its top and paralleling the Douai-Cambrai line. Drocourt is seven miles from Douai and Queant about ten miles from Cambrai.

The crushing in of this salient will mean that the German grip on the great Lens coal region will be broken and the entire German line in Northern France imperiled.

There are many signs that the Germans realize the menace to them in the alternate sledgehammer blows of the British and French, beneath which their choicest troops are being steadily driven from position after position.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy to-night; Wednesday fair, continued cool. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night with rain in north portion. Wednesday fair. Fresh northwest to northeast winds.

DERAILMENT OF MARSHAL JOFFRE'S TRAIN, FORCING ABANDONMENT OF WELCOME HERE CAUSES DEEP REGRET

REFUSE TO GIVE UP ALL HOPE TO WELCOME JOFFRE

Announce if Train Should Arrive Tomorrow Reception Will Be Held NOW 12 HOURS LATE Scheduled to Reach Here Between 1 and 2 O'clock Tomorrow Morning

Harrisburg learned with deep regret to-day of the derailment of Marshal Joffre's train in the West, causing an abandonment of the royal reception arranged for the distinguished Frenchman and his party.

Not Giving Up Hope It was a deep regret that the committee announced the abandoning of the program and it still hopes that by some means the people of Harrisburg will be privileged to see the "Savior of France."



MARSHAL JOFFRE Harrisburg learned with deep regret of the accident to Marshal Joffre's train which throws it so late that it will not pass through here until early to-morrow morning.

FRENCH MISSION UNDISTURBED BY WRECK OF TRAIN

Spreading Rails Derailed Cars Bearing Marshal Joffre and Companions

NEW SCHEDULE MADE Steel Construction Saves Cars From Being Badly Telescoped

Edinburgh, Ills., May 8.—A special train carrying the members of the French war mission to the United States arrived here early to-day and remained for several hours before resuming the eastward journey after the tour of the Middle West.

The accepted theory is that the gauge cut off the nuts of the fish-bolts.

'WATCH THE BOY SCOUT SALUTE,' CAMPAIGN MOTTO

Large Figure Will Show Progress Being Made in Drive For \$12,000

"Watch the Boy Scout Salute" will be the motto of Harrisburg for the remainder of the week.

As soon as the first thousand dollars is raised the hand of the scout will begin to reach upward to touch the hat.

Noonday Luncheon Every day at noon for the remainder of the week the workers will gather at luncheon to again hear Mr. Buddy tell them of the work that has been done and to urge them to still greater efforts.

At the last place where Mr. Buddy waged a campaign the \$12,000 originally aimed for stretched to \$16,000 almost before they knew it.

WILSON GIVES WIDOW JOB Washington, D. C., May 8.—President Wilson to-day suspended the civil service rules so that Mrs. Annie Eopouluck, mother of John I. Eopouluck, the naval gunner who lost his life in the submarine destruction of the American merchantman Astor, be appointed a seamstress at the Washington navy yard.

BILLION DOLLARS NEEDED TO BUILD MERCHANTSHIPS

Great Fleet to Be Gotten Under Way With Financial Aid of Congress

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for the building of the great American merchant fleet which is to overcome the submarine menace.

Other Business to Stop The only manufacturers of steel to be exempted from the program will be those needed otherwise for the national defense.

Read Protest A protest from the Firemen's Union against the proposed transfer of the station engine to the Royal Company on Allison Hill was read.

Some Compensation All other industries kindred to the steel trade or in which the use of steel figures largely will be affected by the proposed legislation.

BREAD AT 15 CENTS Chicago, May 8.—Bread at 15 cents a loaf made its appearance on the Chicago market to-day.

WANTS TO USE \$1,075--PENALTY FOR CLEANUP

Lynch Says City Should Take Fine and Start Additional Ash Collections

Whether the city should take the \$1,075 deducted from the monthly payment to the Pennsylvania Reduction Company for failure to make regular ash collections was the question raised in Council this morning.

Commissioner S. F. Dunkle, new superintendent of the Department of Public Safety and who will have charge of the ash problems in the future, then said:

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The City's Part The second bill is as follows: "Whenever the city of Harrisburg by proper municipal action shall widen or alter any of the public streets of said city abutting on Capitol Park or Capitol Park Extension by providing that the driveways of such portion of said streets or any of them as abut on said Capitol Park Extension shall be widened so as to include the present sidewalks along said park or extension, the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings is hereby authorized to dedicate for sidewalk purposes for the use of pedestrians so much of the land within the limits of said park, Capitol Park or Capitol Park Extension as abutting in said streets as the said Board may determine to be necessary or advisable and to construct and maintain thereon according to such plans and of such materials as the said Board may determine, sidewalks and paths for the use of pedestrians along said streets or at such distances therefrom as may be set forth in said plans; the cost thereof to be paid out of any appropriation or to be appropriated for the care and maintenance of the said Capitol Park or Capitol Park Extension."

PERHAPS \$400,000 TO BEGIN WORK ON PARK EXTENSION

Last of Bills For Development of Capitol Park Zone Are Presented

The last of the bills required to bring about the improvement of the Capitol Park Extension and the beautification of the existing Capitol Park in accordance with the Beidleman plan were presented in the Senate last night by President pro tem Beidleman and to-day the subcommittee charged with consideration of the amount to be appropriated will discuss the proposition.

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CENTRAL I. AND S. TO PAY THOUSANDS FOR BIG IMPROVEMENTS

One of City's Most Thriving Industries Well in Era of Large Expansion; Entire Works Being Modernized; Big Open Hearth Furnace Installed, Blast Furnace Changes and Electrical Additions Being Made; New Buildings Erected to House Growing Plant

Improvements involving thousands of dollars are underway at the Central Iron and Steel Company plants, Harrisburg's largest industry. The extensive program which will be completed in several months, includes among the larger units the construction of a large type open hearth furnace, modernizing a blast furnace, reconstructing many buildings along modern lines, up-to-date electrical improvements and replacing old machinery by new.

All records for designing and constructing an open hearth furnace in this section of the country were surpassed by the engineering department of the local works, of which G. L. Fisk is chief engineer. The furnace, which is the fifth of a series, was designed and built in less than seven months, while the average time, under the present conditions is more than a year.

This furnace is the largest in the plant, having an output of 1,000 tons a week as compared with 650 tons, the output of each of the other four units. This furnace is of unusually heavy construction. A new system of removing gas from pipes; the direct and modern cooling system should make this furnace a durable and efficient unit.

Gas was put in the furnace last week and the construction of the furnace bottom is the only work remaining uncompleted. It is expected steel will be poured from this furnace by May 15.

A new charging machine; a five-ton gantry crane; thirty-ton locomotive crane are other additions to the equipment of the open hearth department. The operation of the new furnace necessitated the erection of an addition to the present building. The addition is eighty feet on the charging side and 180 feet on the casting side. The building on the casting side is large enough in which to erect two more furnaces.

To facilitate the stock to the open hearth furnaces a new track system will be put on the charging floor level. To carry out this plan the gas mains from the gas producers from the four old furnaces will be raised duplicating the pipe arrangements of the new furnace.

A building, thirty by 300 feet will be erected at the open hearth department. In this building will be located the grinding house, blacksmith shop and refractory storage. Two smaller buildings to be used for storage purposes will be erected later.

Employment of fifty more men is compulsory through the operation of the new open hearth furnace making a total of 350 employees in this department. William Brown is superintendent.

The blast furnace which was out of blast since 1913 after being modernized and rebuilt was blown in April, 1917. This furnace is expected to produce between 9,000 and 10,000 tons a month. Blowing in of this furnace gave employment to about 175 men. George Shook, formerly with the Republic Iron and Steel Company, Youngstown, Ohio, and the

Medical Reserve Corps, U. S. A., to prepare for a call to active service. Members of the local organization include Drs. B. Franklin Royer, Gerge B. Kunkel, John F. Culp, Carson Coover, Jesse Lenker, Tyler Douglass, George Moffitt, Clarence Phillips, H. F. Gross, H. R. Douglas, John M. Raunick and R. L. Perkins.

WHEAT PROSPECTS MISERABLE Washington, May 8.—In the face of a threatened world food shortage the American winter wheat crop shows the lowest condition recorded since 1888 and promises a smaller yield than any other since 1904.

WHEAT PRICES BREAK RECORD Chicago, May 8.—May wheat sold at \$3.00 a bushel to-day, the highest price on record. It was an advance of 17 cents. The closing was at \$2.97. July wheat rose 7 1-2 cents to \$2.33 3-4.

POWDER PLANT BURNS Wilmington, Del., May 8.—Edward M. Eckert, of Salem, N. J., sustained what may prove fatal injuries, while two others were burned, in a fire at the Carney's Point plant of the Du Pont Powder Company to-day. The fire was started by friction in a powder sorter.

FRANCE RECEIVES U. S. LOAN Washington, May 8.—France to-day received the \$100,000,000 the United States has decided to lend her to meet her expenses in this country during May.

GAME CALLED OFF Harrisburg.—Manager George Cockill, of the Harrisburg New York State league team postponed the opening game because of wet grounds. The parade and opening program will be carried out to-morrow afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Clarence T. Benders, Lykens, and Mary Rebecca Minnich, Wiconisco. William R. Eckert and Grace L. Cumbre, Harrisburg. Albert Ballington Charles and Elizabeth Barbara Vatter, Lancaster.