

**ACONVENTION OF AWAIT REDUCTION** UMW AT DU BOIS ORDERS FOR AREA

24th of February.

District No. 2 Delegates Will Early Estimates Conservative; Gather at Elks' Theatre on Slash of 6,000 Is Expected; Lack of Projects.

Men and women in the administra-

istrative assistant in charge of the

In the last ten days or so numerous

there isn't enough work on remaining

jobs-particularly sanitary sewer con-

struction and highway repairs-to go

The drastic slash of WPA rolls is

scheduled to begin at the end of March with 100,000 men and women in the

state to be dropped over a 90 day pe-riod. By July 1, unless additional mon-

When the retrenchment program is

ey is granted, the case load in the state is expected to drop to about 140,-

Johnstown office.

pointed out.

fairs.

supervisory

Officals of District No. 2, UMWA, during the past week sent out a call ministration in Area 11 are awaiting to the Local Unions advising them of word from Harrisburg in connection a special convention of the district, to be held in the Elk's Theatre, at Du-the held in the Elk's Theatre, at Du-Bois, Parket in the Lik's Theatre, at Du-Bois, Parket and the area for the theory of theory of the theory of theory of the theory of the theory of theory of theory of the theory of theory of the theory of theory of the theory of theory of the theory of the theory of the theory of theory o sentatives to assist the executive offi- conservative in the face of other precers of the district and international dictions that the number will exceed unions in the wage scale conferences, 6,000. which are to be held in New York City, beginning March 14th. Unless much larger congressional appropriations are forthcoming, WPA reductions in Cambria county will

District No. 2 is entitled to four members on the scale committee, ex-clusive of the executive officers. This special convention is called for the ex-clusive purpose of giving the member-number employed will have to be ship the privilege of electing these dismissed to keep WPA expenditures four members, and local unions in the in line with budgetary necessities, it selection of their delegates to the Du was reported. Bois convention are cautioned to exercise care and see that eligible men are chosen. tive offices as well as supervisory workers also face loss of employment,

Representatives to the District con-it was announced. "White collar" vention shall be elected directly from the Local Union, and shall have one project retrenchment officials said. vote for every 50 members or less and The quota for Area 11 current The quota for Area 11 currently stands at 15,600, but the WPA has not been able to keep that number at an additional vote for each fifty mem-bers or majority fraction thereof, but no representative shall be credited work due to a lack of new projects, according to John S. Ginter, adminwith more than five votes. Representation is based upon the average mem-bership of local unions, and only those unions in good standing with the district and international are eligible to projects have been completed and have delegates seated. The delegates to the district conven-

meeting after the call has been issued. around, Ginter says. Local unions having a small member-ship may group together and elect a cipalities, school districts, townships Notice of the call was signed by ready set up for the year and most of

James Mark, President, Edward Swee-ney, vice President, and Richard Gil- which to sponsor public works, it was bert, Secretary Treasurer.

#### PICKETING OF STORES OF CHAIN GROCERY CO. IN VARIOUS SECTIONS

In an effort to obtain a written contract with the company, officials of 000. the United Wholesale and Retail Employees of America, CIO affiliate, have caused some of the stores of the 9,000 men at work on WPA in the four American Stores Co. in this section to American Stores Co. in this section to be picketed during the past week. At Nanty-Glo Patton and other method is a section of the section of Nanty-Glo, Patton and other points the system has been used. For some time past, we understand, the company has been operating under a verbal contract with the union.

Officials of the Works Progress Adand to restrict the activities of company police. The committee, headed by Senator LaFollette, Progressive, Wisconsin, was

sharply critical of activities by police employed by the Republic Steel Corporation and the Harlan County, Ky., Coal Operators' Association. "The experiences in Harlan County, Ky., and in the industrial communi-

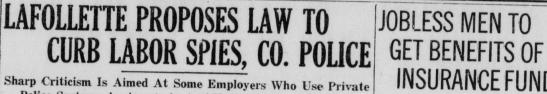
ties where Republic Steel Corporation operates, clearly indicates that where private police systems are used they are instruments of anti\_union policy," 

liberties of workers and other individuals. "(B) Violate the rights of labor

guaranteed by federal statutes. "(C) Result in riots and bloodshed,

causing loss of life and injury to persons and property. "(D) Endanger the public safety.

"On the economic front," the com-mittee declared, "the use of private al records showing a tendency toward police systems as agents in employers violence or t anti-union policy causes disorganiza-ly weapons.



Police Systems As Agents in Anti-Union Policy, and Violate the Rights of Labor Guaranteed by the Federal Laws.

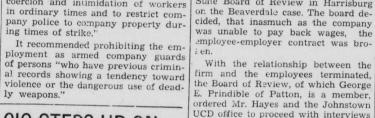
Washington.—The Senate Civil Lib-erties Committee recommended legIsla-the free flow of commerce. tion on Monday to stop labor spying "The ruthless and brutal activities

of armed private guards to prevent union organization gave unfair competitive advantage to those employers who oppress labor, create bitterness between labor and management, lead to strikes and cause interruptions in the flow of commerce."

The committee, which will disband oon unless the Senate grants it more funds, said the use of private police as an agency of labor policy is an at-tempt "to impose upon labor a selfish private interest by means of private armies." Discussing possible legislation, the

committee said it wanted to prohibit "labor espionage and the shadowing, coercion and intimidation of workers in ordinary times and to restrict com-

preliminary to the payment of bene-





C. E. Smith Declares Movement Last Week's Vote on Friends for the Board Is Hailed As Big Victory by Leaders.

Washington.-The CIO this week stepped up the speed of its campaign Saturday challenged a group of pro-ducers who blamed the commission to prevent passage of crippling amendments to the Wagner Act.

In Congress the National Labor Relations Board won a major victory when its appropriation bill was bassed by the House of Representatives without a cut in funds for the next fiscal year.

Smith, asserting that he spoke also for other members of the commission, gave his views in a letter to J. D. A. round in labor's fight" and soil there Morrow, president of the Pittsburgh

His letter coincided with announcetors of formation of a committee for A concerted drive tors of formation of a committee for amendment of the coal act. The opera tors said the coal act had failed to aid the industry and that a new approach the industry and that a new approach setts-was started in every CIO local

their personal profit.

Coal Company.

**INSURANCE FUND** FOR DISTRICT 15 Beaverdale Contract Terminated Northern Cambria and Indiana in This Case Because of Unpaid Wages.

ruling announced.

fits. Mr. Hayes said.

financial straits and will be unable

o meet its payroll unless an agreement

Employees of the company, met on

Friday night and rejected a proposal of the Johnstown Coal and Coke Co.,

looking to resumption of the opera-tions and Local Union No. 2233, U. M.

W. A., issued a formal statement giv-ing reasons for the rejection. The text

of the statement follows: "At a largely attended meeting of

the employees of the Logan Coal Com-

pany Friday evening it was decided

unanimously to reject the plan for the resumption of work as submitted to

them by officials of the Johnstown

called for resumption of work at No. 4 mine only, leaving Nos. 2 and 6

"The resumption of work at No. 4

The plan

Coal and Cake Company.

nines closed down.

Area Shows Decrease of 913,-456 Tons Under 1937.

TONNAGE DROPS

**HEAVILY IN 1938** 

Because 600 employees of the Logan The 1938 coal production in the 15th Coal Company, Beaverdale ,were not paid delinquent wages and refused to a tonnage decrease of 913,448 from the

paid delinquent wages and refused to go to work until they did get them, they will be entitled to unemploy-ment compensation benefits available to workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own, according to a uning approximately a tonnage decrease of 913,448 from the 1937 total output of 4,322,904 tons. This was disclosed in the annual report of State Mine Inspector Den-nis J. Keenan of the fifteenth district, which embraces Northerm Cambria and Alwards and Alwards and Heilwood in County and Alverda and Heilwood in Thomas V. Hayes, manager of the Indiana county.

Johnstown State Employment Office Of the 1938 total, Camria county's and Unemployment Compensation Diand the miners are being in-terviewed and will receive weekly produced the remaining 309,251 tons, Keenan's report showed that 3,360,111 While the laws governing UCD paytons of coal were shipped out of the ments stipulate that benefits are not to be granted men who quit work vol-tons were shipped out of the district by rail in 1938, while 19,009 untarily, an order was issued by the State Board of Review in Harrisburg on the Beaverdala cose mestic purposes, and an additional 16,-444 tons were used for heat and power at mines. the

Cutting machines were employed in the production of 2,651,658 tons of coal in the district, while 469 tons were mined by pneumatic pick hammers. A total of 553,912 tons were mechanically loaded.

# Five Fatal Mishaps.

According to Keenan's report there were five fatal accidents last year. This was a decrease of one from the toll of six fatalities in 1937. Other Spokesmen for the Logan Coal Co., which was closed down Feb 3, when statistics compiled by the mine inspec-

tor follow:	
Mines in district	04
Mines working	63
Mines idle	49
Small mines, not under law.	
tonnage not reported	41
Gaseous mines	4
Non-gaseous mines	00
Men engaged in industry	E 607
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rons per latal accident	681 891
Accidents more than 60 days	
disability	104
Accidents less than 60 days dis	
ability	200
Total accidents	400
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Capacity of pumps, gallons per	
minute	60 900
Gallons discharged per minute	
to surface	20 7.05
Electric dynamos	57
total kilowatts of dynamos	19 500
Electric trolley locomotives	100
Electric battery locomitives	
Fornes and mules	10
Steam Doners	0
internal compustion engines	9
AIF COMPRESSORS	
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**MEMBER ATTACKS BITUMINOUS BLOC** 

to Amend the Act Made for "Their Profit."

Washington.—C. E. Smith of the Na-tional Bituminous Coal Commission on

for "demoralized' 'coal prices. In a letter to one of the group, Smith said that these men were attempting to re-peal price fixing and other vital sections of the 1937 Coal Control Act for

Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel. round in labor's fight," and said that "labor's vigilance" was responsible for checking "the enemies of collective

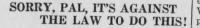
mine, as included in this plan, is on condition that employees at all three bargaining in a back-handed attempt mines accept the refusal of the Johns town Coal and Coke Company to pay them any of the wages due from De-cember 16, 1938, to February 2, 1939, inclusive ,which amounts to \$90,000. Officials of the Johnstown Coal and

Jnion recognition, in the way of written contracts, was given by the A. & P. Tea Company at its Curwensville also been covered by written agree-

## FORBES URGES ORGANI-ZATION OF MINE SAFETY UNITS OVER CAMBRIA

Organization of mine safety units throughout the county as a means of ! accident prevention was urged Satur-day afternoon by J. J. Forbes, Pittsburgh, chief of the Safety Division of U. S. Bureau of Mines, at a meeting held at the court house in Ebensthe Joseph Holmes Safety burg by Council of District 10. More than 100 members of the Council attended the of the group that conducted the primeeting. Ira Bradley, Cresson, presi-dent of the organization, presided. Mr. James. Forbes declared that great aid would be given the Safety movement if units were organized at each mine to operate with the larger units. Mark Ankeny, Pittsburgh. of the Federal Mines Bureau, also spoke.

Motion pictures of the preliminary mine aid meets held last summer in Spangler, Ernest, Uniontown, South Fork and New Kensington were shown as were the pictures of the finals meet at the Ebensburg fair last September.



Washington, D. C .- Smoke O. P. cigarettes. Other People's. It saves time and money — especially money. The to public attention by the Legislature deals a death blow to the Nebraska Davies, members of the county execuchapter of the clan. It provides a fine tive committee, were unable to attend of one hundred to two hundred dollars, the meeting. or two months in jail, for any person who gives away cigarettes, cigars, to-

without first obtaining a license.

OF THREE IN COUNTY

PATRONAGE COMMITTEE

**REPUBLICANS NAME A** 

Emil C. Schwing of Johnstown, Louand Clearfield stores some months ago, is Luxenberg of Barnesboro and Wal-for the first time, and since then we ter S. Anderson of Munster township, are told about six other stores have were appointed on Tuesday afternoon by Attorney Harry A. Englehart of ments. The strategy of the union in the Ebensburg, chairman of the Republi- for the psychological moment to strike case of the American Stores, hence, is can party's county committee, to serve a crippling blow at the program," Mr an effort to get them away from the as the party's patronage committee. verbal agreement and signatures on the The new committee succeeds the Re- gram was not intended to be a strikt publican County Executive Committee

in the handling of all patronage af-Mr. Englehart's action was taken at a meeting held in his office in the Eb-

ensburg Trust Building, with Mr. Luxenberg, Gus M. Gleason and Walter W. Krebs, members of the G. O. P. Coun-

ty Executive Committee, and Mr. Schwing and followed a suggestion recently made to Mr. Englehart by Ja-mes F. Torrence, chairman of the state Republican committee, that the county chairman appoint a patronage board to which should be named the chairman mary campaign of Governor Arthur H.

Mr. Schwing was manager of Gov. James' primary campaign in this county. Mr. Luxenberg will represent the county executive committee and Mr. Anderson, Republican committeeman

from Munster township and secretary of the county committee will represent the county committeemen.

Members of the county committee will be contacted by Mr. Anderson to obtain their views on patronage affairs. Other groups of Republicans over the county will also be consulted. When the record is completed, the new patronage committee will forward it.

Harrisburg. end of this racket is ? Section 28-1023 over by Mr. Englehart to the new pa- a short time later. of the Compiled Statutes, passed tronage board, together with the re-twenty years ago and recently brought commendations which have been made. Henry L. Cannon and Herbert J.

FOR SALE-Household Goods. Inbacco, or cigarette material to any one quire of Mrs. Frank Campbell, Forsberg building, Patton, Pa

ing contracts for sale of coal for longer than 30 days in advance, removal 01 the one per cent tonnage tax and simplification of the act's administrative machinery.

"These elements have been waiting Smith said, explaining that the progovernment regulation. He said that low coal prices were due to last year's business recession

"You declare that the commission has gotten exactly nowhere," Smith wrote Morrow. "This is a slightly inaccurate statement to put it mildly

FOURTEENTH PLEA IS MADE BY A CAMBRIA **SLAYER FOR PARDON** 

George Henderson, convicted of first degree murder in Cambria county and now serving a life term in the Western Penitentiary, has made his 14th plea for clemency. Henderson's plea has been listed for hearing before the State Pardon Board this week according to word received in Ebens-

burg. In his latest aplication for clemency Henderson pointed out he was only 19 years old when he murdered Miss Fern Davis and that since his incar-

ceration 24 years ago he has been a model prisoner and a hard worker. Henderson's previous 13 pleas have been opposed by Judge Charles Greer, who was district attorney at the time Henderson was convicted on August 15, 1913. Henderson was at first sentenced to be hanged, but was granted together with its recommendations, to a commutation of this sentence and was given life. Henderson struck Miss

All applications already filed with Davis over the head with a block of the county committee will be turned wood during a quarrel. The girl died

### PORTAGE MAN HURT IN MINE ACCIDENT

John Olesh, 30, of Portage, has been admitted to the Memorial hospital in Johnstown, suffering of a back injury sent to compare the flow of contribureported as fair.

is necessary. The group said it would throughout the United States. Reports seek elimination of provisions preclud from AFL and Railway unions indicated that many of them, too, would resist the bill, which is sponsored by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

Walsh-Green amendments are The aimed at smashing industrial unions and would open wide the door to company unionism.

An analysis of the AFL amendments, showing how they would in-jure all workers and all bonafide unions, was presented in a new pam phlet issued by the CIO legal depart.

ment. "The Wagner Act Threatened With Destruction!" is the title of the booklet, which will receive wide distribution. In Massachusetts, the state's CIO

Council, which met in Springfield the last week-end, withdrew its invitation to Senator Walsh to address the meeting, and invited in his place Senator Robert Wagner of New York.

The Council's president, Michael Wid-Jr., charged that Walsh had deserted labor's camp for that of the reactionaries.

**REPORTS HUGE SUM** PAID IN UNEMPLOY-MENT BENEFITS IN PA.

Harrisburg-A total of \$71,558,000 in unemployment compensation benefits, represented in 6,400,000 checks, was paid to Pennsylvania's eligible jobless auring 1938.

While a tabulation of employer contributions has not been completed, Ernest Kelly, unemployment compensation executive director, said em. ployer payments will "run between \$70,000,000 and \$74,000,000." Deadline for contributions based on 1938 pay-

rolls fell at midnight January 31 The number of employer contributions last year came in at "exactly the same rate" as in 1937, but the amount of money in the fund will represent

a one-third increase over the previous year's payments because rate of contributions increased that much in 1938 Benefits were paid for the first time

Kelly said he was unable at prein an accident in the Sonman mine of tions so far this year with the corres-the Koppers Coal. Co. His condition is ponding 1938 period, but explained

'payments are coming in like mad."

Coke Company intimated also that in the event they take over these mines Open lights ..... large reductions in yardage and crossbar rates will be made.

"Officials of District No. 2, U. M. W .of A., were present and commend- Coal cutting machines ed the miners on the stand which they Pneumatic pick hammers took. The Beaverdale mines have been closed down since February 2, at which time officials of the Logan Coal which time officials of the Logan Coal The Ebensburg Coal Company The Ebensburg Coal Company that time could not be made because compa ny, whereupon refused to work further."

#### PUTTING THE HEAT ON THE WILLIAM J. BURNS "DETECTIVE" OUTFIT

New York .--- A demand that the private detective license of the William J. Burns Agency be denied renewal was filed with Abraham Wechsler, the state director of licenses, by the Warkers defense league this week.

A similar plea, made by the League and the CIO a few months ago result-ed in the Railway Audit and Inspection Co. being banned from further activity in the Empire State.

The League charged that "under the guise and protection of a previously A. E. Holtz issued license," the Burns outfit had "in unlawful acts and pracengaged tices and violated the rights of work\_ Kreval and Williams ..... ers guaranteed by the state and federal constitutions and state and federal

Standard Oil, Remington Rand, and McCombie Coal Mining Co. ..... Lord and Taylor, big Fifth avenue de- Frank McCombie partment store, were listed as firms Patton Clay Mfg. Co. which have used the agency for strike- Penna. Coal and Cok breaking or espionage work.

# NEW INVESTIGATOR

berry announced yesterday all complaints of damages done to livestock by dogs should be forwarded to him at Woodland, Pa.

NAMED IN THE COUNTY Ebensburg-Dudley R. Lansberry dog law investigator of the State De-partment of Agriculture, is now in charge of Cambria County, succeeding J. A. Risconsin of Altoona. Mr. Lans-

2,417 Flame safety lamps 257 Electric cap lamps 2.350 Conveyors 61 92 /29 back wages as well as the pay due at production in the district with an outled put of 1,031,932 tons. Pennsyivania of the poor financial condition of the Coal and Coke Corporation was secthe employees ond with a tonnage of 501,107, while Barnes Coal Company with a tonnage of 371,751 was third. The 1938 production for each com-

pany in the 15th district follows: Company Tonnage Barnes Coal Co . 371,751 Barnes and Tucker Co. 23,626 Bear Rock Mining Co. 31.102 Beunier Coal Mining Co. 3 750 2,885 Butterworth Coal Co. ..... Carrolltown Coal Co. . 228,134 Cherry Tree Coal Co 224,507 Cymbria Valley Coal Co. 9,123 Deringer Bros. 17.046 Duncan Spangler Coal Co. 10,106 Ebensburg Coal Co. ..... .1,031,932 Hastings Fuel Co. ... 80,512 2.763 2,136 Homestead Coal Co. 1.199 Industrial Collieries Corp. 262,754 1.372 Linglett and Lansberry . 1,073 Lanark Coal Co. 93.253 Mannion Coal Corp. 1,023 46.570 1,603 4.927 Penna. Coal and Coke Corp. Red Top Coal Co., Inc. .... 13.479 Reed Coal Mining Co. Joseph H. Reilly Coal Co..... 5.756 Rich Hill Coal Co. 115.997 Schnabel and Hamberger 2,078 Schwab Coal Co. Sterling Coal Co. 264.905 Walnut Run Coal Co F. B. Wood Coal Mining Co. 9.415 Total \_\_\_ 3.409.45 Advertising in the Union P Courier brings you an investment

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