

LABOR OPENS BIG CONVENTION

American Federation Holding
Two Weeks Session at
Cincinnati.

Recognition of Soviet Russia
Forms One of Major
Issues.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 12.—The open shop, unemployment, wage reductions, recognition of Soviet Russia, the One Big Union, court decisions and other subjects, formed the major issues that confronted the American Federation of Labor when it opened its two weeks' convention here today. The report of the federation's executive council on many of these issues was presented to the delegates.

No debate was on the program for the opening sessions because of the preliminary routine and introduction of resolutions, some of these possibly presenting new issues. Delegates here for the opening were estimated to number 500, forming what Samuel Gompers, the federation president, described as "the parliament of labor."

The big National Guard Army, far removed from the city's business district, is the seat of the convention. The morning session was devoted to addresses of welcome and other ceremonial features.

The record of organized labor's accomplishment in "a year of unusual strife and unusual industrial depression" was laid before the convention in the report of the federation's executive council.

The report declared that American labor during the year not only suffered from the widespread unemployment that existed, but was beset "by opponents more active and determined than ever."

In addition to strictures on the conduct of employers in numerous cases, the report added explicit and pointed criticism of congress and of some state legislative bodies, declaring such branches of the government to be subservient to a wave of reaction.

Paul was found with the action of some courts, including the supreme court, and with what was described as President Harding's proposal to regulate trade unions.

"It is with no little satisfaction in view of those circumstances," the report on the other hand declared, "that we are able to lay before this convention a report of achievement, a report of solidarity, a report of good planning, and a report that can only inadequately portray the militant spirit with which our movement has come through the years."

SPURNED INDIAN LOVER ATTACKS GIRL WITH CLUB

Because Kathleen Charles, an Indian girl of 19, spurned his advances Saturday night, Peter Claw, also an Indian, clutched her by the hair and, dragging her into the backyard of the Charles house, where he beat her unmercifully with a club until a pedestrian passing by came to her assistance.

The police were notified, but by the time Sergeant Middaugh and Constable Monahan arrived, Claw, who is 30 years of age, had disappeared into the darkness and is believed to have left the city.

The police had no developments to report Monday afternoon. Claw was being boarded at the Charles house and objected to the girl receiving attentions from other men.

Miss Charles, although severely bruised, was not badly injured.

STATES LIGHTNING AFFECTED HYDRO

Lightning caused the local hydro department considerable trouble and anxiety Saturday night and Sunday morning, reports A. O. Hunt, acting general manager of the public utilities commission.

Early Saturday night a motor was placed out of action at Springbank Park, and later in the night three lines of transmission leading into the city were similarly affected, plunging the city into total darkness for a considerable period. Hydro workmen in certain instances were kept busy making repairs until Sunday noon.

W. R. Kendall, head of the industrial canvass committee, which will canvass the factories of the city Tuesday, will state the final arrangements that have been made. Robert Liddle, industrial secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is assistant chairman of this committee.

Tuesday, also the canvass of the downtown stores and offices will be made. This canvass will be made by the Knights of Columbus, the London Advertising and Sales Club, the Loyd Order of Moose, and the Life Underwriters' Association.

E. C. Killingsworth is head of the K. of C. team, George Clarke of the Advertising Club, A. E. Hayward of the Moose and H. E. Parsons of the Life Underwriters.

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Married Woman With Bobbed Hair "Pulled Up" For Driving Motor Car

As an observant body of men, Chief Birrell is willing to declare the London police force one hundred per cent efficient, but a young married woman residing in London is relating an incident that, if it reaches the chief's ears may change his opinion.

This young woman, whose husband is a railway mail clerk on the C. P. R., often drives a motor car. She also has bobbed her hair, which information is essential to the story.

Saturday she drove down town, and to her amazement was stopped by "the cop on the corner," who, perceiving the shorn tresses, accused

Mrs. Blank of being under age and therefore guilty of breaking the law by driving the car.

The woman in the case blushed under the compliment, and although she has been eligible to cast her vote at the polls for several years, only succeeded in convincing the constable of this fact after much difficulty.

He refused to believe that the youthful-looking driver was "a married woman," but finally and reluctantly admitted that "it might be so."

Sunday the young (?) lady amused herself by relating the incident at the expense of one of Chief Birrell's blue-coats.

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THROWS ROCKS AT NEIGHBORS

John Carr, in Police Court,
Does Not Remember
Assaulting Anyone.

Assures Magistrate He Can
Provide Bond To Keep
Peace For Year.

John Carr, living on Barker street, Knollwood Park, indulged in such fiery liquid Sunday afternoon that he did not know when he appeared in court Monday morning that he had thrown stones at the wife and children of Sergeant Joseph Hays, nor that he had chased James Bennett with a blood-thirsty look in his eye, with a pitchfork.

Such, however, was the case, John was informed. He was very sorry about the whole affair.

Magistrate Graydon fined Carr \$10 and costs for being drunk, and stated he would allow him to go on suspended sentence, providing a satisfactory bond for \$100 could be procured, providing he would keep the peace for a year.

"I can get it," stated Carr confidently.

"You are charged with assaulting James Bennett," stated the court. "I don't know," said Carr, with a faraway look in his eye.

"You are also charged with assaulting the wife and children of Joseph Hays by throwing stones at them. What about that?"

"I don't know," replied Carr.

Mr. Bennett said he lived at 90 Sterling street, and met Carr at five o'clock Sunday afternoon. Carr spoke to him and he replied. The next thing he knew the prisoner was throwing stones at him and chased him home with a pitchfork.

"But I kept clear of him," stated Mr. Bennett.

"Anyone else on the street at the time?" asked Mr. Graydon.

"Just about 50 of them," replied Mr. Bennett. "They were all out in force. Mr. Carr was intoxicated and using very bad language."

"I'm sorry if I did anything to you. I don't know why I should, because I have nothing against you," said Carr in a quiet and gentlemanly manner.

Sergeant Hays said Carr came along the street at 3:30 o'clock and started to throw rocks at his wife and children in the yard.

"The prisoner was quite abusive, and I told him if he had a gun to shoot me," concluded the sergeant.

"That's the whole trouble. He gets drunk, and then annoys the neighborhood," observed Mr. Graydon. "The neighbors must not be annoyed. It is a serious thing to attack a man with a pitchfork. If I drink gets you in that condition you are liable to do a lot of damage."

"I intend to, sir," replied Carr, who went on to state he had never been convicted before in London. He had been out on parole which had expired 18 months ago.

Followed Intense Heat.

The storm followed a day of intense heat, and was as sudden as it was violent. Low hanging clouds across the Hudson River were observed, but they seemed to be far away, and danger was unforeseen.

Then, like magic, the western heavens took on a sinister aspect, the clouds seemed to dip toward the earth, and before the frightened people, exposed to the elements, could reach places of safety the wind came.

Classon's Point, a pleasure ground near City Island, was in the direct path of the hurricane. A ferris wheel, heavily freighted with children and young people, had just begun to revolve with its passengers when the wind struck it. So sudden was the transition from a bright June sky to inkiness that the people in the cars before the top of the wheel was torn away and the remainder crashed to the ground, a tangled skein of steel. Dozens were buried in the wreck. Six bodies were later taken out, and more were being attended by ambulance surgeons. A seventh victim died this morning.

Frail buildings were crushed by the mighty weight of the wind; electric light wires were torn away and in the darkness and torrential rains the rescuers could do little until the storm had subsided.

Hysterical and women, tearing blindly at the wreckage, hindered rather than helped the workers engaged in lifting the ruins of the wheel.

The gale, which swept across the entire metropolitan district was accompanied by rain which stung like a lash from the force of the wind.

Five people were hurt when the wind blew out great plate glass fronts of stores along Broadway, and scattered haberdashery and clothing along the street. In the Bronx, the wind lifted a small bungalow from its foundation, carried it more than 100 feet into a neighbor's yard and then smashed it to the ground.

The occupant, Mrs. Hilda Dunlop, was taken from the ruins, seriously injured.

BOSTON HIT.

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Total loss, \$3,085,653; 1922, \$3,872,977.

Total increase in value, \$787,324.

Bottles Placed In Are Picked Up Around British Isles

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Newfoundland, Canada and the United States will co-operate in a common plan, which involves the setting adrift this summer of over 3,000 bottles along several lines.

Each bottle contains a postcard for the return of which a reward is given. It is expected that evidence will be obtained for or against the belief in there being along our shores an Arctic current that keeps the climate cold.

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Experimental Aerial Service
From Lethbridge to Ottawa
Being Established.

Mail service from London to Ottawa by means of airplane will be attempted about June 21, according to a bulletin received at the London postoffice.

London is one of the stopping points of an experimental aerial service that is being operated with by the Canadian government from Lethbridge, Alberta, to Ottawa.

En route, the airplane will gather letters at Manyberries, Weyburn, London, Toronto, Brantford, Madison, Chicago, Jackson and Detroit.

The postal department has agreed to co-operate with the fliers by sending a letter mail, provided those sending the mail assume the risk.

The requirements for the mail are:

1. Letters to be inclosed in special envelopes having the words "via aeroplane" printed on them. These envelopes may be obtained from the Lethbridge Board of Trade for the sum of \$1 each.

2. The usual postage to be affixed on the address side of the envelope. Postmaster Duncan is perturbed over the question of where the plane will light at the postoffice, the only aerodrome could possibly being the roof.

TELLS OF BLOOMS
AT SPRINGBANK

W. E. Saunders at the Monday meeting of the Rotary Club informed members present of a horticultural treat which awaits them at the end of a trip to Springbank.

According to Mr. Saunders a laburnum tree, which is in full bloom there, is a rare, as well as an extremely beautiful sight. Mr. Saunders also added that those who wish to grasp this opportunity should make a trip soon, as the tree will not keep its bloom long.

NEW YORK HARD
HIT BY STORM

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