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New York, Sept. 19.—Charged with being a girl "raffles" and confessing, the police say, that during the past three months she had robbed fifty apartments in the Hunt's Point section of the Bronx, Molly Rosen, 16 years old, was held in \$2500 bail here today for examination next Monday.

The girl, according to her alleged confession, said that when she "worked" she averaged about three apartment house burglaries a day and that her operations had been on the basis of an eight-hour day and six days a week. Sundays, she said, she "rested" because her mother, to whom she paid \$20 a week, supposed she was employed in a downtown store and asked her to recuperate for Monday morning.

Her raids, she said, actually netted her \$3000 in cash and \$3,000 worth of jewelry.

Pretending to be calling on one of the tenants, Miss Rosen said, she gained access to many buildings and entered unlocked apartments. Once or twice she was interrupted, whereupon she went that she was stealing for a "sick mother" and, after returning the victim's property, was permitted to go.

Last night the girl entered the flat of a sleeping subway "mohelmann," and stole \$200. She was caught by the back of a chair and the girl, he said, was rifling his pockets when he awoke. He chased her to the street, where she was arrested.

COMMITTEE DOUBTS GRATUITY POWERS

Parliamentary Body Debates Its Right to Consider Soldiers' Bonuses.

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—The special committee of the house that is to consider the soldiers' question organized this afternoon and elected Hon. J. A. Calder as chairman. The committee was pretty well agreed that the reference to it precluded consideration of gratuities, but the advisability of asking wider powers from the house was further discussed. On the suggestion of the chairman.

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STATE INSURANCE AND MINIMUM WAGE ARE RECOMMENDED

Industrial Conference Committees Bring in Reports on Many Important Labor Questions.

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The committee on minimum wage, state insurance and joint industrial councils have made their reports, and three resolutions from one of the "blanket committees" have been recommended compulsory free education, freedom of speech and adequate provision, by public works and otherwise, to guard against the menace of unemployment for the coming winter.

The minimum wage committee recommended that a minimum living rate for women and children was adopted; that a royal commission, with equal representation of labor, employers and the public, be formed to investigate and report on the desirability of an established minimum wage for all unskilled workers, and that the attention of the people of the provincial government be called to cases where school teachers are not paid enough to maintain them in decent comfort coupled with the request that the governments remedy the state of affairs.

For State Insurance. The committee on state insurance recommended that a board of enquiry be appointed to go into the whole matter of state insurance against unemployment, old age, invalidity and sickness. The government, employer and employe and the public should have representation on these boards, he said. Should women be included in widows' pensions was added to the list of matters to be investigated by these boards.

The committee on joint industrial and plant and industrial councils recommended the formation of a bureau of information and education, which would gather up all the data and have that available for employers or employes going into a plan of joint control, voluntary or compulsory.

There is much interest attached to the report on hours of labor, which is to come before the conference tomorrow morning. Labor has made a determined fight all thru the conference for an eight-hour day and six days a week. Just how strongly that fight has been maintained in the committee no member will reveal, but it is suggested that there will be two separate reports or a compromise report asking for further investigation before any vote is taken.

Another resolution which went to the committee this afternoon urged that a possible government contribution to housing schemes now under way. The Mather's royal commission had drawn attention to the lack of housing as one of the causes of unrest, and several members of the conference felt that some action should be taken to back up the opinions of the royal commission. The conference will be over by noon. It is now expected, but tomorrow morning session will be one of the busiest in the whole week.

Proportional Representation. Controversy No. 9 on proportional representation reported thru Sir John Willison, chairman. He said he regarded proportional representation as particularly as a concession to labor, but it was desirable that there should be a better representation of labor on the floor of the house of commons.

The reason, which was unanimously presented by the committee, follows: "Believing that there are defects in the present electoral system, and that a cause of social and political unrest."

This conference welcomes the declaration of the prime minister, on behalf of the government, that a Speaker's conference will be called to investigate the merits of the proportional system, and urges that such action be taken without delay."

Cause of Unrest. E. E. Woodward, Victoria, B.C., said that events in Winnipeg had been a national calamity. In other countries also bodies of men had threatened and attempted to take matters out of the hands of parliament. This unrest was partly due to lack of confidence in the government and its actions.

The hope of the present dissatisfaction might be found. In the commons now were only two representatives of labor and 79 lawyers. In the commons, senate and all provincial legislatures there were but six labor men against 714 representing the employing trades.

Labor Would Have 400. "The percentage of population engaged in labor was 42.2 per cent; farmers, 24.3 per cent; business and professional, 20.3 per cent. If labor was given representation it would have 45.2 per cent representation, or 400 members in the various parliaments."

Gustavo Franks, Montreal, speaking in French, supported the resolution that the report of the committee be adopted, which was done unanimously.

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TO PREPARE PLANS FOR NEW JERUSALEM

Noted Scotch Scientist Will Oversee Building of the City and Its University.

London, Sept. 19.—The planning of New Jerusalem and its proposed university has been entrusted by the International Zionist Commission to Patrick Geddes, professor of botany at St. Andrew's University, Scotland.

Mr. Geddes, who is considered one of the greatest living authorities in civics and social surveys, will work in cooperation with Mr. Weizmann, head of the British Zionist Commission. While in Palestine he will organize a department of sociology and civics for Bombay University and in the cold season will carry out the Indian survey work, with which he was previously employed.

Washington, Sept. 19.—After the covenant of the league of nations, a part of the German peace treaty, had been read today in the senate, Republican leaders claimed votes enough to pass, probably next week, an amendment which would give the United States equal voting power with Great Britain in the league assembly.

While the amendment would be adopted, the Republicans hold that it would not reopen the whole question of peace and force the return of the pact to the peace conference at Paris, as President Wilson and Democratic leaders have predicted.

There will be no session of the senate tomorrow, but the fight will open Monday in earnest, with prospect of a vote on the British-American amendment, proposed by Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, by the end of the week. Telegrams were sent Thursday to Senator Johnson, Senator Borah of Idaho, after a conference with Senator Lodge, urging his immediate return here, but today Senator Lodge returned from Europe, in charge of the foreign relations committee, in charge of the treaty on the floor, and Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, telegraphed him that he might proceed with his western trip and keep on raking the league fire and aft as he has been doing for the last ten days.

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Paris, Sept. 19.—The dramatic escape early this morning of Pierre Lenoir from death at the hands of a firing squad in the Vincennes Wood during a volley of lively conversations in political circles today. Lenoir had been tried with Senator Humbert and other defendants on a charge of having communicated military intelligence to the enemy and was sentenced to death.

The firing squad already had taken its place and preparations were being made to escort Lenoir out to meet death from a volley of the riflemen when the condemned man begged to be confronted with former Premier Caillaux, who is under charge similar notes from Lenoir's cell. Lenoir was convicted. The execution was suspended, and the condemned man remained in his cell.

Nothing has been officially given out concerning the personages who may be affected by Lenoir's death-door accusations, but members of the chamber of deputies, in discussing the matter today, declared that the Caillaux case was mentioned and also that the name of Ernest Jodel, former owner of the Paris newspaper L'clair, who is under indictment here on a charge of having had dealings with the enemy for the purpose

BLOCKADE OF FUME ON LAND AND SEA IS NOW PREPARED

"Wireless" Message Says Allied Fleet is Preparing to Bombard.

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