

## LEAGUE FORMED TO SELECT LIST FOR CITY PRIMARY

Organizers Say They Represent 14,000 Men in 57 Different Labor Organizations.

The Workingmen's and Farmers' Nonpartisan League at a meeting held Sunday in labor temple agreed to elect permanent officers next Sunday afternoon.

This new organization has adopted the plan of selecting a different chairman for each meeting, rather than to have a permanent presiding officer. The election of an executive committee next Sunday will be the principal business before the meeting. This committee will have charge of selecting a list of names which will be submitted in the form of a referendum vote to the members of the constituent organizations, to decide on a slate for the city primaries next April.

**Claim Large Membership.**  
There are 57 labor organizations represented in this central organization and it is asserted that the total membership is 14,000. Each of the 57 organizations will be asked to submit names of prospective candidates for the city commission. From those lists the executive committee will select 25 to 30 for the referendum vote which will decide the final slate to be supported at the primaries. This slate will have from five to seven names, the number not having been determined.

The platform committee of the league expects to report four weeks from next Sunday. All organizations represented in the league will submit platform suggestions to the central executive committee for consideration in the final work of preparing a platform. C. L. Shamp is chairman of the platform committee.

## FIRST AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST IS ANNOUNCED

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**GALLAGHER**, Private Daniel B., Blockton, Ala.  
**LESTER**, Private John P., Tutwiler, Miss.  
**LANGHMAN**, Private Harry, Chicago.  
**KERN**, Private Dewey D.; mother, Mrs. Eva Tilton, Collins, Ia.  
**KECKON**, Private ———, cannot be identified.

The list was accompanied by the following announcement:

"The War department has received a dispatch from the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces, which states that before daylight November 3 a salient occupied for instruction by a company of American infantry was raided by Germans. The enemy put down a heavy barrage fire, cutting off the salient from the rest of the line. Our losses were three killed, five wounded and 12 captured or missing. The enemy's losses are not known. One wounded German was taken prisoner."

Whether the men killed and wounded received their injuries in hand to hand fighting with the raiding German infantrymen or were struck down by shrapnel is not known. A single shell, scoring a direct hit in the trench, might have caused all the casualties. That would not explain, however, the surrender of the remaining men.

**Two From Iowa.**  
(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Des Moines, Nov. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Two Iowa men are in the list announced from Washington as among the killed or missing in the trench raid made by the Germans November 3. Private Merle D. Hay, son of Harry D. Hay of Glidden, Ia., was killed. He was a young farmer near Glidden and enlisted in Des Moines, May 10. He was 21 years old July 21.

Dewey Kern of Collins is reported missing. His mother received a telegram from Washington at 2 a. m., Monday morning, apprising her as follows: "Regret to inform you that Dewey D. Kern is among missing or captured."

**American Is Wounded.**  
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 5.—W. J. Wright, Outlook, Mont., was listed as wounded in today's Canadian casualty list.

## STATE STOCK MEN PLEDGE TO GIVE AID

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anted the farmers 15½ cents a pound for farrowed pigs," declared O. G. Smith in a statement given out before the committee meeting. "That's all right, but why worry about anything six or eight months off. What the farmer demands is a price guarantee for the pigs he has on his farm right now. If the government does not act quick this pork is going to the market half fed, because the farmer absolutely will not and cannot compete with the gamblers, who hold him at their mercy."

"Guarantee the farmers a good price for pork, and it is my belief that the pork market will have all it can take care of despite the farmer's heavy cost of vaccination, insurance of his stock and possible chances of cholera sweeping out his year's work at a total loss."

"Farmers will not throw \$1.50 corn over the fence when they are taking a chance of the bottom dropping out of the market between the time they load their stock in the wagon and when they reach the packers."

"The consumers see in the paper that packers are paying \$17.50 for certain kinds of beef, and immediately gain the impression that farmers are reaping a harvest. How many of them ever take the trouble to see how many head were sold at that price?"

"The price is up simply because there are very few choice beef on hand, the great bulk of beef going to slaughter for just half that amount."

## Mexican Beaten and Robbed of \$19,000 in Gold by Border Thugs

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 5.—Antonio Peralta, Mexican federal stamp agent, was held up and robbed on the American side of the international boundary line near here early today. Mexican consular officials reported to the local police, the robbers securing \$19,000 in gold. The robbers escaped. According to the story told the police, Peralta and Carlos Galvez, an aged Mexican, were driving from Agua Prieta to an express office here when they were stopped by an American and a Mexican, who beat Peralta into insensibility with a revolver and inflicted several wounds on Galvez with a similar weapon.

## Sammies Marking Ballots On Foreign Soil Today

With the American Army in France, Nov. 5.—American soldiers, sailors and marines stationed in Paris, in other French cities and at the American general headquarters, who are legal residents of New York state, voted today for state, county and city offices. New York voters with units in other parts of France cast their ballots last week. The voting in Paris was done at the Hotel Sainte Anne, which is now used for American barracks and offices. The polls opened at 8:30 o'clock this morning and will close at 5 tonight. The hotel office is being used for the polling booth.

## Inquest in the Noel Case at Albia Goes Over Till Today

Albia, Ia., Nov. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The inquest into the death of J. W. Noel, Villisca photographer, who died here last Thursday after being shot through the head at the Burlington depot, was begun at 10 o'clock this morning. An adjournment was taken until Tuesday morning because of the absence from town of Dr. T. E. Gutch, head of the Miners' hospital, where Noel died. Dr. Gutch performed the autopsy to establish the cause of death.

## RAILROADS MAKE STRONG PLEA FOR ADVANCED RATES

Demand 15 Per Cent Increase Because of War-Time Prices of Labor and Materials.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The reopening of the 15 per cent rate advance case before the Interstate Commerce commission today was marked by claims of counsel of eastern railroads that transportation facilities and financial stability of the roads are menaced by prevailing rates.

"We cannot afford to make mistakes," declared Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, in opening the case. "It is not a time for panic, but neither is it a time for disregarding the facts of increasing expenses, of diminishing net operating income of deferred maintenance, of lack of present facilities and inability to provide future ones."

When in May the eastern carriers asked for a 15 per cent rate increase they estimated that war-time prices of labor and materials would increase their operating charges by \$235,000,000. Later compilations, presented today, indicate an increase of \$270,000,000, based on the 1916 volume of business, while increased revenues from rate advances since the first of the year total \$97,000,000.

President Rea predicated his plea for an advance on the following existing difficulties of the roads:

**Advanced Costs Explained.**  
"Continuous increases in the cost of labor, fuel, supplies, taxes and of obtaining new capital.  
"Inability to secure and retain efficient labor.  
"Curtailed maintenance expenses, which curtailment is due in

part to inability to secure necessary labor and materials.

"Decrease in net operating income, notwithstanding large increase in operating revenues in property investment, in carload and in trainload.  
"Reduction in surplus, with consequent effect upon the credit of the carriers.

"Inability to secure new capital by the issue of stock, with consequent weakening effect upon the financial structure.

"Inability to provide improvements and facilities, not only essential for the traffic of today, but equally essential for the traffic of the future.

No prospect of lower cost goods is to be found in the government's price-fixing program on fuel, continued Mr. Rea.  
"The tentative price of \$245 per ton fixed by the government," he said, "is over 100 per cent higher than the price paid by the Pennsylvania system in 1916; 5 cents more than the average price paid April 1 to September 30, and 20 cents more than the price now paid under existing contracts.

In addition to the wage advances granted trainmen under the terms of the Adamson law, Mr. Rea pointed out that the increased cost of labor had swollen the pay rolls of the Pennsylvania \$13,900,000 a year, exclusive of increases given the trainmen.

Discussing the question of deferred maintenance made necessary by war-time conditions, Mr. Rea declared that if the proper maintenance charges are not included in the operating expenses, "the net operating income and the net corporate income are to that extent overstated." This condition, he added, is leading to heavy wear and tear on track and rolling stock "without making proper charges to operating expenses."

## Gunmen Were to Frighten Hyland Voters in New York

New York, Nov. 5.—District Attorney Edward Swann issued a statement today declaring that he had obtained the confession of a "gunman" alleging that an organized effort was to be made during tomorrow's municipal election to prevent voters for John F. Hyland, the democratic candidate for mayor, from reaching the polls by intimidation and assault.

## SWINE EXPERT SAYS FEED ANIMALS WELL

Government Crack Advises Farmers That It Will Pay Them to Feed Hogs High-Priced Grain.

Auburn, Neb., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—The Nemaha County Hog Cholesterol association held a meeting last week in Dr. Grau's office at the court house in Auburn and held election of officers. Welton Barnes was elected president; S. P. Hughes, vice president; A. L. Keedy, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Grau, the government veterinarian in charge of the prevention work in Richardson and Nemaha counties, stated that in the period intervening between his arrival here and the close of the last year, he had investigated 86 herds and found cholera in 42 of them. Thus far this year he has inspected for cholera in 170 herds, of which cholera was found in 45 herds.

In other words last year he found cholera in one out of every two herds examined, and this year one in four, which indicates that progress is being made in stamping out the disease.

Dr. Grau impressed upon the farmers present that his services are free, and that it is his duty to make investigation, whenever he is called to do so. He urged the farmers not to wait until disease had developed in their herds before doing so.

Dr. Hurst, a government veterinarian in charge of the work in Johnson county, in his address at the meeting, declared the country faces a meat shortage. In his opinion farmers will do well not to hesitate to feed high-priced grain to hogs. Contagious disease in swine, he said, is a community problem. Some farmers who had been skeptical at the beginning of the campaign for vaccination, declared themselves to have been converted by experience in their own herds.



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