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Language Act Backed By Legion

Former Soldiers in Session Unanimously Pass Resolutions to Continue Fight For Americanization.

1,000 Join in Big Parade

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Amid a wild demonstration of cheers and handclapping, the Nebraska American Legion in convention here unanimously passed resolutions to continue their fight for the enforcement of the Reed-Norval law. The Legion voted to endeavor to secure an amendment to the state constitution remedying defects if litigation in the courts shows defects in the law.

Headed by Col. H. J. Paul of the Nebraska National guard and former brigadier-general of the Sandstorm division, over 1,000 former service men in uniform paraded today. The Lincoln post band led the parade and the Fremont band assisted in livening up the feet of the marchers. Over 50 posts of the state carried a post flag in the march. The streets were lined with cheering spectators. The Pender post won the big honors of the parade when they appeared with a truck decorated as a French box car. It carried the "40 et 8" banner.

Will Continue Fight.

The resolutions firmly announced the stand of the legion to bitterly oppose any attempt to teach other than the English language in the grade schools. They stated that all real Americans want only the English language taught their children and if other oppose the plan it is the duty of real Americans to see that while they reside in this country they be forced to learn the language. The resolution stated that the fight for the enforcement of the law was for the benefit of future generations.

The state commander and the executive committee were instructed to continue the fight in the state and federal courts if necessary unless defects are shown in the law. If it is shown to be unconstitutional, the committee was instructed to attempt to secure an amendment to the state constituion embodying the principles of the law. The resolutions stated that the present law does not strike at religious or educational freedom.

The Homeliest Man.

Glen Coffey of Lincoln, editor of the Midwest Veteran, was voted the homeliest man at the convention and played the part of the beast in "Beauty and the Beast" before a movie camera. Miss Gretchen Williams, 17, high school girl, played the part of the beauty. She was selected as the most beautiful girl in Fremont.

The contest for the homeliest man was spirited and Lum Doyle of Lincoln, state boxing commissioner, tied with Coffey for the honors. On the tie vote Coffey was unanimously chosen.

Other prominent members of the Legion who stood high in the voting were: Samuel Avery, chancellor of the University of Nebraska; James Craig of Norfolk, James Motherest of Lincoln and Mike Street.

Membership Increased.

Membership in the Nebraska department of the American Legion in the last year has grown from 270 posts, with an approximate enrollment of 13,000, to a present total of [illegible] posts and 19,000 members. The women's auxiliary has advanced from 33 posts on November 1, 1920, to 110 posts with a membership of 3,000, according to the annual report of Frank L. O'Connell, state adjusant.

Reichstag Ratifies Peace Treaty With U. S.

Berlin, Sept. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Reichstag today passed the bill ratifying the peace treaty with the United States. Only the communists voted against the measure.

The passing by the German Reichstag today of the bill ratifying the treaty of peace with the United States completes the legislative process necessary to ratification on the part of Germany. The Reichsrat, or upper chamber of the German Parliament, ratified the treaty on September 17.

Sheriff Held on Charge Of Embezzlement Escapes

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 30.—Telegrams received here from Sheriff [illegible] F. Bradford of Midland, Tex., state that B. C. Girdley, former cashier of the Midland National bank, broke jail last night and is believed to be on his way to Mexico. Girdley, according to a complaint filed with the United States commissioner's court at El Paso, is alleged to have taken three sums totaling $30,000 from the Midland bank.

One of the telegrams from the sheriff said Girdley was accompanied by "a tall, slim man." It is reported in Midland that Girdley's father-in-law had made a $23,000 to the bank.

Hungary Declares Itself Independent State

Paris, Sept. 30.—West Hungary today declared itself an independent state, according to Vienna and Budapest dispatches published by the Temps, with reservations. Further Premier Friedrich is said to have assumed power at the head of a council of defense which proclaimed the independence of the "state of occidental Hungary," and appealed to officials to remain at their posts for the population to support the new government "for God, Hungary and for country."

Los Angeles Movie Colony Takes Arbuckle to Bosom

"Fatty" Returns in Triumph From San Francisco—Scores of Film Favorites Attend Reception at Home of Comedian—Famous Smile Back on Job.

By EDWARD J. DOHERTY.
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Los Angeles, Sept. 30.—The Arbuckle mansion in West Adams street is ablaze with lights tonight. Large limousines drive up the street to the house and groups of men and women run, covered by parasols, up the entrance.

"Fatty" has come home, bringing a wife, has come in triumph from San Francisco, where they tried to hang him on a murder charge in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, movie actress.

The movie actors and the actresses are paying their respects to "Fatty" who has come "out of a trap" and to his wife, Minta Durfee Arbuckle, who has returned to her native town after five years.

It is a glittering assemblage in the mansion, a happy crowd. It seems like a housewarming with a honeymoon couple and everything. The phonograph plays in one room, glad snappy ragtime and elsewhere a grand pian ois telling everybody that the "gang's all here."

Smile Back on Job.

Fatty smiles very much, shakes hands, murmurs, "Thanks, old boy, I knew you were," or "that is very kind of you, I'm sure," rolls brown paper cigarets and laughs in the way you saw him before they banned his pictures.

There he is, "Fatty," fallen from his dizzy eminence trying in a dazed way, to start back to the heights, a little uncertain of his ability, a little worried perhaps, as to whether his friends will help him, happy to be on the up path again and sad that he had left it.

And there, never far from him, is his wife who left him in the days of his world celebrity and rushed back to him when he had been hurt; a wife who seems to treat him more like a dear, spoiled child than a husband.

Wherever you see "Fatty" you can find Minta and somewhere in the background you see Minta's mother, who loves Arbuckle like a son.

No Liquor at Party.

It is a merry party and there is no liquor. There is nothing to suggest the party in the Hotel St. Francis, September 5, the party that took the life of Miss Rappe and the fame of Roscoe Arbuckle.

The guests come, shake hands, say nice things, sit awhile and go, answering the question that Arbuckle and Arbuckle's attorneys have been asking themselves day after day —"Will Hollywood take him back?"

Hollywood met him today, Hollywood and Los Angeles. They met him like a beloved son coming home from the wars, took him to their bosoms, hugged and kissed him.

Los Angeles saw him comingfrom afar off and ran and met him and slew the fatted calf.

It was a great moment for the movie clown, the moment he stepped off the train. All the morning he had been wondering, worrying, pondering on the manner of his reception. Would there be people there? And what would they do? What would they say? San Francisco had been nice to him after Judge Lazarus had decided he was not guilty of murder but might be guilty of manslaughter. But what of Los Angeles? He would have to live in Los Angeles

A brakeman got excited and waved to him as the train crawled into the yards. Another and another caught sight of him, and waved. Cries of "Hello, Fatty," "Welcome, old boy," "We're for you, Fatty."

The train stopped. Crowds of people waited breathlessly. A grinning porter placed the step for "Fatty's" foot, and there were cheers and shouts and a great clapping of hands.

"Bull" Montana, Buster Keaton, Hank Mann and half a dozen others fought for the pleasure of shaking his hand.

A woman stood on a suitcase and bitterly denounced him. Few gave any heed. Why listen to her when they can see "Fatty?" Fatty lumbered into a salad green car, and whirled over the boulevards, home.

De Valera Accepts Invitation for London Meeting

Irish Leader Clears Way for Continuance of Peace Negotations—Relief Expressed In Official Vircles.

By The Associated Press.

London, Sept. 30.—In a brief, business-like message, Eamonn De Valera this evening informed Premier Lloyd George of his acceptance of the premier's invitation for a conference in London, October 11, on the Irish question, thus clearing the way for a momentous attempt to settle the centuries old problem between Ireland Great Britain.

Relief was expressed in official circles here that the difficulties which for some time seemingly threatened to prevent another conference apparently had been cleared away by the message of Mr. De Valera. The reply raised no question as to the status of the Sinn Fein delegates, and no further correspondence between the premier and the Irish leader is expected.

"Our respective positions have been stated and understood and we agree that conference, not correspondence, is the most practicable and hopeful way to an understanding," said Mr. De Valera's message in announcing that the Irish delegates would meet Mr. Lloyd George on the date that the premier had set.

Far Eastern Republic Modifies Its Demands

By The Associated Press.

Peking, Sept. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Delegates of the Far Eastern republic who are conferring with Japanese representatives at Dairen, have modified their demands upon Japan, it is stated at the Japanese legation here. The Chita representative originally insisted that Japan withdraw her troops from eastern Siberia before they would discuss a trade agreement with that country, but are said to have yielded on this point.

When the negotiations at Dairen reopened on September 27, the Japanese delegation handed to the Far Eastern republic plenipotentiaries a list of 17 proposals dealing with the removal of restrictions to the freedom of trade which existed during the czarist regime in Russia.

Successor Elected for Head of Von [illegible] Company

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the board of directors of the J. Von Steen company, S. D. Ruth, secretary for 20 years, was elected president to succeed John von Steen who died at his home here a [illegible] ago. The other officers are: [illegible] vice president; J. H. [illegible] Fletcher, treasurer; W. H. DeBolt, [illegible] secretary.

Fire at Blue Springs

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—The home of [illegible] Wyland at Blue Springs was partly destroyed by fire from unknown origin. The structure is practically gutted before the firemen extinguished the flames. The loss is placed at $1,000, partially covered by insurance.

Liquor Probe in Arbuckle Case Is Feature of Day

Investigation Reveals Gigantic Smuggling Ring From Canada to Mexico, With Frisco as Base.

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—Preparations for the prosecution of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe today were overshadowed, at least for a time, by the federal investigation into the supply of liquor drank by the guests at the comedian's Hotel St. Francis party.

Belief that his investigations had uncovered a gigantic liquor-smuggling ring, operating with San Francisco as a base, and which imports liquors of choice brand and quality only from Mexico and Canada, was expressed by Federal Prohibition Director E. Forrest Mitchell. He is making his inquiry at the instance of Robert H. McCormack, special assistant to the United States attorney general.

Mitchell last night stated that he had a witness who delivered liquor to Arbuckle's suite at the Hotel St. Francis. The name of the man is being withheld and he is being guarded closely by federal operatives pending his going before a federal grand jury, it was stated.

Arbuckle left San Francisco last night for Los Angeles in company with his wife, his mother-in-law and defense attorneys. A Pullman car on the train was turned over to the Arbuckle party exclusively. Arbuckle will remain there, it was announced, until summoned to San Francisco for trial on the manslaughter charge.

Farm Paper Solicitors Ordered Out of Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Two agents, who have been soliciting in the city for a farm publication, were ordered to move on by Chief of Police Dillow following the report reaching this city that a farmer named Deeks, living near Pickrell, had been "strong-armed" into paying a solicitor for a publication which he did not want. The amount was $2.70 and the agent was ordered to return the money to the farmer, which he did.

Superior Man Wins Many Prizes at David City Fair

David City, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—E. P. Harmel of Surprise took 92 first, 66 second and six third prizes together with first premium of $25 on township collection at the Butler county fair. These prizes were taken mostly on vegetables and grain grown on his farm.

Chancellor Schober Issues Edict for Continuing Reign

Viennia, Sept. 29.—Herr Schober, chancellor, has made continuance of his government in power conditional on the immediate passage of a bill permitting transfer of the Laenderbank to Paris and the Anglo-Austrian bank to London.

Apple Tree in Bloom

David City, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—An apple tree in the orchard of W. H. Greenslit of Surprise is in full bloom.

Program to Aid Jobless Prepared

Tentative Recommendations To Alleviate Unemployment Situation Completed by Committee of Conference.

Part Time Work Urged

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Tentative recommendations for providing work for the nation's jobless workers, estimated at 4,000,000 were completed today for submission to the national conference on unemployment. The recommendations, drawn up by the conference's steering committee, were characterized as an emergency program and said to be based on the principle that unemployment is in the main a problem for solution by the individual communities, the federal and state governments aiding in such ways as possible.

Recommendations Made.

Establishment of representative emergency committees in the communities to co-ordinate the work of finding jobs for the involuntary idle is recommended as the initial step in the relief program. Other recommendations were understood to include:

Publication of the number of unemployed by the individual communities.

Establishment of part time work by manufacturers, thus increasing the number of workers used by each plant.

Operating of factories and mills in the making of stock where possible.

Continuation of repair and similar work on a normal scale

Doing of repair and alteration work by office building, hotel and home owners during the coming winter instead of in the spring as usual.

Urge Municipal Work.

Expansion of street, sewage, repair and building work by municipalities to the maximum volume.

Establishment of part time work by municipalities.

Co-operation by state officials with local leaders through the hastening of road building and similar construction.

Construction immediately by the federal government of buildings and other works for which appropriations are available.

Action by congress at the present session on road construction legislation.

Enactment by congress of the pending railway funding bill with expenditures of funds conditioned on an increase in employment.

The full conference will receive the steering committee's recommendations at a session to be held late in the day.

Burlington Employe Burns to Death in Alliance Bunk Car

Alliance, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Jack Stankowitz, 21, Burlington laborer, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed three bunk cars at the Greer railroad camp at 2:30 this morning. Stankowitz was sleeping alone in one of the bunk cars. The fire is believed to have been started by hoboes, who had built a fire in an adjoining car to get warm.

Stankowitz had both feet injured yesterday when another workman dropped a heavy iron on them in the railroad yards. This is believed partly responsible for his failure to escape from the burning car, as it was difficult for him to walk. The body was discovered after the fire had been put out by the railroad fire department.

According to railroad records, the dead man had no relatives in this country. He was reared in a foundling asylum in Chicago until he was 14. About a year ago he worked six months in the railroad yards here as a carpenter apprentice and started work about a week ago as a laborer.

Thirty Persons Indicted Under Dry and Postal Laws

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The federal grand jury returned indictments against 30 persons, charging violation of the prohibition laws, using the mails to defraud and impersonation of government officials.

Two former prohibition agents were indicted on charges of accepting bribes and extortion, while the Helen Clare corporation and its officials were indicted for alleged use of the mails to defraud through sales of cosmetiese.

Clay Wilson, one of the prohibition agents, was alleged to have obtained $2,500 from Frank Hlavack of Justice, Ill., through extortion, and Harold Stamps, the other agent, was said to have received $15,000 for protecting a shipment of liquor.

Harding Calls on U. S. for Silent Prayer on Nov. 11

Washington, Sept. 29.—The American people were called on by President Harding in a proclamation issued today to offer a silent two-minute prayer at noon on Armistice day, November 11, when the body of an unknown American soldier, killed in France, will be laid to rest in Arlington national cemetery.

Farm Home Burns

McCook, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—The farm house of William Mullinex, near Quick, Frontier county, was destroyed by fire. There was $1,000 insurance on the house Most of the household goods were saved. Origin of fire is not known.

Holland furnaces "make warm friends." Ask your neighbor, Holland Furnace Co. —Advertisement.

Ouch!!

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Smoot Presents Manufacturers' Tax Amendment

Senator Explains This Would Substitute for "All of Various War Taxes," Which Would Be Repealed.

Washington, Sept. 30.—A manufacturers' sales tax of 3 per cent was formally proposed to the senate today by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah.

The senator explained that this would be in substitution for "all of the various war taxes, the excise taxes, luxury taxes, stamp taxes, capital stock tax, transportation, telegraph and insurance taxes, the taxes on soft drinks, ice cream, cosmetics, admissions and dues, and all of the other '57 varieties' of obnoxious, discriminatory forms of taxation," which would be repealed on next January 1 under a series of amendments to the revenue revision bill offered by the senator.

Repeal of the excess profits tax as of last January 1 instead of on next January 1, as planned by both the house and the senate finance committee, also was proposed by Senator Smoot. Under his amendments the corporation income tax would remain at 10 per cent, but there would be no change in the present tobacco, liquor and inheritance taxes.

The sales tax amendment read:

"That in addition to all other taxes there shall be levied, assessed, collected and paid upon every commodity manufactured or produced when sold, leased or licensed for consumption, or use without further process of manufacture, a tax equivalent to 3 per cent of the price for which such commodity is sold, leased or licensed; such tax to be paid by the manufacturer or producer."

Double Crop Solves Low Price Problem of Farmer

Lincoln, Sept. 30.—(Special.)—C. A. Garrison of Adams, Gage county, is pretty well satisfied with the financial returns for this season's labor. A good growing season, plus his own resourcefulness and energy, enabled him to raise two crops on the same land this year and get a third crop—fall wheat—sowed in plenty of time to give it a good start before winter sets in.

Mr. Garrison took advantage of a combination of favorable conditions. He will realize a good return from his land, even at low prices prevailing for farm products. He has the satisfaction of doubling his production in a season when the normal returns would have been comparatively small.

Orthopedic Hospital to Have New Superintendent

Lincoln, Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Dr. J. H. Matthi of Newberry, Mich., will be here Saturday to take charge of the state orthopedic hospital as superintendent. The retiring superintendent, Dr. B. A. Finkle, will engage in private practice in this city.

New York Woman Elected President of War Mothers

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 30.—Mrs. Emmet Digney of New York was elected national president of the War Mothers of America and Mrs. A. E. Jones of North Dakota was re-elected treasurer, at the national convention in session here

Wife of Pilot Atkinson Dies

Intended to Become Stunt Aviatrix; First Woman Solo Flyer in Nebraska.

Mrs. Jack Atkinson, wife of the well-known Omaha flyer who heads the Atkinson Aviation company, died yesterday morning at Denver following an attack of rheumatism which affected the heart.

Although it had not been generally known, Mrs. Atkinson was the first woman to do solo flying in Nebraska and Colorado, according to best information of the husband, who said last night that his wife had planned shortly to become a stunt aviatrix. The heart-broken pilot, who is commander of the aerial police at Denver, stated that he probably would give up flying and bring his two small sons, Lloyd Richard, 4, and Leonard, 1, to live with his mother at 115 South Forty-first street.

Mrs. Atkinson was educated at Mitchell, S. D., and at Grand Island, Neb. It was while attending Grand Island college that she became acquainted with her husband. They were married at Denver five years ago in December, two weeks before Pilot Atkinson entered the army air service, in which he served overseas during the war.

The body will arrive in Omaha this morning and will lie in state at Heafy & Heafy's funeral home during the day. Funeral services and burial will be at Mitchell, S. D., former home of Mrs. Atkinson.

Frisco Dry Officers Raid Exclusive "Bar"

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—The Post street establishment of R. J. and G. Ipswitch Bros., purveyors of liquid refreshment to some of San Francisco's most brilliant personages, was raided by prohibition officers yesterday.

A number of persons, many of them silk-clad and bejewelled women, who were in the place were not arrested. The officers were attracted to the Ipswitch establishment, they said, by the large number of costly automobiles usually parked in its vicinity. It had every attribute of the old-time saloon, from oil paintings to brass foot rail, and was characterized by the agents as San Francisco's "bootleg joint de luxe."

Irish Stop Collection Of Funds in United States

Chicago, Sept. 30. — Stephen O'Mara, financial representative in the United States of the Dail Eireann, the Irish parliament, announced that collection of funds in this country for the use of Ireland has been ordered stopped, in preparation for the $20,000,000 Irish loan campaign in November. The only exception made is for the Irish relief committee, whose drive for funds is practically closed.

Game License Demand Big State Game Warden Says

Lincoln, Sept. 30.—More people are taking out hunting and fishing licenses than ever before, according to information coming to Chief Koster of the state game and fish division from all parts of Nebraska. The new law requires women as well as men to have licenses before engaging in these sports. Koster thinks the total number will run above 100,000 this year or 10,000 more than 1920.

Airplane Serves As Ambulance on 250-Mile Trip

Small Arapahoe Girl, Stricken By Appendicitis, Rushed To Omaha for Operation in Two Hours.

An airplane served as an emergency ambulance across the plains of Nebraska yesterday afternoon when it carried 12-year-old Gene Richards from Arapahoe, Neb., to Omaha to be operated upon for appendicitis.

The little patient was operated upon last night. She had suffered an acute attack of the malady shortly before noon yesterday. An operation was the only remedy. The girl's mother made hasty arrangements with Robert M. Cochrane, an air pilot in Araphoe, to speed the suffering patient to Omaha

Safe in the observer's seat, little Gene nestled in her mother's arms as the plane hopped off the field at Araphoe shortly after noon. It arrived at Ak-Sar-Ben field at 3:05, having traveled the 250 miles in two hours and five minutes.

Meanwhile, a long distance telephone call had noticed relatives in Omaha to meet the incoming plane with an automobile to rush the girl to Wise Memorial hospital.

Nebraska Bank Yeggs Flee Toward Wichita

Auburn, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Four yeggmen who blew the safe of the Farmers and Merchants bank at Alvo, Neb., last night, and escaped with between $4,000 and $5,000 in Liberty bonds, $1,500 in cash and an unknown amount in savings stamps, were reported speeding south in an automobile, three miles west of Johnson, Nemaha county, early this morning.

Officials at Alvo notified State Sheriff Gus Hyers, Sheriff Davis of Nemaha county and the sheriffs at Falls City and Pawnee, Neb.

The safe blowing took place about 3:30 a. m. Four charges of dynamite were used to blow open the vault.

Druggists Pledge Selves To Aid Dry Enforcement

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 30.—The Naional Association of Wholesale Druggists at its final session here today, pledged itself in a resolution to support the government in its efforts to enforce the prohibition laws. It also pledged itself to aid the government to limit the sale and use of all forms of intoxicating beverages, especially industrial alcohol.

The convention will meet at Colorado Springs next year.

The Weather

Forecast.

Saturday, fair and warmer.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	46	1 p. m.	72
6 a. m.	46	2 p. m.	73
7 a. m.	46	3 p. m.	75
8 a. m.	49	4 p. m.	76
9 a. m.	65	5 p. m.	75
10 a. m.	63	6 p. m.	73
11 a. m.	67	7 p. m.	70
12 noon	71	8 p. m.	67

Highest Friday.

Cheyenne	72	Pueblo	78
Davenport	78	Rapid City	68
Denver	78	Salt Lake	70
Des Moines	73	Santa Fe	70
Dodge City	76	Sheridan	66
Lander	72	Sioux City	78
North Platte	80	Valentine	76

Mine Union Chief Sent To Prison

Alexander Howat Begins Sentence of Six Months Imposed Under Kansas Industrial Court Law.

Flays Governor Allen

By The Associated Press.

Columbus, Kan., Sept. 30.—For the second time in his long and bitter battle against the enforcement of the Kansas industrial court law, Alexander Howat, chieftain of the Kansas union coal miners, went to jail today.

Refusing to give a bond not to call any more strikes pending his appeal to the supreme court, a condition of taking the appeal, Howat surrendered himself to Sheriff William Harvey and was placed in the Cherokee county jail to serve a sentence of six months. He was convicted in June of having called a strike in violation of the criminal provisions of the law. With him went August Dorchy, the Kansas union vice president, convicted of the same offense and under the same sentence. Both men were fined $500.

Flays Governor.

Howat's farewell to the miners who gathered here by the hundreds was spoken in a long speech he made to them at the city park.

Howat not only bitterly condemned the Kansas industrial court and Governor Allen, but he defied the international union of the miners for the action taken at Indianapolis, directing him to put back to work the Dean and Reliance miners.

He assailed the Kansas industrial court and declared that it would have no part in making the wage contract. He said that he would not sit in a room with the court.

"If the court wants a real strike," Howat said, "let it come down and try to get into this contract making."

Law Not Enforced.

Governor Allen, Howat said, "is beginning to realize that he has a bigger job on his hands than he bargained for."

Howat declared that the industrial court law had not been enforced and would not be enforced.

"We say that the industrial court law is one hell of a law," Howat shouted.

Howat had no statement to make before he went to jail except to call attention to the "vote of confidence" he took at the conclusion of his meeting. He asked if the miners intended to stand by him. There was a great chorus of "yes."

Motion Rejected.

Indianapolis, Sept. 30.—By an overwhelming vote, the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, killed a motion to require officers of the union to repay a part of their salaries which were increased in July, last year. President John L. Lewis, in asking rejection of the motion, said its adoption would brand the officers in the public mind as "a band of thieves."

The defeat of the motion was by a vote of 2,866 to 1,540. Only five district delegations, Illinois, Indiana, Washington, Montana and Michigan, cast a majority of their votes for adoption. This division in the vote was similar to that which marked the defeat of Alexander Howat, the Kansas leader, who was directed by the convention to order strikers to return to work.

The roll call vote, following that in the Kansas cases, threw the convention far behind in its work and the administration forces tonight laid plans for a speedup program. Final adjournment is not in sight, but return transportation provided for the delegates was dated as valid railroad fare until October 8. Completion of the roll call on the officers' salary question was the only work done by the convention.

Detective Who Swore to Murder Charge Arrested

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—J. Harry Dunlap, a private detective who swore to a complaint recently charging David Bender, a fugitive convict from the Maryland state prison, with the murder of Father Patrick E. Heslin, Colma (Cal.) Catholic priest, was arrested on a perjury charge in connection with the complaint. He was released on a habeas corpus writ later.

The complaint charges that he made mis-statements in regard to the caliber of the pistol used to kill Father Heslin.

William A. Hightower, itinerant baker, who is also charged with the murder of Father Heslin, is scheduled to go to trial in Redwood City Monday.

Speeding to Ball Game, Texas Man Is Killed

Pawnee City, Neb., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Randall Rust of Mission, Tex., was instantly killed in an auto accident near Seneca, Kan., when the car he was driving turned over. Rust, with his sister, Miss Wilma Rust, and Miss Mary Olstrum, were going to a ball game at Seneca when the tragedy occurred. They were late and traveling at a high rate of speed. The two girls were scratched and bruised, but not seriously hurt. All three were visiting friends at Frankfort, Kan., at the time.

Linseed Oil Declines

Minneapolis, Sept. 30.—Linseed oil in wholesale quantities, dropped 5 cents a gallon at the big linseed oil crushing plants in Minneapolis, making the new price 70 cents a gallon, fully 50 per cent below the price that prevailed a year ago. The steady declining price in flaxseed has brought about the reduction, it was said.