UNIONS OPPOSE GIBBONS' FIGHT

Twin Cities Building Trades Try to Stop It; English Workers to Pass Him Up.

The O'Dowd-Gibbons fight is billed to take place tonight, Friday, at St. Paul. Mike Gibbons is on the unfair list of the Twin City Building Trades Council. It is charged that he built a flat building in St. Paul with non-union labor and thereby cast his lot with the Citizens' Alliance.

Jack Reddy, the promoter of the fight, is an old time union man and was at one time business agent for a St. Paul union. He has attended conventions of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor as a delegate from his local union. Officials of the building trades council have tried to induce Reddy to cancel the bout and have nothing to do with Gibbons. He has refused.

Arrangements have been made to picket the auditorium tonight with banners announcing that Gibbons is unfair to labor. Union officials are endeavoring to induce the state boxing commission to stop the fight.

Frank Fisher, secretary of the Twin City Building Trades Council, announces that hehas received a letter from R. Coppock, of London, England, secretary of the National Building Trades Operatives, who assures Fisher that the workers of England will not permit Gibbons to exploit them when he reaches England in January.

FARMERS CARRY CANADIAN WEST

Progressive Party, Same as Non-Partisan League Here, Sweeps Western Provinces.

The progressive farmers' party, the program of which is similar to that of the Non-Partisan league in the states, swept Manitoba in the recent parliamentary election. It won 12 seats out of 15. The Labor party got one seat and the conservatives two.

J. S. Woodworth, who was sent to jail following the big strike in Winnipeg, was elected on the labor ticket from the Winnipeg center. He had a majorty of 3,500. Winnipeg has two other seats, one of which went to a liberal and the other to an independent liberal who is classed as a conservative. In the North Winnipeg district, R. B. Russell, the Socialist candidate, polled within six votes of the conservatve candidate.

The farmers also carried Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Saskatchewan elected 10 progressive, one conservative and one laborite. British Columbia elected 15 progressives and one liberal. Progressives failed to win a seat in Quebec, Prince Edward Islanc and Nova Scotia. In all these provinces the liberals captured every seat.

TAKES SOLDIER TO STOP WOMEN

Wives of Kansas Miners Pounce Upon Mines and Drive Working Miners Out.

The wives of the Kansas miners this week entered the strike and started out to close every mine in the coal district. They had everything their own way and the sheriff threw up his hands and called upon Governor Allen for the state militia.

Between 1,500 and 2,00 women, wives and daughters of the miners, descended upon Jackson-Walker mine 21 near Girard and drove 350 miners from the shafts. The women used bricks nd stone and red pepper effectively wherever a miner was reluctant about dropping his tools.

Hundreds of strikers, husbands and relatives of the women, watched the attacks, warning the working miners not to "hit or shoot back." The women mobilized before daylight. They were organized in three groups under three leaders. The sheriff was powerless to stop the onslaught on the mines where as a rule miners dropped dinner pails and tools and fled.

The working miners are members of the United Mine Workers' union. The strikers are on what is termed a "rump" strike. They are out because their leaders, one of whom is Alexander Howatt, are in jail for refusing to halt what the state law regards as an illegal strike. Howatt defied the industrial court of Kansas and was given one year in prison.

WANT 48-HOUR WEEK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Employers have asked the strongly organized photo engravers to accept the 48-hour week instead of 44 hours. The employers' letter is not written in an antagonistic spirit, and disavows anti-union purposes.

STEEL AND COAL UNITING IN "INDEPENDENT" TRUST

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Wall street is discussing two large steel and coal combinations that are being formed by the same financial group. The steel combine will consist of several independent concerns that will develop a corporation second to the steel trust.

The coal combination includes 30 coal companies in western Pennsylvinia. It is stated that the purpose of the latter combine is to "reduce overhead expenses." The usual claim is made that his will benefit the public. It is admited that this combine will eventually pass into the hands of the new steel combine.

WHY WAITERS ARE KILLED.

Diner—"Is there soup on the bill of fare?"

Waiter—"There was, sir, but I wiped it off."

OPPOSE INSURANCE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The proposed insurance plan of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is opposed by large corporations Officers of the brotherhood take this opposition as a matter of course. They show that any effort of workers to help themselves is in conflict with paternal and welfare plans that bind the worker to his job and create within him a dependent spirit.