

### CONNORS SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWD

#### Scores Railroad Law and Boosts Sen. La Follette.

James B. Connors of Chicago, assistant to the president of the International Switchmen's union, addressed several hundred railroad men at Superior Monday evening in the interest of the candidacy of Robert M. La Follette for re-election to the United States senate.

Mr. Connors, who is well known to union men at the Head of the Lakes, paid an eloquent tribute to the Wisconsin senior senator and at the same time flayed Senator Lenroot for his position on the tariff.

He scored the Esch-Cummins act and pleaded with his audience to support Senator La Follette for re-nomination.

He referred to the Esch-Cummins act as "unjust" and "inhuman," and said that the people should demand its immediate repeal.

"It is like an invisible hand that reaches into the pocket of the workman and robs him while he is struggling for existence," he asserted.

**Scores Tariff on Wool**

Mr. Connors flayed the McCumber bill which provided for a high tariff on wool. He said that it was proposed by a group of senators who controlled large sheep industries to further their own interests.

"If this measure is enacted, it will cause the price of wool clothing to soar sky-high," he declared.

The speaker scored the 12 1/2 percent wage cut of railroad employees. He said despite the fact that more than \$500,000,000 was poured into the railroad coffers, the general public did not benefit either by a cut in freight or passenger rates.

Commenting upon the railroad strike, Mr. Connors asserted that employees wishing for a conference to adjust difficulties with railroad officials were immediately shunted to the railroad labor board.

"Some people say that the men are striking against the country and government. That is a lie. They are simply out to get the decent living wage that is due them," he declared, "and they will win if they remain loyal."

He lauded the stand of Senator La Follette in having the anti-strike clause eliminated from the Esch-Cummins bill.

"Ninety-four railroads have violated 114 court decisions during the past year," he speaker claimed.

**Urges People to Forget Politics.**

"The country is in the throes of reactionary legislation. People must forget politics in the coming election and vote for men who will assure a constructive program," said Mr. Connors.

Mr. Connors urged that all railroad men register early and vote in the coming election, explaining that they had been dilatory in the past.

Following the speaking, a Railroad Employees' La Follette association was organized and started under way. An election of officers will be held in the near future.

### SUNDAY MASS MEETING OF PROCTOR SHOPMEN

Four hundred shopmen and their wives met at Proctor last Sunday afternoon to listen to speeches from prominent labor men on various phases of the strike situation. Several interesting and instructive speeches were made.

John Jollymore, president of Proctor Trades and Labor assembly; R. A. Hennings, chairman of the shopmen's committee for the northwestern territory; was the principal speaker. He gave a history of events leading up to the strike, explained the attitude of the shopmen with reference to President Harding's proposal for peace and appealed to Proctor men to stand by their guns until victory came to all.

Other speakers were: E. T. Dunne, organizer of the Maintenance of Way Employees; John P. Jensen, chairman Duluth and Superior shop employees; William L. Carss, former congressman and candidate for re-election, endorsed by labor; James Manahan, St. Paul lawyer and former congressman, and W. E. McEwen.

### AT THE ORPHEUM

"THE NIGHTCAP"—Farewell Week Orpheum Vandeville Opens Sunday, Aug. 20.

Next week will be Farewell Week of the Orpheum Players and Max Marcini's comedy, "The Nightcap," has been selected as the au revoir offering. "The Nightcap" has just closed a highly successful engagement in Chicago and the Orpheum Players will be one of the first stock organizations in America to obtain the release of this play, for stock presentation from Mr. Marcini.

Mr. Marcini describes "The Nightcap" as a melodramatic comedy. It is suggestive of "The Bat" and "The Tavern" but contains far more comedy than "The Bat" and is considerably more original than "The Tavern." Mr. Marcini will be recalled as the author of such successes as "Cheating Cheaters," "The House of Glass," "The Eyes of Youth" and "Nothing But the Truth."

"The Nightcap" affords the company splendid parts and gives to Mr. Clement, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Storratt, Mr. Mulrey, Miss Ames, Miss Brent, Mr. Crossen and Mr. Sus excellent opportunities.

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### LAST RITES FOR GREAT MUSICIAN

#### Thousands Attend Funeral Services of Jens Flaaten.

The unfortunate death of Jens Flaaten, Duluth's leading musician, which resulted from an automobile accident near the Lyceum theater midnight Saturday brought sorrow to many people in Duluth, by whom he was highly respected.

The account of the sad accident has been fully covered by the daily papers. The funeral, which was held Wednesday afternoon from the Lyceum theater under the auspices of the B. P. O. E., was attended by thousands of people. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Jens Flaaten was a charter member of the Duluth and Superior Musicians' union. It was largely through his influence that a union was organized here. He was one of its chief mainstays for 25 years. He organized and led the old Third Regiment band into the Spanish-American war and members of Camp John G. McEwen performed the last rites over his grave with a firing squad and the sounding of taps. He numbered his friends by the thousands and he had no enemies.

Charles Lyons, the unfortunate driver of the car which ran down Jens Flaaten, and who has been held on a charge of murder in the third degree, is a member of the Electrical Workers' union, Mr. Clinton, the exalted ruler of the Elks, at the funeral services Wednesday requested in the name of Mr. Flaaten's family and the members of the Elks that the people be merciful to the unfortunate man who is now suffering from his misfortune. It was not intentional. He might have been careless, but he was not malicious.

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### EVELETH SPORTS PLAN BIG MILLS

#### Several Lively Bouts Promised at Rango Round-Up.

Midget Smith, leader of bantam weights is to meet Minnesota's leading contender for the title, Stewart McLean, at the big show to be put on at Eveleth, Aug. 23. Many Duluth and Superior sports are planning to attend.

Midget Smith, called by sport writers the modern Terry McGovern, will attempt to stop McLean's rush for the championship. McLean has made rapid strides during the past year. He has toppled over some top notchers, including Earl McArthur, Earl Puryear and some lesser lights. It remains to be seen if he can bump off Midget Smith, who holds decisions over such men as Joe Lynch, Johnny Buff, Pal Moore, Pete Herman, Jack Sharkey and others.

Promoters are now lining up the preliminary bouts. Jimmy Delaney, the St. Paul middleweight who defeated George Shade, will meet a tough boy from Akron, Ohio. Delaney's opponent's name is Harry Krohn.

Niel Allison, the Duluth welterweight, will meet Johnny Schauer, St. Paul Jimmy Valentine, Duluth bantamweight, will meet Johnny Erle, St. Paul, and former bantamweight champion of the world.

How this card can be staged in a town with a population of less than 10,000 is something to be doped out by others. It is true that the Twin Cities, Duluth, Superior, Virginia, Hibbing and Chisholm give the drawing power from better than a half million people and that is one of the reasons a show of this caliber is being staged in Eveleth.

Organized labor's claim that the employers' hatred of the I. W. W. is camouflaged was endorsed in Portland, Ore. recently, when a group of employers went to the I. W. W. hall and employed more than 50 men. They were put to work on the water front where a strike of longshoremen is on.

### DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS IS ON

#### Building Trades Organization Campaign Is On Way.

The organization campaign conducted by the building trades unions opened Monday. Maxwell Hall of the local Painters' union has been appointed business agent to serve during the big membership drive. The first three days has brought a surprisingly large increase in members.

President E. G. Hall of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor arrived in the city Tuesday to take charge of the organization work. He will address meetings of all the local building trades' unions during his visit here.

A meeting was held at Trade Union hall Thursday evening attended by one representative from each organization at which plans were made for a big mass meeting to be held at a near date. There will be good speakers.

The organization committee has had large circulars distributed throughout the city upon which are printed matter urging all building workers who are not already members to join the union to which they are eligible. A hearty response is expected.

### BIG JIM CONNORS MEETS OLD FRIENDS IN DULUTH

James B. Connors of Chicago, assistant to the president of the International Switchmen's union of North America, was a visitor in Duluth Tuesday and called at The Labor World office where he met a number of old time friends and made new ones, among them President Eiling Munkeby of the Federated Trades assembly, A. G. Catlin, treasurer and Henry Perreault, organizer for the A. F. of L.

Mr. Connors spoke in Superior Monday evening in behalf of Senator Robert M. La Follette. He said that the shopmen are bound to win their strike and gave it as his opinion that the "big five" would have to join or be wiped out of existence, should the shopmen lose.

### NEW YORK CONFERENCE MAY END CLOTHING WAR

After negotiations covering several weeks, a tentative agreement between representatives of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union and the cloak, suit and skirt manufacturers' protective association has been submitted to the membership of both organizations.

The significance of this agreement is the fact that the employers only recently smashed their agreement and attempted to establish piece work. This act resulted in the successful strike of 60,000 garment workers.

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### Y. M. C. A. HOLDS OUTDOOR PARTY

#### Congressman Larson Opens Community Series at Lester.

Congressman O. J. Larson addressed the first of a series of large open air community meetings at Lester park Thursday evening. Motion pictures, "Hats Off," a story of the flag and its place in the history of America, and a clever little comedy were shown. There was community singing, athletic stunts by a "Y" troupe of young boys, instrumental and vocal music. The pictures were thrown on a screen constructed among the trees.

**Four More to Be Held.**

The community meetings are being held under the direction of John Samuel, educational director of the Y. M. C. A. Four more are to be given, two at Lincoln park and two at Memorial park in West Duluth.

Judge Fesler will be the chief speaker at the first Lincoln park meeting to be held Thursday next. He will discuss immigration restriction. The third meeting will be held at Memorial park, Thursday, Aug. 24, and the following two will alternate between the two parks on each succeeding Thursday.

The series is part of the Y. M. C. A. educational and Americanization campaign.

### TOWNE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS

William E. Towne of this city, one of the delegates from Duluth Typographical union, No. 136 to the Sixty-seventh annual convention of the International Typographical union to be held at Atlantic City beginning Sept. 11, has been notified by President John MacFarland of his appointment as chairman of the convention committee on laws.

The appointment is considered to be one of the most important committee assignments of the convention and imposes considerable responsibility upon the chairman. The committee meets at Atlantic City one week prior to the opening of the convention for the purpose of deliberating upon proposed legislation.

### COLORED MEN UNITE.

More than 150 colored men have organized an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers. These workers walked out of railroad shops in Chattanooga, Tenn., when the shop men's strike was called.

**COSSACKS CAUGHT SNIPING.**

Warrants for the arrest of three state cossacks and three coal and iron guards in Washington, Pa., have been issued because of their shooting at coal miners. These thugs are pictured in the subsidized press as holy defenders of law and order.

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"Never in the history of the district attorney's office has there been such a flood of complaints preceded and kept pace with by the unprecedented number of failures in the Wall street district," he said.

**PICNIC AT FOND DU LAC.**

The annual picnic of the Bricklayers' union was held at Fond du Lac last Saturday. Despite the inclement weather a good time was had. The trip up the river was made on the steamer Rotarian.

**CARPENTERS AT FAIRMOUNT.**

The bad weather of Saturday did not prevent members of the Carpenters' union and their families from pulling off their picnic at Fairmount. Sports and dancing enlivened the outing.

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