

Independents Act to Halt Cloak Strike

Association Controlling 50% of Output Offers to Mediate Garment Fight as 15,000 Pickets Are Organized

A third party in the strike of the women's garment makers, the American Cloak and Suit Association, describing itself as the innocent bystander in the disagreement between the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association, announced yesterday that it was willing to act with manufacturers and employees at a meeting of "stabilization."

The American association came to this decision at a meeting attended by nearly all of its 900 members. The association makes about 50 per cent of the New York output of women's garments.

No disorder was reported yesterday, although pickets representing the 55,000 men and women who are striking against the reintroduction of piece work and the lengthening of hours by their employers, began a patrol in front of the factories. With the strict instructions of the union leaders fresh in mind, the pickets are avoiding any contact with employees of the manufacturers.

The settlement committee of the union announced that 700 applications to resume operations had been received from employers, more than a hundred of which had been sent to the general committee in Beethoven Hall for investigation and report.

The meeting of the American Cloak and Suit Association was held in Metropolitan Auditorium, Madison Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street. It began at 1 o'clock and lasted four hours. After the situation had been thoroughly canvassed, resolutions were adopted endorsing the position taken by the executive board Monday evening. This stated that the American Association had no quarrel with either the union or the Protective Association, although the strike had made their union agreements ineffective.

"The American Association is willing to sit around the council table with all of the parties concerned," Charles M. Sussman, spokesman, said, "in order to re-establish satisfactory conditions in the trade."

Impartially Pledged It was also said that the American Association, with a desire to stabilize trade conditions, would call together all the factories directly interested. It was reported that the only desire was to get manufacturing under way again, and that its good offices would be extended impartially.

A preliminary meeting of the manufacturers will be held and that an official announcement of their desires will be forwarded to the union.

The corridor leading to the seven rooms of the union's settlement committee in the Continental were crowded with manufacturers yesterday. With each application a bond of from \$500 to \$1,000 is filed as security that no work will be done for the Protective Association or the union agreement violated.

Among the applicants were manufacturers operating from thirty to a hundred machines. J. Rubin, vice-chairman of the committee, said. It is expected that 3,000 to 4,000 factories will be able to resume next Monday.

Harry Wander, chairman of the picket committee in Arlington Hall, 23 St. Mark's Place, recruited a force of 15,000 for picket duty yesterday. They are relieved every two or three hours. Men from the general committee of the twelve locals make the rounds of the districts into which the cloak and suit center has been divided to prevent trouble.

The pickets report that there are no factories working.

President Schlesinger, of the International, spoke yesterday at Webster Hall and at Manhattan Lyceum. He

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1922 Budget Received By Board of Aldermen

The Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting yesterday received the budget for 1922, as passed by the Board of Estimate. It was referred to the Committee on Finance, of which Alderman Frank A. Cunningham, of Brooklyn, is chairman. The board has twenty days in which to report on the budget and may decrease the amounts of the various appropriations, but may not increase them. The total amount of the budget as passed by the Board of Estimate is \$350,516,524. After passing the Board of Aldermen it goes to the Mayor, who has until December 25 to approve or veto the action of the aldermen.

F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen; Alderman William T. Collins, majority leader, and Alderman Gustave Ferrand, minority leader by request, yesterday introduced a resolution changing the name of the Williamsburg Bridge to Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Thoroughfares.

A resolution introduced by Alderman B. C. Blodock and the other Socialist aldermen protesting against the "unfair and unjust action of the cloak manufacturers" and requesting the Mayor "to accord the workers in the cloak industry all moral support and all necessary protection" was referred to the Committee on Rules after Alderman Charles J. McManus had objected to immediate consideration.

After passing resolutions on the death of Justice Arnon L. Squires, of the Second Judicial Department, a former alderman, the board adjourned.

Lord Middleton Seeks Solution Of Irish Puzzle

Unionist Leader Enters Negotiations in Effort to Reconcile Differences That Block an Agreement

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
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LONDON, Nov. 15.—Lord Middleton, leader of the Southern Unionists, today entered actively into the negotiations for a settlement of the Irish problem. After he and five other leaders of his party had conferred with Premier Lloyd George and leading members of the Cabinet, it was believed that he would undertake the task of bridging the differences between Belfast and Dublin which now obstruct a peaceful settlement.

The Southern Unionists are with the Sinn Fein in opposing a dual Irish parliament, which the Ulsterites demand, but they stand with the Ulsterites on the issue of allegiance to the British crown.

With a deadlock in the negotiations between the government and Ulsterites, owing to the refusal of the latter to confer further until the basis put forward by the government is withdrawn, the great question has been how to pick up the broken thread of the negotiations. It is now believed that Lord Middleton has been chosen for this task.

The Southern Unionist leader, accompanied by Archbishop Bernard, provost of Trinity College, Dublin, and four other supporters, held a half-hour conference this morning in Downing Street with the Premier. British Cabinet members who were present included Lord Birkenhead, Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the House of Commons; Winston Churchill, Minister of Colonies; Sir Hamar Greenwood, Secretary for Ireland, and Sir Gordon Hewart, Attorney General. After the conference, which was arranged at 25 to approve or veto the action of the aldermen.

The Sinn Fein delegates to the peace conference who returned to Ireland during the government negotiations with the Ulsterites, all back in London and are expected to be called in to confer with the government. In the mean time while the government felt bound to return a flat rejection to the latest ultimatum of Ulster it is ready to consider Ulster's practical objections to a united Ireland. The chief objections are the central of Ulster by Dublin and the fact that Ulster, under the Irish dominion, would have no direct link with Britain. It is clear that these objections must be considered by the Sinn Fein and the British government.

The big difficulty now which Lord Middleton and his colleagues are expected to undertake to adjust are, first, to persuade the Sinn Fein to make further concessions to Ulster and to persuade the Ulsterites to discuss practical points instead of standing

Plea for Release of Political Prisoners Paraded at Parley

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Pickets bearing banners urging the release of all political prisoners appeared at 10 o'clock this morning at the second session of the Conference on the Limitation of Armament and paraded up and down in front of the D. A. R. Colonial Hall as the international delegates were assembling.

Three ex-service men and eight women carried signs calling attention to the fact that 145 political prisoners are still incarcerated in Federal penitentiaries for expressing opinions in opposition to the war, although England, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium and Turkey long since granted amnesty to all conscientious objectors.

Two ex-service men bore a large banner declaring "Soldiers who fought in the World War demand the release of political prisoners. There is no democracy without free speech." Another soldier accompanied them bearing an American flag. They are members of the World War Veterans, which is strongly organized, especially in the Middle West.

The Administration contemplates no immediate action in the Debs case, despite the constant pressure for clemency being brought to bear. The President has informed members of his Cabinet that he considers the case of Mr. Debs apart from that of other political prisoners for a number of reasons.

The President feels that Debs has a standing in the United States, a rather curious one, as a result of the incidents of popular government in this country. Members of the Cabinet say also that the President at no time has failed to take cognizance of the fact that Mr. Debs was at one time his opponent for the Presidency. The Department of Justice has practically completed its findings and recommendations in the case of Debs.

Attorney General Daugherty said today that the department's recommendations would be forthcoming as soon as the President asked for them. It is doubtful if the executive, pressed as he is with questions affecting domestic and other vital matters, will find the time in the near future to devote to a review of Debs' case. Nevertheless, it is felt here that Debs' days in a Federal prison are numbered and he probably will be a free man before the new year.

Film Theater Invaded As Drug Vending Place

Three Arrests Made on Bowery; Woman Is Held as Dealer in Narcotics

Detectives arrested three men in a motion picture theater on the Bowery yesterday who are alleged to have used the place as a market for illicit drugs. The prisoners, who are charged with possessing narcotics illegally, said they were Louis Perrotti, of 141 Mulberry Street; Michael Arcouri, of 80 Eldridge Street, and Joseph Guida, of 100 Canal Street.

Guida is an usher in the theater. The detectives charge that he was bribed to help the other two in the sale of drugs. The manager of the theater and other employees knew nothing of the trade, the police said, although Guida hid the daily supply in the projection booth and persuaded the cashier to keep the money taken in until called for.

Twenty bottles of heroin were seized. Fifteen detectives went to the theater, which had been under suspicion for some time, in order that the force should be sufficient to prevent any show of resistance which might have caused a panic in the audience.

Other detectives from the narcotic division arrested Mrs. Lillian Burke, who is alleged to have dealt in morphine and opium at her home on Chrystie Street. Narcotics valued at \$20,000 are said to have been found there, with hypodermic outfits and opium layouts.

Girl Held for Theft of Actress' \$6,000 Furs
Arrested on Tenement Law Violation Charge, Loot Is Found in Her Room
Violet Loring, twenty-two years old, of 242 West Forty-ninth Street, who was taken into custody last night on a charge, preferred by plainclothes man Hankey, of the Third Inspection Division, of violating the Tenement House law, was later looked up in the West Forty-seventh Street station charged with stealing \$6,000 worth of furs and clothing from the apartment of Helen Shipman, an actress at 208 West Fifty-sixth Street.
According to the police, the woman confessed to the theft after the stolen clothing was found in her room. The loot consisted of a mink coat, valued at \$4,000, a fur lined cape valued at \$1,000, and lingerie valued at \$1,000. The woman is said to have told detectives that she entered the apartment house by way of the fire escape. The loot was identified by Miss Shipman.

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