

WHEN LABOR'S MUNICIPALIZED

REPORTS TO CIVIC FEDERATION FIND HUMAN NATURE AIMP.

Prof. Commons would have the Trade Union Adapted Into the Government...

After an investigation extending over nearly two years and embracing many of the principal cities both of the United States and Great Britain...

The commission has investigated the public and private operation of the four leading public utilities, gas, water, electric lighting and power and street railways...

The views expressed by Prof. Commons are in many respects favorable to municipal ownership. He finds, however, that the proper method of dealing with employees is the most difficult and critical problem...

The appointment, promotion and dismissal of employees and the wages to be paid offer peculiar opportunities for political and personal influence inconsistent with efficient civil service reform...

It is to be noted that the Chicago system is a temporary bulwark built around the departments until such time as the chief officer himself can also be protected from political selection...

Our investigations have shown that the strongest safeguard for a manager against the pressure of outside recommendations is the recognition of organized labor within his department...

Any advantage in wages or hours to be figured out for the municipal enterprises investigated in America over the private ones compared with them looks much like stale illustrations of the soft berth to be found in public employment...

Further points to be kept in view: With the companies mentioned many times more hands are employed than with the municipalities, and men have been more certain of retaining their places...

On examining municipalization as exhibited in the labor reports, Mr. Sullivan declares, it is seen to be a project to restrict men in their activities by methods foreign to the American genius...

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tical companies at the time when their contracts were before the Council for renewal.

In general Prof. Commons finds common labor better paid by municipalities in America than by private companies.

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KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDS

THE JUDGE BEFORE WHOM ROCKEFELLER WAS EXAMINED.

He Was Private Secretary to Secretary of State Gresham and Came Near Running the Department When Gresham Was Ill—One of the Four Landis Brothers.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis of the United States District Court at Chicago, before whom John D. Rockefeller was examined yesterday, is only 40 years old. His father was wounded in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, hence his name.

Two years ago Landis is picturesque in appearance and manner. He was private secretary to Secretary of State Walter Q. Gresham from 1893 to 1895. Judge Gresham had commanded the regiment in which Judge Landis's father served, and there had always been a warm friendship between Gresham and the Landis family.

The State Department woke up when Landis came. His manner was new, his style of address original, and his seeming profundity was interesting. With an expansion that left the uninitiated in doubt as to whether the young man was a joker or a person of great depth.

There was much important work done in the State Department while Landis was there. The Cleveland policy to put back Queen Liliuokalani on the Hawaiian throne was undertaken, the Bering Sea arbitration was on, the Venezuelan boundary controversy with England was conceived and the Alliance affair occurred.

Many people have forgotten the Alliance affair, but it was a stirring question at the time. The Alliance, an American passenger vessel, was overhauled by a Spanish gunboat when outside the three mile limit of Cuban jurisdiction and searched on suspicion of being loaded with munitions of war for the Cuban insurgents.

The gunboat fired shots to make the Alliance pull to. When the news got to this country there was a great hubbub, and a strong sentiment was developed in favor of demanding an apology from Spain.

It was said about that time that Landis came near to "running" the State Department. Secretary Gresham was too ill to come to the Department and President Cleveland had gone down the Potomac on a duck hunting expedition.

Mr. Cleveland had failed to leave his address and there was no wireless telegraphy in those days. Meanwhile the country cried out for action in the Alliance case. Edwin H. Uhl of Michigan was acting Secretary of State. He was all at sea as to what to do.

Uhl finally yielded to the popular cry of "is there an American in the State Department?" he wrote a telegram to Hannis Taylor, the United States Minister at Madrid instructing Mr. Taylor to demand an apology of the Spanish Government, and in accordance with custom he signed it: "Uhl-acting."

By the merest accident Private Secretary Landis saw the telegram before it was sent. He took the responsibility of withdrawing it from the Department's telegraph operator and hurried with it over to the State Department.

Mr. Gresham under Landis's advice Mr. Gresham scratched out "Uhl, Acting" and signed his own name. A few days later this telegram got into the newspapers with Mr. Gresham's name attached and the dying Secretary of State was praised from one end of the country to the other.

According to Landis's view the responsibility was Gresham's, and to him belonged the credit when President Roosevelt got the news and learned what had occurred he was furious. He declined to sanction the demand for an apology and redress, and it looked for a while as if he would haul Landis over the coals.

There were news leaks in the State Department in that stirring period. These leaks disturbed Mr. Cleveland. The popular information that Minister Willis at Honolulu had been instructed to put the crown on Liliuokalani's head again got into the newspapers before Mr. Willis received his instructions.

When the newspapers got hold of the Thurston incident Mr. Cleveland decided to do something. He made inquiry and found out that Landis was the frequent visitor at the local press club. This excited his suspicion, and he told Secretary Gresham that Landis would have to go.

Mr. Gresham had to go. Mr. Gresham responded that he would resign. Landis was dismissed Mr. Cleveland would have to find a new Secretary of State. Mr. Cleveland wouldn't have it that way and both Gresham and Landis remained in office.

As a matter of fact Landis was entirely innocent of any connection with the Thurston story leak. Mr. Cleveland became attached to the young private secretary and offered to send him to Venezuela as Minister. But Landis had seen enough of diplomacy to know it was not for him, and he declined. He preferred law and politics.

When Gresham died Landis went back to Chicago to practise law. He formed a partnership with Charles B. Wood, and was appointed to Germany after leaving the State Department, and Frank Jones, who was First Assistant Postmaster-General in Mr. Cleveland's second administration.

As the youngest member of the firm Landis was supposed to go out and get business. After a while Landis withdrew from the partnership. He was asked as to what had happened. "Oh, I just called in Uhl and Jones and discharged them," was his way of putting it. He was along about 30 years old then.

Two of Judge Landis's brothers are Charles B. and Frederick. Charles is a member of Congress from Indiana and Frederick served in the House for four years up to last March. He was defeated in the election of 1906. Another brother, Walter, is the postmaster at San Juan, Porto Rico. The remaining brother, John, a physician, has never held Federal office.

Landis was appointed a United States Judge a man from Washington was introduced to him in the city. "I know your two brothers who are in Congress and your brother who is postmaster at San Juan."

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ICE STORM IN NEWBURY.

Hailstones as Big as Hitteruts Fell, Damaging Fruit, Flowers and Shrubs.

NEWBURY, July 7.—At 2:30 this afternoon this vicinity was visited by the most terrific storm ever seen here. It was not an ordinary hailstorm, but an ice storm, hailstones of solid ice as big as butternuts coming down.

The falling of the ice stones continued for fully five minutes. They covered the lawns and fields like a blanket of snow and were afterward gathered up in large waterpails. To show the extent of the ice fall, it took, with the sun shining on it, half an hour for it to melt and disappear.

The day was hot and sultry. The storm came from the northwest and for ten minutes before the rain and ice stones fell the wind blew a gale and the thunder rolled and lightning flashed so fearfully that timid persons took to the cellars. At its height electric lights had to be turned out.

The ice fall, however, did the greatest damage. As the hailstones fell on tin roofs and struck windows and shutters they caused a rattle of a kettle-drum. They cut off roses and geraniums as if with a knife and such fruits as cherries and strawberries were ruined.

It was said that some of the beautiful flowers of all descriptions and all shrubbery were badly damaged. Mr. W. S. Peattie, of Crawshaw's, Schaeffer's and other florists, looked out some of the panes of glass were broken and the insides deluged with rain.

STABBED TO DEATH.

Mechanic's Widow and Another Woman Arrested—The Stabber Escapes.

Patrick Carpon, a mechanic, of 349 East New York avenue, East New York, was fatally stabbed in the abdomen in the home of Mrs. Thomas Dignan, 98 St. Mark's place, at 11 o'clock yesterday.

Carpon said before he died in the Brownsville police station around the corner that a man he found there, whose first name was Nicholas, but whose last name he did not know, did the stabbing and then escaped. The man had a revolver on him.

Mrs. Carpon and Mrs. Dignan, who were present when the stabbing occurred, were not willing to talk freely about the case and were arrested as suspicious persons.

WHITE HOUSE DOG MISSING.

Notice Sent Out to Look for a Brindle Bull-dog With a Great Dane Head.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The local police department sent notice to-night to look out for a brindle bulldog with a Great Dane head. It was said in the notice that the dog belonged to President Roosevelt.

Richard Anderson of 2121 Virginia avenue asked the police to send out the notice. This was supposed to be the dog sent to the President in May by an admirer in Ohio of the name of Smith after the news had been printed that Peto, the President's bull terrier, had been whipped by another dog, the bulldog (Great Dane) looking like a fighter, but no guarantee came with him.

WILL NOT EXAMINE Mrs. Edly.

PROVIDENCE, July 7.—Dr. G. Alder Blumer, who was appointed yesterday as co-master with Judge Edgar Aldrich and Dr. George P. Jolly of Boston to determine the mental state of Mary Baker Eddy, to-night announced his refusal of the appointment.

Dr. Blumer sent the following telegram to-night: "As I am sailing on July 24 for a three months absence in Europe I regret exceedingly that I cannot accept the appointment with which you have honored me. My duties here are such that I am unable to do so."

That Hotel Porters' Strike is Still On.

The Central Federated Union, to its apparent surprise, was informed yesterday by the delegate of the Hotel Porters' Union that the hotel porters' strike, which was supposed to have been ended long ago, is still on.

Since the strike began this union has been admitted to the C. F. U. The delegate said that the members of the union originally seventy-five are still out, and he asked for credentials to go to the affiliated unions and ask for contributions to keep up the strike, which were granted.

Militia Ready for War Game.

NEWPORT, July 7.—The First and Second regiments of the Rhode Island National Guard, under command of Brig-Gen. Herbert S. Tanner, are camped at Fort Adams and are ready to start a war game with the regular coast artillery in the war games arranged for the present week.

Severe Hailstorm in Pennsylvania.

WILKESBARRE, July 7.—A terrific hail storm passed over northeastern Pennsylvania this afternoon, doing much damage to fruit and crops. A tremendous down-pour of rain followed the hail and flooded parts of this city.

LABOR PARADERS IN AUTOS.

Safety Engineers Want to Go in Style at the Annual Turnout.

The Central Federated Union decided yesterday to have a Labor Day parade as usual this year, and a committee of sixteen members was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Matthew McConville, the delegate of the Safety Association of Engineers, asked the committee to have any objection to the parade being held in automobiles. He was referred to the committee.

OBITUARY

Joseph Stout, 85 years old, one of the oldest members of the New York Stock Exchange and a member until several years ago of the former firm of Haven & Stout, bankers and brokers at Nassau street, died yesterday afternoon at his summer home at Bellport, L. I.

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Exhibition and sale of Novelty Silks—showing the latest weaves and colors worn in Paris at the Grand Prix. On Monday, July the 8th. Sale of 15,000 yards; plain and novelty silk, including Taffetas, Printed Foulards, Liberty Satins, fancy check and stripe Taffetas, etc. 75c per yard.

WASHABLE DRESS GOODS. In Both Stores. On Monday and Tuesday, July the 8th and 9th. Imported Union Linen Suiting. Colors—grey, green, pink, light and medium blue, natural, saddle brown. 36 inches wide. 19c per yard. Printed Tissues—corded stripes and checks, various sizes, with floral designs or dots on white grounds. 12c per yard.

COLORED DRESS GOODS. In Both Stores. On Monday, July the 8th. Sale of Imported Mohairs and Sicilians. Checks or fancy mixtures. 44 to 50 inches wide. 50c per yard.

HOUSEHOLD LINENS. In Both Stores, second floor. On Monday, July the 8th. Sale of Linen Sheets, Pillow Cases, Napkins and Table Cloths. Below usual prices. Hemstitched Linen Sheets. Single bed size. 5.00 per pair. Double " " 6.65 " " Hemstitched Linen Pillow Cases. 1.10, 1.35 and 1.65 per pair. Table Cloths, heavy double damask. 2 x 2 yards. 3.75. 2 x 2 1/2 yards. 4.75. 2 x 3 yards. 5.75. 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 yards. 6.25. Napkins to match. Breakfast and dinner sizes. 4.25 and 6.25 per doz. All linen, hemmed, Huckaback Towels. 1.75, 2.75 and 3.00 per doz.

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DIED.

HUBBARD.—On July 6, 1917, in the 88th year of her age, Caroline E., widow of William Hubbard. Funeral private, on Tuesday, July 9, from her late residence, Stamford, Conn. MERRIN.—Sudden, at Cottage Lake, N. Y., July 5, 1917. Edward Payson Merrin of Orange, N. J. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 176 Harrison st., Monday, July 8, at 8 o'clock. Carriages will be in waiting at Brick Church station on arrival of train leaving 2:35 and 4:15 P. M. ROWLAND.—At Larchmont, N. Y., on Sunday, July 7, 1917, George, youngest son of Thomas Fletcher and the late Mary Eliza Rowland, in the 42d year of his age. Notice of funeral hereafter. SANFORD.—On Sunday, July 7, Lizzie P. Sanford, beloved mother of Elizabeth Sanford Little and Mathele Waters Nunn. Funeral services at her late residence, 127 West 60th st., on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Interment private. STOUT.—On July 7, Jacob Stout, aged 86 years at Bellport, L. I. Funeral services private. Interment Woodlawn cemetery, at 1:30 P. M. THURBER.—On July 6, Francis Beattie Thurber, in the 85th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 46 West 25th st., on Monday, July 8, at 4 o'clock. Interment at Delhi, N. Y.