

FEDERAL DEP'T MAY PROBE INTO BOSSES' SCHEME

The contractors and manufacturers who banded together in a starvation war against the carpenters are going to be investigated by the federal dep't of justice. Dis't Att'y Chas. F. Clyne has already gotten busy. His men are out asking some very pertinent questions.

It looks to the department of justice as if there may be a conspiracy in restraint of trade, a federal, also a state, offense.

It is only a short while since 100 labor leaders and electricians were indicted for restraining trade. Clyne has indicated that he does not intend to make fish of one and fowl of the other between the union men and the employers.

The lumbermen have kicked over the traces arranged by the starvation schemers. Some of them openly declare they will sell to whom and when they please.

Carpenters say they are not worried. They believe the independent contractors who are employing 13,000 of their 16,000 members are going to be able to get all the material they want. Today another big contractor signed their agreement. He is going to start work at once on a \$250,000 North Side apartment.

The strike assessment will be removed Thursday. With so many carpenters working there is no need for it.

TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH BREITUNG BOAT SHORTLY

Paris, June 29.—Decision of French prize court in case of American cotton steamer Dacia probably will be announced within few days.

The Dacia, formerly a Hamburg-American steamer, was purchased by Edward N. Breitung, Michigan millionaire, and sailed for Bremen with a cargo of cotton. She was seized by a French cruiser Feb. 28 and taken into Brest.

POLICE PUZZLED OVER CASE CONCERNING GRACE MORTON

Milwaukee, Wis., June 29.—Police today are seeking to determine whether finding of Grace Morton bound in burning flat was attempted murder or another bid for publicity by the woman. Miss Morton was the central figure in a white slave case here involving several prominent men. Then she was the principal witness in a perjury case based on the white slave proceedings. A few days later she called up the newspapers and told of having driven an automobile into a ditch, seriously injuring herself and four well-known Milwaukee citizens. Attempts to see Miss Morton at the time were frustrated by a doctor and a nurse.

A patrolman was walking past the Miller apartments where Miss Morton has rooms last night when one of the windows in her suite crashed to the sidewalk. Smoke was pouring out and the policeman turned in an alarm. Firemen entering her apartments, stumbled over Miss Morton's unconscious form bound hand and foot. She was partly revived at Emergency hospital, where physicians maintain she also had been drugged. The girl has refused to tell the police anything.

HAVE TO BE BAD TO GET HELP FROM CHARITY SOCIETY?

Just because she's only broke and not bad—yet, Clara Nicolai, 18 years old, who just came from Milwaukee, can't get aid or a job. All charitable societies have refused her aid, according to Policewoman Marie Crot who has been caring for her.

"It seems that you must wait until a girl becomes bad before you can get aid for her from these organizations," declared Policewoman Crot. "I was surprised to find that every one of them turned me down when I asked aid for her because she had not yet fallen and needed no reforming."