

## ENGLISH LABOR LEADER MANN TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT

Chicago admirers of Tom Mann, the famous English labor leader, will have a chance to hear him speak tonight.

Under the auspices of the Organized Labor League, he will address a meeting at the North Side Turner Hall, 824 N. Clark street.

Mann's life has been an eventful one. He is a member of the English Amalgamated Society of Engineers (Machinists) and played a prominent part in the London dock strike in 1889. This was the time when the "Dockers' tanner" was obtained, and the organization of the longshoremen first took place.

He was also a member of the Royal Commission, appointed by the English government to inquire into the causes of labor disputes and their remedy.

He was the first president of the International Transport Workers' Federation, the headquarters of which is now in Germany.

But Mann had a great struggle in obtaining a foothold in Germany. Before it was finally achieved he was arrested and expelled in 1895. He had the same experience the next year.

He later made an organizing tour through the Scandinavian countries, followed by eight years in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

While in Australia he was imprisoned for five weeks on a charge of obstructing the street. He was connected with an extensive strike in New South Wales, when the silver miners resisted a cut in wages. He was tried for sedition and conspiracy, and, after a long and bitter trial was acquitted.

On his return to England in 1910 he at once went to work on an organized campaign to bring about industrial solidarity. This led to the great transport workers' strike of 1911, when transportation was para-

lyzed by a strike of 759,000 men. Mann was the most important figure in this strike.

In 1912 the big strike of coal miners was on in Great Britain. Mann on the strength of his experience urged the soldiers not to shoot if they were called out. For this fifth advice he was sentenced to six months in prison, but was released after serving two months. Last week he made a similar speech in the strike-bound district of Calumet, Mich.

He is now touring America.

## MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE ON BURNING YACHT

Unidentified man was nearly burned to death when a \$15,000 gasoline cruiser exploded and was destroyed in the north branch of the river at Rockwell street.

The launch was owned by James D. Lacey, 1254 Lincoln parkway, a wealthy land dealer. Recently he hired a man, whose name he does not know, to attend it while it lay in dock at Rockwell street.

This morning he was seen to board the launch. An explosion occurred. The man rushed to the deck, his clothing aflame, and leaped into the river. He later swam to shore and was carried away by a man passing in an automobile. The police have been unable to learn where he was taken.

## JUDGE SAYS HE QUIT TO AVOID NOTORIETY

Pontiac, Ill., Sept. 11.—Judge Russell, who resigned as superintendent of reformatory while charges of cruelty to inmates and mismanagement were pending against the institution, declared today that he quit to save the reformatory from objectionable notoriety based on "trumped-up" charges. He charges that political pressure was brought to bear upon the board of managers to force his removal and denies that inmates have been mistreated.