

ner appears in the stellar role, Hajj. The scene of the play is in Bagdad.

Hajj's daughter, Marsineh, is the center of the love interest, which is orientally violent, of course. The part is well played by Rita Jolivet, an English actress.

RAILROAD DEPARTMENT OF A. F. OF L. MEETS HERE

The railroad department of the American Federation of Labor is in session at the Kaiserhof Hotel.

President J. W. Kline of the Blacksmiths' International, one of the members of the department, said that the meetings would be behind closed doors, and the result of the deliberations would not be made public. He said this was done in order to prevent the Railroad managers from obtaining information as to what the unions intended to do.

Nevertheless, there is a strong impression in labor circles that the body will take up the proposition of a general western strike, which has been agitated for some time, and will definitely decide whether a walkout in sympathy with the strikers on the Illinois Central and Harriman lines will be ordered. It is also practically certain that the strike of certain crafts on the Northwestern will be considered at the conference.

The situation on the Harriman lines and the Illinois Central will also come up for discussion. It was rumored that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers had sent an ultimatum to the

roads that if the shopmen's strike was not settled by Feb. 1, the engineers would also walk out.

Labor leaders denied knowledge of this, but said that if the engineers did quit, it would be more in the nature of a measure of self-protection than a sympathetic walkout. They declared that since the shopmen's strike began the condition of the rolling stock of the roads has become so run down that the engines are unsafe.

The "dynamiting conspiracy" which the sleuths of Thebes, Ill., thought they had uncovered in the finding of 24 sticks of dynamite under a bridge there used by the I. C. has turned out to be an attempted Christmas celebration.

BENDING TO IT



"We bend the knee and not the elbow," shouted an orator at a temperance meeting.

"That's so," said an unreclaimed sinner at the back of the hall; "it's the only way you can get your mouth to the bung hole."