

Suit Against Plumbers' Union

Have Labor Unions the Right to Boycott?—Such a Question to be Tested in the Courts—Robert B. Harper Alleges That By Reason of Union's Attitude He Has Been Deprived of Means of Obtaining a Livelihood.

The right of any labor union to boycott one of its members because of the refusal of such member to pay an alleged fine assessed against him by the union, will be tested in the course of this state. An action was filed in the district court today, by Attys. C. F. and F. C. Loeffelboer, entitled Robert B. Harper vs Charles Sumbeck, E. Anderson, George Cummins, Henry Brookholdt, Parley Burt, S. A. Stanford, Andrew Vissing and local union No. 19 of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers of the United States and Canada, which involves the point stated above.

PLAINTIFF'S ALLEGATIONS.

Plaintiff alleges that he has resided in this city for the past three years; that he is a steam fitter by trade and depends upon the prosecution of said trade for his livelihood, with which to support himself and family and has no other means of livelihood. Said defendant union is composed of a large majority of the plumbers, steam fitters, steamfitters' helpers and gas fitters in this city and is known as the I. O. O. F. is a member of an association which has unions in more than 200 cities in the United States and Canada; and that all the said unions work together to reach each other in the enforcement of their rules and demands, and that the said defendant union has the purpose and intent of making it impossible for any Journeymen plumber, gas fitter or steam fitter to secure employ-

KAISER TO ROOSEVELT.
Sends Him a Work on "Reform of
Higher School System in Prussia."

Washington, Jan. 16.—President Roosevelt received today from Emperor William, through Count Quadt, charge of the German embassy, an edition de luxe of a work entitled "The Reform of the Higher School System in Prussia."

The frontispiece of the work, which is

Thames Frozen Over. London, Jan. 16.—For the first time in many years the Thames has frozen over. At Marlow the ice is nearly an inch thick. Drift ice has formed in solid banks at several points. The weather at Richmond. Intensely cold weather prevails, which has largely increased the number of the unemployed, as much out-

Lyinn Mass., Jan. 16.—Shoe cutters to the number of 200 employed in nine factories here went on a strike today. Upwards of 3,000 hands are indirectly affected, and the places of those who have stopped work are filled promptly, a complete shutdown of the industry is threatened. The strike, which was called by the Knights of Labor, followed the presentation of a new price list by the cutters' union of that organization. It is averred that the action involves the leather and boot and shoe workers' union. This contract, it is said, the Knights of Labor cutters also accepted and the latter is in a position to exercise authority between the Knights of Labor and the boot and shoe workers' union.

Gas Explosion at Joliet.—Joliet, Ill., Jan. 16.—An explosion of gas in Joliet's business center today caused much excitement. A leak in the main water pipe, which occurred when the explosion occurred, wrecking Zeigert's barber shop and injuring two men.

Scores of people had narrow escapes. A three-story business block near by is badly damaged.

Coal Now on Free List.—Washington, Jan. 16.—The treasury department today received an official word from the customs department that today placing coal on the free list. Upon its receipt the department telegraphed to the customs inspectors and collectors of customs throughout the country directing them to put the act into immediate effect. The telegram read as follows:

NEW FREIGHT RATES.

They Are Declared to be Nothing But Restorations.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Pennsylvania railroad, the Pennsylvania company, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and the Lehigh Valley have submitted to the interstate commerce commission reports that the increases in freight rates on grain, grain products, dressed meats, packing house products and a few other commodities

Admit all coal imported on and after 15th instant. Give duty under the act of 15th instant. Copy by mail."

No News From St. Louis.

New York, Jan. 15.—Up to 9 o'clock this morning no news of the overdue American liner St. Louis had been received.

Vice-President Wright, of the American line, later said:

"We have nothing to add to the statement given out last night except that up to the present time the ship has not been sighted, nor has it been heard from without word of the St. Louis."

merely restorations to a usual or reasonable basis, and are justified by the fact that the Pennsylvania railroad admits that during the six months ended Jan. 1, 1932, it participated in the payment of rebates on shipments originating in the West to Pittsburgh to the extent of approximately \$110,000. From then until June 20 last, the Pennsylvania says it paid no rebates. While the cost of material is an important factor in justifying its restoration at rates affected by the increase the Pennsylvania points to the cost of operation due to the difficulty of moving an abnormally large traffic.

The Pennsylvania company says that allowances or rebates approximating \$100,000 per month were granted from July 1, 1931, to Jan. 1, 1932, but none have since then been granted. Since May 1 last the average rate of wages has in-

PREMIUM ON INSURANCE

London, Jan. 16.—The premium for reinsurance on the ship *Albatross* at Lloyd's is 20 guineas. No great anxiety, however, is felt for her safety; though astonishment is expressed at the fact the ship has not been sighted by passing vessels.

Unknown Steamer Ashore

Washington, Jan. 16.—Supt. Kimball of the life-saving station at Palsapa, N. C., received a dispatch from the marine reporter at Currituck Inlet, N. C., "Unknown steamship ashore at Palsapa Shoal near Cape Hatteras. Particulars later."

A telegram from Keeper O'Neill of the life-saving station at Palsapa, Va., states the steamer, which went ashore at 6:35 this morning and was floated by

frased and the revenue cutter Onondaga at 10.10 unjured.

A DELICATE OPERATION.

Mrs. John A. Lenzl of Park City Has Her Shoulder Blade Removed.

A rare operation in the removal of a shoulder blade was performed yesterday afternoon at St. Mark's hospital, upon Mrs. John A. Lenzl of Park City, by Dr. Pinkerton. The shoulder blade, becoming conscious and the attending physicians express the belief that he

will recover. The patient, after a thorough examination of his injuries has not as yet been made.

Portland, Ore.—Saloon Keeper Killed.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16.—Henry Meyer was shot through the heart and killed early this morning in his saloon, at Twenty-fourth and Thurman streets. Two men giving the names of T. A. Edwards and E. H. Price were arrested.

Originally by a British and American team, to be removed to avoid fatal results. The operation required over three hours of delicate, cautious work, to properly sever the bone from adjoining blood vessels and groups of muscles. The salt solutions were kept at hand for immediate use at the first indication of heart failure. But the patient passed through the ordeal in good shape and the chances are she will recover.