

ordered me to fire and when I refused to do so he discharged me and refused to pay me on arrival at Buffalo. He had no right to do so, as I signed articles for the round trip, not as fireman, but as water-tender. I felt rather blue, you can imagine, being in a strange city and without a cent or a friend, as I thought, but I did not lose any time fretting over my trouble. I found a United States marshal as soon as possible and he served papers on the officers of the boat and tried to tie it up until they should do me justice, but through a little trickery they got her away. The superintendent appeared, however, before the United States commissioner to show cause why I was discharged, but as there was no one from the boat to give testimony the case was postponed until next Tuesday when the boat will be here again. The marshal and attorney who have the case see that I am all right and I think that they will do all that they can to get all that I am entitled to, i. e. pay for round trip also for my delay here, and transportation back to Duluth.

After doing business with the marshal my next move was to find some one to feed me and give me a place to sleep; so I began to look for A. R. U. men and who do you suppose I found; Brother Roy Goodwin of the national A. R. U. and about 400 followers, and they are helping me out. Isn't that good luck? Roy wants me to go to Elmira, N. Y., and organize there, and as I shall be here in this locality for a week, I think I will go.

You may publish this letter if you like and when I return to Duluth I will give you information about Jim Hill's line that will make interesting reading for the subscribers of the Labor World. With regards and best wishes I am

Yours fraternally,  
ELLIS B. HARRIS.

#### Duluth Trades Assembly.

HUNTER'S HALL, }  
July 24, '96. }

Meeting called to order by President Robert Haire. All the newly elected officers were present.

The following credentials were presented and delegates obligated: L. T. Rutter, Gus Kohagen and John H. Johnson, pressmen; Thomas Lyons, typographical; Walter Johnson, woodworkers; Tim Sheehan, journeymen plumbers; M. Sullivan, Louis Bye and J. H. Schmitz, freight handlers; James Owens, Al. Starbørd, electrical workers; T. Minder, butchers.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the credentials of Thomas Forrestall reported favorably and Mr. Forrestall was duly obligsted.

#### REPORTS OF UNIONS.

Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, absent; bakers, absent; barbers, all right, boycott on Sullivan doing excellent work;

boiler workers, absent; bricklayers, absent; coopers, dull, Imperial boycott doing good work; carpenters, good, membership increasing rapidly; cigarmakers, business fair, pushing label with good success; city firemen, absent; cooks, absent; draymen, quiet; electrical workers, dull; journeymen horseshoers, absent; longshoremen, absent; lathers, absent; laundry workers, business good, are going to admit girls to the union; musicians, prospects bright; printers, all right; painters, absent; plasterers, quite fair; plumbers, fair; pressmen, absent; Scandinavian typographical, absent; stonecutters, trade good; saw mill men, all working, union growing fast; street car employes, all right; steamfitters, absent; Superior assembly delegates, absent; tailors, all right, working boycott on Brenton & Bleck; tanners, fair; theatrical, union in good shape, boycott still on Lyceum; waiters, all right, four restaurants have not signed scale yet; woodworkers, fair, freight handlers, just organized in good shape.

The floor was given Mr. Frank J. Weber, general organizer American Federation of Labor. Mr. Weber made an excellent talk along the line of trades unions and showed wherein the organization had accomplished great good and were on the right road for still better results. The emancipation of the wage workers was not far distant and the reign of the brotherhood of man would soon be ushered in. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Weber for his encouraging and instructive talk.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The organization committee reported that the freight handlers were organized, also the grain trimmers, and the prospects were good for organizing the coal handlers.

The grievance committee reported that the lathers' trouble had been settled satisfactorily.

The committee to assist the barbers reported good success with the boycott on Sullivan's shops.

The committee appointed to see city band about being represented in the assembly reported that the musicians were willing to become affiliated.

A communication from the waiters' union stated that Boyle Bros., Carlson's, the Waverley and Home restaurants had refused to sign their scale. They asked all union men to see that union card was displayed in restaurants before patronizing.

The Labor Day committee report-

ed good progress. They asked the sentiment of the assembly in regard to place for holding picnic. After some discussion it was voted to leave the matter in the hands of the committee.

The following were appointed to act as a credentials committee: Messrs. Meagher, McDonald and Timlin.

A communication was received from the International Barbers' Union explaining the Duluth barbers' trouble in a very clear manner, and asking the co-operation of the assembly and all union men and their friends. The assembly again pledged their unanimous support.

There was considerable discussion over a motion that a committee be appointed to invite the city band to send delegates to the assembly. The talk became very warm. National Organizer Weber was called upon to give his opinion about the trouble that existed between the Musicians' League and the American Federation of Labor. The motion was defeated.

On motion of Delegate Cobb the secretary was instructed to notify the chamber of commerce of the withdrawal by the assembly of its membership.

The following bills were ordered paid: J. M. Murray, \$15.54; R. H. Haire, salary, \$2.00.

The assembly then went into executive session.

#### Hope They Will.

The Railway Age says:

"If there is any railway man who has even the remotest idea of joining the ranks of the silverites, let him clearly understand this fact, viz: That no matter what railway he works for, that company will probably in six months after the free coinage of silver, and certainly in a year or two, be unable to meet its interest payments and will go into bankruptcy."

Let 'em go into bankruptcy; the sooner the better, then the people can reclaim their own and run them in the interest of all and not for the benefit of a few. Vote for free silver.

#### Hammond for Governor.

The socialist labor party has nominated William B. Hammond for governor of Minnesota. Mr. Hammond is the able and faithful secretary of the State Federation of Labor. He is an old and active member of Typographical union No. 42, and is known and respected by union men all over the state. All who are willing to help in any way in his campaign are requested to send their names to the general secretary of the state committee,

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