

WESTERN MINERS TALK OF NEW FEDERATION

"Concerted Political Action of the Laboring Class" Is the Watchword.

Western Federation of Miners Dissatisfied With I. W. W. Propose New Scheme.

DENVER, Colo., June 27.—The annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners now in session in this city is grinding out its business with remarkable dispatch. At yesterday's session committee reports were adopted recommending two important constitutional amendments. If these are finally adopted it will mean that hereafter no strikes will be called until the question has been put to a referendum vote. And that a member may be sent to a convention as a delegate one year after he joins the federation instead of two, as at present. He must be a bona fide wage worker employed in the mining business.

Illinois is to be added to the territory under the jurisdiction of the Western Federation of Miners. This will give twenty-one states, besides the territory north of the United States boundary.

To Prohibit Contracts. The convention has by the decisive voice of 345 to 25 voted to adopt the resolution which directs an amendment to the constitution declaring null and void and prohibiting in the future all signed contracts or verbal agreements which may have been entered into between any local union or unions of the Federation for any specified length of time.

Many of the local unions demand the privilege of "home rule" in so far as the matter of contracts is concerned. Among these are those in the Butte district, which is the stronghold of the Federation. They may possibly rebel and refuse to rescind the five-year contracts they signed with the mine operators this last spring.

A committee report in favor of the adoption of a new preamble to the constitution, as proposed by Delegate Percy Rawling of Goldfield, was productive of an extended argument. The first section of the proposed new preamble is under discussion. It reads: "We hold that there is a class struggle in society, and that this struggle is caused by economic conditions."

Radical Speeches Loud. Delegate Rawling, a leader of the radicals, supported the new preamble in revolutionary language. He declared, among other things:

"There can be no friendly relations between employer and employed because there can be no friendship between the thief and the man he robs. The time has come to discard the present preamble, with other superstitious beliefs."

"We are enemies to all employers and we are rebels to the present form of the United States government in so far as its economical construction is concerned."

The preamble as presented reads like the platform of the Socialist party, and is being supported by that element in the convention as an opening wedge for political control by the Socialists.

"You may adopt it and the majority of the organization may declare for it on a referendum vote," said Delegate McMullen of Butte, "but if you do you will disrupt the Western Federation of Miners as an organization."

To Invest in Mines. It was stated by individual delegates to the Western Federation of Miners' convention yesterday afternoon that the organization will in all probability invest a part of its surplus funds in mining property in Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Montana. The question has not yet come up for discussion on the floor of the convention, but it is promised that it will be brought up in the form of a resolution this week.

Should the measure be adopted prospectors will be delegated to go into the mining regions of the state named and locate what are considered promising claims. These are to be filed in the name of the Federation.

A radical departure is to be made by the Federation in the method of calling strikes. The convention has practically decided upon a new constitutional amendment calling for a referendum vote by any local union before a strike is called, two-thirds of those voting to answer in the affirmative.

Under the present system a strike may be ordered by any union when three-fourths of its resident members vote in favor of it and their action is ratified by the executive board.

FOUR PERSONS MEET DEATH BY DROWNING

BUTTE, Mont., June 26.—Advices from throughout the state tell of considerable loss of life as the result of high water and swollen streams. Word from Great Falls tells of the drowning near Astoria of Mrs. J. C. Furman, her two sons and Laura Williams, 10 years old, in Simms creek. Only one body, that of Mrs. Furman, has been recovered.

SCRAPPY REPUBLICS PREPARING FOR WAR

MEXICO CITY, June 26.—Minister Delgado, representing the republic of San Salvador in Mexico, received a cablegram tonight from President Figueroa of that country, saying that the republic of Nicaragua was fitting out a fleet of three gunboats on the Pacific side and that an attack was expected at any time. The message added that Salvador was fortifying its ports in anticipation of the attack.

SAINTLY CITY BOOST FOR DULUTH UNIONIST

Frank Fisher makes a Hit in Settling Electrical Workers' Matters.

Tribute Paid to Duluth Man by Minnesota Union Advocate of St. Paul.

The Labor World is always pleased when a Duluth unionist receives recognition away from home. We are often too prone to recognize the true worth of a man at home. In Duluth we have a hundred good men who would make good in any position within the gift of organized labor.

Our esteemed friend and co-worker Frank Fisher of the Electrical Workers' Union was in the Twin Cities last week on business in the interest of the electrical workers district council, and he received the following tribute from the Minnesota Union Advocate, the official organ of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor:

Mr. Frank Fisher, of Duluth, one of the prominent delegates to the St. Cloud convention last week and who has long been known as one of the active and efficient workers in the cause of union labor, enlivened and cheered his friends in the Twin Cities by his genial presence several days last and this week. Mr. Fisher is president of District Council No. 7, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and organizer of this craft for the second district, which includes Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas. His good work in behalf of the particular branch of organized labor which he represents is always effective, wise and most helpful, as he is prudent and judicious and never acts in haste. Furthermore, his interest in the general cause enlists his activity and his capacity in behalf of any department of it where he can be of service. His visit to St. Paul and Minneapolis was in connection with a demand on the part of the electrical workers of the two cities for an increase of wages, and he gave them good counsel and valuable assistance. Their demand has largely been conceded by the contractors, and there can be little doubt, if any, that they will be conceded in full at an early date.

Mr. Fisher is one of those genial social sunbeams who both warm and brighten everything they touch, and his visit here was thoroughly enjoyed. His work in the St. Cloud convention was energetic and judicious, and what he much to his credit, always on the right side.

"ORCHARD'S STORY IS FALSE," SAYS HIS WIFE

Mrs. Orchard No. 2 Would Be Valuable Witness For Defense.

Says Orchard Was Home Morning After Vindicator Shaft Was Destroyed.

DENVER, Colo., June 27.—If Mrs. Ida Toney Orchard, wife No. 2 of Harry Orchard, the self-confessed multi-murderer and star witness against W. D. Haywood, who is on trial at Boise City for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, could be induced to become a witness for the defense and repeat the same story she told a special representative of The Denver Post during an hour's heart-to-heart talk, Haywood would probably be ordered discharged by Judge Wood without allowing the defense to put in testimony.

Orchard, in the terrible story of crime and murder he told on the stand under direct and cross-examination, repeatedly declared he was one of the principals in the blowing up of the Independence depot, in which 13 non-union miners were hurled into eternity, and also that he participated in the blowing up of the Vindicator shaft, in which a shift boss and a miner were killed.

In his story about the Independence explosion Orchard stated that he, John Neville and the latter's young son, Charles Neville, were already en route to Wyoming with a team and wagon and that on the night the depot was blown up the party was camping some eight or twelve miles from Independence. Orchard testified that after the depot was blown up he rode back to the wagon and then he and the Nevilles started on their trip to Wyoming.

Mrs. Orchard, in her hour's talk to a Post representative, said that she read the account of the blowing up of the Independence depot to her husband in a Cripple Creek paper the next morning and that he commented on the "horrible crime." If Orchard was on his way overland to Wyoming the morning following the blow-up, his wife could not have read the account to him.

Mrs. Orchard declared she was not mistaken in her dates. In regard to the Vindicator explosion, Mrs. Orchard declared with some show of resentment that "Harry did not do that. Harry told me that job was done by a man by the name of _____ a former engineer at the mine, who turned the trick because he had been discharged."

Whether or not Mrs. Orchard ever made statements similar to these is not known, but if she has and the fact is known to the Western Federation of Miners it would explain why Haywood's lawyers have been so anxious to have her go to Boise City and testify.

ATTORNEY CLARENCE S. DARROW BOLDLY DECLARES MINE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION PLANNED CONSPIRACY

Lays at Their Feet Stool Responsibility For Violence and Disorder During Industrial War in Colorado.

Holds That They Planned the Arrest of Haywood To Get Him and His Associates Out of the Way in West.

Says Orchard Is Nothing But a Cheap Soldier of Fortune Who Was Ever at the Beck and Call of Operators.

BOISE, Idaho, June 27.—The fourth day for the defense in the Haywood murder trial closed today with the fact firmly established that Harry Orchard was the paid agent of the Mine Owners' association to murder and destroy the people who were in the way of the operators, and the deeds were laid at the door of the Western Federation of Miners. It was also conclusively proven that Orchard had repeatedly threatened to kill former Governor Steunenberg for driving him out of Idaho; that Orchard attempted to wreck railroad trains at the behest of detectives, and that the blowing up of the Independence depot was the work of the mine owners.

Attorney Darrow's opening speech for the defense was the crowning event of the trial. A great crowd gathered at the little court house to hear the great apostle of justice in a brilliant and witty speech combat the evidence produced by the state. The formalities of opening the session at an end, Mr. Darrow at once took up his place directly in front of the 12 solemn-visaged men in the jury box and began, in the slow, mellow drawl characteristic of him, to state the theory and plan of the defense to be offered for his client.

Mr. Darrow reminded the jurors of the instructions given them by the court that they are to keep their minds entirely open as to the guilt or innocence of the accused man until all the evidence from both sides has been introduced.

State Covered Wide Ground.

"You have listened to the theory and the evidence of the state," Mr. Darrow proceeded. "Mr. Hawley has covered a wide ground in his opening for the state and we will have to meet him step by step. The defendant here is charged nominally with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg. There had to be some nominal charge. But the state has told you the case rests upon a giant conspiracy of which the defendant, among others, is a part."

"The state's attorney has told you the murder of Governor Steunenberg was but an incident. They have told you the Western Federation of Miners was an organization to commit murder, to control politics, to hire lawyers and other criminal things."

"Part of this is true; part of it is not true. It is true there is a labor organization known as the Western Federation of Miners. It is true the Western Federation of Miners has spent money for lawyers. It was unfortunate, but most people have to employ lawyers at some time or another."

"This organization was really born in 1892-1893, right down in a cell be-

neath this court room, where Ed Boyce, the first president, was a prisoner, and where now the three men, charged with this murder, are awaiting the judgment of this jury. To start out with, they hired lawyers and they hired the best they could."

"They hired Mr. Hawley, now the leading counsel for the state. Mr. Hawley laid out the plan of their organization for them; he advised them; he was the godfather of the Western Federation of Miners and the men who formed the organization thought that it was an innocent undertaking. Mr. Hawley was their first attorney and he continued as their attorney for a long time. There was anything criminal in their appropriating money for a lawyer the miners did not know it."

TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE SHOWS ORCHARD TO BE LIAR.

Clarence S. Darrow, leading attorney for the defense in the Haywood murder trial in Idaho, in a brilliant and witty speech, opens the case for the defense and promises to introduce evidence which will completely discredit the testimony given by Harry Orchard.

The examination of several witnesses for the defense has shown thus far that the defense is the victim of the greatest conspiracy of the age on the part of the Mine Owners' Association of the West to destroy the influence of organized labor in the richest mining belt in the world.

Orchard had been making threats against the life of former Governor Steunenberg for years, and witnesses have testified that they heard him make them. Moyer was unwittingly the victim of Orchard's confidence, and through him was cast into the Bull Pen, while the actual murderer was permitted to go un molested.

Arch criminal was employed by a Pinkerton as a detective to work in the Miner's Union.

Not A Murderous Union.

"The Western Federation of Miners is an industrial, not a murderous organization. It has from time to time taken a hand in politics, but we are not going to hang every organization which has done such a thing. If we did, no corporation would be safe. The Western Federation of Miners did all it could to pass the eight-hour law in Colorado, Utah and Montana. It tried to elect friendly United States senators. It tried to elect Mr. Hawley, but unfortunately failed."

Mr. Darrow went on to say that there was no claim that the Western Federation of Miners was an organization of angels.

"Angels do not work in the mines," declared the attorney. "They are the mine owners."

Mr. Darrow went on at length to outline the organization of the Western Federation of Miners. He declared it was nothing but a beneficial association, trying to uplift its class. It was not until ten years after the organization of the union that either Haywood or Moyer took office in it.

"We are not here to apologize for anything the Western Federation of Miners has done," declared Mr. Darrow. "It has been a fighting organization from the first, and if it dies, it will die a fighting organization. It has had a troubled career; it has been opposed by every device of the mine

owners, but it has prospered. Before the Western Federation of Miners came into existence the miners had to work from 12 to 14 hours a day. When they wanted food they had to buy it at the company stores. When they were injured they were taken to the county hospitals, where there was little difficulty in getting a statement clearing the company from all damage."

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"Arrests have come thick and fast," the attorney continued. "Some of the charges were purely imaginary and in 99 cases out of 100 the men have not even been given the grace of a trial. As soon as the Western Federation of Miners was born the mine owners went about to destroy it, and as the chief means of destruction they hired the Pinkerton detective agency, with one McParland at its head."

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ATTORNEY ABLY FLAYS THE STATE'S WITNESS AND SUCCESSFULLY DISCREDITS HIS STARTLING TESTIMONY FOR PROSECUTION.

Haywood Had Nothing To Do With Miner's Organization During Coeur d'Alenes Troubles. Moyer Was Obscure Then.

Claims That State Has Totally Failed to Fasten Upon Prisoner the Murder of Former Governor Steunenberg.

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UNION PRINTERS MEET WITH LABEL SUCCESS

Barnum & Bailey's Circus Agrees to Use Union Label on All Printing.

Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show Has Cancelled all Non-Union Orders.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 27.—Score another victory for the printers' label. Louis E. Cook, general agent of the Barnum & Bailey circus, has sent the following telegram to President James M. Lynch, of the International Typographical Union:

"I am instructed by the Board of Directors of The Barnum & Bailey Company to say that future contracts for printing will require that union labels will be used, and we have notified the Buffalo Courier Printing Company. This we will confirm by mail today. Please advise all your correspondents accordingly."

For several months all the Typographical Unions throughout the country, and Buffalo Union, in particular, have been requesting the Barnum & Bailey circus to withdraw its printing from the non-union Buffalo Courier Printing Co.

The Barnum & Bailey Co. persistently refused to take any action which would mean the severing of its relations with the Courier Co. and the Typographical Unions began a campaign against the circus with the above result.

The Barnum & Bailey Co. is to be congratulated on the sensible view of the matter which it has taken, and the union printers are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts to convince the Barnum & Bailey Co. that it could not expect the patronage of union workmen so long as it persisted in having its printing done in non-union houses.

Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show has cancelled 85 per cent. of their printing with non-union houses, and they will use all union show printing next season.

The Ringling Bros., the 'Call' circuses, Cole Bros.' World Toured Shows, Sun Bros.' Shows, Hargreave's Circus, Campbell Bros.' Shows and using non-union printing and our friends are requested to refrain from patronizing them.

Mr. Union Man:—Notify your restaurant man that the Bell Phone is unfair.

NAPOLEON OF FINANCE NEW PHASE ANARCHIST

Difference in Principle Between the Two Mere Jugglery With Words.

Objects of Trades Unions Uplifting and Ennobling of Trusts Degrading.

The manufacturer insists upon setting the price on the labor he buys and the goods he sells.

That is called "business."

The workman asks the privilege of having a voice in setting the price of his commodity, labor, and wants to be protected against the rapacity of trusts and combinations.

That is called "anarchy."

Manufacturers combine to raise the price by limiting the supply of goods manufactured.

That is called "high finance."

Workingmen organize unions to prevent injustice and to elevate the standing of labor.

That is called "interfering with free and independent labor."

Trust is formed to buy up small and independent factories and close them down for the purpose of controlling the supply.

That is called "business enterprise."

Labor unions seek to control the apprentice system, to the end that labor be not reduced to a starvation basis.

That is called "preventing the youth of the land from learning useful trades."

A financier steals a million, entrusted to his care.

He is hailed as a "Napoleon of finance."

A workingman steals a loaf of bread for his hungry babies and is sent to jail for six months.

That is called "justice."

A band of rich men combine to prevent changes in administration that might injure their schemes.

They are called "conservatives."

A band of thoughtful men with no axes to grind to bring about needed reforms.

They are called "dangerous agitators."

A Rookerbit social function costs \$35,000 and \$3,000,000 worth of diamonds are on display.

That is called an "evidence of prosperity."

Ten thousand idle workmen apply for help.

That is called an "evidence of shiftlessness."

Clearly we are in need of a commission to reconcile the difference in our line of definitions.—The Commoner.

NO CRISIS PROBABLE.

LONDON, June 28.—It is officially announced that King Charles and Premier Francis are in complete accord and that there is no prospect of a ministerial crisis.

CONSUMPTION MAY BE GERMINATED INTO MILK

An Important Announcement From Government Bureau of Animal Industry.

Cleanliness Is Not Sufficient—Tuberculin Test Is Only Guarantee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin which points to the conclusion that the real danger from tuberculous cattle lies in the manner in which the germs of tuberculosis are disseminated with their feces and that it is almost entirely through this medium that milk becomes infected with tuberculosis. By a series of careful tests at the Government Experiment Station in Washington, Dr. E. C. Schroeder and W. E. Cotton have demonstrated that cattle discharge germs of tuberculosis in very large numbers to the extent very often of over thirty-seven million in one day. Not only animals which show physical signs of tuberculosis, but also those so slightly infected that the diagnosis of tuberculosis depends entirely upon the application of the tuberculin test, are said to be in this manner active and dangerous sources of infection.

It is pointed out that the dairymen cannot afford to use precautions, the cost of which is so great that their applications would not have been business into a philanthropic enterprise, but that without such care it is practically impossible to prevent the entrance into the milk pail of the germs of tuberculosis which have been discharged by tuberculous cattle and which are lodged on the cows and in and about the cow stables. These conclusions were reached after a series of careful tests with a number of cows which, though they had tuberculosis, were said to be in better condition than the majority of dairy cows in actual use on dairy farms. The slight infrequent cough with which they were affected would not have attracted the attention of the casual observer and might have been honestly attributed by most dairymen to dust in the air of the stable. For the most part tuberculosis would not have been suspected in the case of these animals had they not been tested with tuberculin, a test, as it is said, not usually made by the farmer until there is grave cause for the suspicion of tuberculosis.

In making these tests normal fresh milk from tuberculous cows was added with about as small a quantity of feces as would enter the milk in a dairy stable in which average cleanliness was observed. This milk was then injected into guinea pigs and it was found upon postmortem examination that 16 of the 46 killed had developed tuberculosis. It is concluded from these researches that milk from tuberculous cows with unaffected udders is free from infection until it has become contaminated with feces or some other material that contains tubercle bacilli from the outside of the cows or from their environment. It is not believed that tubercle bacilli are eliminated with the milk from tuberculous cows unless disease of the udder or structures connected with it is present. This conclusion is drawn from the present series of investigations and is supported by earlier work relative to the milk of tuberculous cows. The present investigations include only a few cows and a comparatively small number of guinea pigs. The earlier investigations extend over a dozen years, during which milk from scores of tuberculous cows was injected into the abdominal cavities of hundreds of guinea pigs.

The observations made are said to definitely show that the frequency with which milk contains tubercle bacilli is greatly underestimated, especially when it is milked in the customary way from tuberculous cows with healthy udders, or from entirely healthy cows in a tuberculous environment.

As no means are known by which it can be determined when cattle become dangerous to the health of persons or animals, every cow affected with tuberculosis must be regarded in the opinion of the government experts as positively dangerous. In view of the undoubted presence of tuberculosis in a very large number of cattle, whose owners have no cause to suspect that this is so, it is urged that every cow should be periodically tested with tuberculin. Every cow that reacts and thus shows that she has tuberculosis should at once, regardless of her general appearance or condition, be removed from use as a dairy cow and from all contact with dairy cattle or healthy animals.

LIGHTNING STRIKES POLE
NEAR PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., June 26.—Lightning struck and shattered a presidential banner pole which stands less than 100 feet from the executive office here this afternoon. No one was injured. The pole bore a huge banner for President Roosevelt when he was elected president.

TRIAL OF PROFESSOR HAU
WILL BE HELD IN JULY

KARLSRUHE, Germany, June 28.—The trial of Karl Hau, professor of Roman law at the George Washington university, Washington, D. C., who was charged with the murder of his mother-in-law, Frau Molitor, will begin here July 17, and probably will last three days.

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