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RAILROAD'S AGENTS MISREPRESENT FACTS

Local Brakeman Takes Issue With Northern Pacific Man's Statement.

The agents for the railroad companies are greatly misrepresenting the facts as to the earnings of railroad employees, Supt. W. H. Strachan, in an interview in the Duluth Herald, gave out a statement in which he related the monthly earnings of certain railroad employees. He did not say anything about the number of miles covered by each employe or the number of hours each day the employes were obliged to work to earn the wages they were paid.

A well known local brakeman in a letter to The Labor World answers Mr. Strachan as follows: "Permit me to make some comments on the Duluth Herald's interview with Mr. Strachan, superintendent of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific, in which he says railroad men are getting enough money now. "When Mr. Strachan gives a brakeman's wage as \$155 he has cited a run which, on account of his seniority, but few men on his division can hold. And at the scheduled local rate of 34.8 cents per hour for a brakeman, that brakeman working 15 hours and 45 minutes every day except Sundays (locals as a rule do not work Sundays), could only make \$143.63 in a 30-day month having four Sundays.

"The best money I ever made on the Northern Pacific on a local was \$119. The best that I ever made in chain gang on the same road was \$112. Since then this chain gang schedule has improved, but not their local schedule.

"One Walker was listed at 40 cents per hour. Mr. Walker is a foreman of an engine in yard service and earns every cent of his money, keeping track of an engineer, two helpers and the company's equipment all night long (and part of the next day if the earnings Mr. Strachan claims he made are right). As a rule, switch crew puts in ten hours. That would give Mr. Walker \$4 per day. Where does his job compare with a carpenter's, considering safety, working nights and a late midnight supper?

"Below I submit a summary of my earnings, expenses and how my time was occluded from 1912 to 1915:

"Earnings 1912, \$97.64; expenses, \$78.56; days made, 227; days lost, 84; days doubled road, 6; days laying off, 48; days seeking employment, 0. "Earnings 1913, \$937.52; expenses, \$931.77; days made, 169; days lost, 72; days doubled road, 9; days laying off, 8; days seeking employment, 107.

"Earnings 1914, \$445.96; expenses, \$559.28; days made, 70; days lost, 155; days doubled road, 0; days laying off, 8; days seeking employment, 132.

"Earnings 1915, \$713.82; expenses, \$567.38; days made, 130; days lost, 18; days doubled road, 2; days laying off, 10; days seeking employment, 185.

Regarding my expenses, can say I am neither a spendthrift nor a "boozer." By this you can see that 22 per cent of time was lost—that is, no time slip was made for that day. "For three years my average daily earnings were \$2.16, and average daily expenses were \$2.07. Wherein is the large profit the officials say we make? Working night and day in Canada, where we have no 16-hour law to hinder us—getting right out of a terminal immediately on our arrival—keeps a brakeman busy making \$170 a month, and he only does that once a year. Then how can a brakeman who is required by law to take at least eight hours' rest after a trip be able to make \$155, or \$15 less than a man working as long as he can and like?

"Mr. Strachan would do well to tell the people just how that \$155 brakeman made it. How many hours he worked. How many hours he was on penalty time brassing or chafing up cars and other work not incidental to trip of train he was working on. By the way, penalty time is a rare occurrence."

LAWSON HOLDS FINE MEETING AT HIBBING

George W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, addressed 500 workmen at the Hibbing village hall Tuesday evening on the benefits to be derived from organized labor. He was followed by C. W. Cullen, organizer of the United Hatters' union. Mr. Lawson stated that he expected 500 delegates to attend the convention of the State Federation of Labor at Hibbing in July.

DULUTH MUSICIANS ATTEND CONVENTION

L. F. Berger and W. J. Dutcher of the Duluth Musicians' union, are in attendance as delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Musicians now being held at Cincinnati, O. Messrs. Berger and Dutcher have attended the last seven conventions of the Musicians' union. They are considered important factors in the affairs of the American Federation of Musicians.

PLUMBERS TO ADMIT TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS

The local Plumbers' union held an open meeting last Thursday evening. A large number of non-union plumbers attended. Speeches were made by the visiting organizers, after which 22 non-union men made application for membership. The Duluth union is now nearly 100 per cent strong.

BRING YOUR BOY TO THE BIG DULUTH FOR HIS NEW SPRING CLOTHES.

WALSH COMMITTEE URGES UNION LABOR TO ELECT CONGRESSMEN

The committee on industrial relations is out with a letter urging union labor to get busy in politics and elect labor men to the national law-making body. Frank P. Walsh is chairman of the committee. In a letter to Duluth unions he says:

"The committee in industrial relations feels that there is now nothing of greater importance to the labor movement than the election of a labor group of at least 50 members to the next United States congress. The candidates for the next congress are to be selected soon in the party primaries or conventions. Labor must act quickly and earnestly if it is to be represented in the national legislature by its own men. No party politics need be or should be played in this. The organized working men and women of the country need only insist upon it that their own pledged representatives be placed on the ticket or tickets of any or all parties, and that the strength of labor be thrown to the labor candidate if only one is nominated.

"There never was such an opportunity as the one now presented for labor to grasp a dominating and controlling position in the national law-making body. Old political issues have become threadbare. There is no clear line between parties as organized on the old political issues. The country is looking for the leadership of the people. Every big question presenting itself to the country is an economic question, involving wages, decent standards of living, and the rights of men and women to dictate the terms on which they shall work and the standards by which they shall live. Who shall decide these great and pressing questions if not labor itself?"

"If the working men and women of the United States were represented by a labor group of at least 50 men in the next congress labor would get from congress its rightful demands. It would hold the balance of power.

Not only that, but an active and alert labor movement having a compelling force in the making of laws would compel also a fair deal from the courts, from executives, and from others who administer the laws. It is time for the great mass of workers, who produce all the wealth of the country and who receive only a small portion of it, to control in the making of laws and to overthrow the evils that promote the unjust distribution of wealth and that center power in the hands of the few.

"Already labor has demonstrated what even a small labor group can do. The 18 labor men in the present congress have done splendid work in presenting the rights of labor to public opinion and in forcing its rights on the attention of the law-making body. They constitute far and away the most effective group in the house of representatives.

"The work done on behalf of the anti-child labor bill, on behalf of the seaman's act, the convict labor bill, the industrial education bill, and similar legislation, speaks volumes for what can be accomplished when labor has its own fighting group in congress numerically strong enough at least to hold the balance of power.

"Every special interest antagonistic to labor is represented so completely that all together they form the great majority in congress, yet the workers who constitute the great mass of the people, are represented by only a handful.

"In bringing this matter of supreme importance to your attention this committee hopes it is only doing that which you have already had in mind. The committee wishes to assure you that it will co-operate with you in any way it can to have the next congress a truly representative body. It will not be and cannot be a truly representative body until the men who compose it, or at least a large portion of them, directly represent the workers and producers of the country."

FORWARD MOVEMENT WAS GREAT SUCCESS

E. G. Hall Makes Fine Records. Adds 1047 Members to Duluth Unions.

The Labor Forward Movement is over. It is said that the campaign for new membership in Duluth was more successful than in any other city in the country.

According to E. G. Hall, president of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, 1047 members were initiated during the campaign. This great number adds to the membership of Duluth 25 per cent. There are now at least 5,000 workmen, exclusive of railroad employes, carrying union cards in the city of Duluth.

E. G. Hall came to Duluth to prepare and lay out the work of the Labor Forward Movement Jan. 6. He left yesterday to continue the work on the ranges. Mr. Hall organized and installed seven unions during this campaign. He is very much gratified over the results achieved here.

The closing meetings of the Labor Forward campaign were held Monday night at the Munger school and the Lakeside Improvement club. Speeches were made by Thomas Sexton, organizer for the International Cigarmakers' union and Mr. Hall.

An open meeting of the Teamsters' union was held Tuesday evening. Mr. Hall was the chief speaker. He declared that it was the hopes of organized labor to protect the unprotected. In the course of his remarks he said:

"We try to put women and children who are obliged to seek employment, on an equal basis with others doing the same labor. Without organization this would be impossible. "Instead of stirring up strife, organized labor attempts to harmonize matters between capital and labor. As a result, the contracting party knows just what he has to pay for labor.

Explains Aims.

"The benefits of our organizations consist in uplifting the members, and in benefiting them socially and financially. We claim that without organization the same results could never be achieved."

Later in the evening both speakers addressed the Cigarmakers' union at Owl's hall. At this meeting Mr. Sexton was the principal speaker and among other things he said:

"In the last 35 years and two months, ever since the foundation of the federation," Sexton declared in recounting its accomplishments, "we have distributed \$12,669,254.49 for sickness, unemployment and other causes. In 1915 the amount given out amounted to \$621,837.07. "Among the improved conditions that the organized labor unions have brought about is the eight-hour working day, giving employment to a larger number of laborers."

At the meeting of the teamsters' union 22 new members were enrolled.

UNION LABOR MEN LEAD WET AND DRY CAMPAIGN

State Senator Richard Jones, member of the Commercial Telegraphers union, is in active charge of the Dry headquarters, while Joseph Shartel, formerly president of the Federated Trades and Labor assembly, has charge of the wet headquarters. The people are beginning to recognize that experienced union men make the best organizers.

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CHURCHES THANKED FOR AID TO LABOR

Forward Committee Pleased With Assistance Given by Rev. Herbert Ford.

The final meeting of the Labor Forward committee was held Saturday evening at Browns' hall, 10 East Superior street, at which reports were received from the various sub-committees.

A vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Herbert Ford, fraternal delegate from the Duluth Ministerial association of the Federated Trades and Labor assembly, for the great interest he took in the Labor Forward campaign. Mr. Ford was requested to convey the thanks of organized labor to the various churches in the city whose pastors opened the doors to meetings of organized labor.

The members of the committee were very much gratified at the results achieved by the movement. Plans were made to continue the work and a strong committee will be appointed to carry on organization work during the balance of the year. A vote of thanks was extended the International unions and the A. F. of L. for sending representatives here during the campaign.

BUHL MAYOR FILES FOR COUNTY BOARD

William J. Doyle, mayor of Buhl, filed Thursday morning for county commissioner in the Seventh district. Mr. Doyle is serving his third term as mayor of Buhl. At each election he has been known as the working-men's candidate. At the last election he defeated his opponent by a vote of two to one, indicating that while in office he delivered the goods and redeemed his pledges to labor.

Mr. Doyle has been a resident of the Mesaba range for 23 years and has been a hard working man all his life. He served for three years as a member of the Great Scott township board and was the first man on the Mesaba range to introduce the eight-hour day on public work. Later when he became mayor of Buhl he put his own men on the eight-hour basis. As a result, of this Buhl was the first town in northern Minnesota to employ its workmen on the eight-hour day. This was in 1913.

During his incumbency of the office of mayor of Buhl, Mr. Doyle was forced to antagonize the mining companies, who practically dominated the politics of the village. He made a fight there similar to the one made by Victor Power of Hibbing, and won out. Today Buhl has the best paved streets, finest lighting system and best equipped schools of any town on the ranges. The village also owns its own municipal heating, lighting and water plant.

Workers in St. Louis county are very much interested in the candidacy of Mr. Doyle. A man of his type is needed on the county board. If the workmen of the Seventh district will take the pains to go to the primaries on Monday, June 19, there will be no question about Mr. Doyle's nomination and his election in November.

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BOSTON WORKERS GET UNION SHOP CONTRACT

BOSTON, May 4.—Last week willow, reed and rattan workers in this city were furnished an illustration of the value of unionism. Two of the large shops cancelled contracts with this union, declared for the non-union shop and a wage reduction of \$2.50 a week. A. F. of L. Organizer Duffy assisted the willow workers in conferences with these concerns, both of whom finally agreed to continue operations with every contract provision in force.

SEATTLE CONCERN HAS ROCKEFELLER UNION

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.—The Rockefeller "union" idea is accepted by President Paterson of the Seattle Construction & Dry Dock company, who has formed an "Employees' association," consisting of strikebreakers who took the places of union boiler-makers.

Mr. Paterson opposes unionism—the kind that takes things—but offers no objection to workers uniting if they are satisfied with things given them.

STREET CAR DELAYS

THURSDAY, MAY 4th.

Operation over the single track on East Superior street, where the pavement is being laid, delayed 7 cars from 5 to 11 minutes.

The Interstate bridge being open held Duluth-Superior cars 11 minutes from 8:45 p. m.

FRIDAY, MAY 5th.

Operation over the single track on East Superior street, where the pavement is being laid, delayed 7 cars from 5 to 10 minutes.

The Interstate bridge being open delayed cars on the Duluth-Superior Line 8 minutes from 9:04 a. m. and 10 minutes from 11:04 p. m.

Trolley trouble delayed a northbound Duluth-Superior car at 21st street and Tower avenue 14 minutes from 12:23 p. m.

A fire at 1st avenue East and Superior street delayed a west-bound Woodland car 16 minutes from 10:19 p. m.

SATURDAY, MAY 6th.

A vehicle on the track at 21st avenue West delayed west-bound West Duluth and Aerial Bridge and East Fourth and 57th avenue West cars 15 minutes from 9 a. m.

Operation over the single track on East Superior street where the pavement is being laid, caused 9 delays of from 5 to 10 minutes.

The Interstate Line was held 5 times from 6 to 10 minutes by the Duluth-Superior bridge being open.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th.

A northbound Interstate Car was delayed 9 minutes from 8:04 a. m. at the Duluth-Superior bridge, which was open.

A westbound Lakeside car was delayed 8 minutes through the East End from 7:35 p. m. by the heavy rain, which made it difficult for the motorman to see.

MONDAY, MAY 8th.

Power failure resulting from the heavy windstorm interrupted service on all lines for 15 minutes from 11 a. m. and 40 minutes from 12:45 p. m. Obstructions blown on the tracks further delayed cars on some lines.

Operation over the single track on East Superior street where the pavement is being laid, delayed several cars from 5 to 8 minutes.

A fire at the foot of Garfield avenue fanned by the high wind, endangered approaches to the Interstate bridge and blocked service on the Duluth-Superior Line from 11:15 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

TUESDAY, MAY 9th.

Operation over the single track on East Superior street, where the pavement is being laid, delayed 14 cars from 6 to 10 minutes.

The Interstate bridge being open held cars on the Duluth-Superior Line 7 minutes from 3:34 p. m., 9 minutes from 7:04 p. m. and 10 minutes from 9:04 p. m.

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LABOR MEN LEAVE FOR OTHER PARTS

Visiting International Organizers Greatly Pleased With Results Attained Here.

Nearly all of the visiting representatives of the International unions who took part in the Labor Forward campaign have left the city. Collis Lovejoy, vice president of the Foot and Shoe Workers' International union, who addressed the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church Sunday morning, left for St. Paul on the afternoon train where he spoke before a large meeting of shoe workers. He is now at his home in St. Louis.

John D. Chubbuck, organizer for the A. F. of L., left Tuesday for Chipewava Falls, Wis., where he is busily engaged in organization work.

C. W. Cullen, organizer for the United Hatters of North America, left for St. Paul Monday, where he addressed a meeting that evening, returning immediately to take part in the campaign which is being conducted this week on the ranges. He spoke at Hibbing, Tuesday; Chisholm, Wednesday; Virginia, Thursday, and tonight he addresses a meeting at Buhl Mr. Cullen is accompanied by George W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, who had charge of the range campaign until the arrival of Mr. Hall.

R. S. Sexton, organizer for the International Cigarmakers' union, left Duluth Wednesday afternoon for Chisholm. He spoke at Chisholm and Virginia and will be at the Buhl meeting tonight.

Joseph B. Fox, organizer for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, who devoted most of his time here in strengthening the new union of cabinetmakers, left for Virginia Thursday afternoon accompanied by President E. G. Hall. Both spoke before the Virginia meeting last night and they will attend the Buhl meeting tonight.

J. C. Shannessy, organizer for the Journeymen Bakers' International union, was obliged to leave the city last Friday to attend a meeting of the executive board of his international union at Indianapolis this week.

O. A. Anderson, organizer for the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, departed Sunday with Mr. Lovejoy for his home in St. Paul.

R. E. Clobessy, organizer for the Switchmen of North America, left early in the week for Brainerd and Fargo, completing his Minnesota visit in the Twin Cities this week. A. F. Martel, organizer for the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance, was called to Milwaukee Monday. He did great work while here among the culinary trade.

C. M. Bolander, organizer for the Journeymen Tailors' International union, will remain here until he puts the union on its feet.

Organized labor in Duluth is under many obligations to the representatives of the International unions who gave so much of their time and effort in strengthening the movement here.

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