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DO YOU KNOW THAT—
Five union people were killed for their lives in San Francisco? That strikes are being called, settled and lost all over the world? Mr. Union Man, SUBSCRIBE FOR THE LABOR WORLD.

DULUTH UNIONS START MOVEMENT FOR NEEDED LABOR LEGISLATION

FEDERATION CONDEMNNS MILITARISM IN SCHOOLS

FEDERATION CONVENTION IS AGAINST SCHOOL MILITARISM

BALTIMORE, Nov. 25.—After hot debate the American Federation of Labor adopted a resolution against teaching of military training in public schools.

Secretary Baker's action in offering to place military instructors at the disposal of schools desiring them was condemned as tending to "militarize" the schools.

Efforts of federation officers to prevent the action were swept aside by an overwhelming vote after various milder substitutes had been defeated.

Some of the warmest arguments for the resolution came from Sarah Shapiro, representing the garment workers, a young woman so tiny she was asked to speak from the chairman's platform that she might be seen. The recent big fights of labor, that in Colorado particularly, she declared, proved labor could have nothing in common with militarism.

"The children of the master classes are now taught the use of guns and you can't stop it," said Fursuth. "I suppose you radical Socialists would prevent the children of the proletariat from having an equal opportunity. In the west every boy knows how to use a gun. In the east you expect somebody else to defend you."

Would Organize Japs.

Organization of Japanese workmen in their own country to get better wage and general living conditions is the solution of the "yellow peril" favored by the federation. Andrew Fursuth, head of the seamen's union, said.

"We are not going to permit admission of Japanese or other Orientals into the federation," Fursuth said. "It would be a wedge for entrance into this country of thousands of Orientals as laborers."

It is planned instead, Fursuth said, to organize the Japanese in their own country.

B. Suzuki, Japanese labor leader attending the convention. In an address, suggested sending Samuel Gompers to Japan to organize the workers.

Teachers Ask Protection.

An appeal for protection of teachers, prompted by the dismissal of 23 Chicago teachers, was made to the federation by Miss Ida Fursman, Chicago, representing the American Federation of Teachers.

The teachers' federation presented a resolution calling on the A. F. of L. to watch the "vicious, country-wide attempt to abridge the freedom of the teacher, freedom of speech, of organization and of citizenship."

T. N. Cathrill, Pittsburgh, (Pa.) Central Labor union, introduced resolutions condemning the plans of Secretary of War Baker for formation of military bodies in public schools. They termed the move as one "toward militarism."

War Prevention Suggested.

The establishment and maintenance by the federation, in conjunction with other labor bodies of other countries, of an international congress of labor for hearing an discussion of causes of disagreement between nations, is provided for in a resolution introduced by H. M. McLarin, Federal Employes' union. It is designed the deliberations of this congress shall lead to execution of such political action by the workers as will bring to attention of governmental representatives of such nations "the expediency of settlement by diplomatic means."

RETAIL CLERKS LOCAL ORGANIZE BIG STORES

Eight new members were initiated and 18 applications received by the Duluth local of the Retail Clerks' Protective Association at their last meeting, according to Sec. G. H. Lindstrom. Floan and Levers, the Columbian and the Bug Duluth stores are now 100 per cent organized it was reported. This brings the membership close to 75.

The local is going ahead by leaps and bounds and every member is pushing union label goods where ever possible. The next meeting will be held the first Monday in December.

WAITERS MAY OUST TIPS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—It may remain for the waiters themselves to oust the tip system. Their union here framed demands for a percentage of all food sold, no tips, and one day off a month.

AIM INJUNCTION AT CORSET WORKERS

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 29.—Efforts to organize the corset workers of Worcester were blocked temporarily by representatives of the Bay State Corset company, this city.

The action was taken as a means of preventing disorganization of its production in two Worcester corset factories which have been manufacturing corsets for the Bay State Corset company since the local corset strike began 10 weeks ago.

Notices of the injunction granted against certain officers and members of the local corset workers' union, Bay State Corset company's plant. The injunction will stand while the company's suit against the union containing its former employees, now out on strike, is being heard. The suit is for a permanent injunction to restrain the strikers from interfering with the company's business.

Picketing Is Enjoined.

EPRINGFIELD, Mass.—An injunction by Judge Frederick Lawton put an end for the time being to the picketing of strikers in front of the Bay State Corset company's plant. The injunction will stand while the company's suit against the union containing its former employees, now out on strike, is being heard. The suit is for a permanent injunction to restrain the strikers from interfering with the company's business.

STANDARD OIL MEN OUT FOR SHORT DAY

CLEVELAND, Nov. 29.—Strike of Boiler Makers and Helpers in the Standard Oil Refinery here for the 8-hour work day, without reduction in pay, is growing into greater proportions and as a result every mechanic in the refinery has suspended operations.

The Boiler Makers and their Helpers made their demand on the 3rd day of November and set Nov. 10 as the date for same to go into effect. Another day was granted the company, however, and the representatives of the men not receiving any consideration from the company so reports to the organization and a walkout followed on Saturday, Nov. 11.

PLASTERERS REFUSE TO WORK IN COLD

Omaha, Nov. 29.—The Plasterers' union has issued a rule that between November 1 and April 15 plasterers will not work in an open building and that the windows must be put in.

Some contractors are objecting to this attempt of workers to shield themselves from wintry blasts. They say plaster dries better in this kind of weather. Besides, it is not always zero weather during the prescribed period, aver these contractors.

FAMINE OF COAL EXISTS IN HEART OF MINE REGION

MARION, Ill., Nov. 29.—A coal famine exists here, although this city is in the heart of a coal producing district with mines so near that coal can be hauled here by teams.

In an attempt to get relief from the shortage of supply and from exorbitant prices, this appeal has been sent out by the Marion Trades council to other labor organizations:

"Do you realize that Marion, a city in the heart of the southern Illinois coal fields, is in the midst of a coal famine? With winter coming on we can see no improvement in the near future without assistance from your honorable body. Regardless of the fact that the cost of producing coal has not advanced more than 3 to 5 cents per ton and the mines are not producing more than 50 per cent of their output, the miners receiving about 'half turn', the consumer finds it almost impossible to secure coal to keep his home warm and when he is able to secure it he must pay \$5.50 per ton when the usual price for coal ranges from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per ton.

Blame It On Cars.

"When we asked relief from the coal dealer and mine operator they say: 'We can't get the cars.' The railroads say: 'We can't furnish the cars, but we are doing the best we can, and if the shipper would do 'this and so', we could give relief some time in the future.'"

"We believe these pleas do not apply to this city, from the fact that there is no need for us to depend on coal cars for our supply. The only deep mine that formerly furnished coal to wagons has discontinued this and other mines refuse to fill wagons. By this arrangement they can boost the price of coal and pass the cause of the coal famine to the railroads who, in turn, pass it to 'the shippers.'"

"DOWN WITH WAR!" CRY FRENCHMEN

PARIS, Nov. 29.—A cry of "Down with war!" was heard in the chamber of deputies during debate on a bill to take a census of the 1918 conscripts. The cry was raised by Deputy Pierre Brizon, a Socialist, who was deprived of the privilege of the floor for his "intemperate language."

Premier Briand was forced to intervene in the debate when some speakers suggested that France's allies should be called upon to make a further effort to supply men, as France had already done her share and so had borne the heaviest burden of the war.

PLANS CITY MARKET TO SMASH COST OF LIVING

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 29.—Mayor Benjamin Besse announced he will open a municipal food market. He will start to sell potatoes and cabbage at cost. If successful, the market will be permanent and he will employ a manager. The mayor also served notice on coal dealers that if coal went above 12 cents a bushel he would open a municipal coal yard.

FARMERS TO JOIN AMERICAN FEDERATION

ST. PAUL, Nov. 29.—Resolutions favoring amalgamation of the American Society of Equity, a farmers' organization, with the American Federation of Labor may leave here before night. The Minnesota branch of the society is meeting here simultaneously with the labor federation's convention in Baltimore. Equity leaders, whose gigantic farmers' organizations swept North Dakota in two recent elections, proposed the affiliation.

SENATOR RICHARD JONES



SUPERIOR "BIG FOUR" ELECT HEADS

W. A. McDonald was elected president of the Superior lodge No. 450 of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen at the annual election held yesterday afternoon. The Superior lodge is the largest in the state of Wisconsin, having a membership of more than 100.

Other officers who were elected for the coming year: D. J. Maloney, vice president; C. W. Brown, treasurer; John Barilani, secretary; Frank Sullivan, legislative representative, and J. P. Duffy and W. A. McDonald, grievance committeemen for the Great Northern and Soo lines respectively.

WOULD TAKE FOOD HELD BY BROKERS FOR DISTRIBUTION

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Plans to seize food and necessities held in gigantic corners by commission men and brokers and distribute them to the public through stations established in all parts of the larger cities, were advocated here Tuesday by J. Hamilton Lewis, Illinois Democratic party whip in the senate.

Lewis outlined his plan in a letter to United States District Attorney Cline. Lewis' plan caused a stir among brokers.

"The plan I shall propose in congress when it meets in December," he said, "is for the government to take possession of necessities and offer a just price for them. If declined, condemn the products as a necessity for the people, as we do land for railroads and property for government uses. Then submit to juries the evidence on all sides and let them decide the just price."

"Let the government establish stations in each city, under charge of the municipality or state, from which the public may buy; limit the amount to be sold individuals, and see that it is purchased only by those who should be the object of governmental protection."

Lewis said he was opposed to the embargo on grain and that the administration would not recommend it. He said it would bring retaliatory measures which would cause serious financial and business disturbances in the United States.

18,000 TO GET RAISE.

LOWELL, Mass., Nov. 29.—Cotton mills in this city announced an increase of wages to 18,000 operatives to take effect Dec. 4. The amount of the increase was not stated.

COURT REVERSES SELF ON WOMEN WORK-DAY LAW

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 29.—The state supreme court has reversed itself in the case of the state versus the Lange Canning company and now rules that the state industrial commission may determine what classes of labor are dangerous or prejudicial to the health, safety and welfare of women and how long they may be engaged in a specific occupation without detrimental consequences.

The court held a contrary opinion last May when it ruled that that portion of the law was unconstitutional because it was a legislative function and the state legislature has no right to delegate its power to a commission.

The state asked the court to review the case, and this petition was supported by the state federation of labor. In its later decision the court withdrew the former ruling, but declined to mark the boundaries of the commission's authority on the ground that each order must be judged by itself. The court says that "the law should be upheld for the reason that the authority thus conferred invests the commission with no arbitrary and uncontrolled discretion, but directs them to ascertain the facts and to apply the rules of law thereto under the prescribed rules and conditions. Such action is not legislative, but has the prominence of executive and ministerial party within the requirements provided in the act."

WANTS CITY COAL BUSINESS KEPT

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 29.—When Mayor James Gosson's municipal coal bin closed Tuesday night enough orders had been booked to take the entire output of the city-leased mine until Saturday.

The 30 tons produced at the mine Monday were delivered Tuesday in one and two-ton orders. Single ton orders were delivered for \$2.85, larger amounts at \$2.75 a ton.

Mayor Gosson called a special meeting of the council for Thursday to ask for an appropriation to establish the municipal coal bin as a permanent enterprise.

The mayor's coal market is being handled without cost to the city, the work being done by the mayor and deputy city controller. The only middle expense is for hauling.

CITY BUILDS HOMES TO SOLVE HOUSING

MANITOWOC, Wis., Nov. 29.—This city is to solve the housing problem, one of the most serious handicaps which has confronted the city in its ambition to grow. With plans now perfected, provision is made for the immediate erection of 25 modern homes, with plans for increasing the number to 100 within the next two years.

EASTERN WIRE MEN STRIKE

WATERBURY, Conn., Nov. 29.—Electrical Workers' union is winning its demand for an eight-hour day, increased pay and the union shop. The New England Engineering company, which does business throughout the state, is opposing the union and strikes are on in this city, New Haven, New London and Bridgeport.

11,000 MORE GET RAISE.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 29.—Following the 10 per cent wage increase announced by the United States Steel corporation, affecting 7,500 men here, the Republic Iron and Steel company and the Brier Hill Steel company, employing more than 11,000 men, made a similar move. The Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, with 10,000 employees, is expected to follow.

UNIONS SHOULD HAVE LAW COMMITTEES SAYS JONES

Every union in Duluth will be asked by State Senator Richard Jones to elect a legislative committee to co-operate with the labor members of the 1917 legislature.

In this way it is hoped by the senator that several labor bills will be passed.

The longshoremen have already elected their committee. Senator Jones addressed the carpenters in Eagle's hall Wednesday night upon the necessity of watching labor legislation.

"Our system of taxation is wrong," said the senator, "and it is up to labor to correct it. A constabulary bill will be introduced at the coming session and there are any number of important pieces of legislation to watch and unless you have a specially appointed committee, who is going to look out for your interests?"

"When the employers want a piece of legislation passed or quashed, they don't sit back and leave it to the legislators. They let them know that they are on the job and they say 'we want this or we don't want this' and they get results."

Senator Jones will address many unions of the city on the subject and will be in constant touch with the committee appointed during the coming session of the legislature.

George W. Lawson, secretary of the state federation of labor, addressed the carpenters Wednesday night on workmen's compensation. C. W. Cullen, organizer for the United Hatters, spoke the same night on the necessity for asking for union label goods. He said that every time a union man purchases non-union goods, he employs a strike breaker.

N. Y. HAS PLAN FOR COAL COST

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Mayor J. Purroy Mitchell took action with practical results to supply coal at greatly reduced cost to small consumers if dealers continue to exact exorbitant profits.

He obtained from coal dealers their promise to co-operate with him. They will supply the coal and the city will deliver it with city owned vehicles without charge for cartage. The money to finance the plan will be advanced by private citizens.

"I have asked producers and large dealers to do everything they can immediately to increase the supply of coal to this city," the mayor said, "and they promptly agreed to do all in their power to relieve the situation. This should in itself reduce the cost of coal to the small consumer."

MRS. SANGER'S AIDS MAY ALL GO TO JAIL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—If the 100 women advocates of birth control persist in their plan to take turns in keeping the clinic of Mrs. Margaret H. Sanger, Brooklyn, running, they may all go to jail.

"If these women want to go to jail in relays and want to make martyrs of themselves, I think they should be accommodated," said Justice Kelby.

TEXTILE WORKERS TO GET RAISE

MANCHESTER, N. H., Nov. 29.—The Amoskeag Manufacturing company, whose cotton manufacturing plant, employing 18,000 persons, is said to be the largest in the world, announced a raise in wages "substantially the same in amount as given in other textile cities in New England, to take effect on Dec. 4." This is the third increase granted by the company in the calendar year.

THOUSAND COAL MINERS FAIL TO COME TO WORK

WINNIPEG, Nov. 29.—One thousand coal miners at Fernis and Michel, B. C., failed to come to work Monday. Many southern Alberta miners failed to report. The men are merely awaiting the outcome of government conferences at Ottawa before striking to enforce their demands of regulation of food prices or better wages. The decrease in the output of coal, starting Monday, is 15,000 tons daily.

RAIL YARD CREWS GET RAISE AND END STRIKE

PESHIGO, Wis., Nov. 29.—The Wisconsin & Michigan railway shop and yard crews, which have been on strike for six weeks, resumed work. A satisfactory settlement was made. The employees received an increase of from 2 1/2 to 5 cents an hour.

BURIED IN STOLEN COFFIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Thomas Dimick will be buried in one of the caskets he was stealing when Detective Fred Wandberg shot and killed him. The officer stood because the thief wouldn't stop.

LONGSHOREMEN NAME COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

At a rousing meeting of Longshoremen's union, No. 23, last Saturday night, a legislative committee of three members was appointed to help in promoting labor measures during the next session of the Minnesota legislature.

This committee, composed of Tom Hewitt, C. W. Telford, and William Paradise, will watch closely the progress of labor measures and see to it that members of the legislature from Duluth are kept informed as to how organized labor would like to have them vote.

Senator Richard Jones spoke at the meeting Saturday night and urged that a legislative committee be appointed for this purpose.

TRY TO FLOOD CITY WITH UNEMPLOYED

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 29.—Trade unionists charge the Employers' association with attempting to flood the city with unemployed through lurid stories in eastern newspapers regarding labor conditions. It is stated that the cost of living is based on the wage scale of the Ford automobile plant, which, of course, other large employers refuse to recognize, but who are constantly striving to reduce wages.

TO ORGANIZE NEGROES

BALTIMORE, Nov. 29.—The A. F. of L. convention has declared in favor of inaugurating a movement toward uniting negroes in the south. The executive council is instructed to decide on the best methods to make this declaration effective.