

ABOLITION OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE BIGGEST POLITICAL JOB ON HAND

J. A. H. Hopkins, Chairman Committee of 48, Discusses Third Party and Defines Program to Be Adopted.

No political party can be founded except upon a dominant issue which appeals to the hearts and souls of the people themselves. That issue is the abolition of special privilege, declares J. A. H. Hopkins, chairman of the Committee of 48, in a statement issued this week from the national headquarters of the committee in New York.

Mr. Hopkins makes it clear that if a third party is to be formed in America it must be free from class distinction and should be as broad as humanity itself in its breadth and scope. Only such a party is worthy of success.

"The political murk and fog through which we have been groping for a renaissance has been dissipated by the dawn of a new era," says Mr. Hopkins. "Under its searching rays and the heat of public condemnation the old order is disappearing, and the advocates of special privilege are shrivelling into nothingness."

"In the light of the rising sun of hope and inspiration the mandate of the American people for a new and regenerated political party pledged to progressive principles having for its object the greatest good for the greatest number stands out clear and distinct. This mandate comes from no special class. The voices of the worker, the farmer, the salaried clerk, the small business man, and the professional group, have merged into one clarion call for radical action.

"The mandate has come from the vast majority of those misnamed Republicans and Democrats who, in the absence of any other choice, have perfunctorily dropped their ballots in the box of the major parties. It has come from the impressive silence of the 50 per cent of our electorate who, as between two evils, have chosen to deny themselves the right to vote rather than to place their stamp of approval upon either one of the two parties, equally devoid of principle and both controlled by the same selfish financial interests.

"The American people want no half way measures. They are demanding leadership, but they will accept only those leaders, in or out of our legislative halls, who have the courage and vision to discard old party labels and will stand out clear and distinct as the fearless sponsors for a new order responsive to the needs of humanity.

"The bait set by the major parties lured with political preferences are rusting in their barrenness. The enticing allurements of political honors who listens upon deaf ears, and the aspirant for political patronage are falling upon deaf ears, and the aspirant for political honors who listens to this siren voice is no longer a popular idol.

"It has been rightly said that no political party can be founded except upon a dominant issue which appeals to the hearts and souls of the people themselves.

"That issue is the Abolition of Special Privilege, unanimously promulgated at the National Convention of the Committee of 48 in St. Louis in December 1919, and the stone then rejected by the builders of our political machinery has since become the cornerstone of the progressive movement. The Abolition of Special Privilege was the slogan which elected Frazier, Sinclair, Shitstead, Brookhart, Keller, Follette, Wheeler, Howell, Fear, Lampert, Beck, and other progressives. The advocacy of Special Privilege was the flag under which Beveridge, DuPont, Mondell, Kellogg, Volstead, Calder, McCumber, Hitchcock, New, Townsend, Frelinghuysen, Sutherland, Culbertson, Poinsett, Pomeroy, and their fellow reactionaries, went down to defeat on November 7.

"And now the Abolition of Special Privilege has become the keynote of the program adopted by the Progressive Bloc of all parties in convention assembled at Washington on December 1.

"Special Privilege, as established and fostered by our political prestidigitators, has sown the seeds of discontent and bitterness, the fruition of which has brought America to the verge of economic disaster. In the Abolition of Special Privilege is contained the solution of our railroad and labor problems, the democratization of financial control, the readjustment of our tax burdens, the salvation of the farmer, the easing of life for the professional and business man, the restoration of equal opportunity for all, and the reduction of the high cost of living.

"No man, and no group of men, are equal to the task of formulating a new party unless they are brave enough and wise enough to concentrate their attention and devote their lives to this one purpose. No leader will measure up to the leadership required unless he can picture our future state as one in which there shall be no class distinction, no government by coercion and no program which benefits special interests at the expense of the public welfare.

"The progressive sentiment today has manifested itself in many movements, each having its own worthy and particular purpose. These movements cannot in themselves be amalgamated or coalesced, but the spirit and purpose behind them must be co-ordinated and crystallized into a new political party which will voice the just demands of each.

"The Committee of 48 has consecrated itself to this purpose as the

highest privilege of citizenship. It asks no financial compensation nor political preferment. It demands of no one more than he can justly give of co-operation and support. It is pledged to no personality, but is prepared to recognize the leadership and influence of those personalities who by their own power of thought, ability, and honesty, will rise from the ranks of those who compose the movement.

"We therefore issue this message as a rallying cry to all who would make America a better place to live in, and who would re-establish throughout our broad land a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

SNIVELY'S PARK PLAN ENDORSED

Federated Trades Assembly Favors Program of Mayor.

The Federated Trades assembly representing organized labor in Duluth, went on record last Friday evening in favor of Mayor Snively's park plan. The legislature will be petitioned to pass a bill giving the city the right to issue bonds to acquire and improve land for park purposes. Mayor Snively addressed the meeting.

The Switchmen's union re-affiliated with the assembly after a separation of several years. A communication was received from St. Paul informing the assembly that the St. Francis hotel in that city was unfair to union labor. This hotel is the legislative speakership headquarters of the W. I. Nolan organization.

The semi-annual election of officers will take place at the next meeting, which will be held at Owl's hall, 418 West Superior street, Friday, January 12, 1923. The members of the Womens' Trade Union league will serve refreshments.

The present executive officers are: Eiling Munkeby, president; John Cyrol, vice president; John A. Barron, recording and corresponding secretary; Thomas Chalmers, reading clerk; A. G. Catlin, treasurer and Samuel Russell, sergeant-at-arms.

W. E. HOY AGAIN CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF L. T. P. A.

W. E. Hoy, popular tug captain, was re-elected president of the local lodge of the Licensed Tugmen's Protective association last Thursday at the first meeting held since the opening of navigation in the spring. Captain Hoy was the unanimous choice of the membership for president.

L. Morrison was elected vice president. Capt. Chas. Green was re-elected treasurer, a position he has held for many years. That is equally true of Fred Winter, re-elected recording and corresponding secretary, and A. E. Scofield, re-elected financial secretary.

ANDREW JOHNSON ELECTED TO HEAD PAINTERS' UNION

Andrew Johnson was elected president of Painters' union No. 106 at the annual election of officers held Tuesday evening at Trade Union hall. Maxwell Hall was elected vice president. He is well known in union circles, entering the local movement as president of the Street Railway employees' union in 1912.

W. J. Ecker was re-elected recording and corresponding secretary. Eiling Munkeby was elected treasurer and James H. Powers was returned to the office of financial secretary. He was given a present by the union of a fountain pen and Ever-sharp pencil. After the election a smoker was held.

ONE-HALF OF FOREIGN TRADE CARRIED BY AMERICAN SHIPS

The United States shipping board acknowledges in its annual report that 52 per cent of this country's foreign trade last year was "moved in American bottoms."

The total foreign trade was \$6,231,000 long tons of cargo. These figures do not include coastwise trade, in which only American vessels are permitted.

The shipping board's statement, at a time of world-wide economic prostration, is in contrast to its propaganda that the "American flag is being swept from the seven seas."

DIVIDENDS PILED UP. Prairie oil and gas company, a Standard oil unit, will declare a 200 per cent stock dividend. The Standard oil company of Kentucky will declare an 86 per cent dividend and increase its capitalization from \$12,000,000 to \$17,500,000. The Victor talking machine company has declared a 600 per cent dividend.

If you have done an injury, go like a man and acknowledge and repair it.

ANTI-UNION EMPLOYERS SCHEME TO IMPORT FOREIGN LABOR HERE

"Open Shoppers" Seek to Bring "Contract Labor" to America to Enable Them to Further Reduce Wages.

By International Labor News Service Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Anti-union employers, operating under the so-called "open shop" have been detected in attempts to import European labor from Europe into the United States under contract, so as to defeat the trade unionists in forcing down wages.

An instance of the importation of European jewelry workers under contract by Von Steiner & Baumgartner Co., manufacturing jewelers, 1116 F street, Washington, D. C., has been protested by the International Jewelry Workers' union and the case is now under consideration by the Immigration Bureau of the Department of Labor. The bureau claims to have given permission for the importation under contract of these workers upon the representation that this labor is not available in the United States. Following is the version of the case given in the Jewelry Workers' Monthly Bulletin for December:

"Until the industrial depression set in (in the winter of 1919-20), the firm of Von Steiner & Baumgartner was on most friendly terms with the International Jewelry workers' union. In the busiest of seasons when skilled labor was scarce, we supplied the firm with all the help they needed. The affiliation of the employers with the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association of Washington, D. C., and the affiliation of their employees with the International Jewelry Workers' union, Local No. 12, of the same city, was of mutual benefit to both parties concerned. Each year the firm and the workers have entered into a working agreement through their respective organizations. During the life of the agreements, there was no complaint as to breach of any kind and satisfaction of both parties led to its renewal. However, after the winter of 1919 and 1920, when the industrial depression was at its height, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association of Washington, D. C., decided to join the 'open shop' drive to compel the jewelry workers employed in Washington, D. C., to sign individual agreements with their respective employers to the effect that working hours shall increase from 44 to 48 per week; to force the workers to relinquish their membership in the union and deprive one of employment in case he voluntarily leaves his job. Its drastic union-smashing decisions, the Merchants' & Manufacturers' association of Washington, D. C., passed under the influence of a delegate from the Craft Association of New York and a speaker from Baltimore, Md., who promised every support to the employers in case of an open conflict with the International Jewelry Workers' union.

"This anti-union policy led to a strike, resulting in a complete shut-down of the Von Steiner & Baumgartner plant. In the course of time, finding that they cannot run their shop on promises of speakers from the New York Craft association, the firm, instead of adjusting their differences with the International Jewelry Workers' union and thereby getting all the skilled help they were in need of, have resorted to importation of contract labor, while American citizens, wage earners in the jewelry industry in the United States, were tramping the streets of the big cities in search of jobs.

"The above described is not the first occurrence of its sort. At the Fifth General convention of the I. J. W. U., the writer reported that manufacturers in the United States and Canada are recouring to importation of contract labor from Europe; that silverware manufacturers

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TO PREPARE FOR SPRING ELECTION

Local Labor Political Committee to Hold Conference.

The city central political committee of union labor will meet tonight, Friday, at Owl's hall, 418 West Superior street for the purpose of receiving the spirit of the executive committee of the recent campaign and to consider the names of candidates for city commissioner in the coming spring election.

An entire new set of delegates has been elected by the several unions and they will be seated at tonight's meeting. It is said that several names will be offered for endorsement for the office of city commissioner.

W. J. Murnian, the present incumbent, is most prominently mentioned for re-endorsement. The retiring state senator from the Fifty-ninth district, Em. Ericson, is also being groomed.

It has been suggested that the committee receive nominations and that the choice for endorsement be referred to the various unions for action by referendum vote. In such way the workers themselves will be given a direct voice in naming the labor candidates to go on the primary ballot.

The terms of Commissioner W. J. Murnian and J. A. Farrell expire. The election will be held in April.

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