

PIEZ TELLS ALL ABOUT HIS SHOP AND HIMSELF

Charlie Piez, head of the open-shop Link Belt Co. and president of the Illinois Manufacturers' Ass'n, was the first witness before the federal industrial relations commission today.

Piez seemed very happy about himself and his non-union shops. His entire testimony was sprinkled with personal. At one time he said he was sure his unorganized laborers liked him so well that should they start a labor union they would surely elect him business agent.

Piez said he had much experience with labor agents who graft. One of the commission asked him if he didn't think an employer who bribed was as bad as a labor agent that might accept a bribe. Piez choked up a bit and then admitted that, of course, it must be to the advantage of the employer before he gives a bribe.

He was squeezed particularly on the wages he paid his men since he began operating an open shop. At first he said he couldn't remember as he had 1,000 men in his employ. Then he said his pay ranged from 32 to 50 cents an hour, which was about a 30 per cent increase.

Commissioner Garretson informed him that by expert government figures the cost of living since 1906, when Piez started the open shop, had gone up 60 per cent.

Piez said manufacturers' associations compiled information on poor pay customers, but he didn't know if they kept information on workmen.

He said he had two kicks against union labor. "They put down the amount of the output," he said, "and also break up discipline. They place royalty to their union above everything else."

"Don't you think they can be loyal both to the union and to the employer?" he was asked. He said he hadn't found any who could.

Piez said he believed that lobbying for favorable bills was very proper

on the part of manufacturers' associations. He admitted that they also aimed to create public opinion.

John Walker, president Illinois Federation of Labor, followed Piez.

MYSTERY IN GIRL'S NOTE

Finding of a pathetic little note in a mail box at North Talman and West North av., evidently written by a girl who was lured from her home by promises of marriage, is being investigated by the police.

It is believed that the young woman may be the victim of a white slave plot. On the envelope was scrawled the following:

"To the one who finds this, read it and deliver to my parents. Rose Levitt."

There was no address and the police are on the lookout for the parents of the girl. In the meantime records of missing girls will be searched in an effort to identify the young woman.

The note found in the letter box reads:

"Dear Parents: I have gone with the man I love forever. Do not worry. When I will get married I will come back to you when I will be 20 years old. You should that I am married. I will write a letter to you as soon as I reach there and you will surely answer me and if I don't get married 20-years I will be dead."

ALL RIGHT, WE WON'T

(From Oscar Duryea's Dancing Instructions.)

DON'T

Dip.

Romp.

Crouch.

Exaggerate.

Bend the knees.

Sway the shoulders.

Embrace your partner.

Pump-handle the arms.

Shuffle the feet along the floor.

Move the hips from side to side.

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