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## Organized Labor is Alert To Protect Workmen From Liability Insurance Sharks

**Ohio State Federation of Labor Takes Steps to Prevent Companies From Again Obtaining Foothold in Ohio—Secretary Donnelly Points Out Threatened Danger to Laborers.**

By THOS. J. DONNELLY, Secretary-Treasurer Ohio State Federation of Labor.

Responding to the demands of organized labor, the 1910 General Assembly of Ohio, authorized the appointment by Governor Harmon of a commission to investigate the subject of Workmen's Compensation, and to report to the succeeding General Assembly. A majority and minority report of the commission was submitted. The minority report was made by Brother Wm. J. Winans, of the Railroad Trainmen, and a bill was drawn representing the views of the Ohio State Federation of Labor. The events that transpired at that time are now a matter of history, but it should perhaps be recalled to the wage-earners of Ohio that the voluntary workmen's compensation law embodying, to a large extent, the fundamental principles of the law drawn by Judge Okey, for labor, was the result of the efforts of organized labor, in opposition to the organized employers of the State, the business interests as represented by the Chambers of Commerce, a good following of the attorneys of the State, and the liability insurance companies of the United States.

Early developments at that time, demonstrated that the employers were favorable to the appointment of the original commission, having but one purpose in mind, and that was the repeal of the Norris and Metzger Employers' Liability Law, and the passage of a cheap compensation act, by which all burdens would be placed upon the employees and the public, and all immunities granted to the employers.

### Opposed By Attorneys.

A certain class of attorneys opposed labor because of a lucrative practice enjoyed in the handling of liability cases. And last, but by no means least, came the liability insurance companies, with an army of representatives and attorneys engaged in soliciting liability insurance from the employers and contesting the suits of injured workmen and the dependents of those killed in industry.

**Single-handed, labor met these forces of dollar interests and profit in the wage-earners and defeated them.**

Following this first victory, labor entered the constitutional campaign, elected delegates to the Constitutional convention, had an amendment submitted to the people giving the State the right to make the workmen's compensation law compulsory and recognizing the principle that the collecting, administration and disbursing of funds for this purpose is a State function, and can only be exercised in Ohio by the State. This amendment carried by an overwhelming vote at the polls.

With the convening of the 1913 Legislature, labor again took up the question of Workmen's Compensation, and a bill was introduced by Senator Green, the father of the voluntary act, calling for compulsory contribution by the employers to the State fund. This was the signal which brought the same forces into play against labor as before. **But once more, labor, single-handed, defeated those opposed to the passage of an adequate twentieth century law.**

Since the passage of the Compulsory Act, eliminating the "ambulance-chasing attorney," and the liability insurance

companies, the representatives of those companies have been working surreptitiously to discredit the State fund and the administration and distribution of it. These efforts have been repeatedly checkmated by the Federation, and the State Industrial Commission, in charge of the fund, had on several occasions issued statements in answer to these insinuations and attacks, to the utter confusion of the liability insurance interests.

Then, during the session of the last legislature, insurance bills and a resolution were introduced. Again organized labor, single-handed, dragged "the nigger out of the woodpile" of adroit phraseology and subtle legal verbiage, to the glare of the sun of publicity. Every effort to sneak through a law permitting the discrediting of the State by unfair methods of investigation or granting the right to insurance companies to write compensation was defeated.

The next step was to appeal to Governor Willis and protest against the rules of the Industrial Commission in not recognizing the insurance companies, and requesting his intercession. The Governor referred them to the Industrial Commission. The commission has refused to change its rules. The insurance interests promised to file a brief before the Industrial Commission last Saturday, but did not do so.

### Companies Are Active.

The daily press informs us that it is expected that the insurance companies will now transfer the scene of their activities to the Department of Insurance Commissioner Frank Taggart, and endeavor to secure a license to write compensation insurance. The press also says that upon his refusal it is thought they will appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

The officers of the Ohio State Federation of Labor have written the Governor commending his action, appeared before the Industrial Commission protesting against any change in their rules which will recognize the right of the liability insurance companies to write compensation in Ohio; called upon Attorney General Ed. C. Turner and requested to be permitted to have associate counsel with him in defending the State in any suit brought upon behalf of the Insurance interests. To this he willingly agreed. And finally, a protest has been filed with Insurance Commissioner Taggart against the issuing of any license to write workmen's compensation.

Every member of organized labor should write our State officials what they think about this matter.

In the meantime, organized labor will await the next move of these companies who, previous to the passage of the workmen's compensation legislation, collected millions annually in Ohio from employers for liability insurance and paid such a small amount on the claims that a profit of something like 65 per cent was recorded for them in Ohio. Following the passage of the present law none can quite forget their unsavory referendum petitions thereon, and their studied effort to sneak legislation or discredit the principle underlying the Green law.

### MANY DISPUTES ADJUSTED.

Montreal, Canada.—Organized workers in the ladies' garment industry have been beset with numerous disputes because of discharge cases and new working systems employers would introduce for the purpose of lowering wages. The union has settled these cases satisfactorily and has also conducted a strong agitation campaign. A four days' strike against the Canada Cloak Company resulted in an agreement. Another large factory, employing 200 workers, has been unionized.

### BAKERS TO CONFER.

St. Louis.—The first of next month delegates from bakers' unions in the States of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas will hold a conference in this city.

### STATE UNIONISTS TO MEET.

Boston.—Officers of the Massachusetts State federation of labor have issued the call for the thirtieth annual convention to be held at New Bedford, beginning Monday, September 20.

### WOULD DIVIDE AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, South Australia.—The sixth annual labor conference, consisting of federal and State public officials elected by the labor party, voted that Australia should be divided into a larger number of States. The sentiment prevailed that decentralization was essential to the control of the government by the people. One speaker said that there should be 18 or 20 States in the Australian continent, instead of the six that now exist.



**Phil Fischer**  
 Re-elected Vice-President Building Trades Council.

### 4,330 EMPLOYEES INJURED.

Lansing, Mich.—The automobile industry furnished the largest per cent of the 4,330 Michigan employees injured in June. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries is second, and the copper and iron mining industries third and fourth, respectively. Of the grand total of accidents, twenty-three resulted fatally and seventy-seven caused permanent injuries. The amount of compensation paid by employers to injured workers during this month was \$100,809.69.



**Joseph Nolde**  
 Re-elected Financial Secretary Building Trades Council.

### OBJECT TO "TASK" SYSTEM.

Philadelphia.—Workers employed on outside ship construction at the New York Shipbuilding Company's plant struck against a piece work system which nets them from \$6 to \$10 a week. They demand the eight-hour day and 24 cents an hour.



**Fred Hock**  
 Re-elected Recording Secretary and Business Agent Building Trades Council.

### SAYS STRIKE IS ENDED.

Bridgeport, Conn.—J. J. Keppler, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, who has been directing the strike at the plants of the Remington Arms and Ammunition Company and various subcontractors, announced here Thursday that a settlement had been agreed upon.

He added that no more men would be called out, that the pickets would be called off duty, and that the strikers would go back to work Monday morning.

He said he had decided to call the strike off as the result of a conference held in New York. Then he left Bridgeport again after saying that he would not return.

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### ICE DRIVERS MAKE GAINS.

Indianapolis.—Practically every ice company in the city has accepted the new wage scale of Ice Wagon Drivers' and Helpers' Union. Preference is promised union men. As the companies go into the coal business during the winter months, this feature of the agreement is important. Work on Decoration day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be at time and one-half rates. If work is not required on these days, the drivers will be paid their regular wage. Representatives of the union and employers will consider claims of wrongful discharge. As work on Labor day is declared necessary, the drivers will be allowed a day off satisfactory to employers and themselves.

### RAIL FATALITIES DECREASE.

Washington.—A report by the interstate commerce commission for the first quarter ending March 31 shows that rail accidents have decreased over the like period of last year. The number this year is 65 killed and 1,972 injured. While these figures tell a ghastly story of derailments caused by defective roadways, broken wheels and broken rails, the number of fatalities has been reduced 100 per cent over last year. The number of train accidents decreased 783 during the same period.

### MINERS LIVE IN TENTS.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Because striking miners were evicted from their homes by the Pennsylvania Mining company and the Sterling Anthracite Coal company, officers of the miners' union have shipped one hundred tents to Jintown, where these miners are located.

The miners were unorganized when they struck because of wage reductions. They then applied for membership in the United Mine Workers' union.

### LICENSE LABOR AGENCIES.

Joplin, Mo.—The city commission has ordered that hereafter an annual fee of \$50 shall be charged employment agencies. Only residents of Joplin for at least one year can be licensed and an agency's rates cannot be more than 5 per cent of one month's wages.

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### WILL ENFORCE FIVE-DAY WEEK

San Francisco.—Plasterers' union has announced that hereafter members shall not work more than five days a week. Saturdays and Sundays will be observed as holidays.