

# The Central Labor Council

Issues the Following Appeal in the Interest of the Chronicle

THE LABOR ADVOCATE wants to add its endorsement to the same, and asks the members of the Building Trades Council to subscribe to *The Chronicle*. The price, as you will see, has been reduced to sixty cents a year.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL ISSUES THE FOLLOWING IN REFERENCE TO THE CHRONICLE.

CINCINNATI, O., December 14, 1915.

### To Labor Unions—Greeting:

At the regular meeting of the Central Labor Council the following communication was unanimously indorsed and referred to all affiliated unions for action. Trusting that your action will be favorable, I am

Fraternally yours,

FRANK IMWALLE, Secretary.

### To Whom It May Concern—Greeting:

Once again the Central Labor Council, duly assembled in regular meeting, strongly recommends THE CHRONICLE, its official organ, to the delegates and to the members and business agents of the affiliated unions.

Support it, brothers! It is our paper. It publishes minutes of the Central Labor Council; it promulgates its resolutions and its laws, and promotes its interests. It defends and helps the unions; booms the labels; tells buyers where to get the union-label good, and in addition every week it contains many columns filled with splendid articles from the pens of the best writers on economic subjects. The capitalistic papers have failed us many times; THE CHRONICLE never; and often THE CHRONICLE has been our only defender against falsehoods put forth by interested parties.

It is truly a good and great paper. A single glance through its columns ought to convince you of this.

Front page: Great articles by master minds on labor subjects; weekly news letter and other matters of interest. Inner pages: Timely editorials; interesting notes and comments concerning the unions and their members; roster of unions; addresses of their secretaries and their agents; roll of union shops, stores, manufacturers and the minutes of Central Labor Council and of the Union Label League; and to all this are added many instructive and entertaining selections and items of interest.

The price of THE CHRONICLE is only one dollar per year; its value is many times that sum.

Who wouldn't give two cents per week for the minutes of the Central Labor Council alone? It would cost two cents per week to send you a copy of them by mail—for transmission alone—and then the cost of making and mailing those extra copies would have to be paid. Now you get them, with all the other matter above enumerated—a great bargain—for one dollar per year—for less than two cents per week.

Isn't it worth many times that small sum to have the union labels held prominently before the local public? What paper is doing this? Only THE CHRONICLE.

You have yet to appreciate your paper at its full worth. It is all printed here in Cincinnati—not a line of boiler plate in it; eight large pages; it is neat in appearance, its contents are excellent and its management is businesslike and successful.

Think of it! In times past, in this and other cities, many labor papers have been started; they have appealed to the public for help and they have collected thousands and tens of thousands of dollars to put them on a substantial basis; and then they have failed! THE CHRONICLE makes no appeal for gifts. It only asks you to subscribe, and it gives you great value for your money. Not only does it support itself, but out of its earnings it helps to support the Central Labor Council.

Think of this, brothers! Learn to prize our and your great official organ at its true worth. If not already a subscriber, subscribe, and get others to subscribe. Invite the agent of THE CHRONICLE to appear before your union and explain how all the members, by subscribing in a body, may get THE CHRONICLE at the mere nominal outlay of five cents per month each.

F. IMWALLE.

### FINAN RETURNS.

John M. Finan, Chicago, first general vice-president of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, returned to Cincinnati and will renew his efforts to bring about a settlement of the painters' lockout in this city. He will attend a mass meeting of the painters, at which meeting the situation will be discussed.

### WAGE SCALE DISCUSSED.

A committee representing Stationary Engineers' Local Union No. 18, and a member of the Executive Board of Central Labor Council, met with the County Commissioners to discuss a new wage scale for engineers employed by the county. The labor representatives again will meet with the Commissioners at their next meeting.

## \$46,000,000 FOR WORK ON RIVERS

New Bill Allows All That Was Asked for the Ohio.

Washington.—The first draft of the Rivers and Harbors bill has been completed. The Ohio river is taken care of at its full War Department estimate. Altogether the bill carries \$46,000,000. It makes appropriation for all projects now in course of construction, but for no new ones, in accordance with the President's views. It is suggested that President Wilson wants to see the bill cut down to \$25,000,000. In that event some of the older projects will fare badly. It is the present intention of the committee to introduce the bill in the House in the second week in January.

## "RHINOCEROS BIRD" THE LATEST.

Washington.—The committee on industrial relations delves into natural history for a term to express its opinion of the Washington correspondent to "American Industries," official magazine of the national association of manufacturers, who attacks the commission, and declares that "politicians, as a rule, are notable cowards when it comes to facing demands made by labor organizations and a threat of loss of votes frequently frightens them into doing things their better conscience condemns."

This ill-temperate and bad-mannered attack is reprinted in full by the commission on industrial relations, with the following introduction:

"The article is written by one of those rhinoceros birds that are so common in Washington. The rhinoceros bird also flourishes in African swamps. He perches on the back of the rhinoceros and feeds on the insects that he finds on its thick hide. In return for this favor, he warns the rhinoceros of the approach of an enemy by flying into the air and uttering shrill cries."

## SHIPYARDS ARE RUSHED.

Washington.—In a report by the commission on navigation it is declared that American shipyards have under construction now more vessels than ever before, and that these vessels will add to an American merchant marine whose gross tonnage is already the largest in the country's history. At the present time there are ninety-eight merchant vessels of more than 3,000 tons being built or are under contract.

The total tonnage of ships under the American flag, numbering 26,888, December 1, was 8,888,258, a net gain of more than 50,000 tons since July 1. There was a net gain of 187 ships, despite 272 vessels lost, abandoned, and sold to aliens. Twenty-three came under American registry from foreign registry and 436 were completed in shipyards.

This report is of especial interest at this time, in view of the insistent claims that the seamen's law "will drive the American flag from the high seas."

## LABOR IS NOT A COMMODITY.

Columbus, Ohio.—Members of the Ohio Manufacturers' association, in convention in this city, were given a jolt by Arthur J. Eddy, of Chicago, who discussed the labor features of the Clayton anti-trust law.

"Don't confound labor with so many pounds of sugar or so many tons of sand or steel," said the speaker. "Labor is not a commodity. It's a human proposition and the sooner you gentlemen recognize that fact the better it will be for you."

It might be stated that the Chicago man is not a trade unionist, even though he expresses the views so long insisted by organized labor.

Mr. Eddy is a lawyer. The manufacturers indorsed the workmen's compensation law and protested against the removal of members of the State industrial commission for mere partisan reasons. This position is identical with that of organized labor.

## CHILDREN MAKE CIGARS.

Detroit.—Business Agent Jones of the Cigarmakers' union, told federation of labor delegates that non-union cigar plants in this city give certificates of "competency" after one year's work, instead of six months, as formerly.

"A child works in a place of this kind for \$1 a week," he said. "That is, she gets that dollar a week if she first works a year. At the end of her year she is given back pay at the rate of a dollar. During her apprenticeship she receives a certificate each week which entitles her to a dollar for each certificate at the end of the year. Yet some men smoke the product of these places, though they could get excellent cigars made under union and humane conditions."

## VOTING ON WAGE SCALE.

San Francisco, Cal.—Electrical Workers' Unions along the Pacific Coast are voting on a proposed agreement with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, which has been accepted by representatives of both parties.

## MUSICIANS COMING

Arrangements Being Made For National Meeting in This City.

Joseph N. Weber, New York City, president of the American Federation of Musicians, and Otto Ostendorf, St. Louis, treasurer of the organization, are in the city making arrangements for hotel accommodations for delegates to the convention of the federation, which opens in Cincinnati, May 8, and lasts one week. Mr. Weber conferred with the Board of Directors of Cincinnati Musicians' Protective Association, Local No. 1, with reference to the recent picture house controversy.

## IDEALS ARE VALUED.

Milwaukee.—Ideals are the greatest thing in the world and should be encouraged, said Dr. Stephen Wise, New York rabbi, in an address in this city.

"Ideals are the most worth-while things in the world," he declared. "To have an ideal and to be ever in the pursuit of it is to live a useful life. The men that the world honor are those who have held to cherished ideals, even though in standing by their convictions they were a minority, pitted against the world. Idealists, with their impractical visions, are always in the minority; they are always unpopular, because it is their work in the world to stab away the consciousness of the majority. And the majority does not like to be aroused from its slumbers, to hear indictments of things as they are, for such indictments are a reflection upon them. Over and over the idealist has rendered the world priceless services."

## PROFITABLE SALE OF SHIPS.

San Francisco.—Owners of Pacific Mail Steamship company stock will receive \$7,750,000 dividends because of the recent sale of these vessels to an eastern corporation. It is stated that the Southern Pacific Railway company holds 110,800 shares, the remaining 89,200 shares being scattered. When it was first announced that Pacific Mail would be sold the seamen's law was blamed. Unionists, however, pointed to the law governing the Panama canal which makes it illegal for railroad-owned vessels to enter same. Later developments have verified the unionists' opinion.

## STENOGRAPHERS TO UNITE.

Boston.—Stenographers have issued a call to form an Office Workers' union. Girls in offices do not come under the State 54-hour law and many of them are receiving less than \$6 a week.

## "NO MARRIAGE TAX"

Uncle Sam hasn't as yet turned a calculating eye upon marriage licenses, in the way of extracting revenue tax. A message which came to the United States Internal Revenue Collector Gilchrist Monday proves that Cupid, in this district may work unmolested by "the revenooers." It appears that in another district the question came up before an internal revenue collector as to whether marriage licenses were not subject in these war times to Governmental tax. He wired the S. O. S. to Washington. Whereupon Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue David A. Gates, in Washington, shot back to that internal collector and every collector in these United States the glad news: "Marriage bonds not taxable."

## DOES UNIONISM PAY.

Chicago.—Truck Drivers' Union, No. 705 the largest single local affiliated to the Brotherhood of Teamsters has raised wages \$1.50 a week for every man driving a team or automobile. Employers first offered a 50-cent increase and then 75 cents, but the 1,500 truckers stuck by their original demand, which was finally agreed to, and a contract signed.

General President Tolpin of the brotherhood cites the history of this local, formed in 1902, to show the value of unionism. He shows that since that time single drivers have received \$1,924 and double drivers \$2,782 over the rates they received when the union was organized. During this time these workers have paid an average of 60 cents a month into the local union.

The gains may also answer the question, "Why do some employers oppose the trade union movement?"

## Rejected.

"Will you share my portion?" asked the poor young man.

"I fear yours is only a half portion," said the girl gently. "You will need it all for yourself."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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