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The Cincinnati Speedway

Contract Given to An Out-of-Town Contractor, Who Employs Scab Labor, By the Very Members of the Chamber of Commerce Who Are Always Shouting For Us to "Buy in Cincinnati."—The Demand for a Big Parade Labor Day, Was Brought About by the Fact That the City Administration Is Fighting Union Labor, and Their Object for Giving the Municipal Picnic on Labor Day Was To Injure the Parade.

Hod Carriers Asked to Admit the Common Laborers to Their Local, But the Matter Is Undecided.

The regular meeting of the Building Trades Council was called to order by President Jos. Cullen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

A communication from the Building Trades Council of Springfield, Ohio, was read and laid over to be taken up under "good and welfare."

A communication from W. J. Spencer, secretary Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L., was read in relation to the elevator constructors who were suspended by the local Building Trades Council some time ago, and as they are desirous of affiliating again with the Council, they are forced to pay their initiation fee of \$50.

Business Agent Hock read his regular weekly report, which was adopted. A man named Morgan, who is business agent for the Common Laborers, has been calling on contractors and telling them that D'Alexandrio, the international president, had ordered the hod carriers to join the Building Laborers' local.

Under the head of "good and welfare," Bro. Alden E. Smith, business manager of the Springfield (Ohio) Building Trades Council, was given the floor to explain to the Council that T. A. Graham, the contractor of the new speedway, was a notorious employer of scab labor; that he uses his wits, his money and his resources to fight union labor.

That brought up a lively discussion. Men like E. W. Edwards, Tom Corcoran, H. S. Leyman, of the Leyman-Buick Company are always shouting to buy in Cincinnati, but when they want to build a pleasure resort to be patronized by the people of Cincinnati, they go outside to get a contractor who hires scab labor.

After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the Board of Business Agents for immediate action.

This matter is liable to wind up by the 50,000 members of organized labor, and their friends in Hamilton County, refusing to patronize the new speedway unless union labor will be used.

Galveston, Texas.—Brewery Workers' Union No. 130 has signed a three years' agreement with the Galveston Brewing Company. Wages are increased from 20 to 30 per cent and the working time of beer drivers is reduced.

Findlay, O.—Brewery employes have signed a three years' contract with local breweries. Wages of beer bottlers are raised \$2.50 a week; brewers, \$2; teamsters, \$2, and steam engineers and stationary firemen from \$2.50 to \$4.

Union Men, Read This!

On Tuesday, January 4, 1916, Prosecutor John V. Campbell (in the case of the Union Painters), addressing the court, said: "I think the court can fix bail or admit these prisoners to bail. Your Honor might, under some circumstances, hear testimony to determine whether or not the defendants are to be permitted to give bail."

HERBERT DOTY WAS TRIED, AND THE JURY STOOD 10 FOR ACQUITTAL AND 2 FOR CONVICTION. THAT'S HEARING THE TESTIMONY.

Still Prosecutor Campbell refused to permit the court to allow bail.

WILL UNION LABOR VOTE FOR CAMPBELL? OR WILL THEY THROW OVER PARTY POLITICS AND VOTE FOR THE OTHER FELLOW?

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Mugavin Will Be Present at Hearing Before Supreme Court—Victor Gauthier, of the Machinists, Explained the Strike Situation—The Brass Workers Organize.

Central Labor Council, Tuesday night, May 9, selected Thomas H. Mugavin, President, to be present at the final hearing in the suit of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, to prevent the writing of workmen's compensation insurance by private insurance companies and to test the constitutionality of Section 23 of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

After a discussion, Council decided to concur in a report of the Labor Day Committee, which was held over from the last meeting. A provision that the Council is to equally divide the proceeds of the sale of tickets for the Labor Day outing with the Building Trades Council, and that the committee should be given full power to act, caused the squabble.

Victor Gauthier, Toledo, Business Agent for the International Association of Machinists, explained the machinists' strike situation. Following his address, Council decided to give credentials to a committee from the machinists, which will seek aid from the various unions.

The Brassworkers' Union announced an organization meeting for Friday night at Cosmopolitan Hall.

HOUSES NOT BUILT PROPERLY.

Erie, Pa.—Better homes means better citizenship, said David W. Harper in an address in this city.

"You can not expect the best in a man if his conditions are unsanitary and unclean. Houses should be plain and substantial, providing plenty of fresh air and light," he said.

Mr. Harper quoted figures which showed that more than 900,000 of 1,600,000 persons in the State rented their homes.

RAISE WAGES 20 PER CENT.

Hoboken, N. J.—The bottle cap, cork workers and assistants organized recently and affiliated to the American Federation of Labor. They now report that their union has secured an agreement with the New Process Cork Company. Wages of female employes are increased 18 per cent and male employes 20 per cent. Hours are reduced from nine to eight.

MEDIATION OFFER REFUSED.

Garment Workers in Surrounding Cities Join Gotham Strikers.

New York, N. Y.—Hope of settling the garment workers' strike in this city in the immediate future was diminished today when Michael J. Regan, Industrial Mediator of the State Department of Labor, announced that an offer of mediation made by him had been declined by the employers. About 60,000 persons are still on strike.

Three factories at Vineland, N. J., and twelve at Stamford, Conn., have suspended operations, it was announced here tonight as a result of the garment workers' strike. The factories at Vineland, according to agents of the union, had been working for an officer of the Cloak and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association.

That there was a possibility of an increase in prices on all new designs of women's wear was the assertion tonight of Benjamin Schlesinger, President of the garment workers' organization. He declared indications are that the strike will last four months, in which event he said, there will be a scarcity of new models. A report that the designers planned to open special shops for the manufacture of models was denied by the head of their association.

WAGE INCREASE GRANTED.

Chicago, Ill.—Wage increases from two to five cents an hour have been granted approximately 40,000 employees in the stock yards district by the various packing concerns during the last few days, it was learned today. At present there are about 500 men on strike. They are reported to be mainly from the hog-killing department of Armour & Co. Trouble in various departments of the packing industry have been averted by these wage increases, it is said.

WILL PAY CLAIMS DIRECT.

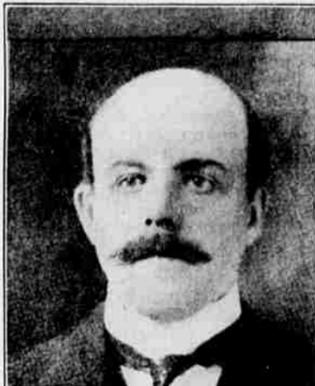
Philadelphia.—The State Compensation Board has announced that practically all insurance companies in the State issuing accident insurance under the new Workmen's Compensation law have agreed to pay claims direct to injured workmen. By this method victims of industrial accidents and their families are freed from the danger of exploitation by lawyers who charge exorbitant fees for collecting claims.

Recently the board notified the insurance companies that the claims of attorneys must not be deducted from compensation awards unless same were O. K'd by the State Board.

Republican County Ticket

Selected by the Advisory Board.—Some of the Candidates Are All Right, and Some Are Very Bad So Far as Labor Is Concerned.—There Are But Three Fair Men On the Legislative Ticket So Far.

All Candidates Will Be Looked Into and Their Records Printed By "The Advocate."—The Nomination of John V. Campbell an Insult to Organized Labor.



HON. NICHOLAS LONGWORTH Republican Candidate for Congress



HON. HENRY OTT Republican Candidate for Legislation

Two Good Friends of Organized Labor

REPUBLICAN TICKET

- Congress, First District—Nicholas Longworth. Congress, Second District—Victor Heintz. County Auditor—Edward S. Beaman. County Clerk—Fred E. Wesselmann. Sheriff—George F. Schott. Treasurer—Charles Cooper. County Recorder—Casper Haeckel. County Prosecuting Attorney—John V. Campbell. Common Pleas Judge—Robert Z. Buchwalter. Probate Judge—William H. Lueders. Coroner—Dr. Henry J. Cook. County Commissioners—A. E. Mittendorf, Charles F. Bauer and Martin Daly. Surveyor—William H. Boeh. Senators—Robert J. O'Brien, Walter Shohl and Charles F. Harding. Representatives—Henry Ott, Harry L. Federman, B. S. Wydman, Edwin E. Winter, Littleford Hunemeyer, Max Friedman, Joseph R. Gardner and A. Lee Beatty (two places to be filled by recommendations of business organizations).

A complete county and legislative ticket, with the exception of two Representatives, to be recommended by the business interests, was selected at the meeting of the Republican Executive Committee last Thursday. As the nominations are subject to ratification by the Central Committee of the party, it was resolved not to give out the names until after the meeting of the Central Committee Saturday afternoon.

It was said Thursday night on good authority that the two business men to be recommended for the two vacant places on the Republican legislative ticket are C. H. M. Atkins, President of the Warner Elevator Company, and Harry H. Snyder, President of the Cincinnati Fly Screen Company. Both are prominent members of the Business Men's Club.

The final session of the Executive Committee occupied two hours. It began at 11:15 o'clock yesterday morning and ended at 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon. During the meeting a luncheon of milk and sandwiches was served.

Although the members declined to

make known the personnel of the ticket, it was said the conclusion was unanimous. Probably the warmest fight was over the naming of a candidate for Congress in the Second District.

Heintz As Compromise.

Members of the old organization were about equally divided between James G. Fisk, member of the Board of Education, and former Representative Louis H. Capelle, Victor Heintz, attorney, who had William Cooper Procter for his champion, was chosen as a compromise.

Colonel A. E. B. Stephens did not figure in the contest, because the organization element stamped him as irregular two years ago in going before the primaries and beating its candidate for County Clerk, Harry Asmann. A rumor that Colonel Stephens might decide to make another fight was set at rest last night, when he said:

"I was only a receptive candidate for the nomination to Congress. I will not enter any contest at the primaries."

It was learned after the meeting of the Executive Committee that in the race for County Recorder Casper Haeckel defeated William Von Hoene for the nomination by only one vote, 9 to 8. Congressman Nicholas Longworth, in the First District, had no opposition for renomination.

On the county ticket, George F. Schott, for Sheriff; Charles Cooper, Treasurer; John V. Campbell, Prosecuting Attorney; William H. Lueders, Probate Judge, and William H. Boeh, County Surveyor, were all renominated.

Charles Harding For Senate.

Four of the present legislative delegation will go back again if the Republican ticket wins. Representative Charles Harding, who was active in behalf of various Hamilton County measures, has been promoted to the Senatorship, and Henry Ott, Harry L. Federman and Bryce Wydman are the trio of House members who were vindicated.

A popular Senatorial nomination is that of Colonel Robert J. O'Brien, who has many friends in both parties, and who is being rewarded for his excellent work in behalf of his constituents while a member of Council from the Sixth Ward for so many years. The third Senatorial candidate is Walter Scholl, an attorney, in the office with Frank F. Dinsmore, and a new man in politics.

Of the new candidates on the House ticket, Edwin E. Winter is an accountant with the Lunkenheimer Company; Max Friedman, an attorney, in the office of Cohen & Mack; Joseph R. Gardner, an attorney, who resides in Norwood; Littleford Hunemeyer, also a young attorney and protegee of Gus Kirbert, and A. Lee Beatty, a negro attorney, who was selected from among more than a dozen men of his race who were candidates.