

MEAT CUTTERS APPEAL

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Henry Rudolph, 3830 Colerain Ave.
The following names from the West End:
Chas. A. Derrick, 823 Clark St.
George Schlichte, cor. Ninth and Linn Sts.
W. M. Renter, 767 Delhi Ave., Sedamsville.

Fair Meat Shops.

The meat cutters desire to say that they are giving you the clear understanding that the above-named retail meat dealers are not located in one section of the town, but distributed all over the city, and desire your good, strong support. A union shop can be found in any one of the above-named sections of the city so that it will not be necessary to patronize any of the above-named unfair shops. Please have this matter mentioned to the members of your family, and to all of your friends. The meat cutters are having a hard struggle in this city, and it is up to you to do your duty. There are nine union shops in Corryville, where you can make your purchases in this line; but there is only one in the East End, namely, Karl H. Williams, 4025 Eastern Ave. Mr. Williams will deliver the goods right to your home and you will not have a bit of trouble in being supplied in the line of meats or groceries.

There are three union shops in Oakley: Henry Poppe, 3174 Madison road; King Bros., 3136 Madison road, and John Buhrlage, 3159 Madison road. Therefore, we have no complaint coming from that section of the city. There are two union shops in Norwood: The Economy Grocery Co., on Sherman avenue, and L. F. Kantz, Section and Elm. These stores will supply you satisfactorily in that section of the city. In Madisonville there is only one union shop—The Economy Grocery Co., 5837 Bramble street, which will deliver the goods direct to your home.

We have no complaint coming from Cumminsville—there are eleven union shops located there. The majority of the shops in the West End are organized—but stay away from George Schlichte and Chas. Derrick.

In Sedamsville we have two union shops—Ben Reiszger, 621 Delhi avenue; John Wever, 3030 W. Sixth street; these two meat markets are union. But stay away from the rest of the meat markets in that section of the city.

Now, fellow workers, it is just the time to realize that the meat cutters are entitled to your support. The above-

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named unfair retail meat dealers are doing everything in their power to put this organization out of existence, especially George Schlichte, who is the councilman from the Sixteenth Ward; he is the main agitator against our organization and we feel that it is a shame. It is not a big corporation that we are fighting, but a number of small retail meat dealers. Organized labor should not let them put a union local out of existence. The meat cutters are very glad to be organized and desire to better their conditions the same as other laboring men, so it is up to you to get busy and patronize union meat markets only.

Our business agent, Mike Schuld, will do his duty by us. If given good support, the meat cutters in the near future will not have to labor from 80 to 82 hours per week, but will be considered as human beings and will have the opportunity to enjoy a few hours with their families, as other workers enjoy.

Thanking you for any and all support that you can give us,

Respectfully yours,

Henry F. Dindorf, Secretary.
MEAT CUTTERS' UNION, LOCAL 610.

STANDARDS OF LIVING MUST BE MAINTAINED

Washington—Government contractors must not exploit workers or destroy their living standards under the plea of war necessity, is the essence of resolutions adopted at a meeting of the executive council of the metal trades department, A. F. of L., and the presidents of affiliated organizations.

The resolutions state: "We call upon the regularly authorized authorities of the government to provide a clause in all contracts let by the government guaranteeing a just standard of working and living conditions, and that no contracts be let to any firm or corporation whose plants do not operate under such conditions."

"We jointly agree that there will be no cessation of work in any government plant in the United States during the period of the conflict, provided a plan is adopted whereby all grievances of employes of any government plant or private plant doing government work may be taken up for adjustment within a reasonable time. Failure to reach an adjustment by the employe and employes, the matter in dispute shall be referred to the council of national defense and the officers of the metal trades department of the A. F. of L. for final adjustment."

"Civilian representatives of the war and navy departments be appointed to act in conjunction with the United States civil service commission and the officers of the metal trades department of the A. F. of L. for the purpose of providing the labor necessary to successfully operate the navy yards, naval stations and arsenals to their full capacities."

MINERS LOYAL TO UNION.

McAlester, Okla.—Because certain coal trade journals have insisted that organized miners in Oklahoma and Arkansas are threatening to start a movement dual to the United Mine Workers, a committee representing the latter organization, after visiting every large mining center in this district, records its emphatic denial of any such proposal.

"It is obvious," the committee says, "to any one in touch with the situation down here that these statements are only published to cause the very thing complained of, and the wish of those behind these stories is only father to the thought."

"The miners of the southwest realize that the United Mine Workers of America have done more for them and their families than any other institution in the country. The organization was never in a more prosperous condition and the men are ever willing to contribute their full share to the success of the union."

DENTAL ASSISTANTS UNITE.

Butte, Mont.—Long hours have forced dentists' assistants to realize the necessity for organization and they have formed the Dental Assistants' Union and will apply to the A. F. of L. for a charter.

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Gompers Demands Free Press

Asks All Unions to Immediately Protest Against the Increase in Postal Rates and the Proposed "Zone System."

To All Organized Labor:

GREETING—Since our nation has become involved actively in the gigantic struggle for the world's democracy, new tests and problems must be met and solved. What has made our progress so notable in the past has been the indomitable spirit, thrift and sense of sacrifice of the men and women of labor for the ultimate greatness of the American Labor Movement.

Underlying all of our achievements has been the unrestricted right to a free press, unhampered by unwarranted restrictions and not unduly burdened by excessive taxation in any form. The American Federation of Labor has always protested against unwarranted restrictions upon a free press, and will continue protesting until every court and judge in our land will fully observe this great fundamental right and guarantee of liberty of a free people.

Within the past few days a new menace has presented itself to the free press of our country in the legislative proposal to tax unduly printed matter coming under the rules of second-class postage. Under guise of war revenue measure, it is not only proposed to increase the postage rate of second-class matter from one to two cents a pound, but it is also intended to apply a "Zone System" (district rates), thereby practically increasing the cost of carrying printed matter from one cent per pound to six cents per pound. No such exorbitant rate as this exists for any class of matter for the longest world's routes even in war times. Such a tax is strictly prohibitive. It spells disaster and ruin to the labor press of our country and will seriously hamper and retard that part of the public press sympathetic to the appeals and needs of the labor movement. This proposed increase of postage rates on second-class mail matter can only benefit those publications supported and financed by and in the interest of large and gigantic combinations of wealth, and it will destroy those publications barely eking out an existence because of their desire and determination

to serve the great mass of our people, working men and women of our country.

The public press, like every other individual, concern or institution, should be required to pay its just proportion of war taxes. This, however, should be done by increasing the income and inheritance taxes, a tax upon profits and upon land values.

To place a double and triple tax upon the public press is without warrant and excuse, and simply means that many publications will be forced out of existence. Such a condition will seriously menace the conditions of life and work of the men and women employed in the printing and closely related and kindred trades by throwing thousands of them out of employment. Shall we sit idly by while the very livelihood of thousands of our fellow-workers is placed in jeopardy, and while the labor and sympathetic public press is seriously menaced? Can we afford to permit that part of the public press financed by and in the interest of large and wealthy combinations of men to control exclusively the means of information and thereby dominate the minds of the people of our country?

Profits and incomes should be taxed, but the very source of employment of our fellow-workers and the maintenance of a liberal and free press should remain unimpaired.

An immediate protest against this proposed increase in postage rates on second-class matter and against the application of the "Zone System" should be immediately directed to every Congressman and Senator. Every central labor union, State federation of labor, and all affiliated unions should immediately voice their protest against this menacing proposal. Action to be effective must be had at once. Respond to this appeal without delay. Act now!

Fraternally yours,
SAMUEL GOMPERS,
President, American Federation of Labor.

MINERS WIN YEAR-OLD STRIKE.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Last week miners throughout the Kiskiminetas valley celebrated the successful end of their strike, after battling for over a year against intolerable conditions. Fourteen mine

properties are included in the settlement, which provides an eight-hour day, wage increases approximating 50 per cent, establishment of pit committees and check weighmen at all mines and the check-off system for union dues. To celebrate the victory many schools were suspended for the day that the children might parade with their union fathers.

WAGE GAINS FOR TEAMSTERS.

Boston.—Although their two-year contract does not expire until next year Coal Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Union No. 68 induced employers to raise wages because of high living costs. Chauffeurs are increased \$2 a week and other employes \$1.

Paterson, N. J.—The new agreement of the Teamsters' Union, which has been accepted by employers, provides for weekly wage increases of \$3, a reduction of hours to 35 a week and double time for overtime.

GLASS WORKERS WIN STRIKE.

Philadelphia.—President Voll of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association reports "that after a four week's strike the Minotala Glass Company of Minotola, N. J., has entered into an agreement with our association whereby that company will abide by the conference agreement as entered into between the manufacturers' association and ourselves, and will, therefore, come under the jurisdiction of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association."

The glass workers spent over \$300,000 during the past 15 years in an effort to unionize this plant. One of the most drastic injunctions ever issued was ordered by Chancellor Pitney of the high court of New Jersey, who was afterwards appointed to the United States Supreme Court by President Taft. The glass workers endeavored to have the senate reject the appointment, which was held up for several days.

President Voll says that the "unionizing of this factory is what may be termed an extraordinary vindication of the policy of the association in dealing with non-unionism—a policy that has proven successful since written into law in 1905, and with which the association's officers are in hearty accord."

RETAIL CLERKS ORGANIZE.

Elkhart, Ind.—Retail clerks have organized with a large charter list and affiliated with the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association.

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