

**LABOR UNION OFFICIALS
COMPLAIN TO DIRECTOR**

Declare Police Have Been Using Un-fair Methods.

A delegation of labor union officials, headed by Thomas Mugavin, president of Central Labor Council, called on Safety Director Friedlander, Tuesday, to complain of methods used by the police in labor troubles. They criticized the action of the police in providing an escort for the delivery wagons of a grocery concern, which has had a strike of drivers. Friedlander informed them that he would take their views under consideration.

GOMPERS TESTIMONIAL JAN. 28

New York.—Practically all arrangements are completed for the dinner in this city, January 28, in honor of the anniversary of President Gompers' golden wedding, his sixty-seventh birthday and 50 years' of active service in the trade union movement, reports Ernest Bohm, secretary of the joint trade union committee in charge of the observance of these events. He suggests that those desirous of attending the dinner make their reservations at once to the secretary, 710 Bertholdi building, 2 East Twenty-third street, New York City. Tables for groups of ten may be reserved.

RETAIL CLERKS ADVANCE.

LaFayette, Ind.—In reviewing gains made last year by the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association, Secretary-Treasurer Conway says more than 80 charters have been issued and of the five strikes inaugurated all but one has been satisfactorily adjusted.

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ORGANIZED LABOR

Taking An Interest In Promoting Peace.

The Central Federation Union of Greater New York has joined hands with the American Neutral Conference Committee in an effort to rouse and crystallize public opinion in the support of President Wilson's peace overtures. At its last meeting the union appointed an emergency peace committee consisting of Ernest Bohm, Secretary of the Central Federated Union; Rudolph Modest, general organizer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America; and William Kelly, business representative of the Copper-smiths' Union. This committee will cooperate with the American Neutral Conference Committee in gathering a great volume of public opinion so that President Wilson will feel assured of adequate support in any effort he may make. The American Neutral Conference Committee is the one organization in America formed for the express purpose of doing everything possible to hasten the day of a permanent peace. It has had in circulation for a number of months a petition urging the President to invite the belligerents to state the terms on which they would be willing to begin peace negotiations. Now that this step has been taken, the committee is throwing the entire weight of its influence behind the President's action. It believes that now, if ever in our history, the voice of the American people should be heard clearly and unmistakably in behalf of justice and humanity. The President has taken a far-reaching step and the least that America can do is to stand solidly with him in this critical hour when he is trying to restore peace to the world.

Organized labor in Brooklyn, in Seattle and throughout the State of California has endorsed the petition. From the ranks of labor everywhere have come the thousands of names which have already been signed. Now an appeal is being made to every Central Labor Council in the United States, to join in a wide-spread and rapid-fire circulation of the petition within the next few weeks. It is expected that many of the Councils will follow the lead taken by the Central Federated Union of New York in appointing an emergency committee to help at this crucial moment.

ASBESTOS WORKERS GAIN.

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"SANDWICH MAN" BARRED.

Trenton, N. J.—The city commissioners have decreed that the "sandwich man" is "unsightly" and "un-American," and is henceforth barred from the streets of this city. The unions have used this publicity method most effectively, and the Trades Union Advocate says: "A 'sandwich man' is not more 'unsightly' or 'un-American' than the sight of an underpaid, underfed city employe shivering with the cold on account of receiving insufficient wages to buy proper food or sufficient clothing."

KENTUCKY UNIONISTS MEET.

Owensboro, Ky.—Progress was reported during the past year by delegates to the Kentucky State Federation of Labor, which met in this city. A long list of remedial legislation was indorsed and Ashland was selected as the next convention city. H. J. Allington of Newport, was chosen president and P. J. Campbell of Louisville, secretary-treasurer.

COURTS ASKED TO REFORM.

New York.—"By all means let the courts reform court procedure. They can do it; no one else can," is the plaintive cry of the New York World, which says: "If bench and bar demand changes in the law, a legislature about half whose members commonly are lawyers will unquestionably grant them."

BOILER MAKERS GAIN.

Montreal, Quebec.—Boiler Makers' Union No. 134 has signed a one-year's agreement with the Canadian Vickers Ltd. Hours are reduced from 10 to 9, wages are increased 7 1/2 and 10 cents an hour and the union is recognized. The wage scale includes nearly a score of departments that are controlled by this union.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNITE.

Chicago.—Nearly 500 workers employed in various departments of the federal government, have organized a union to be chartered by the A. F. of L.

DEATHS IN THE MINES.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Nearly 1,000 miners lost their lives in this state last year, the exact figures being 433 in the bituminous operations and 560 in the anthracite fields. The total number of men employed in the coal industry was 327,166, or one death to approximately 300 men in the mining of 256,000,000 net tons.

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