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GARY RECOMMENDS SHORTER WORKDAY

Finance Committee of Steel Trust Stands for Elimination of 'Long Turn' and Seven-Day Week.

NEW YORK, July 5.—Judge Elliott H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, in a circular letter to stockholders has announced that the Finance committee of the corporation, acting in accordance with its recommendations of April, 1907, and also the recommendations of the committee of stockholders which last winter investigated labor conditions at the corporation's mills, has passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That in accordance with the spirit of the resolution adopted by this committee on April 23, 1907, seven-day labor should be eliminated in all mines, mills, shops, railroads, docks and works of the Steel corporation except under special circumstances, and then upon the consent of this committee.

"Resolved, That the so-called 'long turn' formerly followed in the change of shift in continuous process work should be eliminated or reduced in all cases where it now continues among employees of the subsidiary companies except under special circumstances, and then only upon the consent of this committee.

"Resolved, That conscientious efforts should be made by all to reduce to a minimum any unusual length in work hours that emergencies and unforeseen conditions may sometimes demand.

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the presidents of all subsidiary companies, with the recommendation that all operating officials be governed accordingly."

With regard to the hours of labor, the Finance committee has passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the chairman, Mr. Roberts, and the president of the corporation, be appointed a committee to consider what, if any, arrangements with a view to reducing the twelve-hour day in so far as it now exists among employees of the subsidiary companies is reasonable, just and practicable."

FUR WORKERS HAVE STRIKE IN NEW YORK

Between 5,000 and 6,000 Men and Women Contest for Shorter Work Day.

NEW YORK, July 5.—Between 5,000 and 6,000 fur workers employed in shops in this city are on strike. The demands of the fur workers are for a nine-hour workday, the working hours to be from 8 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening, with one hour for lunch and the Saturday half holiday; that no overtime shall be done during the months of October, November and December; the abolition of the inside contract system, and that work shall be given out directly from the manufacturer.

It is stated that a large number of the manufacturers have conceded that the demands of the union are very moderate and undoubtedly they will shortly sign the agreement and their employees will return to work. In fact, the organizers who are in charge of the strike, state that in all probability the strike will be of short duration, and a uniform scale of wages and working conditions will be established to the benefit of the employers as well as to the manufacturers themselves.

ILLINOIS COURTS HOLD LABOR LAWS VALID

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Labor organizations have won another victory in the courts. Recently the Illinois State Supreme court denied the petition for a rehearing in the case of Milford E. Streeter against the Western Wheel and Scraper company.

Streeter was employed by the above company and lost one of his hands due to the fact that the machine at which he was employed was not safeguarded. Suit was instituted to recover and the lower courts decided against Streeter.

Upon appeal to the supreme court, however, that tribunal reversed the lower courts, and upheld the constitutionality of the factory inspection act, as well as holding that the law requiring machinery to be safeguarded must be observed.

The almanac is the graveyard in which ancient jokes are buried.

PEDDLERS FORMING AN ORGANIZATION

Claim That They Are Being Discriminated Against By the Wholesalers.

The peddlers of Milwaukee, Wis., are about to form a union. They claim that they are being discriminated against by the wholesalers and that the union is necessary for their own protection.

Recently a peddler claimed that he was insulted by the manager of a wholesale firm. His story was substantiated by a number of witnesses and all the other peddlers of the city boycotted the firm.

As a result of the action of the men, two carloads of strawberries spoiled and the firm was mighty glad of a chance to straighten matters out.

Peddling is not so common in Duluth as it is in the other large cities of the country. There is no organization here so far as can be learned.

On the range and on the line of the Duluth & Northern Minnesota railroad peddlers are numerous, and it is understood that while they have no organization, they have an agreement as to prices and as to fair and unfair wholesale houses.

In the east the peddlers have quite an organization. Like other unions they have a certain number of working hours and adhere strictly to it. Recently the hand-organ men of several large eastern cities organized.

LABOR SUNDAY COMES ON SEPTEMBER FIRST

Pamphlets Are Being Sent to All Ministers Throughout the United States.

The ministers of this city have already begun to make plans for the observance of Labor Sunday which comes on Sept. 1, 1912.

In the past this event has not been mentioned or talked of to any great extent until within 10 days of the date. This year it is planned to begin talking early that plans may be made for a wider celebration than ever before.

The ministers of the city have shown in the past a disposition to preach labor sermons on that day, but a number of them have complained that they have not been informed early enough.

At the present time descriptive matter of Labor Sunday is being sent out through the mails to ministers all over the country and to labor union secretaries throughout the United States.

The pamphlets being sent to ministers ask if it is impossible to celebrate the Sunday set aside that they set aside one later in the month. Any minister who has any questions to ask as to how union labor men like the services on that day should communicate with Rev. Charles S. MacFarland at 1611 Clarendon building, New York city.

On very short notice several Duluth ministers preached strong union sermons last year. A number of them that the warning came too late, preached them later in the month. This year it is planned to warn the ministers early and get union men out en masse for the services in the different parts of the city.

LA FOLLETTE AGAINST ROOSEVELT "GAG" RULE

The current issue of La Follette's weekly magazine contains an article against the anti-"gag" provision recently inserted in the postoffice appropriation bill, which has passed the house.

The article concludes: "The house did a good service in abolishing the infamous 'gag rule.' Let the senate do likewise. This provision should be retained in the postoffice appropriation bill so as to make it impossible in the future for any president, autocratically inclined, to put a bandage over the mouth of any servant of the people."

TELEGRAPHERS MAKE GREAT ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, July 5.—At a recent international convention of the Commercial Telegraphers' union of America action was taken looking toward the inauguration of a vigorous campaign of organization among the Commercial telegraphers.

Another important matter acted upon was the action taken to co-operate with the International Brotherhood of Electrical workers with a view to organizing the telephone operators.

In the election of officers S. J. Konenamp of Pittsburgh was re-elected president; John A. Holmes of Winnipeg, vice president, and Wesley Russell of Chicago re-elected secretary-treasurer.

UNIONS OF OHIO ARE FOR NEW CONSTITUTION

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 5.—A special session of the executive board of the State Federation of Ohio recently convened for the purpose of formulating a plan of campaign to support the new constitution just adopted by the constitutional convention.

As a result he trade unions of Ohio are about to perfect organizations in each county to conduct an effective campaign whereby the constitution may receive the support of all trade unions of the state.

The constitution carries many provisions that are favorable to labor, and it is the desire of the state federation that the new constitution be adopted.

PRESIDENT HALL DOING GREAT WORK

Adjusts Matters at La Crosse and Arranges to Market Union Made Flour.

After request of Coopers' Union No. 75 and No. 26, President Hall visited coopers' union of La Crosse, and adjusted matters pertaining to those locals.

Mr. Hall reports a successful trip and all things considered a most profitable one for the locals involved, everything being more thoroughly understood by all concerned.

After adjournment of the Brain-ern convention, President Hall stopped over in St. Cloud in the interest of the Flour and Cereal Mill employees for the purpose of arranging if possible with the mill there, for the establishment of distributing agencies for union made flour in the twin cities.

It may be said that when this is done that the union men and sympathizers will do all that is possible to promote the sale of these goods, as no better flour is made.

John D. Chubbuck, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor writes the following interesting account from Grand Forks:

"I told you that I would let you hear how things were coming up here after I returned from the convention, and at this writing I am able to inform you that I have organized the Sheet Metal Workers of Grand Forks, N. D., and we will organize the Painters."

"Mr. Thomas Bayless, general organizer of the Painters and Decorators is here and we are getting the painters interested in a union of their craft."

"The labor movement here in Grand Forks is on the upward trend, and things at this time look as though we will get a Building Trades council in this city in the very near future."

TERRA COTTA WORKERS WIN GREAT VICTORY

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., July 5.—The strike against the Terra Cotta company has been settled, the men securing a 15 per cent advance in wages, and an organization perfected of over 300 men.

The strike against the American Smelting and Refining company, involving 1,200 men, has also been settled, the men securing an advance of from 10 to 20 per cent, with a large portion of the employees signing the charter roll of an organization to be perfected at once.

A settlement of the strike against the Underground Cable company has been reached, involving 600 men, a wage increase ranging from 5 to 12 per cent having been granted.

An organization has also been formed and charters applied for. Between 3,000 and 4,000 men and women are on strike against numerous factories for an increase in wages, and indications are favorable for success.

CARPENTERS SECURE A LARGE WAGE INCREASE

INDIANAPOLIS, July 5.—Since the last issue of the News Letter, Secretary Frank Duffy of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters reports the following trade movements:

The carpenters at Norwich, N. Y., have secured an increase in wages from \$7.70 to \$13.15 per day. At South Farmington, Mass., an increase has been given from \$12 to \$15 per hour, the 8-hour day prevailing.

At Penn Yan, N. Y., wages have been advanced from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day. The carpenters at Cannonsburg, Pa., have been advanced from \$3 to \$3.25 per day. All of these increases have been secured without strike.

METAL POLISHERS GET UNION SHOP SCHEDULE

CINCINNATI, July 5.—The Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers, Brass and Silver Workers' union of North America is meeting with excellent success in securing agreements with firms that manufacture hand instruments. Since the first of the year the following firms have signed agreements and are using the union label:

C. G. Conn. company, Emil Blessings Band Instrument company and Martin Band Instrument company, all of Elkhart, Ind.; J. W. York & Son, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Harry P. Jay company and Frank Holten company, both of Chicago, Ill.

PAY STRIKE BREAKERS MORE THAN UNION MEN

NEWARK, N. J., July 5.—It has developed in the strike of the laborers in this city that the strike breakers who have taken the places of the strikers are being housed and fed, in addition to receiving \$3.50 per day. This shows to what extent some employers will go just for the purpose of fighting organized labor.

The strikers only asked that they receive \$2 per day, which the employers refused to grant. They could not afford. It is apparent that the employers would rather fight union labor than to administer justice.

TOLEDO HAS SCHEME TO HEAD OFF STRIKES

TOLEDO, July 5.—The Central Labor union of this city has issued a call to the unions to nominate candidates for the position of arbitrator and conciliator on the new municipal board which has been created at the suggestion of the city solicitor.

The board is to consist of one member of organized labor and one employer, these two to agree upon the third.

The board will have no arbitrary powers, but will extend its good offices as conciliator or act as an arbitrator at the request of both sides of any controversy arising.

LOS ANGELES LABOR OUT FOR UNION SHOP

California City Getting Taste of Reaction from Long War Waged Against Unions.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 5.—The first week in the great industrial battle that is seeking to compel recognition of the building trades card has ended with honors in favor of the strikers. It has been a week of the most enthusiastic union spirit ever encountered in Los Angeles.

Strike One Week Old. The strike in the building trades of this city was called last Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Only the central part of the city was covered the first day. Wherever representatives of the strike committee went they were met with hearty response by the workers, who immediately laid down their tools and came off the job.

While committees were working downtown among the workmen, the union men themselves became active, and where the contractor would not recognize the card of the building trades workers the men were told to leave the work and join the ranks of the strikers, who are out for better working conditions in Los Angeles.

Whole City Covered. The strike now covers all parts of the city, and up to date 500 applications for membership in the crafts affected have been received. At the last meeting of Carpenters' union No. 158, 85 new members took out union cards, and there are 150 applications on file. Great gains have been made in the plasterers, bricklayers, lathers, roofers, tile layers, plumbers and other unions affiliated with the Building Trades council.

Many Jobs Hastily Unionized. Since last Thursday morning 120 jobs have been unionized. Wherever a contractor recognizes the union card the job is immediately unionized. Many of the contractors who were fair to the union men in their employ have not been molested. Where contractors refuse the men are called off the job and the struggle goes on.

Builders' Exchange Ignored. Yesterday morning the strike committee gave out the positive information that it is not dealing with the Builders' Exchange, which has always been unfriendly to the best interests of the workers. The members of the committee state they are working to make the card of the building trades popular in Los Angeles and will treat with the men themselves, and not with unfriendly interests represented by a disinterested third party.

Bricklayers May Join Strike. At the present time there are about 1,300 on the strike roll. More than 5,000 men are affected by the strike, but in several instances many have gone back to work under union conditions since the call. A vast majority of the building trades' workers in Los Angeles have been working under absolute conditions for many months.

At a big mass meeting of the bricklayers held last Monday evening, in which every union man in town took part, it was decided to refer the matter of participating in the strike of the building trades to the international office. An answer is expected at any time. Judging from the consensus of opinion among the bricklayers, that organization is ready to do all in its power to make Los Angeles a better town for the worker.

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—Boys' elk sole scout shoes, dark tan uppers, sizes 9 1/2 to 12, \$1.75; 2 1/2 to 5 at \$2. —Women's \$1, \$4.50 and \$5 pumps and oxfords, clearing at \$3.48. (Shoe Annex, Main Floor.)

CEMENT WORKERS ISSUE CHARTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Local unions attached to the American Brotherhood of Cement workers have recently been organized in Montreal, Can., by Organizer Flett of the A. F. of L., and in Anaconda, Mont., by Organizer Denny.

The Building Trades council of Buffalo, N. Y., has succeeded in unionizing the cement construction

work on the General Electric building, previously having been done by non-union men.

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