

TRADES COUNCIL

The Co-Operative Trades and Labor Council met in regular session Tuesday night. Vice-President Ed. Sims presided, and 40 delegates were present.

The credentials of David Yocher, Earl Grubb and Phil Mullemer, to represent Bakers' Union; Tom Lavin, to represent Machinists' Union; Henry Hodges and Earl Besancency, to represent Molders' 283, and John Sallee, to represent Plumbers' Union, were read, received and delegates installed and seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, asking co-operation and have officers acquaint members of the movement, was received and ordered complied with.

A communication was read in which the different crafts were invited to attend the conference of apprentice education on plumbing and heating, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, May 25, Ohio University. Received.

The textile workers who are on strike at Passaic, N. J., submitted an appeal for assistance in a communication which was received.

The usual amount of bills were allowed.

Delegates of Molders' Union reported that the Holland and Williamson furnaces are still unfair to organized labor, and that they are putting on an organization campaign which is starting out with success.

Delegates of bakers reported that the National Biscuit Company, Krug's bread, Holland and Certified breads and the Mt. Healthy bakery products are unfair to them.

Carpenters' delegates asked for a committee to meet with carpenter contractors who are doing painting. Several names of different contractors were mentioned.

The Grocery Clerks' Union again reported that the Kroger stores and the A. & P. stores are still unfair to them, and that some supposed union men are purchasing in these stores.

The delegates of the Milk and Ice Cream Drivers' Union made another report that the National Dairy was still unfair. They also reported conditions regarding the Dill Dairy.

The legislative and judicial committee reported that they are having large meetings every Friday night, and last Friday the Hamilton meeting was exceedingly large. The next meeting will be in Middletown and the same attendance will be there.

The committee to meet with W. M. Goodwin poster advertising concern reported and also read a letter that was sent in by Goodwin. The committee was discharged and the executive board was instructed to meet with him and set the date for Thursday night.

The secretary was instructed to write Goodwin and also the firm of Asbury & Minnis, contractors and builders.

STRIKE PROBE
FAVORED BY SEN-
ATOR SHIPSTEAD

Washington.—A senate investigation of the strike of engineers and firemen on the Western Maryland railroad is proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Shipstead.

The strike started last October. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has declined to use his good offices for peace, although he owns one-quarter of the railroad's stock.

"This is no ordinary strike. There is something sinister in its circumstances," said Senator Shipstead. "It comes at the very period when there is concerted effort to attain the means of peace on the railroads. Mr. Rockefeller, who owns 25 per cent of the stock of the railroad, should be called to the bar of public opinion for seeking to avoid a responsibility that is as plain as a pikestaff."

BARKOOT SHOWS
HERE NEXT WEEK

The U. R. K. of P. No. 24 will bring to Hamilton next week, commencing Tuesday, May 4th, the K. G. Barkoot Shows, consisting of 20 high class attractions and 5 big riding devices, two big bands and free acts. The Barkoot Shows need no introduction to the people of Hamilton as they show here nearly every year, it being the oldest show of its kind on the road. A 90-foot fire dive into a tank of blazing fluid below takes place on the show grounds at every show.

A few of the attractions: Barkoot's water circus, lady swimming and divers, speedy Merrell's motordrome, Hawaiian theatre, athletic show, Dixieland minstrels, with a twenty-piece band, monkey autodrome with money auto riders, jungle land, battlefields of France, big ten-in-one, musical comedy revue, the ferris wheel, merry mix-up, frolic, and merry-go-round.

A big time will be had at the Fries show lot, Woodlawn and Pleasant avenues, next week. Plenty of parking space for autos, street car service to show grounds. Remember—it's all next week.

FEDERAL WORKERS
URGE PENSION
BILL PASSAGE

New York.—Passage of the Lehlbach retirement bill for civil service employees, now before congress, was urged by federal employees in this city. These workers say:

"Contrary to most pension acts the present law has not cost the government one cent since its passage in 1920. From the contributions alone a sufficient amount has been realized to pay annuities of 12,000 employees already retired, leaving a balance of approximately \$53,000,000 in the fund."

CREATE WELFARE BOARD

Frankfort, Ky.—The governor has signed the child welfare bill. A commission will be appointed to carry out the purpose of the act, and \$10,000 per year has been voted to maintain same.

The governor also signed a bill providing for uniform text-books through out the state.

CAR MEN'S PAY RAISED

San Francisco.—The board of supervisors raised wages of municipal railway car men 40 cents a day. The workers' request for increases was first rejected, but the unionists exposed juggling of figures by their opponents.

Labor Queries

Questions and Answers on Labor: What It Has Done; Where It Stands on Problems of the Day; Its Aim and Program; Who's Who in the Ranks of the Organized Toilers, etc., etc.

Q.—What law declares that the labor of a human being is not a commodity or an article of commerce?

A.—The declaration is from Section 6 of the Clayton act, passed in 1914 by congress at the behest of organized labor.

Q.—What stand has organized labor taken on the right to bear arms?

A.—The reconstruction program of the American Federation of Labor, while emphatically denouncing militarism, says that "The right to bear arms is a fundamental principle of our government, a principle accepted at all times by free people as essential to the maintenance of their liberties and institutions. We demand that this right shall remain inviolate."

Q.—What is "Labor's Article" in the covenant of the League of Nations?

A.—It is Article XX, which is as follows: "The high contracting parties will endeavor to secure and maintain fair and humane conditions of labor for men, women and children, both in their own countries and in all countries to which their commercial and industrial relations extend; and to that end agree to establish as part of the organizations of the league a permanent bureau of labor."

Q.—What convention of the American Federation of Labor declared that the "labor papers are sentinels on guard throughout the country for the cause of mankind?"

A.—The 1922 convention, which also said of the labor press: "The labor movement owes to the labor papers a great debt of gratitude for giving voice to labor's cause when often other avenues of publicity are closed. Every possible support should be given to the bona fide labor press in order that it may be strengthened for still greater work that lies ahead."

Q.—What railway system has the greatest mileage?

A.—The Russian state railways, if all the railways there are operated as a single system. Next probably the Canadian National, with an operating mileage of 22,200, and a total trackage of 26,000 miles; not including a considerable mileage which it operates under lease. The Canadian National tracks would more than belt the earth at the equator. Next comes probably the Canadian Pacific with an operating mileage of 14,000 and a trackage of 19,000 miles; not including a controlling interest in several companies, some American, which operate over 5,000 miles. With its subsidiaries the C. P. R. controls an operating mileage not far short of that of the C. N. R.

WEST VIRGINIA
MINESContinue to Pay Wage Near
Starvation Level

By International Labor News Service. Indianapolis, Ind.—"Good wages" promised the non-union coal miners of West Virginia are not materializing, according to reports reaching the United Mine Workers' headquarters here. Some of the quick-promising non-union companies are now paying their men only 30 cents a ton for coal loading, and \$2.50 a day for day men. This is more than a 50 per cent cut in wages as compared to the present union scale.

Reports show that the mines in West Virginia are operating only two or three days a week, and at the wages paid the men are on the verge of starvation.

The union is seriously handicapped in that state because of court injunctions, lawsuits, evictions and armed guards. It is prevented from exercising its constitutional privilege of organizing its workers through various court processes, although the great majority of workers express the wish to unite with the union.

BIG PAPER CO.

In Canada to Employ Only
Union Workers

By International Labor News Service. Montreal.—Activity among the international unions in Canada increases. The Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company has entered into an agreement with representatives of the international unions covering 2,000 men employed at Sault Ste. Marie, Sturgeon Falls and Espanola, and another large body of men at Fort William.

Spanish River is one of the largest paper producers on the continent. By the terms of the agreement all employees of the company must join a union within 15 days of receiving employees and remain in good standing until the agreement is terminated.

The contract recognizes the eight-hour day, fixes overtime rates, and

provides for improvements in working conditions. Upward adjustment of wages in various categories are made, and the minimum rates for all mechanics are raised from 70 to 72 cents an hour, and for helpers from 50 to 60 cents. The bulk of the employees have rates above the minimum.

Union painters of Vancouver, B. C., have asked for an increase of \$1.00 per day, and a five-day week. If all requests for a five-day week made by unions in Vancouver are conceded, it will mean that the carpenters, tile-setters, lathers and painters will go on the shorter week. The plumbers and steamfitters already have it.

BILLION DOLLARS

For Good Roads This Year,
Bureau Predicts

By International Labor News Service. Washington, D. C.—This year will be the third successive one to see a billion-dollar road building program. The United States bureau of public roads has compiled information on the probable expenditures of states and local governments for the construction and maintenance of highways. The bureau also has actual expenditures for previous years.

The amount available this year is \$1,030,000,000, compared with \$1,003,000,000 last year. The 1924 expenditures were \$1,242,000,000. The program of 1923 cost \$997,000,000.

State highway departments alone expect to build or improve about 30,000 miles of rural roads this year.

County authorities also will undertake some new construction, but the bulk of their expenditures, which are about half of the total, will be for maintenance rather than building.

This year's work should mean a continued demand for such materials as stone, cement and brick. It will also increase the number of jobs which are open to unskilled labor and thereby raise or maintain the present wage level for that class of labor.

MINERS' HEAD

Urges Unions to Act
Against Communist
Members

By International Labor News Service. Chicago.—Frank Farrington, president of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, has issued a circular letter to all local unions of his organization in this state, advising them that they should carry out a recent order of the international executive board in reference to expulsion of communists.

Action is to be taken under laws which provide for disciplinary measures against members for affiliation with dual organizations.

"The time is here when the integrity of the United Mine Workers of America requires that it shall be purged of those who defame the good name of its officers and who are constantly trying to discredit its policies, and it is earnestly hoped that all loyal members will be guided accordingly," says Farrington.

The order is particularly aimed at the workers' (communist) party of America and its official organ, the Daily Worker, published in Chicago. Of this publication Farrington has the following to say:

"The Daily Worker reeks with vile, vicious and slanderous attacks against the officers of the United Mine Workers of America, and therefore those who are responsible for its distribution among our membership are guilty of violation of Section 3, Article 20, international constitution, and they, too, should be given a trial as provided by Section 2, Article 18, international constitution, and the penalty provided for in Section 3, Article 20, should be applied."

WAR WAGES

Of Workers Trail Behind
Living Cost

Washington.—During the war labor received relatively less wages than before, said Edgar Wallace, A. F. of L. legislative representative, in opposing the Capper-Johnson bill before a congressional committee. The bill proposes to conscript capital and labor. In reality it would regulate capital and conscript the workers.

Mr. Wallace read figures from the United States bureau of labor statistics on war-time wages.

"In 1913," he said, "we took the figures at 100 both for union wage rates and the cost of living. In 1914 the wage rate had increased to 102 and the cost of living to 103."

"In 1915 the wage rate had increased to 106 and the cost of living to 118.3. In 1917 the wage rate had increased to 112 and the cost of living to 142.4. In 1918 the wage rate increased to 130 and the cost of living to 124."

"In 1919—that is, after the war, when we were able to assert ourselves, and did assert ourselves—wages rose to 119, against a 199 cost of living. We never did catch up."

WORKERS PRODUCE MORE

Washington.—Railway employees engaged in train work moved 518 tons of freight and 44 passengers one mile per man per hour in 1924, as compared with 500 tons of freight and 42 passengers the previous year. These figures have been issued by the interstate commerce commission.

Policies with regard to mine wages paid by anthracite operators in Pennsylvania are dictated by banking interests, United Mine Workers officials tell house committee investigating coal situation.

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