

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF METAL TRADES ASSOCIATION HELD HERE BIG SUCCESS

The sixth annual convention and banquet of the United Metal Trades Association of the Pacific Coast was held at the Hotel Multnomah, Portland, Ore., April 19-20. Delegates were present from all sections covered by this Association; also delegates from British Columbia were present. From a numerical standpoint the convention was no more successful than previous conventions, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm, so taken as a whole it was the best convention the association has had.

An interesting report was made by the president, H. T. Clarke, on the work of the association during his term of office. He gave a brief review of the strikes which we have had during the past year and reported the conditions in the shops at the present time which, from a labor standpoint, is everything that could be desired. He reported business conditions which have been very poor during his term of office and congratulated the different members on the interest they have taken in making the association stronger, even though business was far below the average.

The report of the work done in the labor bureau of the Washington district was very interesting. The secretary's report showed that during the past year he had sent to members of the association 136 men, being an increase of 92 1/2 per cent over the previous year. Practically all the mechanics they have required has been sent from the office and by so doing they have given the good men what they have been looking for—an opportunity to secure work whenever there is work, at the highest wages they are capable of earning without regard to their church or other affiliations.

The secretary of the Oregon district reported an increase in membership since our last convention and stated that practically all firms within the limits of our jurisdiction are new members. He compared the condition of the association a year ago with that of today, the result of which is very encouraging. Reference was made to the efficient employment bureau, which is in force in the Seattle office and the local members were urged to make use of the Portland office the same as the Washington district does.

A most interesting report was made by the Spokane delegation. The Inland Empire district with headquarters in Spokane, was formed since our last convention and the reports show that up to this time they have taken into membership all metal trade firms in that vicinity with the exception of two. These two not members employ a total of six to eight men. Their membership not only includes the jobbing shops but the railroad shops as well.

Reports were made by the chairman of each district. All reports showed that notwithstanding the fact that business has been very quiet, the members have lost no interest in the association.

Representatives from the Federation of Employers Association of the Pacific Coast were present and told of the good work that the association is doing.

It was decided that the United Metal Trades Association become a member of the Federation.

Letters and telegrams wishing the association a successful convention and stating their regrets because they were unable to attend, were received from Los Angeles, San Francisco, John Kirby, Jr., President National Association of Manufacturers; J. P. Bird, General Manager National Association of Manufacturers; O. P. Briggs, President National Founders Association and others.

F. W. Phelps, editor of the Pacific Coast Mechanic, told of the Brotherhood of Independent Mechanics, of which he is the head, and the movement on foot

to combine it with the Trades & Workers' Association of Battle Creek, Mich. Mr. Phelps stated that the object of this association was not only to give the men a social organization, but an organization which the employer can join and talk matters which are of mutual interest to the employer and employee. The association would do what it could to make better mechanics of the members and to regulate their pay according to their ability.

It was the sense of the meeting that although the business is quiet and probably will be during the year, it is just as important as ever that the association should keep the good work on and that the members should all be very active in the association. No changes were made in the policy of the organization.

The following officers were elected:

President, John Hartman, manager Atlas Foundry & Machinery Co., Tacoma, Wash.; first vice-president, A. G. Labbe, Williamette I. & S. Wks., Portland, Ore.; second vice-president, F. G. Frink, Washington Iron Wks., Seattle, Wash.; third vice-president, J. M. Fitzpatrick, Union Iron Wks., Spokane, Wash.; treasurer, A. M. Clark, Columbia Steel Co., Portland, Ore.

The sixth annual banquet was held Saturday evening, the 20th at the Multnomah Hotel. H. T. Clarke, the retiring president, presided at this banquet. Speeches were made by John Hartman, the newly-elected president; Carl Jackson, President of the Employers Association of Oregon; George James of Seattle; W. H. McMonies, President of the Manufacturers Association of the Northwest; Stanley Mayall of Spokane; Jas. Howard of Vancouver, B. C.; Mr. Turner, of Tacoma, and F. W. Phelps, of Seattle.

ANARCHISTS PLOT TO DESTROY SAN DIEGO, CAL.

SAN DIEGO. — For several nights every vulnerable point in the city water system has been under the guard of city employees to prevent what the police say they have reason to believe is a carefully laid plot of anarchists to blow up the mains and cut off the entire water supply and then set the city afire.

The information that the plot was to be carried out was conveyed to Chief of Police Wilson by government officials together with a description of seven "reds" constituting the "dynamite brigade" which it is charged has been selected to do the dastardly work.

So startling were the plans of the conspirators to destroy the city which has stood for law and order and the American flag that the police have made every effort to keep the facts from the public.

Councilman H. R. Fay, superintendent of the water department, has been directing the work of guarding the reservoirs. He has been on duty constantly since the first news was received. It is known that the added precaution was taken this morning of establishing day patrol at all the reservoirs.

The police have a description of the seven men constituting the "dynamite brigade" so it is said. This crowd came here from Los Angeles early this week. They were at once placed under surveillance and their movements closely watched until Wednesday night when they succeeded in eluding the detectives and have since kept out of sight. This is what caused the guard to be established at the reservoirs.

Orders were issued for the police to arrest all suspects found in the city.

Eminent Men Who Were Lost When the Titanic Went Down



TWO continents mourn the loss of eminent men who went down with the Titanic. Among the lost were Isidor Straus, one of the wealthiest and best known of New York merchants; Colonel John Jacob Astor, head of the Astor family in America; William T. Stead, the veteran London journalist and advocate of international peace; Francis D. Millet, the famous American painter, who made his home in England; Major Archibald W. Butt, aid to the president of the United States and a close friend of Mr. Taft, and Jacques Futrelle, one of the most popular of American writers of fiction. The fearful loss of life in the sinking of the world's finest passenger ship will probably bring about a revision by Great Britain and other countries of the regulations dealing with the safety of sea travelers. It is admitted on all hands that the present safeguards are inadequate, the rapid development of passenger traffic having outstripped that of the laws.

Battleship Michigan, American Dreadnought, at Gun Practice



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LAST year the champion of the navy in target practice with big guns, the battleship Michigan this spring lost her laurels to the battleship Utah in the tests made off Hampton Roads. She has an imposing bulk, with her two huge sets of superimposed turrets fore and aft, her lofty "peach basket" steel masts supporting her fire control platforms and wireless apparatus, and is altogether a splendid specimen of the American Dreadnought type. She is of 16,000 tons displacement, carries in her main battery eight twelve-inch guns and cost about \$5,000,000. One of her twelve inchers throws an 850 pound projectile. Each shot requires 300 pounds of smokeless powder and costs about \$225. The Michigan won the red silk pennant "for battle efficiency" for the year 1911, defeating the former holder, the battleship Maryland. The photograph here reproduced shows the Michigan discharging a broadside in the target practice in which the Atlantic fleet recently engaged.

I. W. W. HELD BY JUDGE IRWIN TO BE REVOLUTIONARY SOCIETY CANNOT USE FINN HALL

Judge Irwin, in the Superior Court at Montesano, Wash., recently, in ruling on the application of the Finnish Socialist club of Aberdeen for an injunction against Mayor Parks and Chief of Police Templeman of that city, to restrain them from closing the Finnish hall of Aberdeen, held in effect that the I. W. W. is a revolutionary organization and denied it the use of the hall. He, however, agreed to the opening of the place provided the socialists would not permit its use by the I. W. W. His decision in full follows:

"Gentlemen, the courts are always cautious about interfering with police power and police officers in doing what they consider a discharge of their duty in the maintenance of peace and order in the city in which they have jurisdiction. I don't feel that the facts as shown to me in this case at this time will justify me in totally granting a complete injunction against the police officers in keeping that hall closed under the showing that has been made here. The doctrine as taught by that society known as the Industrial Workers of the World as shown by that book can't be too strongly condemned; it is in fact anarchistic in its tendency. The owners of this hall were socialists and were unfortunate in allowing that society to get into it. I don't construe a single doctrine as put in that book to the socialists, or any principle that the socialists advocate, but I must condemn to the fullest degree the methods that are advocated in that book on the part of the Industrial Workers of the World.

"If you people are satisfied with the relief an order granting that the hall shall be opened up for the purpose temporarily until the case is finally heard, except for the use of the Industrial Workers of the World or addresses to be made by their agitators, I am willing to go that far, but if you are not satisfied with that I will not interfere with the case at all. Every other use that has been made of this building, unless it should be that it is in an actual commission of a nuisance there, which the witnesses have testified to, I hardly think the evidence sufficient in that regard to justify the keeping of the hall closed. Every other use except this use of the Industrial Workers of the World has been a lawful and perfectly proper use of that hall, and I am not granting an injunction here against the police that will result in allowing that society to hold its meetings or for its agitators to make addresses in that hall."

Mr. Bone: "Will the court grant the order with the understanding that the hall is not to be used by the Industrial Workers of the World, that is what I understand to be the ruling; am I correct, your honor?"

Court: "I think I will go to that extent, gentlemen, and authorize the police that the first I. W. W. meeting that is held there or the first address that is held there by the I. W. W. agitators, they shall be authorized to close it. If the Socialists are satisfied with that we will give them that relief; otherwise, I will do nothing with the case."

B. C. COPS BRING I. W. W.'S TO TIME

LYTTON, B. C. — Forty-four members of the Industrial Workers of the World are in jail at Kamloops as the result of a raid made upon a steam shovel crew at Daly's camp near Savonna recently. The Provincial police were mobilized at the company's works intine to prevent the mob from running the men away from the works. While the officers and strikers were milling around the grade, a donkey engine came through and struck one of the strikers, breaking his thigh and otherwise injuring him. He was taken to the hospital in Kamloops. All illegal arms, consisting of knives and billies, were thrown into the river.

Alexander Bothwell, a night watchman at Lytton, who last week shot a striker in the leg while preventing a raid on the company's camp and who has since been held in Kamloops under \$5000 bail, was discharged and returned to his work. Mr. Bothwell, after being deputized, threatened to shoot the first man to put a foot inside the door of the building he was guarding. One of the strikers stuck a leg in and suffered a puncture of the calf.

I. W. W. ROUTERS LEAVE ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Ore. — The I. W. W. agitators, having failed to make any impression upon the working men of this city, and discouraged in their efforts to make trouble here, have shaken the dust of Astoria off their feet, and sought fresh fields and pastures new. W. T. Neff, who was fined \$20 in the Police Court last week for refusing to move on when asked to do so by a policeman, was the last to leave, going yesterday.

ROSE FESTIVAL TO ENTERTAIN NOTED SPEAKER

David Starr Jordan, President of Stanford University to Lecture Here Rose Sunday.

The Rose Festival Association has been fortunate enough to secure the services of David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University, Stanford, Cal., to deliver an address on Rose Sunday, June 9th, at 3 P. M., at the Gypsy Smith auditorium.

Professor Jordan is an excellent lecturer and too well known as an entertainer to receive any comment from us. This will be a great patriotic and religious festival given under the auspices of Multnomah County Sunday School Association and will have a grand chorus of one thousand boys and girls and five hundred adults.

GOOD ROADS MEETING IS ON

Preliminary plans for Good Roads day, May 1, are being arranged at a meeting of the "Good Roads Squadron," under the direction of C. T. Prall, in the Commercial club convention hall this afternoon.

Much interest is being taken in the proposed parade and many business men are backing the movement. President Brookings of the Business Men's club has appointed a committee to assist Mr. Prall.

It is planned to have Governor West act as chief admiral of the "squadron."

Nearly 13,000 names of the 60,000 needed for the good roads petitions have been secured. Urgent need of speed is being impressed on the circulators in order to have the petitions filed in time to get the bills placed on the November ballot.