

Labor 100 Years Ago — Jan. 15, 1916

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The complaint also sets forth that the patrol, or pickets, are keeping customers out of the store and have thereby damaged the business of Jones.

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MONSTER MASS MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT



WORLD'S BIGGEST GUN FOR NEW YORK HARBOR. First of the New Coast Defense Monsters arrives in New York. This gun is capable of throwing a projectile 21 miles. It weighs 200 tons. Twenty-seven men are seated on this gun as shown in photo.

CONVENTION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OREGON WORKERS

- To All Affiliated Locals:
- Greeting: The 13th Annual Convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor will be held in Portland, commencing Tuesday, January 25th, 1916.
- Due to the great interest that is manifest it seems necessary to have a larger hall than can be procured at the Labor Temple, therefore the convention will be held in Library Hall in the Public Library, 109 1/2 and Yamhill Sts. Delegates take notice.
- T. H. BURCHARD, Pres.
- E. STACK, Sec.

Industrial Relations Night Will Be Occasion For A Get-together Of Progressive Forces.

In accordance with the request of the Committee on Industrial Relations, the Central Labor Council has arranged to hold a monster mass meeting, Wednesday evening, January 19th, for the purpose of discussing the work of the United States Committee on Industrial Relations. The meeting will be held in the large hall of the Central Library. It will be considered a regular meeting of the Central Council, and the minutes of the previous meeting will be read and all necessary business transacted. This will take but a few minutes and the meeting will then be devoted to a discussion of the report of the United States Committee on Industrial Relations. Colonel C. E. S. Wood will discuss the report and its relation to the land question, and Millie Trumbull will discuss its relation to the question of child labor.

Every union man and his family and every man, woman and child in the city who works for a living should attend this meeting.

Remember the date and let nothing interfere with your attendance. Unions which meet on that night will be expected to adjourn and attend in a body.

The speakers of the evening are all well known, and there will not be a dull moment. Similar meetings are being held all over the United States, and we want to have it said that we had one of the best in the country.

The Committee on Industrial Relations is a recently organized committee consisting of Frank P. Walsh, John B. Lennon, James O'Connell, Austin B. Garretson, John P. White, Agnes Nestor, Frederic C. Howe, Rt. Rev. C. D. Williams, John Fitzpatrick, Helen Marot, Amos Pinchot and Dante Barton.

Of the above named, Welsh, Lennon, O'Connell and Garretson were members of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations which finished its work last fall and made a report that startled the country.

These men, with the others named, have now formed a permanent committee for the purpose of correcting the evils pointed out in the report of the government's committee.

They plan to have a City Committee on Industrial Relations in every important city in the United States to work in conjunction with them.

The names of the members of the committee is a sufficient guarantee that they are sincere in their work and that whatever they undertake will be well done.

state in the fight to enact the bill into law. It will be on the ballot at the coming election.

"Other matters of interest that will come before the convention include the legislative report and reports of delegates to the A. F. of L., the Grange and the Farmers' Union.

"Every unionist in the state should be familiar with the attitude of legislative, judicial and administrative officers towards the labor movement and the report of the officers of the Federation will deal with this question.

"I would like to see every union in Oregon send delegates to this coming convention.

"Extensive preparations have been made by the local labor movement for the entertainment of the out of town delegates, and these delegates can rest assured that there will be plenty of opportunity for them to rest their minds from the arduous duties of the convention."

WIRE MEN FAVOR AGREEMENT
The various Electrical Workers' Unions along the Pacific Coast have ratified the agreement entered into between their representatives and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Working conditions are improved and conciliation provisions are included.

Building Trades To Assist Meatcutters
From all sides come assurances of support of the striking Meat Cutters. The labor movement will go down the line with them in their struggle for a reduction of hours of labor to 10 per day.

The Building Trades Council pledges support in the following letter:
"The Building Trades Council unanimously endorsed the demands of the Meat Cutters' Union and urge all affiliated locals and all union men and their friends to give their moral and financial support to the Meat Cutters in this trouble.

"This organization trusts that all union organizations in this city and throughout the country will render all support possible to the Meat Cutters in this matter as they feel that they are fighting in a particularly righteous cause.

"Fraternally yours,
"BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL."
"W. A. HIMMSTREET"

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS

- Business of importance at meeting of Local No. 48, Thursday evening, Jan. 20. Recommendation of Executive Board on Local Working Rules, Constitutional Amendments, as prepared by the District Council and proposition of new Labor Temple. Fine for non-attendance.
- EUGENE E. SMITH, B. A. Local 48.

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Commerce Chamber Chastizes Mr. Hardy

The quiet, peaceful, liberty-loving people of this city were recently rudely awakened to the fact that there is in our midst a man who deems it advisable to dictate to his employees as to what mode of transportation they shall use when going to and coming from work.

The awakening was all the more rude because the man in question is no less a personage than Hon. Geo. E. Hardy, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hardy, in an effort to aid the street car corporation, wrote a letter to all employees of the Chamber "advising" that they patronize the street cars in preference to the jitneys.

The letter created quite a furore not only among the employees, who objected to interference with their personal liberty, but a large number of the members of the Chamber objected to it.

It seems that Hardy wrote the letter, which virtually amounted to an order, without the knowledge or consent of the Executive Board.

The Central Labor Council sent a letter to the Chamber of Commerce asking that the employees be allowed to patronize the jitneys if they wished and expressing surprise that such a letter should have been written.

At the Council meeting last Thursday evening the following letter from the Chamber of Commerce was read:

Portland, Ore., January 12, 1916. Central Labor Council, E. J. Stack, Secretary, Portland, Oregon.

We believe that the letter in question written by Mr. Hardy, our Executive Secretary, was subjected to wrong construction by you and perhaps by our employees, although it set forth distinctly that we did not intend to interfere with the personal rights of individuals. We regret that this impression has been gained, and had Mr. Hardy's letter been submitted to us for approval, we would have advised against it, as such a letter, while endeavoring to make clear that no interference with personal rights was intended, was almost certain to be misunderstood. For that reason, and because we believe in personal liberty, and in the independence of the individual, we would have disapproved any communication suggesting or offering instructions to our employees regarding means of transportation or any other matter.

In our judgment it is not within the province of this or any organization to interfere in any way with the rights of individuals.

While the Chamber of Commerce is on record favoring proper Jitney Regulation and in compliance with the safety of the public, as well as safeguarding any investments, and as a part of our business fabric, we believe those matters should have been dealt with in a different manner.

Yours respectfully, Executive Committee, Portland Chamber of Commerce, C. C. - H. By C. C. COLLE, President.

There are other things that Mr. Hardy can do to earn his \$7,500 per year, and it is hoped that in the future he will confine himself to these things and not attempt to interfere with the personal life of his employees.

NEW LABOR TEMPLE ASSOCIATION DELEGATES, ATTENTION!!
 The Association will hold a general meeting Sunday, 2 P. M., Hall, 201 Labor Temple, Jan. 23d. Business of importance. Be sure and attend.
 A. W. JONES, President.
 EUGENE SMITH, Secretary.
Labor Temple Committee.
 The General Committee of fifteen of the new Labor Temple Association will meet in the office of the Building Trades Council, Sunday, 11 A. M., Jan. 6. All committee men are urged to be in attendance.
 Reports from unions, reports on sites, and reports on incorporation will be made preparatory to a general report to be submitted to the general meeting of the Association to be held Sunday, 2 P. M., Hall, 201 Labor Temple, Jan. 23d. By order of Committee,
 S. SULLIVAN, Chairman,
 EUGENE E. SMITH, Sec.
