

# Labor 100 Years Ago — Sept. 2, 1916

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## Preparedness Parade Labor Day, September 4, 1916



Each section and its unions will fall in behind preceding section in the following order: Central Labor Council, Allied Printing Trades, Building Trades, Trades, Metal Trades, R. R. Brotherhoods, Theatrical Federation, Waterfront Federation, miscellaneous trades, family section (children, 10a; adults, 10b), friends and

Every one should be in place by 9:30 A. M. The head of the parade (Central Labor Council) will start north from 4th and Columbia at 10 A. M. sharp. Each shall should start his section promptly and keep it moving.

Marchers will form six abreast, lines four feet apart with **NO BREAKS BETWEEN UNIONS.**

The line of march is as follows: From Columbia north on Fourth to Oak; west on Oak to Sixth; south on Sixth to Columbia; west on Columbia to West

All marshals and aides will meet at Labor Temple, Friday evening, 8 P. M., September 1st, for final arrangements and instructions.

## Solidarity is Hope of Laborers of World

*(The following is an editorial written by union leader E.J. Stack that appeared in the Sept. 2, 1916 Labor Day edition.)*

Labor Day celebrations have their fullest effect when labor's cause is brought to the attention of all the people.

Our life is such a busy one, that we do not grasp in its entirety, the magnitude of the labor problem.

Our thoughts on labor's holiday ought to comprehend all of the activities of organized labor, which embraces every phase of human progress.

The most essential factor in the struggle of human rights vs. property rights is peace.

It seems, therefore, that the laboring man's duty is to carefully study the causes that destroy peace and civilization.

It is certain that if the American trusts in Mexico and the foreign capitalists, who own 75 per cent of the land in Mexico, could have created "public opinion" strong enough, American intervention in Mexico would have resulted.

The peace meeting at Washington, D.C., between representatives of labor in Mexico and the officials of the American Federation of Labor has done much to clear up misunderstandings and lessen race prejudice.

First-hand information proves the truth which will finally prevail — **WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD HAVE NO QUARREL WITH EACH OTHER.**

But carried away with preparedness movements, rushed off their feet by false patriotism, their interest is forgotten by themselves because crooked business in league with crooked politics has invented new catch words and phrases, in order to divert their attention from the economic problems which confront them.

In this country the catch words are "preparedness and Americanism." In other countries some other phrase or catch word has the workers at each others' throats.

However, the soldiers in blood-soaked trenches of Europe's great war are learning, and those who return from the front will have a lesson to teach to the workers of the countries engaged in war.

This lesson will be that warfare further enslaves the common people, and further, that the allegiance that a working man owes to his country is no greater than the obligation of his employer, yet he finds himself in the trenches fighting other working men, while the employers' patriotism consists of flag waving and if he be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of patriotism, he "holds a job open" and maybe contributes a dollar or two for the families of the men at the front.

But he doesn't risk his precious hide.

So the hope of tomorrow is for solidarity of labor. Then disputes will be settled without bloodshed, by a parliament of men who make property rights a secondary consideration.

