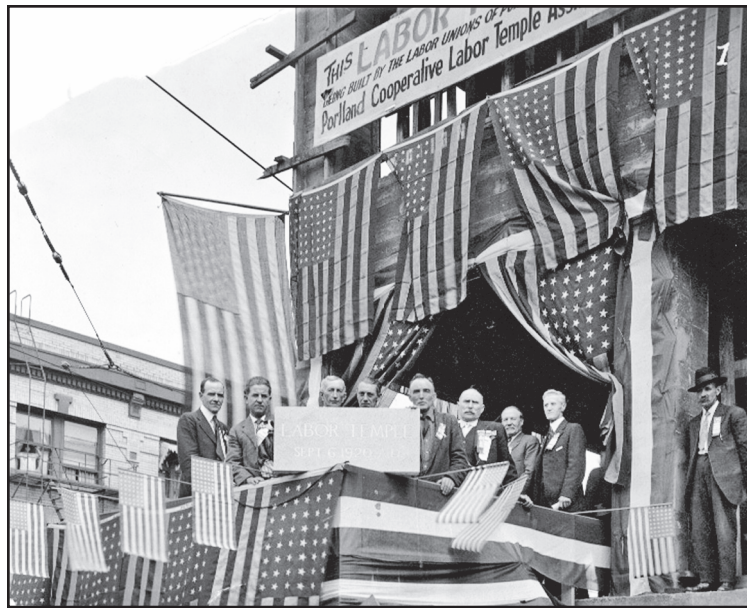


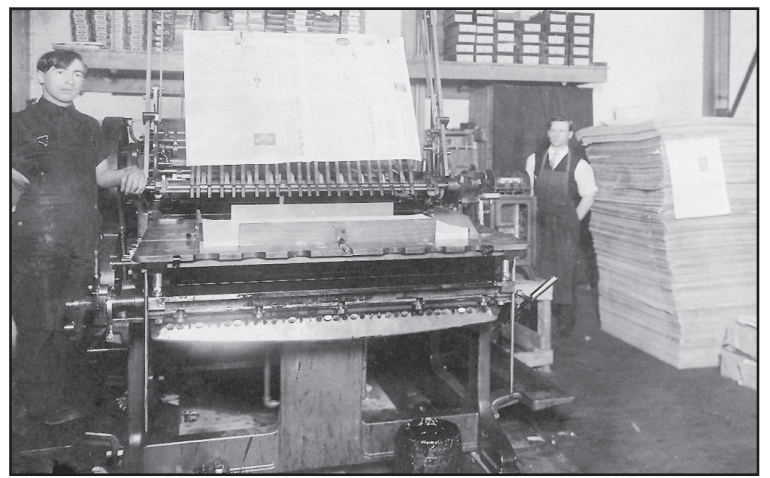
declares war on Germany and AFL plays important role on Wartime Disputes Board to help avoid strikes and maintain production. Nearly 5 million automobiles and trucks are now on the road; car prices average \$720. **1918:** Prohibition amendment bars transportation across state lines of alcoholic beverages. World War I ends. Sam Gompers plays big role in creation of International Labor Organization under initial sponsorship of League of Nations. AFL membership reaches 4 million. Leadership of Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies) is sentenced to federal prison on charges of disloyalty to the United States. **1919:** One of every five workers walks out in great strike wave, including national clothing, coal, and steel strikes; a general strike takes place in Seattle. In Centralia during a parade celebrating the first anniversary of Armistice Day, conflict between the American Legion and members of the Wobblies results in six deaths. Klamath Falls unions organize a Central Labor Council. The Women's Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives women the right to vote. Oregon embraces the automobile age, becomes the first state to enact a gasoline tax to fund roads. Construction of the Pacific Highway begins. **1920:** Cornerstone of new Portland Labor Temple is laid on Labor Day at SW Fourth and Jefferson; the building will contain 41 offices and 14 meeting halls. So-called "American Plan" is launched for the open shop to weaken unions, keep them out of major industrial plants. Patriotic slogans, intimidation, company unions and "yellow dog" contracts barring union membership in order to get a job, result in heavy losses for labor movement. **1921-23:** The "Roaring Twenties," nostalgically depicted in movies and musical



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comedies as an era of unbounded prosperity, fell a good deal short of those marks for most working people. Throughout the decade, unemployment rose. It was hard times, as there was no unemployment insurance or supplementary benefits. Wages drop sharply, union membership erodes with the loss of about 1 million members. The Portland Central Labor Council follows a new national trend by starting a Labor College. **1924:** Samuel Gompers dies; William Green becomes new AFL president. Proponents try to pass an amendment to the Constitution to ban child labor, but only 28 of the needed 36 states ratify the measure. **1925:** B.W. Sleeman is elected president of the OFL. A. Philip Randolph helps create

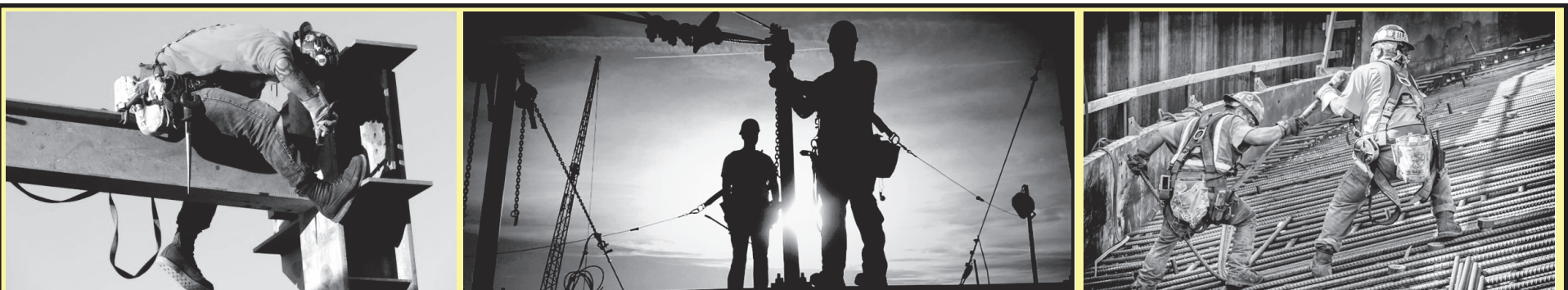
the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. **1926:** Railway Labor Act sets up procedures to settle railway labor disputes and forbids discrimination against union members. William Cooper elected president of the OFL. **1927:** The Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers Compensation Act is enacted. **1929:** Stock market crashes, falling 40 percent, triggering what becomes known as The Great Depression. The Hawes-Cooper Act governing the shipment of convict-made goods in interstate commerce is approved. **1930:** Oregon Federation of Labor forms non-political league to handle legislative and political programs. Union dues checkoff becomes popular in Northwest. Last of Portland Labor Tem-



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AFL President Sam Gompers (center with hat) poses with Oregon union leaders at AFL's 1923 national convention in Portland.



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