

OREGON VISITED BY COMPERS ANJ PARTY

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men and women of the unions, who realize their duty to themselves, to their comrades, to society and to their descendants, and who stand ready to contest every inch of ground that the oppressor seeks to question, and who have consecrated their lives that the Republic of America shall not fall. Upon our shoulders falls the load, and we will struggle for right and justice. We shall demand more, and shall never cease to demand more. When we have obtained that for which we have asked we shall demand more. If we obtain that we shall demand more. Then we shall demand more and more and more, until we have the full fruition of our labor. And I know of no people who are so entitled to ask for more as the people who produce the wealth of the world.

"It is a mistake to suppose that the labor organizations stand for a policy of striking. They do not advocate a strike except as a last resort. In fact, a strike may be considered as a rare occurrence in a labor organization when we consider the number of troubles that are settled without ever coming to a strike. There are worse things, however, than a strike, and among them are debased and degraded manhood. There are times when an organization that would refuse to strike would brand the members as cowards. A trades union that will not strike is like a company in the Army that will disband when war breaks out.

"If a boy goes along the street and sees a dog that looks timid and not vicious, a yellow dog, the chances are that he goes up to him and gives him a kick, and the dog gets up and runs away. As he goes on a little farther he sees another dog, but this is a different kind of a dog—this is one of the kind whose upper cheeks hang down and has a different appearance. The boy is not nearly so boisterous, and makes a good circle about this dog, and is glad when he is out of sight. He knows that he can bite if he chooses, and that fact saves him many a kick. Just so with organizations. The Nation that is always ready for war is the least likely to have it, and is in the best position to have it arbitrated, and the labor organization that is the strongest is the least likely to have a strike, and stands the best chance of having its troubles fairly settled.

"If England has trouble with the smaller nations John Bull bombards them, but if it is with Uncle Sam he wants to arbitrate the matter. If I am going home and a man says 'Your money or your life' and draws a gun I cannot talk of arbitration with that man. If I should have drawn the same kind of a gun at the same time, we might stop and arbitrate the matter. The good book tells us that the lamb and the lion shall lie down together, etc., but under the present conditions when they lie down together the lion wakes up and finds that he is outside of the lamb. We want arbitration between equal powers, between two lions or two lambs, but not between the lion and the lamb. If you believe in arbitration you must realize that it requires organized labor to force it.

"This brings up the question of whether we ought to have compulsory arbitration or not. The organization is in favor of arbitration, but when it comes to compulsory arbitration there is a difference. We see the strike and are willing to resort to almost any means to avert the trouble, but we do not consider the troubles that we may cause in stopping it. As soon as you make it the right of the law to compel arbitration you take away the right of liberty. When a man goes on a strike he refuses to work, and we are going to say that the law shall compel him to accept the terms of the arbitrator and go back to work? And there is another consideration in this question. Suppose that the employer cannot pay the wages that are asked, but the law says that he shall pay them. At this time the confiscation of property is commenced. If the state says that a man shall go to work at a certain condition, and he refuses to, then the state says that he shall go to work or shall go to prison. And as soon as you do this you institute slavery. Why did the whites have their niggers in the South? For the reason that they wished to be able to call them slaves? It was so that they could command and enforce their labor. The history of the movement is strewn with the corpses of men and women who wanted the right to change their employer and their conditions, and we will struggle for right and justice and will never surrender to the state our right to strike when an injustice is done."

Mr. Gompers then referred to the local situation and said: "You should not lose heart because your strike in the Building Trades did not terminate in your favor. In all of the great wars for a good cause there have been battles lost. You have not

retreated; you have only withdrawn. The army of organized labor knows no retreat, but is going on and on and on, and has conquered and will conquer all obstacles to its growth. And if you expect to hold your own in the struggle you will have to continue to work for the interest of the organization. Capital is organized all over the world and knows no barrier, nor do the oceans sever the connection. So you will have to join your ranks and make a formidable army that will demand that you get the worth of your labor. See to it that the Mongolian shall not invade your country, that this land is reserved for the Caucasian race. Unite that you may be free and establish a day for which we have struggled from time immemorial—a day of right, of justice and franchise."

How They Were Entertained.

Monday morning Mr. Gompers and Mr. Morris spent the time attending to accumulated correspondence and taking a rest. Mrs. Morris was taken in charge by the clerks and visited points of interest in the city. Mr. Mahon was taken care of by the street-car employees. A portion of the afternoon was taken up in a similar manner. Mr. Gompers visiting the various cigar factories and chatting pleasantly with the boys, meeting some that he knew while working at his trade many years ago. Later he returned to his hotel and met reporters and friends.

Tuesday Mr. Gompers, Mr. and Mrs. Morris and Mr. Mahon, accompanied by G. Y. Harry, Charles Mickle, H. A. Duke, J. E. Wilson and H. G. Kundret, visited Vancouver, going by rail and returning by boat. The trip was greatly enjoyed, the visitors expressing especial delight with the ride on the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

In the evening a committee from the Cigarmakers' Union in session waited upon Messrs. Gompers, Morris and Mahon and escorted them to the union halls, where they made short addresses along the lines of unionism. Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock the party took their departure for Tacoma. They were met in Portland by Julius Rammelsberg, president of the Federated Trades Council of that city, and Sheriff Hartman, the latter being sent by the citizens, who, with members of organized labor met the distinguished party at the depot with band music and cheers. In the evening a mass meeting was held and from there on the dates for the itinerary are as follows: August 7, Seattle; August 9, Spokane; August 10, Missoula; August 11, Helena; August 12, Butte. At Butte Mr. and Mrs. Morris will leave Mr. Gompers, journeying south to their home in Denver. Mr. Gompers will deliver his last speech in Chicago on August 14, and expects to reach Washington by the 18th.

Mr. Mahon left the party at Tacoma for Vancouver, B. C., and will visit the various cities of Canada in the interest of his organization. Although the journey has been long, the work hard and tedious, and banquets frequent, necessitating the loss of many hours of sleep, each member of the party asserted that he enjoyed a good time wherever they went and were treated royally by everyone.

MARINE ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION.

The marine engineers are still smarting from their recent trouble, as the companies have failed to keep faith with the members and have not fulfilled their promises. Fred Smith, one of the most competent men on the river, refused to take back his engine at the old low wages. A few days after the boats were again running he was chosen by the association as business agent, and has been doing splendid work in that capacity since. The marine engineer is one of the most responsible of men in the mechanics. If he is found under the influence of liquor while holding a license he is amenable by law to a heavy fine. His hours are broken and long, and responsibilities great, but at the present wage scale he gets little more than the hod-carrier. Knowing these things, especially when times are good like these, they are not apt to feel in good humor with the companies that are juggling with their promise. George Uhier, president of the National Marine Engineers' Association, is expected here from Alaska at any time, when some definite plan will be considered.

BARTENDERS' UNION.

Last Tuesday's meeting was an afternoon session. There was a good attendance and several new members were obligated. It was voted by the union that no more applications be received for membership for 60 days. Considering the age of the union the members think no other union has progressed so rapidly in the same length of time, and the future of the organization is indeed flattering.

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Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, Local No. 10—Meets every Thursday, 234 1/2 Morrison street. Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Sunset Lodge No. 130—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 2 P. M., in Auditorium Hall. Building Trades Council—Meets every Monday evening at 234 1/2 Morrison street. Bartenders' League—Meets every Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at G. A. R. Hall. Cigarmakers' International Union of America, Local No. 202—Meets every first Tuesday at 228 1/2 Yamhill street. COOKS' ALLIANCE, LOCAL NO. 189—Meets every Monday evening in G. A. R. Hall, First and Taylor streets. G. C. Rollman, secretary, No. 33 North Sixth street. Expressmen's Union—Meets every Tuesday evening at 234 1/2 Morrison street. General Longshoremen's Union, No. 266—Meets every Tuesday evening at Union Hall, Union Block. Grain Handlers' Union, No. 203—Meets at Schrantz's Hall, corner Knott and Delay streets, every Tuesday evening. I. L. A., No. 264—Meets every first and third Saturday at Union Hall, Second and Stark streets. International Association of Machinists, Local No. 63—Meets every first and third Friday in Alisky building. International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Local No. 4—Meets every Tuesday evening of each month at 300 Alisky Bldg., Third and Morrison streets. Iron Molders' Union No. 139—Meets every first and third Thursday at 228 1/2 Yamhill street. Journeymen Barbers' Union, No. 75—Meets every Monday evening in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets. Journeymen Horseshoers' Union No. 41—Meets every first and third Thursday in room 21, McKay building. Journeymen Plumbers' and Gasfitters' Association, Local No. 61—Meets every Monday evening at 228 1/2 Yamhill street. Journeymen Tailors, Local No. 74—Meets every second and fourth Monday in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets. Lumbermill Workers' Union of the Northwest No. 1—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 2 P. M. in Upchurch Hall, corner Seventeenth and Marshall streets. Mount Hood Lodge of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship-Builders, Local No. 72—Meets every second and fourth Thursday at 115 1/2 Yamhill street. Multnomah Typographical Union No. 68—Meets every first Sunday of the month at 2 P. M., in Union Hall, Union Block. Musicians' Mutual Association, Local 99—Meets every first Tuesday at 2 P. M. in room 214, Chamber of Commerce. National Association of Letter-Carriers, Branch No. 82—Meets every second Wednesday of the month in the Post-office building. National Union of the United Brewery Workmen of the United States, Local No. 7—Meets every second and fourth Saturday at 228 1/2 Yamhill street. Portland's Bldg. Women's Local, No. 118, I. B. of W.—Meets every first Friday evening in the month in Hall No. 900, Alisky Building. Plasterers' Union, No. 1—Meets every Friday evening at 127 1/2 First street. Portland Laborers' Protective Union—Meets every second and fourth Sunday, at 2 P. M., at 228 1/2 Yamhill street. Portland Printing Pressmen's Union No. 42—Meets every second Tuesday of the month in McKay building, room 21. Portland Bakers' and Confectioners' Union—Meets every first and third Saturday, at 6 P. M., at 228 1/2 Yamhill street. Portland Theatrical Stage Employees' Union—Meets every second Thursday of the month at Cordray's Theater. Retail Clerks' Protective Association, Local No. 249—Meets every Wednesday evening at Alisky Hall, corner Third and Morrison. Shipwrights', Caulkers' and Shipjoiners' Association of the Port of Portland—Meets every first and third Saturday at 229 1/2 Yamhill street. Stabblers' Union, No. 919—Meets every Monday evening in room 226, Alisky Building. President, C. T. Davis; Secretary, W. T. Vinson, 411 Couch st. Team Drivers' International Union, Local No. 162—Meets every Tuesday evening in Union Hall, Stark street, between First and Second. 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