

THE A. R. U. STRIKE.

Mr. Debs and a Bit of History Reviewed by Samuel Gompers in Federationist.

Conscious of their power, the British trade unions nearly half a century ago declared that the defense of trade unionism was unnecessary. The American Federation of Labor in its early years emphasized that declaration, but time has shown that the declarations were premature. It was scarcely conceived that men posing as friends of labor would make false and malicious representation of the trade union movement and trade unionists. It is today almost inconceivable how bitter and relentless and cunningly devised is the antagonism of some of the most conspicuous socialists of the country in their efforts to divide, undermine, or destroy the trade union movement.

As evidence of the purpose and tactics employed, the call for the so-called Chicago congress as well as the socialist publications may be cited. All of these, however, have been outdone by Mr. Eugene V. Debs, the socialist candidate, in the last campaign for the Presidency of the United States, in a letter written by him to a Mr. Peter Damm.

Before considering Mr. Debs' letter, it may not be amiss to say that Mr. Damm about three years ago was engaged in the delectable work of trying to divide and destroy the International Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union, and it affords us the keenest gratification to be enabled to say that through the issuing by us of a circular to the local unions of that craft, the entity and integrity of that international union were saved. We prefer to deal with the purport of Mr. Debs' letter, to which we shall fully refer, but for the purpose of clearness a preliminary statement of a few heretofore unpublished facts is necessary.

It is common knowledge, of course, that Mr. Debs was president of the American Railway Union; but little is known of how that institution was conceived. Perhaps it may be interesting even to Mr. Debs to learn. It surely must be to all interested in the cause of labor.

A little more than twelve years ago, when engaged in an organizing and lecturing tour in the interest of the trade union movement, we had occasion to be in Kansas City and there met Mr. George W. Howard, formerly of the railway conductors. After he addressed a meeting of the railway men belonging to the various brotherhoods, he unfolded to us a plan that he had in mind in substantially the following language: "I have a plan to organize the railway workmen of America into one union. All they need pay is one dollar a year, and in less than three years we will smash the brotherhoods."

He asked for our co-operation in that effort, urging it because the brotherhoods were not affiliated to the American Federation of Labor. We called his attention to the attitude of the American Federation of Labor toward all international unions. We stated that we were extremely anxious, and recognized the necessity for the affiliation of all of them. Yet we believed that this was to be brought about by a natural development rather than by antagonism or invasion of an international's autonomy and independence; that the time would come when the railway brotherhoods would see the advantage and necessity of affiliation. In any event, their amalgamation or federation was one of time and growth; that such a scheme as Mr. Howard proposed was inimical to the interests of the railway employees, and it could not be successfully carried into effect. He contended that it could, and that success depended entirely upon his persuading

Mr. Debs to accept the presidency. Then, with the true Colonel Mulberry Sellers' manner, he declared that "the organization would be launched, it would be successful, and that there would be 'millions in it.' " He pooh-poohed our expressions of confidence in Mr. Debs, that he was too loyal to the organization of which he was a trusted officer to become a leader in another organization that would be instituted to rival or destroy it. Further argument was of no avail with Mr. Howard.

We next learned that Mr. Debs, notwithstanding he was secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and editor of its official magazine, had joined forces with Mr. Howard in launching the scheme for the American Railway Union, an organization formed to rival and disrupt all existing organizations of the steam railway employees of the country, his own included. The A. R. U. was formed, and among its membership were not only railroad employees, but men following numerous other trades, vocations, and professions; even the petty professional pot-house politicians of all sorts and calibers.

While it is true that we thought the movement unwise and did not believe the effort would be successful, we emphatically repudiated the statement Mr. Debs makes in his letter to Mr. Damm or to any other that we uttered one word or did one act that could in the slightest degree be construed to be hostile to the A. R. U. Though time has verified the opinion we first expressed so far as the A. R. U. itself is concerned, we can not but express our appreciation at the sympathy manifested, even though unwisely, by the A. R. U. in its strike of 1894.

Mr. Debs, in his letter to Mr. Damm, states that we were openly

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Arrives Albany 12:15 P.M.

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No. 4 from Detroit—
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Arrives Albany 6:30 P.M.

No. 5 for Albany—
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Arrives Albany 7:10 A.M.

No. 8 for Corvallis—
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No. 7 for Albany—
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Trade Union Directory

SUNDAY.

Baggage and Transfer Drivers.—Meets Sunday afternoons at 12:30 in room over harness room at B & O. T. barn, Fifth street, between Hoyt and Irving.

Photo Engravers, Local 31 Meets every first Sunday in month at 11 A. M. at room 214 Goodnough bldg.

Railway Freight Handlers, 334 Meets every second and fourth Sunday 230½ Yamhill street.

Typographical Union, 58—Meets every first Sunday in the month in the Auditorium bldg.

MONDAY.

Building Laborers' International Protective Union of America, Local No. 1 Meets every Monday evening at 8 P. M. at 264½ Alder.

Federal Labor Union, No. 11822—Meets Monday evening at 228½ Yamhill street.

Journeymen Barbers, Local 75 Meets first and third Monday evening at 230½ Yamhill street.

Journeymen Tailors, Local 74 Meets every second and fourth Monday evening in Union Hall, corner Second and Stark streets, third floor.

Photo-Engravers Meets first Monday in each month in the engraving department, Oregonian bldg., ninth floor.

Plumbers—Meet every Monday evening at Engineers' Hall, 49½ First.

Sailors' Union of Pacific—Meets every Monday night at 23 North Front street.

Webb Pressmen—Meets first Monday in month, room 214 Goodnough building.

Mailers' Union, No. 21—Meets last Monday in month at room 214 Goodnough bldg.

TUESDAY.

Bartenders' Local 339—Meets every first and third Tuesday evening, and second and fourth Tuesday afternoons at Bartenders' Hall, 264½ Alder street.

Bindery Women's Union, No. 113—Meets first Tuesday evening of each month at 162 Second street, room 200.

Broom Makers' Local No. 91 Meets first and third Tuesday in month, room 214 Goodnough building.

Cabinet-Makers' Union, Amalgamated Woodworkers, 252—Meets every fourth Tuesday evening at Plasterers' Hall, 127½ First street.

Secretary, Harry Burroughs, 692 Front street.

Cigar Makers, 202 Meets every first and third Tuesday evening of each month at Arion Hall, 228½ Yamhill street.

Cooks and Waiters, Local 189—Meets every Tuesday evening at 187 Salmon street.

Horseshoers, 41 Meets the first and third Tuesday evening of each month at the Plasterers' Hall, 127½ First street.

Musicians—Meets first Tuesday afternoon of each month, room 227 Chamber of Commerce.

Riggers, Liners, Ship Painters and Cleaners Meets second Tuesday of each month at 29 North Front.

WEDNESDAY.

Allied Printing Trades Council—Meets second Wednesday evening in each month at 214 Goodnough building.

Bricklayers' Union—Meets every Wednesday evening in Arion Hall, 228½ Yamhill street.

Grainhandlers—Meet first and third Wednesday evening at Davis Hall, corner Russell street and Albina Avenue.

Ice Drivers' and Helpers' Union, No. 316—Meets first and third Wednesday evenings at Bartenders' Hall, 264½ Alder street.

Leatherworkers—Meets every Wednesday evening, 162 Second street, third floor.

Plasterers' Union, 821 Meets every Wednesday evening at Plasterers' Hall, 127 First street.

Stereotypers and Electrotypers, 48 Meets first Wednesday, room 214 Goodnough building.

Travelers' Goods and Leather Novelty Workers Meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 264½ Alder street.

Woman's Label League—Meets every first and third Wednesday afternoon and every second and fourth Wednesday evening of each month at Hall 300, Alisky building.

THURSDAY.

Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers, Local 15 Meets every second and fourth Thursday evenings in the month, Engineers' Hall, 47½ First.

Boiler Makers' Union Meets every second and fourth Thursday evening at Arion Hall, 228½ Yamhill.

Brotherhood Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, Local 10 Meets every Thursday evening in Painters' Hall, 234½ Morrison.

Coopers' Union—Meets first and third Thursday evenings at Bartenders' Hall, 264½ Alder street.

Electrical Workers, No. 317—Meets every Thursday evening at Cooks and Waiters' hall, 289 Salmon street.

Longshoremen's Association, 265—Meets first and third Thursday evening in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets, third floor.

Garment Workers—Meets first and third Thursday evening at No. 162 Second street.

Printing Pressmen, No. 43 Meets first Thursday evening in Mulkey building, corner Second and Morrison streets.

Steam Engineers, Local 87—Meets every Thursday evening in Engineers' Hall, 49½ First street.

Theatrical Employees, Local 28—Meets every second and fourth Thursday at 228½ Yamhill street.

Wood and Wire and Metal Lathers, Local 54 Meets every Thursday evening at 230½ Yamhill street.

FRIDAY.

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, No. 125 Meets every Friday evening at Engineers' Hall, 49½ First.

Carpenters and Joiners, Local 50—Meets every Friday evening at 66 North Sixth street.

Carpet Workers and Drapers, Local 110—Meets every Friday evening at 230½ Yamhill street.

Federated Trades Council Meets every Friday evening at Union building, Second and Stark streets.

Laundry Workers, Local 90 Meets every Friday evening in Plasterers' Hall, 127½ First street.

Machinists, Willamette Lodge No. 63—Meets every Friday evening at 162 Second street.

SATURDAY.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 114—Meets every first and third Saturdays, 6 o'clock P. M., at 228½ Yamhill street.

Beer Drivers' and Bottlers', Local 201—Meets every first and third Saturday evening at Bartenders' Hall, 264½ Alder street.

Brewers' Union—Meets every second and fourth Saturday evening in the month at 228½ Yamhill street, Arion Hall.

Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Meets every Saturday evening at 230½ Yamhill street.

Longshoremen, Local 264 Meets at call of president at hall in Union block, third floor, corner Second and Stark streets.

Stationary Firemen Meets every first and third Saturday evenings in Musicians' Hall, 227 Chamber of Commerce.

Shipwrights, Joiners and Caulkers, No. 12—Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in Engineers' Hall, 49½ First street.

Team Drivers' Union, No. 162 Meets every Saturday evening at Carpenters' Hall, 66 N. Sixth street.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County.

State of Oregon, plaintiff
vs.
E. H. Marlay, Multnomah County, all heirs at law of A. G. Robinson, deceased, if any there be, and all persons interested in the estate of said A. G. Robinson, deceased, and H. E. Noble, defendants.

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U. S. G. MARQUAM,
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