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The villainous attack of thugs upon Michael Donnelly at a meeting of the Federation of Labor in Chicago last Sunday is sufficient proof that there is a criminal organization amongst the labor unions of Chicago that will not stop short of murder. This is the second time that Donnelly has been the object of a murderous attack, and in the most cowardly manner, where he had absolutely no chance to meet his assailants upon even ground. Donnelly is recognized throughout Chicago and the whole country as a conservative and responsible leader amongst the union forces and bitterly opposed to any kind of dishonest business. He has been a stumbling block to the schemes of the wrongdoers, and is bitterly hated by this class of men. It is a fearful calamity for a man like Donnelly to fall into the hands of such a renegade band of cutthroats and be submitted to such inhuman torture. Nothing should be left undone to bring these criminals to book, and nothing less than similar treatment would be sufficient punishment to fit the crime. There is no doubt that some of the members of the Federation have an inkling who the murderers are, and perhaps Donnelly himself has an idea, but they are intimidated from making the facts known for fear of losing their lives. Chicago certainly needs purging of this criminal class, and the sooner it is done the better it will be for organized labor there and elsewhere.

John D. Rockefeller certainly holds the unenviable distinction of being the richest individual in the world. As he rapidly approaches the bourne of mystery he grows more unhappy. Worried over the Tarbell article in McClure's Magazine, he fears that some crank may attempt his life. Aged and of a nervous disposition, he imagines that some one is ready to do him bodily harm, and he has given the attendants and servants at his Forest Hill mansion the strictest orders to admit no one to the premises. He has increased his personal bodyguard and will not admit any one to see even his private secretary. It is also said that he will forego public appearance for the present at least, or until the present agitation is forgotten. It is doubtful whether he will attend Sunday school regularly, as in the past, as he has taken the scandal caused by his controversy with Miss Tarbell very much to heart and fears that the public is on her side. It would scarcely be natural for Mr. Rockefeller to feel such great fear if he believed he had done right all of his life before his God and his neighbors. Such riches as these are not worth the time, the labor, and the plaudits received from the "frenzied" financial interests of the world. To give up his entire fortune of ill-gotten goods would not appease the fear and state of mind into which Mr. Rockefeller has fallen.

The managers of the Portland Labor Press, in conjunction with the unions of this city, are making preparations to issue a Labor Day edition that will far surpass anything in that line which has heretofore appeared in the Northwest. A mam-

moth edition of the paper will be printed, and every worker in the state will receive a copy, whether he pays for it or not. This will be a splendid opportunity for the business men of Portland to get the eye and ear of the most desirable class of consumers of this section through the columns of their own paper. Reservation for space in this superb number should not be delayed by any local advertiser who cares to reach the laboring masses on Labor Day through their labor paper.

The report that the longshore unions on Puget Sound would meet in convention at Bellingham Bay, and in a body surrender their charters from the I. L. M. & T. A., upon the petition of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, did not terminate as was reported. The convention was held, but, with the exception of four men, who wished to be excused from voting, the longshoremen decided to stay with their charters. The belligerent feeling between the sailors and the longshoremen seems to be subsiding somewhat along the Pacific Coast. The sorest spots apparently remain with the officers.

So far as being of any use in preventing accidents, the fenders on the cars of the Portland Consolidated might be made of linen and tied to the trolley arm. They never were serviceable, was the cheapest that could be secured in the market, and they should never have been allowed to be placed upon the cars at all. It is to be hoped that the new city council will take this matter up and pass an ordinance providing a remedy, as a protection for the lives of Portland's people.

We would call the attention of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to the statement of Dr. Morrison, the London Times correspondent, who, while at Yokohama on his way to Washington, D. C., said that the anti-American sentiment among the Chinese is subsiding and that it had never become as widespread as had been reported. He did not think the Chinese would boycott for any length of time goods that they had found profitable to handle.

The Kansas City, Mo., Bakers Union has imposed a fine upon members who wear straw hats without the union label. As there are no straw hats manufactured with the label, and as Kansas City has had her share of the hot wave that passed over the East, the Bakers' Union of Kansas City appears rather ridiculous in its overzealous actions. Such laws disgust sensible men and can do nothing but harm. In concrete it can be termed "frenzied" unionism.

Edward C. Giltner, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and member of the board of trustees, was the only member who voted against and fought the pro-Chinese resolution forwarded to President Roosevelt by that body in favor of letting into this country Chinese laborers. Mr. Giltner can always be found on the side of the people, as he comes from a race of pioneers who belong to the people.

If the Portland Consolidated is allowed to discriminate against our young men because they may desire to organize themselves into an organization of their own selection, why not let them go still further and refuse to settle for injuries received by any union man or woman where the company is at fault? In fact, why not let them go down the line altogether, and let them do as they please?

Andy Madsen, the celebrated Andy, business agent and mascot for Local 265, I. L. M. & T. A., has just received notification that at the convention of the International, being held in Detroit, he had been chosen as ninth vice-president, with other honorable duties attached. Andy is a capable fellow and has earned the honors.

Charged With Contempt.

On last Friday, on affidavit of John Rapp & Son, bottlers of Rainier beer, Judge Murasky of the Superior Court issued an order citing President Will J. French of the Labor Council and various officers and members of the Brewery Workmen's Unions to appear before him and show cause why they should not be punished for "contempt of court."

Rapp includes in his affidavit the resolutions recently passed by the La-

bor Council protesting against the indiscriminate granting of injunctions by the courts, and these resolutions, it is contended, were aimed directly at Judge Murasky's court, he having recently issued a temporary injunction restraining the Labor Council and Brewery Workmen's Unions from prosecuting the boycott declared against Rainier beer.

The affidavit also makes charges that threats against plaintiff and his employees have been made by individual members of the unions, and that the boycott is being prosecuted despite the temporary order granted.

The case was argued before Judge Murasky on Thursday, John H. Marble appearing for the Labor Council and President French and Emil Liess and Cameron King for the Brewery Workmen. The hearing was not concluded, however, and further argument will be heard by the court on July 6, at 10 a. m.—San Francisco Labor Clarion.

OPEN MEETING.

Will Be Held at Y. M. C. A. Auditorium Monday Evening.

Commencing at 8 o'clock next Monday evening an open meeting will be held under the auspices of the Federated Trades Council, the occasion being provided for the purpose of giving the trades unionists and their friends an opportunity to hear several well-known labor leaders of the country, and Miss Florence Kelly of New York, speak.

The first speaker will be Mr. Richard Cornelius, of San Francisco, member of the Executive Board of the Amalgamated Association of Street Car Employees, his topic being "Municipal Ownership." Mr. Cornelius is also president of the street car men's organization, and was a prominent factor in bringing about the municipal ownership of the Geary Street line. He is an avowed advocate of government ownership of public utilities, and has given the matter careful study, especially the traction business. He feels positive beyond any question of doubt that the city ownership of the street car system will insure the public better service, and will operate materially to the benefit of the employees.

The next speaker will be Thomas Burke, of Springfield, Ill., a member of the executive board of the United Mineworkers of North America, who will take for his subject the general benefits derived from organized labor. Mr. Burke has been in the mining districts of Western Washington organizing the miners and looking after those that are organized. Mr. Burke is an able speaker and a man of extensive experience in labor matters, having been associated with Mr. John Mitchell during the coal miners strike in Pennsylvania several years ago.

The last speaker will be Miss Florence Kelly, of New York, the lady who has worked her way into the hearts of the American people for the sacrifices she has made in the interest of humanity. Miss Kelly will speak on the subject of "Child Labor," and there are none who are better qualified to describe the horrors of the sweat-shop evil as it is maintained in the great cities of the East. She has been amongst them many times and speaks from what she has seen and heard.

Any one of these addresses will be well worth the time of attendance and the three will be a rare treat indeed. No admission fee will be charged, as it is the desire of the Council that the laboring people of Portland should have the pleasure of listening to these distinguished visitors for the knowledge that will be derived from their advice. Everyone is invited, and members of organized labor are especially urged to be there.

Navy Yard Men Dissatisfied.

A spirit of dissatisfaction pervades the shops and the docks at Mare Island navy yard, near San Francisco. There is a feeling of mingled disgust and indignation among the men who toil on the ironclads of Uncle Sam's navy. There is a general whisper of open action and appeal to put an end to the system of orders that has made the life of the men who make sea-fighters an irksome one, and the townspeople across the water in Vallejo echo the buzz of discontent.

All this is because Admiral B. H. McCall, commandant of the yard, has laid down rules which are calculated to take away the few privileges that the men heretofore enjoyed while they labored. To the men who have ratings on the island—to the men whose duty it is to command and enforce—these troubles

are petty things, but they loom up big in the eye of the men who sweat over hot rivets and shape for sea the convalescent hulks of the nation's warships.

In the Vallejo Trades and Labor Council the brunt of Admiral McCall's late edicts is felt. Insignificant orders have been handed within weeks just past at which the men balk, but obey sullenly when they realize that it is for them to supply the necessities of families just across the water from where they work. They bear their burden while they hope for some relief that seems never likely to come.

For some reason best known to himself, Admiral McCall has placed a ban on a privilege of the painters that these men have practiced for years. It had always been the custom for these men to quit work just a little before the scheduled quitting time—5 o'clock. This was in order that they might clean their pots and their brushes and put them away in time to catch the boat which leaves ten minutes past 5 and took them to their homes in Vallejo. Now that privilege is gone. The men must work until the whistle blows, and the cleaning they have to do must be done afterwards. By this special arrangement they are forced to wait on the island for another hour until the next boat leaves, and reach their families while the night is coming on.

Down at the end of the island another cry is raised by the men in the magazine. It had been their request that they be allowed to work a half hour of their noon recess so that they might have ample time to walk from their house of peril to the boat and leave the island at quitting time with the other men, but the hand that rules denied them.

Will Force the Issue.

The Falls City Trades and Labor Assembly has taken up the cudgel and will force the unions affiliating with that body to withdraw either from the assembly or the labor council. Some of the unions are now affiliating with both centrals, and the assembly has issued the edict that one or the other of the centrals must be given up. As the Labor council has about 30 unions and the assembly but eight, it places some of the unions that have joined the assembly through being forced by their internationals, in a pretty tight place. July 1 has been set as the date for forcing the ultimatum, and the result will be watched with interest.—Spokane Labor Record.

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