

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Portland, Ore., April 19, 1907.
Portland Federated Trades Council met this date in regular session, President McKenzie in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

The following credentials were received and delegates, Louis Mantell, Bartenders; Frank Myers, Iron Moulders, seated.

Mrs. Trumbull, representing the visiting Nurse Association, was granted the floor in behalf of a petition to the County Commissioners for a new and more commodious county hospital. The matter was referred to New Business.

Mr. H. D. Wagner was admitted to the floor and offered the following resolution for the consideration of the Council: Be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates to the Federated Trades Council, in regular session convened, hereby denounce the action of the City Council in its attempt to deprive the electorate of its just and legal right to vote on the Free Water amendment to the City Charter.

This matter was referred to New Business.
A committee from the Industrial Peace Association, consisting of Rev. J. H. Black, Rev. E. S. Muckley, Judge Frazer, Delegates C. H. Foster and W. H. Fitzgerald, were given the floor in behalf of the peace movement now being advocated by a representative body of citizens. Rev. Mr. Muckley, who is the Ministerial delegate to the Council, presented the draft of constitution to be adopted by the Peace Association, which was read and considered. Some changes in said constitution were suggested, especially in the proposed name of the organization.

Father Black made a splendid address on the subject of industrial peace, contending that the united force of all the interests in the community would be requisite in the effective workings of the proposed association. Judge Frazer held the close attention of the delegates in a strong appeal for peace in the industrial world. The discussion was participated in by Brothers Pitschke, Foster, Fitzgerald, Leabo, Gurr, Drew, Frederick, Wells and Grassman.

On motion the peace movement was endorsed and a delegation of three members was appointed to represent this Council in the Industrial Peace Association. Following are the delegates making up said delegation: Wm. H. Fitzgerald, W. E. Pitschke and Chas. H. Foster. It was also decided in this connection that the Council pay the initiation fee of the delegation.

New Business.—In connection with the movement for better County hospital accommodations, the secretary was instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the affiliated locals through this medium; the locals will kindly take the matter up at their regular meeting with a view to supporting the movement by their endorsement, as well as the endorsement of this body which, on motion, was carried.

The resolution submitted by Wagner was here adopted by the unanimous vote of the meeting.

Reports of Organizations.—Brother Drew, of the Iron Moulders, reported that everything indicated a "call out" of the moulders on the 1st of May, stating the employers had refused to consider the demand for an 8-hour day. The brother asked the endorsement of the Council in behalf of the Iron Moulders, which request, on motion, was granted.

Brother Frederick reported that Pap's Coffee House, 187 Morrison street, is now a fair house.

There being no further business before the house meeting adjourned for one week.

P. McDONALD, Secretary.

BOILER MAKERS ON STRIKE.

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the Boiler Makers employed at the Willamette Steel and Iron Works, went out on strike in support of their demands for a \$4 per day wage.

A review of the negotiations leading up to the trouble may be here in order.

On the 26th of November, 1906, the Boiler Makers' Union, of Portland, prepared a schedule of wages and conditions, had the same approved by their International, and presented copies to each of the shops doing business in this division. All the employers, except the Willamette Iron and Steel Works, agreed to the terms of said schedule, which are as follows:

Beginning on the 1st of January, 1907, the scale of wages shall be \$4 per day of 9 hours in shops; \$4 per day of 8 hours on repair work outside.

The scale previously prevailing was \$3.50 per day of 9 hours.

On the 1st of January all shops except the Willamette Iron Works agreed to the scale and conditions—this firm raising the wages to \$3.78 per day of 9 hours, but refusing to go to the \$4 mark.

Negotiations were carried on between the management and representatives of the union until all possible means of amicable arrangement were exhausted and the matter culminated on Wednesday of last week in a walk-out of about 30 men.

OPEN MEETING.

Carpenters' Local, No. 50, will hold social session next Tuesday, 23d inst., in Drew hall, 162 Second street. All friends of unionism are cordially invited to be present.

A suitable program is arranged for the occasion and a good time is guaranteed the visitors.

The political situation will be discussed by able speakers. Come, enjoy a social evening. Doors open at 8 P. M. By order of the committee.

A VISITOR FROM ASTORIA.

We were paid a friendly call last week by Brother J. F. Welch, secretary of the Astoria Central Labor Council, and from him we learn that the jury, in the trial of Capt. Forest, for the killing of Seaman Fisher last fall, returned a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree with recommendations to the clemency of the Court.

The history of the incident is brief: Fisher was reported, by the mate, sick. The Captain gave him a note to Dr. Tuttle, sealing same in an envelope. Fisher tore the envelope open and read the following note:

"Dr. Tuttle: Please examine this Bum and let me know what is the matter with him."

Fisher took exception to the language, especially the epithet "Bum," and a quarrel ensued. Fisher left the ship (Annie Larson) and went upon the dock, whereupon Capt. Forest, arming himself with a gun followed to the rail of the ship taking deliberate aim, fired and killed Fisher.

The members of organized labor are circulating a petition addressed to his Excellency, the Governor, praying that Forest be shown no special leniency in the matter of pardon from the servitude of the full term of sentence—though light it certainly is.

Brother Welch claims that had it been a working man who committed the crime, he, in all probability, would have been sent to the gallows, but in the case of a wealthy captain shooting a poor union sailor, every clemency is extended by judge and jury.

Oh, that the day may come when justice shall reign supreme, and all mankind will be really equal before the law!

MOULDERS STRIKE.

The Iron Moulders employed at the Moran Shipbuilding yards, Seattle, Wash., are on strike since Friday of last week. The cause of the strike is an attempt on the part of the company to force the open shop.

As the situation now presents itself, there is every indication of a general strike of the Pacific Coast Iron Moulders to take place on the 1st of May, next, in support of the demand for an 8-hour day.

There is no reason why the men should not be granted this request. Their work is extremely hard, both mentally and physically; their wages are nothing, compared with the other skilled trades, and if it were not for the purely obstinate and autocratic disposition on the part of the employer, the request would not be refused for twenty-four hours.

LABOR'S WILY ENEMIES.

Their Newest Policy Aims to Discredit Leaders of Unionism.

In an address recently delivered before the Central Labor union of Washington, Charles W. Darr, of that city, struck a keynote when he urged the labor leaders to be conservative and fair minded. He said the great labor movement was very much in the public eye at this time, and there are carping critics who stand ready to assail the men of brain and brawn whenever they make the slightest false movement. Mr. Darr maintained that it was right for the forces of labor to express their views on all matters and said such action would prove effective in the future as it had in the past.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor at the same meeting declared it was the policy of the enemies of organized labor not to throw discredit upon the trades unions, but upon the character of the men who compose the unions or who lead in the labor

movements. He said there are myriads of men in the labor movement who have marvelous abilities for forming constructive policies.

"It is a part of the policy of labor unions," he declared, "to lead in thought and elevating influences."

PEOPLE'S RULE IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

The City of Wilmington, Delaware, is the first eastern city to possess the initiative and referendum system. This year's legislature installed it and the initiative is being used. A petition signed by more than the required 10 per cent of the voters, has been filed in the mayor's office, requesting the submission of the following questions at the June 1 election:

"Shall the Mayor and Council recommend the same system of assessing property as is now in vogue in the city of New York and elsewhere, whereby separate assessments are made of property and the improvements thereon, instead of the entire property, as at present?"

"Shall the Mayor and Council recommend that the city shall publish a minute and comprehensive statement from time to time of all moneys received and expended by it?"

"Shall the Mayor and Council recommend that assessors and collectors be bonded by regularly authorized bonding companies?"

"Shall the Mayor and Council recommend that street railways be required to repair and maintain such portions of the streets as is now required by law, and also repair and maintain their cars in a manner to best cater to the convenience and comfort of the public?"

NO LIMIT TO INJUNCTIONS.

Although we had believed that the limit in judicial decisions had been reached in the injunction line by the notorious Holdom, of Chicago, the latter is being closely pressed for first place by a certain Judge Adams, of the Michigan Circuit Court, who handed out an opinion at Flint, Mich., a few days ago that is a "corker," and no mistake. Judge Adams enjoined an agent of the Buick Motor Company from hiring employees of the Michigan Buggy Company, which latter concern also asks for \$10,000 damages for employees of which has been robbed. It appears that the Buick Company offered higher wages to the buggy firm's workmen, but now the court steps in and prohibits the motor company from interfering with or soliciting the buggy concern's mechanics and laborers and virtually declares that no one has the right to offer them higher wages and shorter hours, and that they must remain with the buggy company permanently. If that condition is not on the borderland of chattel slavery then our interpretation of the English language is faulty. It means, moreover, that in times of strike, the union would be absolutely powerless, bound and gagged and at the mercy of labor oppressor outside of jail. It is just such idiotic decrees of petty czars that arouse the contempt of the people for the courts. What some judges sorely need is a muzzle.—The Cleveland Citizen.

THE LANDLORD.

Mary had a little shop
To help her on life's way;
Honest toil found fit reward,
And it began to pay.

"How's biz?" the landlord asked.
And Mary was imprudent;
She never guessed the landlord was
An economic student.

But Mary's landlord's eagle eye
Was watching how things went;
When the 24th of June came round
He doubled Mary's rent.

The imposition staggered her,
But what could Mary do?
Subsistence bare is the tenant's share,
All else the landlord's due.

So Mary kept on as before,
Improving as time went;
And step by step with increased trade
The landlord raised the rent.

And thus the merry game went on,
Till Mary's life was spent;
As fast as God could prosper her,
The landlord raised the rent.
—Toronto Toller.

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