

LABOR COUNCIL TRANSACTS USUAL ROUTINE BUSINESS

Central Labor Council met in regular session at 8:00 p. m., President Daly in the chair. All officers were present at roll call. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

J. D. Nieland was granted the floor and explained his mission with regard to the Men and Religion Forward movement. He stated it was his desire that the Council secure for him statistics comparing the conditions of organized workers with those unorganized who were in the same or similar industries.

Credentials from the Stationary Firemen

were received, and the delegate, Brother Albert Kuhns, was obligated and seated.

The following communications were received and disposed of: From the president of the San Diego Central Council, referred to Executive Committee; Seattle Machinists, to new business; White Rats' Actors' Union of New York, to Legislative Committee; A. F. of L., concerning municipal eight-hour law, secretary instructed to comply; A. F. of L., protest to Congress on cheapening method of making paper money, new business; A. F. of L., statement of McNamara Ways and Means Committee, filed, as same is published in LABOR PRESS; George K. Rogers, announcing Ehrhott lecture Tuesday evening, filed; Waterfront, concurring in Teamsters' request to place Allen & Lewis and Clay S. Morse on the unfair list, referred to Executive Committee; Building Trades Council, resolution condemning city administration, new business.

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Under officers' reports, the secretary reported on the Savoy Theatre and the rotten conditions existing there, on progress made by the Label Trades Section, and on the recent expose of loan sharks.

The president reported on the need of liquidating the debts of the Labor Temple Association and recommended that the Council vote on a proposition to place to the referendum a per capita assessment. He also brought out the immense benefits it would be to organized labor to establish co-operative concerns for the handling of the necessities of life and thereby decrease the cost of living by increasing the purchasing power. He was followed by other speakers who gave examples of the splendid results obtained under the co-operative system. A special order for 9:30 o'clock the next meeting we set for further discussion along this line.

Executive, Legislative and Organization Committees held no meetings. Motion Picture Operators desired the Council to take immediate action on their request to place the Savoy Theatre on the unfair list. The Council withdrew the matter from the Executive Committee and concurred in the request of the Motion Picture Operators. Similar action was taken with the request of the Building Trades' request to place Woodard & Clarke on the unfair list.

Special committee on McGinn lecture reported progress. Labor Temple Association committee reported progress. Broadway Bridge and Auditorium committees reported securing the co-operation of the mayor and expect to secure an audience before the next session of the commissioners having the auditorium affairs in charge.

A motion to submit to the referendum a proposition to assess the membership for the purpose of liquidating the debt of the Labor Temple Association was defeated. Letter from the Seattle Machinists was referred to the Executive Committee. A. F. of L. communication requesting action on paper money was referred to Legislative Committee. Resolutions emanating from Building Trades, condemning the present city administration were read. Motion was made to condemn the condemnatory resolutions. Amended that this Council request the Building Trades Council to give its reasons for proposing such resolutions, and amendment was carried, and the original motion as amended was carried.

The receipts for the week were as follows: Elevator Constructors, \$1.00; Tailors, \$9.90; Retail Clerks, \$7.00; Stationary Firemen, \$2.40; Sheet Metal Workers, \$3.00; total, \$23.30. No expenses.

Council adjourned for one week.
ARTHUR W. LAWRENCE,
Secretary.

Unfair List of Central Council

- Bakeries—Royal Bakery & Confectionery Co.
- Bartenders—All saloons that do not display the Union Bar Card.
- Building Trades—Stone & Webster, National Ice Co., Maegly, Tichenor building, T. B. Wilcox and all his products, Foster & Kleiser, Watrin & Martien, Woodard, Clarke & Co., druggists, Fourth and Washington.
- Carpenters—Rothchild Bros.
- Cigarmakers—United Cigar Stores and all cigars that do not bear the Union Label.
- Metal Trades—Portland Artificial Ice Co., Bell, Wildman & Co., Portland Sheet Metal Works, Enterprise Brewing Agency, Willamette Iron & Steel Works, all machine shops not working an 8-hour day.
- Meat Cutters—Frank L. Smith Meat Co., and all markets not displaying union card.
- Molders—Pacific Stove & Range Co., stoves handled by Calef Bros.
- Moving Picture Operators—Savoy Theatre, North Sixth street.
- Musicians—Yorke band, Yorke Musical Repair House and J. Neubauer, grocer; co. H. Parsons and orchestra.
- Painters—Williams & Blied, Sheehy Bros., John Blied and all shops that employ non-union men.
- Printing Trades—Saturday Evening Post, Independent Printing Co.
- Plumbers—J. F. Shea and all firms not employing union mechanics.

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FOREIGN NEWS

LONDON.—The railroad employees of this country, incensed at the conclusions reached by the commission of inquiry, appointed as a result of last summer's strike, are now taking a strike vote to determine whether the report of the commission shall be accepted on trial or cease work until their grievances are adjusted. There appears to be an unanimity of opinion and it is predicted that a large percentage of the men will vote for the strike. The last day for the return of the voting to the headquarters Unity House is December 5.

LONDON.—While the strike vote among Great Britain's railway men is in progress, a number of the railroad companies are announcing concessions. It begins to look as though the attitude of the railroad employees is responsible for the concessions being made by the companies.

LONDON.—Mr. Lloyd George has again demonstrated his tremendous influence over the House of Commons. Through his influence a resolution has been unanimously adopted by that body, calling on the railway directors to meet the representatives of the men in order to discuss with them the best method of putting into operation the report of the Railway Commission. The resolution in effect favors the recognition of the Railwaymen's Unions and condemns the railway directors for the policy of the closed door towards the unions which they have hitherto adopted.

GLASGOW.—A report just out states that the number of passengers at Scottish posts to and from places out of Europe during the first ten months of the present year was 60,934 outward, and 21,776 inward. Of the outward passengers 54,503 persons and of the inward 9,302 persons were regarded as of Scottish nationality.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The United States consul here has given publicity through the daily consular reports to the congested labor conditions existing here. Although there are 2,000 men employed on the streets laying fifty miles of paving and other public work, and while the building permits issued far exceed those of a like period a year ago, still there are a greater number of men unemployed than ever before in the history of the city. When the seasonal industries, such as fisheries, building, etc., close for the winter a still larger number of men will be without employment.

MORE COMING.

Wages in England have increased about five and one-tenth per cent within the last few months, while pauperism is on the decrease by about 12 per cent. It is partly due to the pension laws, no doubt; but the greatest factor is the taxes levied and to be levied on land values. These taxes are not on improvements. Just the value of the naked land alone. Only a two-mill tax now; but a 20 per cent tax on all increases of value. More levies coming. Lords selling lands and putting lands to use. Labor demanded makes wages a little higher. The pensions take the aged off the labor market to some extent, and the opening of land to use takes the idle labor off the market some. If the tax levies on land are doubled the benefits will be quadrupled.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW SAVED.

BEAUMONT, TEX.—An eight-hour bill was passed in the closing days of the last Legislature, together with a mass of other bills. Under the state law the governor has to act within twenty days after the adjournment on all measures or they become law. A large number of these bills the governor vetoed, among them the eight-hour bill. The governor did not count Sundays in the twenty days allowed, and in an action before the Supreme Court that judicial body decided that Sunday must be reckoned in computing the twenty days. As a result the eight-hour law has been saved.

TO STOP MAN-STEALING.

WASHINGTON.—The practice of shanghaiing men in the ports adjacent to the oyster beds of Chesapeake Bay by the sailing masters has reached such a brutal stage that the government, through the Department of Commerce and Labor, has chartered a swift motor yacht to patrol the oyster fields. Many men have been practically stolen and forced to work on the oyster boats at low wages and under unhealthy, unsanitary and other terrible conditions for long periods of time. The penalty for shanghaiing ranges from a fine of \$1,000 and one year in prison to the same fine and five years in prison.

Owing to the land monopoly, many thousands of the most competent and skilled agricultural workers are compelled to leave the country, herd in our already overcrowded cities, thus reducing wages, adding to the unemployed, and to the degeneracy of the nation. At the same time, as the authorities often tell us, an immense amount of land here is labor-starved, while whole masses of men are kept out of work by landlords who demand an exorbitant price from those who wish to use their land.

SUBMIT FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Shop Federation Makes Accounting of Money Received for Strike Purposes.

- Receipts for the relief fund for October and November:
- Brewery Workers, No. 320. . . . \$ 50.00
 - Beer Drivers and Bottlers, No. 201 . . . 10.00
 - Tailors' Union, No. 14. 25.00
 - Elevator Constructors' Union . . . 10.00
 - Iron Moulders 5.00
 - Elevator Constructors 10.00
 - Meat Cutters 20.60
 - Garment Workers 5.00
 - Merchants 432.30
 - Stationary & Hoisting Engineers . . . 5.00
 - System Federation 200.00
 - Stationary Engineers 25.00
 - Book Binders 25.00
 - Steam Fitters 5.00
 - Pattern Makers 10.00
 - Tile Setters 15.00
 - Riggers and Liners 5.00
 - Socialist Party 98.70
 - Teamsters' Union, No. 62. 10.00
 - Portland Press Assistants 5.90
 - Bartenders' League, No. 339. . . . 150.00
 - Plumbers, No. 51 25.00
 - Pressmen's Union, No. 17. 10.00
 - Musicians' Mutual Association. . . . 25.00
 - Painters and Decorators 5.00
 - Ray Barkhurt 25.00

Locomotive Engineers, No. 236. . . 75.00
Firemen and Enginemen, No. 193 . . 25.00
Grain Handlers 20.00
Longshoremen's Union, No. 5. . . . 25.00
Typographical Union, No. 58. . . . 50.00
Lathers 6.00
Cleared on benefit dance. 408.55
Boilermakers of Van'ver, Wash. . . 19.00

Total \$1830.15
Disbursements of Relief Fund:
Groceries \$1404.13
Wood 140.75
Money advanced, on sickness. . . . 40.25
Storeroom rent 31.50
Freight and express 12.70
Money loaned, on notes 40.00
Supplies 19.55
Car tickets 9.00

Total \$1697.88
Balance \$ 132.27
Receipts for the General Fund, for October and November.
Balance on hand, Oct. 1st. \$ 3.32
Blacksmiths, No. 37 11.80
Boilermakers, No. 72. 54.05
Carmen, B. R. C. of A., No. 269. . . . 46.35
Sheet Metal Workers 12.50
Machinist Helpers 23.85
Metal Trades Council 25.00

Total \$218.57
Disbursements of General Fund:
Postage \$ 24.00
Telegrams 10.70
Supplies 30.20
Printing 10.50
Hall rent 40.25
Fuel for Pickets 10.20
Attorneys' fees 70.00
Fines 10.00

Total \$205.85
Balance on hand, Dec. 1st. . . . \$ 12.72
Grand total on hand. \$144.99
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