

GOMPERS THEIR CHOICE

LITTLE OPPOSITION TO HIS RE-ELECTION.

Two Test Votes in the Convention Yesterday Showed How the Members Stand.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 12.—Today's sessions of the American Federation of Labor apparently disclosed the fact that there will be little or no opposition to the re-election of Samuel Gompers as president. Two propositions, two votes which may be regarded as tests, resulted in decisive triumphs for the ideas advanced by Mr. Gompers.

The convention adopted a declaration recommending to all affiliated unions, whose trade or calling is pursued in Porto Rico that they take prompt action for the purpose of disseminating information in Porto Rico necessary to give the Porto Ricans opportunity to become allied with the National or International trade associations in America. It was also recommended that the American National unions have their constitutions translated into the Spanish language and that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor take action promptly to carry out the plans and purposes of the American labor movement in Porto Rico, appropriating \$5000 to carry this resolution into effect.

The convention concurred in resolutions previously passed declaring unalterable opposition to the "bona fide trade unionist" bill, now before the committee on foreign and interstate commerce in both houses of Congress.

An animated discussion arose over a resolution for a labor portfolio in the Cabinet, upon which the committee reported adversely. The original resolution was amended so that the sense of this convention that the labor department of labor should be formed, the head of which should have a place in the Cabinet of the President of the United States, and that said Cabinet officer should be a bona fide trade unionist.

President Duncan opposed the resolution on the ground that the distinct stipulation for a "bona fide trade unionist" would prove a source of weakness and probably defeat the purpose of the convention in framing this measure.

Delegate Turnsett, of San Francisco, opposed the recommendation that a Cabinet officer be taken from the ground that the American form of government is not the parliamentary form, and that the Cabinet members are the personal advisers of the President.

Delegate Warner, of New York, said his experience had not led him to put much confidence in the average labor representative in places of trust and responsibility in some of the state governments.

"I would sooner see Mark Hanna," he said, "representing our interests than some of the labor representatives who hold positions in some states."

Treasurer James B. Lennon, of Bloomington, Ill., said he hoped to see the time when a trade unionist would be President of the United States, but he opposed the adoption of the resolution as prescribing too narrow boundaries for the appointment of a Cabinet officer.

The adverse report of the committee was concurred in by a vote of 78 to 41, thus killing the resolution.

The convention took adverse action on a resolution instructing the executive committee to endeavor to secure the passage of a bill in Congress which will restrict immigration.

A bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative William Astor Chandler, of New York, designed to correct abuses suffered by seamen in the merchant marine, was endorsed by the convention.

Resolutions advocating reduction of the tax on beer to its former levy of \$1 per barrel, were concurred in, the committee stating that it "could not conceive that the brewery interests of the country need or desired any assistance from the Federation of Labor."

The following resolutions were concurred in: Favoring an amendment to the law to provide for only one class under which men shall be employed in the United States navy-yards, at the standard rate of wages received by the various unions in the district in which the navy-yards are situated; favoring free school books in all the public schools of the country.

William D. Mahon, of Detroit, who was the federation's delegate to the Canadian labor congress, at Montreal, read his report of the proceedings of the Canadian congress, after the convention recessed until afternoon.

At the afternoon session, Delegate Hayes, of Cleveland, withdrew his resolution to amend the constitution to permit the Federation to fight capital in the political field, explaining, however, that this is not to be construed as a recession from his (Hayes) Socialistic principles.

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Business proceedings were interrupted to permit the presentation of gold watches to Peter Curran, John Weir and David Carey, delegates from England, Scotland and Canada, whose presentation was made by W. M. D. Mahon, of Detroit.

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