

LABOR'S BIG DAY

Holiday Is Observed All Over the Land.

PARADES ARE A FEATURE

Chicago Demonstration the Greatest in Its History.

GOMPERS AT INDIANAPOLIS

He Strongly Defends Unionism and Issues a Challenge to Parry-Shaffer, Who Has Been Miss- ing, Keeps His Appointment.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 7.—The labor day parade today was the largest ever seen here. The address of the day was delivered this afternoon by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. President Gompers addressed 15,000 persons. He said in part: "Today we have great machinery of labor, new tools of labor, dividing and subdividing the labor performed, specialization of industry going on, the worker doing a thousand things, ten thousand things over and over a little given thing in the great beehive of industry, and all these machines, propelled by the power of steam and electricity. Now, I ask every thoughtful man and woman within the sound of my voice; I ask any one who may happen to have the opportunity of reading anything I may say this afternoon, how can a workman, an individual workman, act upon his own initiative and from his own volition? Where can he act as an individual to try to secure improvement in his condition, much less protection against a great corporation?"

"Some may say the workmen lose their individuality when they join a union of labor. In the United States the workman has lost his individuality just as soon as he enters one of our great modern industrial plants." President Gompers turned his attention to D. M. Parry, president of the National Manufacturers' Association. He said Mr. Parry had constituted himself the savior of society and civilization. His references to Mr. Parry were from the standpoint of ridicule. Said he in closing: "A strike may bring about strife and discord, but as soon as it is done, better feelings are engendered and mutual respect is brought about. I do not think I would care to have a strike in Mr. Parry's factory, but I don't believe it would be an unmitigated evil, for he might learn the lesson that Mr. Barst has learned—that there is something to arbitrate, to discuss, to concede." "Organized labor has no feeling against Mr. Parry. It has no designs against his life, his children or the safety of his property. He is as safe from labor as is President Roosevelt."

SHAFER SUDDENLY APPEARS.

Missing Labor Leader Keeps Engagement at Poughkeepsie. POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Theodore Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Ironworkers, who has been missing from his home in Pittsburg, surprised the labor unions of this city today by appearing at the Labor day parade. He had been announced as the orator of the day, but owing to the published accounts of his disappearance Herman Robinson, of New York, secretary of the National Central Labor Union, was invited to make a brief address. Mr. Robinson was received by the committee and escorted to the Hudson River Driving Park, where more than 3000 persons were assembled before Mr. Robinson was introduced. Mr. Shaffer arrived in a cab and made his way to the platform, not recognized by the crowd. He looked pale and showed signs of exhaustion. After Mr. Robinson's address President Shaffer was introduced. In a husky voice he said: "The thing I would most gladly do is to keep still and say nothing. Two years ago I made a mistake by trying to make 15,000 people hear me, and as a result of such efforts I am reduced physically. Nine months ago I made three speeches in one day, and I will not again allow people to use me up in that way."

"That was all the reference he made to himself, and he then proceeded, with evident difficulty, to make a brief speech. When asked to make a statement, he said he was anxious to make one, and arranged with the reporters to meet them at the Nelson House at 7 o'clock tonight. He was then driven away in company with John Bradley, a prominent local labor man. It was found that he had not been at the Nelson House at all, and a thorough search of the city failed to reveal any trace of either Mr. Shaffer or Mr. Bradley. It is believed that Mr. Shaffer hurried away from the city."

GREAT TURNOUT AT CHICAGO.

Demonstrations the Greatest Ever Made by Organized Labor. CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—It is estimated that between 100,000 and 125,000 demonstrators took part in the Labor day parade here, making it the greatest demonstration in the history of Cook County labor celebrations. The procession marched past a reviewing stand opposite the Auditorium Hotel.

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At Cincinnati.

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At Washington.

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PARADE FEATURE AT NEW YORK.

Walking Delegate Parks Gets Both Cheers and Blisses. NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Conditions were never better than today for the celebration of Labor day, clear skies and cool breezes giving ideas for parades, excursions and other outing recreation. The central feature of the celebration was the parade, which took place this morning. Representatives of unions in the

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The cablegram has been communicated to the President and to the State Department, but no instructions have yet been sent to Admiral Cotten. The Navy Department has been advised of the arrival of the Machias at Port Said. Her orders when she left Genoa were to proceed to Port Said, coal and await further orders.

TURKS BURN MORE VILLAGES. Women and Children Aged Protection From the Bashi Bazarou. SOFIA, Sept. 7.—The revolutionary officers received information today that the Turks have burned or otherwise nearly destroyed all the villages in the district of Kastoria, near the Greek frontier. The villages in that district were the largest in Macedonia, each having from 1000 to 2000 inhabitants. Among the largest burned were Zagorotchina, Dumbet, Kenomadi, Mokret and Kozneik. Altogether about 25 villages in that part of Macedonia have been destroyed. It is added that 20 women and children, fugitives from Zagorotchina, went to the Turkish commander of the district to seek assistance and protection from the Bashi Bazarou. The commander promised them protection, but when the fugitives left the Bashi Bazarou pursued, outraged and killed many of the women and children. The Turks have concentrated 15,000 soldiers of all arms in the district, who are openly burning villages.

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