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THE BALLOT'S POWER as a result of Police Outrages WILL BE USED BY LABOR.

Special Meeting of C. T. & L. U. Declares for Political Action for the Destruction of Wage Slavery.

Plans to be Mapped Out at Next Meeting.

Organized labor of St. Louis has spoken and capitalism may well be aware of the consequences. The police outrages of the last few weeks have been too much and even the most backward has come forth and demanded that action shall be taken. The special meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Union held on last Monday has started in the right direction and in the adoption of the following resolution they have brought hope to the hearts of those who have been long struggling for the upper air. Whereas, the Police Department of the City of St. Louis has done everything in its power to break up the organized efforts of the working class for the betterment of their conditions, and Whereas, they have in the furtherance of these ends, arrested, assaulted, abused and otherwise mistreated striking men and women in a manner that would throw shame upon a despotism like Russia, without any cause whatsoever, and solely that the interests of their employers might be thereby advanced. Therefore be it Resolved, that as union working men of the City of St. Louis we, the Central Trades and Labor Union make the following declaration, which we believe should be the unanimous declaration of organized labor throughout the city and state. The ballot, which is our inheritance from the sacrifice of our forefathers yet lies useless in our hands, but the above declarations demand that we now use this most powerful weapon to forever do away with the cause which make these things possible, namely the wage system. With this as our declaration for concerted action by which alone will we enjoy that liberty and justice which is rightfully ours as the creators of all wealth we demand for immediate action that the governor of this state and the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of St. Louis shall take

GENERAL COMMITTEE Meeting of June 29 SHOULD BE ATTENDED.

Every Delegate Chosen to this Work Should Realize the Obligation of His Post.

Comrades must not forget the General Committee meeting of Sunday, June 29th. This meeting is the most important one now before us and every delegate should attend to his duty by being present. This general committee is to be composed of delegates from every precinct in the city and from every trades union which will agree to send them. It will perform the work of the campaign, see to complete organization, look after proper agitation and have charge of all other work which is necessary in a campaign such as it is indicated shall be put up this fall. Every delegate is present there should be nearly 300 on hand, and any number short of that means that someone has failed to do his duty.

GARMENT WORKERS HAVE WON.

Strike Is Settled and the Workers Have Returned to their Employment. Curious Victory Which Bids Fair to be Followed With a Still Harder Blow for Freedom. The Garment Workers strike is settled, every firm has signed up with the Union and the strikers are back at work. The sweat shop system has very largely been broken up and the eight hour day has been obtained.

CONDITIONS OF SLAVERY UNEQUALLED.

Women Being Driven into the Coal Mines of West Virginia.

Strike Leaders Arrested Through Enforcement of Perpetual Injunction. Mother Jones on the March.

Clarksburg, W. V., June 15 (Special).--Of all the slavery man suffered, the worst is here. The conditions are almost incredible. The strike is on in full force and the men only too glad to make this effort to get out of bondage. Twenty-five thousand are now out and others following. Total will reach 50,000 by end of the week. Mother Jones marching with her army of "boys" presents a spectacle not seen since the days of the Revolution, in Virginia. The crowd cheer her and the marchers as they parade carrying their empty dinner pails in their hands.

Moungah, W. V., June 15.--All strike leaders but Mother Jones arrested last night and she may be taken at any moment. The "permanent injunction" is being enforced by arming thugs with Winchester to shoot down miners. The Fagemon Coal company forced women into the mines last night to load coal. It is a reign of terror. Mother Jones will lead the miners to meeting place tonight in a body and address them. The companies are fearful of arresting her, much as they would like to do so. Imported Italians from New York are armed here by companies and instructed to shoot. Reporters are being paid from \$5 to \$10 per day to falsify the facts. The Wheeling "News" is a mass of lies.

Nanticoke, Pa.--The water supply here was cut off owing to inability of Water company to keep steam up with non-union men.

Snedburg, Pa.--Strike orders strictly obeyed here. Men determined to fight to a finish but keeping cool and sober. Two weak-brained brothers alone remain at work, and they are related to the understrappers (bosses). Our finances are in good shape and credit is still allowed. We have implicit confidence in President Mitchell.

Mahoney City, Pa.--The Leader bosses and fire bosses organized here last evening and affiliated with the U. M. W. A. The P. & R. Co. will attempt to "fire up" today with negroes, as the mines are flooding. Deputies still continue to desert. For the second time the Primrose Colliery fire and pump men have deserted. Will try and give your speaker (Gegner) a rousing reception here.

Girardville, Pa.--Everything in this vicinity at a standstill excepting Raven Run where the Boss and two sons man the boilers. There was one pump man on duty at this colliery but by roadside persuasion he was convinced of his wrong doing and he joined the ranks of the strikers. At Hammond Colliery where the fire bosses and under strappers were doing the work the roadside persuasion was also effective and the Hammond is now at a standstill. Deputies very scarce around here. Men are all law abiding and intend to remain so and win. The Governor and his supporters won't get a chance to apply the screws at this place. Companies cannot secure men to man the pumps. Credit good and merchants say it will remain so until the end. At Wyoming a hatch service was temporarily suspended because electric light furnished by the M. Lookout Colliery was being used. The women of the colliery are on strike. The electric lights were turned out and lamps used and the remainder of the meeting.

Yonkers City, Pa.--Correspondent reports that by Mines Union reports as follows: The conditions are important, despite the fact of Sheriff's loss, a day and they are deserting as fast as they can. The great trouble is that the pump and mine boys are not so easily fooled. They are not so easily fooled as the miners. The great trouble is that the pump and mine boys are not so easily fooled as the miners. The great trouble is that the pump and mine boys are not so easily fooled as the miners.

TWO MORE LABOR BILLS ARE KILLED.

Socialists of Massachusetts Legis- Jature Fight Hard, but Labor's Enemies Triumph.

The Last Report.

When Carey's strike picketing bill came up on Wednesday, May 28th, for passage to a third reading, the committee on labor which had reported favorably with the exception of three house members and one Senator dissenting allowed it to go to a vote without debate. A rising vote showed 23 for and 35 against. Carey made the motion of no quorum, and after a quorum had been verified, a second rising vote showed 45 for and 10 against. A roll call was then had and resulted in 74 for the bill and 75 against. Before the vote was announced the clerk notified the Speaker, who then requested that his name be called. The Speaker then cast his vote against the bill, tying the vote and thus defeating the bill.

Enemies Applaud. There was applause from the enemies of the bill, and Carey gave notice that he would move reconsideration on the morrow. This was the first time that the Speaker had voted during this session, or, in fact, for two years, and as he acted promptly there is no disputing where he stands on labor measures though there never has been any question as to that matter, so far as the Socialists were concerned. The Speaker's action has constituted the principal political gossip of the past two weeks, and the capitalist papers are still discussing the probable effect upon the next election, and especially if Speaker Myers is the candidate for lieutenant-governor, which it is likely he will not now be, as the workmen never were so much aroused over matters affecting their own interests as now.

Speaker Myers' Dilemma. That the Speaker's vote had carried consternation into the ranks of the Republicans, and of his friends in particular, was made manifest on the following day, when Carey's motion to reconsider the previous day's action on the bill was under discussion. Brigham of Middleborough had introduced an amendment to the bill, providing that nothing by the act should be permitted, which violated any statute law, city ordinance or town by-law. This amendment gave the Speaker a chance to favor reconsideration, and incidentally to make a speech that would square himself with the multitude. The debate on reconsideration had run about for some time, when the Speaker called Newton of Everett to the chair and took the floor. The explanation was rather an indefinite sort of thing and practically left the Speaker on the same side he had always occupied. He favored reconsideration because he believed that Brigham's amendment put a different light on the bill, which he believed, was not in the form it ought to pass. He believed the bill would, if enacted, make it possible for persons to block the street in front of a man's place of business, and he did not believe that a black line around any person is a safe or wise way of conducting any business. If the amendment was not adopted, he would vote against the bill again if his action became necessary.

Now, this attempt of the Speaker to cover up his action of the day before by the use of Brigham's amendment will not hold water with anybody who stops to think for a moment. Carey's bill does not seek to give any one power to to violate any statute. The proposition is absurd in the first place, and in the second place, there is no statute to violate. The bill seeks to prevent the issuance of injunctions by judges, who use their power without the existence of any statute, to prohibit workmen from doing that which would probably enable them to make a strike effective. Brigham's amendment was, therefore, unnecessary, but nevertheless harmless, and any criticism of the bill without the amendment is well taken.

Debate on Reconsideration. The debate on the bill when reconsideration was taken was a long and interesting one, beginning about the middle of the day. Newton said the question was a legal one, purely legal, and it was shown that it was illegal to issue injunctions when the laws were so amended. The bill did not require a judge to issue an injunction, but it gave him the power to do so. The opinion of a dissenting member of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, saying that no such communication should not be interfered with.

The Socialists. But the interesting part of the debate was the discussion between Carey (Continued on Second Page.)

A LABOR PRESS With Force Behind it is AN ASSURED FACT.

Meeting at Lightstone's Hall June 12th, Large and Enthusiastic.

Active Work Started. Committees Selected.

Organized labor of St. Louis is to have a thorough labor press. All doubt concerning it were dissipated at the meeting of the Labor Press conference held at Lightstone's Hall, Thursday evening, June 12, and work for the upbuilding of the paper will begin at once. The call for the meeting was responded to by thirty organizations, including the Central Trades and Labor Union, with a total of 75 delegates. Enthusiasm reigned from the time the meeting was called to order, and adjournment found the enthusiasm unabated, in fact it left every delegate with a determination to get out and do his duty.

Comrade G. A. Hoehn, editor of the Arbeiter Zeitung, was chosen chairman, and A. E. Sanderson secretary. General discussion followed the selection of officers, in which quite a number of the delegates took part, both German and English. Upon motion it was finally decided to select a committee of five to draw up a plan of organization to be reported back to the meeting. This committee was composed of Comrades L. E. Hildebrand, L. Stoll, G. Eckhoff, T. Hereth and Ballard Dunn.

The discussion continued during the absence of the committee, which upon its return recommended the adoption of the following report: Your committee on organization recommends that this meeting resolve itself into a permanent organization to be known as the "Labor Press Conference" the next meeting to be arranged for the first week in July, in the meantime communications to be sent to every trades union and other workmen's organization in St. Louis asking them to become affiliated with the Labor Press Conference.

We also recommend that the present delegates act as delegates to the meeting in July and in the meantime make an effort to have the "good and welfare of the Labor Press" made a regular item in their order of business. We also recommend that a committee of three be appointed on advertising, a committee of five on subscriptions, a committee of five on constitution and bylaws, these committees to meet as soon as possible and report to the next meeting.

It is also our opinion that we should set as a goal the establishment of a daily paper, through the thorough building up of a weekly paper, which subscribing to the rules and regulations of the Labor Press Conference. ing Monday, June 9th, which Comrade L. E. Hildebrand delivered an address and effected an organization with eight members. Things will be kept going. Brewer's Union Will Appeal. To Take the Case to Next A. F. of L. Convention. The daily press of the country published last week a certain decision of President Gompers in the controversy United Brewery workers' unionists and brewers. On account of these "decisions" more fights with capital will develop, and the one to be held responsible for these outbreaks on labor is the radical strike committee, shortly before going to press with this edition we wrote a new "decree" of Gompers, whose he, in consideration of the difficulties in the contracts coal operators, extracts and contradicts his former decisions, and states that he never denied the mine workers or the brewery workers, the jurisdiction over engineers and stokers, working in those industries. While all progressive elements in the labor movement see at a loss to understand Gompers' attitude and motives, the National Union of United Brewery Workers has already taken an appeal against the last unwarranted decision to the next convention of the A. F. of L. on very good grounds, as we have material on hand to prove that one of the grossest violations of principle and rights of organized labor has been perpetrated.

Socialists in Strike Field.

Comrade Wm. Mally and "Nigger" Geiger Under the Auspices of the Socialist Party.

Joe C. Chase spoke this week before locals and trade unions at Hildebrand, Socialist St. Joseph and St. Mary's. William Mally is now in the strike field in the interest of the Socialist Party. Arrangements are now being perfected to have "Nigger" Geiger lecture before the Coal Miners Union in Pennsylvania.

LUXENBURG ORGANIZED.

Comrade L. E. Hildebrand succeeded in forming a club with 100 members. More in Sight. The comrades of Luxembourg a Sunday afternoon at 8:30, held on the 20th, an short notice held an agitation meet-

Here's What You Want.

Illustrated Propaganda Leaflets - "What is Socialism?" by Mills, Per 100, 10c

Glauber Bros. DRY GOODS CLOTHING; Gents' Furnishings, HATS and SHOES, 4832 N. Broadway

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WOLF & SWEHLA, 2865-69 S. Jefferson Avenue.

BOYCOTT Welle-Beettler's and McKinney's Brand.

BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS UNION NO. 18.

Cleveland Convention.

Comrades of Ohio City will Nominate County Candidates. Cleveland, O., June 15 - County convention of the socialist party will be held Sunday, June 29th.

LISTENED TO SOCIALISM. Comrade Dunn Speaks Before Dairy Employees Union.

ENTHUSIASM. Comrade Jas. E. Roche Addresses the Core Makers Union and Fill the Members With Desire for Action.

STAUNTON ORGANIZED. Comrade J. W. Saunders of Illinois, Forms Local with 44 Members.

LABEL LEAGUE MINUTES. Proceedings of the Last Meeting by Secretary L. Stoll.

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yet not signed the scale of wages with the Union, and until the scale is signed he will not receive the label of the union.

GOOD CONVENTION. Second District Comrades Nominate Candidates. Platform Adopted.

ENTHUSIASM. Comrade James S. Roche spoke before the Core Makers Union on last Saturday evening and carried every member with him.

STAUNTON ORGANIZED. Comrade J. W. Saunders, State Organizer of Illinois, succeeded in organizing a club at Staunton, Ill.

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Balance on hand May 1st..... 152.49 Total..... \$928.79

SHOE WORKERS CONVENTION.

National Secretary Sends a Telegram of Good Cheer. The following was sent to the Secretary of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union in convention at Detroit, Mich.

MONTESSANO EXCURSION.

Procure Tickets for the Benefit of the Labor Press. Don't forget the excursion to Montessano, Sunday morning July 13.

STRIKE

In an Iron Foundry Can Be Seen at Eclipse Park. Remember the entertainment at Eclipse Park, Virginia avenue and Primrose street, Thursday evening, July 17.

BOYCOTTED.

Cincinnati Brewers Placed on Unfair List by A. F. of L. By a recent decision of the Executive Board of the A. F. of L. the brewers connected with the Brewers Exchange of Cincinnati, O., have been placed on the "unfair list" and all union workingmen and their sympathizers are requested to act accordingly.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S Report for April.

Table with columns: Received, Expended, and various categories like National Dues, Postage, Printing, etc.

WHERE WE STAND. A lecture by John Sparzo, editor of THE COMRADE, originally delivered under the title "Our Position: Economic, Ethical and Political."

Workingmen's Protective Union.

Cases Received and Disposed of Since Last Meeting.

St. Louis, June 11 - At the regular meeting held on the above date the following credentials were received: Geo. Reeder, representing Painters and Decorators Union No. 294.

THE ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Hundred Mark Passed. Make It Two Hundred as Soon as Possible. Reported up to June 7..... \$ 95.50

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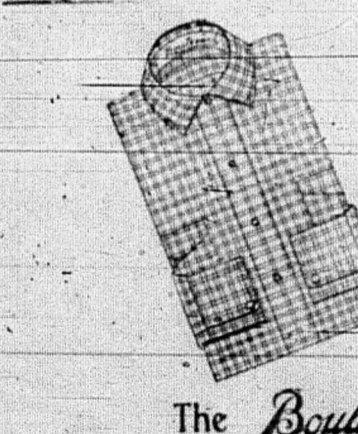
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SOCIALIST OUTING!

ST. LOUIS ARBEITER ZIETUNG.

BOAT EXCURSION TO MONTESSANO PARK, Sunday, July 13, 9.30 A. M.

ST. LOUIS LABOR WILL SHARE IN PROCEEDS



The Boulevard Shirt. This is the label of INTERNATIONAL SHIRT, WAIST AND LAUNDRY WORKERS UNION, which can be found on all shirts made in the celebrated Boulevard Shirt Factory.

