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SUCCESS HAS CROWNED THROUGH HARD WORK LABOR PRESS CONFERENCE.

Six New Organizations Affiliated at the Last Meeting—Much Work Accomplished.

Report of Committee on Constitution and Finance Submitted to Referendum Vote.

THE LABOR PRESS CONFERENCE, TO BE KNOWN IN THE FUTURE AS THE LABOR PRESS COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY, INDORSED ST. LOUIS LABOR AS ITS ENGLISH OFFICIAL ORGAN AT ITS MEETING ON JULY 10. WORK WILL BEGIN AT ONCE ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PAPER AND IN A FEW MONTHS IT IS HOPED TO MAKE IT THE BEST LABOR PAPER IN THE COUNTRY.

Success has so far crowned the efforts of those engaged in the organization of the Labor Press Conference and from now on this success will be doubled. St. Louis Labor and Arbeiter Zeitung were formally indorsed as the official organs of the conference. Six more organizations affiliated at the last meeting at Lightstone's hall and others will doubtless take action before the next meeting.

Forty organizations are now on the roll including the Central Trades and Labor Union and nearly every other large organization in the city.

Constitution and by-laws were adopted at the last meeting for the future government of the body and the organization now assumes definite form.

Every workman in the city should take inspiration from this start and place himself on the roll of workers.

Remember if we are to have a strong labor press it requires the concerted action of every working man.

The following is the report of the Committee on Constitution adopted after amendment by the body. It has been sent to every affiliated organization to be acted upon between now and the next meeting, which has been set for Thursday evening, August 14, at Lightstone's Hall.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, experience has fully demonstrated that unity of action of the working class, on the basis of its interest, as a class separate and distinct from and opposed to the employing or capitalistic class is absolutely essential to its welfare and emancipation from the galling chains of Wage Slavery and whereas, the capitalistic class is today in practical control of nearly all the newspapers of the country and particularly in the City of St. Louis and vicinity, and uses said newspapers for the purpose of furthering its interest and misrepresenting or ignoring the working class in its struggles for better conditions, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the delegates of the Trade Unions, political and social organizations of the working class in St. Louis and vicinity, realizing the absolute necessity for the support and maintenance of a Labor Press that shall at all times, voice the demands and aspirations of the workers, hereby organize ourselves into a body for that purpose and as a means to that end adopt the following platform.

PLATFORM.

This organization aims to secure the establishment of a Labor Press to be conducted solely in the interest of the working class and which shall at all times furnish the news of the labor movement and be the means of organizing and upbuilding the same. Realizing that education of the working class to a knowledge of its true interest as opposed to the employing class not only on the industrial but also on the political field is absolutely essential we will as a means to that end:

- 1st. Adopt two papers (one English and one German), supporting and furthering the principles and tactics enunciated in our preamble, and maintain them as the official organs of the Labor Press Council and adopt such other papers published in other languages as opportunity offers and occasion demands from time to time. 2nd. Concentrate our energies and resources to so upbuild these papers that their permanent existence may be assured—first as weekly and ultimate-

ly as daily publications in the interests of the working class.

3rd. Endeavor to bring into this organization representatives from every Bona Fide Trade Union and social and political organization of the working class in the city of St. Louis and vicinity who are in sympathy with its objects and aims—and to secure the moral and financial support of the entire working class of this city and vicinity for the papers selected as our official organ.

4th. Take such steps as will result in the organization of bodies similar to this in every city and state in the Union—to the end that we may have a similar medium of expression in the form of a weekly and Daily Press from one end of this country to the other.

5th. Perfect and show the benefits accruing through the establishment and maintenance of a Labor Press conducted strictly in the interest of the working class, economically, politically and socially.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Labor Press Council of St. Louis and vicinity.

Section 2. The Labor Press Council shall be composed of Delegates from all Bona Fide Trade Unions and social and political organizations that advocate or indorse the movement for the abolition of Wage Slavery.

Section 3. The basis of representation shall be two duly accredited Delegates from each union or organization of 100 members or less of the character designated. One additional Delegate for each additional 100 members or majority fraction thereof.

Section 4. The officers of the Labor Press Council shall be:

- 1. President. 2. Vice-president. 3. Secretary. 4. Treasurer. 5. Sergeant at arms.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings at which he may be present and perform all other duties usual to his office, and any others prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws.

2. The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of each meeting in a book kept for that purpose; furnish the official organs with a copy of the minutes of each meeting; carry on all correspondence connected with the business of the Council; attest all orders signed by the President; notify Delegates of special meetings. He shall visit all organizations not represented for the purpose of securing their co-operation.

4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys in the name of the Labor Press Council and disburse the same on warrants under the direction of the organization. He shall submit a monthly report at the regular meeting of the Labor Press Council and keep proper vouchers for all his transactions.

5. The Sergeant at Arms shall perform the duties usual to his office.

The standing committees of the Labor Press Council shall be as follows:

- 1. Entertainment Committee. 2. Committee on Advertising. 3. Committee on Subscriptions. 4. Inspection Committee. The Entertainment Committee shall consist of five members to be elected by the membership of the Labor

Press Council. Its duty shall be to arrange for all entertainments, etc., to be given under the auspices of the Labor Press Council.

The Committee on Advertising shall consist of three members elected by the membership of the Labor Press Council. It shall act in conjunction with the business managers of the official organs and outline plans for securing advertisements. It shall also report and order withdrawn the "ads" of any advertisers placed on the unfair list by the Labor Organizations of St. Louis and vicinity.

The Committee on Subscriptions shall be composed of five members. Its duties shall be to push the circulation of the official organs of the Council, to devise ways and means therefor and to report the plans adopted and the work accomplished at each meeting of the Council.

The Inspection Committee shall be composed of three members of the Labor Press Council to be elected by the membership. Its duties shall be to examine monthly the books and accounts of the official organs and all other matters connected with the conduct and management of said organs. This committee shall make a full report and recommendations in writing at the regular meetings of the Labor Press Council.

Section 5. Any Delegate failing to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Labor Press Council shall have his or her seat declared vacant and the secretaries of their respective union or organization notified.

Section 6. The funds of the Labor Press Council shall be derived from donations, entertainments, excursions, etc.

Section 7. All revenues or moneys thus derived, less expense, shall be turned over to the papers officially adopted by the Labor Press Council.

Section 8. The term of officers shall be six months with exception of the office of Recording Secretary, which shall be one year. The officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting in July and January of each year.

Each organization represented in the Labor Press Council shall elect from among its delegates two subscription agents who shall solicit subscriptions in their respective organizations for the official organs of the Labor Press Council and report the work accomplished at each regular meeting of the Council.

The Labor Press Council shall not indorse or support in any manner any papers than those selected as its official organs, nor any papers that do not demand at all times the emancipation of the working class from wage slavery.

This constitution shall not take effect until it has been ratified by referendum vote of each organization composing the Labor Press Council. Referendum shall close thirty days from date of submission and all organizations not voting on same within that time shall be recorded in the affirmative.

This constitution shall not be altered, amended, annulled or suspended, unless a proposition be presented

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Tenth District Committee.

Trouble Experienced in Securing Headquarters—Committee Given Full Power—Campaign Fund Collection.

The 10th congressional committee met at Dewey Hall, 2301 S. Broadway, Tuesday evening and mapped out the further work of the campaign. The headquarters committee reported that they had been unable to find a place answering the requirements of the committee and upon motion Comrades E. Val Putnam, Wm. Brandt and M. Ballard Dunn were selected as a committee with full power to act to arrange for a headquarters in the best place possible.

Campaign lists to the extent of \$20 were returned. Nomination certificates were distributed and the meeting adjourned to meet on July 29 at the headquarters wherever it shall be located. All delegates to be notified. The headquarters will be opened early this coming week.

Waiting For Full Report.

Miners Convention The Center of Interest in the Labor Movement—News From Other Points.

The great coal miners' convention was called to order at Indianapolis Thursday morning and by time this paper reaches its readers will doubtless have taken the action for which it was called.

A general suspension of operations by every member is the most important question before the convention and its decision is anxiously awaited.

The capitalist press of the country has been vainly trying to sow dissension among the men, to that end publishing lying accounts of every nature and the truth concerning the matter will not be known until official action is taken by the convention.

The general situation in the East is still quiet though it is possible that breaks may occur at any time.

The Republican Governor, Crane, of Pennsylvania, has sworn in nearly 4000 coal and iron police who are stationed at the various collieries throughout the district.

The state militia, 10,000 strong, is stationed at Gettysburg, within easy reach, and the operators are relying upon them to shoot down the strikers if they find it necessary.

It is an easy thing for their thugs to provoke violence of some sort and then the story will begin.

The operators throughout the district are already provoking the men to violence and then taking pictures of them for use in injunction cases. The capitalist never does anything illegally.

"CITIZENS' ALLIANCE."

Naticoke, Pa., July 9.—In an address today before the 400 delegates of District No. 1 in convention, President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers' Union, said he had never participated in a strike in which he was so confident of success. This statement by the miners' chief was greeted with great applause. The national president severely criticised the citizens' alliance organizations, which have been formed in Scranton and Wilkesbarre for the purpose of prosecuting persons who boycott or otherwise intimidate men still working in the mines or their relatives. In reference to it he said: "I am sure I do not know how many citizens are members of this mysterious organization, as so far only one has had the manhood or the affrontery to acknowledge his membership. I, of course, hesitate to criticize men for doing anything they have legal right to do; but when an organization of the citizens of any community is formed, the alleged purpose of which is the maintenance of law and order, and when it develops that the entire energies of the organization are being directed against the coal strikers, it arouses a suspicion, to say the least, in my mind that the name of the association is a misnomer and the alleged purpose of the cloak under which so-called citizens have joined forces with the coal operators is a damnable attempt to crush the miners' union. Is it not rather strange that this organization was not formed at any time during the 25 years in which the anthracite coal companies were black-listing, boycotting and driving from their homes and families all men who dared to assert their rights and join a labor organization?"

BAND ARRESTED.

Kilbuck, Pa., July 10.—Vice President Bellingham, accompanied by W. J. Smith, leader, and members of the band, it is alleged, were parading the streets of Leechburg last night playing the national airs. A warrant was sworn out by a citizen of the village. It is asserted, at the instance of the coal operators, who miners are on a strike, charging Bellingham and associates with disorderly conduct. They submitted quietly to arrest but refused to pay the fine levied by the justice at the hearing. The 13 men arrested have signified their intention of staying in jail until their sentence expires, and the officials of the miners' organization will send another band to Leechburg to lead the daily marches of the striking miners.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 11.—President Mitchell has received a telegram from Dennis Hayes, president of the Glass Blowers' Association of the United

LIVES SNUFFED OUT In Cambria Mine A SACRIFICE TO PROFIT.

Pennsylvania Miners Victims of Capitalism—Unprotected Lamps—Pillars Torn way.

Telegrams from Johnstown, Pa., tell of the entombing of 150 miners in the Cambria Coal Company's mine at that place. The newspapers of the country have printed sensational stories concerning it, but a few days and even that was done away with. Beyond furnishing good "copy" there was no interest in the matter. They were only working men, and it was the number of killed alone which prompted any attention to it whatsoever.

The same attention was paid to a stampede of cattle in the Chicago Stock Yards a few days ago. A few cows would not be noticed, but a herd furnishes a good story.

The same spirit prompted the stories of the Cambria mine horror. There were no special bulletins issued every hour concerning their welfare. Their charred bodies were piled in heaps in an old armory building, a white pine box was their burial shroud and on the next day all had forgotten them save their families left behind to battle against starvation.

No attempt is made to place the reason shall carry unprotected lamps, if

profits require that the pillars shall be taken away, then no man has a right to complain. What matters it that 200 men perish in the fulfillment of these demands? What matters it that helpless wives and children weep for those who will never return?

Profit is king and whatsoever shall be order that shall be carried out. Men have died before now in his service, women and children have starved and that fact alone gives right to the takers of profit.

But kings rule not forever, neither shall profit forever float over its human sacrifices. Its victims will some day revolt against its tyranny. The days of the profit taker will come to an end.

Men will no longer go into such holes unprotected, the miner will be as safe as his brother on the surface.

When the mines shall belong to those who work in the mines will this become possible. When the mine owner of today will no longer be able to order his slaves to their death, when Socialism shall have supplanted capitalism horrors like those of Johnstown will be over.

States and Canada, announcing that his organization now in annual session at Atlantic City, N. J., had donated \$5,000 to the striking miners.

MICHIGAN ULTIMATUM.

Saginaw, Mich., July 9.—State President Williams received the following communication from the operators late Monday night. It puts a new phase on the strike in this state:

Bay City, Mich., July 7, 1902. W. F. Williams, Pres. U. M. W. of A., Saginaw, Mich.:

Dear Sir—In answer to the report of your committee that the miners had decided to defer the vote of the locals on the operators' proposition of July 2 until after the Indianapolis convention, the operators wish to state that their proposition was made in good faith for immediate acceptance, as agreed to in the committee meeting, and that unless the proposition is accepted by July 12, it will be withdrawn.

(Signed) R. M. RANDALL, E. B. FOSS, F. G. BENHAM, Committee.

President Williams has written stating that the union would stand on its decision.

ALABAMA TURNS DOWN PROPOSED WAGE SCALE.

Birmingham, Ala., July 10.—The Miners' convention here today rejected the recent scale agreed to by a joint scale committee by a vote of 115 to 43. The strike in this district will thus continue.

The Birmingham Age Herald makes the following suggestive reference: "The United Mine Workers have now been out eleven days and the business interests of Birmingham are beginning to feel the effects of the suspension of work."

Stated shortly this means the militia. Whenever "business" is interfered with then the business, that is, capitalist government, calls upon its armed protectors. A working class government is the only way to offset it.

ENTHUSIASM INCREASES With Every Day FOR MUSIC HALL MEETING.

New Unions Falling Into Line and a Fine Demonstration Will Be the Result—Funds Being Collected.

The arrangements for the Music Hall demonstration are progressing nicely and those who are working for labor's advancement should not lag behind.

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Strike Leaders Discharged.

The efforts of the Cincinnati street railway men to better their conditions has again been defeated. The fact of a proposed strike became known to the company and they imported scabs from various cities and were ready to fill the strikers' places at once.

Twenty-five of the most prominent men in the union have been discharged as a consequence and the union broken up.

J. B. Foraker, Jr., son of Republican Senator Foraker, of Ohio, is vice president of the street railway company.

President Mahon, of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, has been trying for nearly two years to get the men organized but the company has always learned of it in time and broke up the union by discharging the most prominent members.

The Toronto, Canada, Globe in writing editorially concerning the corruption prevalent in both Liberal and Conservative parties in that country, says:

"Electoral purity will not be advanced so long as one party, which, to say the least of it, is as deeply tainted as the other, stands by and hypocritically assumes the holier-than-thou attitude. Everyone recognizes it for hypocrisy, and the disgust that it engenders stands in the way of effecting any real reform."

Which in other words says, We all know we are rotten, but don't say anything about it. It won't do us any good and may do us harm.

Somebody is saying something, though the Socialist is out with his little hammer and the recent vote of the Socialist Party of Canada shows that a good bit of knocking is being done.

The beef trust has invaded England and we may soon expect to hear a howl go up from that quarter. The final big trust is not very far off. And they what?

Several new unions have decided to take part since the last meeting and everything points to a grand success.

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The window glass men of the country have formed a combination for the purpose of advancing prices and reducing the cost of labor.
The glass blowing machine recently invented is expected to play havoc with the workmen in this line and the new combination will push it to its utmost. The workers will see it to their interest to own these machines some day.

Comrade J. W. Saunders is still stirring things up in Illinois. He has organized several new clubs and is preparing for more. Things are moving.

Lee Meriwether is again arranging his star chamber sessions. The whole Public Ownership party is run from his office in the Wainwright building. And he preaches direct legislation. There would be no harm done if he used a little of it in his own party. Consistency thou art a jewel.

The long-locked grocery trust is here. All the great wholesale grocery houses of the country are coming together under one head. The days of the grocery drummer are numbered, and the little fellow at the crossroads will soon be looking for a job. Looks as if the capitalists and workers were lining up fast.

The Woman's Trades Union Congress of England is agitating against the long hours of work now being required of the women of England. Thousands of women in the fruit preserving factories are kept at their tasks 17 hours a day and in the making of pantomime work for holiday use they are worked from 6 o'clock in the morning till 10 at night. The English capitalists will soon be on a par with their American brothers. Profits, profits at all hazards.

In this half-year the St. Louis Transit Company carried 64,805,033 "revenue passengers" in 2,442,178 trips, as compared to 55,924,587 passengers in 2,531,358 trips in the first six months of 1901. The passenger patronage shows an increase for the six months of \$380,446 fares and a decrease of \$9,210 in the number of trips.

No wonder the children are killed. With cars running like express trains nothing else can be expected. If the government were to own the street car lines, together with all the other means of transportation and of production and distribution there would be a different story to tell, and by the way the report does not mention the wages the men are receiving.
If the working class desires to benefit its condition by securing government ownership of the machines, tools, lands, factories, etc., they can do so through the Socialist Party. This fall's vote will show how many really want to do it.

The annual convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, which had been in progress at Toronto during the week, closed yesterday, and was marked by the largest missionary collection taken up in Canada, viz., \$5,600. Of this amount, \$5,168 was subscribed or actually paid in after the annual missionary address, delivered by President Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson.

Thousands of dollars for foreign missions, but not a cent for the starving workers at home.
It is those whose wealth is based on this starvation who contribute so liberally to the foreign missions, anything to keep the workers' minds off their own condition.
Such tricks have about lived their day. Those whose labor creates the wealth of the world are realizing that

It is rightfully theirs, and foreign missions, gorgeous parades or election time city traps will not hold off the coming of Socialism for many years. The workers are uniting.

For less than \$20,000 the government has sold to private purchasers the pneumatic gun plant at Sandy Hook, the establishment of which has cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. It was decided about a year ago by the government that pneumatic dynamite guns should no longer constitute part of the defense of New York harbor and at San Francisco, where a similar battery had been established. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications, Secretary Root decided to abandon the use of this type of ordnance.

This is the way capitalism looks after its police force. Millions of dollars are spent every year in keeping up the army and navy for no other purpose than a protection to profits. The welfare of the workers is in no way considered; in fact, it is the worker who bears the burdens of militarism. He is sent out to shoot down his fellow workers of other lands or is himself shot down at their hands. The Socialist movement, which is a movement of the working class, seeks to capture the powers of government and put an end to such murders.

Hundreds of residents of Chicago and vicinity, for the most part including persons of Catholic connections, are alleged to have been victimized through speculation in the stock of the Model Gold Mining Company, an Arizona corporation, with officers at room 1431 Unity building.

There is no use of getting excited over it, however, for such things are common under capitalism. The only way some people get rich is by swindling others who are therefore poor. And yet we are told that this is the only practical system. This sort of thing looks like it.

Dr. Chambers, the Allied's candidate for Congress in the Eleventh district, is to make his campaign in an automobile. We regret that we are so handicapped in this matter. Our candidate is only an iron moulder and has to foot it, but then we don't pretend to be after the capitalist's votes.

On behalf of Comrade Jno. C. Larkins, who has been acting as agent in St. Louis for the International Socialist Review, we wish to state that failure to send off several subscriptions as promptly as they should have been was due very largely to an unavoidable delay at this office and not to any action of Comrade Larkins himself.

THE JEFFERSON CLUB'S NEW SCHEME.

The Jefferson Club is working a rather smooth game both in order to raise a campaign fund and to get union labor "into line" as they call it. Every union man in the city is being approached to become a member of the Jefferson Club during the campaign for which the club's agent issues a membership card entitling the holder to the use of the bath-rooms of the club house and to immunity from arrest.

In return for which the new "member" pays 50 cents a month into the treasury of the club. It is stated that so far 15,000 members have been so secured. Of course, beside all this the member is promised a job.

Factory Inspector Nordmeyer and Labor Commissioner Anderson are the organizers of this latest move which seems to be succeeding wonderfully.

The workers are fond of being skinned, as is evidenced by their vote, but it is an entirely new scheme to get them to pay for the privilege. It is this kind of work, however, which elects the capitalist to office and Messrs. Nordmeyer and Anderson will doubtless be well rewarded for their part in the game.

THE LABOR PRESS AND THE CAPITALIST POLITICIAN.

The necessity for a labor press under the control of the labor movement has become very apparent in the last few weeks. The Labor Compendium and the Saturday Union Record, both posing as labor papers, have recently published a three-column article by Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee, wherein he bitterly attacks the action of the Central Trades and Labor Union for its recent action concerning the assault on the members of the Garment Workers' Union and the imprisonment of E. C. Theis, business agent of the Allied Metal Mechanics.

The Lieutenant Governor attempts to hide his attack by clothing his words under a tirade against an individual member of the committee. The purpose is, however, apparent, as the article winds up after reciting several very glaring inaccuracies, with a nice bunch of bouquets thrown at the Lieutenant Governor himself, which, however, if analyzed, would hardly be very sweet. It is customary in such cases for the "honored" one to purchase a few "extra copies" for distribution among his friends.

The same plan has been sought to be worked with this paper, but its ownership by the labor movement precluded any such possibility.

These things should increase the enthusiasm of those behind the Labor Press Council, for as long as the labor movement is dependent upon such organs as the above, they can expect to see their front pages littered with self-laudations by petty capitalist politicians, who having no native worth are compelled to manufacture some for the occasion in order to fool the workers into again voting the control of

government into the hands of those who profit by their labor, who use the powers of that government to shoot down those who have elected them, who at all times make use of the police, the militia, and the injunction in order to club, massacre and imprison the workers.

WHAT IS "GOMPERISM."

Quite a number of Socialist papers have recently made use of the term "Gomperism," which we construe to mean the policy of the American Federation of Labor under President Samuel Gompers.

For our part we object to the use of such a term for three reasons: First, because by its use Socialists contradict their own philosophy. The policy of the A. F. of L. is not made by Mr. Gompers but by the rank and file of the trades union movement. Socialists are the strongest supporters of the proposition that history is not made up of a number of individuals, but is the concrete expression of society as a whole, with the individuals merely as the means through which society speaks.

What is true of society is equally true of all organizations which go to make up that society. What Samuel Gompers says or does is what those who elected him would have him say or do, and when they change their mind then he or his successor will speak as their changed opinion demands. We too often make the mistake of opposing individuals instead of seeking to change the opinions of those responsible for the individual's position. From that point we hold that the word "Gomperism" has no place in a Socialist argument. And again along the same line we ask what is "Gomperism"? Is it anything peculiar to Gompers? Or rather is it not merely conservatism?

Conservatism is a natural tendency in any organization and the trades union movement is no exception. Radicalism is its opposite and these two tendencies are in constant struggle for the mastery. Conservatism, however, generally precedes radicalism and for those in the radical wing to charge dishonest motives to the conservative wing is neither wise nor founded in reason and upon that basis we object to the word "Gomperism."

Next we hold that those who use such terms, whether consciously or not, have not yet shaken off the old De Leon theory of the trade union movement. They are even yet prone to look upon the trades union movement as merely a proselyting ground for the Socialist party. With them the party machine is placed above the general labor movement, or rather they look upon the party machine as the labor movement itself when in reality it forms but a small part of it, and the general interest of the labor movement is at all times above the interest of the party machine.

If a few years yet pass before the trades union movement changes from its conservative stand to a more radical one that does not mean that the radical should consider himself aloof from the movement but rather should he take a more active part, realizing as he must the inevitable tendency toward radicalism and the necessity for more class conscious action.

If we take this view we will not make use of a term so senseless as "Gomperism," but will know it by its right name—conservatism, which is not only a natural tendency in any organization, but whose supporters are entitled to as much respect in their opinions as are those whose views carry them to radicalism.



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in writing at least one regular business meeting previous to being acted upon and finally adopted by the members. Provided, however, that all such propositions must be submitted to the referendum vote of the organizations composing the Labor Press Council.

BY-LAWS MEETINGS.
Sec. 1. The regular meetings of this Council shall be held on the second Thursday in each month at 8 o'clock P. M. at such places as may be deemed proper from time to time.

Sec. 2. The President shall call the meeting to order at the hour appointed and in his absence the Vice-President shall act for him, if both are absent the Recording Secretary shall perform that duty and the Council shall proceed to elect a chairman who shall conduct the meeting.

Sec. 3. Ten Delegates representing five different organizations shall constitute a quorum for all meetings. All regular meetings shall be open.

Sec. 4. Special meetings may be called by the President and Secretary at the request of delegates from five different organizations, or by the Council.

Sec. 5. All special meetings must be called by notification from the Recording Secretary.

good standing.
Sec. 2. All grievances against the official organs or the officers or members of the Labor Press Council must be presented in writing and filed with the Council. Such cases must be referred to a special committee of five for investigation before being acted upon by the Council.
Sec. 3. This Council shall have an official seal which shall be impressed on official documents only—or on papers issued under the authority of this body.

The following is the report of the finance committee, which recommends a per capita tax of 1 cent per member for three months.
This recommendation is based upon the necessity for immediate funds without which it will be impossible to place the labor press in a position where it can properly handle the new responsibilities.

As the official organs of the labor movement in St. Louis it would be necessary for the press to handle the news of the labor movement. This requires extra help and extra help requires funds.
It is hoped the proposition will be seen in this light by the members of the affiliated bodies in order that the movement so well begun may be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Let every delegate remember the time and place of the next meeting.
Your committee appointed to devise ways and means to secure finance for the purpose of establishing the Labor Press on a more permanent and substantial basis submit the following for your consideration:

Whereas, The Labor Press is the champion and defender of the Proletarian movement and as such compelled at all times to attack the (Capitalistic System) our master and their interest, thereby naturally curtailing its financial resource, and
Whereas, It is an undeniable fact that as soon as our economic masters are arrayed against us in our battles for higher wages or a general improvement of our conditions, we, without an exception, insist upon the Labor Press taking up the fight with all possible vim and vigor at their command, never for a moment reflecting as to our duty and the obligation which we, the toilers, owe the said Labor Press. Therefore be it

Resolved, By the delegates of the Labor Press Council, That we recommend to the membership of the organizations represented that a per capita tax of 1c (one cent) per member per month be levied for three months for the purpose of tiding the Labor Press over until such time as the moral effect of the Labor Press conference organization shall be productive of a like or grander result. In concluding our report we desire to call your attention to the fact that the Labor Press as referred to in the foregoing are no individual enterprises; to the contrary they are the weapons of the toiling masses and as such entitled to the undivided support under all circumstances of all workingmen and women of St. Louis and vicinity. Respectfully submitted.

PHIL H. MUELLER,
MRS. G. GOECKELER,
FRED SCHREIER,
MRS. M. STUTKO,
GURT T. ECKHOFF.

Machinists Are Fighting Hard.

Union Pacific Attempting to Force Piece Work On Their Men—Have Issued A Statement.

Omaha, Neb., July 17.—The Union Pacific Railroad Company has given formal notice to its striking shopmen to return to work at once or forfeit their positions. The following notice has been posted at the shops:

"Resumption of work having been decided upon, employees of the different shops desirous of continuing in the service of this company should report at the office at once. All such employees not reporting for work at this time will be treated as new men in the future."
(Signed) "W. R. M'KEEN, Superintendent Motive Power."

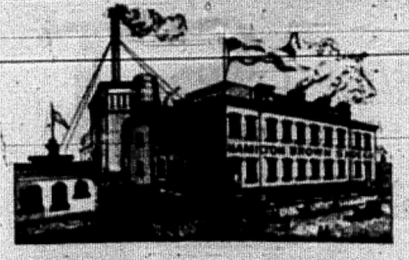
This ultimatum means a bitter fight. The men are striking mainly against the introduction of the "piece work" system, which operates as a reduction in wages.

President James O'Connell is now in the west, having recently traveled over the Union Pacific, holding several conferences with the strikers along the route.

The railroad has not yet been able to fill the men's places, notwithstanding their notice. The men are confident of victory and are putting up a good fight.

The companies, however, are preparing for injunctions at several points and private detectives and police are being freely used.

OUT IN TEXAS.
Dallas, Tex., July 13.—The strike of the shopmen and machinists on the railways of Texas, is growing more serious day by day. There are at least 1000 men out on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, the Southern Pacific, the International and Great Northern and the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City

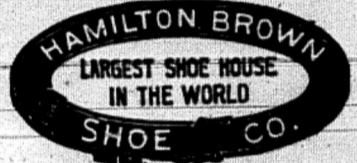


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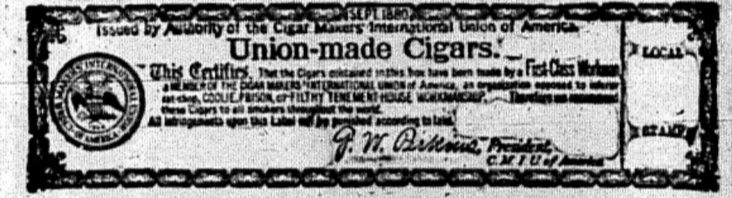
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All infractions upon this Label will be punished according to law.
Color of label—BLUE.

Boiler Makers Convention.
The Boiler Makers in national convention at Baltimore, Md., have declared for an eight-hour day. The union has 21,000 members and the action taken regarding the shorter work day may involve the union in a strike. The bosses may accede to the convention's demands, however.
One of the best ways to capture the heathen is to put a good party paper into his hands once a week from now until election. Read our campaign offer at the top of the first page, and take a few of them in tow.

MACON COUNTY.

Socialist Will Hold County Convention on August 6th, at Bevier—All Socialists in the County Invited to Attend.

The Socialists of Macon County will hold a county nominating convention at Bevier on Wednesday, August 6, for the purpose of putting up a full county ticket. The following call has been issued:

"All Socialists of Macon County are cordially invited to attend the Socialist County Convention to be held at Hedron Hall, Bevier, at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, August 6.

"S. S. ANDREWS, Sec'y." The comrades report good prospects among the coal miners in this part of the State and expect to roll up a good Socialist vote.

Iron Moulders Convention.

The Iron Moulders' convention in session at Toronto, Canada, before its adjournment will pass upon the question of apprentices. The matter will come before a conference between the delegates and the Stove Founders National Defense Association (bosses' organization). The bosses want to increase the number of apprentices. Some time ago the question was submitted to the union by referendum and the vote received was largely against the proposed increase.

Eighty-nine resolutions touching various subjects have been presented to the convention. Much important business will be transacted before the convention adjourns.

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BAKERS AND COMPOSITIONERS UNION
NO. 15-

Conservatives Again Defeated.

Resolution Opposing Socialist Political Action on Part of C. & L. U. Voted Down By Big Vote—May Come Up Again.

Aroused by the determination of the Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis to take political action through the Socialist party, those who have not yet seen the necessity for such action and who yet cling to the Democratic and Republican parties, made an effort to reverse the stand of the Central body at its meeting on last Sunday.

It came in the form of a resolution from the Barbers' Union and provided first, that political discussions should be at all times ruled out of order; second, that no funds whatever should be voted for political purposes, and third, that any one prominently connected with any political party should be ineligible to a seat in the Central Trades and Labor Union.

It was at first moved that the resolutions be adopted as read and later amended so as to make it a special order of business for the next meeting.

Discussion upon the question occupied about an hour and when finally put to a vote both motions were lost, the resolution receiving only about 20 votes out of 200.

The matter had been very carefully planned and the sponsors of the resolution were very much chagrined at their defeat. In all probability the matter will be again brought up at the next meeting.

Discussions upon such questions are always of the highest value and while the delegates at present making up the Central body are largely new the vote in favor of Socialist political action is as large as ever.

The next meeting of the C. T. & L. U. will doubtless be an interesting one and the delegates should make it a point to attend.

Samuel Gompers in the West.

President Samuel Gompers, of the A. F. of L., together with the entire executive board, are now making a tour of the western states in order to reach the rank and file of the Western unions on the question at issue between the A. F. of L. and the recently organized American Labor Union.

President Gompers and the members of the executive board will plead for unity of the trade union forces of the country. The formation of the American Labor Union has resulted in two rival organizations which cannot but result in dissension and disorganization. The officers of the A. F. of L. are seeking to avoid this if possible.

Everywhere throughout the west they have been met with ovations from monster meetings and it is expected that a new phase will be made to the situation. The rank and file may not agree with the action of their convention.

Oneida, N. Y., July 7.—George Moorman, of Syracuse, was instantly killed on the New York Central early today, and Norman Hill, of Titusville, Pa., was probably fatally injured. They dropped off an eastern freight in the western part of the city and went to sleep on a pile of ties. When it began raining Moorman suggested crawling under a box standing on the siding and they went to sleep there. Shortly before 3 o'clock an east bound freight threw some cars into the switch which ran over Moorman and Hill. Moorman was about 35 years old and carried a cobbler's kit of repair tools.

But they were only common working men—hoboes. Workingmen are killed every day and no one ever hears of it. Why should the world bother itself with a recital of their miseries? What difference if they are the ones who make the world happy with the result of their labor? There are thousands of men standing around ready to take their places. It is only when the capitalist dies that notice should be made of it. True he has never done any useful work, but then useful work is not the measure of the world's greatness. He who works the workers is greatest.

TAILORS UNION.

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Term—Will Participate in Music Hall Demonstration and Parade.

Tailors' Union, No. 11, at its last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: Peter Loewald, President; Oscar Peterson, Vice-President; Leonhard Stoll, Cor. Sec. and Organizer; Leonhard Stoll, Financial Secretary; John Zink, Treasurer; A. Ujka, Steward; F. Stemman, Trustee for 12 months. Delegates to C. T. & L. U., K. O. Dahl, F. Peters, Sam. Lichtman and Leo. Stoll. Delegate to Protective Union, Henry Werdes. Delegate to Label League, Leo. Stoll and J. Wiest.

The union decided to participate in the Grand Mass Meeting of Aug. 16, 1902, at Music Hall, Exposition, by the Socialist Party and the Central Trades & Labor Union, also voted the sum of \$3.00 to defray expenses. LEONHARD STOLL, Sec'y.

The Mirror's Reflection.

A Capitalist Conception of the Coal Strike—A Philosopher Confounded.

A mirror reflects. THE MIRROR, its accomplished editor modestly asserts, "reflects the interests of thinking people." That is, the interests of people who think as he thinks. All people, unfortunately for society, perhaps, do not think as he thinks. But he is courageous as well as thoughtful. He goes up against all kinds of propositions with the assurance of one who knows it all. In a recent issue of THE MIRROR he tackles the coal strike without a tremor of his type-writer. He boldly asserts that if the strikers "continue to insist upon their right to tie up the business of the country in order to force a settlement of their own grievances" "the public at large will lose sympathy with them, and that sympathy once gone, the workingman will repleto into slavery." (QUERY: Is he not a slave today?)

The natural deduction from this premise is that a workingman, in free (?) America, has no right to quit work when he is dissatisfied with the wages and treatment he is receiving because it will displease some people who think that the only inalienable right possessed by a workingman is to "saw wood and say nothing," and that the rich, like the king, "can do no wrong." The employer has the right to discharge his men, to reduce their wages or to close down his mill, or mine, at his own pleasure; but the workingman has not the right to quit a job he is dissatisfied with. Such an argument is untenable in law and wrong in ethics.

The "Reflector" of THE MIRROR may deny that he made this argument. But if he admits the right of one man to quit work whenever it so pleases him, he must admit the right of all men to do so. And if he denies the right of 145,000 men to quit work, he must deny the right of one man to do the same thing. The trouble with the "Reflector" is that he reflects upon so many different subjects each week that he has not the time at his disposal to reflect TO THE BOTTOM of so deep a sociological question as the one in point. But, as I have before remarked, he is courageous, and it is said that men possessed of even less sense than he "rush in where angels fear to tread."

Now, I do not want the readers of ST. LOUIS LABOR to infer that I consider the strike to be the most effectual weapon they can use to secure their just rights, for I do not. It has served a useful purpose in the past, but today it should be obsolete in every country where the ballot is free to every male citizen. The results of the rapidly changing conditions of the last ten years serve to demonstrate, more clearly than it has ever been shown before, that the competitive system of conducting the business affairs of life puts a premium upon dishonesty, oppression, greed, robbery, adulteration, bribery, falsehood—in fact, upon every act that tends to lower the standard of true manhood. It makes the scheming thief a rich man and sets him to rule over the honest poor man. No amount of preaching and teaching by paid clergy and hired editors can better present conditions. There must be a complete change from the system that has made wage slavery a hundred times worse than was the chattel slavery of the South a half-century ago. Competition must give way to co-operation. The workingmen must co-operate at the ballot box in order to be able to co-operate in securing the full returns of their labor in the future. Salt cannot save them! Socialism will.

CARLOS GOOD.

Pueblo, Colo., July 11.—Sheriff Beaman continued his campaign against union pickets today. From 11:30 until 1 o'clock 20 men and five women were arrested for appearing in front of the non-union restaurants and were taken to jail.

There are now 103 unionists in the Pueblo county jail, not one of whom has asked to be released upon bonds. Of the 103 now in jail about 20 are women, many of whom are complaining bitterly of the treatment they are receiving at the hands of the jail officials. They declare that the food given them is not fit for a dog and that Sheriff Beaman has taken this measure to compel the unionists to apply for bail and be released.

Picketing will be resumed at 6 o'clock tonight, when supper begins and further arrests are expected.

Such actions will help to instill the determination to work and vote for Socialism among the western restaurant workers. The convention of the Western Hotel and Restaurant Employees recently declared for Socialism in session at Denver.

Carriage Workers Win Strike

The strike of the Carriage and Wagon Workers at the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co. has been settled, the men having all their demands granted. The strike was inaugurated June 2 and involved 25 men.

The matter hinged entirely on a question of principle, the men demanding the discharge of a scab working in the shop.

MUST STEAL TO LIVE.

Breaker Boys From Pennsylvania Arrested in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 15.—Four Polish boys, arrested yesterday for stealing \$3.26 from Mrs. Mary Brady's grocery store, Sixth and Westmoreland streets, told the police of the Front and Westmoreland streets station that they committed the crime because they were hungry and wanted something to eat.

"Only one of the lads could talk English, and acting as spokesman for the others declared that they had been employed as 'breaker boys' at Shamokin, Pa., but that the strike had put them out of work."

Much in this manner is every criminal started on his downward path. A glorious country is this in which little boys must steal in order to live. It is crime enough that they are compelled to work, but when they are compelled to steal in order to live the word crime does not sufficiently describe it.

Robbed of their childhood, forced into the mines when they are but babies, what can be expected of them? And yet our capitalist philosophers declare that it is a man's own fault if he is immoral or criminal and they punish them accordingly. Luckily capitalist philosophy will not continue forever.

Socialism is spreading faster than ever today. The working class is understanding its position as a class, robbed and spoiled of all it creates, and action is already on foot to throw off the yoke. The Socialist party is counting in its ranks thousands and thousands and the number is always increasing. With its triumph the little breaker boy of Pennsylvania and Virginia and the baby workers of the South will pass into history and live only as a nightmare, the product of a system of greed existing only for the strong and cunning.

Telegrams Sent.

National Committee Has Sent Fraternal Greetings to Several Trades Union Conventions.

Leaflets Called For.

St. Louis, July 12.—Charters were granted this week to Jacksonville, Fla., Madison, S. D., Aberdeen, S. D., and Milford, S. D.

The following was sent on July 8th: E. J. Denny, Sec'y Iron Moulders Union of North America, care Convention Hall, Toronto, Canada: We congratulate you upon your growth and progress, believing as we do that with political and industrial organization on class lines, the wage workers of this country will become the masters of their own bodies and enjoy the fruits of their own toil. Accept our fraternal greetings.

LEON GREENBAUM, National Secretary.

By order National Committee Socialist Party. A similar telegram was sent to W. J. Gilthorpe, Sec'y Brotherhood Boiler Makers and Iron Ship Builders at Convention Hall, Baltimore, Maryland. The following letter is self-explanatory:

Office of Secretary-treasurer United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Ind., July 12, 1902.—Mr. Leon Greenbaum, St. Louis, Mo.—Dear Sir: Yours of the 2nd inst. enclosing \$25 for the assistance of the striking miners is at hand. Accept our thanks for the same.

The struggle seems to be settling down to one of endurance, in which the desire for food on the part of the worker is pitted against the desire for gain on the part of the employer. We hope to win in the end, but we know we are in the hardest battle even engaged in in the history of the Trade Union movement. We will need the assistance of every friend of the workers, irrespective of their ideas of policy.

Again thanking you on behalf of the United Mine Workers of America for your contribution, I am, respectfully yours, W. B. WILSON.

Comrade John Chase addressed locals of the party and Trade Unions this week at the following places: Avery, Burlington, Dubuque, Iowa; Minneapolis and Annandale, Minnesota.

CALL FOR LEAFLETS.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the National Committee in January call is hereby made upon the comrades in general—and those of a literary turn of mind in particular—to furnish one or more articles, not exceeding 1,000 words, to be published in leaflet form for use as propaganda in the fall and winter campaigns of 1902. It is suggested that articles dealing with current events and "live issues" of the day, rather than with the abstract principles of Socialism will be most useful. The great strikes and the other concrete expressions of the class struggle furnish local material for this purpose. All articles should be sent to Leon Greenbaum, National Secretary, 427 Emille Building, St. Louis, Mo., not later than September 1st.

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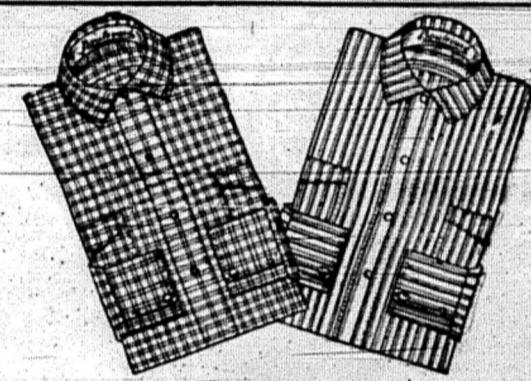
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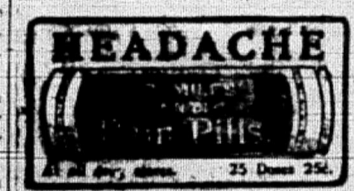
Proceedings of the Last Meeting.

St. Louis, Mo., July 9, 1902. At the regular meeting held on the above date the following credentials were received: Harry Steffens, representing Carpenters' Union No. 45; Frank Dix, representing Coffin and Casket Workers' Union No. 84; John F. Bergherm, representing Cigar Makers' Union No. 44.

At roll call the following delegates were absent: William Norton, F. C. Miller, William Schweizer, J. F. Dacy, Henry Heibring, B. J. Parker, Fred J. Albert, Fred Worthington, C. H. Pitters, C. W. Frazee, Gust. Stramann.

The following case was accepted by the President since the last meeting: Frank Murphy vs. Joseph Cenevra. Plaintiff, a member of Sewer and Water Pipe Layers No. 1, claims \$25 for his wife's services for nursing defendant through sickness.

Respectfully, JOHN F. BERGHERM, President.



DAIRY FIGHT IS OVER.

Grafeman Dairy Company Will Be Open to Organized Labor From Now On.

The trouble with the Grafeman Dairy Co., now of nearly two years' standing, will doubtless be settled in the near future.

The Dairy Employees' Union, through the Central Trades and Labor Union, has recently carried on a very vigorous fight by boycotting the restaurants using Grafeman Dairy products.

The restaurants were picked out and were to be fought separately. The beginning was made on the restaurant of M. Voney, on Locust street. Two days sufficed and a hurried consultation between Messrs. Grafeman and Voney resulted in the offer for a settlement.

The Dairy Employees have been making their fight on Grafeman because he had threatened with discharge any one of his employees who would join

the union. Grafeman has drawn in his horns, however, and has agreed to post signs at his dairy advising his men to join the union. The work was well done and other unions would do well to study the experience of their brothers.

St. Louis' Campaign Fund.

Reported week ending June 21, \$106.15
C. F. List 65, W. M. Holman... 25
C. F. List 87, J. Steigerwalt... 35
C. F. List 71, Chas. C. Grootiga... 50
Donation S. Schmoil... 50

Total week ending June 28... \$107.65
Reported week ending June 28... \$107.65
Donation, Fred Thalinger... 25
C. F. List 35, C. E. Arnold... 1.00
C. F. List 87, H. J. Steigerwalt... 25
C. F. List 18, Aymann Kean... 1.50

Total week ending July 5... \$110.65
Report week ending July 5... \$110.65
C. F. List 48, T. J. Farrell... 1.00
C. F. List 88, Ben Graf... 25
C. F. List 87, H. J. Steigerwalt... 25
Donation, 11th Ward Club... 1.50

Total week ending July 12... \$113.45
Each precinct organizer, in accordance with instructions given City Secretary, will receive a Campaign Subscription List, and is expected to collect funds and report from time to time to City Headquarters with all moneys collected, for which due credit will be given by publication in "St. Louis Labor" and in "Arbeiter-Zeitung."

Comrades who are delinquent on their campaign fund pledges given at the city convention are urged to pay, without delay, as, without funds, the campaign you have begun can not be carried on.

ALBERT E. SANDERSON, City Secretary.

Jacob Gabelman Has Resigned.

Comrade Jacob Gabelman, secretary of Brewers and Malsters' Union No. 6, has resigned. He has held the position for over three years and has proved a tireless worker for the cause of labor. He has been an enthusiastic worker in the Socialist movement, at all times doing his best in its support. His successor will be selected at the next meeting of the Union.

The President of the Union, Joseph Hahn, has been prominently mentioned. If selected he will no doubt make a very capable officer.

Socialist Clubs of Missouri.

—What They Are Doing.

STATE COMMITTEE.

In St. Louis.

Proceedings of the Last Meeting of the Sedalia Quorum.

Sedalia, Mo., July 11, 1902.—The meeting was called to order by the secretary, Comrade Fisher absent. Comrade McCabe was elected chairman for the meeting. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The secretary reported a balance on hand of \$7.50 after paying current dues due national committee and a printing bill of \$8 for 1000 letter heads and 500 each of No. 10 and No. 6 1/2 envelopes. Also 1000 blank applications. A communication from Comrade Jno. F. Williams, Socialist candidate for Congress from the Fourteenth district, asking to be appointed organizer for the district, and that he be allowed to apply all dues from such clubs as he might organize to help defray the expenses of his campaign, was read. After some discussion the secretary was instructed to write Comrade Williams that inasmuch as this State is indebted to the national organization in the sum of \$37.64, a debt for which the State Committee is in no way responsible, but which must be paid, and furthermore that as the local organizations do not, with some exceptions, remit as promptly as is to be desired, that the committee do not feel that they can afford to extend to Comrade Williams the financial aid asked, at this time. The committee extends to Comrade Williams its thanks for his offer and wishes him the fullest measure of success in his campaign.

A letter from Comrade A. J. Lawrence, business manager of the Missouri Socialist, was read. The feasibility of sending the paper to members without cost to them, and the difficulty of conducting a paper published in St. Louis from this city were discussed, with the result that Comrade Behrens was instructed to draft amendments to the constitution creating a publication committee of five members to be appointed from the locality where the paper is published, and to abolish the free delivery of the paper.

These amendments are to be submitted to the requisite number of locals for action and then to the party of the State by the referendum for approval or rejection. In regard to the first mentioned amendment it was the sense of the meeting that the interests of the party would be best conserved by vesting all authority on matters pertaining to the paper in the hands of those immediately concerned in its publication.

AMENDMENTS.

State Committee Suggests Changes in Relation to the Official Organ.

Upon the suggestion of the State Committee the City Central Committee of St. Louis has instituted the following amendments to the state constitution. They provide for the creation of a publishing committee which is to have charge of the publication of the official organ. They also provide for the discontinuance of the system of sending the paper free to members.

Other clubs which favor the amendments will please take action in order that the questions may be properly put to a referendum vote.

Amend Art. XIII by striking out all NO. 1.

the words after "supervision" in the sixth line of Section 1, and substituting the following: "of a publishing committee of five members, elected by the State Committee from the locality where the paper is published, which shall report monthly in the Missouri Socialist all matters relating to the paper."

NO. II.

Amend Article XIII by striking out all of Section 2.

HELP THE CAMPAIGN FUND.

By Attending the Picnic at Ebersbach's Garden, Gravois Road and Arsenal St., Sunday July 20. Tickets, 10 cents.

Organization in the First Ward is still going on. The Precinct Organizers met Tuesday, July 1st, at 4136 N. Broadway, and organized the First Ward Central Committee with the following officers: Organizer, Louis P. Tyson; alternate, John A. Miller; recording secretary, Thomas L. Savage; financial secretary, Julius Blumenthal; treasurer, Charles C. Groetka; literature agent, John A. Miller. This committee will meet every first and third Tuesday at 4136 N. Broadway. It has succeeded the former ward club organization, and has assumed the duty of collecting the dues direct from members in the unorganized precincts until it shall have organized the said precincts. The Ward Central Committee receives its dues, stamps and supplies from the City Central Committee, and in turn, issues the same to the Precinct Clubs, the Precinct Clubs bearing the same relation to the Ward Central Committee that the former Ward Club did to the City Central Committee.

The Ninth Precinct Club, in spite of the stormy weather, made a decided success of its stag-euchre Saturday evening, June 28th. All the receipts were clear gain, as the refreshments had been contributed by the grocers, butchers, bakers, etc., of the neighborhood, and the prizes by the members. Eight tables were filled and the attendance was at least 50. Comrade G. A. Hoehn delivered an address in German. Comrade Seudig also spoke. Comrade Wm. Voegel disposed of several dollars' worth of literature. The nearer we get down to the people in our system of organization the better the result. This Precinct Club at its last meeting passed a motion that the City Central Committee be requested to submit to referendum vote the proposition that the St. Louis comrades pay the regular subscription price for St. Louis Labor instead of receiving it on the present terms.

To facilitate the work of the campaign the First Ward Central Committee proposed that all precinct clubs meet on Monday, the Ward Central Committees on Tuesday, and the City Central Committee on Wednesday.

THE ELEVENTH WARD comrades organized the third precinct of their ward Monday evening at a meeting at the home of O. E. Davis, 611 1/2 South Seventh street. Four new members were admitted. The next meeting will be at Comrade Haskins' home, 6134 South Seventh street.

AN OPEN AIR MEETING will be held at Broadway and Stein street Saturday evening. Comrade Wm. Brandt, candidate for congress in the 10th district will speak.

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STRIKE PLAY AT ECLIPSE PARK, VIRGINIA AVE. AND PRIMM ST. FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. LOUIS LABOR. TICKETS, 25c. JULY 17.

THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT COMRADES HAVE ARRANGED FOR A PICNIC TO BE GIVEN AT EBERSBACH'S GROVE, ARSENAL ST. AND GRAVOIS AVE., ON JULY 20. A COMMITTEE OF NINE HAS BEEN SELECTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. THERE WILL BE GAMES, DANCING AND SPEAKING. TICKETS, TEN CTS.

FIRST PRECINCT CLUB, EVERY TUESDAY, 4136 N. BROADWAY.

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SECOND WARD CLUB AT 2116 N. BROADWAY, EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY, EIGHT P. M.

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SEVENTEENTH WARD, AT 2511 BENTON STS., EVERY WEDNESDAY, EIGHT P. M.

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WOMAN'S SOCIALIST CLUB, AT 22 NORTH FOURTH ST., ROOM 7, FOURTH THURSDAY.

CITY PLATFORM.

The Socialists of St. Louis in convention assembled, reaffirm their adherence to the principles of international socialism and declare the aim of the Socialist Party to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Development of Industry. Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Effects of Private Ownership. Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

Domination of Capitalist Class.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domination abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

The Working Class and Socialism.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage-workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

Means to the End.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

Duty of the Socialist Party.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

Municipal Measures.

As municipal measures we, therefore, advocate:

1. The public ownership and operation of all public utilities, such as street railways, gas and electric plants, telephone systems and all other industries which the powers of the municipality permit it to acquire; the revenues to be applied to the increase of wages and shortening of hours of labor of the employes and to improve generally the condition of the working class of this city, but under no circumstances shall any part of said revenues be applied to the reduction of taxes in favor of the capitalist class.

2. The abolition of the contract system on all public work, such work to be done under direct supervision of the city and under union conditions,

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3. Inauguration of public works for the employment of the unemployed.
4. The enactment and strict enforcement of laws protecting all workers in stores, shops and factories.
5. Compulsory education of all boys and girls up to the age of sixteen years; the city to provide all books and school supplies free and food and clothing where necessary.
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