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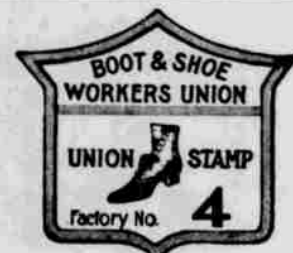
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LABOR SUNDAY.

Rev. Charles Stelzle Offers Suggestions For Its Observance.

At the last convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in Toronto, a resolution was adopted setting aside the Sunday preceding the first Monday in September as "Labor Sunday" and that the churches of America be requested to devote some part of this day to a presentation of this question. It was further resolved that the various central and local bodies be requested to co-operate in every legitimate way with the ministers who thus observe Labor Sunday, seeking with them to secure as large an audience of workmen and others as possible. It was stated that it would be an advantage to both church and labor to select a special day upon which the attention of all classes may be concentrated on the questions which concern the toilers.

After the adoption of this resolution by the American Federation of Labor the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America adopted a similar resolution recommending to the churches of America a hearty compliance with the request of the American Federation of Labor and suggesting to the churches that they so observe this day with sermons and other exercises appropriate to the occasion.

During the past week the ministers in nearly 700 cities were requested by the social service commission of the federal council to appoint committees to co-operate with similar committees to be appointed by organized labor, so that they may together work out a program which may be carried out in their localities. Similarly President Gompers has sent out communications to the central bodies asking for their co-operation in this matter. Mr. Gompers suggests that the central bodies appoint committees to wait upon the clergymen of all denominations with a view of calling their attention to these matters and requesting them to deliver addresses from their pulpits on Labor Sunday.

Now it is up to organized labor to make good. This should be the biggest Labor Sunday in the history of the church and labor. There is not the least doubt that if the ministers are given the assurance of support by the workers they will open their churches and conduct a service as outlined in the recommendations of the two great national bodies representing church and labor. This service will be of value to both the workmen and the church, for, whatever of value may come to the workmen through this service—through the preaching of the principles of labor—it will also be of great value to those in the church who need the broader outlook upon the economic world which this occasion will undoubtedly give them. I would therefore urge upon individual trade unionists the importance of having committees appointed to take hold of this matter at once. It might be a good plan to have your regular Labor day committee handle the Labor Sunday meeting, as the two may easily be worked together. Indeed, the mass meeting of workmen on Sunday night (which, by the way, should be a service composed of all the churches in the city wherever possible) might well be made part of the general Labor day program. And if it is possible to use the preachers on Labor day, either in giving addresses or in marching in the parade, as has frequently been done, it will add value to the entire program.—Rev. Charles Stelzle.

Contract Laborers Deported.

On the Cunard liner Pannonia when she sailed from New York went sixty Roumanians, deported on suspicion that they were here as contract laborers.

Suspicion of the immigration officers was aroused when the men all said that they were going to Roebbing, N. J. All of the sixty told the same story, they had come here to stay with friends or relatives who would look after them. Each man was told that there was a need for labor in other places and asked if he would go there. To a man they refused. This convinced the officials, and all were ordered deported.

Firemen's New Officers.

At the convention of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, held in St. Paul recently, W. S. Carter was re-elected president and C. A. Wilson vice president. J. F. McNamee was made editor and manager of the Firemen's Magazine, and A. H. Hawley was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

LABOR BRIEFS.

Bricklayers in north Queensland, Australia, get \$21 to \$22.50 per week. St. Louis schoolteachers have obtained an advance in pay of 20 per cent.

The Nova Scotia legislature has refused to pass a bill compelling the recognition of labor unions.

The building trades department of the American Federation of Labor has a membership of about half a million.

The Iron Molders' union claims it will pay benefits of \$500 to \$1,000 at less cost than any insurance company in the world.

The recent appearance in Seattle of lunch rooms where a light cold lunch is sold is making business dull for the cooks, according to Business Agent H. C. Jones of the International Cooks and Assistants' union.

Quebec city council passed a bylaw enacting that it is forbidden to any boy of less than ten years of age and to any woman or girl to sell or offer for sale newspapers or any other articles in the streets of the city of Quebec.

VALUE OF A NOTEBOOK.

Why Labor Officials and Workers Should Be Systematic.

Much of the daily work of organizers, business agents and other labor officials is carried on systematically, many of these workers for labor performing their duties as though they were employees of business houses. With experience in the field as organizers or in the office as secretaries, as well as in other capacities, labor representatives find the necessity of regarding most of their duties as simple work, and as such it is done the better by means of the system that is acquired in a trade or profession.

Organizers, especially, keep not only diaries to list their engagements to come and record those that have been met, but also notebooks in which are entered the substance of the interviews they have had with employers or others in the course of their daily comings and goings. Those who do not write down their facts may afterward overlook some of the many significant incidents that have taken place in the course of an organizing campaign or some of the statements made in their presence by employers. What is put into black and white on the spot or at the first convenient moment later fortifies the memory and renders contradiction the more difficult.

Opponents soon discover during a controversy whether a labor representative is careful, exact, and methodical or is in the habit of depending only on his memory, and consequently prone to forgetfulness or to make loose statements. When matters come to a trial in court, a written account of the affair in dispute may be indispensable in order to support the union side. Now that the trusts' industrial managers are constantly taking the law into their own hands at the big works and manufacturing establishments it would be well for all employees to get the habit of keeping notebooks.

A record of the causes of accidents, the proceedings by foremen and superintendents after accidents have occurred, the violation of the factory and other protective laws, the nature of the methods by which terrorism is established over men suspected of unionism by the management—the record of such facts covering the country for a single day would shed a light on this phase of our civilization.

But, what is precisely the point with each individual, one's own notebook may prove to be of important assistance to him in various emergencies, either with respect to accidents to organization or to upholding the law.—American Federationist.

Interest in Labor Sunday.

Labor Sunday—the Sunday preceding Labor day—will be observed generally this year and in future years throughout the United States. This because of the American Federation of Labor declaration for the observance of that day. The numerous letters recently received at American Federation of Labor headquarters from ministers is an assurance that interest in the idea of giving special attention to the cause of labor from the pulpit one day in the twelvemonth is widespread. Our readers are urged to try to bring about an understanding in their respective districts with representatives of the church so that ministers will make addresses that may attract trade unionists to the churches in large numbers for the day. Ministers should say what they think on the occasion in order that their trade union hearers may put the right estimate as to where the church stands on the question of the organization of labor. The more this subject is discussed the better will it be for labor. Union ethics are sound.—American Federationist.

Union Labor Party in Arizona.

Leaders of the new union labor party recently organized in Arizona have issued an appeal to the American Federation of Labor for its aid in the campaign, saying:

The labor party of Arizona appeals to the American Federation of Labor for aid in this campaign for a working class constitution regardless of the attitude of those who still expect us to accept the promises of those old line party politicians by whom labor has been repeatedly betrayed.

Enlightened labor has gone into this campaign on its own behalf and in its own interest.

Bethlehem Steel Workers.

The financial statement of the executive committee of the strikers in the Bethlehem Steel company, showing all receipts and disbursements, has been submitted to the various labor councils of the country. For the hundred days of the dispute there was received from subscriptions by unionists, \$7,214.72, and every cent is duly accounted for. It is said that the strike may lead to a change in method in dealing with employees and that collective bargaining may result.

Oppose Asiatic Labor.

A stringent ruling has been adopted by the Central Labor council of Oakland, Cal., against patronizing Oriental labor. It imposes a fine of not less than \$25 for any union man patronizing Oriental labor in any form, from a Chinese lottery to a Japanese barber shop. An effort will be made to start a state wide campaign against Asiatic labor.

Glass Workers Growing.

The American Flint Glass Workers' union, which recently held a very successful two weeks' convention at Toledo, now has a larger membership than at any time in its previous history. The report of its secretary shows 8,911 members, 7,456 of whom are on the employed list, leaving 1,455 unemployed.

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