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ture under the shadow of the monster pension building at Washington is located the nerve center of the organized lavor movement the United States and Uncle Sam's new possessions, writes Waldon Fawcett. In these quar-

ters, which are none too modious for the strenuous activities carried on therein, an executive staff of upward of three dozen men and women keeps in close touch with an army of 2,000,000 artisians in every state and territory in the union. This beehive is the national headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, that great central body that exercises jurisdiction over the local workingmen's organizations from one end of the country to the other.

To appreciate the significance of the work carried on at this place it is necessary to know something of the American Federation of Labor and its remarkable growth. The first move toward the voluntary organization of labor in America was made early in the nineteenth century but it gained almost no headway until a score of years later. The earliest known trade union composed of journeymen was the New York Society of Journeymen Shipwrights, which was legally in-corporated in 1803. Unions of tailors and carpenters were organized in the metropolis in 1806 and a union of hatters came into existence in 1819.

The first crusade on the part of organized labor was for a ten-hour workday. In the spring of 1840 President Van Buren issued a proclamation establishing the ten-hour day on all government work, but it was several years later ere anything approaching a complete victory was won in the private establishments of the country. The year 1851 saw another important advance in the labor movement, namely the formation of the first national union by the banding together of various local organizations. The printers were the pioneers in this progressive step and were shortly followed by the iron molders. For some years these two classes of artisans were alone in their advanced position but with the civil war and its significant proclamation abolishing slavery a spur was given to the cause of organized labor and in 1864 the National Cigarmakers' union was formed. The Bricklayers and Masons' International union came into existence soon after and before many months had elapsed several other classes of toilers had taken the decisive step of formulating national

The great panic of 1873 gave something of a setback to organized labor for the reason that with the shutting down of manufactories and the suspension of work generally many toilers were unable to pay their dues and in some instances local unions were compelled to disband for lack of funds. With the advent of somewhat better times organized labor gradually took a new lease of life and there was nurtured that spirit of expansion which led up to the organization of the American Federation of Labor in the year

day President Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, and the most powerful labor leader in the world, pointed out that the development of trades unionism in this country may be classified, broadly speaking, in three successive periods. The first of these intervals saw the rise of the local unions of various kinds; the second period was characterized by the inception of the idea of the national union; and finally the third era in which we are now living has witnessed the amalgamation of these national unions into the all-powerful federated body. By this amalgamation and centralization of power the American working classes have put themselves in a position to hold their themselves in a position to hold their own with those immense aggregations of capital-the "trusts" of the industrial and commercial world.

SAYS TOIL IS DEMOCRATIC

Minister Declares Labor Is the Evolution of Happiness.

Rev. Frank C. Bruner, pastor of the Oakwoods Union church, Chicago, preached recently on "The Democracy of Culture," taking for his text: "Man goeth forth unto his labor and to his work until the evening."—Psalms, civ. 23. He said in part: "The idea held that labor is a curse to the race is a misnomer. In it is an evolution of big happiness. Its advent was not ordained in man's transgression. God made it in affinity with heroic hua fraud to society; the man who does not work breaks the commandment of God and the tired-born who never draw an industrious breath are, in

common language, thieves. "They rob the world of toilhood, take unearned bread to live on. We talk about the laboring class; there is no such thing in the economy of God. No man, if he be as rich as Croesus, Rockefeller or Sage, but what is toilworn as the man who works on the railroad section, carries the hod of brick or the woman that wearily works in the washtub world. So many look on labor as the product of sin and the chief disgrace of mankind. The democracy of labor is the superlative end of man. Such an example as the Carpenter of Nazareth proves the honor of labor and its adaptability for the benefit of mankind."

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