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A CALL TO ARMS.

Union Printers Face to Face With a Great Struggle.

The union printers of the United States and Canada are face to face with the greatest crisis in the history of the union. On January 1 not less than 10,000 loyal union printers will quit work to enforce the demand for the eight-hour day. These men will be out as a method of enforcing justice for you—the right of having as many hours of leisure as they have hours of work; the right to have some time away from toil to improve their minds and get acquainted with their families. It is the beginning for the great battle of organized labor in favor of the shorter workday. And right now is the crucial moment. There must be no wavering, no hesitancy, no surrender. On the contrary, a solid front must and will be shown. The Typographical Union has never yet lost a battle in which the entire jurisdiction was involved. It will not lose now.

But the 10,000 men who sacrifice their jobs in order to advance the eight-hour cause must have the support of their fellows. They must not be asked to make all the sacrifices. They are shouldering a heavy burden, and the rest of us must help lighten their load. The International Executive Council has called for a 10 per cent assessment on every working member of the union. It will be endorsed by an overwhelming vote—so why not make it unanimous? A solid front right now, a unanimous vote for the 10 per cent assessment, means that the term of the assessment will be shorter. To falter now means the loss of all we have gained in fifty years of organization, self-sacrifice and toil.

The men who are managing the eight-hour struggle are entitled to every confidence. They have conducted the battle like veterans. Backed by 50,000 earnest, intelligent, loyal union men they can not fail. The Wageworker urges every member of Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 to attend the special meeting Sunday afternoon, to talk for and vote for this 10 per cent assessment, and to show the unionists of Lincoln and of the rest of the country that Old 209 is right at the front.

The following has been sent out from the International Headquarters at Indianapolis, and The Wageworker calls the especial attention of its union printer readers thereto:

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 14, 1905.—To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Unions: It is now evident that the great battle in the general eight-hour campaign will take place on January 1st. The executive council believes that on that date at least 10,000 members of the International Typographical Union will be on strike. On

the issue then will depend the result of the eight-hour movement.

For more than four months we have contended for the inauguration of the eight-hour day, and we have more than held our own in cities where strikes were necessary, and some three hundred unions now have eight-hour contracts. In Detroit the situation, as far as the employers are concerned, is no better than it was four months ago, and this applies to every jurisdiction in which difficulty is on, down to the latest strike. In many jurisdictions the employers are beaten now, and acknowledge it, but say that they intend to await the result on January 1st.

The receipts from the fifty-cent assessment and other sources have enabled the executive council to finance the struggle thus far, and will be sufficient to continue it to January 1st, but these resources will not be sufficient to carry the great number that may be involved on January 1st. AND THESE MEMBERS MUST BE SUPPORTED.

In nearly every jurisdiction where the eight-hour fight is under way local unions have levied ten per cent assessments, and in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Detroit the local unions have been carrying a fifteen per cent assessment for several weeks. The result of the general struggle is of just as much importance to local unions where adjustment has been made, or where adjustment is probable without friction, as it is to the unions now involved in the warfare. If the members of the latter unions can afford, and are willing to pay a ten per cent assessment, and in several jurisdictions more than ten per cent, then all of the members of the International Typographical Union should be willing to assess themselves in a like manner.

Acting under the authority given it in section 3, article xvii, constitution, to-wit: "The executive council may submit to referendum vote propositions which require immediate action without petition of fifty local unions," the executive council has submitted a ten per cent assessment proposition, to become effective, if carried, on January 1, 1906. The fifty-cent assessment will be continued until that time, and if the ten per cent assessment is approved by the membership the fifty-cent assessment will be discontinued, and the ten per cent assessment will take its place.

The assessment will apply to all unions. Provided, that the executive council shall have power to permit local unions in jurisdictions where strikes are in progress to retain the amount of the assessment or any portion thereof and expend the same for strike purposes, when, in the judgment of the council, such action is necessary. The proposed International ten per cent assessment, if carried, will not increase local assessments, where the latter are at present ten or more per cent.

Subordinate unions are herewith instructed to call special meetings for Sunday, December 24th, to discuss the

ten per cent assessment proposition, and wherever possible to take the vote on that date. Where subordinate unions find it necessary to take a referendum vote through chapels or otherwise, such vote shall be cast on or before Wednesday, December 27th. In both instances, the result of the vote should be forwarded promptly to Secretary-Treasurer Bramwood.

With the probability of ten thousand men on strike on January 1st, or immediately thereafter, it will be seen that we will need upward of \$60,000 per week to conduct the struggle. The ten per cent assessment in the aggregate will furnish this amount. The ten per cent assessment is to continue at the discretion of the executive council, and just so long as it is necessary to win the eight-hour fight.

The crisis, not only in the eight-hour struggle, but in the history of the International Typographical Union, is at hand. The membership voted for the eight-hour day, and the fate not only of that movement but of the organization, is now in the hands of the membership. The issue must be faced squarely and the result of a negative vote must be thoroughly understood. It will mean that we will have to spend very much more money to regain lost prestige than is now needed to win the eight-hour day. It will also mean a running fight of years' duration with unfair employers.

A favorable vote on the ten per cent assessment proposition will undoubtedly mean the inauguration of the eight-hour day, and the further strengthening of the International Typographical Union, the defeat of the open-shop proposition, and peace with the employers of this continent for many years to come.

IT IS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TO DECIDE.

Requesting that your union give immediate consideration and effect to the recommendations contained in this circular, we remain, Yours for eight hours.

JAMES M. LYNCH,
HUGO MILLER,
J. W. BRAMWOOD,
Executive Council I. T. U.

THE PRINTERS.

Special Meeting Called for Sunday to Talk About the Assessment.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 will meet in special session next Sunday afternoon at the usual time and place. The meeting has been called for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to levy a 10 per cent assessment to meet the eight-hour situation on January 1. At that time it is estimated 10,000 men will be out on strike. The executive committee figures that a 10 per cent assessment will raise \$60,000 a week, and this amount will finance a strike indefinitely.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 should vote solidly in favor of the assessment. If a solid front is shown now the assessment will not be long continued. It will have an overwhelming majority anyhow, and the band

wagon might as well be filled. The fight for the eight-hour day is making splendid progress. The fight is practically won, and it will be a rout for the Typothaete and its allied kindred, the Post and Parry union busting outfits, before the sap begins to run. It is only necessary to keep the faith, put up the money and saw wood. Elsewhere in this issue The Wageworker presents the arguments for the 10 per cent assessment as presented in the official call from the international executive committee.

Charley Koops, recently of Omaha, was in Lincoln during the early part of the week, shaking the hands of many old friends and a lot of new ones. Mr. Koops was foreman of the Omaha Printing company when the strike occurred. He was offered all kinds of inducements to remain at work and "rat" on his fellows, but he scorned the idea. He was offered something more than salary, but still he refused, and walked out with the rest of the boys. He hadn't been on the street long enough to get a glimpse of the sun when he got a telegram from Denver offering him the foremanship of a big printing plant in that city, and at a handsome increase over the wage offered him to "rat." He was on his way to Denver to assume permanently his new position, that of foreman of the Merchants' Printing and Engraving company.

There were five printers at the Auxiliary social last Wednesday evening. There are about sixty printers in this town who ought to be ashamed of themselves for their shabby treatment of the Auxiliary. They have never attended a social nor given any encouragement to the ladies in their efforts to advance the cause of unionism. When asked to buy a ticket costing 15 or 20 cents they pull a long face and talk about expense, and then proceed to spend four times as much for something that usually produces that tired feeling the morning after. The Auxiliary has decided to give up the hall in which they have been meeting for the last year, and resume meetings at the homes of the members. Failure on the part of the printers to take advantage of the pleasant social affairs has led the women to take this step.

Sunday's special meeting should not last over thirty minutes. The order of business should be something like this: Call to order, examination of cards, roll call of officers, reading of minutes, consideration of recommendation of eight-hour committee of the International, vote on motion to levy the assessment. Carried unanimously. Mrs. Will Bustard returned to Lincoln last week, and will visit with her mother until her husband, Will Bustard, can finish up in Chicago. Mr. Bustard expects to return to Lincoln about the first of the year and make this his future home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith will go to Kansas City Saturday and spend Christmas with Mrs. Smith's sister in that city.

A large number of Lincoln printers are members of the Woodmen and get the official organ of that order. They are filled with disgust at the appearance of that publication since it was taken to Indianapolis. It no longer has that pretty magazine appearance it once had, but on the contrary looks like the 25-cent-a-year weekly edition of one of the big metropolitan dailies. Of course all the Christmas presents you purchased bore the union label.

THE BARTENDERS.

Still Working Along the Old Lines and Making Progress.

The Bartenders are still actively at work along the old lines, and while not making any particular flurry in the world of organization are making progress at a gratifying rate. Business Agent Sundean is taking an active interest in the work and rounds up the boys with gratifying regularity.

The Lincoln hotel is still without a bar card. The gentlemen presiding over the bar of that hostelry figure that because their trade is confined largely to traveling men it is of no interest to them to keep in good standing with the union. That sort of "unionism" would bust all the unions in the country in a very short time. Two more hotels have barkeepers who are very negligent and now out of good standing. An effort is being made to induce them to square up, no action will be taken until the last moment.

THE TEAMSTERS.

New Scale Card Expected Back From International Headquarters Soon.

The Teamsters have sent their new scale card to the executive officers at Chicago for ratification and expect to have it back next week. The new scale, if approved, will go into effect on February 1. It makes no material change in the present scale.

There will be no meeting of the union next Monday night, it being Christmas eve, but on New Year's eve the regular meeting will be held, at which time the regular election of officers will take place. A full attendance is requested at this important meeting.

President Shea of the International has promised the local that an organized will be sent here early in the new year and kept here regularly until something is accomplished.

GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Bits of News Garnered With Pencil and Paste Pot.

Rogers & Perkins carry the largest line of union made shoes in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swanson and children will spend the holidays at Ong

Nebraska, with Mr. Swanson's uncle, Fred Swanson.

You will always find a large line of union made shoes at Rogers & Perkins.

Jerry Wiseley has been working in the Star ad alley during the past week or two.

Smoke "Blue Ribbon" cigars. Union made by Neville & Bartner and sold by all dealers.

Mrs. Erstine King and little daughter returned Monday from a protracted visit with Mrs. King's parents in Missouri.

The Wolverine-Reed company of Detroit has closed up its business in that city. The managers of the concern say that it is utterly impossible for them to compete with the work done in the state penal institutions.

Steel workers are alarmed over extensive improvements begun in the rail mills of the Illinois Steel company plant at South Chicago, which, they say, threaten to reduce the number of men employed.

The convention of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America at Memphis was the largest the painters have ever held and was attended by 452 delegates, representing 75,000 members.

Sixty-five girls in a Philadelphia millinery factory went on strike because seven of their number had been discharged. The girls demand the reinstatement of the seven and a guarantee of better conditions.

Scabs employed in a Detroit steel works got on a general drunk and made a raid on the colored cooks. Six of them were discharged, and one of the six was arrested later for snatching a lady's pocketbook.

Window Glass Workers are taking a referendum vote on amending their apprentice law. The present law excludes every one but sons and brothers. The purpose of the amendment is to make the law more liberal and allow others to come in.

Cloth Hat and Cap Makers' Union is making a determined effort to organize the craft in Boston. Three of five firms who formerly refused to recognize the union have fallen into line and signed the agreement. There are about sixteen men on strike.

"The injunction against the composers is a miserable one," declared Mrs. Raymond Robins before the Methodist ministers in Chicago. "It even forbids the men on strike to induce others to think as they think. It denies the right of free speech."

Captain Ed Murfin met The Wageworker man on the street the other day. He threw the editor down, thrust a dollar into his protesting hand and shouted, "Take that, darn ye, and send me your little old sheet." And just for meanness the editor is going to do it.

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