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### FOR UNION MEN

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#### Where and When Trades Union Gatherings Will Be Held.

May 11, New York City, Actors' National Protective Union of America. May 11, St. Louis, Mo., American Federation of Musicians.

May 11, - United Brotherhood or Papermakers of America.

May -, Detroit, Mich., Internacement tion of America

May -, York, Pa., National Print Cutters' Association of America.

June 1, St. Paul, Minn., Brother hood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders of America. June 1, Detroit, Mich., International

Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers of America. June - Washington, D. C., International Union of Journeymen Horse

June, Mobile, Ala., International Union.

Printing Pressmen's Union.

June 1, Columbus, Ohio, Chainmakers' National Union of the United States of America.

June 1. St. Louis, Mo., International Association of Marble Workens

- International Ceramic Mosale and Eencaustic Tile Lavers and Helpers' Union.

June S. Cincinnati, Ohio, Interna-

tional Brotherhood of Bookbinders. June 8. - International Brothe hood of Tip Printers.

June 8, Milwaukee, Wis., The Com mercial Telegraphers' Union of April 6. Toronto, Canada, Interna tronal Association of Fur Workers of the United States and Canada. May 3, Brockton, Mass., Interna

tional Union of Cutting Die and Cutter

May 5, Youngstown, Ohio, Amalga-- Amalgamated Leather July 4. -

Workers' Union of America. July -, Atlantic City, N. J. National Brotherhood of Operative 'Longshore

men's Association July 6, Buffalo, N. Y., Internation

Jewelry Workers' Union. July 6, Cincinnati, Ohio, makers' International Uinon.

July 7, Baltimore, Md., Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada.

July 13, Toronto, Canada, Interna tional Piano and Organ Workers, "ion of America.

July 13, Indianapolis, Ind., Lithegraphers' laternational Protective As-

July 13. Minneapolis, Minn., Theatrical Stage Employes' International

July 18, Holyoke, Mass., American Wire Weavers' Protective Association. Textile Workers of America July 20, New York City, International Steel and Copper Plate Printers'

August 3, Buffalo, N. Y., National tional Union of Slate Workers,

August 4. Detroit, Mich., Interna- tive Association. tional Glove Workers' Union of

August 10, Detroit, Mich., Internaional Brotherhood of Stationary Fire-

August 6, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Teamsters. August 10. Boston, Mass., Interna

tional Typographical Union. August 10, Boston, Mass., International Stereotypers and Electrotypers'

August 11, Indianapolis, Ind., Shirt

Waist and Laundry Workers' Interna tional Union. August 24. Milwaukee, Wis., United

Garment Workers of America -, Table Knife September 1, -Grinders' National Union

September 2, Milwaukee, Wis. American Brotherhood of Cement Workers.

September 7. Denver Colo, Inter national Association of Machinists. September 8, New York City, International Photo Engravers' Union of North America.

September 10. Boston, Mass., Splaners' International Union

September 14, Montreal, Canals Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America.

September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., In ternational Union of Steam Engine September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., International Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta

Workers' Alliance September 15, Salt Lake City, Utah. United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

September 17, New York City, Pock et Knife Blade Grinders and Finish ers' National Union.

September 21, Indianapolis, Ind., United Association of Plumbers, Gas fitters, Steamfitters and Steamfitters Helpers of United States and Canada September 21, Indianapolis, Ind. International Association of Bridge

and Structural Iron Workers.

October 5, Washington, D. C., Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union.

October 5, St. Louis, Mo., International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal

October 20, Cohoes, N. Y., United

November 9, Denver, Colo., Ameri-

can Federation of Labor. November 10, Bangor, Pa., Interna-

Tin Plate Workers' Protective Association of Heat, Frost, General In- November 12, Vinalhaven, Me., Lobster Fisherfmen's International Protec-

> December 7, New Orleans, La., International Brotherhood of Mainten ance-of-Way Employes.

> December 7. Brooklyn, N. Y., Na tional Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers of America.

#### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

A Few of Its Declarations Upon Which It Appeals to All Working People To Organize, Unite, Federate, and Cement the Bonds of Fraternity.

1. The Abolition of all Forms of Involuntary Servitude, except as a pun-

2. Free Schools Free Text-Books and Compulsory education.

3. Unreleating Protest Against the Issuance and Abuse of Injunction Pro-

cess in Labor Disputes. 4. A workday of not more than Eight Hours in the twenty-four hour day.

5. A strict recognition of not over Eight Hours per day on all Federal State or Municipal Work and at not less than the prevailing Per Diem Wage Rate of the class of employ ment in the vicinity where, the work is performed.

6. Release from employment One Day in Seven.

7. The Abolition of the Contract System on Public Work. 8. The Municipal Ownership of Pub-

lie Utilities 9. The Abolition of the Sweat Shop System.

10. Sanitary Inspection of Factory, Workshop, Mine, and Home.

11. Liability of Employers, for in jury to body or loss of life. 21. The Nationalization of Tele

graph and Telephone. 12. The passage of Anti-Child Labor Laws in States where they do not ex ist and rigid defense of them where they have been enacted into law.

14. Woman Suffrage coequal with Man Suffrage

15. The Initiative and Referendum and the Imperative Mandate and Right of Recall.

16. Suitable and Plentiful Playgrounds for Children in all cities.

17. Continued agitation for the Pub lic Bath System in all cities. 18. Qualifications in permits to build of all cities and towns that there shall

ments in all houses or compartments down their tools by the employers' or enforcement of the rules of the used for habitation 19. Ve favor a system of finance whereby money shall be issued exclu sively by the Government, with such regulations and restrictions as will

banking interests for their own pri vate gains The above is a partial statement of the demands which organized labor, in the interest of the workers-ave of all the people of our country-

protect it from manipulation by the

makes upon modern society. Higher wages, shorter workday tetter labor conditions, better home better and safer workshops, factories mills, and mines. In a word, a better

higher, and nobler life. Conscious of the justice, wisdom and nobliity of our cause, the American Federation of Labor appeals to all men and women of labor to join with

us in the great movement for its schierement More than two million wage-earner who have reaped the advantages of organisation and federation appeal to

their brothers and sisters of toil to participate in the glorious movem with its attendant benefits. There are affiliated to the Ameri

can Federation of Labor 118 Interns tional Trades Unions with their 27. 600 Local Unions; 36 State Federa tions; 537 City Central Bodies and 650 Local Trade and Federal Labo Unions having no Internationals.

We have nearly 1,000 volunteer and special organizers as well as the off cers of the unions and of the Amer ican Federation of Labor itself always willing and anxious to aid their fellow workmen to organize and in every other way better their conditions

For information all are invited to write to the American Federation of Labor headquarters at Washington D. C.

Labor Temple Benefit. Auditoris April 23, 24, 25. "In the Land of Gold." James Fulton and His Merry Company. Tickets, 50 cents,



ress to enact legislation in which organized labor is interested were adopted at a mass meeting at the Columbia theater. The resolutions de clare that those in congress who vote against the measures demanded by labor will be placed on the "blacklist" and every effort be made to prevent their success in the political field. Senator Dick of Ohio, one of the speakers, indorsed the proposition to blacklist members of congress and political aspirants who are unfriendly to labor. Other speakers were Representatives Lloyd, Missouri; Hughes, New Jersey: Savage, Illinois; Wilson and Nichols, Pennsylvania, and Green assachusetts, all of whom announce their approval of President Gompers

Philadelphia.-The old Philadelphia Typographical society (of which the present is the direct successor) was organized November 6, 1802. Documents in the possession of the society give reason to believe that the parent society was preceded by a similar or ganization called the Asylum company. It is an interesting fact that this old society was the first formed by printers in America and was the forerunner of all our labor unions. It was, and still is, a beneficial as well as fraternal order, and even to-day its large citles throughout the country. financial standing is unimpaired.

New York.-Army officials at Fort Totten, N. Y., have received instruc tions from Secretary of War Taft that hereafter carpenters employed at work about the post shall be paid four to a bulletin of the state labor de dollars instead of three dollars each for a day's work, four dollars being recognized by him as the "prevailing rate of wages" here. The action was taken in response to a complaint from the carpenters and joiners' organization in Corona that less than the prevailing rate was being paid for work

Toledo, O.-The trouble which was threatened in marine circles over the adoption of an open-shop policy by the Lake Carriers' association is not likely to materialize. While the opening of navigation is likely to be later than st season, the seamen say they will not object to the open-shop rule of the vessel owners so long as the latter pay the union scale and do not discriminate against union men.

South Bethlehem, Pa.-The Bethlehem Steel works, running full time in nearly all departments, paid out \$180,-000 in semi-monthly wages to the workmen. This exceeds by \$30,000 the previous half month's pay, and approaches within a few thousand dollars of the average amount paid twice each month to its employes prior to the beginning of the industrial depres-

Paris, France.-The building industry throughout Paris and the department of the Seine came to an indefinite stop when nearly 250,000 workmen, including masons, stonecutters be Bathrooms and Bathroom Attach- and carpenters, were forced to lay ganization, which has just decre of the biggest lockouts in the history

Cardiff. Wales.-Criticism of the miners' eight-hour measure is given freely at all meetings in Wales, and ven among the workingmen there are few who give a favorable opinion. The utmost said in its favor is that the young and able colliers may find some advantage, but not so those who have passed middle life or are getting on in

Washington.-In response to a ter of protest against the Beveridge child labor bill. President Roosevelt has addressed a letter to the Indiana Manufacturers' association in which he places himself in favor of the enactment by congress of a bill regulating child labor in the District of Columbia and territories

Atlanta, Ga.-The Georgia Industrial ociation, representing the cotton mills of the state, has decided to make a reduction of ten per cent. in wages of operatives. It was also decided that a curtailment of two days a week or more, where necessary, shall be put

Trenton, N. J.-Gov. Fort was ently interviewed by a delegation of mion labor leaders, who entered a protest against the employment of paroled convicts on construction rages than the union scale dema

East St. Louis, Ill.-More than 150 workmen fought at the works of the American Aluminum works, when Arenian, Greek and Turkish laborers became angry because the company in taking back its employes gave prefer

London, Eng.-The secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Great Britain has been in the pot teries district to try to smooth the way for conciliation and arbitration. The men, it appears, favor it; but the loyes are averse to include vage question at the present time.

Pittsburg, Pa.-T. L. Lewis, success or of John Mitchell as president of the United Mine Workers of America was born in Northumberland county Pennsylvania, in 1865, and began his mining career at the age of seven years as a slate picker on the break-

Indianapolis, Ind.—A bulletin l been published calling the attention trainmen and other employes of the Wabash railroad to the fact that the company will not tolerate the drinking of whisky or any other intoxicants by men in the company's service. The order is signed by the divis intendents and with the result in the showing made in the March bulletin of merits and demerits assessed against employes which show that 50 per cent. of the black marks were given because of the use of intoxi cants. There has been a rule on the Wabash that employes shall abstain from intoxicating liquors and it is the opinion that men under them needed

Chicago. Organized labor of the nation raised its voice in protest against what it terms the inimical atfitude of the United States supren court and, in resolutions the political retaliation, demanded of congress that various peading bills enacted into law. The meeting of protest in Chicago was part of a program outlined by the American Fed of Labor, following the decision of the supreme court which held that labo unions were amenable to the provi-sions of the Sherman anti-trust law. Similar meetings were held in all the Samuel Gompers was the pris speaker at the New York meeting

Albany, N. Y .- Practically one out of every three union men in this state was idle at the close of 1907, accord ment. In New York city the pe age was 34.2, as compared with 32.7 for the rest of the state. On this question the bulletin says: The worst conditions at the close of the year ap pear in the building, clothing, metal and tobacco trades, with p of idleness of 42.1, 43.6, 20.9 and 55.0 respectively. One exception to prevailing conditions appears in the pr ing trades, with a percentage of idle ness (11.1) which compares not favorably with previous years.

Birmingham, Eng.-Greatly pointed with the recent award, which failed to give them the advance in wages for which they asked, the National Society of Ame workers and Metal Mechanics, at meeting instructed its general tary to give notice to term existing arbitration arran tween that society, the Er sociation and the board of tra was stated that there were in Birming ham 6,000 or 7,600 brassworkers, ex clusive of women

Cumberland, Md.—The street railway strike inaugurated upon the re-fusal of the company to reinstate two of the men discharged on account of gambling in the company's car bara office, was settled. The agreed to reinstate the men dition that there would not be tition of the abu that there would hereafter be a strict

mployes of 42 western railro differences over the 16-h law have succeeded in co final agreement. The pri tention of the railroads that they had to pay two days' wages in so cases to obey the law was settl isfactorily, both sides making

eration of Labor has decided to no part in the fight which is waged between the Proh is reached in resp that in some localities the wi ers are being asked to join the consin Liberty league and contri tee at its meeting indorsed the adopting an anti-Pro

Washington.-That Italians, cially northern Italians, are m demand on the farms of the s states is the claim made by T. V. Pow derly, chief of the divisi nation of the bureau of in

Pittsburg, Pa.-The p naces of the Spang & Chall pany's mills at Etna res tions on three eight-h will give employment to 200 have been idle two months

London, Eng.—In 268 trade in England, with a m 639,000, there are 41,000 A year ago the percent ployed was 3.9 per cent.

Superior, Wis.-The laying tools and the stopping of work every one of the 5,000 members of bor unions affiliated with the stre tural trades allian ce of this city is as the result of the de

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—Jar ville, general organizer of chinists' brotherhood, left To to advise on the local labor i in the Canadian Pacific raft Two thousand ma are to be dis