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NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

Seattle, Wash.—Mrs. Grace D. Ohnimus, widow of Louis J. Ohnimus, a writer of animal stories and a city official of San Francisco, was probably the first woman in San Francisco to join the union labor movement. She was a warm friend of Eugene Schmitz, the former mayor of San Francisco. She composed all the songs used in three political campaigns in San Francisco, and a quintet, made up of her sisters and brothers and managed by her, proved a greater drawing card at the great political gatherings than any of the speakers. She stumped the state for Theodore A. Bell, when he was the Democratic candidate for governor. Until a few years ago Mrs. Ohnimus was on the stage with Henry Miller's all-star casts for a number of seasons. She has also done considerable newspaper work. She recently attended the convention of Eagles in Seattle.

Detroit, Mich.—At the convention of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen here Timothy Healy

Berlin.—The lockout of 8,000 ship riveters which is in effect at the Vulcan shipbuilding yard at Stettin, Germany, threatens to spread throughout the country. The trouble had its origin in the refusal of the men to accept the terms of their employers relative to the payment of overtime rates and in their objection to working extra hours in the completion of contracts. The local Iron Masters' association decided to reduce the output of all their furnaces 60 per cent. In order to coerce the men, and should this measure not induce the riveters to return to work it is the intention of the iron masters to introduce a proposition before the German National Federation of Metal Workers to entirely close down all their works throughout the empire.

New York.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has apparently decided to make way with the unions on its system. A circular reciting this determination is alleged to have been sent out to the various superintendents

UNION LABOR IN ST. LOUIS GERMAN DAY PARADE.



German day celebration in St. Louis will extend this year over two days, October 4 and 5. The parade will take place on the 4th, and it is said 40,000 persons will participate, including Central Trades and Labor Union. Many floats will represent German scenes in American history. The above is a reproduction of one of the principal floats.

of New York was unanimously re-elected president. Other officers elected are: First vice-president, I. S. Smith, Newark, N. J.; second vice-president, Newton A. James, Washington; third vice-president, P. J. Sheehan, Boston; fourth vice-president, L. Beecker, Cincinnati; fifth vice-president, P. J. Timmon, Millinocket, Me.; sixth vice-president, John McCue, San Francisco; seventh vice-president, J. C. Croll, Wheeling, W. Va., and secretary-treasurer, C. L. Shamp. The by-laws were amended so as to permit the holding of conventions annually instead of biennially. Next year's convention will be held at Yonkers.

Kansas City, Mo.—Several prominent members of the Arkansas Farmers' union met recently to discuss plans of interest to the union warehouses and gins of Arkansas. It was suggested that Memphis be made a clearing house for union cotton of Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas, and that Little Rock be made a sub-clearing house for Arkansas alone, and that the union cotton be handled from the local warehouses throughout the state to the central warehouse in Little Rock, from the warehouse to Memphis and from that point to the English spinners or other purchasers.

Chicago.—The strike declared by the employes of the Elgin-Belvidere Electric company of Chicago was settled and the regular schedule resumed. The company has agreed to recognize the union and to pay the car operatives 23 cents per hour. The substitution employes are raised from \$45 per month to \$52.50. All persons who were employes of the company at the time the walkout was declared are to be reinstated. All other differences are to be settled by arbitration.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, opened his campaign for the Democratic national ticket here recently. He began with a defense of unionism and diverted to a discussion of strikes, saying that the strike was a weapon of labor to be used only in cases of extreme necessity. He closed with an appeal for every man present, regardless of political affiliation, to vote for Bryan.

Montreal.—Dr. Pelletier, a member of the Quebec legislature, is urging the Canadian unions to break away from all international unions having headquarters in the United States. Some are approving of the plan.

Butte, Mont.—Negotiations between the Wyoming coal operators and the committee from the United Mine-workers, which have been going on for four days, have been ended and it is announced that all mines of the big companies will be closed at once. About 7,000 miners will be out of work in Wyoming. The Montana operators may also shut down.

Winnipeg, Man.—A rumor coming from an authoritative source is to the effect that the Canadian Pacific railroad officials are getting tired of the strike and that negotiations will be begun with a view to ending it.

dents ordering "that superintendents will, through their organization, inform themselves concerning such employes in the various classes as may be members of the unions, and remove at the earliest possible moment the leaders in our employ, and that they will follow this up with the removal of all other employes, members of the unions, that have not severed their connection with such unions."

London.—The relation of the workingmen to the peace movement was the principal topic of discussion at the peace congress in London recently. The general trend of the debates was in favor of the idea that the workers of the world should absolutely refuse to take up arms unless the quarrel had first been submitted to an impartial international tribunal. A resolution was adopted to invite representatives of trade organizations to attend future peace congresses on the ground that the cause of peace lay largely in the hands of the laboring men.

Detroit, Mich.—As the result of Congressman Edwin Denby's open shop stand last fall, William D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes, is the Democratic candidate for congress to run against Denby.

St. Paul, Minn.—Through its political organization the Minnesota State Federation of Labor is working to secure the adoption by the state and municipalities of the eight-hour day, municipal ownership of public service utilities, payment of wages weekly, the initiative and referendum, securing better sanitary conditions, abolition of contract labor in state prisons, compulsory education and employers' liability act.

Rio Janeiro.—The Japanese immigrants who were sent to the State of Sao Paulo by the Imperial Immigration company of Tokio, are leaving that section in large numbers. They have been at work on the coffee plantations, but apparently were not satisfied with the employment. Many of them have arrived at Rio Janeiro for the purpose of securing employment as domestic servants or similar occupations.

Portland, Me.—The strike of the granite cutters and quarrymen at Vinahaven, Me., which began March 1, is over. The unions waived the wage increase and secured concessions regarding the limitation of the use of pneumatic tools.

Chicago.—The Illinois Steel company has employed 1,000 additional men at its South Chicago plant. Of the 7,000 men normally employed in the mill only 4,000 have been working the last few months. The mills are now rushed for orders and will increase the force through the winter.

Birmingham, Ala.—An official order calling off the strike of coal miners in the Birmingham district was issued to all the camps in this section. It was signed by President Lewis, Vice-President White and Secretary-Treasurer Ryan of the United Mine Workers of America.

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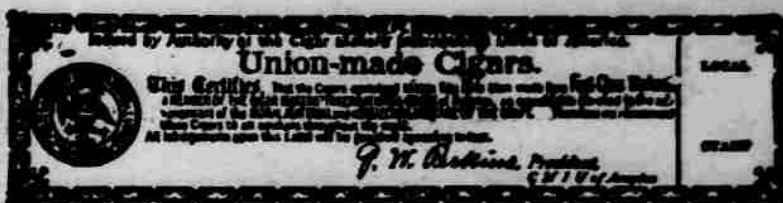
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