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ELECTRICAL WORKERS

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Carpenters' Building, Indianapolis, Ind., April 1, 1910.—Will M. Maupin, Editor Wageworker: In The Wageworker under date of March 26, 1910, I notice an article headed "Electrical Workers" over the signature of J. W. Murphy, general secretary of the Reid faction of the Electrical Workers, and as the same refers to me and the Electrical Workers I represent, viz: the McNulty faction, I have written Mr. Murphy, calling his attention to the misrepresentations and incorrect statements therein contained. I herewith enclose copy of said letter and respectfully ask you to publish in the next issue of The Wageworker. Fraternally,

FRANK W. DUFFY,
Member Special Committee.

In accordance with Bro. Duffy's request, and in the interest of fair play, The Wageworker gladly gives space to Bro. Duffy's letter to Secretary J. W. Murphy. It is as follows:

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Carpenters' Building, Indianapolis, Ind., March 22, 1910.—J. W. Murphy, General Secretary Reid Faction, Electrical Workers, Springfield, Ill.:—In the Cleveland Citizen of March 19th, 1910, I notice an article by you, or purporting to come from you; your name is attached to it, however, entitled:

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

Peace Negotiations Have Been Halted Again.

Which, for misrepresentations and imaginary conclusions cannot be surpassed.

How you can write such an article for publication containing so many incorrect statements is more than I can understand. Let me here remind you that:

1st. You, with Geib, Reid, Sullivan and others have not lived up to the Denver and Toronto agreements of the American Federation of Labor in any shape, manner or form.

2nd. You did not even make an attempt of any character, at any time, to dissolve the Cleveland injunction suits and thereby liberate the funds tied up so that a convention could be held. You cannot hold a convention without funds, and you know it.

3rd. You did not comply with the orders of the special committee at any time. You were repeatedly requested to dismiss all law suits, but, on the contrary, you complicated matters by adding three more local unions as parties to the suits, and this on December 7th, 1909—two days before the special committee held its first meeting in Springfield, Ill.

4th. The special committee did not decide that a convention would be held at an early date, but did decide that a convention would be held just as soon as the terms and conditions of the Denver and Toronto agreements were complied with, and no sooner.

5th. McNulty, Noonan and others never said, or even intimated, in any manner to the committee, in my presence, that they did not favor a convention or that they would not attend a convention, if called.

6th. From whence did you learn that the majority of the committee, Messrs. Frey and Urlick, would report to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor; and that the minority, in the person of Duffy, would not report to the same body? Is this one of your imaginary conclusions; another of your pipe dreams? Just remember this, that Duffy—the minority of the committee—will report in plain, straight-forward language, without fear or favor of any one, his actions in this controversy to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, and will serve on said council copy of the communications he served on the special committee in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 11th, 1910.

7th. You say you will bravely insist on your rights, but evidently you will not give, grant or allow the other fellow any rights at all.

Brother Murphy, don't fool yourself and those you represent. Don't hide the true facts from your members under the subterfuge that you are right in the position you assume, and have assumed, that the American Federation of Labor must sooner or later acknowledge that fact. Tell them plainly that you have ignored the Denver and Toronto agreements; that you have defied the American Federation of Labor; that you have done nothing to comply with the requests of the special committee; that you have not given the special committee any assistance at all; that you completely laid down on their hands; that you have been jollying them right along, and that all you wanted was delay, and more delay, with the hope that something might turn up to your advantage.

McNulty and his organization, with their representative, did not run away from the special committee and the week. They reached the "parting of

the ways." You, Reid and others failed to comply with the orders of the committee. You absolutely did nothing up to that time to comply with the Denver and Toronto agreements of the A. F. of L. There was nothing for the committee to do but adjourn, resign or go out of business altogether. I, as a member of the committee had no other alternative than to do as I did. I have no apologies to make for my actions to any one, nor will I make any apologies.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK DUFFY,
Member Special Committee.

TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

Short Meeting and Little Business Brought Up for Consideration.

The directors of the Labor Temple Association met Monday evening, nine being present to answer to roll call. Very little business outside of two or three routine matters was transacted. It was decided to call off the proposed Temple Benefit Ball for the time being. The matter of selecting a secretary-manager for the association was deferred for a week on request of President McBride.

"Ways and means" came up for general discussion, but nothing definite was decided on.

Pending settlement of the present controversy between the Electrical Workers and the Gas company, the Temple is being lighted by electricity generated by a dynamo in the Temple. A gasoline engine furnishes the power.

HAYS IN BAD.

His Little Game of Politics Will Not Be a Successful One.

The news that John W. Hays has headed the National Labor Alliance, whose purpose is to approve of such measures as the administration passes for labor's benefit, is no surprise to labor in the west. John W. has seen the Knights of Labor dwindle from a real labor organization to a handful of malcontents, under his guidance, and his latest outbreak against the A. F. of L. is only another of his plans for getting publicity, and who knows, maybe he will head the G. O. P. labor political campaign. That alone would be enough to insure its failure.

With Hays' endorsement, any nominee could be sure of defeat, as labor is onto his curves, and knows him and his "twelve disciples" as a bunch of skates, pure and simple.—Colorado Industrial Review.

ASK NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

The trades unions ask for no special rights or privileges not accorded to or enjoyed by any individual citizen. We insist upon freedom of action always within the law and invite punishment by due legal process of law if we transgress. We object to and emphatically protest against government by injunction, which is another name for industrial slavery and a hollow mockery on our boasted democracy. We want and demand free speech and free press, both of which are guaranteed by the constitution, but denied us by injunction judges in some cases.—Cigarmakers' Journal.

MANUFACTURER'S CONFESSION.

At the luncheon of the Chicago City Club, on March 9, Joseph Fels, a millionaire soap manufacturer from Philadelphia, unburdened his soul as follows: "We can't get rich in a lifetime nowadays under the present system of things unless we do so by robbing the people. I have made my money that way, and my firm is still doing it. Every one of your self-made millionaires has done it. However, I want to say that I have begun to recover conscience, and I'm going to devote my 'swag'—I like to call it that, for that's what it is—to doing away with the cursed system which makes it possible."

WITHIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

Judge Frank M. Bailey, of the district court, denied the petition of a planing mill to enjoin the Chickasha (Okla.) Trades Council from boycotting its open shop products. The judge declared that so long as no threats accompanied the boycott the defendants were within their legal rights.

MUST WEAR UNION HATS.

Members of the Boston Cigarmakers' Union will not gain admittance to the next meeting of the union unless they wear hats bearing the union label. Such was the decision of the members of the executive board recently.

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