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TWO HUNDRED BLACKSMITHS ON STRIKE.

Two hundred blacksmiths' helpers and hammer boys employed at the American Brake Co., Second and Tyler streets, walked out on strike Monday afternoon because of the company's refusal to reinstate Patrick Cronin, a blacksmith's helper, who had been discharged.

BAKERS' INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union has just elected their international officers by referendum vote. The result is as follows: International secretary, F. H. Harzbecker; international treasurer, John Guild; editor of The Bakers' Journal, Joseph Schmidt; delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention, A. A. Myrup and John Weber; international organizers, Rudolph Schirra and Jacob Goldstone.

CHICAGO JOB PRINTING STRIKE.

At an overflow mass meeting of union pressmen in Chicago a vote was taken in favor of a strike against job printing houses throughout Chicago October 1. This step, it is declared, is but the beginning of a general strike of the craft, involving 20,000 workmen throughout the United States and Canada.

PITTSBURG MACHINISTS ARE FIRM.

The monthly report issued by the Machinists' Union relative to the conditions in the Pittsburgh district, contains the following: "Since the last report four additional concerns have conceded to the demands asked by the machinists of District No. 6, making in all 40 machinery manufacturing concerns that are now paying a 40-cent minimum rate in the Pittsburgh district, which is quite a creditable record, especially when we take into consideration the conditions as existing heretofore.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR STRIKING TELEGRAPHERS.

If the benefit performance for striking telegraphers, to be given at the Olympic Theater Friday afternoon, is not a success, it will not be the fault of managers, musicians, stage workers and others allied with the theatrical business, all of whom are coming forward with aid. In many instances the offers have been unexpected or beyond expectation.

Hundreds of cards of admission to the performance already have been sold. These can be exchanged at the box office of the Olympic for reserved seats.

The curtain will rise for the opening act at 2 p. m., and it is promised the bill will rival that which was given at the same house for the benefit of the San Francisco earthquake sufferers.

WARNER OUSTED FROM FACHINISTS' INT. ASS'N.

George Warner, the "capitalist-machinist" unseated by the International Machinists' Association in convention in Druid's hall, St. Louis, on the charge that he had not been identified with labor for ten years, was Thursday voted out or Organized Labor bodily. On the motion of Delegate George Marr, who is from the same state as Warner (New York), entered the resolution and it was carried almost unanimously.

MURDERER ACQUITTED IN-COLORADO!

We read in the Western Miners' Magazine: The members of the Western Federation of Miners, especially those who sat in the last convention as delegates, will remember that the reports of Organizers M. E. White and James Paretto, working in southern Colorado, made reference to the murder of Organizer Obrenski by Juan Espinosa in a saloon brawl at Rugby last May. Well, Espinosa was placed on trial last week in Trinidad on the charge of murder, and although several witnesses swore directly that they saw Espinosa fire the fatal shot, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal after an hour's deliberation.

EIGHT HOUR TELEGRAPHERS' LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 23.—Following the decision of Judge Bradley at Harrisonville yesterday, in which he declared the telegraphers' eight-hour law unconstitutional, Edward McGarry, Charles W. Fear and Elmer Johnson, a committee from the State Federation of Labor, which has just closed a convention at Sedalia, called on Acting Governor McKinley and urged him to take additional action to bring about an enforcement of the law. Gov. McKinley suggested to the men that in cases where the law is being violated the matter should be by them called to the attention of the prosecuting attorney, and if that official refuses or declines to act, the derelict officials' law should be applied to him.

BRICKLAYERS AGAIN DECIDE AGAINST AFFILIATION WITH A. F. OF L.

The strong campaign made by the executive officers of the Bricklayers' Union favoring affiliation with the American Federation of Labor has come to naught. By an overwhelming majority the proposition was rejected. This is the third time that the matter of affiliation has been proposed. That it was rejected was not in accordance with the views of the men at the head of the international. For many months the editor of the official journal has carried on a campaign of education, but the result of the vote would indicate that the membership either did not read, or if they did, that they refused to accept the advice. The result of the referendum vote was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Count. Includes: Number of unions to which submitted (979), Number unions voting (750), Number unions favoring (264), Number unions against (485), Tie (1).

Total count 2,348. Against affiliation 1,497. For affiliation 851.

The total count may appear misleading in the smallness of the vote, but this is due to the system of enumeration. All unions were recorded with three votes on a membership of 250 and one additional vote for each 150 members. So the total count does not record the actual number of ballots cast by the membership, but the result as enumerated under the system of balloting employed by the interna-

tional. The figures indicate that there was a fair expression of the membership. Speaking editorially of the result of the vote, the Bricklayer and Mason, official paper of the organization, says: "As the tables giving the vote on the question of affiliation with the A. F. of L. will show, the measure has again been defeated, and in a most decisive manner. While the vote by unions shows a very large majority against the proposition, still, had the popular vote governed as formerly, there would not be such a large percentage against the question. Scores of the unions were very evenly divided, but just a sufficient majority opposed the question to cast the full vote of the union against it. Also many of the larger unions voted unanimously in favor of it, and, as we have said, had the vote been a popular one, this would have changed matters very materially. However, the vote was ordered taken by unions, and consequently those of us who advocated affiliation at this time will accept the decision of the organization graciously, trusting to time and conditions to prove the wisdom of our present state of isolation. It is just opportune, however, to call to the attention of our members that while we were voting upon the question of closer affiliation the 25 national organizations of employers were meeting in New York for the purpose of forming a federation for mutual protection and for avowed warfare upon Organized Labor generally.

INTERNATIONAL BROOM MAKERS' CONVENTION.

What amounts to a general upturning happened at the annual meeting of the International Broom and Whisk Makers' convention, which was held in — last week. No halfway measures were adopted, but the theory that a new broom sweeps clean was put into practice with a vengeance. In the first place, almost a clean sweep of the officers was made. For president, Martin A. Manthey, of Detroit, was selected. He succeeds J. H. Hoffman, of Lockport, N. Y. The office of the secretary-treasurer was moved from Amsterdam, N. Y., to Chicago, Ill., and it was decided to hold conventions biennially hereafter, instead of annually. For the time being, the initiative and referendum system has been done away with, and it will not be restored until the union gets on a firm basis again. The dues were increased in order to maintain a defense fund. The next convention will be held at Milwaukee, Wis. The complete list of officers elected is as follows: President, Martin A. Manthey, Detroit; first vice president, C. McConnell, Wichita Falls, Texas; second vice president, Walter Rollo, Hamilton, Ont.; fourth vice president, H. M. Tarr, Philadelphia, Pa.; fifth vice-president, W. M. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.; secretary-treasurer, T. Dolan, Chicago, Ill.; delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention for two years, Walter Rollo, Hamilton, Ont.

STILLINGS THE PUBLIC OPEN SHOP PRINTER.

The retention of Charles A. Stillings in the office of public printer is a standing insult to a craft that is composed of men and women of intelligence, experience and influence—the printers, bookbinders and pressmen—from whose ranks have been graduated statesmen, journalists, philosophers and jurists. And it may be added in passing that the typos, bookbinders and pressmen of this broad land are generally found in the thick of the fray, and generally on the winning side, too. The action of the present public printer in endeavoring to lower the standard of the craftsmen employed in his temporary domain—the government printing office—by designating them as "hands," and doing other things to their discredit in his many and varied general orders, have been noted by the craftsmen and at the proper time there will be a reckoning. His treatment of the intelligent employes of his "works" has been disseminated broadcast over this land, and oh, what a summing up there will be. The fact that Stillings was indorsed for his position as public printer principally by the members of the National Typothetae, who were the almost sworn enemies of the typos, bookbinders and pressmen, is well known, and has also been noted, and it may be added that the presidential election is less than two years off and the public print shop and its director general will in the meantime be kept very much in the limelight so that the people may know.—Washington Trades Unionist.

STRIKING OPERATORS AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt was greatly annoyed over the publicity which the visit of Daniel B. Russell and Percy Thomas, as representatives of the striking telegraph operators to Sagamore Hill on Wednesday, had attained. When the president invited them down, it is said he insisted that they should keep the visit an absolute secret. They carried out the program while here, but when they returned to New York they indiscreetly talked, and the whole story came out, with the result that the president found himself in an embarrassing position. It is said that he told both Russell and Thomas that he was willing to help their cause, but that he did not desire to complicate matters by having the officers of the telegraph companies think that he had slighted them by inviting only the representatives of the strikers to Sagamore Hill. Now that the story of the visit had come out, the president was said to be anxious to explain matters to the officers of the telegraph companies, and the early visit of some of them to Oyster Bay was consequently looked for.

CIRCULATION NOTES.

COMRADE HAUSERMANN brings in a new subscriber for Labor every week. Did you get one last week, comrade? If every reader of this would get a new subscriber each week we would carry St. Louis for Socialism in 1908.

MR. VAN CLEAVE is having trouble with his men, as usual, and Comrade Volkert is getting subscribers in the Stove Mounters' Union, and readers of Labor can't be fooled by Mr. Van Cleave, and so it goes on. The more trouble Van Cleave has the more he gets.

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A GOOD CHANCE TO LEARN ENGLISH.

Comrades of St. Louis! Some of you may be acquainted with German-speaking Socialists and friends who are anxious to learn the English language and take lessons either at home or at the residence of the teacher. Comrade Mrs. Sherlie Woodman, an experienced school teacher of many years' practice, gives English lessons at any hour during weekdays and Sundays. Compensation reasonable. Write immediately or call. Address Mrs. Sherlie Woodman, 2106 Lafayette Ave.

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