

THE TOILER

Current Comment

The journeymen bakers have made all arrangements for their meeting at Berlin Saturday, June 25th. There will be a dance, and the orchestra of the 20th Regimental Band has been hired for dancing. The special train leaves the Union Station at 1:30 p.m., returning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets good to return on all trains up to Monday night, June 27th. Fare, adults, \$1.15; children, 60 cents.

At the session of Toronto Lodge, No. 105, International Association of Machinists, held in the Temple Building on June 9, 1904, the following resolution, moved by Bro. D. T. Montgomery, and seconded by Bro. W. H. Dee, was unanimously adopted: "That we, the members of the International Association, in the appointment of Bro. A. W. Holmes, second international vice-president, to the position of factory inspector by the Provincial Government of Ontario, while regretting his departure from active service in our Association, take this opportunity to offer our congratulations on his appointment, and to assure him that he carries with him the best wishes of our entire membership for his future prosperity."

Holmes Gluckstein was re-elected first vice-president at the convention of the bookbinders in St. Paul.

J. H. Kennedy was elected second vice-president, and Hugh Fraser first vice-president of the Metal Workers convention in Buffalo this week. There was quite a turnout of the last year's survivors.

The Rev. J. H. Boettcher, of Shelbyville, Ind., organizer for D. M. Petty, has written to the headquarters of his church in Milwaukee, asking if his church is bankrupt and needs money. This, he says, is because of the boycott of organized labor in his church. Mr. Boettcher is publisher of the *Alliance*, the organ of the Citizens' Alliance there.

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DEMAND IT

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One must never forget that in the great street railway strike in St. Louis, four or five years ago, it was shown by testimony in court that the company had professional dynamiters on its pay rolls. It was the work of these professionals to manufacture sympathy for the company against the strikers. Judging from the shameless and whole sale bribery of judges, legislators and publishers, there is no telling to what depths of infamy the mine owners of Colorado may not descend.—(Applause).

J. C. Kemp, third vice-president of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, has been appointed general secretary-treasurer to fill the unexpected term of the late M. P. Merrick.

Painters report increases of wages or shortening of hours at Birmingham, Mass.; Lincoln, N.H.; Cohoes, N.Y.; Springfield, O.; Huntington, W. Va.; Dover, N.H.; Bellfonte, Pa.; Port Huron, Mich.; Marion, Ohio; Jackson, Tenn.; Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Guelph, Ont.; Elyria, Ohio; and Newark, N.J.

American Smelting and Refining Company announces that it will divide among its most valued employees more than \$10,000, in accordance with a profit sharing plan worked out some time ago.

The principle of co-operation applied to industry will be as great a revolution from an economic standpoint as the application of steam and electricity has been from a mechanical standpoint.

Some men do not want to be members of a union that tells them how much wages they shall receive, but would rather be "independent" and at the mercy of corporations which tell them how little their wages shall be.

Suppose every human being was well housed, well clothed, well fed and well educated, do you think under such conditions the home would be destroyed or that any religion worth having would be lost?

Hugh Robinson, organizer for the tailors, who is travelling in the East organizing unions of tailors at Montreal and Amherst, and a union of carpenters at the latter place last week.

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TORONTO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL.

Delegate James Simpson, secretary of the provincial committee, in Labor Town, reported that work was in progress with the charter, title, etc., etc., being done as expeditiously as possible, and drew the attention of the delegates to the absolute necessity of their cooperation in requesting the individual subscribers in their respective locals to at once remit to the secretary or The Toiler office the amount of their obligation, as it would be an utter impossibility for the committee to proceed from the information received for shares. The report was received with the interest of progress, but it is evident that the organizations themselves must take this active part in the collecting of the amount of subscribed shares within the membership.

Minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Notice of motion by Delegate Banks was carried out of order.

International President J. J. Freil, of the Stereotypers and Electrotypers, was granted the privilege of the Council. Bro. Freil said he was pleased to be present at a session of the Toronto District Labor Council. It has made a name for itself to such an extent that its deliberations are waited for on all questions pertaining to Canada and in Internationalism.

The Metal Trades Section report was received. It declared the Niagara Navigation Company, the Dearing Works, and the Hamilton and Kingston as on the fair list.

The Woodworking Section report was adopted. It contained the result of the dispute between the Broom Makers and the Taylor Scott company, which was finally settled through arbitration, the increase in wage to date back to May 1, 1904.

The Building Trades Section reported that the Council uses its efforts in the form of a joint committee with the section with a view to bring pressure to bear on the York County Loan Company, who, it appears, employ all union men with the exception of bricklayers and laborers. The discussion on the report brought to light the fact that while it was impossible to ask unionists to cease paying to this company and thereby losing all previous payment, yet it was to be put on the unfair list among the very class of people to whom they cater to and look to for support. The report was adopted.

The report of the Executive, with the exception of the recommendation to the Puttee electoral fund, was adopted.

There were three new delegates elected.

The delegate of the Boucher Wages asked a question in regard to the formation of an independent political party, who used the prescription in his organization for the same purpose.

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or other, in a sight altering their opinions, and supporting the plan of massacre, or the Don Quixote of modern political economy. (Applause.) Refugees of tariff refugees were turned loose on unsuspecting constituents that did not deserve such a fate. In the first campaign, they had not had it all their own way, and the resolution by Mr. Foster was an instruction to the Cooperative Parliamentary Committee that they were to go forward in this matter. That Congress stood for the untaxed food of the democracy. (Hear, hear!) It was not in favor of bringing policies into the cooperative movement. ("Question.") "Question?" "He was absolutely against it." ("Question.") When an attempt was made to any government to tax the raw material which found its way into the market, the only firm that saw that the plan of taxation was to withstand that attack. (Hear, hear!) Protection was too mild a term; it was a fight between free trade and taxed trade. It was an effort at legalized robbery. (Hear, hear!) Mr. Chamberlain really believed that the foreigner would pay the taxes? That was intended to mislead the ignorant to catch the unwary. The tendency of all taxation of imports was to fall on the consumer—the person requiring the article. He hoped co-operators would not merely stand for untaxed food, but also for pure and uncorrupt political life for the nation. (Applause.)

Mr. J. T. Brown (Winnipeg) in concluding said he stood for a pure political atmosphere and untaxed food. If they were going to fight, Mr. Chamberlain said he would have to make a positive programme before the country. (Hear, hear!) There were numbers of the working class who did not know the condition of the people in the early fifties. Mr. Chamberlain had considerable data for the statement he made that, notwithstanding the protestations of working class leaders, the working class were with him. He had interrogated many hundreds of workmen, and they were inclined to believe that "dumping" would cease, and that many out of employment would have work. What was the position of the workers to-day? There were over one million of workers unemployed. There was an army of paupers who would form a demonstration "out abreast a hundred miles long." (Applause.) "That is not the fight of free trade." They had over three million people who were pensioners, dependents. There were over seven people over 65 years of age died as paupers. The average wages of the workers were 15s. a week. Hence the need of putting a positive programme before the country in opposition to Mr. Chamberlain.

The resolution was put and only nine voted against it.

Canadian Callie.

Mr. Maxwell moved the following resolution:

That this Congress regrets that the Government have not seen their way to legislate for the removal of the restriction connected with the importation of live Canadian cattle into this country, and still further regrets the attitude taken up by the Board of Agriculture in its avowed intention to retain the restriction, not on account of disease among the cattle, but to protect the breeding of the country against foreign supplies, even at the expense of the consumer, who has to suffer in consequence.

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"I say that the non-unions has the same right to work when, or where he pleases, as, of course, the same thing as saying that he has the moral right, if he pleases, entirely apart from considerations of law, to become a strike-breaker, an active agent working against his fellow craftsmen, a traitor to his class and kind.

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"A strike is wrong when it is foolish, and there are wiser and less foolish and untimely strikes."

But our opponents claim that the non-unions is performing a moral act as a strike-breaker in any and all strikes.

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Now does the act of the strike-breaker square with the sublime language, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you?" By what tortuous logic can it be asserted that the man who, from selfish personal interest, seeks to profit by the industrial difficulties of his fellow men, is acting in accordance with the golden rule?

There are sometimes, but rarely, extenuating circumstances under which the strike-breaker acts. He may be driven by want, but that seldom happens, for least when labor is organized those who are in real need are provided with the necessities of life from the Union funds. He may sometimes be actuated by a feeling of friendship for an employer. But the strike-breaker, pure and simple, the non-union man who embodies all the qualities of a scab, is actuated by a desire to profit from his fellow craftsmen's hard labor. His action is actuated by no such motive, but by unadulterated selfishness."

CO-OPERATION ECHOES.

At the annual congress of the Co-operative Union, last May, in Stratford, England, Mr. Vivian moved the following resolution:

That this Congress emphatically reaffirms the decision of the Doncaster Congress to resist any interference with the free trade policy of this country, and further authorizes the parliamentary committee to take such steps as may be considered necessary to oppose any efforts which may be made, either in or out of Parliament, towards a protectionist policy of protection.

Mr. J. S. Sissons seconded the resolution, and said the abolition of the act would be a great boon to some cattle breeders in this country.

When the cattle were free from disease, the rotation of pastures would be of great benefit to the country.

Mr. Wyatt (Leicester) supported the resolution, which was unanimously adopted. —The Co-operative News.

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