

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

(To Hold the Fort While the One Big Union is Being Organized)

RESOLUTION NO. 29.—SYMPATHETIC STRIKES.

Del. Kavanagh (chairman of committee)—Resolution No. 29—(Alberta Federation of Labor)—(General and sympathetic strikes)—In view of the fact that the workers are not industrially organized, which form of organization we believe would take care of labor disputes more effective than any other, and believing that it will be some time before we are sufficiently organized in this state, and that situations such as general and sympathetic strikes are liable to occur at any time it is therefore necessary that machinery be created to handle these emergencies.

We recommend that each craft organization, in any locality, appoint one of its members as part of a committee, and when a call comes for a general or sympathetic strike, these members shall at once meet and discuss the issue and make recommendations to their organizations at a meeting which they shall have the power to call.

The locals will then appoint or elect one or more of their members who will be the representatives of that locality, and their duties will be to proceed to some point or storm centre, if deemed necessary, to form part of an executive to carry on such strike.

Recommendation of committee—Covered by Industrial Unionism resolution. I move the adoption. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6.—GENERAL STRIKE FOR SIX HOUR DAY ON JUNE 1, 1919.

Del. Kavanagh (chairman of committee)—In looking over the six hour day proposition I find we have ordered the general strike for June 1st, while some others deal with May 1st, so I would suggest changing the date on the 6-hour day to June 1st. I will do so if I have the consent of the convention.

Del. Kavanagh (chairman of Resolution committee)—Resolution No. 6 (B. C. Federation of Labor)—Whereas the termination of the war in Europe will finally release approximately 50,000,000 people for service in the industrial fields and whereas the workers of the world engaged in productive occupations during the period of hostilities have produced sufficient food, clothing, and other necessities of life for the people of the world;

Therefore be it resolved that this convention assembled go on record as demanding a six hour work day, 5 days a week to go into effect on June 1st, 1919, and an intensive education propaganda be instituted to that end. Recommendation of committee: Committee report favorably. I move the adoption. Carried.

STRIKES FORETOLD IN RUSSIA

In connection with this order for strikes and change of date the following memo from Capt. T. P. O'Kelly, 102nd