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THE FEDERATION OF LABOR

Seventeenth Annual Convention Opened at Nashville, Tenn., Yesterday.

President Gompers Points Out the Matters to be Considered—The Lattimer Shooting Condemned in Strong Terms—Eight Hour Day and a General Movement to Enforce It Will be Discussed—Matters of Interest to the Great Army of Laborers.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—President Gompers, in his report to the seventeenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor to-day, repeated and emphasized the statement he made in his call for the convention, that it had to deal with momentous questions to labor. He asked the delegates to give the best thought and action of which they were capable to the responsible task involved by their participation in the convention. A number of local trades unions and Federal labor unions, he said, had been organized and chartered during the year. New central bodies were organized, and old ones, which had become defunct, revived. Charters to 18 central bodies, 189 local unions and 8 national unions were issued.

With but two exceptions, all our affiliated national unions report a large increase of local unions and in membership. There is an increase of about 34,000 members in the organizations affiliated, and for whom per capita tax is paid, over the number at the end of the last fiscal year.

Importance of Organization.

There can be no doubt but the gains are due to several causes, among which may be mentioned that our organizations maintained their existence during the industrial stagnation in past years. The recognition by the workers that there is only one means by which they can defend, protect or advance their interests, that is, by organization; the increasing activity, devotion and indefatigable work of our organizers, both local and general; the energy and ability of the officers of our national and international organizations, and the constant urging and direction from the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor.

Attention is called to the necessity of impressing upon the minds of fellow-unionists the establishment of the principle of higher dues in their unions, as those organizations which have established high dues have experienced the greatest success and maintained or improved wages, decreased hours, and obtained other concessions in the interest of their members. The question of the creation of a defence fund in the A.F. of L. should receive careful attention. The effort to divide the labor of the country on geographical lines is referred to as suicidal, and Mr. Gompers says it is gratifying to be enabled to state that at least for the time being the evil sought to be accomplished has been laid at rest.

There have been quite a number of strikes within the past year on the changes in the causes which have produced them are worthy of note, that is, the strikes of this year with few exceptions, have been for higher wages, shorter hours and the extension and recognition of union principles. Our organizations report, with gratifying unanimity, the very large number of successes achieved, advantages gained, and the growth and extension of the power of organizations enjoyed.

The Lattimer Shooting.

Referring to the firing upon striking miners at Lattimer, Pa., by a sheriff's posse, Mr. Gompers says:

"An incident connected with the miners' strike requires special mention here. While a body of unarmed and defenceless miners were marching upon the public highways from Hazelton to Lattimer, Pa., they were met by the sheriff of the county, with a posse of armed mercenaries, who, without cause or provocation, and in violation of the constitutional and natural rights of men, turned upon them and in cold blood murdered 22 and maimed and crippled as many more of them. All reports agree that the men attacked were violating no law, guilty of no wrong, many of them shot to death while fleeing from malignant pursuers. This crime against our laws, this brutality against inoffensive men, the wail of widows and orphans, the wounded pride of citizenship and common humanity cry out, not only that justice shall be meted out to these modern hyenas, but that never again shall so great a wrong be inflicted upon any people under the cry that the men killed and wounded are "foreigners," but, even though this be true, these foreigners were lured here by the cupidity of mercenary corporations. It is submitted that, though a man be a foreigner, there are some rights, some protection to which he is entitled, which even corporations and their hirelings are bound to respect.

The Eight Hour Day.

The report refers to the efforts to secure the eight-hour work day, and says:

We hold that no condition is satisfactory nor any solution complete which fails to eliminate the curse and degrading influences of non-employment, and so long as this evil shall be with us, our best efforts will be concentrated to reduction of the hours of labor of all, until the desired end is attained. With this object in view, the last convention decided that a renewed effort should be made for the general enforcement of the eight-hour work day, May 1, 1898. Every opportunity has been taken advantage of and frequently created for the purpose of presenting this subject in as concise and comprehensive form as possible to the attention of our fellow-workers and the public generally. Nothing remains now but for the final decision of this convention as to the ways and means by which the project shall be carried into effect, or whether the judgment of the new convention is that the time stated is, in view of industrial conditions, a practical one, or whether it would be advisable to await the full flood-tide of an industrial revival for its general and simultaneous enforcement. This question must, of necessity, receive your careful consideration. Nothing, perhaps, would be more hurtful than an unwise decision. Of course, we do not anticipate that at one given moment the general eight-hour day will be achieved, but there can be no doubt but that a concentration of thought and effort to attain this end, and the designation of a particular day to endeavor to secure it, will largely attract the attention of all and succeed in accomplishing much. If the judgment of this convention is that May 1, 1898, is the one upon which the bugle call for labor shall be sounded, none will enter it with greater enthusiasm and undaunted spirit than we. Yet, if the deliberate conclusion of this convention is that the simultaneous effort should be deferred until a more opportune time, say the postponement of it for one year, that should prevail.

Other Matters Touched On.

The municipal ownership of public works and postal savings banks and postal telegraph systems is advocated.

Referring to the British engineers' strike, he says the Executive Committee deemed it unwise to issue an appeal to organized labor for aid, owing to the long era of depression from which the workingmen of America suffered and other burdens. However, as editor of The American Federationist, he published the appeal of the British fellow-unionists and urged that contributions be sent to them. He is informed that under the circumstances very fair contributions were made.

A cordial and hearty welcome is given Messrs. Wilson and Harford, fraternal delegates from Great Britain.

An Attractive Show.

"Jack and the Beanstalk," which opened to good business at the Grand last night, may be described as a musical extravaganza of extraordinary merit. Founded, as it is, on the fable of childhood days, it is given an additional quaintness of atmosphere by the introduction of such familiar old characters as "King Cole," "Old Mother Hubbard," "Sinbad, the Sailor," "Little Miss Muffet, who sat on a buffet," "Princess Mary, Quite Contrary," etc., etc.

The production is well staged and superbly costumed, and the story of Jack's adventures is unwound to the accompaniment of delightsome music, dainty dancing and striking mechanical effects. The piece contains a number of bright solos and duets and effective choruses, and the many pretty women of the company are shown off to advantage in the marches and terpsichorean specialties introduced.

Of the artists, Madge Lessing makes a pretty black-eyed boy, and Maud Hollins a pretty-shouldered princess. Walter Allen is good as King Cole, while Nellie Lynch as Little Miss Muffet is bright at times. The cleverest little woman on the stage, however, has not her name on the play bills. She appears as one of the pantomime chorus, but even there attracts so much attention from the audience that she cannot go long without attaining the role of a soubret—and a chic little soubret she will make. The piece runs the week.

Anthony Hope's Humor.

The thrilling romance, the high-minded sentiment and the splendid humor of Anthony Hope's writings, are all vividly expressed by him in a delightfully personal manner on the platform in his reading tomorrow afternoon and evening. Mr. Anthony Hope gives two readings in Association Hall for the benefit of the Victorian Order of Nurses, under the immediate patronage of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen. The occasion promises from a society view point to be of the most brilliant character, and splendid houses are promised both for the matinee reading, which will be "An Afternoon With Dolly," and for the evening, when some new selections, including a chapter from "Rupert of Hentzau," the new sequel to "The Prisoner of Zenda," will be given. Mr. Hope will also read "If Love Were All," from "The Prisoner," a chapter adjudged by critics to be the strongest and most beautifully written episode in the fiction of the day. Mr. Hope will be entertained at Government House

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Alderman for Ward Six.

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To Carry the Rural Constituency Against Mr. Dickenson, M.L.A.

Senator Sanford's Nephew Was Talked of as the Conservative Candidate for South Wentworth, But He Lives in Toronto, Therefore is Not Strong—Ald. McAndrew's Bylaw to Keep Up the Market Revenue Passed by the City Council—General News From the Ambitious City

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Conservative Convention which is to nominate a candidate to contest the riding of South Wentworth, against J. Dickenson, M.L.A., meets at the Mountain View Hotel to-morrow afternoon. Sanford Evans was suggested as the choice of the party, but so strong an opposition has been raised to him on the ground that he is a Toronto man and too aristocratic a candidate for the rural voters of the district, that it is learned that Senator Sanford has been officially told that his nephew is not strong enough to carry the county.

Evangelical Society.

The annual meeting of the Evangelical Society was held in the parlor of the Centenary Church this afternoon. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Rev. Dr. Fletcher; president, Rev. Mr. Gilmour; vice-president, Rev. Mr. Shearer; treasurer, Seneca Jones; secretary, Rev. R. Burns.

Ministerial Association.

At the meeting of the Ministerial Association this afternoon, Rev. Dr. Fletcher read a paper on "Augustine, His Character and Works." A lengthy discussion followed.

Acts Like a Wild Animal.

Edgar McNichol, the man who tried to get $2000 from The Herald at the muzzle of a gun, is behaving like a wild animal at the jail and the governor and his turnkeys have their hands full in guarding him.

McAndrew's Bylaw Carried.

The City Council to-night passed Ald. McAndrew's bylaw to prevent the reduction of the revenues of the Central Market through the Flatt Act, by providing favored positions at a rate equal to the present fees. Ald. Doran made a resolute opposition to any restriction in the way of trade, but was voted down.

Alds. Finda yand Hill and Rev. Father Geoghegan received the hearty thanks of the Council for their able management of the potato patch scheme.

The Canada Screw Company got the five years further exemption asked for, and the time for closing the tax collector's roll for the years 1893 to 1896 inclusive was extended to April 30.

Magistrate Jelfs said to-night that the hotelkeeper supplying liquor to any person charged with being an habitual drunkard was liable to a $50 fine.

An Amusing Incident.

An amusing incident occurred this afternoon in connection with a football match on the Y. M. C. A. grounds facing Victoria-avenue, between students of the Collegiate Institute. Some one kicked the ball into the yard of a Mrs. Foxton, living at 189 Victoria-avenue, and the old lady seizing the "pigskin" put it into the stove. When the students asked for the ball she informed them she had burned it up, "and it wasn't the first one either." A police court case will follow to-morrow.

Gun Club's Final Shoot.

The last shoot for the annual medal of the Hamilton Gun Club took place at Dynes' Hotel this afternoon, and resulted in a tie between James Crooks of the Brunswick and F. Galloway of Burlington, both scoring two wins in the year. The shoot-off takes place at the next monthly shoot.

Toronto Papers Promulgated Falsehoods.

Bishop Dowling, preaching last evening at St. Mary's Cathedral on marriage, said that the Toronto morning papers had misunderstood the mandate of Archbishop Cleary, and had promulgated a pack of falsehoods.

General News Notes.

A majority of the ratepayers of Ward 7, it is said, have now given their assent to the proposed hotel at the corner of Barton and Wentworth-streets.

Mrs. Deacon, King-street east, was badly upset on Saturday by the receipt of a letter purporting to be from her husband, in which he threatened to drown himself in the bay. Deacon turned up this morning.

The commercial travelers of this city hold their annual dinner at the New Royal on Dec. 30.

The will of the late Charles Gurney bequeaths an estate of $53,889.43. The widow and children get all but $2000 of it.

Solicitor Mackelcan has estimated the cost of the laying of the Gas Company's mains at $64,000, or $11,000 more than the company's figures.

James Green, who chased his father and brother with an ax, was committed to jail for examination to-day.

Five beautiful stained glass windows, costing $600 each, have arrived in the city from Munich, Bavaria, and will be placed in St. Mary's Cathedral.

A company, with a stock of $45,000, has been formed in the city to make acetylene gas machines.

Magistrate Jelfs announces that he will serve notices to liquor dealers forbidding them to sell drink to persons convicted of being habitual drunkards.

Some Entertainments.

The annual musical entertainment of the Centenary Church Sunday School was held this evening. The feature of the program was an illustrated lecture by Frank Leigh of Toronto, on Billie Buckle, a 13-year-old girl, sang very acceptably. The treasurer's report showed a small deficit.

This evening the Hamilton Football Club was entertained at a smoker by the Canadian Club. Most of the champion Tigers were present, and a good program was presented, among those taking part being Messrs. Lyons, George Allan, Prof. Boyes, George Allan, Prof. Boyes, Rev. Father Hinchey and Rev. George Forneret and others delivered addresses. Reference was made to the defeat of D'Arcy Martin and Capt. Counsell in the O.R.U. elections, and it was not at all complimentary to President Ford and some of his followers.

The ninth anniversary concert and ball of the Ladies' O.B.A. was held at the S.O.E. Hall to-night, under the auspices of Hamilton Lodge, No. 1. It was a very successful affair, and was crowded with a delighted audience. Mr. Henry Hoey was chairman, and Makin's Orchestra supplied the music.

A. D. Stewart denies that he is going out to the Klondike as a member of a syndicate, but says he will dig gold on his own hook. Mr. Stewart's friends say he will be elected M.P. for the Klondike district shortly after getting there.

The crushed remains of the late Alex. Grower, formerly superintendent of the American Express Company, arrived in the city to-day and were interred in Hamilton Cemetery.

Candidates in Ward One.

Mr. W. F. Summerbayes is out for school trustee for Ward 1. So are Messrs. W. H. Morgan, and C. Caldwell. Mr. Lewis Brown will seek re-election. The present representatives, Ald. Russell, Allen, Leslie and Frame, with ex-Ald. Frankland and Stewart and Messrs. F. H. Richardson, George Wellings and T. E. Washington, are in the field for aldermen.

W S Clouston of Montreal is a guest at the Arlington.

Thomas Blezard, M L A, Peterboro, is at the Elliott House.

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POWER OF NIAGARA FALLS.

The Question Discussed at a Public Meeting Last Night.

Mr. W. B. Rankine States the Case of the American Power Company and Grumbles Because an Extension Was Not Granted—Mr. R. P. Slater Vigorously Opposes a Monopoly of the Resources of the Cataract.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 13.—The Canadian Power League of this town held an open meeting in the Town Hall this evening for the discussion of the power question. To which Mr. W. B. Rankine, secretary of the American Power Company, who control the power franchise on the Canadian side was invited, also Mr. A. C. Denniston, who is the chief promoter of the Welland River power scheme, to develop power in large units at Niagara and vicinity. The later gentleman was unable to be present on account of a previous important engagement.

Mr. Rankine was present on behalf of his company. The meeting was one of the largest ever held at Niagara Falls.

Mayor Cole presided and introduced Mr. Rankine as the first speaker. That gentleman minutely went over the work of construction of the great works on the American side, pointing out the obstacles the company had to contend with in bringing the work to anything like a successful issue, which took them some five years. For the first time he gave publicly the reason why his company wished and asked the Provincial authorities for an extension of 18 months, viz.: About a year ago the walls of their immense wheel pits on the American side commenced coming together, or known to geologists as creeping of rocks, which meant to his company dire things, and certainly a complete change of plans for the construction of the works on the Canadian side, and even in the face of all this the Provincial authorities denied them an extension. He was glad to state that the coming together of the walls had ceased, and things looked brighter. Mr. Rankine stated that his company had no reason whatever to hold back the development on the Canadian side to interests of the American side, and pointed out that his company was willing the past three years to produce power on the Canadian side in small units according to the demand, and the arrangements his company has made with the Niagara Falls Park and River Railway through the Provincial Government, they have been fighting for during that time, and was glad to state had been concluded, and his company were prepared on the market to-night for from three to five hundred horse-power lots, and in four months there will be units of 1000 horse-power, and shortly afterwards 5000 horse-power lots. In connection with the construction of their main works he would be in a position in the near future to state definitely when they would be able to go on extensively with the work.

A Voice the Other Way.

Mr. R. P. Slater, vice-president of the League followed in a rattling and convincing speech in behalf of the furtherence of the power development, and took exception to the treatment Canadians had received at the hands of the American company, pointing out the fact that while factories were being built on the lands of the American company on the American side, the Canadian side was one desolate waste, as far as factories were concerned, while thousands of horse-power teemed useless down our Niagara shore, and he claimed no monopoly should control the power development at Niagara Falls, and he would never cease agitating the question until the development was thrown open to the world's competition.

Mr. Slater was loudly applauded in his efforts for power development.

Secretary F. W. Hill of the League proposed the following resolution: "That it was to the best interests of this town and locality that the power development privilege of the Niagara should not be controlled by one company," which was carried unanimously.

Other speakers in the persons of P. M. Logan, Alex Gray, E. M. Morden, and E. D. Davis followed.

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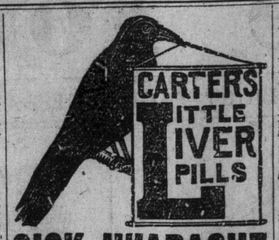

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If there is any subject that the average ball crank likes to keep tab on, it is the complexion and makeup of the various teams of the National League, and the s[illegible] especially during the long months between October and April, is no easy one. The deals and trades continually made, the players drafted, and the old ones let go enough to confuse anybody, and it would be almost impossible for the best crank to tell, accurately, just what to compose the different teams at the present time, more than two months hence, when the season closed. There have been shifts and changes in no less than 20 players, independent of drafts and purchases, and the deals are not half completed yet.

Since the official close of the season, despite the apparent dullness in the market, enough trades and deals and drafts of players have been made to diversify the complexion of the clubs quite considerably. A raft of young players, most of whom never get so much as a trial in the league, have been placed on the rolls, and some really fine young stars have been distributed.

Club by club, the deals and drafts have to have actual effect upon the strength of the teams run as follows, according to The Chicago Inter Ocean:

Chicago—Engages Isbel, a hard hitting pitcher; Chance, a well commended California catcher, and drafts Myers of Buffalo and Woods, an outfielder and pitcher, of Springfield, Mass., recommended by Burns.

Baltimore—Obtains McGann, Dealeville and McJames by trade from Washington; signs Hughes of California, gives up Amole, Reitz and Doyle.

Boston—Engages Kelster, formerly of Baltimore, as a utility man; drafts a few unimportant players, and keeps the championship team intact.

Brooklyn—Trades Schoch for Hawley, signs Jack Ryan and a young catcher named Bean.

Cincinnati—Picks McBride from St. Louis and McFarland. Goar and Phillippi from Indianapolis; drafts Steinfeldt and Corcoran of Detroit; trades Rhines, Schriver, Stewart, Dwyer and McCarthy for Elmer Smith and Hawley.

Cleveland—Drafts Esterquest from Toledo, Glika and Blue from Toledo, and players who will be let loose at the beginning of the season.

Louisville—Drafts Richter, Lewis, Ford, Carey, Dillard and Thomas, all of whom to be coming players.

New York—Trades Holmes and Doyle for Grady and Hartman, and signs a pitcher named Spurline.

Philadelphia—Reserves a mob of players who will be soon set free again; Allen, Elberfield, Fisher, Platt and Flick, only commended; trades L. Cross, Dowd and Clements to St. Louis for Ilis, Donahue and Monte Cross.

Pittsburg—Trades Smith and Hawley to Cincinnati for Gray, Schriver, Stewart and McCarthy; takes Eagan from the Eastern League; trades Sugden to St. Louis for Murphy.

St. Louis—Trades Hartman and Donnelly to New York for Holmes and Donnelly; gives up Pittsburg for Sudgen; trades Hallman to Brooklyn for Schoch and Donahue, M. Cross and Taylor, Clementine and Delphia for L. Cross, Taylor, Clements, Dowd; drafts Crooks, Genins and Powell from the Western League.

Washington—Reserves or drafts a mob of