

O.B.U. TACTICS IN CALIFORNIA ARE EXPOSED

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the Pacific Coast District Trades Council and Employers in the Puget Sound and San Francisco Bay District, to become effective on the first day of October, 1919.

Everything appeared to be all right until three days before the New Agreement was to take effect, when without a suspicion of warning, employers in the San Francisco Bay District repudiated the agreement they had signed in August and declared war on the organized workers under the name of the California Metal Trades Employers Association, with the expressed determination of destroying unionism and establishing what they are pleased to term the "American Plan of Shop Organization."

Thus on October 1st, 1919, 20,000 members of the various Metal Trade Organizations comprising the Metal Trades District Council were forced into a strike universally recognized as a life and death struggle for the future existence of organized labor on the Pacific Coast. In the Puget Sound District where employers went along with the new agreement as signed in August, the members at work have been and are still assessing themselves in support of those directly forced into the light in Frisco Bay District.

At the first of the year a settlement was reached with the Commercial shop employers while enabled some of the

strikers to return to work. What can be considered more heroic than for these men after being three months on strike, to begin paying \$1.00 per day assessment to maintain the strike against the unfair yards.

Furthermore, local lodges in all parts of the United States and Canada have been and are still sending money in response to appeals. Machinists Lodge No. 189, Fort Rouge, Winnipeg, having quite recently sent forward a cheque for \$100.00 to win the struggle.

Can it be possible that men in Winnipeg with any sense of morality and decency will longer associate themselves with such an organization as the O.B.U. Quoting again from the O.B.U. Bulletin: "The A.F. of L. owned and controlled this state until last October 1st when they called 20,000 men out of the ship yards and lost the strike. It is still on, but they are beat Tom, and beat had and worse still the men are NOT getting any more strike pay from headquarters."

Mat Glenday, it is stated, has a pull with the bosses where 30,000 men went on strike, and with the strike still on this how which must be witnessed and he is filling the shops with O.B.U. members. The story would not be complete without some slander, so we are told the strike is not getting support from the headquarters of the International Unions.

No strike in the history of the American Labor Movement has been so uniformly supported by the Internationals involved, and full strike pay is guaranteed as long as the strike is continued. Machinists are not paying \$1.00 per month assessment with any idea of seeing the strike lost for want of regular strike payments.

The following choice excerpt from

SEATTLE FIREMEN GRANTED ONE DAY'S REST IN EIGHT

Seattle.—Mayor Hugh Caldwell has asked that the question of one day's holiday in eight for city firemen be submitted to the people at a special election. His request is being considered by the city council.

The employers declaration of Policy will convey some idea of what the 30,000 men are opposed to and the O.B.U. actively assisting the employers to establish.

"Since we must take the final responsibility for the work produced by our employees, we must have full discretion to designate the men—journeymen, specialists, apprentices, helpers or laborers—we consider competent to perform our work, what machines, tools and appliances shall be used, and under what conditions the work shall be performed. The question of competency of the men is to be determined solely by us. It is the privilege of the employer to have our employees to discharge an employee when he sees fit. The above principles being absolutely essential to the successful conduct of our business, we cannot permit any interference therewith.

"(II) (c) Helpers may be advanced to specialists or machine operators, or to journeymen as their experience and ability may warrant and as vacancies occur."

"(VI) (c) Specialists may be as their experience and ability warrant, and as vacancies occur be advanced to the work and pay of journeymen.

The latest information conveyed to Machinists Locals by our San Francisco Locals is that less than 100 of the original 10,000 machinists on strike, went back scabbing. How fine it is to know from so reliable a source as the O.B.U. Bulletin that "quite a few Montreal boys" were amongst those who made seas of themselves in order to grab the "best jobs."

Can any reader remain in doubt regarding the mind and motive back of the O.B.U. propaganda? Can anything in the likeness of goodness and permanency come from such villainy? I trust not.

There is nothing new under the sun. JAS. SOMERVILLE.

LABOR IN ENGLAND PROTEST AGAINST TREATMENT BLIND

Labor Leaders Charge Exploitation of Blind by Vested Interests

London.—Two hundred and fifty blind crusaders made a foot-sore pilgrimage of 200 miles to London as a demonstration against the harsh conditions meted out to the blind everywhere. The organized Labor of England has been profoundly impressed by the desolate conditions revealed by the marchers, and following a great parade and demonstration here, the workers of the city voted to "doxa tools" unless the government conceded the sufferers' claims. Among the charges made by the men themselves or by prominent labor leaders were accusations of a grave and general exploitation of the blind by the vested interests. It was asserted that voluntary charities go into the pockets of the workhouse officials and other "parasites."

"To these predatory institutions Lloyd George granted \$850,000,000 last year," declared one of the speakers, "but not to the blind. The money is lying unused in all the great institutions, and not a penny is used for practical relief. The blind children are exploited. In London one third of the blind are incarcerated in the workhouses."

Ben Tillett, member of the Parliamentary Labor Party, has introduced a bill providing for the proper occupational training and treatment of the blind, as the result of the crusaders' activities.

CARNIVAL OF MAGIC ART PLANNED BY ORGANIZED MAGICIANS

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