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(Written specially for The Toller.) The 23rd annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will be signalized as the greatest gathering of representative labor men ever recorded by this world's historians, and will mark the progressiveness of the trades union movement on this continent. The Canadian trades unionists who are interested in building up a Canadian Trades and Labor Congress will be able to appreciate the ever-growing feeling of unity between the workers of the United States and Canada, as expressed in the resolution adopted by this convention.

THE UNION SHOP OR "OPEN SHOP." "Recently the opponents of organized labor have started an agitation for what they euphemistically designate as the "open shop," and several employers, otherwise fair, having been persuaded that the proposition as a surface appears to be ethical, have advocated it.

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the non-unionist, or his failure to get in concert with, and bear the equal responsibility of, the unionist. Hence, the so-called open shop makes agreements and joint bargains with employers impracticable, if not impossible. The union can not be responsible for non-unionists whose conduct often renders the terms of the agreement ineffective and nugatory.

When, in history, have the opponents of any movement for the uplifting of the masses constituted themselves the advocates and defenders of the liberty and freedom of the people? "The whole hub and cry is designed to deceive the ignorant and enthrall the masses."

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE VETO AND INITIATIVE IN POLITICS AS ADVOCATED BY THE TORONTO FEDERATION OF LABOR. The importance of the principle of the veto and initiative in politics as advocated by the Toronto Federation of Labor is a subject which has attracted the attention of President Gompers, who reviewed the progress of this movement, and pointed out the necessity of still further pressing for the necessary constitutional amendments to assure the people the right to introduce and veto legislation.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM. "For many years the American Federation of Labor has advocated the extension of the people's veto to practically all laws, both the initiative and referendum. Two years ago in my annual report attention was directed to the way the referendum had been secured at Winnetka, Ills. That convention directed that the details be explained through the American Federationist, which was done, and I am glad to report substantial progress."

THE GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE A. F. OF L. AND INTERNATIONAL UNIONS AFFILIATED HAS BEEN 100 DURING THE YEAR. The average membership upon which per capita tax was paid during the year was 1,465,800, but during the last month of the year per capita tax was paid upon 1,745,270 members. At the first convention of the A. F. of L. in 1882 there were 19 delegates; at this convention in Boston there were 599 delegates.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE LARGE DELEGATION IS SOMEWHAT PECULIAR WHEN VIEWED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A CANADIAN WORKMAN. The composition of the large delegation is somewhat peculiar when viewed from the standpoint of a Canadian workman. One time a granite cutter, but now drawing a salary of \$12,000 a year, is a delegate to the convention. Deputy Sheriff Sheehan, with a salary of \$2,500, and Mr. Henry, a wood carver, who is Sheriff O'Brien's secretary, with a salary of \$1,500 a year, are also delegates.

CANADA WAS HONORED THROUGH THE TWO TORONTO DELEGATES, MR. D. A. GIBBY AND MR. GEO. SANGSTER, THE FORMER BEING PLACED ON THE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, AND THE LATTER ON THE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT. Delegate Carey made a strong speech, in support of the resolution calling upon the Executive Council to urge all international unions to affiliate their Canadian locals with the Canadian Congress.

ONE OF THE KEENEST DEBATES OF THE CONVENTION WAS UPON THE RESOLUTION TO VOTE \$1,000 TOWARDS THE WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS, WHO ARE NOW ON STRIKE IN COLORADO FOR THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY. The Committee on Resolutions recommended non-recognition in this resolution. Several took the ground that the Western Federation of Miners was a dual organization, and therefore should not be assisted by the A. F. of L. There was, however, a large number who took a broader view of the question and maintained that in view of the fact that the Western Federation of Miners had always been willing

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resulting in the passage of bills in the interest of the whole people. In short, representative government is restored and greatly improved.

One of the gravest dangers threatening the trades union movement of the continent is the jurisdiction rights between international unions. There are more of these differences to be settled at the convention than at any previous gathering, and much bitterness is engendered because of these differences. Because of the large number of these disputes to be settled, it is not probable that the convention will close before the 21st of November.

The arrangements made by the Boston Central Labor body for the entertainment of the delegates are excellent, and the various labor unions throughout the city have happily entertained the members of their particular crafts. The delegates were the guests of the city of Boston on Wednesday night, and fully 600 sat down to the banquet in Faneuil Hall.

When the fraternal delegates from the British Isles present their report to the next British Trades Congress they will recommend that a fraternal delegate be sent to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada as a means of bringing the trades union movement of the British Isles in closer touch with the Canadian movement.

Fraternal Delegates O'Grady, Mullin and Simpson were each presented with a

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