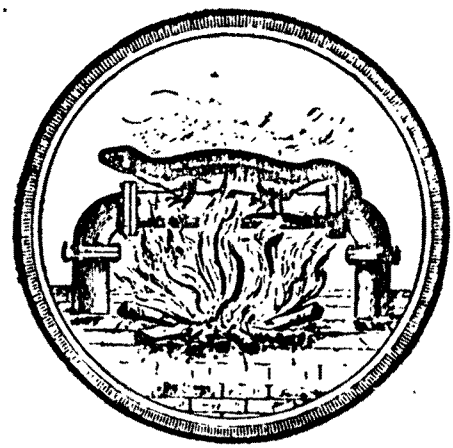
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Convention Call

The Twelfth Convention of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers will be held on Monday, October 2, 1922, at the Continental Hotel, 41st and Broadway, New York City, and continue in session from day to day until the business of the Convention has been completed, which will no doubt be Friday, October 6th.

REPRESENTATION

Affiliated Local Unions with all International arrearages paid up to and including the month of August can be represented by one (1) Delegate and by additional Delegates in the ratio of one (1) for every one hundred (100) of their good standing per capita membership or any fraction thereof, upon which said Local Union has paid the General Office each month for the six (6) months preceding the Convention.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials in duplicate are forwarded to all affiliated Locals; the original Credential must be given to the Delegate elect and the duplicate forwarded to the General Office.

RESOLUTIONS

For the guidance of delegates it should be remembered that rules governing Conventions generally fix the hour of noon of the second day's session as the time limit for the introduction of resolutions, and that all resolutions must be presented in duplicate form.

HOTEL RATES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Convention delegates should as soon as possible communicate with John F. Lalor, Secretary, Local 12, Arrangement Committee, or Chairman of Committee, Daniel A. Neary, at 230 E. 58th street, New York City, and make their reservations.

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General President's Report

Philadelphia, Pa., July 10.

Greeting:

From Washington as mentioned in last report Your President journeyed to Buffalo where he held conference with Vice-President Rice. Cleveland was then visited, where a conference with the Employers and local committee succeeded in ending a seven weeks strike and having the men return to work at the old scale (93) for which they struck as against the Employers lockout for 80c. At this conference the Employers were informed that the Local and the International intended to bend every effort in securing for the membership of Local 3 the standard wage ($1) enjoyed by the various Building Trades at Cleveland. To the credit of the Employers let it be said that at this writing Local 3 is in possession of a communication in which the Employers promised to pay the one dollar scale starting with September 1. Then on to Milwaukee where your President found both the J-M and Sprinkman managers out of town. Your President hopes for no conference on agreement at Milwaukee until after the Building Trade situation at Chicago changes and a settlement is effected. Chicago was then visited where your President conferred with Vice-President Holland and Business Agent Kennedy. Then came a return to Cleveland, where in company with Business Agent Oliver, your President conferred with the chairman of the Employers Association and hastened the removal of the Carey Co.'s nonunion men as per the close shop settlement. New Haven came next and attendance at a meeting of Local 33. The next stop was Washington and a visit to Building Trades Department on executive business. Boston was next in line, where your President conferred with Vice-President Johnson and also attended a meeting of Local 6. Then to Pittsburg, where a meeting of Local 2 was attended as also a conference between the Employers and Local committee. This conference was the first held since the strike and made some progress although it adjourned without definite plans of settlement. Then to Cincinnati and a convention of the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L., at which nothing of importance as affecting our craft developed. The only incident in connection with this session was the failure of the carpenters to gain admittance to the department without toeing the mark of the law and in which attempt President Gompers who championed the cause of the carpenter was imposed upon as to the facts and deeply humiliated as the result thereof. Then came the convention of the parent body of the A. F. of L., which has been reported in the daily press more particularly as to the special days devoted to the Supreme Court decisions on Child Labor and the Coronada Case as effecting the miners. During the three weeks sojourn of your President at Cincinnati he found time and opportunity to represent the

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Asbestos Workers at the unveiling of the Louisville Labor Temple cornerstone at which President Gompers officiated. He also visited Indianapolis and attended a conference of the Employers and Local 18 committee, at which he advised against the signing of the Employers agreement until at least one clause was eliminated. This clause prohibits any local member from acting as an arbitrator unless he is in the employ of a member of the Employers Association. A meeting of Local 18 listened to the report of its committee and agreed to sign only such agreements as approved of by the General Office. During the stay at Cincinnati your President also held several conferences with Business Agent Perkins in addition to attending a meeting of Local 8. At the adjournment of the convention, your President jumped to Pittsburg at the request of Local 2 and attended a conference between the Employers and Local committee at which agreement negotiations were renewed and the Employers offered the closed shop and a three and three quarter (93¾) cent increase, which the Local later in meeting rejected and at this writing is holding out for the dollar hour with good chances of securing it by reason of the fact that the Building Trades at Pittsburg are receiving from ten to twenty cents hourly in excess of the wage rates "established" by the Employers Association in the recent lockout. The next visit was to Philadelphia at the request of Local 14 where a conference was held with the Local Executive Board and an agreement reached on the lines of a general reorganization, which are now in force and will no doubt solidify the Asbestos Workers of Philadelphia after which agreement negotiations will be started with the view of placing Local 14 in harmonious relation with our Employers and restoring it to its former high standing position in our trade.

Fraternally,

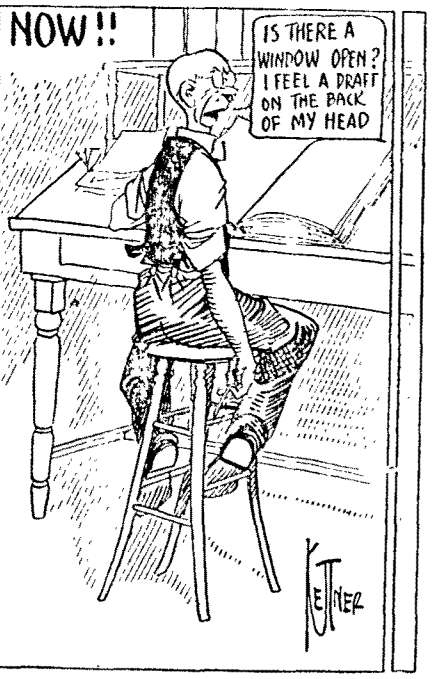
Joseph A. Mullaney

General President.

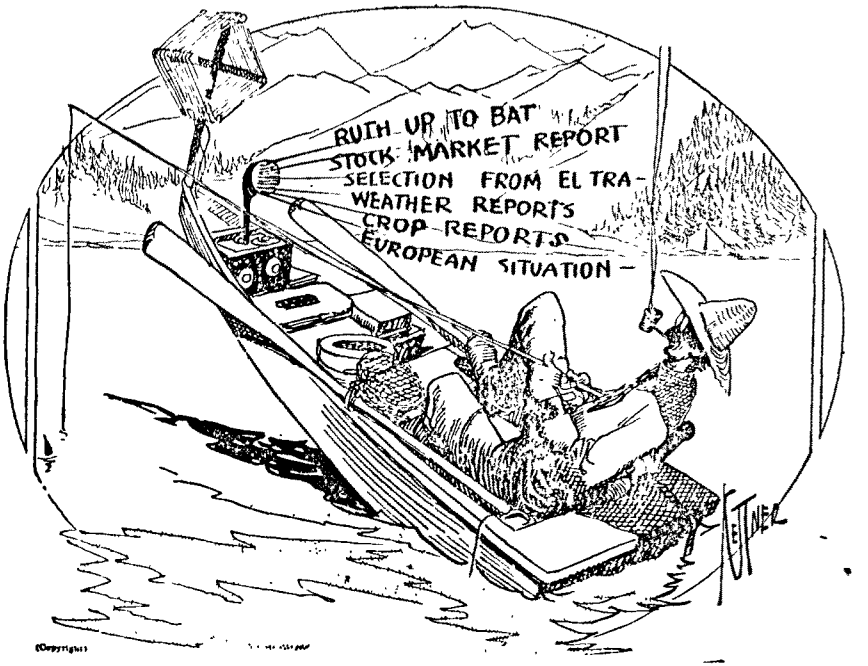
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A permanent organization to work for "absolution of child labor in the United States," was formed in Washington by representatives of a number of national associations called into conference on the subject by Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor.—Wash. Post, June 2.

The number of aliens to be admitted into the United States the coming fiscal year, from the principal countries of the world under the three per cent restrictive immigration act was fixed yesterday by the Labor Department as 350,903, as compared with 355,825, of last year.—Philadelphia Public Ledger, June 14.

A survey of the nation wide coal strike made by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America shows that 514,500 miners have quit work, including 117,000 who are non-union. The report also warns that there is no sign to indicate an early break in the strike. It also declares there are about 121,000 non-union miners still at work.—N. Y. Times, May 20.

Prediction was made yesterday by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor that President Harding's invitation to the bituminous operators to return to their properties and resume operations would result in no appreciable increase in production of coal. Mr. Gompers in a formal statement said the great need of the hour was "for normal, natural conferences between the interested parties." and that "when a half million men are aggrieved it is a poor time indeed for the roll of drums, the rattling of sabers, and the pounding of the mailed fist."

—Washington Post.

Wm. Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette of Kansas, today defied the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations by placing a contraband placade expressing sympathy for the striking shopmen in the window of the Gazette office. Mr. White has previously been informed that such action was against industrial court law. — Washington Post, July 20.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor in a statement issued yesterday asserted that the tide was again turning in favor of organized labor after long assaults by open shop interests. "The turning point has been reached and organized labor is moving forward again," declared Mr. Gompers.—N. Y. Amer., July 10.

Wholesale prices are on the upgrade. Retail prices will inevitably follow in the same direction. Labor will need more money to maintain even its present standard and the business community is in a position to supply it.

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Since my last report the general trade conditions have been improving, and with reports coming in from the various Locals, it looks as though we will have a very good fall and winter.

I also wish to call your attention to the Convention Call which appears on page 3 and from the number of credentials received, this will be the banner Convention of our Association.

FINANCES

The Finances of our Association are in a healthier condition at this time than they have been for sometime, as you will note from the Quarterly Report recently sent out.

AGREEMENTS SIGNED

Boston Local, No. 6, reports that they have been successful in having their agreement signed, and which also carries with it an agreement signed by the Employers' Association and the Building Trades Council.

Pittsburg, Local No. 2. Signed July 17th for $.90 to September 1st, then $.95 to December 1st, and $1.00 to March 1st.

Cleveland, Local No. 3. Signed up for $1.00 starting September 1st.

As I have received several requests from Locals relative to the seating of Delegates, wish to advise that Delegates cannot be seated unless all Local arrearages is paid to and including the current quarter.

The following is a list of New Members, Lapsed Members, Suspended Members and Expelled Members.

Thomas J. McNamara
Secretary-Treasurer

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NEW MEMBERS

Reg. No.

4510 Ernest L. Whitman, Minneapolis and St. Paul.
4511 Benj. F. Morrison, Washington, D. C.
4512 Cyril J. Chambers, Portland, Ore
4513 J. D. Chambers, Portland, Ore.
4514 M. Moriarity, Chicago, Ill.
4515 Walter E Boles, Mare Island Ship Yard, Vallejo, Cal.
4516 Geo. B. Swasey, Mare Island Ship Yard, Vallejo, Cal.
4517 Jack Burke, Washington, D. C.
4518 Chas. Albrecht, Rochester, N. Y.
4519 Arthur Abel, Rochester, N. Y.
4520 Edward Herbold, Louisville, Ky.
4521 Chas. J. Bloom, Dallas, Tex.
4522 Austin Moran, Atlantic City, N. J.
1523 Geo. Clark, Louisville, Ky.
4524 Louis Carbone, Mare Island Ship Yard, Vallejo, Cal.
1525 Howard J. Pontiff, New Orleans, La.
1526 R. E. Griffin, New Orleans, La.
4527 Ed. Gillespie, New Orleans, La.
1528 Henry McAfee, Montreal, Canada.
1529 N. J. Bowen, Baltimore, Md.

LAPSED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

1008 C. H. Sparks, Connecticut.
3986 Albert Smith, Pittsburg, Pa.
4294 John P. Abbott, Pittsburg, Pa.
4189 John Horea, Louisville, Ky.
4430 A. F. Gil, Vallejo, Cal.
1926 Frank R. Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.
2497 Claude Shade, Philadelphia, Pa.
2560 Stephen A. O'Donnell, Philadelphia, Pa.
2844 John Hick, Philadelphia, Pa.
826 Harry L. Fowler, Philadelphia, Pa.
1684 Grant Coward, Philadelphia, Pa.
2867 Wm. Bausman, Philadelphia, Pa.
478 Geo. Otis, Detroit, Mich.
1520 Henry Hartwig, Milwaukee, Wis.
1534 Ed. Gruenwald, Milwaukee, Wis.
3675 A. Stensrud, Duluth, Minn.
2927 Geo. S. Poulin, Connecticut.
3342 J. R. Herman, Los Angeles, Cal.
2819 M. M. Pate, Los Angeles, Cal.
2716 Leonard Carlson, Los Angeles, Cal.
4338 E W. Simmons, Los Angeles, Cal.
3219 John Roach, Los Angeles, Cal.
2556 L. C. Morris, Los Angeles, Cal.
2422 R. B. Embrey, New Orleans, La.

LAPSED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Reg No.

3032 Ed Gillespie, New Orleans, La.
118 J. J. Lally, New Orleans, La.
2759 N. J. Moore, New Orleans, La.
2284 A. J. Wiltz, New Orleans, La.
2761 Warren Glenn, New Orleans, La
2401 A Hullinghoss, New Orleans, La.

MEMBERS SUSPENDED

60 Alert Goldstein, Pittsburg, Pa.
3728 Joseph Brown, Pittsburg, Pa.
623 F. H. Holmes, Pittsburg, Pa.
4031 Oscar Baumgartner, Toledo, Ohio.
2516 Frank J. Callahan, Toledo, Ohio
4254 Tom Guthria, Toledo, Ohio.
2973 W. Harmon, Toledo, Ohio
4258 Charles Kraft, Toledo, Ohio.
3847 Joe Lapont, Toledo, Ohio
4257 Mack Murr, Toledo, Ohio.
4259 Lynn McCarty, Toledo, Ohio.
2513 Chas. Solinger, Toledo, Ohio.
4260 Howard P. Shoemaker, Toledo, Ohio
4256 Robert Wagner, Toledo, Ohio.
2993 Ed. Minerley, New York, N. Y.
1927 Wm. McNichol, Philadelphia, Pa.
2024 W. H. Patterson, Philadelphia, Pa
1923 Zojhar L. Waters, Philadelphia, Pa.
1899 W. Ott, Philadelphia, Pa.
1907 D. Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.
4377 Geo. L. Quinn, Houston, Texas.
1012 Aleck Erickson, Boston, Mass.
3588 D. Thompson, Boston, Mass
2247 John W. Mace, Washington, D. C.
4455 J. H. Chambers, Mare Island Ship Yards.
3312 Robert Hanson, Boston, Mass.
3796 James J. Madden, Boston, Mass.
2193 John A. Johnson, Boston, Mass.
4155 Frank T. Powell, Boston, Mass.
4157 Wm. White, Boston, Mass.

WITHDRAWAL CARD REVOKED

733 Geo. W. Stewart, issued at Philadelphia, Pa.

MEMBERS EXPELLED

733 Geo. W. Stewart.

EXPELLED FOR WORKING DETRIMENTAL TO LOCAL 14 DURING STRIKE

4151 Harry E. Crockett.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Buffalo, N. Y., May 10, 1922

T. J. McNamara, Secy.-Treas.
803 United Home Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Bro:

Beg to report that on notification of yourself and President Mullaney, I represented our International at a conference of International Officers called for Thursday, May 4th, in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., at which time the following International Officers were present: Fox of Bricklayers Int.; Hays of Plasterers Int.; Miller of Engineers Int.; Leonard of U. A.; Hynes of Sheet Metal Workers Int.; Schiro of Laborers Int. and myself. The outcome of this meeting was the stopping of the Statler Hotel Corp. of putting in the open shop on their new hotel and job is again all union.

At the request of the International Officers, particularly Hynes and Leonard, the B. T. C. will again ask the International Unions to have a representtative in here on May 22, prepared to stay about 30 days in order to organize the town properly, the A. F. of L. have two men in here on miscellaneous trades.

Trusting this is satisfactory, I beg to remain. Fraternally yours,

CHAS. C. RICE, Vice-Pres.

New Haven, Conn., May 20, 1922.

Mr. T. J. McNamara,

Dear Sir and Brother:

I wish to say that Local No. 33 was honored by a surprise visit from our International President at our meeting of May 6th, and listened to his most interesting speech, which was regarding the Labor movements throughout the country in general, and I am sure that every member present was thankful for his visit.

Fraternally yours,

C. W. SICKELS,
Rec. Sec. Local No. 33.

West Roxbury, Mass., July 26, 1922

Thos. J. McNamara,
803 United Home Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Can report that on Monday morning, July 24th, the $1.00 per hour rate of wages went into effect in our trade, 70c per hour Improvers, double time for all overtime, Sundays and holidays, traveling time, reporting time, board out of town carfares and railroad fares, practically the same as in previous year agreements.

There is only one bitter pill to swallow and that is in being forced to sign up with radius circle of thirty miles as per old agreement, 1919 and 1920, we consistently argued for the observance and inclusion of the radius as written in General Agreement it is conceded that we are not only technically right but are morally right and that in the event of arbitration on this one point we (Local 6) would have won the decision. Every trade in Boston receives closed shop conditions where ever any work is done by members of Building Trades Employers Association and is governed by terms of General Agreement in all instances, we in signing thirty miles make exception.

We had no alternative other than agreeing to thirty miles, after mature deliberation our Committee of three decided, story will bear repeating some time we have pleasure of meeting again.

Will have copy of local trade agreement sent office.

Yours fraternally,

E. A. JOHNSON

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Mr. Thomas McNamara,
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find clipping of the Trades Union News, the official organ of the Building Trades Council of St. Louis, relative to a dispute between the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers and the Asbestos Workers on Breechings, and which the report speaks for itself.

St. Louis, July 26th, 1922.

To the Officers and Members of the Building Trades Council:

Dear Sirs and Brothers—I beg to report that I visited the job at the Chase Hotel, Kingshighway and Lindell boulevards, on Monday, July 24th, 1922, and investigated the work being done on the breeching of the boiler, and, after having a member of the Lathers' Union and of the Asbestos Workers' Union explain the use of the materials, I came to the conclusion that the so-called hy-rib lath was used for the purpose of creating an air space necessary in the application of asbestos insulating materials to hot surfaces, and I award the work to the Asbestos Workers.

(Signed) FRED W. SCHULTZ,
Vice-President B. T. C.

The report was received and concurred in.

Hoping you will have a successful Convention, I remain,

Very truly yours,
GUS. SCHMITTER,
Secretary Local No. 1.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 12, 1922.

Thos. J. McNamara,
St. Louis, Mo.,

Dear Sir and Brother:

I hereby tender my resignation as Vice-President of the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators & Asbestos Workers, to take effect as soon as possible.

My reason for this step is that I am not working with the tools and have taken a withdrawal from the local, and further that I am working as estimator for the John Johnson Co., which is one of the pipe covering firms in this city.

I wish to thank all of the officers of the International for their co-operation at all times, and you in particular for the favor extended last year.

Business is getting good in this territory and expect a very good fall and winter.

Would like to be kept on your mailing list for the Journal, so as to get some news of the organizations.

I hope you have a good convention this year. Would like to have been there.

Trusting this will meet with your approval, I am,

Fraternally,

EDWARD BRINKER.

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American Federation of Labor News

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR'S REMARKABLE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Cincinnati, June 17—The remarkable growth of the American Federation of Labor is shown by the report of Secretary Frank Morrison, submitted to the forty-second annual convention in session here.

In 1882 the membership of the affiliated organizations was 50,000; in 1892, 250,000; in 1902, 1,024,399; in 1912, 1,770,145; in 1922, 3,195,635.

The increase in the federation's revenue by ten-year periods is even more striking than its increase in numbers.

In 1882 the receipts amounted to $268; in 1892, $17,834; in 1902, $144,498; in 1912, $207,373; and for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1922, the income totaled $583,120.

The convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen today voted down the proposal to create a $5,000,000 fund for the establishment of daily newspapers in the interest of organized labor, but it voted to indorse a joint labor press. —Balto. Sun, May 18.

LABOR LOSES LONG FIGHT

Chicago, July 15.—After a campaign that lasted two and one-half years the constitutional convention of this state has rejected organized labor's proposal to insert in the organic act of Illinois a declaration that labor is distinct from property and that injunction judges are prohibited from interfering with the normal activities of the workers, acting through their trade unions.

BUILDING MATERIAL UP

New York, July 29.—Testifying before a state-wide telephone inquiry, conducted by the public service commission, building contractors declared that building material costs are increasing. Although there was a noticeable decline in prices in the latter part of 1921, prices have risen this year and no immediate decline is looked for.

WOULD CONTROL UNIONS

London, England, July 29.—British trade unions are opposing a pending bill which would forbid the use of trade union funds for political purposes. When the bill was introduced the unionists were inclined to make light of it, but are now waking up to the fact that that policy is what its friends are hoping for. Some trade unionists insist that government "would not dare" pass such a bill, but farsighted workers suggest prophecy be abandoned, and the bill be attacked.

The bill provides that when a trade union declares for political action those members who desire to contribute to the political fund must indicate in writing, every 12 months, their desire to do so. The bill also makes complicated provisions regarding the manner in which trade unions shall conduct themselves before they can take effective political action.

THE BUNK

"In the 'big five' packers' strike of last winter the employes' representatives—four out of five of whom, by the way, wore the button of the striking union—dispensed with the outside arbitration of Judge Alschuler in favor of conference and arbitration within the industry, and then accepted the wage cut which the condition of the industry required."—New York Times, June 29.

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Four railroads were today found guilty of violations of the Transportation Act and the orders of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board in six decisions covering the contracting of work to outside firms, an issue over which the railway shop men of the country are now taking a strike ballot..—N. Y. Times, June 26.
June 26.

CONGRESS IS REACTIONARY AND ANTI-LABOR

Cincinnati, June 17—The present congress is declared reactionary and anti-labor by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in its report to the annual convention.

"More than 400 bills have been introduced which directly or indirectly affect labor," said the council. "Ninety percent of them are inimical to interests of labor and the people.

"The idea seems to prevail that the outcome of the 1920 elections means that every liberty of the people can be taken away provided some individual or group of individuals representing the privileged few desire it for their own especial benefit.

"Constructive legislation is taboo. Remedial legislation had no chance for consideration, and the greatest activities were necessary to defeat vicious legislation.

"Congress has failed to meet the responsibility placed upon it by the great war. It has proved its inefficiency in a great crisis. It has proved that only those who are well-to-do or control great interests can induce congress to listen.

"Those who favor subsidies for railroads and shipowners; those who believe in paying back to the profiteers in food the fines assessed against them; those who believe in relieving the business of the well-to-do from taxation by substituting the sales tax, and those who believe in compulsory labor find ready listeners to their demands for legislation."

WHY MINERS REJECTED PRESIDENT'S PLAN

Washington, July 22.—Miners rejected President Harding's so-called "arbitration" plan to end the strike because they did not want to sign a blank check.

The plan proposed that both sides would appoint three members of a commission and the president would appoint five. The commission's decisions would be final and binding.

The "joker" in the proposal, however, is found in the fact that there is no limit to what the commission could pass upon and the further fact that the miners were called upon to bind their entire membership to the award, which would only apply to those coal owners who were present at conferences with the president and some of his cabinet officials. In their reply to the president, the miners declared that this was "manifestly unfair."

Under the plan, the commission could set aside the check-off and the miners would have to accept. The commission could wander off into any path they saw fit and pass on working conditions of the miners that have been enforced for years.

The miners attempted to have the limits of the commission defined, but they failed.

More than 90,000 miners have joined the union since April 1, when the strike started. These would not be included in the commission's award, because their employers were not parties to the conference. About 100,000 other miners are similarly effected.

The proposition is so jug-handled that the bitterest foes of the miners have maintained a discreet silence over their refusal to accept it.

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In Memoriam

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty in His Infinite wisdom to remove by death from our midst our esteemed Brother Wm. Mount, and

Whereas, He was always during his active connection a loyal member and supporter of this Organization, and

Whereas, This Local desires to express its deep sorrow upon his death, be it

Resolved, That the members of Local No. 1, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, keenly feel their loss, and do hereby tender to his family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence, in this their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Organization, and a copy be sent to his family and to the International Association for publication, and be it further

Resolved, That the Charter of this Local be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

For the Local,

GUS SCHMITTERS, Secretary.

In Memoriam

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst Brother Chas. H. Bradshaw, who will be long remembered for his loyalty as a Union man, and for his good work during our strike, and

Whereas, In view of the loss which our Organization has sustained, and in memory of him, be it

Resolved, That to express our feeling, the membership stand in silence with bowed heads for one minute, and be it further

Resolved, To drape the Charter of this Organization for a period of thirty days, and that these Resolutions be spread upon our Minutes, and a copy sent to his bereaved family, and to the International Secretary for publication in the Official Journal.

CHAS. H. TAYLOR,

Secretary, Local No. 14

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In Memoriam

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother Fred. Knight, and

Whereas, We mourn the loss of one who in life was a true friend and a credit to his organization,

Be It Resolved, That the members of Local No. 39 keenly feeling their loss, hereby tender to his family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy sent to the family of our late Brother, a copy sent to the International Secretary for publication in the official journal.

B. G. SCHULZ,

Secretary, Local No. 39.

In Memoriam

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother Emmett S. Kelly, and,

Whereas, We mourn the loss of one who in life was a true friend and a credit to his organization.

Be It Resolved, That the members of Local No. 9, Asbestos Workers of Norfolk and Portsmouth, keenly feeling their loss, hereby tender to you and the rest of the family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in your hour of bereavement and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the International Secretary for publication in the Official Journal.

L. S. PENNINGTON,

Secretary, Local No. 9.

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Building Construction

The country is in the midst of a building boom which has already broken all previous records and promises to keep up for sometime to come.

New building construction undertaken during the first quarter of the year, constitutes a new high record. Never before have the figures for the first three months of the year even remotely approached this level. Its total in 20 leading cities is more than three times as much as the average for the corresponding months of the past 20 years.

Building contracts awarded in the 27 northeastern states in May, were $10,000,000 more than in April, and April had exceeded all previous records by $36,000,000.

The production of most building materials so far as reported to the Department of Commerce, increased in May. This was particularly true of cement which established a new high record for the month.

Things To Forget

Forget the slander you have heard;
Forget the hasty unkind word;
Forget the quarrel, and the cause.
Forget the whole affair, because
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storms of yesterday;
Forget the chap whose sour face
Forgets the smile in any place;
Forget the trials you have had;
Forget the weather if it's bad;
Forget the "knocker"—he's a freak
Forget him seven days a week;
Forget the home team lost the game.
Forget the pitcher was to blame,
Forget the coffee when it's cold;
Forget the kick, forget the scold;
Forget the plumber's awful charge;
Forget the iceman's bill is large;
Forget the coal man and his ways;
Forget the frost in winter days;
Forget, wherever you may roam;
Forget the guy who wrote this poem,
Forget that he, in social bliss,
Forgot himself when he wrote this;
Forget you ever get the blues,
But DON'T forget to pay your dues.

—Exchange

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WHAT LABOR DOES

Labor—That builds our mighty cities and railroads, its aeroplanes, and diving bells—

Labor—That cuts the forests and drains the swamps—

Labor—That delves in mines and sails the ships of commerce—

Labor—That plows the fields and grinds the grain—

Labor—That builds our acqueducts and spins fine linen—

Labor—That cuts the stone and digs the coal—

Labor—That rears the monuments of bronze and granite—

Labor—That grows the cotton and molds the brick—

Labor—That harnesses the elements and turns them into servants for mankind—

Labor—That from the cocoon draws threads to weave beautiful raiment—

Labor—That smelts the iron and molds it into anchors and axes—

Labor—That cuts the trees and makes the paper and builds the printing press—

Labor—That throws a span of steel across the rivers and bridges chasms—

Labor—That drives tunnels and makes pillows of softest down—

Labor—That feeds the world, and clothes it, and shelters it—

Labor—That turns a wilderness into a garden of beauty—

Labor—That binds our books, digs the graves, and fashions brilliant jewelry—

Labor—That does all the useful work of the world—

Labor—That fights the battles for the liberty of the human race—

Labor—That unlocks nature's storehouse for the benefit of all mankind—

Labor—Without it the millions who now revel in luxury would in a few days be without food, or fuel, and soon be without clothing or shelter. The sun would still shine, the rain would fall, the grass would grow, but there would be none to plow or sow or to harvest.

THE QUITTER

By Robert W. Service

When you're lost in the Wild,
And you're scared as a child,
And Death looks you bang in the eye,
And your're sore as a boil,
It's according to Hoyle
To cock your revolver and. . . . die.
But the Code of a Man
Says: "Fight all you can!"
And self-dissolution is barred;
In hunger and woe, Oh,
It's easy to blow . .. .
Its' the hell-served-for-breakfast that's hard.

You're "sick of the game?"
Well, now, that's a shame.
You're young and you're brave and you're bright.
You "had a raw deal?"
I know—but don't squeal,
Buck up, do your damndest, and fight!
It's the plugging away
That will win you the day,
So, don't be a picker, old pard!
Just draw on your grit,
It's easy to quit;
It's the keeping-your-chin-up that's hard.

It's easy to cry
That you're beaten—and die;
It's easy to crawfish and chawl;
But to fight and to fight
When Hope's out of sight—
Why, that's the best game of them all!
And though you come out
Of each grueling bout
All broken and beaten and scarred,
Just have one more try—
It's dead easy to die—
It's the keeping-on living that's hard.

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