

WINNIPEG FIRES POLICE FORCE; STARTS NEW ONE

Old Men Try to Win Con-
cessions from City,
but Fail.

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Winnipeg, Man., June 9.—[Special.]—The strike situation was so well in hand today that the city fired the police force. The entire department was dismissed excepting a few who had signed pledges against sympathetic walkouts. For the last three weeks the Winnipeg bobbies had been on the job only by express "permission" of the strike committee at Labor temple, and today the city cut the string to this assumption of police control by the strike leaders. The city is now policed by a force of special constables, nearly all of them returned soldiers and 400 of them mounted. Perhaps the most significant phase of the day was the growing divergence between the conservative trades unionists on the one hand and the strike leaders on the other. All through the strike it has been patent that a large proportion of the strikers, while they went out in support of metal workers, are dead set against the extremist program of the leaders.

Tiring of One Union Idea.

Oddly enough, the one big union idea, which was at the basis of the strike, is losing favor. The skilled workmen who are out on strike appear to be taking a new view of the O. B. U. proposal.

They are beginning to discover that the "proletarian dictatorship" of which agitators have been shouting means that skilled craftsmen would pass under control of the unskilled laborer. Instead of being organized on the trades union principle, the one big union would throw all labor, from the highly proficient artisan to the wheelbarrow trundler, into one pool, in which the unskilled workers, being most numerous, would predominate.

Dominion officials who have been making a close canvass of the Winnipeg situation, said today that of 25,000 men still out on strike in Winnipeg, not more than 5,000 are craftsmen.

Source of the Trouble.

The more one studies the Canadian trouble the more he discovers a backwardness about the matter of industrial relations. From business and professional men one gets expressions that after the lull is over some action must be insisted upon that will attack the cost of living problem by cutting out some of the tolls collected between producer and consumer.

The feeling that profiteering is going on, which is one of the factors in the unrest, is quite general. Everybody talks about it.

SCOUT

Boys to Have Exhibition Camp
in Grant Park to Aid Campaign.



A regular Boy Scout camp has been installed in Grant park to help in the campaign for 1,000,000 associate members of the Boy Scout organization.

The scouts of the Woodlawn, Hyde Park, and Calumet districts will give daily exhibitions of the scout outdoor work every day until the end of the campaign, sleeping in the tents every night.

Another camp is being installed in Northwestern depot, and before the week is ended you may see camps in Logan Square, Humboldt park, Lincoln park, and possibly at the South Shore Country club.

The Sea Scout branch of the Boy Scout movement was "boosted" last night at a dinner at the Chicago Yacht club.

LABOR CHEERS ORATOR'S FLING AT EXTREMISTS

Convention Then Takes
Up Reconstruction
Program.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 9.—Delegates representing more than 3,000,000 American workmen and women, at the opening session of the American Federation of Labor here today showed their disapproval of the ideas of radical agitators. Gov. Runyon of New Jersey referred to a meeting in New York last night and asserted that "these men threaten that unless things are settled their way chaos will result."

He paused a moment and then declared: "I know that American labor, and this convention, fraught as it is with such potential consequences, have no sympathy with any ideas that are not constructive. I know you are out of harmony with destruction creeds. You think along sane lines."

A burst of applause from the floor quickly swelled to a roar.

Gompers Says Autocrat Must Go. Samuel Gompers, president of the

federation, sounded the keynote of the convention when he said in his opening address that organized labor was determined political or industrial tyranny should have no place in America. "Any employer," said Mr. Gompers, "who thinks that industrial autocracy is going to prevail in the United States is counting without his host."

Mr. Gompers said organized labor was making no unjust demands and that workers, having shed their blood and made sacrifices to win the war, had no intention of losing sight of the principles, rights, and ideals for which they had fought, now that the war was won.

Reconstruction Program.

The annual report of the executive council of the federation made many recommendations designed to protect the rights and improve the conditions of American labor. Foremost was the reconstruction program submitted to the executive council last December. Recommendations for a forty-four hour week and a firm declaration that existing wages must not be reduced, and, in fact, in many cases should be increased, are salient points.

Among other recommendations were that organized labor take a definite stand favoring public and semi-public ownership of utilities, development of waterways and water power, regulation of land ownership, increased ac-

tivity in police, prohibition of child labor, freedom of expression and association, workmen's compensation, restriction of immigration, tax adjustments, elimination of private employment agencies, and recognition of the right of school teachers to organize.

For "Wholesome Homes."

It further is set forth in the report, which will be discussed during the coming two weeks of the convention, that if occasion should arise to expend public funds to relieve unemployment, the building of wholesome homes would best serve the public interest.

Militarism is condemned. It is recommended that organized labor demand that the militia of the states be wholly organized and controlled by democratic principles.

No Change in Situation at Detroit; Lines Idle

Detroit, Mich., June 9.—No break occurred today in the strike of street car men which completely tied up traction service in Detroit and suburbs Saturday night. The strikers reiterated their demand for a wage advance of at least 10 cents an hour and the company contends it cannot meet these demands until the city council allows it more revenue.

LA SALLE DRIVER SUES YELLOWS FOR \$100,000

Alleging he was a victim of a systematic war of intimidation against his employers, Jack Finkelstein, an employee of the La Salle Hotel company, started suit yesterday against the Yellow Cab company. Damages of \$100,000 are asked. Besides Morris Blumenthal and Sheridan Clinin, the officers of the Walden W. Shaw Livery company are named as defendants. Walden W. Shaw, John Hertz, John Towne, John Borden, Benjamin V. Becker, Edward D'Ancona, Fremont B. Hitchcock, Richard P. Lydon, and Morris S. Rosenwald are mentioned as the stockholders of the defendant company.

Finkelstein claims that on May 26, while driving a taxicab for the La Salle Hotel company, he was attacked by Blumenthal and Clinin and another man, who slugged him and beat him with guns. He asserts that not only Blumenthal and Clinin but other drivers of the Yellow Cab company were appointed special deputy sheriffs and that they attempted to justify their attack by law.



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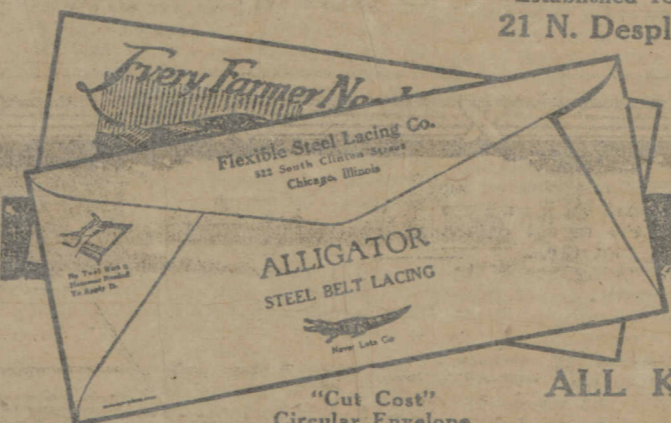
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