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A series of twelve articles on AGreements WITH EMPLOYERS IN GREAT BRITAIN will shortly appear in the "Ladies' Garment Worker." They will contain the very latest information and conclusions on this subject of vital importance to the workers and will be written by SIDNEY WEBB, L. L. B. (Author of the "History of Trades Unionism," "Industrial Democracy," "History of Local Government," etc.) and W. MELLOR, B. A.

The following will be exhaustively dealt with in the course of the series:

Conciliation and Arbitration.
Agreements in the Clothing Trades (two articles).
Agreements in the Cotton Industry.
Relations of Employers and Employees in the Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades, Iron and Steel Manufacture, Mining, Building, Transport and Sweated Industries.

The series will conclude with a reasoned commentary on the effects of agreements on industrial organization and their probable future development. The first article will appear in our next issue.

REGARDING TRANSFERS.

1. Before issuing a transfer, note that the member wishing to transfer must be a member not less than 6 months in good standing in your local.
2. When issuing a transfer write across his name on his dues book the word "Cancelled," the date and your (Secretary's) signature.
3. Let the member write his name in his dues book and also in the space provided for this purpose in the margin of the traveling card.
4. Before accepting a transfer let the transferred member sign his name and compare his signatures.
5. On accepting a transfer issue to the member a new dues book and don't paste the dues stamps into his old cancelled book.

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Do not accept any excuse for absence of the UNION STAMP.

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My Tour in Europe

By JOHN A. DYCHE

GERMAN METHODS AND STRIKES.

On general propositions I usually found myself in the same boat with the French and English delegates. For the delegates from both those countries disliked the slow and undemocratic methods of the Germans. I found the French Unions really revolutionary and democratic, but unfortunately they seem too revolutionary and anarchically inclined, and of course, utterly impractical, and this is perhaps the reason why they are so weak and impotent. The Federation De L'Industrie des Travailleurs de L'Habillement de France et des colonies consists of 2,000 members all told.

I said in my previous article that the German Unions ask for no recognition and no union shop, nor do they fight for reducing the hours of labor, and that they are interested chiefly in the "tariff" or wage scale question. Do not, however, think for a moment that their "movements," or attempts to raise wages or demands for a higher "tariff," are too big or exorbitant. It is true that very often they succeed in raising wages without strikes, but it is because their demands are so small, because they move so slow and are so terribly cautious that the employers will not offer any great objections and will often grant them. Then again the Board of Arbitration generally intervenes in their disputes—therefore among the German Tailors there are very few big strikes. The big strike of the Cloak Makers of two years ago in Berlin was a walk-out and was not supported by the German Tailors' Union. The Germans call it a "French Strike."

On general principles they seem averse to general strikes and have no faith in them. They only call a strike in a shop in which 75% of the workers are in good standing with the union.

I said to one of the delegates in private conversation: "Instead of calling yourselves Social Democrats you ought to call yourselves 'social bureaucrats.'" The delegate answered with a smile: "I can quite understand that our method will appear strange and ultraconservative to an American, but you must not forget that you are dealing with people who have been soldiers and who are accustomed to obey orders and act in accordance with instructions. With you in America, Democracy is a kind of religion; everybody in your country talks about it, including every corrupt politician. A great deal of corruption in American politics is due to this Democracy, and people are often duped by high sounding phrases; there the unscrupulous person has the most to say and will carry the crowd with him. It seems to me that you have too much Social "Demagogy."" From the conversation with the delegates I gathered that very few of them are inclined to put any form of Democracy into practice. Just as our own people here, who are good Social Democrats and Industrialists, and still will insist upon $27 or $30 initiation fee, and keep out the poor fellow who has not got the money, so the labor men in Europe, who insist on calling themselves Social Democrats, in practice use autocratic methods which a Tammany politician would not stand for.

One of them told me, when speaking on a question of Democracy: "After all, the success of an Organization depends only upon the ability and honesty of the responsible officers."
And, by the way, they very seldom use the
word "Leader," but rather "officer" or "responsible officer;" in other words Beamten. 
The Beamten in a German Union are every­
thing. "It is only they," he continued, "who
can do constructive work without which an
Organization cannot live. When the work is
hampered by irresponsible people, no progress
can be made, and you are never sure of your
Organization, for you never know into whose
hands it will fall next. The worker who is
confined all day to the shop cannot understand
the intricacies of an Organization which re­
quires a lifetime of study and hard work and
close attention to routine. All the worker can
do is to kick and find fault, but when it comes
to constructive work and finding means for
remediying evils, he is nowhere."

Sabbath, the delegate from Germany, who
was one of the leading men at the Congress
and is the editor of the German Tailors' Official
Journal, told me in private conversation: "You
are impatient with our slowness, you think
we are much too cautious, too conservative; that
our fear of taking risks is altogether too great.
It is true, we are slow, but we are also sure.
We consider and reconsider each move we make
many times, but we make fewer mistakes than
you do. If our progress is slow, we do not
stand in fear of losing what we have gained.
You do not like our endless chain of benefits,
but it gives us a compact organization. I am
sure you cannot feel the same."

I knew that when he said this, he was hitting
the nail on the head. Still, I told him that at
the rate of progress they were making they
would achieve their "endziel" in some billions
of years. At the convention I was the only
delegate who could tell them something new.
The rest of the delegates simply repeated what
everybody knew. For owing to the slow
progress they are making, they are creating
nothing new. They are traveling slowly along
the old worked-out method of Trade Un­
ionsisms.

By the way, in Europe the trade unions have
no locals, but one Big Union with local branches
only. The funds and the property of the Or­
ganization belong to the whole body. There
is no trace of local autonomy. It is all ad­
ministered from one center.

What I told them about our accomplishments
for the last three years was a revelation to
them. The abolition of home work by our
Organization startled them. They believe that
in no other country in the world could this be
accomplished, except in America. Of the ex­
istence of our International Union they knew
nothing at all. All they knew was that there
had been a big strike of girls in New York in
1910, and that with the aid of millionaires our
maiden. the girls won their strike. They
also heard that there had been a big strike of
tailors in New York City this year. My cri­
criticisms of the German Unions and their methods
delighted the English and French delegates.

Although they took things easy and often
ate and drank throughout the discussion, yet
the spirit of comradeship and order always
prevailed. Differences of opinion did not at
any time resemble the altercations which we
often witness at conventions in this country.
Perhaps this spirit of comradeship was due to
the fact that most of the delegates came from
various countries and treated each other as
guests. From the very beginning I was the
object of attention and curiosity, chiefly be­
cause I came from such a far-away country
and my ways were so different from theirs.
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Lates on the Germans began to feel nervous about
my criticisms of their conservatism, their slown­
ness, their devoting too much of their time
to statistics and their being too scientific. I
even ventured to tell them that all their achieve­
ments were child's play compared to what we
do in America and advised them to hustle and
leave science and statistics alone; to dare and
do things and not to spend too much time cal­
culating chances of success, for then they will
never move.

Until this Convention, the German Unions
were the leading spirits among the European
tailors. Their ways and methods could only
be imitated. Nobody thought of criticizing
them. It was the first time that the Ger­
mans at a Congress of Tailors had to justify
their methods and be on the defensive. When
I told them that they creep like snails and that
it will take them ages to accomplish what we
have accomplished here in eight years, the
French and English delegates were delighted
at the knocks the Germans received at my
hand. Flynn, the English delegate, said:
"'Begad,' you have upset the balance of
power in Europe. We had nothing but 'Ger­
many' until now, but now we have something
new and worth while." Dumas, the French
delegate, told Peluso: "The Germans are be­
coming quite nervous; this Yankee makes them
feel quite uncomfortable."
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIGH INITIATION FEES IN OUR LOCALS?

The afternoon session of Friday, July 18th, opened with a letter from the Galician Section of the S. P., with headquarters in Forsyth Street, I believe, signed by a gentleman, Max Greenberg. The letter began with regretting that the state of their finances did not allow them to send a delegate to the Convention of the International Tailors Secretariat, and that the only delegate representing the American workers was a reactionary, who was known for his opposition to Socialism and Socialist methods and tactics. This statement caused much astonishment among the delegates, and I was considered a "holy terror," altogether too radical and revolutionary for the slow-going, conservative European tailors.

The writer of the letter went on to say that his object was to get the Convention to use its influence with the American delegate in favor of reducing the initiation fees of the locals of the I. L. G. W. U., which are now prohibitive to newcomers. That the fee of $27.50 was altogether too high for an immigrant to pay. It was therefore impossible for one not a member of a local, which Mr. Dyche represented, to gain employment in the City of New York, with the result that comrades arriving in New York were becoming a burden on the funds of the local branch of the Socialist Party. Of course, I was not slow in informing the Congress that at our last Convention held in Toronto, I introduced an amendment to our Constitution limiting the initiation fee to $10, but that my proposition was opposed and voted down by delegates most of whom were pronounced Social Democrats.

THE JEWISH PERIL.

Strange as it may seem to our reader, most of the afternoon was taken up with a discussion: "Can the Russian Jew be a Union Man?"

The discussion was started by William Arup, the General Secretary of the Danish Tailors. He told the delegates a tale of woe: how the Russian Jew came to his country and by his low standard of living and unfair competition, began to reduce the "Tariff" (scale of prices), which the Danish Tailors' Union had established after so many struggles and sacrifices. "The Russian Jew," he said, "will take out work for any price, and is ready to take the place of a 'striker' at any moment. If you want him to keep away from a shop on 'strike,' he will do so, but you must pay him his full week's wages. You know the Jew's love of money," continued the Danish delegate. "He takes advantage of every strike, comes to the Organization and demands pay in advance, otherwise he goes to 'seab.' After they had abolished the sweating system in the tailoring trade in Denmark, the Russian Jew had reintroduced it; after they had established a higher "Tariff" the Russian Jew was reducing it. He is heartless, greedy and lacks a sense of solidarity. He will sacrifice nothing and will take everything. They found him too selfish and individualistic to belong to a union and throw in his lot with his fellow craftsmen. In Copenhagen they had an organization composed of fully 80% of the workers. In the provinces—100%. The Russian Jew was undoing the good work of the Danish Tailors' Union." Such in short was Arup's speech, full of bitterness against the Russian Jewish immigrant.

Next came Markgraf, the General Secretary of the Swiss Tailors' Union, with the following diatribe: "The Russian Jew comes to Switzerland to study, principally medicine and philosophy. He attends lectures at the University during the day and at night takes work from the stores, much below the 'Tariff,' and makes it up at home and in this way manages to get through his course of studies."

Pierre Dumas, the General Secretary of the French Tailors' Union, on the other hand, contended that the Russian Jewish immigrant was not the only offender, not the only one who works for lower wages, reducing the "Tariff" and refusing to organize. Everybody is doing it in Paris—all the immigrants, the Germans, the Austrians, the Swiss, the Danish, the Hungarians and the Bohemians. Even those comrades who had been union members in their native lands will come to France, work for less wages than the native tailor and refuse to transfer their membership to the French Tailors' Union. Dumas called on the delegates to appeal to their members not to emigrate to Paris during the next Spring season, where preparations for a General Strike of all the tailors were being made. The constant influx of foreigners into their trade will injure their strike movement.

Delegate Kuntze, of Berlin, informed the convention that in his City they had found it very easy to get rid of the Russian and Galician competition. They simply called the attention of the Berlin police to these unwelcome visitors and the police drove them out of the City. The
same was done in several other Prussian cities. "It is true that these were not very socialistic measures, but on the other hand, they were very efficacious," said Kuntze.

Several other delegates spoke of the impossibility of making a union man out of a Jew. The only delegate who had a word of apology for the Jew was Secretary Stuhmer. "It is quite natural," he said, "that the immigrant, whether Jew or Gentile, should try to provide himself with the first necessities of life. He must have bread to eat and, therefore, cannot afford, has no time, to think of unions or 'Tariffs.' It is not because he is a Jew, but because he is an immigrant that he cares not for organization."

After they all had their say and emptied their spleen against the Russian Jew, I sent up my name and took "das wort," (the floor). I told them that of all the delegates assembled at the convention, I was probably the best authority on the question under consideration, being myself a Russian Jew and an immigrant tailor and that I was the "bete noir" which perplexed them and frightened them; and yet, the Organization which I represented consists of from 65 to 70 per cent of Russian Jewish tailors and tailoresses. "You have told me," I said, "that you all heard of the big strike of the New York girls which took place four years ago. Are you aware that all these girl strikers were exclusively Jewish immigrants, and that the American, German, Bohemian and the women of other nationalities, who were engaged in the Waist and Dress Industry in New York, had remained quietly at work and scabbed on us? While you are all complaining of the utter impossibility of organizing the women in the tailoring trade, we find the Jewish women easiest to organize and they often take the lead in this matter. This is quite natural. You are aware that the Jew has energy, that he is no 'sleepy-head' and is not behind any race in intelligence. It is therefore natural for him to find out very soon that he can improve his position and raise his 'Tariff' through organization.

"Delegate Arup spoke about the Jewish love of money. Of course he loves money! and this very love of gain makes him good material for unionizing. His love of gain makes him insist on and strike for better conditions, for a higher standard of living. The fact of the matter is that in America the Russian Jew is known to be a revolutionist, a striker, and the employer, whenever he can, is only too glad to replace him. In Cleveland, after a long strike, the Russian Jews were replaced in some shops by Bohemians and Hungarians and in Philadelphia, in the waist trade, they were replaced by German women, and if they are employed at all, it is because their labor is indispensable. The employers cannot do without them. It is true that in our Organization there are also Germans, Bohemians and Italians, but these were forced into the Organization by the Jews and this job has not always been an easy one.

"Having been successful in finance, commerce and other human activities he took to it, it is quite natural that the Jew should be successful as a trade unionist. In America, wherever he found a free outlet for his activities, he established an organization and in a short time introduced changes which will take you generations to accomplish.

"There is one way to organize the Russian Jew and that is by letting one of his own nationality do the organizing work. Whatever opinion you may have of the Russian Jew, his racial pride and confidence in his own ability and intelligence always stands in the way of his being influenced by people of other nationalities. He even fights shy of a German Jew and will not be led, except by a man of his own nationality."

I must give the delegates credit for one thing. Although I handled them without kid gloves and went for them in the manner I generally do when I feel sore, yet they applauded my speech. The only trouble was with the translation, which was very poor and therefore the speech lost a good deal of its effect by being translated into German. I then decided that in the future I would "take my life into my hands" and talk German.

A couple of delegates came and told me that they had lost a bet through me. That very morning someone told them that I was a Jew. But they did not believe it, for how was it possible for a Jew to be the leader of a Labor Organization. I told them that if it was possible for a Jew to be the founder of their religion, it was also possible for one of the race to be a labor leader.

(To be continued.)
General Executive Board in Session

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES.

The Sixth Quarterly Meeting of the General Executive Board was held at the General Office, 32 Union Square, New York, beginning Thursday, October 16th, and ending Monday, October 20th, 1913.

President Rosenberg presided and all the members were present, except Vice President H. Strassburg of Chicago, who sent a telegram regretting his inability to attend.

APPEALS AND PROTESTS DISPOSED OF.

A protest by Brother J. Wishnecsky of Local No. 1, against the refusal of the Local Executive Board to recognize his election to that body, on the ground that the Joint Board had suspended him from office for irregularities, was rejected.

An appeal by S. Roman against the action of the Joint Board of the Cloak and Skirt Makers’ Union in removing him from a paid office was rejected, on the ground that the Joint Board had a right to remove an employee for cause.

APPEALS AND PROTESTS PENDING.

Brother Isadore Gardner appealed against the annulment of his membership by the Cutters’ Union, Local No. 10, as a result of his non-payment of dues for thirteen months, owing to family trouble. They now refuse to reinstate him otherwise than as a new member, on payment of the usual initiation fee.—Referred to General Secretary Dyche for investigation and action.

Brother Stollar of Local No. 21 appealed against the refusal of the Cutters’ Union, Local 10, to honor a transfer card issued by his local union.—Referred to Vice-President Polakoff and Secretary Dyche.

Brother Max Pastor of the Waist and Dress Makers’ Union, Local 25, from a fine of $25.00 imposed on him for alleged charges of which he was found not guilty, was postponed for further information.

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Reported by Brother Albert from the action of the New York Joint Board, in removing him from office of business agent without sufficient cause, was referred to Vice-Presidents Andur, Lapidus and Witaschkin. The committee was requested to submit a recommendation as soon as possible.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Brothers Greenberger and Lerocker of the Cutters’ Local 10, and Elstein and Sirota of the Children’s Dressmakers, Local 50, informed the Board that the Protocol that had been entered into with the Children’s Dress Manufacturers’ Association in March, 1913, had not been working very satisfactorily. The Association, Brother Elstein said, had not evinced very good faith, and had in every possible way tried to evade the letter and spirit of the Protocol. Local 50 desired the International Union either to come to a definite understanding with the Manufacturers’ Association with a view to making the Protocol a proper working instrument, or take other measures for the protection of the workers in the trade.

Brother Greenberger added that Local 10 had gained very little as a result of that Protocol, and that it had cost the local a great deal of energy and money.

Upon motion agreed to hold a conference with the Children’s Dress Manufacturers’ Association. Vice Presidents Polakoff, Sigman and Lebkovits were appointed with full power to act.

Vice President Cohen, who had charge of the
recent strike of cloak makers at Baltimore, reported that the strike, called on July 27th, had lasted two weeks and ended successfully. The employers conceded a 50-hour week and one legal holiday, Labor Day. In some shops they had been compelled to compromise, permitting week work on operating to continue until the end of this year. The workers' response to the strike call had been unanimous, and the trade is now completely organized.

Vice-President Dubinsky for the committee which had charge of the strike of the Raincoat Makers of New York, reported that the strike, called on July 15th, had met with the unanimous response of the workers and fully 4,000 of them had answered the call. The strike ended August 19th. The Union signed agreements with 20 individual firms and one with an association of 14 manufacturers. The total cost of the strike amounted to $15,000. The workers gained a 48-hour week and an advance of 40 per cent. in wages.

President Rosenberg for the committee appointed to confer with the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association of New York, submitted the following report:

To the Members of the General Executive Board—Greeting:

At the conference between the Joint Board of New York and the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, the committee appointed by the G. E. B., namely, Vice-Presidents Polakoff, Mitchell and myself were present. Dr. Hourwich having introduced us as the guarantors, we realized that we were like the fifth wheel to a wagon.

Dr. Hourwich acted as spokesman for the entire committee. The Joint Board committee had been instructed not to interfere in the conference and not to express any opinion, without consulting Dr. Hourwich. I felt it my duty to express my opinion on certain propositions affecting the interests of our people. Vice-President Polakoff and myself tried to convince the conference that the question of an increase in wages was the most important one. After two nights' discussion no headway was made on any particular point. It was mainly an argument between Dr. Hourwich and Mr. Julius Henry Cohen on theoretic questions—how the courts in the United States conduct their business and how the Russian government conducts its business.

During the course of the discussion Counsellor London sent a note to Prof. Hourwich, written in Russian, asking whether it would not be advisable that the lawyers and professors be left out of the conference and that a sub-committee representing the workers and the manufacturers be elected to meet in conference and to come to an understanding if possible. Dr. Hourwich, replying in Russian, thought that a special committee could not be trusted. Subsequently Secretary Perlstein of the Joint Board also made the same request, although he was not aware of the nature of Counsellor London's message to Prof. Hourwich. London finally suggested that a special committee of three on each side be appointed to confer and submit a report to the next conference. The motion, after a lengthy discussion, was carried. On proceeding to elect the three members, Dr. Hourwich opposed the International officials serving on this committee, but finally agreed to have one representing the International Union and two representing the Joint Board. I do not remember whether I was nominated or not, but Prof. Hourwich spoke against me. I refused to serve on this committee because Brother Polakoff could not be with me. Counsellor London then suggested that the committee on each side consist of four. The suggestion was accepted and myself, Brothers Polakoff, Perlstein and Halpern were elected. We then decided that the conference should adjourn and that the sub-committee should proceed with its work without delay, and on whatever points they should fail to agree these points should be submitted to the conference for decision. Prof. Hourwich, however, opposed this and insisted that the entire conference should continue in session and discuss every point and then the sub-committee should go into conference separately. Our proposal was overruled, and the conference continued for another two days before the sub-committee met.

In discussing Section 1, which asked for an increase for the cutters and pressers, Mr. Silverman, one of the conferees on the other side, said: "If we should come to an understanding on Section 1, can you waive any of the other 14 points?" Of course we could not, for we had instruction from Prof. Hourwich not to compromise. At any rate, we called a meeting of the entire Conference Committee and submitted the proposition of the other side to them. We told them that judging from the statements made by Messrs. Silverman and Rosenfeld we could get an increase for the week workers, providing the sub-committee
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would waive some other points. Prof. Hourwich strenuously objected to this and finally we were instructed not to waive any points whatever. When we placed this information before the other side Mr. Silverman replied that his side could not agree on Sections 1 and 2, and that they would have to go to the Board of Arbitration.

Only on one point, that relating to the price court, a suggestion was made to establish a Board of Appraisers. On this Board each side is to be represented by an equal number, and whenever the workers in a shop cannot agree on prices either the Manufacturers’ Association or the Union may ask the assistance of the Board of Appraisers. Representatives of the Board, when called upon, are to go to the factory and try to adjust the differences. If the two sides represented on this Board should come to an understanding, both the workers and the employers must accept their decision as final. All other points, it was decided, were to be submitted to the Board of Arbitration.

Upon motion, agreed that the General Secretary-Treasurer obtain an estimate of the cost of furnishing every member of the General Executive Board with a copy of the proceedings of the conference between the Cloak and Skirt Manufacturers’ Protective Association and the Joint Board of New York, and also a copy of the proceedings before the Board of Arbitration.

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MANUFACTURERS’ ASSOCIATION AND THE UNION.

The Secretary read the following communication from the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers’ Protective Association:

October 7th, 1913.
Abraham, Rosenberg, Esq., President International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union,
32 Union Square, New York City.

Dear Sir:

On the 27th day of September, 1913, we received a letter dated the 24th of September, 1913, in which you said:

“As you are aware, this office does not handle any specific cases, for the Board of Arbitration decided that we are merely the guarantors of the Protocol and therefore we can act only in the capacity of ‘advisers.’

This letter was brought to the attention of the Board of Arbitration at the hearing on the 4th of October 1913, and, referring to it, Mr. Brandeis (speaking for the Board) held, as to the duties laid down by the Protocol and by the Board of Arbitration decision, that those responsible for the performance were not merely the Joint Board, but the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union. Upon this point the Board of Arbitration said:

“Primarily, it is the Joint Board. Secondly, it is the International, and we do not at all agree with that interpretation which President Rosenberg seems to have given to his obligation, that he has merely to ‘advise.’

“It seems to us that the obligations of the guarantor of this agreement is a far more serious obligation than merely to give advice. It is the obligation to see to it that the obligation is carried out.”

As to the legal relationship between the Joint Board and the International, with reference to the Protocol, the Board said:

“Now the arbitrators have no means of determining, and have no suggestion to make whatsoever as to how they are to see to it, but that they stand together, whether you call it a ‘guarantor’ or not; it is a joint obligation of the Joint Board and of the International that certain things should happen.

“They stand, for all practical purposes, exactly in the same relation as if they had been partners in entering into this agreement, although the exact legal relation may be something different. The International officers were the people with whom the Association actually dealt in working out this agreement. It was in reliance upon what took place through the International and the intercession of the International that the Association did enter into it, and the Board must feel that the International cannot discharge itself of obligation in this matter by simply saying, ‘We give advice, and the advice is not taken.’ It is a joint obligation. It must be jointly, and it must be performed, and how it is performed and how it is brought about is a matter with which, it seems to us, the Board has as little to do as the Association has, and they have nothing.’

The Board not only made its decision with reference to the duties of the International (overruling the opinion of Mr. Rosenberg), but also made clear the duties of both parties—the Joint Board and the International—with ref-
ere to the conduct of the work of the Grievance Board and of its clerks and the handling and management of the "Neue Post."

It was our understanding that the Board, in February last, made similar decision, and it was based upon this understanding that we called your attention to the "picketing" in the Levay & Friedberg case, and received your most unsatisfactory reply, and with similar understanding we have from time to time brought to your attention the situations that finally required our recent complaint to the Board of Arbitration. You must be aware of the manner in which the Board of Grievances has conducted its work, and the manner in which the "Neue Post" has influenced the members of your Union by attacks upon our Association and upon the work of the Grievance Board. Over a year ago you sent us a formal communication repudiating these attacks and saying that you did not approve of them.

Notwithstanding the decision of the Board in February last, fixing the duty of the International, and notwithstanding your complete comprehension of the failure of the Joint Board to perform the obligations imposed upon it by the Protocol during the past eight months, there has been an utter failure on the part of the International to perform its obligations as joint obligor to the Protocol. This situation, we believe, has come about, first, through a failure on the part of the International executive officers completely to realize the full extent of the responsibility they carry (as to which we now hope the decision of the Board will make the matter clear), and secondly, because of a lack of power on the part of the executive officers to perform what they have, on paper, agreed to perform.

The situation is a most critical one. The conditions disclosed by the record presented to the Board of Arbitration in February last have become more aggravated during the past eight months. There has been a complete breaking down of that relationship of "mutual respect and confidence," which the Board of Arbitration says is essential to the life of the Protocol, and there has been not only a complete failure to educate the members of your Union to an understanding of the difficulties of the problem presented, but, through the columns of the "Neue Post" and through the work of some of the representatives of the Joint Board, there has been (as the Board of Arbitration now finds) a campaign of "mis-education."

We must now—after three years of experience with the Protocol—call upon you for direct and specific answers to the following questions:

First—Does the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union accept the interpretation of its relationship to the Protocol as laid down by the Board of Arbitration?

Second—Does it accept the obligations imposed upon the parties to the Protocol as laid down by the Board of Arbitration, specifically with reference to

(a) The conduct of the Grievance Board;
(b) The conduct of the representatives of the Union who deal directly with the Association;
(c) The use of the columns of the "Neue Post" and other organs reaching the members of the Union?

Third—Does the International accept the decision made by the Board of Arbitration, that while the power resides in either party to the Protocol to abrogate it, that it does not lie in either side to suspend its operations, and that "picketing" and calling men "scabs" and "strike breakers," and suffering local shop strikes, must cease, and that the entire power of the Joint Board and the International must be used to discipline the members and prevent the recurrence of such situations?

Fourth—Has the International the power actually to do the things it has undertaken to do?

Fifth—Is it willing, if it has the power?

After a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

"Agreed to send a communication to the Joint Board asking that body to furnish us with an answer to the letter we received from the Manufacturers' Association, this answer to reach us not later than Saturday evening. Also that a committee consisting of President Rosenberg, Vice-Presidents Sigman, Feit, Amdur and Slotchin, be sent to the next Joint Board meeting, Saturday, October 18th, for the purpose of explaining to them the nature of the com-
communication and the attitude of the General Executive Board in this matter."

When the resolution adopted by the Joint Board was placed before the G. E. B., the majority agreed that it meant a restoration of the former relations between the International and the Joint Board and an assumption of joint responsibility for the Protocol with the Association, as interpreted by the Board of Arbitration, and it was decided to write to the Manufacturers' Protective Association as follows:

"The General Executive Board is of the opinion that your letter of the 7th of October, addressed to our President Rosenberg and Secretary Dyche was entirely uncalled for.

"It is self-evident that the decision of the Board of Arbitration is binding upon the parties to the Protocol."

It was also agreed to inform the Joint Board of New York that, having regard to the resolution passed at their meeting of October 19th, an intimation had been sent to the Manufacturers' Protective Association by the G. E. B. of the assumption of joint responsibility for the conduct of the officers of the Joint Board in their dealings with the Association under the Protocol. This responsibility necessarily implies a voice in all the transactions or methods used in shaping the policies of the Joint Board and in regard to the conduct of its official Journal in discussing questions relating to the workings of the Protocol.

JURISDICTION MATTERS.
Locals 1 and 9 Versus Local 17.

The Secretary read the following communication:

New York, October 15, 1913.
John A. Dyche, General Secretary-Treasurer International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union,
32 Union Square, New York City.

Dear Sirs:
I herewith beg to enclose a copy of the decision of Brother Alpine and myself as arbitrators in the jurisdiction dispute of the Children's Cloak and Reefer Makers' Union, Local No. 17, and Local Unions Nos. 1 and 9 of the International Union.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.
(Signed) Hugh Frayne, Organizer, American Federation of Labor.

THE DECISION.
Mr. John A. Dyche, General Secretary-Treasurer, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, and

Mr. M. G. Leader, Manager of Children's Cloak and Reefer Makers' Union, Local No. 17.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:
The undersigned herewith beg to submit to you as the representatives of the above named organizations our decision upon the jurisdiction claim of Local Unions Nos. 1 and 9 against Local No. 17, who claim, were trespassing upon their work.

At the hearing, held at the Victoria Hotel on May 24th of the present year, of committees representing the General Executive Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the Children's Cloak and Reefer Makers, Local No. 17, Meyer London, counsel for the International, acting as counsel for Local No. 17, the entire afternoon was consumed in hearing evidence presented by all parties at interest upon this case along with typewritten documentary evidence and actions of previous conventions. At the close of the hearing both sides agreed that they had submitted all the evidence they deemed necessary to sustain their case, and further agreed that any decision rendered by the representatives of the American Federation of Labor would be agreed and lived up to by both sides.

In view of the various statements offered by the several witnesses interested in this controversy, the representatives of the A. F. of L. felt it incumbent to visit such factories as were engaged in the manufacture of the disputed work and learn by actual contact just what merit was contained in the arguments offered. With this object in view, on July 14th, Brother M. G. Leader, representing Local Union No. 17, and Vice-President Mitchell of the International, together with the undersigned, representatives of the A. F. of L., visited the shop of H. Goldwater, located at 182 Avenue C, New York City.

This establishment was selected because of the repeated statements made that it offered better evidence for enlightening the committee as to the work in dispute. Every opportunity was given by the management for the fullest investigation of the work manufactured by the firm. In questioning the foreman and the different operators, we found that it was common custom for those employed in a factory to work upon all kinds of garments without any distinction as to whether they were children's, misses' or adults'. We found that in the manufacture of the garments in dispute a method is used
entirely different from that prevailing in the factories where the higher grade and better class of garments are made. Vice-President Mitchell was unable to show the committee anything to the contrary.

With the above facts in mind, we are satisfied that the present conditions should not be disturbed; that this class of work can be better handled and the interests of the workers protected by Local No. 17 having control of same.

After a careful consideration of all the evidence offered as well as the results of personal investigation herein referred to, we have no hesitancy in declaring that the disputed work should remain in the possession of Local No. 17.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN ALPINE,
Seventh Vice-President, A. F. of L.

HUGH PRAYNE,
Organizer, A. F. of L.

Upon motion agreed to write to the arbitrators for more explicit information regarding their decision.

At the request of the Pressers' Local No. 35, for an adjustment of the jurisdiction dispute between the Pressers' Union, Local 35, and the Waist Makers, Local 25, President Rosenberg, Secretary Dyche and Vice-President Slotchin were appointed a committee to deal with the matter. Pending an adjustment by the committee, the members and officers of Local 25 should be notified not to interfere or require a transfer card from any member of Local 35 who may be working in any shop of Local 25.

Brothers Louis Gordon, Philip Fest and I. Reubinbaum of the Skirt and Cloth Dress Makers, Local 23, requested that all shops now under the jurisdiction of the Waist and Dress Makers, Local 25, in which their work is being made, should either be transferred to Local 23 or that the prices ruling in the shops of Local 23 should also prevail in the shops in question.—Matter postponed until after the conference with the Dress and Waist Manufacturers' Association.

BULLETS AND DECISIONS.

On a question by Secretary Dyche as to whether a local or joint board has a right to change or modify demands to employers approved by the G. E. B., without consulting the G. E. B., President Rosenberg ruled that if the G. E. B. is represented by a committee with plenary powers at the conference with the employers such demands may be modified with the consent of the committee.

Upon the written request of the Waist, Dress and Underwear Buttonhole Workers' Union, Local 58, it was agreed to notify the Locals 25, 41, 50 and 62 to transfer all buttonhole makers to Local 58 without any reservation, and when such transferees have been made a conference of the locals interested shall be called to devise ways and means of working jointly with the Buttonhole Makers' Union.

On the recommendation of Vice President Polakoff on behalf of the Official Journal Business Committee that a business manager be appointed to work up the subscription and advertising departments, it was agreed to assign $1,000 for that purpose.

On the request of the Joint Board of Boston for financial assistance, agreed to send Vice-President Lapidus to that city and that upon his advice a sum not exceeding $600 should be donated, if necessary.

It was unanimously agreed to continue the strike at Philadelphia until the manufacturers will come to terms, and that a committee of the General Executive Board call upon the local executives and submit plans of financing the strike indefinitely.

In reply to a request by the Cutters' Union, Local 10, for an interpretation of Article 7, Section 1, of the constitution, relative to the 10-cent assessment which the G. E. B. has a right to levy upon the members in case of a general strike; whether this assessment may be paid by the local treasury, even if the members do not pay it, or whether the assessment must be paid by the members directly—the Board decided that while Section 1, Article 7, can be interpreted either way, yet from Article 3, Section 12, it is clear that the payment of an International assessment cannot be made good by a local, either from its treasury or otherwise.

Article 3, Section 12, reads:

"Delegates shall establish their right to a seat in the convention by credentials signed by the chairman and secretary, with the seal of the L. U. attached, and shall also present their union books to the Credential Committee with all their dues and International assessments in good standing."

Article 12, Section 13, provides that such moneys cannot be paid by the local treasury in lieu of the members. The section reads:

"No local union shall have the right to make any payments out of its regular revenue, such as dues, initiation fee, fines or assessments for any other purpose, except
the regular expenditure of the Union, or any strike benefits or donations to other labor organizations. Donations and contributions for other purposes, outside of those specified above, must be raised either by voluntary contributions or by the creation of a special fund by the local union."

It is clear from these laws that no member can be relieved from his indebtedness to his local or the International Union. The local cannot pay the assessments for any member; he must pay them himself.

Upon request of the Ladies’ Tailors, Local 65, of Brooklyn, for financial assistance, agreed to appoint a temporary organizer and appropriate for that purpose a sum not exceeding $500.00.

New York and Cleveland were named for the next quarterly meeting of the G. E. B., and New York was chosen by a majority of votes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. DYCHE,
General Secretary-Treasurer.

Reports of Officers and Organizers for July, August and September

President Rosenberg’s Report

To the General Executive Board—Greeting:

You will remember that a few days after the G. E. B. meeting in Cincinnati, Secretary Dyche had left for Vienna to attend the Convention of the International Tailors’ Secretariat, leaving me in charge of the office, to do practically the work of two. Under the circumstances I did the best I could to discharge the duties that devolved upon me.

On July 14th the Philadelphia Cloakmakers responded to the call of a General Strike, and since then I have been busy directing the committee guarding against Philadelphia work being done in New York. This committee is still under my supervision. The expense of maintaining this committee, including secret service, is about $400 per week.

Prior to the calling of the Philadelphia strike, Brother Amnur had arranged a conference with the Manufacturers, in which I participated. When we had conferred for two days and could not come to any understanding the strike was called. We have also attended several conferences called by the Pennsylvania State Board of Arbitration with a view of bringing about a settlement, but without any results.

In the early part of July I instructed Vice-President Feit to proceed to St. Louis to organize and strengthen the locals there, and if possible to avoid a strike. But unfortunately a strike could not be avoided, and it is still in progress. After the strike was called I assigned Miss Casey to St. Louis to assist Brother Feit in conducting the strike.

Local No. 5 of San Francisco also presented demands to their employers. These demands having been refused, 350 cloak and skirt makers walked out and have been on strike since the beginning of August. During this time the General Office has assisted them with $500. I understand that a few of the manufacturers have settled, involving about 100 to 150 workers; the rest, about 200, are still on strike.

The woolen commission houses of New York and the banking establishments have been encouraging the Philadelphia manufacturers not to settle. In many instances commission merchants are acting as scab agencies.

By this time you are no doubt aware of the fact that the cloakmakers in Baltimore and the ladies’ tailors and raincoat makers of New York have been involved in General Strikes, which resulted in a complete victory. All of their demands were granted. I was in a position to assist the raincoat makers of New York by participating in the conference with the employers.

In the ladies’ tailors strike my assistance was not required, for they signed individual agreements.

I have received numerous letters from Buffalo, Detroit, Worcester, New Haven, Providence, Cleveland, Boston, Fall River, Mass., and Toronto asking for organizers and assistance in their troubles. On one occasion I sent Vice-President Lefkovits to Worcester and on another occasion I sent him to New Haven.
I also instructed Vice-President Polakoff to proceed to Detroit to adjust some difficulty, and from there he proceeded to St. Louis and assisted the strikers for several days. Brother Casato was directed to visit Local No. 100 in Providence, R. I., to address a meeting.

I received many requests from our Boston people to assist them in their dealings with the association of employers. I have been at Boston several times and tried my best to assist them, but the Boston locals need a strong and competent person to lead them, and take charge of their affairs, and since I have not found such a person everything there is not what it should be.

Local No. 36 of Boston is also experiencing many difficulties because of its inexperience in conducting the affairs of the Union.

At the last meeting of the General Executive Board I reported that the locals in Montreal were on the verge of collapse, owing to their inability and unwillingness to do any organizing work. At that time I was instructed to assign an organizer for Montreal. I approached several people whom I knew, but they refused my offer. I then proposed Brother Groban, the chairman of the Cincinnati Joint Board, but the majority of the Board members did not sanction his appointment. Having no one else, I took the responsibility and sent him to Montreal on trial. Brother Groban succeeded in bringing the Montreal locals into good shape. During his stay there I addressed a mass meeting, which was the largest ever held in Montreal.

I then directed Brother Groban to Cleveland to assist the locals in preventing scabs from going to St. Louis. From there I instructed him to proceed to Detroit to revive the local in that city. After spending some time in Detroit he went to Buffalo, where he remained for about a week. Then he went to Toledo to strengthen the local and establish brotherly relations among the workers.

I am under the impression that he is doing the work properly and successfully.

I have assigned Vice-President Mitchell and Brother John F. Pierce to Philadelphia.

Brother Polakoff, Brother Mitchell and myself, having been appointed by this Board to represent the International Union at the Conference with the Cloak Manufacturers' Association of New York, we carried out this duty to the best of our ability.

After conferring for several weeks, all of the demands and propositions were submitted to the Board of Arbitration, with the result that the Pressers of Locals No. 35, 11 and 17 have received an increase of $1.50 to $2.50 per week. Our committee, of course, was interested much more in the increase in wages than the abstract demands.

I have also attended several conferences with the Waist & Dress Manufacturers' Association and other associations connected with our trade. I wish to inform you that Charles Froner, formerly business agent of the Cincinnati Unions, left them in the midst of considerable trouble and now the Cincinnati locals are holding their own with difficulty, on account of the unfamiliarity of their present business agent, Brother Berkovitz of Cleveland, with local affairs.

Our relations with the several Manufacturers' Associations have of late been somewhat strained, especially in the cloak and skirt trade in New York. Here, instead of friction and stoppages of work being diminished, the number of complaints on both sides have been increasing as a result of mischief makers. However, a better tone has recently set in as a result of the International Union having been restored by the Board of Arbitration to its former prestige. Owing partly to these difficulties, we have not been able to reach an amicable settlement with the manufacturers in Philadelphia.

The associations are trying to hold us responsible for the conduct of our locals, and it behoves our locals to ponder over the matter. You are also aware of the condition Local No. 50 is in, and whether we like it or not we will again have to perform the operation we did last March.

Locals No. 41 and No. 62 are in a very satisfactory condition. Other locals in New York could be put on a similar footing, but owing to the absence of our organizers from New York for the past few months we are powerless to assist them.

Some assistance, whether moral or financial, will have to be given to Local No. 65 of Brooklyn, which is now involved in a strike. I feel convinced that as far as the present strikes are concerned they ought to be fought to a finish.

I have also been receiving weekly letters and reports from the Kalamazoo girls, who are on the road agitating against the Kalamazoo Corset Company. From the reports it appears that the girls will put Mr. Hatfield out of business very soon.

I believe it advisable to start an agitation
against H. Black & Co., of Cleveland, which has been a stumbling block to us and which is preventing us from reaching a settlement with the Philadelphia and St. Louis manufacturers.

Vice-President Cohen has been engaged to act as organizer, for a period of six weeks in Baltimore during the recent strike.

Respectfully submitted,

A. ROSENBERG,
General President.

Vice-President Feit’s Report

To the President and Members of the General Executive Board—Greeting:

On July 15th I was directed by President Rosenberg to proceed to Chicago, to assist Local 71, Ladies’ Tailors, Local 44 Cloak Makers, and Local 54, Raincoat Makers, in strengthening their organizations.

I could not be of any service to Local 71 on account of the dullness in the trade, as most of the shops were closed and we could not reach the ladies’ tailors.

The Raincoat Makers, Local 54, have all their shops in Chicago unionized with one exception, Sears & Weil, who employ about 85 workers. They are anxious to join, but are intimidated by their manager, who threatens to discharge every worker who will become a member of the Union. I attended a meeting of the Executive Board of Local 54 when the question, “What Can the Local Do to Restore Constitutional Rights, Free Speech and Free Assembly?” was discussed. The majority of the members were for calling a strike, but I did not deem it advisable to involve the International Union as well as many of the members. The Executive Board insisted on carrying out their resolution, and more so when Vice-President Dubinsky sent a circular stating that the General Executive Board had decided to call a general strike in the Raincoat trade in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago at the same time. I succeeded in convincing them that we must postpone this move until we have a better opportunity. My action was later endorsed by President Rosenberg.

Local 44 is making rapid progress. I visited several meetings, which were well attended, and scores of new members were initiated. The majority of the shops located in the northwest side of the city work under union conditions. We also called shop meetings in the Loop district. They were very successful, until we came in contact with a few hostile em-

ployers, who discharged all the active union men, so that we were forced to order the employees out on strike, which was later settled in favor of the workers. Meanwhile I received daily letters and telegrams from the St. Louis Joint Board to come at once and help to prepare the workers for a general strike. I arrived in St. Louis on July 27th. I had a meeting with the members of the Joint Board and we decided to call shop meetings of every shop. The meetings were well attended and new members were enrolled. When the employers saw that the union was in earnest and intended to enforce shorter hours, higher wages and better conditions, the manufacturers resorted to the methods of discharging active union people, offering contracts with steady wages and inducements of all sorts. One employer went so far as to instruct his workers, saying: “If any union man will approach you, you can go as far as you like; I will protect you.” His instructions were carried out by some ignorant Italians. A few of the union men happened to pass by the Kurlander factory while he lined them up for a shop meeting of his own, which our union advised them not to attend, when two Italian pressers drew knives and stabbed four of our members, namely: S. Caplan, J. Blustein, S. Shear and M. Estman. S. Caplan is still in the hospital in a serious condition. This outrageous act hastened the strike. When the workers of Kurlander returned to work the next day and saw the assailants of their comrades working at the table, they told Kurlander that they refused to work with traitors and murderers, and immediately left the shop.

The Joint Board had prepared a resolution, which was adopted by the members in mass meeting on August 5th. A copy of this was mailed to every manufacturer together with the demands. The letter intimated that we were willing to confer with them at their earliest convenience. Our invitation was entirely ignored, and we did not receive any replies.

On August 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th the members voted by ballot on the question of calling a strike, and Saturday, August 9th, the ballots were counted, with three newspaper reporters present. The result of the ballot was 482 for and 50 against the strike. I visited several manufacturers and tried to convince them that it was to their interest as much as to the interest of the workers to avoid the strike, but I did not receive a satisfactory answer. Under these circumstances the Joint Board decided
to call the strike on August 12 at 10 A. M. Strike circulars were distributed by the shop committees and all the cloak and skirt makers, pressers, cutters and finishers left their factories and marched to headquarters in a peaceable and orderly manner.

The employers took an arbitrary attitude right at the beginning. They hired professional sluggers to abuse our pickets. Many women were grossly insulted and on many occasions beaten. The police contributed their share to make life miserable for our strikers by making wholesale arrests for the slightest provocation. They arrested men and young girls and kept them in filthy cells, together with drunken and diseased whites and negroes. They were charged with disturbing the peace, and the police courts imposed heavy fines when the pickets refused to promise to the judge that they would not go out picketing again. One judge, who is supposed to be impartial, went as far as expressing indignation by saying to girl pickets brought before him: "If you don't stop picketing I will fine you whether guilty or not guilty." When one of our members was stabbed by a scab and he asked the City Prosecutor to issue a warrant, the Prosecutor refused, saying that the wound was not deep enough to justify the issuing of a warrant.

When all these tricks failed to intimidate the workers to return to work, the manufacturers went to other cities to get scabs. In Chicago they advertised in the daily newspapers, took quarters at first-class hotels, hired body guards and spent thousands of dollars. Thanks to the active officers of Local 44, Brothers Schulman, Holtzberg and Nudleman, they did not succeed in getting any scabs, except a few members who fooled the agents by going to St. Louis to make the expense larger for the employers.

In Cincinnati the employers met with a similar fate. They brought 15 union men, who made the expenses of the employers much larger, as they secured expenses for the return passage.

Meanwhile the St. Louis cloak manufacturers found a savior in the persons of Philip Frankel and Morris Black of Cleveland, who recently succeeded to the business of the notorious strike breaker Farley, in providing St. Louis with scabs. Frankel examined every one of the 150 applicants and gave his O. K. to 24. Arrived in St. Louis, the "upholders of morals and decency" lodged the strike breakers in a house of ill repute, and offered them the "royal" salary of $25.00 a week for two months, from which $5.00 a week was deducted for lodging. The scabs refused to work under these conditions and begged me to come to their rescue, as they were guarded by hired thugs and were not permitted to leave. On the third day 21 left their shops and returned to Cleveland.

It will be of interest to all our people to know to what crooked methods the "upholders of law and order" will resort to force the workers into submission.

On the night of September 14th, a gasoline explosion and fire broke out in the shop of the Starr-Brill Company, president of the Cloak Manufacturers' Association. As a result three cloak shops located in the same building were partly damaged. An investigation made by the Fire Department found that the fire was of an incendiary origin, as the firemen found an electric fuse attached to a big box of gasoline. When Mr. Starr was asked if he could explain how this big quantity of gasoline got into his shop, he answered that the strikers made the fire. Of course, we resisted the baseless and shameful accusation, demanding through the newspapers a rigid investigation, and promised to do all we could to help bring the responsible party to the bars of justice. I made good my promise and furnished the authorities with sufficient evidence to lead them to proper channels. If the authorities will do their duty the public will see that the accusers and slanderers are the guilty party.

One more proof that in this trouble between capital and labor all the national, religious and racial lines are put aside, and that it is a pure class struggle, can be illustrated by the following incident:

Pasternack & Labin, one of the St. Louis cloak manufacturers, when they could not intimidate their workers to return to work, put a sign on their door:

"Experienced Skirt Makers Wanted.
No Jews Need Apply."

Yet they are themselves orthodox Jews!

The St. Louis cloak manufacturers are on the verge of bankruptcy. H. Freilich, the largest cloak manufacturer, is already in the hands of a receiver. You also know that the association applied to their creditors for an extension of credit, because they were not able to meet their obligations on account of the strike. They also asked the Eastern manufacturers to contribute toward their strike benefits.

The latest development of the St. Louis strike is that the Citizens' Industrial Alliance, of Van Cleve and Stedman fame, mentioned in the newspapers, in connection with the Mulhall dis-
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closure as the invisible government, are sending their local representatives to the police courts to assist in prosecuting the pickets. Despite all that eleven shops have settled with the Union and are working.

In spite of all the intimidations and prosecutions by organized capital, the striking ladies’ garment workers in St. Louis hold their ground. Of the 900 men and women who went out on strike nine weeks ago only six deserted their ranks. They are determined as ever to endure all the hardships and not to give up the fight until the St. Louis manufacturers will submit to their demands or go out of business.

Israel S. Feit, Sixth Vice-President.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures.

From August 14 to October 14:

Donations received

Jewish organizations of St. Louis $410.90
Conference entertainment 240.00
Chicago unions and branches of the Workmen’s Circle 210.00
International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union 13,200.00
From settled shops, 10% of earnings 235.47
Locals affiliated with Central Trade and Labor Unions of St. Louis and vicinity 702.05
From locals of the International 890.59

Total $15,895.01

Expenditures

Railroad fare $315.05
Doctors’ bills 621.05
Rent 497.55
Legal expenses 1,428.15
Office expenses 470.65
Picket Committee expenses 1,146.35
Strike benefit 10,888.50
Balance October 14 $527.11

Total $15,895.01

Organizer Josephine Casey’s Report

To the General Executive Board—Greeting:

I wish to add my opinion to those of Brothers Feit and Amdur that the St. Louis strike be continued until we win, or the manufacturers here are forced to quit. To call off a strike where the manufacturers are such little specimens will make the next fight somewhere else fifty times harder to win. The other day a man wished to place an order with the firm of N. Magid, and was told that because of the strike the order could not be filled until after November 1st. “By that time,” said a member of the firm, “the workers will surely give in.” One of our girls walking along the street yesterday overheard two men behind talking about our strike. One said, “I tell you, Schoenbaum, you ought to settle,” and the other replied, “I’d like to, but I hate to go to the Union.” The first fellow said, “Don’t be foolish, John; if I were you I would go to the headquarters and ask for one of the leaders and sign the agreement and have it over.” These reports are authentic. None of us are “chasing rainbows.”

Every day I am more and more convinced as to the necessity for more adequate preparation before calling a strike. We must bear in mind that the representative of the International does not always get a chance to exercise influence, based on his or her experience, once a General Strike Committee is appointed. We must remember that if Belasco offered to give a play for the benefit of the strikers our people would insist on staging the characters. Hence the necessity of good work before the strike.

With best wishes to all,

Fraternally yours,

Josephine Casey.

Pure Gold Buttons

We have on hand a limited number of pure gold buttons, suitable for presents by locals to active members for faithful service. These will be supplied to Local Secretaries on request. Price per button, $1.50. Members must order same through their Local Secretary.
ENTIRE LABOR MOVEMENT SUPPORTS THE PHILADELPHIA STRIKE.

For nineteen weeks the Cloak Makers of Philadelphia have been engaged in a heroic struggle, not only with the bosses of Philadelphia, but also with those of Cleveland. For nineteen weeks the International Union and its locals have been supporting the strike with some $15,000 weekly. The unanimity prevailing in our ranks that the strikes at Philadelphia and St. Louis must be continued for several seasons, if necessary, is truly admirable.

To supplement the work of the International and its locals and to make the strikers more comfortable during the coming winter months, and fit to prolong the struggle indefinitely, the United Hebrew Trades, composed of all the organized Jewish workers of New York, have organized a Relief Committee consisting of representatives of the various trades. This committee is conducting a vigorous agitation throughout the city on behalf of the strikers. I. Cohen, the manager of the Furriers' Union, is the chairman and B. Weinstein, the secretary of the United Hebrew Trades, is the secretary-treasurer of the committee. All moneys collected will be acknowledged in the Jewish Daily "Forward," which heads the list with $1,000. The Joint Board of the Brotherhood of Tailors has donated $1,000, the Furriers' Union $500, and a number of other unions have pledged various sums weekly.

Let the employers at Philadelphia and St. Louis deceive themselves with the belief that they will cause us to tire and give up the struggle. We shall do no such thing. The help coming from this new quarter through the exertions of the United Hebrew Trades is proving an
added stimulus and strengthens our resolve to fight until victory. We congratulate the United Hebrew Trades upon their good action. Henceforth the hostile employers will have to reckon with the entire force of the labor movement.

EFFORTS AT SETTLEMENT IN BOTH CITIES.

In both of these cities, Philadelphia and St. Louis, efforts at reaching a settlement of the strikes have been made by impartial people. In Philadelphia the State Labor Commissioner and the South Philadelphia Business Men's Association have tried and failed to induce the employers to effect a settlement. Now, while this is being written, a committee of the United Business Men's Association has called a conference of both sides with the same object in view. The Union is willing to settle by arbitration, or by any other honorable medium. The prevarication is all on the side of the employers, who play a waiting "game," in the vain hope of starving out the employees.

The South Philadelphia Business Men's Association has presented to the public a fair statement of the facts of the strike. The statement contains the following pertinent query:

"Why did Cleveland have to send men here to interfere with our affairs? Philadelphia doesn't need outside advice. If it had not been for these men the strike would have been settled long ago. But the long drawn out fight has paralyzed business in certain parts of the city. When you consider that a payroll amounting to $125,000 a week is cut off and that this money is going to New York and Cleveland, and that some of this business will be forever lost to Philadelphia, it is time that something heroic be done to bring about a settlement of the strike."

Even before the conference called by the United Business Men's Association was held, an emissary had been privately sent to Raymond MacNielle, the appointed chairman of the conference, in the effort of trying to prejudice the case of the workers and protest against the Business Men interfering in the matter. This shows the employers' attitude and that only our determined stand can bring them to reason.

We reproduce the following editorial from the Philadelphia "News Post":

"Hats off to the garment workers of Philadelphia! In the whole history of industrial warfare in Philadelphia there is no record of a struggle in which more heroism, higher courage or a finer enthusiasm has been shown than that displayed by the thousands of strikers who are now in the nineteenth week of their fight.

"During all those bitter weeks hunger and want have drawn them closer and closer, scores of strikers have fallen victims to the ignorant and brutal police, two have paid the penalty of their devotion with their lives, but never for a moment has there been any faltering, never have the ranks weakened, never has the word 'surrender' been uttered.

"And hats off especially to the women strikers. Shoulder to shoulder they have stood in the battle line with the men; they have endured hardship, persecution and suffering without a murmur; they have been insulted, assaulted and jailed by the police thugs, and always in the end it has been their inspiration which has spurred lover, husband, brother and so on to keep up the fight.

"The strikers have appealed to Mayor Blankenburg, Director Porter and other city officials to use their influence to bring about arbitration. Their appeal was ignored naturally. Blankenburg has shown by every act since he assumed office that he has no sympathy with the workers, and Porter is the responsible head of the slugging policemen who have overridden all law and humanity in their efforts to terrorize the strikers.

"Through the South Philadelphia Business Men's Association the United Business Men's Association have taken a hand in the struggle, and have offered their services as mediators. The strikers gladly responded to this offer, but the manufacturers contemptuously ignored it.

"There is one recourse left. The strikers have appealed to the final, the highest and most
powerful court in the world; they have taken
their cause before the bar of public opinion.
Before an aroused public opinion the stubborn,
greed-crazed manufacturers must give way.
You are part of that public opinion. Here is
your chance to use your voice and your influ­
ence on the side of justice. Will you do it?"

A similar situation exists in St. Louis.
The efforts of the State Board of Arbi­
tration have been futile. Last month a
Citizens' Committee has been formed
and this committee called a conference,
but the employers were not represented.
The Citizens' Committee issued a re­
port and counseled the manufacturers
to settle by arbitration and to adopt an
arrangement on the lines of the Proto­
col in New York, but so far they have
given no reply. The similarity of the
situation calls for a similarity, of meas­
ures on our part.

FRANKEL

At the semi-annual con­
vention of the National
MANUFACTURE
Cloak Manufacturers' WAGE SLAVES.
Association held in
Cleveland, Philip Frankel, who has re­
cently blossomed out into a full-fledged
scab agent, admonished the representa­
tives on their neglect to provide plenti­
ful (cheap) labor and called for the
establishment of trade schools to teach
American boys and girls the ladies' gar­
ment trade (including obedience to the
bosses, etc.). This is a scheme to dis­
place the immigrant workers in the
trade, by whose labor the Cleveland
manufacturers have become enriched.
He represented that labor is becoming
more scarce every year, but omitted to
qualify the word "labor" by the word
"cheap." The idea at the back of this
philanthropic scab-agent's mind is that
American work people would be a source
of greater profit, and more willing
slaves than the immigrants, who become
quickly permeated with the real Amer­
ican spirit and constantly clamor for
their rights.

He held forth on the "ideal" condi­
tions of labor obtaining in the Western
cloak factories. How easy it is to de­
ceive one's self, and others who feel
flattered by the deception? Who does
not know of our strike at Cleveland in
1911 and of the disgusting methods of
bought spies and hired thugs in the pay
of this same Frankel in behalf of his
Association? The labor world knows
of the exploitation of the workers in the
factories of the Cleveland "philanthro­
pists" today, and it shall know of it—
more and more.

Evidently these employers still imag­
ine themselves in the middle ages. They
still think of themselves as a sort of
feudal lords domineering over their own
trained and "owned" wage-slaves. They
are impervious to the spirit of the age,
the spirit of Democracy in Industry." Their eyes are closed to the immense
progress of the trade unions. They can­
not see the rapid strides of Labor to­
wards its emancipation. They cannot
see that even trade school-trained work­
ers will not consent to be willing drudges
for "Black, Frankel & Co."

LESSONS OF

The reports from our
OUR RECENT local unions of the ref­
REFERENDUM.
erendum vote on the
question of increasing the per capita to
the International for the purpose of
creating a central strike fund, are very
instructive from more than one view­
point. As the figures, given in another
column, stand, they signify the defeat
of the proposition to raise the per capita,
by a large majority. But do these figures
really mean that our large membership
is opposed to the per capita being raised
for this purpose? We do not believe this
is the case.
Certain it is that were it possible to reach all our members and enlighten them upon this all-important question; had there been no secondary influence to distort the views and convictions of our local officers; were our local leaders as good Socialists as they claim to be; had they only realized that the interests of the locals and individual members are inseparably bound up with the wide interests of the entire Organization; had they only felt as union men ought to feel: that the obligation rests upon the stronger to protect the weaker; had they only considered the question from the broad standpoint of unionism and organization, the reply of our members at the ballot boxes would have been different altogether.

A close analysis of the votes reveals the characteristic fact that all the poorer locals voted in favor. They had no difficulty in perceiving that a strike fund entitling every member without exception to strike benefit would give them also a chance to improve their conditions; would enable them also to become proud and loyal union men. On the other hand, the locals having substantial treasuries voted against the proposition upon the recommendation of the local executives. The latter were haunted by the fear of decreasing their accumulated local hoards. They pleaded that the dues were too low and they could not afford to pay a five-cent instead of a two-and-a-half-cent per capita. Yet this plea has been pulled to pieces over and over again. Official figures have shown that the richer locals pay away in donations to our strikes more than a higher per capita tax would cost them. Our members yet need a thorough "union education."

The best illustration of the "practice contradicting theory" is the way the referendum works in our organization. At present it is certainly not something to be proud of.

This does not mean that we are opposed to the referendum. In principle the referendum is the highest expression of "government by the people." In our Union, however, the practice completely contradicts the theory. For all our referendums within recent years, except the plebiscites at strikes, have been a ludicrous failure.

In the last referendum on the question of per capita, sixty per cent. of our locals did not vote at all. Only one-fifth of our membership went to the ballot boxes. Several locals who voted did not send in their reports, and there were many other irregularities. Legally, this kind of voting may be called "referendum," but morally and practically it is a sheer farce.

For, if only one-fifth of the entire membership participates in the voting, and only one-tenth decides the policy of the Union, upon a question affecting the welfare of tens of thousands of members, then the will of the membership is not expressed. The non-participating majority thus evinces its satisfaction with the chosen responsible leaders legislating for the Organization as they see fit. This is the inevitable conclusion to which our referendums within recent years lead us, although it would be infinitely better if the membership did actually express its will.

The last referendum has thus given no decisive answer to this paramount question, and it will devolve upon the next convention to devise ways and means of more satisfactorily gauging the expression of the will of our membership.
A third of a century ago a little group of men, thoroughly convinced that the trade union movement was the hope of the American workers, met in Pittsburgh and effected the organization that has grown into its present splendid development. The trade union movement has justified the faith of those who founded it and devoted their lives to building it up. It has been the great power that has placed humanity above all else—it has forced humanity upon industry, into legislation, into special concepts and ideals. It has ever made protest against wrong, injustice, waste of human energy and life. It has been the greatest force for the uplift of the workers and all those that are weary and heavy laden—it has permeated their lives and made them freer, better, happier, more worth living.

The trade union movement has become the greatest factor in the lives of the masses of the American people because of its practical idealism. Those who have made the organization what it is have recognized that they were confronted with conditions rather than theories. They have recognized that in counseling those in need of more and better food, clothing, and the necessities of life, they were dealing with the raw stuff of life, with human beings who live in the present and whose destinies depend upon present aid. Any organization that has in its keeping the welfare of human beings has assumed a tremendous responsibility. The welfare of the hosts of toilers is entrusted to the American trade union movement.

Industrial managements have been cruel and heartless in their self-interests; between the American working people and such cruelty and heartlessness there has stood but one unerring defense—the labor movement. This labor movement has laid hold of the hearts of men and women; it is to them a symbol of those things which are the best of life. It is a real living thing which the toilers love and cherish. And the soul of the movement is the hearts and lives of those who have built themselves into it, by sacrifice and toil.

Delegates to this convention; you who are to transact the affairs of this movement, be fully conscious of the dignity and responsibility devolving upon you—the welfare of the human beings whom you represent. Where so much is at stake, fads, unrealistic but impracticable fancy, personal interests, must give way to the larger aspects of all problems. Differences of opinions there must be, for they are inseparable from a growing movement that must adjust to the changing conditions of industry and society. For the success of the cause does not depend upon the elimination of disputes, but upon the spirit in which they are treated. A practical, resourceful spirit has been characteristic of all former deliberations and it is indispensable that the propositions and the issues coming before this convention be disposed of with discretion.

The matters which are to be considered by this convention are not only working class problems, but they concern and have a bearing upon the whole of society, in America and the whole world. The trade unionists have their group interests and work and their organizations by which they are promoted, yet they are an integral component of society and their welfare is not always in conflict with that of other members of society. Since the delegates to this convention will deal with problems affecting the welfare of those they represent and that of many others, the discussions and decisions will be studied by the earnest men and women, the thinkers of this country and of the whole world. The men in the labor movement are students of the world of men and affairs, who know conditions through personal experience and observation. The labor movement has produced and educated its economists, its statesmen, and its philosophers. Upon such, representing their fellow-workers at this Seattle Convention, will rest the grave responsibility of earnestly striving to solve wisely and surely the many problems that will come before this body. Not one issue will be unimportant, for each will affect the development of the movement for better or for worse.

It is of the greatest importance that you, the delegates to this 1913 convention, come to its sessions fully aware of the great responsibility and duty which rests upon you, that you come ready to consider and decide all matters
purely and wholly from the standpoint of human welfare. Let all things be done in the spirit that will make this a gathering that will inspire new courage and love for humanity and prepare for still more glorious success for the trade union movement.

The past year has been one of most gratifying progress and steady growth for the trade union movement of America. During the year the affiliated membership of the American Federation of Labor reached the two-million mark, passed beyond, and is surely and steadily advancing toward the new goal—the three-million mark. Not only has there been progress made in numbers, but for the increasing numbers there have been increase in wages, shortening of the workday, improvement in sanitary and general conditions under which the work is done, better protection for the life and health of the workers. These are fundamental factors in determining the standard of living prevailing among the working people—the greater proportion of all the people. The test of the degree of civilization of any nation is the standard of living generally prevailing. There can be no question of the statement that the general standard of living among Americans has been raised year after year. The things which today are held to be necessities were deemed luxuries a decade ago. Furthermore, there can be no question of the statement that the organized labor movement of America has been the most potent force in bringing about this higher standard of living now prevailing among the American workingmen and women and those dependent upon them. It is the only effective defense that stands between the organized workers and oppression and injustice, the common lot of the burden-bearers of the world.

The trade union movement of America is a very real part of the lives of the workers, a living thing whose spirit has quickened the instincts of free manhood and womanhood and has been the persistent protestant against conditions which oppressed the underpaid and undernourished, stunted souls and scarred bodies. In addition it has been the means of freeing the minds and the souls of men—this is its greatest service to humanity. The spirit of the trade union movement has made straight the bent back; it has made of the one formerly a mere suppliant for favors, a free individual, unafraid, calmly and insistently demanding justice; it has freed the wills of men.

After all, it is not always the things that can be seen and touched that give life its deepest and highest purpose and value, but it is the determining, actuating spirit. The trade union movement has made men strong and able in their collective might, but has left them free to live their individual lives without let or hindrance. It is of the progress of this great movement that we, in our official capacity as members of the Executive Council, submit to you our report of the substance of what has been undertaken and accomplished during the past year.

Resolutions Relating to our International Union

Resolution No. 73—By Delegates Abraham Rosenberg, John A. Dyche, Myor Rosenberg of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union:

WHEREAS, The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union succeeded, within the last three years, in unionizing the most important centers in the manufacture of women's garments in this country, with the result that the hitherto unlimited hours of labor which existed in these branches of the tailoring trades have been reduced to 50 and 48 hours per week, wages have been considerably increased, home and tenement-house work has been abolished, sanitary conditions established and the sweating system in these branches of the trade eradicated root and branch; and

WHEREAS, In the year 1911, when the same international union attempted to establish similar conditions in the cloak and skirt industry in the city of Cleveland, O., it encountered the bitter opposition of the cloak manufacturers' association of that city, with the result that the union was forced into a strike which lasted five months at an expense of over $340,000, and ended in the defeat of the work people; and

WHEREAS, At the head of this combination of manufacturers stands Moris Black of H. Black & Co. of Cleveland, O., manufacturers of the Wooltex brand of cloaks and suits, a brand of goods which is widely advertised in the Middle West and patronized largely by the working people; and

WHEREAS, This Mr. Black, manufacturer of the Wooltex brand of cloaks and suits, has been since devoting his time and energy in trying to destroy our International Union by endeavoring to implicate the general officers of this union in murderous crimes which the courts
subsequently found to have been committed by one of his own agents (who is now serving a jail sentence), and also by trying to induce various employers in the trade to oppose our demands, and by organizing strike breaking agencies; and

WHEREAS, At the beginning of July last, when the officers of our International Union succeeded in entering into negotiations with the cloak and suit manufacturers of the cities of Philadelphia and St. Louis, for the purpose of establishing, through amicable adjustment union conditions in those cities, Mr. Morris Black, of the Wooltex concern, and Mr. Philip Frankel, secretary of the National Cloak Manufacturers’ Association, went to Philadelphia and St. Louis and succeeded in organizing these manufacturers against us, with the result that we have now two big strikes in progress on which our organization has spent already over a quarter of a million dollars, and which have resulted in one of our men being killed and scores of them injured and maimed by armed strike breakers and thugs hired by the employers, recruited and shipped by this Philip Frankel and Morris Black, of the Wooltex concern; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Thirty-third Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor that the attention of the organized workers of this country and their friends be called to this unfair Wooltex concern and to the pernicious activity of Mr. Morris Black and the National Cloak Manufacturers’ Association; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Federation of Labor pledges itself to do all it possibly can to assist the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union to counteract this pernicious activity of the head of the Wooltex concern, and that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor be directed to issue a circular letter containing this resolution to all its affiliated international and national unions, state and city branches, as well as friendly organizations, the labor press, and the various American Federation of Labor organizers, requesting them to give all possible aid to the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union in its struggle against this strike-breaking concern.

Referred to Committee on Boycotts.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PHILADELPHIA AND ST. LOUIS STRIKES.


WHEREAS, The cloak and suit workers of the cities of Philadelphia, Pa., and St. Louis, Mo., are now the fifth month out on strike for the right of collective bargaining and for the purpose of establishing a working standard as to rates of pay, hours of work and sanitary conditions, the same as now prevail in most of the cloak manufacturing centers in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, In “a statement of facts,” issued by “The South Philadelphia Business Men’s Association,” an impartial body of public-spirited citizens, it appears that the cloak manufacturers of Philadelphia were ready to concede the demands of their work people, were it not for interference on the part of Morris Black and Philip Frankel, secretary of the National Cloak Manufacturers’ Association; and

WHEREAS, These representatives of the manufacturers’ association for the last few years have been going about the country, telling our employers that the New York and other manufacturers who have entered into agreements with our organization have been easy marks and were scared by the union into granting the demands of their employes, and that it is a comparatively easy matter to break up the organization by putting up a fight and offering resistance to the union demands, and in this way succeeded in inducing the cloak manufacturers of Philadelphia and St. Louis to undertake the present struggle with our organization; and

WHEREAS, The season in the cloak trade is nearing its end and there is no likelihood of a settlement with the employers before the spring season, or the latter part of January next, and our strikers in Philadelphia and St. Louis have another ten weeks of starvation staring them in the face; and

WHEREAS, In case our strikers should be driven, through want of bread and shelter, to seek employment from the members of the Philadelphia and St. Louis manufacturers’ associations, these representatives of the National Manufacturers’ Association, Philip Frankel and Morris Black, will be able to demonstrate to the rest of the manufacturers in the women’s wear industry of this country their ability to break our strikes and our unions, and thereby jeopardize the very existence of our interna-
tional union and the standard of living which we have achieved in our industry, and which is the result of untold expenditures of over a quarter of a century of tremendous self-sacrifice, determination and energy; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the organized-labor movement of this country to protect and come to the rescue of one of the largest organizations of the American Federation of Labor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the delegates assembled at this Thirty-third Annual Convention, at the city of Seattle, Wash., instruct the incoming Executive Council to use all the power and authority granted to it by the constitution of the American Federation of Labor to raise financial assistance sufficient to enable the members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union now on strike in the cities of Philadelphia and St. Louis to win their just and reasonable demands.

Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Resolution No. 109—By Delegates Abraham Rosenberg, John A. Dyche and Myer Rosenberg of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union:

WHEREAS, The American Federation of Labor has grown to be a great factor in improving the conditions of the working people; and

WHEREAS, The above said organization is interested in putting on the statute books of our government (state and national), laws that will benefit organized labor and humanity in general; and

WHEREAS, Our efforts in this direction can only be successful by creating public sentiment in favor of our proposed measures; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this, the Thirty-third Convention of the American Federation of Labor instructs the Executive Council to establish a lecture bureau and to employ expert sociologists to bring before the people the subjects which we propose to submit to the various legislative bodies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the aforesaid Council be further instructed to communicate at an early date with all the state and central bodies affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, for the purpose of making such arrangements as will result in the undertaking being inexpensive as well as most effective.

A MATTER OF DUTY

S. E. Kiser, in Record-Herald.

Some one failed to do his duty, and a town was swept away;
There was fearful, needless havoc, there was pitiful dismay;
Mothers, weeping for their children, orphans, all their rights denied,
Viewed the scene of desolation and would not be pacified.

Some one failed to do his duty and an engine jumped a switch,
There were moans from pinioned victims where the train lay in the ditch:
Sudden death and shameful havoc, with no word of warning came—
Suffering and ceaseless sorrow—and the wish to shift the blame.

Some one failed to do his duty and a wall to ruin fell,
And with people who were blameless Pain and Sorrow came to dwell:
Of all plagues and all the evils and of all the things accursed
They that fail to do their duty are most common and the worst.
When Working People are Ignorant

Everything can happen to you when you are ignorant of your own power and strength. In that case you usually are more enslaved than those who are aware of their powers. You are paid lower wages; you are made to work longer hours. You are not respected, and you are not regarded as a human being. You are looked upon as a mere machine that turns out profits for some master. And all because you are not aware of the powers that lie within you. Naturally enough, when you are ignorant of your own power, you are also ignorant of your efforts, and of the value of organization.

Here is a sample of it:

The Ecuadorian Panama Hat Company, against whom a strike was conducted last summer, won out. That is, the workers lost their fight against the firm. When the workers returned to work they were forced to sign individual contracts or leave the place. That contract is the most damnable thing I have ever seen. Yet most of the workers had signed it.

One of its clauses, for instance, provides that each employee must deposit twenty per cent. of his wages with his employer. Another clause provides that if an employee spoils some of the hat material—and the foreman is to be the sole judge as to this—the twenty per cent. remains with the employer as "liquidated damages." They must be respectful and obedient. Else they will be discharged, and, of course, will not receive the deposited twenty per cent.

Now had the workers been aware of what this contract meant to them they would have refused to sign it. But it seems that most of them misunderstood the whole thing. Be it as it may, it is awful to think that workers, at this time, should still be willing to let their employers rob them of twenty per cent. of their wages. To sign such a contract is to abandon all self-respect.

Let it be remembered though, that this could not have happened to any one who is more or less intelligent. It could never happen to a group of organized workers. An employer would not dare to approach them with such a contract. The worst employer has some respect for a working man or for a working woman who has the intelligence to stick to his or her shopmates and belong to his or her organization.

The above company has simply discovered a new way of robbing its workers, and the workers have been blind not to see it. But perhaps this may prove a means to wake them up. For they will not get back their money at the end of the season. The employer will see to it that most of them are discharged before the season is over. He can always find some excuse to show that he is "right" and the worker wrong.

Such is the stupidity of the unorganized working people. You girls who belong to your Union ought to be proud. For you have at last found your place. No employer will dare to rob you or withhold your pay unless you will allow him to do so. By allowing him I mean that it depends how strong you are organized. If you are well organized you will get more for your labor; if you are not, your employer will get more out of your labor. Remember that and act accordingly.

WHITE GOODS WORKERS' UNION, LOCAL 63

Local No. 63 is just now confronted with the problem of organizing the shop of Rosenstock & Cohen. These gentlemen evidently thought that they could violate the agreement and still pose as men of word. They thought that even...
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if they would not pay to their workers the ten per cent. increase they would still remain in the Association, and still be regarded as fair. Evidently some employers’ conception of fairness is very peculiar.

The Union went after them until the Association decided to expel this firm unless it lived up to the letter of the agreement. But these employers were willing to be expelled rather than pay the promised ten per cent. increase in their employees’ wages.

Of course, it is up to the Union to show them that their shop can be organized in spite of opposition.

The organization committee which was recently elected at a meeting of the Union is doing good work among the girls of the shop mentioned above. With a little more effort, more energy, more patience and courage, their work will prove successful.

Local No. 62 is also taking a great deal of interest in the struggle of the Philadelphia strikers. And it is surely doing the right thing. At a special meeting called for the purpose of assisting the strikers financially it was decided that the chairladies in the various shops take up collections. International President Rosenberg spoke at the meeting and explained the situation. S. Shore, the manager of the Union, also spoke.

Since then the Local has strained every nerve to help the strikers. It has so far sent them $1,765.50 in cash, in assessments collected from the members, and it is now contributing $150 each week. It intends to do that as long as the strike will last. It simply shows that the members of the Local have at last found themselves and are taking their place among the rank and file of organized labor.

The Union has also decided to arrange a theatre benefit for a sick member. This is to take place on December 17th and 18th. Tickets may be had at the office.

The Local has also bought tickets for the Ball of the Women’s Trade Union League. At the same time the Local is arranging a Ball of its own for some date in February.

LADIES’ WAIST AND DRESSMAKERS’ UNION,
LOCAL No. 25.

According to Organizer J. Mallox, several important decisions have been made at the recent meetings of the Executive Board which are destined to bring good results. In the first place a committee has been elected to look after the unorganized shops and see to it that the Association shops are kept in good shape. The committee will have a good deal to do, as there are many places that are as yet unmorganized.

Then it has been decided to issue a weekly paper in Yiddish and a semi-monthly paper in English. An Italian semi-monthly has been out for some time. The publicity committee’s plans have been approved and the first issues are announced for December 5th.

The Local is also doing its best for the strikers of Philadelphia. Each member is taxed with ten cents a week, and the Local is contributing $1,000 every week to the strike fund.

Election of officers, namely, a manager, secretary-treasurer, fourteen business agents and members of the Executive Board, took place last month (November 18th to 29th).

An interesting general meeting of the Italian Waist and Dressmakers of Local No. 25 was held the first week in November. The purpose of the meeting was to find out whether the alleged sentiment for a separate Local of the Italian members really existed.

The meeting was very well attended, about 500 members in good standing were present.

Several members took the floor and explained the impracticability and almost impossibility of having a separate Local for one nationality in a trade where so many nationalities work together. Local No. 25 consists of about 30,000 members, composed of several nationalities, namely, Germans, Jews, Americans, Hungarians, etc. If a separate local would be granted to one nationality, the others would be entitled to the same, and this would result in confusion, detrimental to the trade in general.

After a final vote on the question it was unanimously decided to continue the organization as at present.

After this, nomination for Executive Board members and business agents took place.

In a statement issued by J. Mallox and Mrs. M. Scully the following occurs:

“'The committee of the Executive Board wishes to call the attention of the Italian members to the fact that the actions of the so-called ‘Protesting Committee’ may prove detrimental to the interests of the workers of the entire Union. Their contention is not an honest one, for the reason that this committee is composed of people against whom many charges have been lodged with the Grievance Committee of the Union, for ill-behavior, misrepresentation, and irresponsible action. Some of them are not even members. There must, therefore, be some doubt as to the honesty of their action.”"
The American Branch of the Waist and Dressmakers' Union held its first monthly dance on the 7th of last month. While the attendance was not as expected, yet those who were present had a "great" time. The same hall was engaged for monthly dances during the winter season and Local No. 25 will help pay expenses. Let us hope that this will result in bringing together all the rest of the American girls working in the trade and make them realize the necessity of joining the Union.

Within the last month nearly 200 new members joined the Branch. What the Branch must do now is to supply these new members with literature on the subject of Unionism. Why should not the officers of the Local use the columns of the "Ladies' Garment Worker"? Why don't they have articles addressed to the girls published in the "Ladies' Garment Worker" and circulate the magazine among the girls? Its columns are open to them. In connection with this it is worth while to remember that if the members of Local No. 25 would only care to use the pages of the "Ladies' Garment Worker" there would hardly be any need for a paper of their own. But this is not our business. They may, however, learn their lesson afterwards.

In the meantime we want you to read the "Ladies' Garment Worker." We want you to feel that it is here for your purpose and for you to use it.

If you have anything to say on this subject, let us hear from you.

WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE'S ANNUAL BALL.

On the 5th day of December the annual ball of the Women's Trade Union League will be held. Amsterdam Opera House is a big place, and there is enough room for everybody who wishes to go and have a jolly time.

Our locals have supported the League generously by having bought tickets for this affair, and we have no doubt that all of them will be there to enjoy a good dance and partake of the general holiday-like spirit.

Come early! We will expect you there. Don't disappoint us! The League will be glad to meet you all.

Result of the Referendum Relating to the Proposed Raising of the Per Capita

We have received the following returns from the under-mentioned locals. The result is interesting, not so much in the votes recorded as in the number of members who have abstained from voting.

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The votes of Local 21, Newark, have been omitted because the returns were not signed by the officers or stamped with the Local seal.
Two-thirds of our locals have sent in no returns. This shows once more how little they are interested in the union affairs that deeply concern them.

The vote thus signifies a rejection of the proposition that the International Union should pay strike benefit direct from its funds. It is a clear intimation to those of our locals who may in the future desire to call strikes to apply for financial support direct to the other locals.

A. ROSENBERG,
President.

JOHN A. DYCIE,
General Secretary.Treasurer.

Presentation To
Meyer Rosenberg
of Toledo.

Officers and members of the Cloak Makers' Union of Toledo, Local No. 67, gave a farewell banquet at the College Inn, Ohio Building, in honor of Brother Meyer Rosenberg, delegate of the International Union to the Seattle Convention Brother A. Soldinger, in behalf of the guests, presented to Brother Meyer Rosenberg a solid gold ornamented fountain pen.
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ברציפות, המשכילים ובין השאר מספר פעילים וemployer שצפויים, בשנית מעשים וביתו גורם.
 нару duyệt פרובננס פון שטודראטFFEוני זיונילאך פאכט

אף על פי כן, נבדקו ונבדקו פעמים רבות, נמצאו שלא כלים עליה. בדיקות כמה פעמים, ❈

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זה לא תורשתי, אך אני יכול JpaRepository כדי לתפוג בתוכנהיות. זה לא תורשתי, אך אני יכול JpaRepository כדי לתפוג בתוכנהיות. זה לא תורשתי, אך אני יכול JpaRepository כדי לתפוג בתוכנהיות. זה לא תורשתי, אך אני יכול JpaRepository כדי לתפוג בתוכנהיות. זה לא תורשתי, אך אני יכול JpaRepository כדי לתפוג בתוכנהיות. זה לא תורשתי, אך אני יכול JpaRepository כדי לתפוג בתוכנהיות. זה לא תורشي
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uerdo فيديو أراستورثوا

نع، أن لا رفع لوفاسمو، وأن لا مير، كانوا كانوا يتذوقون للفكر في كنيسة، بنيت مع الفن التكنولوجي، التي تتعلق تم ترجمة في كلمة. بالطبع، الملك كان حقاً بشكل يتحدثون في السماوات، الذين يتحدثون كلمات. في هذه الجملة، نحن نستشهد ردود فعل من المستخدمين. هذه الجملة تعني، من خلال القصر، السماء، أثر الفن على المجتمع في الطواف، والفصول، وعدد من الأشكال. من خلال القصر، النقاء، والفراغ، ومساحة كبيرة.}

-acrea Vũ atravanta quht n-s ymnoy mų

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ד"ה פעלוריסיו הרקופים של ויקטור פרשטיין

איליוואנטנס צות ברעוכו ויתועדו הקטעים הקאנטרי

אין לי ריעה העצמאית! עזרו לי!

לא ידוע מהتفעלים אותם אנו מתמודדים בהם!

איליוואנטנס צות ברעוכו ויתועדו הקטעים הקאנטרי

אין לי ריעה העצמאית! עזרו לי!
Arbeiterheim X. Bezirk
Volksbildungshaus, Margarethen.

דעת לידיים וארמונות העקצרים

הработה היא התקנה - איך הוא ויו ערכו ים.

בנושאותו של בית המשרדים בו פסלים היה כמו ירי אירтверן. הוא העביר הבתים בודקים בין הדרכים, עיטר את הזקוקים שפתחו לעצמם, ובו מאמץ. למראה אתLANDK IND ננו, ופיותיו הנקはじ糇 בין הבית העם, והאזרחים שפתחו לעצמם.

זיך והת 것이 מתחברות בין הבתים ואת העם. הוא העביר את מקורותיו של העם, ואת האזרחים שפתחו לעצמם.
יווחה אֲלָמָה דְּמָה דְּרֵךְ הַכַּפֶּסְמָכְבַּרְאַבִּילְדָגָבָא.
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בג"עס אינא רתא דע א"ס, קלח א-מטא דע טבכ אלתסא יאכז גיטמא, וניואו דע ס"ס • סס סס

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הנה נגזרות מה狒狒: "גלוי, לא נארכו בבלגת המים על הקדשה!

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אף אחד מהם לא ניתן ל ApplicationRecord
נואם, וירא, וירא, וירא!

ים רוחן האמיתי

אני לא יכול לרשום這裡 יש שפרים. וירא, וירא, וירא
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