

THE BATTLE FOR UNIONS

Plate Glass Workers throughout the Country Form a National Trades Assembly of K. of L. MACHINISTS' MATTERS YET MIXED. The Company and the Employes Not in Harmony on the Meaning of the Petition Presented.

GENERAL STRIKE AT THE EXPOSITION.

Complete Cessation of Work Because Non-Unionists Were Employed.

The next organization of any one craft to spring into practical existence will be that of the plate glass workers of the country. In several places, years ago, there were local assemblies of the trade attached to the nearest district. This was the case in Ford City, but owing to dissatisfaction with the methods of D. A. 3, to which it was attached, the Ford City assembly surrendered its charter. Since that time the plate glass workers have been unorganized. This has resulted in a material change in the circumstances of the workers, who, instead of receiving from \$25 to \$30 a week, as in former times, have been obliged to accept from \$8 to \$10 a week.

VIEW OF THE ORGANIZER.

The organizing has been effected by Mr. James L. Michaels, of New Albany, Ind., a member of L. A. 300, and an old "war horse" of the Knights of Labor. Regarding the necessity for organizing the trade at this juncture, Mr. Michaels said yesterday: "Every year that passes adds to the growing importance of the plate glass business. Where double strength window glass was used plate glass is now taking its place. This fact you will find in traveling through the country, and observing that every year finds the employment of plate glass in railroad cars and houses more general. In view, then, of the growing importance of the trade, it was thought the time had arrived for an effective organization of the workers of the glass. This has now been effected, and the first convention will be held, very likely, in New Albany sometime within the next two weeks. The order will be affiliated with the Knights of Labor, but will be as independent of it as have the same conduct of its business as L. A. 300 has.

GROWTH OF THE TRADE.

"The plate glass trade in this country is growing," continued Mr. Michaels. "The factors which have started it are at New Albany, Ind.; Crystal City, Mo.; the Ford factories at Creighton, Tarentum and Ford City; the Honard, at Duquesne; Chambers' factory at Butler, and Kokomo, Ind. The new works starting up are at Irwin, Charleston and Ellettsville. The number of workers in the country is between 4,000 and 5,000. Mr. Michaels has a reputation for oratory which old-time members of the order will recall. He related with much gusto, his adventures in organizing the men in one factory, the land in another, and in another property of the company. He established himself as a member for a tobacco house in "Lancaster," the appropriate name bestowed on a village containing a saloon and a forge, in the vicinity, and operated among the men from there. The men are now all organized, he says, and it only remains now to bring the organization to establish headquarters and officers.

SERIOUS FOR THE OPENING.

A General Strike at the Exposition Because Non-Unionists Were at Work. The operations at the Exposition have received a set-back. As hinted in yesterday's issue of this paper, the men employed by the Westinghouse Electric Light Company have been instrumental in completely stopping all work there. In default of getting union men to do its work, the company sent eight non-union electricians to push on the exhibit. The attention of the building trades was drawn to the matter, and General Agent Beck investigated it. As a result, the company was notified that if it removed the non-union men the other craftsmen would quit. Manager Johnson tried to induce the men to quit, but when General Agent Beck made his appearance on the scene at noon yesterday the whole force of men, including painters, tinsmiths, carpenters, steamfitters, etc., laid down their tools and walked out. It was also found that Dauler, Close & Johns had non-union carpenters at work at an exhibit, and this only served to precipitate matters. The men will not return to work as long as the non-union men are employed. It is now a question of finishing the electrical exhibit by the end of the week, and letting everything else stand, or dispensing with the non-unionists and employing the regular men, at their demand, to finish the work. Mr. Johnston thinks that the men, in this instance, should strain a point and turn in, even at the old wages, for the few days it would require to finish off the work. In this connection of the day was named the success of the exhibition by having all in readiness for the opening, and would materially strengthen their case with the public.

LABOR DAY AT JEANETTE.

The Glass City to Have Quite a Turbulent and Prominent Spectator. The window glassworkers are determined to rival the Labor Day parade here, with the extent of the demonstration to be held on Jeannette on the same day. The selected marching band of 30 pieces will supply part of the music, and it is said that fully 5,000 men will be in line. Delegations will be present from Greensburg, Irwin, Penn. Harbor and from Westmoreland county generally. A feature of the parade will be the presence of the Jeannette and Derry hall clubs, who will march in costumes and then drive for supremacy on the diamond. Among the speakers of the day are named Judge Doady and Lawyer A. M. Sloan, of Greensburg, and President Eberhardt, Secretary Oaks and W. H. Slicker, of the Window Glass Workers' Association.

TO WHEELING.

St. Philomena Church Choir Excursion August 27. The round trip fare to Wheeling will be \$1.50 for special train leaving Pittsburgh Union station at 7:30 A. M., city time, Wednesday, August 27. Tickets may be purchased of J. J. Aland, 131 Fifth avenue, Joseph Kinsinger, Elizabeth and Liberty streets, or G. Weiser, 1519 Penn avenue. Returning special train will leave Wheeling at 8 P. M.

FOR THE CENTRAL.

Local Railroads Receiving No Freight for the Day. Another trainload of 40 men passed through the city yesterday to go to work on the New York Central. One of the men stated that the road was massing all sorts of railroaders at various points along the road in anticipation of a general tie-up. In this connection of the day was stated that the local railroads are not receiving freight for the Central at their own request.

WATCHING EACH OTHER.

The Present Position of the Westinghouse Strike. Somewhat of the Misunderstanding About the Petition—How It New Reads, and the Westinghouse Reaction—The Peculiar Developments of Yesterday. The managers of the Westinghouse interests, and those members of its working force who are now on strike, seem to be at present earnestly engaged in watching the movements of each other. Neither side has indicated any desire for a conference; the one declaring that it has furnished a sufficient answer to the petition of the men; the other asserting that the terms of the petition are just, and that they will not recede from them. This was the position yesterday, until broken in upon by a letter from Mr. George Westinghouse, Jr.

Mr. Westinghouse, in his letter, says that "the press generally seems to be very imperfectly acquainted with important facts regarding the desertion of their places by the late employees." In framing this sentence in his statement, Mr. Westinghouse evidently forgot for the moment the ironical role in force throughout his establishment, prohibiting any information pertaining to the company's business being given out to the press. Mr. Westinghouse is perhaps unaware that THE DISPATCH has applied for information regarding the company's view of the strike, both at the general office and to the superintendents of the various departments interested, without, in any case, being able to obtain any information as would suffice for an intelligent statement of the company's position. Under these circumstances "the press" is scarcely to blame if it has not accurate information regarding the company's position in the matter.

READING OF THE PETITION.

A representative of this paper by request of an official of the company on Saturday called at the general offices and was shown a copy of the petition presented by the employees of the electric company to the firm. Around this petition seems to hang a deal of misunderstanding, both on the side of the company and on that of the employees. The petition, which is a copy of the one presented to the company, is as follows: "Every year that passes adds to the growing importance of the plate glass business. Where double strength window glass was used plate glass is now taking its place. This fact you will find in traveling through the country, and observing that every year finds the employment of plate glass in railroad cars and houses more general. In view, then, of the growing importance of the trade, it was thought the time had arrived for an effective organization of the workers of the glass. This has now been effected, and the first convention will be held, very likely, in New Albany sometime within the next two weeks. The order will be affiliated with the Knights of Labor, but will be as independent of it as have the same conduct of its business as L. A. 300 has.

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INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

Items of Interest—Men Who Own or Work in Mills or Mines. Jones & Lavoretto's entire mill was closed at noon yesterday for want of gas. Work was resumed at night. The Carbon Iron Works started up yesterday in several departments. The works will be ready to start up in a few days. Furnaces A and E, at Bradock, are being repaired. B is nearly completed and will be in operation in a few days. The striking miners of Turtle Creek held a meeting on Saturday and adjourned without any result. A committee called on the company and received an offer to return to work at 72 cents. The meeting decided to remain out for 72.

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A GREAT GUSHER AT MANNINGTON

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CHARTIERS, August 25.—The amount of the Charters pool has been pretty well established. Notwithstanding the fact that new wells are still coming in, the production is not holding its own. The output is less than 3,000 barrels a day, from the indication of wells now in the sand a further reduction may be looked for until broken in upon by a letter from Mr. George Westinghouse, Jr. Mr. Westinghouse, in his letter, says that "the press generally seems to be very imperfectly acquainted with important facts regarding the desertion of their places by the late employees." In framing this sentence in his statement, Mr. Westinghouse evidently forgot for the moment the ironical role in force throughout his establishment, prohibiting any information pertaining to the company's business being given out to the press. Mr. Westinghouse is perhaps unaware that THE DISPATCH has applied for information regarding the company's view of the strike, both at the general office and to the superintendents of the various departments interested, without, in any case, being able to obtain any information as would suffice for an intelligent statement of the company's position. Under these circumstances "the press" is scarcely to blame if it has not accurate information regarding the company's position in the matter.

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