

# NEARING THE END OF THEIR LABORS

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thereby perpetuate its members in office, was denounced by vice President O'Connell as an unfounded and unjust charge. As a matter of fact, he said, the executive council was not responsible for the resolution.

The resolution to increase the salaries of the president and secretary from \$150 and \$125 a month, respectively, to \$200 a month, was defeated.

The resolution pledging the convention to Porto Rico in 1905, when that city has to have an exposition, was unfavorably reported and killed.

The delegates cheered enthusiastically a telegram from Oakland, Cal., read by President O'Connell of the machinists, announcing that the machinists there had won their strike.

A resolution was adopted giving seats to two fraternal delegates from the Women's Union Label League.

The committee on resolutions disapproved of Secretary Morrison's recommendation that the tax be increased from one-third to two-thirds of one per cent. The convention decided to make it one-half of one per cent.

**Separate Defense Fund.**

The committee on laws made a recommendation to refer to a special committee the recommendation of Secretary Morrison that the dues of federal unions or locals unattached to national organizations, be increased from five to ten cents per month, and that the additional five cents be used for the establishment of a defense fund, the exclusive use of these organizations.

One of the many who spoke on the question was the irrepressible John T. Morgans, of Portland. He was dwelling on the injustice of increasing the tax on these members and was quoting from Addison, Webster and others when some delegate rose to a point of order and stated that the speaker was not confining himself to the question.

"Oh, no," said President Gompers, he is only quoting from some men who are dead.

The laughter was halted by the stentorian tones of Morgans crying out "I am, Mr. Chairman, I am quoting from some men who are dead for the enlightenment of some men who are living.

President Gompers did not attempt to stop the laughter and applause.

The recommendation of the committee was defeated by a vote of 72 to 92 and the recommendation of Secretary Morrison adopted by a vote of 133 to 57.

Vice-President Max Morris reported for a special committee that he had organized a national union of the High Explosive and Powder Workers International union. President Gompers ordered the report spread upon the minutes and welcomed the new organization to the federation.

At this juncture President Gompers announced that the convention would listen to the report of an investigating committee. Early in the convention, said President Gompers, reports came to the executive council that the fraternal delegates were not comporting themselves as might be hoped for. The executive council considered the matter and decided that the best thing to do was to appoint a committee to "watch" them. The committee headed by D. J. Keogh, of New York, and James O'Connell of the machinists, the president said, had rested after their fatiguing day and would now report.

**Gave Them Presents.**

Thereupon Max O'Connell took the stage and to the accompaniment of a rain of apt witticisms presented to Messrs. Chandler and Tillet each with a handsome watch, suitably inscribed, and a diamond ring to Delegate Deaper of Canada. President Keefe on behalf of the longshoremen also presented Mr. Tillet with a 500-chain, as a greeting from the longshoremen of America to the "doctors" of Great Britain.

The recipients responded in grateful words, and each was applauded to the echo.

The resolution protesting against the confirmation of the president's appointment of E. E. Baker as circuit judge of Indiana, because his father, John H. Baker, a prominent plea judge of Indianapolis, had granted a injunction against strikers' Hamilton, Ind., was favorably reported and unanimously adopted. The main ground for the protest was that the injunction decision has been appealed to the circuit court, and it would not be right to leave the same subject to the father's decision. The secretary was instructed to telegraph the resolution to the president of the United States senate.

Later in the day, Vice-President Duncan stated that there was a feeling among the delegates that the convention had drifted on the matter without thoroughly understanding it, and suggested that some of those acquainted with the subject should explain its scope and wherefore, so that the delegates might intelligently defend the action of the convention when questioned by their constituents. "As I understand it," continued Mr. Duncan, "the principal reason for the protest is that the appointee is a son of his father. There is no justice in supposing that there is objectionable because his father happens to be."

The matter was allowed to stand as it was.

The resolution introduced by George Bankie for the International Union of Steam Engineers, directing the American Federation of Labor to prepare and present to congress a law making it treason to promulgate seditious speeches and a capital offense to kill or attempt to kill the president, vice-president or any member of the cabinet of the United States, was adversely reported, with the explanation that, while the committee could not bring language to express its abhorrence of the distasteful crime which is responsible for the resolution, the American Federation of Labor has already taken action on the matter, and it is not necessary to prepare the law referred to. The views of the committee were unanimously concurred in.

Delegate Herman Robinson, of New York city, in a lengthy speech, told of how, by accident, Emma Goldman was invited to be a speaker at a mass meeting of the Egyptian and Syrian Cigarettenmakers, some six months prior to the assassination of President McKinley, and how he had washed his hands of the whole affair when he learned of it, although it was he who organized these agitators and had charge of the conduct of their strike. He wanted to protest in the convention before the world that the American Federation of Labor was not responsible for the law referred to, and that in no way is it connected with Emma Goldman or the likes of her.

A dozen delegates were on the floor



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to speak on the question, but President Gompers, himself, took the floor and put a period to the matter by saying, in deliberate, well-chosen words: "Organized labor is not even by intimidation or persuasion connected in any way with that dastardly deed at Buffalo. Those who protest their innocence too much are sometimes liable to be held in suspicion. No one charges us with any connection with that crime, and we are not called upon to protest innocence."

The federation having already declared emphatically against ship subsidy, the committee reported adversely three resolutions reiterating this declaration. The report was concurred in.

A favorable report was presented on a resolution endorsing the decision of Judges Evans and Hall, of Kentucky, for their injunctions against the striking St. Bernard miners, and directing the executive council to take such action as will secure to the strikers the fullest scope in the prosecution of their work and the exercise of the right of free speech. President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, announced that the mine workers did not introduce the resolution.

One of the warmest debates of the convention, so far, in the resolution directing the executive council to instruct all allied organizations to have their members "hold absolutely aloof" from the militia. The resolution read as follows:

**Militia Resolution.**  
Resolution No. 122.—By Delegate Fred Beckhaus, Federated Trades council, Milwaukee: Whereas, Experience has proven that the militia can be used by capitalism as an engine of destruction in the subjugation of the working people; workmen have this been arrayed against workmen, and ordered to shoot down their comrades; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the twenty-first annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, that we declare our intention, and hereby instruct all affiliated leaders, to hold absolutely aloof from all connection with the militia. We have the military system in vogue in Switzerland.

The resolution was adversely reported from committee with the explanation that it is in the power of the American Federation of Labor to issue "instructions" on such a question, to the affiliated bodies.

Vice-President D. A. Hayes, of Philadelphia, opened the discussion with another of his sensible speeches which have made him one of the interesting figures of the convention. It is not right, he said, to attempt to deny to a member of a labor organization any of the rights which his American citizenship entitles him to. The privilege of joining the militia is one of these rights. To go on record as contemplated in this resolution would be liable to result, he said, in arousing a suspicion that organized labor intended to do something unlawful. Our men, said Mr. Hayes, are not only members of a labor organization, but also citizens of this country.

"Whatever the purpose of the formation of the militia may be," declared Delegate McCarthy, "we know what it has been used for—to overtake strikers and break up strikes."

A motion to concur in the report of the committee was lost by a vote of 72 to 81. It was then moved by Delegate Bowers to strike out the word "instruct" and substitute "recommend," and also to strike out the reference to the Swiss militia system, as it indirectly declared in favor of some kind of militia.

Delegate Walsh, of St. Louis, thought it a good thing to have union men in the militia. If every man carrying a rifle in his hand carried a union card in his pocket, said he, the militia would not be such a formidable foe to organized labor.

Delegate Keogh said he favored going on record against uses to which the militia is put but not against the militia itself.

**That Editorial Again.**

C. O. Sherman, of Chicago, referring to The Tribune's editorial on the "Labor and the Golden Rule" said: "Last week I declared that if organized labor was guided more by the golden rule than the union label, the general public would be more in harmony with it. We can observe the golden rule by endorsing this resolution. One of the precepts of the golden rule is 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

Delegate Dold, of Chicago, opposed the resolution on the ground that its adoption would be a virtual confession that workingmen were ignorant of what their position should be on the militia question.

Chairman Agard of the resolutions' committee coincided with Mr. Dold's views and moved to lay the whole matter on the table. The motion to table was adopted by a vote of 112 to 57.

The resolution denouncing the British government for its war on the Boers and expressing sympathy for the Boers was reported adversely with the explanation that the committee could not very well ask the American Federation of Labor to condemn something in the British government of which our own government is guilty. The recommendation was unanimously concurred in.

Others resolutions were dealt with as follows:

Resolving the executive council to mediate in the trouble between the Federation of Labor and the Building Trades council of Baltimore. Adopted.

Resolving federal laws on child labor. Reported to be impracticable and killed.

Resolving on the American Federation of Labor to fight proposed federal legislation that will abridge free press, free speech and free government.

Resolving the legislative committee to investigate the report that the immigrants killed in the Warsaw wreck at Seneca, Mich., were brought to this country under contract, and report its findings to the executive council. Adopted.

For federal laws on employer's liability. Reported to be impracticable and killed.



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part of the brewery workers to force into their union stationary firemen and engineers and coopers employed at breweries, was a violation of the constitution and should not be tolerated. The report went to committee.

The report of the committee on the executive council's report endorsed practically all of the council's recommendations and averred that its sense of justice was outraged by the report of the imprisonment of Senor Iglesias

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The consideration of various jurisdiction questions occupied the last hour of the convention's time. The dispute over coasts on ocean-going steamers to the seaman's union and those on coast vessels to the hotel and restaurant employes organization.

At 11 o'clock the convention was listening to a discussion on a motion by Walking Delegate Warner of the New York machinists for the revocation of the charter of the Amalgamation of Engineers, unless it complies with certain conditions laid down by the federation at the last convention. Eleven o'clock being the prescribed hour for adjournment the matter went over until this morning.

As the delegates were about to dis-

perse the announcement of the finding of the Schley court of inquiry was read from the platform. Three rousing cheers were given for Admiral Dewey.

**Today's Programme.**

The convention will undoubtedly close its business today, as President Gompers, President Mitchell and others are due in New York Monday, at the National City Federation meeting, and the delegates from a distance are anxious to get started away in time to be home for Christmas.

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