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THE STANDARD OIL TRUST is now making butter out of petroleum. John D. and his pals will now put the cow out of business.

TAFT IS COMING to Colorado and as a result of "God Knows" invading the state, the West is threatened with a deluge of "prosperity."

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS in the press dispatches, the coal miners of the Pittsburg district have won their strike. The strike involved 14,000 men.

THE PACKING HOUSE SCANDAL of East St. Louis has been officially white-washed, and the beef embalmers will continue in the business of poisoning the public.

THE FLINT GLASS WORKERS at a recent convention in New York, adopted a resolution favoring an amalgamation with the Glass Bottle Blowers. The Flint Glass Workers has a membership of 9,000 and a treasury of \$200,000.

THE "DRY" WAVE started by the prohibitionists and temperance freaks, has already resulted in adding a number of regiments to the great army of the unemployed. The water advocates have no jobs to give to the unfortunate victims of frenzied fanaticism.

SAMUAL GOMPERS felt somewhat nervous in France. The progressive thinkers and aggressive men of the labor movement put some questions to our dearly beloved Samuel, which caused the Napoleon of the American Federation of Labor to do some sparring and side-stepping. Samuel may come back to the "land of liberty" with a few new ideas in his mental garret.

THE PENALTY for vagrancy is the rock-pile or a jail. To be unemployed and bereft of the visible means of support, is to be guilty of vagrancy. If men have "the right to work" then why are there so many vagrants and why has the idle army reached such proportions, that even the exploiters are becoming nervous? The signs of the times indicate the birth of a new civilization.

THE SOCIALISTS of this country have recently, through their national office, taken a census of their membership.

The result shows that 71 per cent of the Socialists are American born, 9 per cent. German, 5 per cent. Scandinavian, 4 per cent. English, 2 per cent. Finnish, 9 per cent. of other nationalities. Sixty two per cent. of the membership canvassed belong to labor organizations, 17 per cent are farmers, 9 per cent commercial men, 5 per cent professional men. Thirty-five per cent. were formerly Republicans in politics, 40 per cent. Democrats, 15 per cent Populists, 6 per cent. Independents, 4 per cent. Prohibitionists. Social Democratic Herald.

DECLARED UNFAIR.

Pioneer, Nev., July 15th, 1909.
At the last meeting of this local the name of Nick Baertsch was ordered published in the Miners' Magazine as unfair to organized labor, having refused to turn in his card to this local.

(Seal)
Pioneer Miners' Union No. 218, W. F. M.
JAMES P. KELLY,
Financial Secretary.

JOHN B. LENNON, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, has been charged with writing a lengthy letter which has been used as a campaign document by the Prohibitionists. As many of the members of the American Federation of Labor have lost their jobs on account of the crusade that has been waged against breweries, distilleries and saloons, it should be in order for some of the jobless slaves to call on John and demand the "right to work."

FRANK HAYES secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of Illinois spent several days in Denver attending the convention of the Western Federation of Miners. Secretary Hayes was invited to address the convention and his speech demonstrated to the delegates, that though a young man, he had a broad grasp of the labor problem and was one of those workers who believed in the ultimate emancipation of humanity from the bondage of wage slavery. The Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America, with other aggressive national and international organizations are destined to come together in the near future to give battle to corporate tyranny under one flag.

THE UNITED HATTERS have made a gallant fight against the unbearable tyranny of the Hat Manufacturers. Organized labor throughout the country has recognized the solidarity of the Hatters' organization and has rendered financial assistance in the battle to strangle industrial despotism. But the Hatters have not as yet won the fight. The battle is still on, and the membership of organized labor should show no indifference or lethargy, until the Hatters can unfurl the banner of victory over the surrendered fortress of organized greed. The delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners levied an assessment of 25 cents on the membership, and the secretary-treasurer, was instructed to immediately forward a check to the Hatters for \$5,000. The assessment will reach approximately \$10,000, but the miners will render other assistance than financial aid. Every local of the Federation will see to it, that hats without the label shall remain on the shelf.

WE TAKE OFF OUR HATS and bow in reverence to the heroic women of the striking workmen of the Pressed Steel Car Company. Like the women of the Teutons of old, who urged on their men to the fight and slaughter themselves and their children rather than become Roman slaves, these women of the most exploited section of the proletariat present a staggering spectacle of bravery, devotion, and sacrifice, such as no well fed, dainty, refined bourgeois woman is capable of realizing, or even of conceiving.

They have worked with their men, hungered with them, suffered with them. Now they fight with their men, carry off their wounded, and are ready to apply the torch to the miserable huts containing their few belongings, rather than be driven out of their homes.

The Socialist movement aims at the abolition of class rule, the source of all exploitation and oppression, by peaceful and legal methods. But when it sees the woman of the most helpless section of the working class fighting with what means is left to them in defense of the most elementary of human rights, the right of bare existence, it cannot but applaud their daring and courage.

Honor and glory to the fighting women of the proletariat. New York Call.

THE SEATTLE UNION RECORD in its issue of July 17th, pays the following brief tribute to the president of the Western Federation of Miners:

"The Western Federation of Miners are in session in Denver this week, and the indorsement of Charles Moyer and his policies is complete. The destinies of any organization are safe in Charley Moyer's hands."

THE REPORT of the Grievance Committee to the delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners on their expulsion of James Jensen and Frank Ewing from Steptoe M. & S. Union No. 233, was as follows:

"The report of Committee on Grievance No. 15, was read as follows:

Denver, Colorado, July 13, 1909.

"To the Delegates, of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

"Comrades and at one time Brothers—As we, the undersigned, have been expelled from Local No. 233, of McGill, Nevada, without any just cause, and as we and a great many members of the Western Federation of Miners believe that we are being persecuted by a number of members of No. 233, we have beaten our way from McGill, Nevada, in order to place our grievance before you, either to be reinstated or turned down by you.

JAMES JENSEN,
FRANK EWING.

Grievance Committee.

"We, your committee, on the case of Jas. Jensen and Frank Ewing, of Steptoe M. & S. Union No. 233, beg to report the following:

"We recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to notify Steptoe M. & S. Union No. 233, that Jas. Jensen and Frank Ewing be reinstated until such times as they are both given a fair and impartial trial and we further recommend that the Editor of the Miners' Magazine be instructed to retract the advertisement in the magazine and place the Brothers on the fair list.

ED REGAN, Chairman,
WM. McCARTNEY,
C. M. LARSON,
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR,
JOHN YOUNG,
JOHN TEMBY,
FRANK DUNN.

"Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 145, that report of Committee be adopted. Motion carried."

THE AFFILIATION of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen with the Spokane Central Labor Council is a good sign of the awakening in this city of the spirit of federation of all labor unions with each other. The railroad organizations usually hold themselves aloof from the other trades unions, yet their cause is the same as that of every other wage worker. We congratulate the Firemen on the spirit of real unionism which they have shown by this affiliation and we urge other non-affiliated unions in the city to follow the example.—Spokane Labor World.

SOME OF THE OPEN SHOPPER ORGANS in the Western part of the country are raising the silly cry that the Western Federation of Miners, in order to secure remuneration for damages sustained by members of that organization during the "Peabody war," entered into a deal with the Democratic party. The Miners' Magazine brands the statement as a pure fabrication, points out that nearly all Republicans as well as Democrats voted for the bills, and wants to know whether the W. F. M. controls both old parties. The truth of the matter is that every Republican and Democrat who possesses a spark of manhood, after learning all the facts in the case, voted to pay the miners and repudiate Peabody and the open shoppers without much urging. Furthermore there is a new era dawning in Colorado. The people have sickened of the open shop plutocrats and their shameless hirelings.—Cleveland Citizen.

W. S. CROWE of Globe, Arizona, has forwarded a short communication to the Magazine accompanied by a clipping taken from the "Daily Silver Belt," published at Globe, which clipping, reveals the infamy of a hungry grafter who had fastened his tentacles on a public office. This shameless grafter was the sanitary official of the health department, and the poor slaves who were permitted to work under him, were required to pay 50 cents per day, in order that their lease upon a job might be secure. Charles Henry, the soulless parasite who exacted tribute from the salves of the health department of Globe, had served in the days of '61 and on account of his "partriotism" and his unflinching devotion to "law and order," was given a stall at the public crib. Henry has been "canned" but on account of his reverence for "law and order" no criminal proceedings has been entered against the conscienceless scoundrel, who received his "pound of flesh" from the horny-fisted sons of toil who were permitted to exercise their brawn and muscle for Globe, Arizona.

A Step Forward.

THE SAN FRANCISCO STAR a few weeks ago, commenting on the Calhoun verdict had the following to say editorially:

"The result of the Calhoun trial was not a surprise. A verdict of acquittal would not have been a surprise. Considering the lack of evidence connecting the defendant directly with the crime charged against him, a verdict of guilty would have been a surprise. As to general or majority belief in his guilt, that is another matter, with which the jury had nothing to do.

"The people will learn from that trial another part of the lesson so necessary for them to learn, that private ownership and control of public functions do not pay from any standpoint, and that attempts to protect the public by prosecuting bribers of public officials are in the main, futile. Bribery of public servants is not done on the street or in the presence of witnesses.

"Desirable as it may be to punish bribery by imprisonment, it is very evident that the terrors of prison life do not stop bribery of public servants by private monopolists. To untangle the tangled skein of corruption inseparably connected with private ownership of public utilities, there must be public ownership of all such utilities."

The Star is looked upon as one of the ablest champions of the Democratic party on the Pacific Coast. Its editor is recognized as a brilliant man in the field of journalism and the above editorial prac-

tically concedes that prosecution of criminals who are owners of public utilities, is but a waste of time and energy and will prove futile. The Star has placed itself on record as favoring the public ownership of such utilities, and if collective ownership of public utilities is a step towards the liberation of the people from the thralldom of private monopoly, then why not advocate the public ownership of all the means that are collectively used by the people to produce the necessaries of life?

If the public ownership of water, light, street railways, etc., will stop "bribery of public servants" and "untangle the tangled skein of corruption" then how much closer would we be to the reign of justice, if we collectively owned the natural resources of the earth and the machinery of production and distribution?

The public ownership of water, light and street railways under the capitalist system, will afford but little relief to the great masses of people. The multitude who can only work through the consent of the few, will realize but little benefit from the public ownership of public utilities. But when the Star proclaims for the public ownership of public utilities, it is a step forward towards that not far distant day, when the people shall rise in their united strength and demand that the system which corrupts and debauches "the servants of the people," shall go down to its eternal death.

The De-Humanized Trust.

THE AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION of Steel Workers is still fighting the trust and since the strike was declared July 1st, organized labor in the East has been taught some lessons. Some five years ago when the storm of battle raged in Colorado, the labor press of the Eastern states frequently declared that the bull-pen and deportation would never gain a foothold as in the West, but in the strike of the steel workers, the officials of the Amalgamated Association have been mobbed by the hired thugs of the trust and deported. The members of organized labor in the East are commencing to realize that capitalism in its greed for profit, will hesitate at no crime and that the most brutal methods will be utilized to drive the slaves into absolute peonage. Last week a Catholic priest gave an interview to the press and his statements relative to the monstrous infamy of the steel oligarchy

should arouse the men and women of this country to proclaim eternal death to private monopoly.

The following is quoted from the press:

"Pittsburg, Pa., July 20.—The Rev. Father A. F. Toner, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of Pittsburg, issued a startling statement today regarding conditions of former working men of the Pressed Steel Car Company plant, where almost 10,000 are now out on a strike.

"Father Toner has been at McKees Rocks for nineteen years. He characterized the plant as "the slaughter house and a thousand times worse."

"Men are persecuted, robbed and killed," he said, "and their wives are abused in a manner worse than death—all to obtain or retain positions that barely keep starvation from the door.

"The place is a pit of infamy where men are driven lower than

the degradation of slaves and compelled to sacrifice their wives or daughters to the villainous foremen and little bosses to be allowed to work. I was allowed to enter the plant at my will a few years ago, but I saw too much of the malicious crime perpetrated daily, and the gates were closed on me. It is too horrible to discuss.

DEAD BODIES KICKED ASIDE.

"It is a disgrace to a civilized country. A man is given less consideration than a dog and dead bodies are simply kicked aside while the men are literally driven on to their death. The grafting and stealing by the bosses and other higher officials is not paralleled to my knowledge.

"For a few years after the plant was opened members of the company visited me at my house and we were on mostly friendly terms. But men were being killed daily. Their bodies simply disappeared, and when I began to make some comment I was denied admission to the grounds.

"I asked for a pass to go through the plant and it was promised me a score of times, but it never came. I finally became disgusted and sought to ascertain just what was going on inside the board fence. These are some of the things I discovered:

SCORES KILLED.

"Scores of men were being killed and no record made of their deaths, or any legitimate disposition made of their bodies. It is my impression that they were never taken outside the plant.

"The bosses compel the workmen to send cases of beer and boxes of provisions to their homes every week to hold their positions.

"I made frequent attempts to get to the company and offer the cemetery of my church for free burial of men whose families were unable to pay the funeral expenses. I was turned away with abusive remarks and told that there is no need of my cemetery.

"I know of several instances when men have been killed like dogs. Their fellow workmen wanted to send the body home, but the foreman merely rolled it to one side and ordered the men to go on with their work, often trampling over the body for an entire day before it was

taken away. The company had the men so cowed down that they had no spirit and were allowed fewer rights than slaves."

Men may boast of the power and influence of a Christian civilization, but where is the influence of the church when such soulless outrages of this trust is portrayed by a man who is endeavoring to preach the doctrines of a Christ? We may boast of a "government of the people, by the people and for the people," but such a boast is but a burlesque on a tragedy.

THE WORKERS are learning to think for themselves and to organize in their own interests. This is a natural consequence of their association in large industrial establishments, their education in the schools and their enfranchisement. From the first flows their sense of solidarity, from the second their intellectual training, from the third their consciousness of political power.

Once upon a time people believed in the divine right of kings. Today they believe in the divine right of capital. But this latter belief is passing away as surely as did the former. So also is the belief that poverty is a blessing in disguise. The church is losing its hold over large sections of the community. Among working men and women a feeling seems to be prevalent that the church is controlled by the well-to-do in the interests of the well-to-do, at any rate, the old teachings no longer suffice to allay their discontent. An anti-religiousness akin to that which characterized the French Revolution is developing among the proletariat of Europe and America.

In the domain of political economy, a like unorthodoxy is manifesting itself. A large and increasing number of working people are studying economics, not, however, the economics of the schools and colleges. The economics which they are studying are the economics of Karl Marx, economics which have a revolutionary import and which, though meriting the title of the "dismal science" because of the unpleasant truths they contain, nevertheless bear a message of hope to the disinherited of all lands. Western Clarion.

Monument to Murphy and Pettibone Dedicated July 24th.

On last Saturday afternoon the monuments erected to the memory of John H. Murphy and George A. Pettibone, were unveiled in the presence of more than 500 people who had gathered in Fairmont cemetery. The convention of the Western Federation of Miners adjourned at noon Saturday in order that the delegates might attend the dedication services in a body. At 2:15 p. m. the delegates left Denver in two special cars for the cemetery, followed by a special car containing members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and another special car with members of the Granite Cutters' Union. When the special cars reached the cemetery, the monuments were already surrounded by many of the friends of the departed and at 4 o'clock, Judge W. F. Hynes, who was master of ceremonies, addressed the gathering and paid eloquent tributes to the men who had proven their loyalty to the principles of organized labor. Judge Hynes then introduced A. H. Hawley, general secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, who spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have assembled here to pay a tribute; to honor and to show our appreciation of the work done by two men whom it can be easily and truthfully said, that they died in the harness working for the cause of labor and humanity, and trying to make the homes of working men all that they should be.

Even though this be a sad hour to some, yet it affords me deep gratification as a representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen to be permitted at this time to pay a tribute of respect to one who had been associated with our organization for over twenty years and who had been its chief legal adviser for over ten years.

If the sixty-five thousand members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen could at this time be conscious of what is transpiring at this moment at the last resting place of John Murphy, they would stand or sit with bowed heads as a mark of respect for the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him, or knew of him, and which he so richly merited.

Never before so far as I have been able to learn has two strong labor organizations joined hands to erect a monument that will stand for years to mark the resting place of one who passed through the trials that did John Murphy in trying to secure for them justice, and to guide them in the path of safety and right. In fact, I believe this is the first time in history that two labor organizations have joined hands to honor in this manner one of their members.

As years roll on and the cause of labor progresses people will read the few lines engraved on this stone and say, labor does honor its departed friends.

No one knows what John Murphy suffered for the cause of labor.

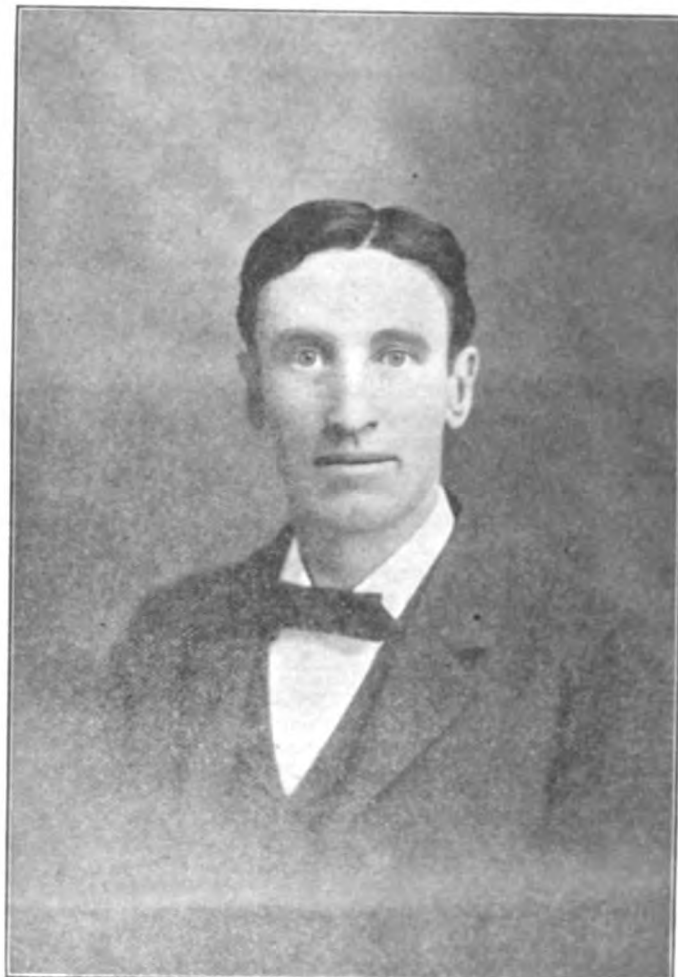
It has always been the opinion of myself, and many I represent who were personally acquainted with him for years, that his early death was partly if not entirely caused by his too close attention to the interests of those he represented.

It is said by many that the time to show gratitude, the time to bring flowers and the time to say kind words is when a person is alive and can see the flowers. If they do not hear the kind words spoken they learn of their having been said. I believe if the one who now lies still and cold beneath this green grass could speak he would say as do the following lines:

When I've passed this world of sorrow,

Do not seek to sooth my brow,
Do not heap my grave with blossoms,
Bring your sweetest roses now,
Bring them now while I am living,
Toiling on, in youths gay prime:
While I'm climbing life's steep ladder,
'Neath the heavy hand of time.

Yet at the same time he was not one who wanted to be told of his good deeds. He sought not adulation, he shunned flattery. But na-



John H. Murphy.

ture does the same for all of us. We like to have our efforts appreciated.

One thing that he always was the truth. How many of his friends have heard the oft used expression: "I was only a seeker for the truth?"

As we stand here today we recall his many acts and know when he expressed himself in this way it came from his heart.

No better illustration of his little desire for notoriety and his little desire for display can be shown than by his words to the men after the jury had declared them innocent of the crime of which they were accused. Lying in a hospital, on a bed of sickness when all expected that his time was drawing near and that soon the grim reaper would gather him in, John Murphy looked into the face of the large man at his bedside and said: "Bill, in this your hour of triumph, be humble."

Great indeed would be the length of time necessary to tell of the many good deeds performed by John Murphy. I will not attempt at this time to relate those of them that come to my mind. Many of them the press of the country have made public. Others are known only to his friends. Still others are known to his close associates who will tell of them later.

Did he have any faults, this is no time to speak of them. The faults of our friends we write upon the sand. Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory. The virtues of he whom we loved to call friend and brother are emphasized by the erection of this beautiful monument.

He lived his short life of two score and six years and followed the teachings of the Golden Rule. He accepted the summons delivered by the messenger of death and passed beyond the summit of human apprehension. Let us hope that it is a wilderness of kindness, tenderness, love and affection; an unbounded forest of goodness, trimmed in purity, draped in virtue and sheltered in justice. He accepted censure and applause with indifference. He sympathized with the poor and weak. His life was such that if we cared to imitate him we could improve on our own.

We stop and reflect. We think of this and that. We wonder at results. When all is said and done we say time works wonders.

What a beautiful book is that of time. What a massive volume. No blank leaves are found. No preface contained within its covers. How we love to dwell on the first page. More silently than the zephyr's breath as it fans our brow does time turn his pages, and on all we find man pursuing the phantom happiness. But full oft he wanders over burning deserts; and over craggy rocks he toils, looking ever forward to some sunny spot where he sees the much sought for tree. He ever beholds the ripe clusters hanging low, waiting only for the grasping hand. He toils ever on to find its fruits like Sodom's apples turning to ashes on his lips. Another page is noiselessly turned and we read of the joys of time, for joys they are, and well deserve the name. Mirrored there are the sunny days of childhood. Foundations of perennial spring are opened and full draughts of happiness quaffed. Yet we find no page telling all of joy, but here and there are seen fruits of the forbidden tree. No cup drawn from the well of earthly happiness is unmixed with gall. Yet none so mixed but that it might contain a little more. Still turning time's pages we find them stamped with a thousand heart histories. Some telling of today rejoicing in the sunshine of prosperity; tomorrow struggling in the wars of adversity. Thus we find commingling hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, pleasure and pain. When all the pages have been perused, the book is rolled together and the angel of God will proclaim, Time is, but shall be no more.

Let us feel and know that he did his work as he saw it; always keeping in mind his duty to his fellow man. And let his dear ones feel, as is told in the words of the poet:

Once in our life the tide goes out
Leaving a desert of sand,
Sweeping our hopes and dreams away,
All that was joyful, grand.

Tangle of sea-weed strewn about,
Far from the rocks where it grew;
Lifeless and drear, like the hope that died,
Moments of rapture we knew.

Once in our life are priceless gems,
That vanish like pebbles and shells,
Leaving us bowed in grief and tears,
Tears we endeavored to quell.

Leaving us alone with empty hands,
Seeking the treasures we missed,
Longing for friends gone long before;
Yearning for lips we have kissed.

Once in our lives the tide goes out,
Yet, while we weep by the shore,
Foaming and singing the waves roll in,
Healing the heart that was sore.

Filling our souls with pure joys,
Round us its treasures it hurls,
Till we behold through tearful eyes,
Millions of shimmering pearls.

Let the words that are spoken here today be impressed upon the minds of the listeners. Let the facts that we have met to honor our friends be told to the world. Let it be carried to the business interests of the country that labor does appreciate what is done for them and that labor is always ready and willing to pay honor where honor is due. The little inscription on this monument will be read by many. As time rolls on and those who stand here today have passed to the great beyond others will come to take their places, but this stone will still remain to tell the newcomers of how two labor organizations paid tribute to their departed members.

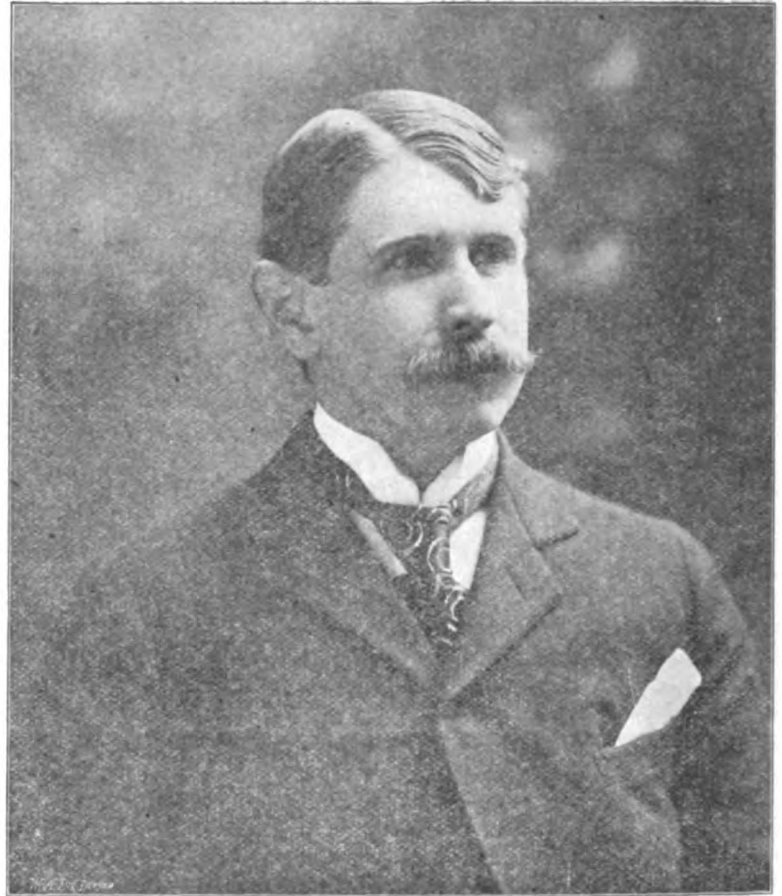
Death makes all men equal. We bring nothing into this world, we take nothing away with us. Let us all remember the true words of the late Senator Ingals:

"When the fitful fever is over and the cruel wrangle of the market and forum have ceased, grass heals over the wound which our decent into this earth has made and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead."

Judge Hynes in a neat address then introduced John M. O'Neill, editor of the Miners' Magazine, who delivered the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of Organized Labor and Delegates to the Western Federation of Miners:

We have gathered here today to dedicate monuments to the memory of two men, who in life entwined themselves in the hearts of men and women who are scanning with yearning eyes the distant horizon and watching for the faint gleams of that glad morning that shall usher in a civilization that bequeathes to humanity the priceless heritage of industrial liberty. These monuments are the generous gifts of men who mourned the cruel summons of the grim messengers of death that snatched from life's arena men whose deathless devotion and loyalty to the eternal principles of justice, made their names immortal in the labor movement of Western America. They did not come from the gory field of battle bearing victories that were baptized in human blood. They were not crowned with achievements won amid the fire and smoke



George A. Pettibone.

of shot and shell, but they were soldiers in that great army of the world's struggling millions that is slowly but surely marching onward toward the goal of economic freedom.

Neither of these men, whose memory we honor today, came into the world the petted heirs of palatial homes. Their ancestry boasted of no bank accounts and no broad acres, but their parentage was of that noble mould of citizenship that makes this old earth richer and leaves behind a posterity whose noble traits of character challenged the admiration of their fellowmen.

In the year 1908, the last chapter in the lives of these two men was written, and now in the year 1909, we are gathered at their graves to pay our tribute of respect and to testify to the worth and merit of men who dared to brave the sneering lip and the frowning brow in defense of a class whose wails of misery are heard in every nation on earth.

John H. Murphy for years, was the general attorney of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Western Federation of Miners. As a lawyer, he was brilliant and the legal profession recognized in him a giant mind that was equipped for battle in the highest courts of the land. John H. Murphy, as a boy, tasted but little of the luxuries of life. He had not the means to enter the classic halls of famed institutions of learning, but he had an indomitable will and an intellect that flashed with the sparkle of a diamond, and with these inherited gifts he faced the world to fight the battle of life. In his early life we see him on the locomotive clad in jumper and overalls feeding the horse of iron and steel, but on his features, bathed in sweat and grime, could be discerned an aspiration "to climb to loftier heights," where he could render more valuable service in the great struggle for human rights.

When his associates and companions in the railway service were wrapped in sleep endeavoring to recuperate their exhausted energies for the toil of another day, John H. Murphy, the fireman, was "burning the midnight oil" and storing away in the mental chambers of his brain a knowledge of the law that made him in after years a David of the Common people before the courts of this country. Blacklisted during the great strike of the American Railway Union of 1894, and having felt the relentless despotism of an avenging corporation, he realized more than ever that labor stood in need of advocates in judicial tribunals who would speak with tongues of fire, and with this realization, he redoubled his energies to become a Spartacus to give battle for labor in the temples of justice.

More than a decade ago the legislature of Utah passed an eight-hour law and immediately the mine owners and the corporate interests

decreed that the law must be assassinated by the judicial dagger on the grounds that the law was in conflict with the constitution of the State. Murphy, the fireman, was now the lawyer, and he stripped for the fray to give the best that was in him for the man who toiled long hours in the poisoned dungeons of the earth. At that time organized labor had no corpulent treasury, but Murphy was actuated by a higher and nobler incentive than a sordid appetite for fees, and with a courage that knew no surrender or defeat, he fought that battle in the courts of Utah until the highest tribunal of the State handed down a decision proclaiming the constitutionality of the eight hour law. But the enemies of labor did not accept the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Utah, but appealed the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and before the robed judiciary at the nation's capitol, the dauntless, young attorney faced an array of legal talent that must have blanched his cheek as he felt the magnitude of the battle in which he was engaged. But Murphy was undismayed. He knew that he was pleading for the bone and brawn of a nation and he knew that the cause in which he had consecrated the efforts of his life, was grounded on the bed rock of eternal justice. His heart and soul became aflame and the irresistible logic that streamed from his lips swept before it like an avalanche, the winged flights of oratory that soared from the silver tongues of corporation paid attorneys. The fireman lawyer dazzled the high priced attorneys with the brilliancy of his genius and when the smoke of battle had cleared away, the eight hour law of the State of Utah wore the constitutional crown of the Supreme Court of the United States. Murphy had measured steel with the giants of the legal profession and his prowess as an adversary in the judicial arena could no longer be questioned by the brainiest disciples of Blackstone. He had won a battle that stamped him as a lawyer and the miners of the West looked upon this rising, young attorney as a man who was destined to leave "footprints on the sands of time."

After his victory in the Supreme Court of the United States, he gave almost his undivided attention to the wrongs of labor and became the framer of almost every eight hour measure that graces the statute books of the Western States. The eight hour laws of Utah, Montana, Nevada, Arizona and Missouri were due to his tireless energies and before he closed his eyes in death he had earned the enviable title: "Eight hour Murphy."

But while we admired his clear, analytical brain and valued his counsel in the stormy days of labor's battles, yet, there was something grander in the noble nature of the dead lawyer that appealed to us more forcibly than all the genius of his ability, and it was his matchless courage, his fealty to truth and his unflinching devotion to the cause of right.

On the 17th of February, 1906, there was consummated one of the foulest plots that was ever hatched to blacken the escutcheon of the labor movement of this country. In the dark hours of the night when honest men and women were in their homes, there stole from the conspiring den of a detective agency a coterie of professional body snatchers, and these human blood-hounds, backed by the governors of two states, kidnapped three men from their homes and spirited them away on a special train to be tried for the murder of a man who had been assassinated by the hireling of conspirators who yearned to place the brand of Cain on the brow of innocent men and commit murder under forms of law.

John H. Murphy was then an invalid. His wasted frame and emaciated face told his dearest friends that he was traveling rapidly "towards that bourne whence no traveler returns." But with the ashen hue of death upon his brow and with the knowledge that he was courting death in wending his way to Boise, Idaho, to attend the great conspiracy trial, yet he flinched not from what he believed to be his duty and when the press of a nation heralded the opening of the great criminal farce in the Capitol City of the "Gem of the Rockies," Murphy stood among the brilliant array of lawyers, giving the efforts of his waning life in a battle to snatch innocent men from an ignominious death upon a scaffold. The history of that great trial need not be repeated here, but when the verdict of twelve men proclaimed the innocence of one of the men whom conspirators had decreed should dangle at the end of a rope, the dying lawyer wept for joy because he realized that the organization, for which he had struggled, had risen above the clouds of calumny and stood vindicated in the minds of the honest men and women of a continent. He lived to see the foul conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners shattered into fragments and when he breathed his last on the 3rd of March, 1908, we mourned the loss of a man whose brilliancy, courage and loyalty are treasured in the hearts of men who honored and revered him as a "prince among men," worthy of being recognized as one of "the noblest works of God."

But let us now turn our thoughts to the other man whose life went out, crushed through the persecution of combinations whose hate was only appeased when the brave and noble soul took its flight from the wasted tenement of clay. I had the esteemed honor of being numbered among his friends and stood beside the open grave on the afternoon of the 5th of last August to speak a few words in memory of my friend, the man who looked upon life and death with a smile upon his lips. On that occasion when I gazed into the grave and looked upon the casket that held the mortal remains of George A. Pettibone, and when I beheld the coffin lowered into the bosom of the earth, there rushed through my mind chapters of human history that were written in tears, and those chapters in the life of my friend and brother in the great cause of humanity, almost stilled the heart and palsied the tongue, for words would not come to crown his memory with that tribute which I longed to pay to a man whose peerless honor and unswerving fidelity to the class to which he belonged, made him a Hercules in the battle for man's emancipation.

George A. Pettibone came to the West with the blush of young manhood upon his cheek. He had felt the weight of the iron yoke of corporate tyranny in his Eastern home and his heart yearned for a broader freedom, and feeling that organized greed had not yet shackled

liberty on the summits of the Western mountains, he turned his face to the setting sun and wended his way towards the Pacific.

In the early days of the Cour d'Alens we see him allied with his fellowmen in a struggle to wrest better conditions for the man who wielded the pick and hammer in the mines. In that struggle he wounded the dignity of a federal court and because he refused to become a slave to an injunction, the Caesar upon the bench decreed that Pettibone should feel the sting of the judicial lash wielded by an ermined czar in a "temple of justice."

But Pettibone accepted the sentence of a court without a tremor and when the days, weeks and months had passed away and the prison doors swung outward that gave to him his freedom, he was again found in the ranks of his fellowmen giving battle to the wrongs that blacken and curse a civilization that is ermined with blood and wet with human tears.

The dead man was one of the selected victims of the conspiracy of 1906, and though the conspirators failed to tarnish his memory or place upon his brow the brand of Cain, yet they held him behind the walls of a bastille until death marked him for the grave. But when death was dimming the lustre in his eye and had chased the hue of health from his cheek he demanded to hear the testimony of the hired, professional perjurers because he knew that if the last vestige of justice had not yet fled from a judicial tribunal, a jury of his peers would bring in a verdict that would strangle the plot of the money-bought blood hounds who had conspired with their paymasters to send him to the scaffold. The verdict was rendered, the honor of Pettibone was vindicated in the courts and this monument that has been unveiled today and which has been built by the dimes and dollars of those who knew him best, is a vindication that will plead his innocence to the unborn generations that are yet to come.

The character and traits of Pettibone can be well delineated when we remember that the following was his favorite poem:

"Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
With a resolute heart and cheerful?
Or hid your face from the light of day
With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce
Or trouble is what you make it,
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,
But only how did you take it?"

"You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
Come up with a smiling face,
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're loked that counts,
It's how did you fight—and why?"

"And though you be done to the death, what then?
If you battled the best you could,
If you played your part in the world of men,
Why, the Critic will call it good,
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only, how did you die?"

Pettibone died like a Trojan of old. He did not shrink as he felt the icy clasp of the skeleton hand of death, but he went out into the "Great Unknown" fortified by the consciousness that he had been true to himself and loyal to the cause that demands the reign of justice throughout the nations of the earth.

Standing here today and meditating upon the lives of Murphy and Pettibone, the brave and courageous men who sleep beneath the base of these monuments, there comes to my mind the beautiful words of that great, Southern poet, who said:

"Give me a land of the wreck and the tomb,
There's a grandeur in graves, there's a glory in gloom,
For out of the gloom future brightness is born,
As after the night looms the sunrise of morn,
And each single wreck in the war path of night
Shall yet be a rock in the Temple of Right."

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS AT DENVER, COLORADO, OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

SEVENTH DAY. Morning Session.

July 19, 1909

Convention called to order by President Moyer at 9 a m.
Roll call read and the following absentees noted: A McLeod, No. 1, and James Devlin, No. 117, who were reported sick.
Minutes of last two sessions read and adopted as corrected.
The following report of committee on deaths of John H. Murphy and George A. Pettibone, read.

Denver, Colo., July 17, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners.

Sirs and Brothers: We, your committee to draft resolutions of condolence on the deaths of Brothers Pettibone and Murphy, report as follows:

We recommend that two copies of each resolution be engrossed and one copy be presented to each widow, and one copy be placed in the office of the president of the Western Federation of Miners, and also published in the Miners Magazine.

T. H. BOOHER, Chairman
GEORGE MILLS,
JAMES DEVLIN,
JAMES KIRWAN,
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR,
D. W. MACKENZIE

In Memoriam.

No. 81. Denver, Colo., July 16, 1909.
To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners:
Whereas, On the third of August, 1908, the brave and noble soul of George A. Pettibone took its flight to the Great Unknown; and
Whereas, In the death of George A. Pettibone, the Western Federation of Miners and the labor movement in general, lost one of its bravest soldiers; and

Whereas, His death can be traced to the relentless hate of combinations, whose economic power locked the doors of a bastille and held him as a prisoner for almost two long years; and

Whereas, His vindication in the courts branded his calumniators with deathless infamy; and

Whereas, George A. Pettibone was a Hercules in the battle for man's emancipation and fearless in his devotion to the Western Federation of Miners; and

Whereas, He was true to himself and loyal to the cause that is demanding industrial liberty for the human race; now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the delegates assembled in the seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, that while we denounce the corporate vengeance and hellish infamy that hounded him to death and that while we mourn his untimely end, yet, we rejoice that his memory is untarnished and that his peerless honor was vindicated in the minds of the honest men and women of a continent; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his bereaved widow as a humble tribute to our faithful and devoted brother who now sleeps in "the silent city of the dead."

T. H. BOOHER, Chairman.
GEORGE MILLS,
JAMES DEVLIN,
JAMES KIRWAN,
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR,
D. W. MacKENZIE.

In Memoriam.

Denver, Colo., July 16, 1909.
To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners:

Whereas, That pitiless messenger that darkens homes with the gloom of sorrow, snatched from the realm of life on the third of March, 1908, John H. Murphy, the general attorney of the Western Federation of Miners; and
Whereas, His brilliancy as a lawyer commanded the admiration of men who are panting for economic liberty; and

Whereas, His matchless courage and unflinching devotion to the cause of right, endeared him to the labor movement of Western America; and

Whereas, His tireless efforts for the men of the mining industry had much to do with the enactment of laws that lessened the burdens of the men in the bowels of the earth; and

Whereas, He was ever true and loyal to the working class and dedicated his efforts to lift struggling humanity upon a higher plane of justice; now, therefore be it

Resolved, By the delegates of the seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, that while we bow in submission to the grim reaper that destroyed a life that was consecrated to the defense of human rights, yet, we mourn the loss of a man whose genius, ability and unswerving fidelity to the organization, are treasured in the memory of men who are yearning for that glad morning that shall usher in a civilization in which manhood and honor shall be more priceless than dollars; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family of John H. Murphy as a testimonial of our appreciation of the husband and father whose services to organized labor made him a Samson in the battle for the rights of man.

T. J. BOOHER,
GEORGE MILLS,
JAMES DEVLIN,
JAMES KIRWAN,
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR,
D. W. MacKENZIE.

Moved and seconded that the report of committee be adopted and committee discharged. Motion carried.

No. 82. Resolution by Delegates Cluney, No. 146, re amendments to constitution, read and referred to committee on ritual.

No. 83. Communication from McGill Miners' Union No. 233, re representation in the convention read and referred to committee on credentials.

No. 84. Resolution by Board Member J. F. Hutchinson re amendments to constitution read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 85. Communication from Texada Miners' Union No. 113, re assessments, read and referred to good and welfare.

No. 86. Communication from Basin Miners' Union No. 23, re the collecting of dues by one local in the jurisdiction of another local, read and referred to grievance committee.

No. 87. Communication from members of the Western Federation of Miners who are on strike against Butte breweries read and referred to grievance committee.

No. 88. Resolution re amendments to constitution by Delegate Langford, No. 144, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 89. Resolution re amendments to constitution by Delegate Langford, No. 144, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 90. Resolution re amendment to constitution by Delegate Langford, No. 144, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 91. Resolution re amendment to constitution by Delegate Langford, No. 144, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 92. Appeal of John McMullen, Butte, Montana, from decision of the executive board, read and same ordered placed with evidence in the case to be taken up in the regular order of business.

No. 93. Resolution on strike of United Hatters, by Jas. Kirwan, No. 5 read and ordered filed for future action.

No. 94. The following telegram from Butte, Montana, was read:

Butte, Mont., July 15, 1909.

Chas. C. Mitchell, Care Ernest Mills, Room 605, R. R. Bldg., Denver, Colorado:
Request convention delay brewery case until Tuesday's mail. Sending documents by special delivery. Acknowledge immediately.

ABE WENWOOD, Recording Secretary.

Acting on the above telegram, it was moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Lindsey, No. 83, that action on resolution re Brewery Workers be postponed until 2 p. m. tomorrow. Motion carried.

The special business having been thus temporarily disposed of the convention proceeded with the regular order of business, Executive Board Member J. F. Hutchinson reading his annual report to the convention, which was referred to special committee. The report was well received by the delegates.

The report of Executive Board Member Howard Tresidder was read, which was well received by the convention, and referred to special committee.

Owing to certain matters contained in his report, Board Member Tracey wished to read the same in executive session.

Moved by Delegate Morton, No. 151, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin,

No. 1, that the convention resolve itself into executive session to hear the reading of Tracey's report. Motion carried.

The doors were then closed and the password taken up by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, and Delegate Cannon, No. 106, after which Executive Board Member Tracey proceeded to read his report, which was received with applause by the delegates. The report was referred to special committee.

The convention adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

July 19, 1909.

The convention called to order by President Moyer at 2 p. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present except James Devlin, who was reported sick.

No. 98. The following report of credential committee was read:

July 19, 1909.

We, the credential committee, recommend that Brother Joe Bracken be seated as a delegate in the seventeenth annual convention from Steptoe M. & S. Union No. 233, and entitled to three votes.

H. A. ALLEN, Secretary.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Guelti, No. 1, that report of committee be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, that report be referred back to the committee. Motion carried.

No. 99. The following communication was read:

Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colorado:

Gentlemen—For the last three years we have photographed the delegates to the convention here and suppose you wish us to continue same as our work has always proved satisfactory to your organization.

If you can arrange to have all the delegates assemble at the Capitol building, we will be glad to get a fine photograph for you, Wednesday afternoon, at five o'clock, is the time we prefer, but we will be glad to make arrangements to suit your convenience.

Kindly let us hear from you at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

A. J. PARK, Electric Studio.

Per O. C. PARK, Manager.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Barss, No. 3 that delegates go to state capitol Wednesday after adjournment to have their "mugs" taken by Mr. Park. Motion carried.

No. 100. Resolution re amendments to constitution by Delegate J. J. Barth, No. 57, read and referred to constitution committee.

In regards to Delegate Devlin, No. 117, who has been sick for several days, and at this time confined to St. Joseph's hospital, it was moved by Delegate Booher, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Harker, No. 60, that the executive board be instructed to see to it that Delegate Devlin has every necessary attention as long as he is confined to the hospital. Motion carried; Delegate McGuire, No. 140, voting in the negative.

No. 101. Charges by Delegate Gauthier against John Cronin, secretary Butte Miners' Union No. 1, re violation of article II, section 3, of the by-laws, read and referred to grievance committee.

There being no other communication on the desk, Secretary-Treasurer Mills proceeded to read the report of Executive Member William Davidson.

In connection with a supplementary part of the report, which consisted of a newspaper account of the application of the Canadian Industrial Disputes and Investigation act in a controversy between Greenwood Miners' Union No. 22 and the mine owners of that district, it was moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Vallmaki, No. 200, that the reading of that part of the report be dispensed with and that the same be left on the secretary's desk for the use of any delegate who might wish to read it. Motion lost.

The motion having failed to carry, the secretary continued with the reading of the report. When the secretary had finished the reading of same, it was referred to the special committee.

John M. O'Neill, editor of the Miners' Magazine, then read his comprehensive and masterly annual report which was referred to the committee on education and literature.

Executive Board Member William Jinkerson, District No. 7, read his annual report, which was referred to the special committee.

The report of Yanco Terzich, executive board member for Alaska and Yukon Territory, was then read and referred to special committee.

Resolution No. 55, with report of committee on same, read as follows:
Denver, Colo., July 15, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition you to instruct editor of our official organ, namely the Miners' Magazine, to print all unfair notices on the front pages of the magazine instead of the last pages of the same, as it is at present, therefore, not being often read, where if printed on front page, would be the first thing on taking up the magazine. Respectfully yours,

A. B. CRARY.

Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, the education and literature committee, concur in resolution No. 55, and would recommend its adoption by the convention, and would further recommend that such notes be placed in premier type.

J. J. BARTH, Chairman.

AUGUST WALQUIST,

CHAS. GRUE.

JOE GUELFLI,

MALCOM McNEILL,

JOHN MITCHELL,

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, that recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 26, with report of committee read as follows:

No. 26. Chicago, Ill., June 24, 1909.

Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colorado:

Comrades—Upon request of several of our subscribers who are members of the Western Federation of Miners, we beg to submit the following:

Our publication, Glas Svobode, is a Slavonic union weekly, advocating the Socialist propaganda among the Slavonians (Austrians) of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Almost every Slavonic miner in Minnesota, Dakotas, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, California and other western states, where Western Federation of Miners has its jurisdiction is subscriber of our publication. The Austrians (Slavonians) are fond of their language and the majority cannot read nor write English, still they would like to know what the Federation is doing.

We will not say what and how much we've done for the Federation. Through the columns of our paper there was \$58.00 collected for the Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone defense fund, donated by the members of the Western Federation of Miners, also our subscribers.

The general wish among the Austrian miners is to have an official organ in their own language and they request us to submit the above statements to the convention of the Western Federation of Miners in Denver for consideration.

We were always in favor of the Western Federation of Miners; have written articles upon it; stood on the side of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and did our best to spread the Socialist thought among our countrymen.

We enclose a few copies of our publication for inspection.

Greeting the assembled delegation, we remain,
Yours fraternally,

GLAS SVOBODE CO.,
Per A. H. SKUBIC, Manager,
Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners.

We, the education and literature committee, beg leave to report that we recommend the reading of the "Glas Svobode" paper to the Slavonic, Austrian and Croatia brothers in our organization, and would further recommend that in case of grievances occurring from said recommendation that the executive board have power to annul same.

And we would further report that we do not concur in the request that the same be made an official organ of the Western Federation of Miners at the present time.

J. J. BARTH,
MALCOLM MCNEILL,
AUGUST WALQUIST,
JOE GUELEFI,
CHAS. GRUE,
JOHN MITCHELL.

Committee

Moved by Delegate Gueffi, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Walquist, No. 174, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 53, with report of committee on same, read as follows No. 53.

Addition to by-laws, creating article V, section 1.

Each local recording secretary must keep a record of all members advertised in the Miners' Magazine that are expelled from their local unions and when a person is proposed for admittance into any local of the Western Federation of Miners the recording secretary must first look at the advertised list and then report to his union the result of his investigation.

Section 2. Any secretary failing to comply with the above shall be fined \$5.00 for first offense, and be expelled for the second offense.

JOE GUELEFI, NO. 1.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 53, and recommend the adoption of same providing the word "financial" be inserted instead of "recording" and section 2 be eliminated entirely.

NEIL COLLINS,
E. F. BOYLE,
JOHN DRISCOLL,
JAMES BARSS,
T. J. CONNORS,
NICK THOMAS,
F. L. GRANDY.

Committee

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Gauthier, No. 146, that report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 38, with report of committee on same, read as follows re amendments to ritual of Ladies' Auxiliary:

Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on ritual, recommend the resolution be granted.

JOE McKINNON,
THOS. J. MURPHY,
JOHN BARRET,
JAS. VARCOE.

Committee

Moved by Delegate Harper, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Barss, No. 3, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 57, with report of committee on same, read as follows No. 57.

Amendment to article II, section 4, page 6, of the constitution, line 6.

Each union shall elect a delegate or delegates and alternates to attend the annual convention of the Federation on their first meeting in June prior to the assembling thereof, and any contest of delegate or delegates must be at headquarters at least fifteen (15) days prior to the convention.

T. J. BOOHER.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 57 and recommend that it be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS, Chairman,
JOHN DRISCOLL,
E. F. BOYLE,
NICK THOMAS,
JAMES BARSS,
T. J. CONNORS,
F. L. GRANDY.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Hubbell, No. 111, that the report of committee be not concurred in. Motion lost.

Moved by Vice President Mahoney, seconded by Delegate Harper, No. 60, that the report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 29, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 29.

Rossland, B. C., July 2, 1909.

President Chas. Moyer:

Dear Sir—I, Mrs. S. J. Swadden, am compelled to write to you at this convention in regards to my case which they will not take up in the Rossland Miners' Union No. 38. John McKinnon is president and wanted me to report to the convention. I have been a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary for three years. In January, 1909, I went down to pay my dues, and they refused to take it and the secretary said I was expelled and it was never a committee appointed to investigate the case. I wish I was there for to speak my own self. Mr. Davidson will understand the case and will explain if called on. My husband has been a member in the Rossland union for over eleven (11) years and I feel I am not treated right by any means. I have tried to get them to take up the case several times and neither the Auxiliary or the Rossland Miners' Union will touch the case, so it is from fifty to sixty members waiting for this case to go through. It is rather a short time now, so will you please take action at once, and compel the Auxiliary to take action at once so the case will be settled before the 18th of July, as we all want to be in line to hear the lady speaker on our picnic day. And oblige,

Yours respectfully,

S. J. SWADDEN

We, your committee on the case of Mrs. S. J. Swadden of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Rossland Miners' Union No. 38, beg to report as follows: That the secretary-treasurer be instructed to communicate with the Ladies' Auxiliary that the constitution of the Western Federation of Miners had not been abided by in the case of the expulsion of Mrs. S. J. Swadden, and that the lady in question had a right to a new and fair trial.

ED REGAN,
JOHN YOUNG,
FRANK DUNN,
C. N. LARSON,
JOHN TEMBY,
WM. MCCARTHY,
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR.

Moved by Executive Board Member Davidson, seconded by Delegate McNeill, No. 71, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried. Communication No. 65, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

We, your committee on the case of Henry R. Plato, accused of being a deputy sheriff and in the pay of the coal company by James Peretto, Anton Rogers, and John Marino, beg to report the following, that we take no action in this matter, but we recommend that the executive board member for that district be instructed to investigate the case as soon as possible.

ED REGAN,
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR,
JOHN YOUNG,
FRANK DUNN,
JOHN TEMBY,
C. N. LARSON,
WM. MCCARTHY.

Moved by Delegate Valimaki, No. 200, seconded by Board Member Tracey, that the report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Appeal No. 56, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

We, your committee on the case of Dillon Miners' Union No. 189 requesting that the balance of the 1908 assessment of said local to the amount of \$77.00 be cancelled, beg to report as follows, we recommend that Dillon Miners' Union No. 189 be conceded time to pay their assessment until such time as their financial standing will permit.

MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR,
JOHN YOUNG,
FRANK DUNN,
JOHN TEMBY,
C. N. LARSON,
WM. MCCARTHY.

Committee

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Hubbell, No. 111, that the report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

After reading of announcements, the convention adjourned till 9 a m

EIGHTH DAY.
Morning Session.

July 20, 1909

The convention was called to order by Vice President Mahoney at 9 a m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present except A. L. Nelson, No. 204, and Hugh de Berry, No. 98, and Jas. Devlin, No. 117, who were reported sick.

The minutes of the last two sessions read and approved as corrected.

The following telegram was read:

No. 106. GOWGANDA, Ont., July 19, 1909.
Ernest Mills, 605 R R Bldg., Denver;
Give proxy to Gauthier.

GOWGANDA MINERS' UNION,
DAVID LaPRARIE, Acting Secretary.

Moved by Gueffi, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that the request be granted. Motion carried.

The following telegram was read and ordered filed

No. 107. Nome, Alaska, July 19, 1909.
Ernest Mills, Convention, Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colorado.
Local 240 send greetings. May your proceedings advance industrial unionism.

PHILIP CORRIGAN, Secretary,
JACOB PETERSON, President.

The following report of credential committee read:

No. 108. Regarding credential of Joe Bracken, No. 233, we, the credential committee, after a careful investigation find:

First. That three other men were elected as delegates and alternates and turned down in telegraph communication by the executive board.

Second. Joe Bracken admits that he has not been a member in continuous good standing for a period of one year, but that no member regularly eligible would attend, and it was necessary that a member of No. 233 should be on the ground, to sustain the action of aforesaid union in the expulsion of Ewing and Jensen, the said Joe Bracken was unanimously elected to this convention on this dual mission, and we recommend that he be seated.

Bracken's statements were vouched for by two other members of the Western Federation of Miners.

RUPERT BULMER, Chairman
HUGH McLAUGHLIN,
S. A. WHIPPLE,
PHILLIPA A. LEE,
R. BUNNY,
JOHN VALIMAKI,
H. A. ALLEN, Secretary.

Moved by Delegate Whiteley, No. 74, seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Curran, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Morton, No. 151 as an amendment, that Delegate Bracken, No. 233, be given a voice without a vote in the convention. Motion lost.

The following request from Delegate Devlin, No. 117, was read as follows: No. 109.

I, James Devlin, being sick, give one vote to Ned Collins, one to Thos. J. Murphy, one to Frank Fitzpatrick, one to Andrew Mallon, and one to Angus McLeod, of No. 1.

JAMES DEVLIN,
Per NEIL COLLINS.

Moved and seconded that request be granted. Motion carried.

The following request from Hugh de Berry, No. 98, was read: No. 110.

In case of roll call vote, please let M. J. O'Connors and William McCarthy handle my votes.

HUGH DE BERRY.

Moved and seconded that request be granted. Motion carried.

After above communications had been read and acted upon, roll call vote was taken on motion to adopt report of committee in Bracken case with the following result: Yes, 83, no, 259.

Motion declared lost.

No. 111. Resolution re amendments to constitution from No. 121, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 112. Resolution re amendments to constitution by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, and Delegate Boiler, No. 5, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 113. Grievance of Thos. W. Walsh, re charges made against him, read and referred to grievance committee.

No. 114. Resolution re amendments to constitution, by Ladies' Auxiliary of Rossland, B. C., read and referred to incoming executive board.

No. 115. Resolution re Miners' Magazine by Delegate Monty read and referred to committee on education and literature.

No. 116. Communication re education and organization from Buckskin Miners' Union No. 200, read and referred to special committee.

No. 117. The following telegram was read

No. 117. Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.
E. L. Alstrom, Secretary, Douglas Island Miners' Union No. 109, Douglas, Alaska;

The seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners tender you heartiest congratulations on the magnificent stand of your union for the right to organize, and it is the hope of this body that your efforts will be crowned with early success.

ERNEST MILLS, Secretary-Treasurer.

Moved by Delegate Monty, No. 10, seconded by Curran, No. 1, that the above telegram be sent to Douglas Island Miners' Union No. 109. Motion carried.

Moved by Board Member Terzich, seconded by Gauthier, No. 146, that a similar telegram be sent to Nome Miners' Union No. 240. Motion carried.

Following telegram sent:

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.

Phillip Corrigan, Secretary, Nome Miners' Union No. 240, Nome, Alaska:

The seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners tender you heartiest congratulations on their magnificent stand for the right to maintain union wages, and it is the hope of this body that your efforts will be crowned with early success.

ERNEST MILLS,

Secretary-Treasurer, W. F. M.

Moved by Delegate Harper, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Barret, No. 199, that Steptoe Miners' Union No. 233 be notified of the action taken by this convention regarding its delegate. Motion carried.

No. 118. Resolution re amendments to constitution by Delegate Flynn, No. 1, read and referred to committee on constitution.

Resolution No. 86, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 86.

Basin, Mont., July 14, 1909.

To the Executive Board, Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colorado:

Dear Sirs and Brothers—At our last regular meeting I was instructed to write your honorable body in regards to a case of the violation of the constitution of the Western Federation of Miners on or about January 15, 1909. One L. Harper, belonging to No. 83, Western Federation of Miners, went to work at Comit, which is in the jurisdiction of No. 23, Western Federation of Miners. On January 18th, I called upon him for his card, but as he stated he was not in a position to pay up, I let him go till the next month, which was satisfactory to him. About February 20th, he sent \$8.50 to No. 83, and the secretary of No. 83 wrote back to him and told him he was glad he had done so as if he had paid to No. 23 they would have kept the money. We took the matter up with No. 83, and the secretary of that local told us that the case was closed as far as No. 83 was concerned.

No. 23 holds and submits as Brother Harper was seven months behind with dues and assessments that we are entitled to \$8.00 for reinstatement fee.

Hoping you will take the matter up and adjust it fairly, I remain,
Fraternally yours,

HENRY BERG, Secretary No. 23.

We, your committee on Grievance, beg to report the following: We recommend that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to notify the financial secretary of No. 83 in no uncertain terms to comply with section 1, of article II, of the by-laws.

WM. McCARTHY,
ED REGAN, Chairman,
FRANK DUNN
M. J. O'CONNOR,
C. N. LARSON,
JOHN YOUNG,
JOHN TEMBY.

Moved by Board Member Tracey, seconded by Connors, No. 191, that report of committee be adopted.

Moved by Mitchell, No. 83, seconded by Whitley, No. 74, as an amendment that report be referred back to committee. Amendment carried.

Report of committee on report of Executive Board Member Yanco Terzich read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, have carefully considered the report of Brother Yanco Terzich. We recommend that the report be accepted and placed on file.

We would especially call to notice of this convention the mention of slurring remarks toward foreigners indulged in by American born members to the end that it be made known to the membership at large that such remarks are condemned by the Western Federation of Miners.

M. L. TOMPKINS,
A. B. CRARY,
CHAS. BRAND,
LEM HUBBLE,
MALCOM McDONALD.

Committee.

Moved by Delegate McNeill, No. 71, seconded by Delegate Valimaki, No. 200, that report of committee be adopted.

Moved by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, seconded by Board Member Davidson, that the word "American" be stricken out of committee's report and the words, "English speaking" be inserted. Motion carried.

Motion as amended was then put and declared carried.

Special committee brought in report recommending Board Member Clough's report be segregated and referred to constitution, grievance, organization, education and literature, and strikes and lockouts committees, and signed by special committee.

Moved and seconded that we concur in report. Motion carried.

Report of Executive Board Member William Jinkerson, No. 104, with report of special committee on same, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, have carefully considered the report of Brother William Jinkerson, and recommend that same be placed on file.

M. L. TOMPKINS,
A. B. CRARY,
CHAS. BRAND,
LEM HUBBLE,
MALCOM McDONALD.

Committee.

Moved by McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Kirwan, No. 5, that report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Report of Board Member Davidson, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen—We, your special committee have carefully considered report of Brother William Davidson, and recommend that said report be sent to committee on organization.

M. L. TOMPKINS,
A. B. CRARY,
CHAS. BRAND,
LEM HUBBLE,
MALCOM McDONALD.

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that report of committee be adopted.

Moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 60, seconded by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, as an amendment, that report be referred back to committee. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 35, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 35.

Corbin, Mont., June 30, 1909.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colorado:

Resolved, that we, the Corbin Miners' and Millmen's Union No. 191, Western Federation of Miners, cast our unanimous vote at a regular meeting held Wednesday, June 30, 1909, that our delegate be instructed to use the most strenuous measures to try and better the conditions in Elkhorn, Montana, even if this results in that local losing their charter, as it is considered by this body better that above local should lose their charter than hold it under the present condition of affairs in that camp at the present time, and also in the past, as we are the closest camp to Elkhorn and every day hear different reports from Elkhorn, hope and trust that the sincerity of this report will not be doubted.

JAMES BELCHER,
ROY BAUER,
FRANK WYATT,

Committee.

We, your committee on organization, recommend that Resolution No. 35, be referred to the incoming executive board member for District No. 3.

ARTHUR TODD,
JAS. MCGUIRE,
GEORGE CURRY,

Committee.

Moved and seconded that report of committee be concurred in.

Moved and seconded as a substitute that action be deferred until Board Member Lowney's report is again before the convention. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 33, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 33.

Wallace, Idaho, June 26, 1909.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Be It Resolved, That the delegates at the seventeenth convention of the Western Federation of Miners elect a committee to frame a resolution favoring affiliation of all workers in the I. W. W. and endeavor to put it before the members of all labor organizations to consider and vote upon and if the majority are in favor of it, they can recall their officers by the referendum and elect new ones in their places by the referendum, and thus make a universal labor organization.

Resolved, That our delegate to Denver is instructed to present this and put forth his best efforts for its adoption.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by Wallace Miners' Union No. 17, Western Federation of Miners, June 26, 1909.

SAM KILBURN, Secretary.

Endorsed by District Union, June 29, 1909.

SAM KILBURN,
Per A. L. REESE, Secretary pro tem.

We, your committee on organization, recommend that Resolution No. 33 be laid on the table.

JAS. MCGUIRE,
ARTHUR TODD,
GEORGE CURRY,
Committee.

Moved by Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Whipple, No. 118, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 24.

Globe, Ariz., May 18, 1909.

Officers and Members of Globe Miners' Union No. 60, Western Federation of Miners:

Fellow Workers—Deeming the time pertinent to discuss the course of action the union will take in the seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners in respect to the organizations' position on the industrial field, I beg to submit this resolution and measure for your consideration.

(Signed) KENNETH CLAYTON.

Whereas, The detached and isolated position of the Western Federation of Miners on the industrial field is indefensible, and therefore untenable; and

Whereas, The analogous position of the various labor bodies in the mining industry merit the same criticism; and

Whereas, The error in the tactical manoeuvres of the labor forces is in opposition to successful accomplishments of any purpose; be it

Resolved, That the Globe Miners' Union No. 60, Western Federation of Miners, instruct its delegates to the seventeenth annual convention to present and urge the passage of the following measure; be it enacted:

That the Western Federation of Miners issue a call to all labor organizations in the mining (and correlative) industry, to convene a joint committee for the purpose of drafting a constitution under which all the workers in the mining (coal, metalliferous, and correlative) industry, can unite for common defense and other purposes

Note.—Correlative industries in the meaning of this act, consist of mills, smelters, coking ovens, quarries, tunneling, and excavating for railroads, aqueducts, canals and all other works where the elements of mining in whole or in part are present.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted by Globe Miners' Union No. 60. Motion carried.

We, your committee on organization, recommend that Resolution No. 24 be concurred in.

JAS. MCGUIRE,
GEORGE CURRY,
ARTHUR TODD,
Committee.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Gauthier, No. 146, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Harper, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Whipple, No. 118, as a substitute, that the report be referred to the incoming executive board.

The hour of 12 having arrived it was moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 60, seconded by Delegate McCartney, No. 67, that action on the above resolution and report be taken immediately after special business has been disposed of. Motion carried.

The convention adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

July 20, 1909.

The convention was called to order at 2 p. m.

Roll call was read and all delegates noted present except Chas. K. Johnson, No. 1, Andrew Mallon, No. 117, and James Devlin, No. 117, and Hugh de Berry, No. 98, who were reported sick.

No. 123. Resolution re amendments to constitution by Delegate Langford, No. 144, read and referred to committee on constitution and by-laws.

No. 124. The following communication from the United Garment Workers No. 139, Denver, Colorado, read and ordered filed:

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.

The Western Federation of Miners in Seventeenth Annual Convention, Assembled, Mr. Mills, Secretary:

Dear Sir—We wish to call your attention to the eleventh annual picnic given by Garment Workers' Union No. 139, at Dome Rock, July 25th, and we

herby extend a cordial invitation to you all to be present. There will be plenty of sports and refreshments served on the grounds and a good time is assured to all. Fraternally yours,

CLARA EVANS, President.
GENEVIEVE MILES, Secretary

No. 125. Communication re interpreting and printing of Western Federation of Miners' Constitution, by Delegate Valimaki No. 299, read and referred to good and welfare committee.

The special order of business re jurisdiction dispute between Butte Engineers' Union No. 83, and the United Brewery Workers being due to come before the convention at 2 p. m., discussion was again resumed on the following resolution, which had been before the convention when action on the matter was postponed on July 17th.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Fitzpatrick, No. 117, as an amendment, that section 3 of the above resolution be stricken out.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, seconded by Delegate Fluett, No. 74, as a substitute motion, that this convention go on record as being of the opinion that when the American Federation of Labor grant us jurisdiction over the different crafts in and around the mines, mills and smelters of Montana that we will grant them jurisdiction over the engineers employed in the breweries. Substitute motion lost.

The amendment, after some debate, was called for at this juncture. Delegate Mitchell appealed from a decision of Vice President Mahoney, who was in the chair. On vote being taken, the chair was sustained.

The amendment was then put to vote and declared lost. The original resolution introduced by Delegate M. J. O'Connor, No. 69 was then taken up for discussion.

Moved by Delegate Valimaki, No. 299, seconded by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, that resolution be acted on seriatim. Motion carried.

Clause "one" read. Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4, that the first clause be adopted. Motion carried.

"Second" clause was then read. Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Harper, No. 69, as an amendment, that the word "local" be inserted between the words "both" and "organization." Amendment carried.

Moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, seconded by Reid, No. 55, as an amendment that the words, "Silver Bow County" be stricken out and the words, "the State of Montana" inserted.

Roll call was demanded with the following result: Yes, 98, no, 241. Amendment declared lost.

Clause "two" as amended was then voted on and declared carried. Clause "three" was then read.

Moved by Delegate Whiteley, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that section "three" be adopted as read.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, that section "two" be reconsidered. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Cannon, No. 196, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that the convention continue in session until the Engineers' and Brewery Workers' question is disposed of. Motion carried.

Section "two," of clause "two," was then read. Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, that clause "two," section "two," be stricken out. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, that section "two," be adopted as amended.

Section "three" read. Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate McNeil, No. 71, that section "three" be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Section "four" was then read. Moved by Delegate Harper, No. 69, seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4, that section be adopted as read.

Moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, that the words, "and local unions concerned" be inserted after the word "miners." Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4, that section "four" be adopted as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Curran, No. 1, that the whole resolution be adopted as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Flynn, No. 1, seconded by Delegate McLeod, No. 1, that the charges of Mr. Proebstle against the officers and members of Butte Miners' Union be taken up immediately after the special order of business tomorrow morning.

Roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 145; no, 165. Motion declared lost.

The convention adjourned till 9 a. m.

NINTH DAY.
Morning Session.

July 21, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 9 a. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present, except Jas. Devlin, No. 117, and T. J. Connor, No. 191, who were reported sick.

The minutes of the last two sessions read and adopted as read. Resolution re locals in bad standing for per capita tax or assessments, read as follows:

No. 126. Denver, Colo., July 21, 1909. To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers—Resolutions containing the request that money owing to the Federation by local unions on assessments be remitted, have been read before this convention.

In the case of Dillon Miners' Union No. 189, which local union is casting a vote in this convention, the convention has already decided to grant them an extension of time in payment of balance due on assessments.

This fact has caused the question to arise in the minds of the signers of this resolution as to what extent unions are in arrears for assessments that are or are not represented on the floor of this convention, by proxy or otherwise.

In order that all delegates may have full knowledge of this matter, and to do away with any chance of creating trouble and dissension over the same, after the adjournment of this convention, we ask that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to compile a statement of all local unions in arrears for per capita or assessments, and submit the same to this convention as quickly as possible. Statement to show date the assessments were levied and the day on which the local unions became in bad standing by reason of not having paid the same. Respectfully submitted,

SAM KILBURN,
JOE M. KINNON,
HARRY STARK,
A. M. FLUETT,
LEM HUBBLE,
JOHN MITCHELL,
MALCOM McDONALD

Moved by Delegate McCabe, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Curran, No. 1, that the resolution be referred to the secretary-treasurer. Motion carried.

The supplementary report of the mileage committee was read as follows: No. 127.

Supplementary report, mileage committee:
J. D. Gabbert, No. 247, from \$18.00 to \$48.00.
Chas. Brand, No. 95, from \$61.20 to \$59.20.

A. B. Cravy, No. 28, from \$17.10 to \$90.20
G. R. Ladd, No. 186, from \$75.10 to \$76.10

FRANK FITZPATRICK,
Chairman
G. R. LADD, Secretary,
A. M. FLUETT,
HUGH DE BERRY,
ALEX. MARC HIORI,
W. E. C. LITTLE,
JACOB PRESTI

Moved by Delegate Gauthier, No. 146, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 47, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Fluett, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Walquist, No. 174, that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to draw check for the amount. Motion carried.

Special order of business re affiliation of Western Federation of Miners with other organizations, was taken up.

Moved by O'Connor, seconded by McCartney, No. 67, that the committee's report on above resolution be not adopted and that the resolution be adopted as read.

The following amendment was moved by Delegate McCabe, No. 1, and seconded by Delegate Lindsay, No. 74.

Providing that nothing in this resolution shall commit us to the filing of check-off and contract system of the United Mine Workers of America, or make us become affiliated in any manner with the capitalist controlled institution, known as the American Federation of Labor.

Afternoon Session.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 2 p. m. On roll call, all delegates were noted present.

The following communication from the Solis Cigar Company was read: Denver, Colo., July 21, 1909.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Secretary, Western Federation of Miners, City.
Dear Sir: We are sending you herewith 200 of our very best "Dry Climate" cigars, which we would thank you to distribute among the members of your convention, with our very best regards and wishes.

Hoping you will enjoy same thoroughly, we remain, yours very truly,
THE SOLIS CIGAR COMPANY,
Per R. SOLIS, President

Moved by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, seconded by Delegate McNeil, No. 71, that the cigars be accepted and a vote of thanks be tendered the Solis Cigar Company. Motion carried.

In connection with amendment to Resolution No. 24, the previous question was moved by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, and seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4. Motion carried.

Roll call was demanded on the amendment with the following result: Yes, 92, no, 248. Amendment was declared lost.

At this stage Mr. Frank Hayes, secretary, Illinois Mine Workers, addressed the convention and discussed at length the "check-off" system and other matters in vogue in the United Mine Workers of America, and also the friendly relations existing between his organization and the Western Federation of Miners. Mr. Hayes urged the necessity of more friendly relations in the future between the two organizations and said he believed that the sending of fraternal delegates by one organization to the conventions of the other organization would greatly tend to hasten this desired result. Mr. Hayes' able address was thoroughly enjoyed by the delegates.

The original resolution, No. 24, was then read and debate on the same again resumed. The question was called for and roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 338, no, 6. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 129, seconded by Delegate Booher, that at the regular election of officers five representatives be elected to attend the proposed conference.

Moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 69, seconded by Delegate McCartney, No. 67, as an amendment, that seven delegates be elected from the floor to issue call for and attend said conference. Amendment carried.

The following resolution by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, was read: Whereas, The United Hatters of North America are now and have been for the past seven months engaged in a struggle in defense of union principles; and

Whereas, In this contest the question of wages or hours of labor is not the bone of contention, but whether the union shop instead of the open shop shall prevail are the only points at issue; and

Whereas, The United Hatters are making one of the most notable contests ever waged by a labor organization, the only thing now standing between them and victory being their great need of financial assistance; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Western Federation of Miners endorse this fight of the United Hatters because they are engaged in a contest in defense of union principles that must be defended at any cost, and be it further

Resolved, That an assessment of twenty-five cents be levied at once on all working members of the Western Federation of Miners, and the secretary be instructed to forward same to the national secretary of the United Hatters as soon as possible.

Denver, Colorado, July 19, 1909.

JAMES KIRWAN.

Moved by Delegate Boiler, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Monty, No. 19, that above resolution be adopted as read.

Moved by Delegate Fluett, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Neilson, No. 297, that the word, "working" be stricken out. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended, then read and declared carried.

Moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Condon, No. 15, that a warrant be drawn for \$5,000 to be advanced on above assessment and that the same be immediately forwarded to the United Hatters, who are at this time on strike. Motion carried.

At this juncture, Henry Scollin, representing the United Hatters of North America, addressed the convention and thanked the delegates for their assistance.

The secretary then proceeded to read seriatim the report of the committee on the president's report, as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909. To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on president's report, herewith submit our report and recommendations on the report of your president as follows:

We concur in the remarks of the president from paragraphs No. 1 to No. 11, inclusive.

On paragraph No. 12: We recommend that this convention congratulate the United Mine Workers of America for the progressive step taken, where at the last national convention of that organization it adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, In the light of industrial depression that has haunted America for more than a year, millions of willing workers have been forced into voluntary idleness, thereby denied access to the means of life; and

"Whereas, Many of those who are victims of this industrial depression have, in self-preservation, become infractors of law; and

"Whereas, A class of profligate rich who scarcely know the limits of their wealth, are co-existent with the countless thousands whose poverty is directly attributed to their failure to find some owner of the means of production to employ them; and

"Whereas, The denial of the opportunity to the willing workers to engage in useful labor springs from the fact that the means with which the neces-

saries of life are produced are owned and controlled by private individuals who are not necessarily factors in the field of wealth production but whose only functions are to profit by the activity of the working class so long as the market can be found where the product of the worker can be disposed of; and

"Whereas, The workers receive in the form of wages only a small share of what their labor power, with the aid of machinery, create, thus preventing them from buying back out of the market the equivalent of what they have produced, necessarily causing a glutted market; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the United Mine Workers of America, in annual convention assembled, recognize and declare for the necessity of a public ownership and operation and a democratic management of all those means of production and exchange that are collectively used that every man and woman willing and able to work can have free access to the means of life and get the full social value of that they produce."

We also recommend that this recommendation be published in our official organ and a copy be sent to the officers of the United Mine Workers of America.

Moved by Board Member Davidson, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that committee's report on paragraphs No. 1 to No. 11, inclusive, be adopted. Motion carried.

Re paragraph No. 12, it was moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 60, seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4, that committee's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Whiteley, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, that further action on report of committee on president's report, be postponed until the grievance of Jas. Jensen and Frank Ewing be disposed of. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Whiteley, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that Brother Bracken, No. 233, be permitted to give to the convention whatever information he may have on above case.

Moved by Delegate Whitesides, No. 167, seconded by Delegate Booher, No. 1, as an amendment, that Jas. Jensen and Frank Ewing be also given the privilege of the floor on the same conditions. Both motion and amendment were ruled out of order by the chair.

The report of committee on grievance No. 15, was read as follows:
Denver, Colo., July 13, 1909.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Comrades and at one time Brothers—As we, the undersigned, have been expelled from Local No. 233, of McGill, Nevada, without any just cause, and as we and a great many members of the Western Federation of Miners believe that we are being persecuted by a number of members of No. 233, we have beaten our way from McGill, Nevada, in order to place our grievance before you, either to be reinstated or turned down by you.

JAMES JENSEN,
FRANK EWING.

Grievance Committee.

We, your committee, on the case of Jas. Jensen and Frank Ewing, of Steptoe M. & S. Union No. 233, beg to report the following:

We recommend that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to notify Steptoe M. & S. Union No. 233, that Jas. Jensen and Frank Ewing be reinstated until such time as they are both given a fair and impartial trial and we further recommend that the editor of the Miners' Magazine be instructed to retract the advertisement in the magazine and place the brothers on the fair list.

ED REGAN, Chairman,
WM. McCARTNEY,
C. M. LARSON,
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR,
JOHN YOUNG,
JOHN TEMBY,
FRANK DUNN.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, after reading of announcements that the convention adjourn until 9 a. m.

TENTH DAY. Morning Session.

July 22, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 9 a. m.

Roll call was read and found all delegates present except James Devlin No. 117, and John Barret, No. 199.

The minutes of the last two sessions read and approved as read

No. 129. Communication re election of officers by referendum from Lucky Boys' Miners' Union No. 248, read and referred to delegates from above local.

No. 130. Communication re wrangling in conventions of Western Federation of Miners, from Burke Miners' Union No. 10, read and referred to committee on good and welfare.

No. 131. Communication re ritual from Delegate Maki, No. 138, read and referred to good and welfare committee.

No. 132. Resolution from Aldridge Miners' Union, read and referred to delegates representing above local.

No. 133. Grievance of Delegate E. F. Boyle, No. 190, against Park City Miners' Union No. 144, read and referred to grievance committee.

No. 134. Resolution re amendments to constitution, by Delegates O'Connor, No. 60, McCartney, No. 67, De Berry, No. 103, and Mitchell, No. 60, read and referred to constitution committee.

The convention then proceeded to act on the report of committee on president's report, Delegate Owen McCabe, No. 1, in the chair.

The committee's report on paragraphs 13 and 14 read as follows:

We advise that the recommendation of the president, wherein he advises that "the Western Federation of Miners take no backward step, but reaffirm its policy of education and carry on an aggressive campaign for independent political action and industrial unionism," be adopted, and to this end we recommend that when the finances of our organization will permit, that literature covering these questions be supplied and when advisable, speakers well versed on these subjects routed, where there is a demand for their services; and also that our officers keep in touch by correspondence or otherwise with other progressive labor organizations for the purpose of bringing about the concerted political action of the workers, and the organization of these workers into one union based on the struggle of the classes, democratic in control, industrial in form and revolutionary in aim.

Moved by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Valimaki, No. 200, that the report of the committee be adopted.

Roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 329; no, 10. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Delegate Whipple, No. 118, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, that any brother in this convention that calls anyone a liar or using profane language be fined \$10.00 and suspended from further participation in convention. Motion carried.

The report of the committee on paragraph No. 15, read as follows:

Paragraph 15:

First half of paragraph to be referred to committee on organization.

Second half to committee on education and literature.

The report of committee was concurred in.

Report of the committee on paragraphs 18 and 19 read as follows:

Paragraphs 18 and 19:

To be referred to committee on constitution, with a recommendation

that it bring in an amendment covering the same.

Report concurred in.

Report of committee on paragraph No. 20 read as follows:

Paragraph 20:

The right of members of this organization to criticize the action of its officers is conceded when such criticism is honestly made, but no member or officer has the right, either openly or secretly, to use his influence or to work against the interest of the Western Federation of Miners; and we recommend that the locals adopt a vigorous policy in dealing with members found guilty of violating their obligation in this respect.

Moved by Delegate Harper, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, that report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Report of the committee on paragraphs 21 and 22, read as follows:

Paragraph 21:

To be referred to organizing committee.

Paragraph 22:

To be referred to committee on strikes and lockouts.

Recommendations concurred.

Report of committee on paragraphs 23 to 26, inclusive, read as follows:

Paragraphs 23-26:

The failure of congress to investigate the deplorable conditions existing in the Douglas Island district, and to take any action by providing by law safeguards to life and limb for the men employed in and around the mines, mills and smelters of that district, when petitioned by thousands to do so, simply emphasizes the fact that no relief for the worker can be expected from either of the dominant political parties.

Moved by Board Member Davidson, seconded by Board Member Terzich, that report be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Lindsay, No. 83, as an amendment, that the incoming executive board use every means in their power to better the conditions of the men employed in that district. Amendment carried.

Motion as amended put and declared carried.

Report of committee on paragraphs 27 to 58, inclusive, read as follows, and recommendation of committee concurred in.

Paragraphs 27-58:

To be referred to strikes and lockouts committee.

Report of committee on paragraphs 62-64, inclusive, read as follows, and same was concurred in:

Paragraphs 62-64:

We concur in the recommendation of the president in regard to the Preston and Smith case, and recommend that the incoming executive board render all assistance possible to secure their liberation.

Report of the committee on paragraphs 65 to 69, read as follows, and same concurred in:

Paragraphs 65-69:

We endorse the action of the executive board in working to secure the eight-hour law in California, and we concur in the recommendation of the president, that the necessary steps be taken to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States for a final ruling.

Report of the committee on paragraph 72 read as follows, and same was concurred in:

Paragraph 72:

We endorse the action of the executive board in working to secure a partial recompense for the property loss sustained in the Cripple Creek strike and extend our congratulations to the members of the board for the success so far attained.

Report of the committee on paragraphs 73 to 99, inclusive, read as follows, and same was concurred in.

Paragraphs 73-99:

Already before the convention.

Report of the committee on paragraphs 102-103, inclusive, read as follows:

Paragraphs 102-103:

We endorse the action of the executive board in the steps they have taken in regard to the monuments for our deceased brothers, John H. Murphy and George A. Pettibone.

Moved by Delegate Boiler, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

The report of the committee on supplementary report read as follows:

We endorse the action of the president in submitting the documents in the case covered by the supplementary report to the convention; and we further endorse the position of President Moyer in this regrettable affair.

The struggle in which we are engaged will keep us pretty well occupied if we fight only our enemies, but if we are to have factions within our organization contending against each other, and if we are to expend our vitality in internecine warfare, the hopes held out by our organization will never be realized, and we earnestly recommend that action be taken by this convention to prevent a recurrence of such a condition in the future.

JOS. D. CANNON,
JAS. KIRWAN,
W. S. REID,
WM. JENSEN,
JOHN CIGELLA,
R. LEE LASHLEY.

Committee.

I agree in the action of the above report of the committee with the exception of the matter contained in the supplementary report, from which I dissent.

J. C. WHITELEY.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Whiteley, No. 74, that action on the above report be deferred until further information is had on the case.

Moved by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, seconded by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, as an amendment that the word "deferred" be stricken out and the word "concurred" inserted.

Moved by Vice President Mahoney, seconded by Delegate A. N. Gauthier, No. 146, that action be deferred until Delegate P. W. Flynn is present this afternoon at 2 p. m., when the same shall be made a special order of business. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 15, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

No. 15. Resolved, That believing personal insinuations between members of the Federation without proof of same, is detrimental to the cause of good unionism; therefore, such insinuations be not given space in our official organ.

FRANK MONTY, NO. 10.

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, the education and literature committee, recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 15, and would further recommend that all references to the different clans in our organization, be expunged from the columns of the Miners' Magazine.

J. J. BARTH,
MALCOM McNEILL,
JOE GUELFY,
AUG. WALQUIST,
CHAS. GRUE,
JOHN MITCHELL.

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Whipple, No. 118, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 125, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

No. 125. Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909
 To the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners
 Comrades and Brothers I wish to call your attention to the fact that the Western Federation of Miners has a large number of Finnish speaking members in its ranks and that the Federation has in the past supplied those members with literature in their own native language. The translating and printing work on that literature in the past has been done by English printers and by some unknown translators who are not competent to do the work. The last constitution and by-laws of the Federation that has been translated and printed in Finnish has been turned out to the members in such a shape that it is almost impossible to understand what some of the paragraphs mean. As an illustration I quote the following. In the preamble there is one clause that reads, "We, the Industrial Workers of the World." This clause is translated into Finnish so that when the same is correctly retranslated in English, it will read, "We, the most industrious workers of the world."

In printing, it is the same, you cannot expect a compositor who does not understand the language he is setting up to make a decent job. For this reason, I submit the following:
 Be It Resolved, That all the translating from English into Finnish be left in the hands of those who are competent to do the same, and be it further

Resolved, That all the printing work that is necessary for the Federation to have done be left in the hands of the Tyonies Publishing Company, Hancock, Michigan, as that company is the only Finnish printing company this side of the state of Massachusetts that carries the union label.

JOHN VALIMAKI,
 Delegate From No. 209

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report on Resolution No. 125, and we recommend that the printing of all literature pertaining to unionism such as constitutions, etc., be done by persons thoroughly familiar with both languages and that the incoming executive board shall determine the firm or persons who shall do the work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. SLUSHER,
 J. P. LANGFORD,
 JOHN GEIER,
 CHAS. K. JOHNSON,
 M. L. BRUCE.

Committee

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Barth, No. 16, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 78, with report of committee on same, read, re cancelling of assessments of Tonopah Miners' Union No. 121.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report that we recommend that the balance of assessments due the Western Federation of Miners from Tonopah Miners, Union 121, amounting to \$1,000.70, be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. SLUSHER,
 J. P. LANGFORD,
 JOHN GEIER,
 CHAS. K. JOHNSON,
 M. L. BRUCE.

Committee

Moved by Delegate Booher, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, that report of committee be adopted as read.

Moved by Secretary Mills seconded by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, as an amendment that relief be granted to No. 121 for expenses incurred in litigation and for other expenses to the amount of assessments due to the Federation. Amendment carried.

Resolution No. 85, with report of committee on same, read, re assessments of Texada Miners' Union No. 113.

To the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report on request of Texada Miners' Union No. 113, that assessments of 1908, amounting to \$180.00 be cancelled.

We recommend that said request be granted and assessments be cancelled as per request.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. SLUSHER,
 J. P. LANGFORD,
 JOHN GEIER,
 CHAS. K. JOHNSON,
 M. L. BRUCE.

Committee

Moved by Executive Board Member Davidson, seconded by Delegate Booher, No. 1, that report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 36, with report of the committee on same, read, re loan to Pioche Miners' Union No. 263:

To the Officers and Delegates Assembled at the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

We, your committee on ways and means, recommend that the request of Pioche Local No. 263, be complied with and the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be loaned to Pioche Local No. 263, interest to be three per cent per annum. Principal and interest to be secured by a mortgage on the Pioche Union Hall. Principal and interest to be paid in five yearly installments.

H. T. BENNETT,
 W. J. MARTIN,
 JAS. D. CLUNEY,
 P. W. FLYNN,
 FRANK MONTY.

Committee

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, that report of committee be not concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate De Berry, No. 103, as a substitute that the entire matter be referred to the incoming executive board with full power to act. Substitute lost.

Original motion was then put and declared lost.

Moved by Delegate Harper, No. 69, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

The convention adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

July 22, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 2 p. m.

Roll call read and all delegates were noted present except Delegate Mitchell, No. 83.

No. 135. Resolution re wages of executive board, by Delegate Allen, No. 26, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 136. Resolution by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, re organizer for Cobalt district, read and referred to committee on organization.

Discussion was then resumed on the report of committee on president's supplementary report as a special order of business, Delegate Owen McCabe, No. 1, in the chair.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, seconded by Delegate Monty, No. 60, that debate on a vote question shall be confined to the parties directly involved. Motion declared lost.

Delegate Whitley, No. 74, insisted that either President Moyer or Vice President Mahoney occupy the chair during the discussion of the supplementary report on his appeal from the decision of Delegate McCabe, No. 1, who was in the chair, the latter was sustained by the convention.

Moved by Executive Board Member Davidson, seconded by Delegate Hulmer, No. 38, that the report of the majority of committee on president's supplementary report be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, that we concur in the minority report of committee.

At this time, Delegate Flynn, No. 1, read the following answer to the alleged charges by President Moyer in his supplementary report:

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers - I herewith submit to you my answer to the supplementary report of President Chas. H. Moyer:

This report contains many assertions that are but the interpretation of President Moyer on certain actions of Butte Miners' Union during the past year. I grant that it is the right of the president to place his interpretations on any acts as his judgment seems to think the case warrants. That his interpretation is correct, is another matter and this, in my opinion is the question that you are called upon to decide, in passing upon the supplementary report.

I deny that I have for the past year pursued the policy of disruption, on the contrary, I have worked earnestly to build up the local organizations of the Western Federation of Miners in the vicinity of Butte. I maintain that I have a right to my opinion as to what constitutes undue exercise of power by the president of our organization and that I have the right in expressing my opinion in matters as I see it. Whether that opinion is sound or not, is one that time and events will demonstrate, but which you have to pass on at this time also.

With this brief introduction, I will pass on to what I consider the main points in the supplementary report and answer them as briefly as possible.

Paragraph 4, Mr. Moyer says, "Personally, I ask nothing at the hand of the delegates," which may be true, judging from remarks made upon the floor of Local No. 1, when he said, "When my present term of office has expired, I am through with organized labor forever." But subsequent articles appearing in the daily paper, lead us to believe otherwise.

In paragraph 5, he tells you of two candidates being in the field for the presidency of the Western Federation of Miners in the sixteenth annual convention, namely, P. W. Flynn and himself. As for myself, I will say that I went into the race knowing that there was no chance of being elected. Realizing the number of hero-worshippers there were in that convention. He has told you Delegate Flynn came forward, gave him his hand and offered him his undivided support in behalf of organized labor, which is very true, but at that time I thought I was grasping the hand of a man. I have found since I was mistaken, and to what extent, I will leave you to be the judge. In pledging him my support, I did not wish him to understand it was given to that extent that I would approve of all his acts without a word of explanation to the membership of the Western Federation of Miners.

In paragraph 6, he has told you that prior to the sixteenth annual convention, he had never met Delegate Flynn. This, I claim, is untrue and would like to call President Moyer's attention to an incident in the Butte Miners' Union some three years ago, when Frank O'Connor was president of that local and the officers of No. 1 allowed the local to go in bad standing with the Western Federation of Miners. Did you not come to Butte on that occasion to advise No. 1 to again reinstate themselves in the Western Federation of Miners and at a regular meeting, or, just prior to the calling of the meeting, there was a rough-house? Who was it who protected you then? Was it Ed Long, the detective, or J. C. Scott, to whom you stuck like a twin brother during the sixteenth annual convention, the man who stood on the floor of Local No. 1 while you were in the Idaho jail and declared he had evidence enough in his room to convict and to hang Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. I would ask Mr. Moyer if it was those men and their following, or was it Shannon, Flynn and others, who defended you at that time, men whom you are now trying to drive out of the Western Federation of Miners by your tactics. You will know you met Flynn on that occasion and every other occasion in which you visited Butte.

Mr. Moyer also stated in paragraph 6, that I charged that the chair was exercising the power of a czar, as he understood it. On that occasion I stated that if we continued to delegate power to the executive board, it was time we changed the name of our officers and call them the Czar of the Federation and his body-guards. Mr. Moyer knows this to be a fact, as I so corrected him at that time.

In the matter of the trouble over the assessments, I will state that all the friction in Butte No. 1 over Assessments No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4, arose out of the fact that the secretary-treasurer's report to the sixteenth annual convention made no reference to the Western Federation of Miners being in debt. The impression conveyed thereby, to the delegates at least, was that the organization was clear of indebtedness at the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1908.

This conclusion was further strengthened by the fact that the said financial statement contained no reference to any liabilities, other than the \$15,000 loan from Butte No. 1, entered in the receipts. During the sixteenth annual convention, Delegates McKinnon, of Roseland No. 38, Wieganda of Judith Mt. No. 197, and M. L. Tompkins of No. 118, asked for a statement of the Western Federation of Miners' standing and were not informed of the indebtedness. The delegates to the sixteenth annual convention, as I remember, voted to have the executive board levy assessments to create \$100,000 strike fund. When the notice of the assessment was received, however, it contained the information that the Western Federation of Miners was in debt and that those assessments were to pay off the indebtedness. This information placed the delegates who were at the sixteenth annual convention and who had not reported as to any indebtedness, in the position of not fully reporting, or of not having paid enough attention to their work to have learned of this fact. It further gave rise to conjectures on the part of the membership and the delegates as well. Owing to this misunderstanding, I advocated having the Western Federation of Miners give Butte No. 1 credit for the assessment on the loan of \$15,000.

In paragraph 8, President Moyer continues by saying, "Strange to say, in the largest union, both numerically and financially, a question arose as to complying with the orders of the convention." This, I deny. The only question that ever arose was the question as to how the assessment would be paid. After being fully informed as to the financial condition of the organization by Executive Board Member Hatchinson, I changed my attitude and at all times worked to have No. 1 pay the assessment out of the treasury. In this stand I was upheld by every delegate from No. 1 on the floor of this convention.

In conclusion on this matter, I again state that at no time did I, or anyone connected with the present administration of Butte No. 1, advocate refusing to pay the assessment. We desired the same to be taken out of the money loaned to the Western Federation of Miners only because the real condition of the organization was not understood by any of us. In advocating that action I was fully within my rights as a member of the Western Federation of Miners. It has always been my belief that the membership of the organization were entitled to a full knowledge of the affairs of their organization, and here let me state in regard to the \$15,000 loan in which President Moyer refers in paragraph 9, by saying, "The union, without any

hesitancy, complied with the request and a note was forwarded in security of the amount." I wish to call the attention of the delegates to the fact that the note was not turned over to No. 1 by Secretary Sullivan until about April 15, 1908, being nearly four months later, and then not until the chairman of the trustees told him he would not leave the office alive if he did not produce the note. Mr. Moyer tells you here that no question was raised in the sixteenth annual convention or fears expressed that the Federation would not make good, which is very true, I admit. The reason for same being that Mr. Moyer ruled me out of order when I attempted to bring the matter before the convention. If at any time the judgment of the officers has been that the best interests of the organization require that the membership do not have this knowledge and friction and dissension arise because of the lack of this knowledge, the blame for this friction must rest upon those who are responsible for withholding the information from the membership, and not upon those who are acting within their rights.

The charge that I, and those acting with me, are seeking to disrupt the Western Federation of Miners is amply refuted by a comparison of the secretary's report to the sixteenth and seventeenth annual conventions. The report of the sixteenth convention shows that No. 1 paid \$16,185.75 tax and the present report shows that tax paid for the past year amounts to \$18,000 and assessments \$14,000, making a total of \$32,000. These figures speak for themselves.

The charge of disruption is further refuted by the report of all of the officers wherein they recognize the present condition of the mining industry at this time, namely, of not having gotten over the result of the last panic.

In paragraph 16, Mr. Moyer, in referring to his letter to the delegates said, "You will note by its wording that there was no abuse, no charge of falsehood, etc." Referring to paragraph 13, we find the following: "I have decided to ask the delegates of the sixteenth annual convention whether Mr. Flynn is stating facts, or is he resorting to deliberate falsehood in order to discredit the sixteenth annual convention and its chairman." I would like to ask you delegates how those two statements harmonize?

In the matter of the dispute between President Moyer and myself over my treatment on the floor of the sixteenth annual convention, I desire to call your attention to different statements attributed to me in his report, and that which was sent out to the delegates in the sixteenth annual convention. In the circular sent out to the delegates by President Moyer, he states, "He charged that the chair had continuously denied him the rights to the floor, or ruled him out of order." President Moyer then submits to the delegates the question for their decision as to whether the chair did not grant him the same treatment as that of any other delegate. In his letter dated January 4, 1909, addressed to Butte Miners' Union, President Moyer correctly quotes me as saying: "There is no use in my taking the floor, as I would be ruled out of order the same as I was in the sixteenth annual convention." In regard to this matter, what complaint I made was on specific instances, to-wit: On taking the floor to discuss the report of J. C. Lowney and a loan of No. 1 to the Federation. Had a question been submitted to the delegates in this form, as it should have been, their vote would have sustained my contention in this matter. They could not do otherwise. I desire further to call your attention to the different statements in letters from the following men to President Moyer, on this subject, namely, W. R. Faulkner, Con Shea, Timothy Sheehan, C. W. Aabel, D. P. Kane, Jas. A. Cassidy, J. C. Lowney, M. J. Connor, John R. Sullivan, Dan Holland, Sam Stitzer, and the affidavit signed by ninety members. Of all these letters and the general affidavit, only one corroborates President Moyer's contention, that of Sam Stitzer, and Stitzer in signing the general affidavit, gives two versions of the occurrence. Why this difference in statements supposed to have been made by me?

In paragraph 10, President Moyer states that he was informed that after he had left the hall on September 22nd, I said, "We have listened to a wind-bag long enough, let's get down to business." There is absolutely no foundation for quoting me that way. The real circumstances are, that after President Moyer left the hall there was considerable wrangling pro and con, and as the hour was late, I took the floor and said, "We have done enough wind-jamming, let's get down to business." My remarks had no reference to President Moyer whatever, but to the talk and wrangling that took place after he left the hall.

In paragraph 12, President Moyer charges me, my name being the only one mentioned in the whole document, with inaugurating a campaign of slander and misrepresentation. I emphatically deny the insinuation and call for specific proof. I deny that I ever said the members were robbed of their money, that the secretary-treasurer furnished no report, that the assessments were divided among the executive board, or that the president had sold out to the enemy. My opinion as to the policy of President Moyer and the executive board, I have expressed. It is my right to hold an opinion and to express it. It is an honest opinion and as such I shall continue to hold and express it. It will be a sorry day for the Western Federation of Miners when its membership are not allowed to hold or express an opinion on matters of policy that does not agree with the opinions of those who happen to be its officers, and I desire to call the attention of the delegates to the fact that President Moyer in 1899, was one of the delegates from the Black Hills who came to the seventh annual convention to state on what terms they would re-affiliate with the Western Federation of Miners because of some difference of opinion on the policy of the Western Federation of Miners.

In paragraph 59, the following statement is made, in referring to the signers of the document offered in paragraph 57: "As a matter of fact, several of them were not present and one in particular was not in Butte at the time. This statement is not specific and to be entitled to any consideration, should mention the names of those not present and not in Butte at the time and furnish the proof thereof. It is a well-known fact to the membership of the Western Federation of Miners that in years gone by Butte No. 1 and its officers have disagreed with the progressive policy of the Western Federation that Local No. 1 was lax, to say the least, in discharging its full financial obligation in that it never paid its full per capita tax, that after the introduction of the stamp system the officers of No. 1 did not put stamps on the cards of the members, as provided for in the constitution, yet no such attack was ever made upon those responsible for this attitude, as is at present made upon those who at that time fought against the wrong attitude of the then officers of No. 1, and who today are responsible for the discharge of their full financial obligation to the Western Federation of Miners and who are in full accord with the progressive policy advocated by the Western Federation of Miners. Let me call your attention to the fact that in 1905 a committee from No. 83, one member of which was John McMullin, appeared before No. 1 and No. 74, asking for a like committee from No. 1 and No. 74, to investigate the crookedness and corruption of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners and until this day no action has ever been taken against these members or the organization to which they belong. Why then this sudden activity against men who are in full accord with the progressive policy of the Western Federation of Miners over their expressing an opinion that the progressive policy was being forsaken.

In regard to the general affidavit contained in paragraphs 85 and 86, I call your attention to some of the signers of the same, who in years past always fought the progressive policy of the Western Federation of Miners. I refer to M. J. Connor, Ed Long, John W. Haley, Pat Hanley, Morris Lowney, James Shea and John J. Sheehan. The name of John R. Sullivan is also in said list and attached to a communication, in paragraph 79. The said John R. Sullivan has been convicted by No. 1 of embezzling the funds of that local. The Daily Bank and Trust Company, who were on his bond, have reimbursed the treasury of No. 1 in the sum of \$489.

C. W. Aabel, whose name is attached to a communication dated December 30th, addressed to J. C. Lowney, is the man who declared his willing-

ness to scab on the members of the Machinists' Union when out on strike and who has often been seen in the office of the Thiele Detective Agency. Ed Long, who has at last come out publicly and donned the garb of a detective, is also another signer.

In concluding his supplementary report, President Moyer wants it understood that he brings no charges against any delegate. I desire to call attention of the delegates that President Moyer in this instance, has failed to live up to the procedure provided for in the constitution of the Western Federation of Miners. Instead he has hurled his insinuations and complaints to the delegates and membership of the Western Federation of Miners without having so far been compelled to be specific or to offer any proof that is worthy of consideration.

In conclusion, let me say, it is my opinion that the whole matter is nothing more than a personal affair and should be so treated by this convention. Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FLYNN.

The question, which occurred on the amendment to adopt the minority report of the committee on president's supplementary report, was then called for.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, as a substitute for all pending motions that both Moyer's supplementary report and Delegate Flynn's answer to the same be thrown in the waste basket.

Roll call was demanded with the following result: Yes, 149; no, 198.

Motion declared lost.

The previous question was called for, the vote to take place on the amendment to adopt the minority report.

Moved by Delegate Lindsay, No. 74, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that the convention adjourn until 9 a. m. Motion carried.

ELEVENTH DAY.

Morning Session.

July 23, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 9 a. m.

Roll call read and found all delegates present.

The minutes of the last two sessions read and approved as corrected.

Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, who interrupted the reading of the minutes, moved that the reading of Flynn's answer be dispensed with.

This was seconded by Delegate Clark, No. 53, and on being put to a vote declared carried.

No. 137. Resolution re assessments owing by Park City Miners Union No. 144, read and referred to committee on good and welfare.

No. 138. Communication re Brother Patrick Keaveney at St. Anthony's hospital who was reported sick, read.

Moved and seconded that action on above communication be deferred until Delegate Booher, No. 1, has reported on the case. Motion carried.

No. 139. Resolution re amendments to constitution, by Delegates Kilburn and Monty read and referred to constitution committee.

Discussion was then resumed on question before adjournment, which was to adopt minority report of committee on president's report.

The question was called for and roll call demanded by Delegate Cannon, No. 106, with the following result: Yes, 101; no, 226. Motion declared lost.

The question then occurred on the motion to adopt majority report of committee on president's supplementary report.

Roll call was demanded by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, with the following result: Yes, 223; no, 79. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Boiler, No. 5, that we refer back to paragraph 96 of president's report, where reference to Delegate Fluent is made.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that paragraph 96 be adopted in toto. Motion carried.

Moved by Vice President Mahoney, seconded by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, that a number equal to that printed of President Moyer's report be printed of Delegate Flynn's answer, the same to be distributed among the local unions of the Federation in order that the membership of the organization may be able to judge for themselves as to the action of the convention in this matter.

Delegate James McGuire, No. 140, moved the previous question, which was seconded, but on being put to a vote was declared lost.

Moved by Delegate Booher, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Whiteley, No. 74, as an amendment, that Delegate Flynn's answer to President Moyer's supplementary report be adopted and printed and distributed among the locals of the Federation.

Moved as an amendment to the amendment, by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Barth, No. 16, that the word "adopted" be stricken out and the word "received" inserted. Motion carried by vote of 48 to 33.

The amendment as amended was then put and declared carried.

Motion as amended was then put and declared carried.

Moved by Delegate Cannon, No. 106, seconded by Board Member Terzich, that the report of committee on president's report be adopted as a whole.

Moved by Delegate Booher, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, as an amendment that the word "adopted" be stricken out, and the word "received" inserted.

Motion ruled out of order by Chairman McCabe.

Moved by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, seconded by Delegate De Berry, No. 103, that the report of the committee be adopted as far as it pertains to the president's report, and the part pertaining to the supplementary report be received. Motion ruled out of order by Chairman McCabe.

Moved by Delegate Lindsay, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that the convention adjourn till 2 p. m. Motion carried.

Afternoon Session

July 23, 1909.

The convention was called to order at 2 p. m., President Moyer in the chair.

Roll call read and all delegates noted present.

Notice from Mercur Miners' Union No. 199 was read re organization.

The motion by Delegate Cannon, No. 106, to adopt the report of the committee on president's report as a whole was then taken up. The question was called for, and on being put to a vote was declared carried.

Moved by Delegate De Berry, No. 103, seconded by Delegate Booher No. 1, that the convention resolve itself into executive session. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that Executive Board Member J. F. Hutchinson be given the privilege of the floor to refute statements made by some of the members of the executive board, who, he claimed, charged him with divulging transactions of the executive board meetings to individuals not entitled to the same. Motion carried.

After Board Member Hutchinson, Board Member Lowney, Vice President Mahoney, Delegate Fluent, and others, had spoken, it was moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that the convention resolve itself into executive session. Motion carried.

The doors were then closed and Delegates McDonald, No. 4, and Bulmer, No. 38, were appointed by President Moyer, who was in the chair, to take up the password.

Moved and seconded that the convention go into open session. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 131, with report of committee on same read as follows: No. 131.

Denver, Colo., July 21, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Whereas, The Western Federation of Miners has a considerable number of Swedish speaking members who pay dues and assessments to the Western

Federation of Miners, the same as any other group of members of the Federation do, therefore be it

Resolved, That the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners be instructed to have the ritual, constitution and by laws of the Western Federation of Miners translated in the Swedish language and the same furnished to the local unions of the Western Federation of Miners for the same price as the English rituals, constitutions and by laws of the Western Federation of Miners are sold.

JOHN MAKI, Delegate No. 128

We, the committee on good and welfare, recommend that Resolution No. 131 be referred to the incoming executive board

G. B. SLUSHER,
J. W. MORTON,
JOHN GEIER,
CHAS. K. JOHNSON,
M. L. BRUCE,

Committee

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried. Resolution No. 139, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 139.

Whereas, The reckless accusations and charges which are becoming more recurrent at each succeeding convention are not only a matter of dissension among the Western Federation of Miners, but also holding the organization up to contempt and ridicule; and

Whereas, In the majority of cases the charges have been largely of a personal nature and in no way pertinent to the welfare of the organization, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Local No. 10 respectfully requests legislation be adopted by the seventeenth annual convention putting a stop to the same by enacting that no charges will be considered in convention unless the same has been filed and notice given to the different locals at least thirty days prior to the convening of the convention, in which the charges may be considered, but that no part of this resolution shall apply to the recommendation of the auditing or credential committee.

Respectfully submitted by J. E. Colgan, and adopted by unanimous vote of members present at regular meeting.

R. A. REESE, Secretary No. 10

We, the committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report that we recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 139

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. SLUSHER,
CHAS. K. JOHNSON,
JOHN GEIER,
J. W. MORTON,
M. L. BRUCE,

Committee

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Report of strikes and lockouts committee read as follows:

July 23, 1909.

We, your committee on strikes and lockouts, beg to concur in Executive Board Member Terzleh's report, that strike be continued till the corporation sees fit to treat our members fairly.

In regard to Vice President Mahoney's report on Tanana District, we your committee, see nothing to be done further than concur in his report.

Regarding the trouble at Nome, Alaska, your committee would recommend the executive board keep in touch with the situation there and take such action as conditions require as they may arise.

In regard to Jackson, California, we would recommend the incoming member of the executive board watch conditions as they may develop and be ready to take action to better conditions in Jackson as soon as an opportunity arises.

We, your committee, beg to endorse the action of the executive board in regard to the strike at Greenwood, and would suggest the present action to continue till the strike is won.

We, your committee, in regard to calling a strike at the East Helena smelter, and after listening to statement of Delegate Burns, and on suggestion from Brother Burns, would recommend that no action be taken in this case until such a time as we are able to take concerted action on all Guggenheim smelters.

We, your committee, coincide with Lane (Nevada) Local No. 251, in maintaining their wage scale, and suggest the incoming executive board be instructed to lend them every assistance in winning their strike.

OWEN BARNES,
CHAS. C. MITCHELL,
ANDREW MALLON,
PAUL CLARK,
J. D. WHITESIDE,
ANGUS McLEOD.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, that the report of the committee be adopted as read.

Moved by Delegate Harper, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Gauthier, No. 146, that above report of strikes and lockouts committee be made a special order of business upon convening tomorrow morning. Motion carried.

Resolutions 20 and 21, with reports of committee on same, read as follows: No. 20.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

To add a section to article II, to be known as section 8, that the executive board issue an eight (\$8.00) dollar stamp to be known as a reinstatement stamp for which all local unions shall pay two dollars per capita tax and that secretary of all local unions shall use said stamp for reinstatement.

NEIL COLLINS,
ANDREW MALLON,
THOS. J. MURPHY,
FRANK FITZPATRICK

No. 21.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We desire to submit for your consideration the following amendment: Strike out all the words of section 6, article II, and insert, "Local Unions shall have a reinstatement fee of eight dollars for all members eight months or more in arrears for dues and assessments."

NEIL COLLINS,
ANDREW MALLON,
THOS. J. MURPHY,
FRANK FITZPATRICK

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers--We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, recommend that Resolutions No. 20 and No. 21, which both have the same meaning, be not concurred in.

E. F. BOYLE,
JOHN DRISCOLL,
NICK THOMAS,
JAMES BARSS,
F. L. GRANDY,
THOS. J. CONNOR.

Committee

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate McNeill, No. 71, that report of the committee be rejected and that the resolutions be adopted as read. Motion lost.

Moved by Delegate Bennett, No. 251, seconded by Delegate Thompson, No. 38, that report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 123, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 123.

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

I beg to offer the following amendment to article II, section 7, of the by laws, by striking out the entire section No. 7

J. P. LANGFORD, Delegate No. 144

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers--We, your committee on constitution and by laws, beg leave to report on Resolution No. 123, and recommend that the same be adopted

NEIL COLLINS,
E. F. BOYLE,
JOHN DRISCOLL,
T. J. CONNORS,
JAMES BARSS,
FRANK L. GRANDY,
NICK THOMAS.

Committee

Moved by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, seconded by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, that report of the committee be not concurred in.

Time for the adjournment having arrived, convention adjourned till 9 a. m.

TWELFTH DAY.

Morning Session.

July 24, 1909

The convention was called to order in executive session by Vice President Mahoney at 9 a. m.

Roll call was read and found all delegates present.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved as read.

Resolution No. 140, re honorary membership for ex-President Edward Boyce, read and referred to committee on good and welfare.

No. 141. Resolution re cancelling of assessment, by Nevada City Miners' Union, read and referred to committee on good and welfare.

No. 142. Resolution re amendments to constitution, by Delegates Devlin, No. 117, Collins, No. 117, Fitzpatrick, No. 117, Barth, No. 16 and Slusher, No. 16, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 143. Resolution by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, re amendments to the constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

The special order of business was then taken up, the same being the report of strikes and lockouts committee.

Moved by Delegate Whiteside, No. 167, seconded by Delegate Walquist, No. 174, that report be taken up serialim. Motion carried.

Section 1 read.

Moved by Board Member Hutchinson, seconded by Delegate Devlin, No. 74, that section 1 of committee's report be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section 2 read.

Moved by Delegate Bunny, No. 2, seconded by Delegate Monty, No. 19, that section 2 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Section 3 read.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Bunny, No. 2, that section 3 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Section 4 read.

Moved by Delegate Grue, No. 159, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that section 4 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Section 5 read.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that section 5 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Section 6 read.

Moved by Board Member Lowney, seconded by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, as an amendment that the recommendation of the committee shall not prohibit the local union or the executive board from taking any action they may deem necessary in the future.

Moved by Delegate Gauthier, No. 146, seconded by Delegate Walquist, No. 174, as a substitute, that the report of the committee on section 6 be not concurred in, and that the whole matter be left in the hands of the local union, the Montana State Union, and the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners.

Moved by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Collins, No. 117, that the previous question be now put. Motion carried.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

Section 7 read.

Moved by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, seconded by Delegate Connor, No. 191, that section 7 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Report of committee on paragraph 6 of Board Member Clough's report known as Resolution No. 129, read as follows:

July 20, 1909

To the President and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual convention, Western Federation of Miners:

In regard to paragraph No. 6 of Executive Board Member Clough's report, referred to your committee on strikes and lockouts, we recommend that the same be left to the locals in which the Guggenheims operate, in conjunction with the executive board and in compliance with the constitution of the Western Federation of Miners governing such cases.

OWEN BARNES, Chairman,
CHAS. C. MITCHELL,
PAUL CLARK,
J. D. WHITESIDE,
A. McLEOD,
W. E. HUGHES,
ANDREW MALLON,

Committee

Moved and seconded that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Bunny, No. 2, seconded by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, that report of strikes and lockouts committee be adopted as a whole. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the convention go into open session. Motion carried.

Discussion was then resumed on committee's report on Resolution No. 123, the motion before the convention being not to concur in the committee report.

Moved by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, as a substitute, that we strike out the last two words of section 7, article II, of the by laws, so as to read "He shall use a reinstatement stamp which shall be furnished to locals for \$2.00 per stamp."

Vote then occurred on the substitute motion. Motion declared lost.

The question then occurred on the original motion, which was declared carried.

The question then occurring on the resolution it was moved and seconded that the resolution No. 123 be not concurred in. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Flynn, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Flynn, No. 1, that all resolutions must be on the secretary's desk by 12 noon Monday. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the convention stand adjourned till 9 a. m. Monday. Motion carried.



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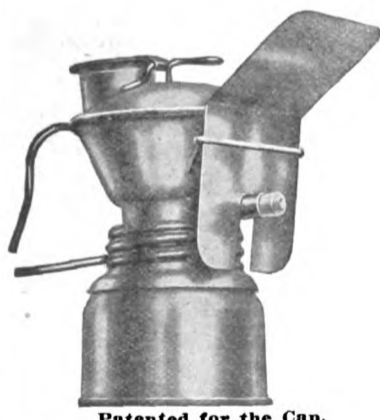
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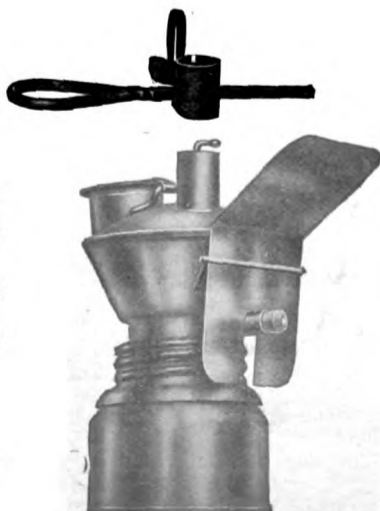


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