

# WORKERS ON KNIT GOODS TO START BIG NEW UNION

## Philadelphia Workers to Meet August 1

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 24.—Serious steps are at last being taken to organize the knit goods workers of this city. Thru the initiative of several more conscious workers several preliminary meetings were held and an organization committee formed. A general mass meeting of all knit goods workers of the city will be held Friday, 8 p. m., August 1st, at the Amalgamated Center, 431 Pine St. La Brie, secretary of the Federated Textile Trades, and Vance of the Carpet Weavers Union of Philadelphia will be the main speakers and will help put the new union on the proper organization basis. A representative of the Knit Goods Workers of N. Y. will also address the meeting.

### Carpet Weavers Help.

The Carpet Weavers Union, of which Vance and La Brie are active members, is one of the best organized and most efficient unions in the Textile industry. Both La Brie and Vance have shown a keen interest in the new organization of the knit goods workers and are giving it all possible assistance. The hall for the mass meeting was given by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union free of charge.

In its appeal issued both in the Jewish and English languages the committee points out the appalling conditions under which the knit goods workers are compelled to labor due to the fact that they are not organized. The appeal follows:

10pt—Workers in the Knitting Trade!

Several years have passed since we lost our Union in Philadelphia. Our Bosses have the upper hand because the organization that has defended our interests and kept us united exists no longer.

We knitters can hardly make a living even tho we work hard and long hours.

Our bosses are amassing riches and living in luxury, while we toil harder every day and our wages cannot pay for the necessary things of life. Many knitters who have lost their health at the machines, now walk the streets in idleness with families starving at home, and those who still work in the shops cannot provide a decent living for their dependents.

### Low Wages, Long Hours.

You know that winders receive wages as low as \$8, and \$10, per week, pressers and operators also receive low wages. Any one who dares to complain is told to leave his work or keep quiet.

At a time when other organized workers are fighting for the 40 hour week, we the knitters are working from 48 to 52 hours. At this time when all needle workers have improved their working conditions and increased their wages to a decent living standard thru their powerful unions, we, the knitters are still divided and suffering under outrageous working conditions and pitifully small wages. And while the bosses fear and respect the organized workers they have nothing but contempt for us.

This is because we are not organized.

This is because we have no union to defend us.

Knit Goods Workers! The time has come to organize. The time has come when we can improve our wages and conditions and live like human beings and in that way gain the respect of the organized workers of this city.

All workers engaged in the various branches of the Knitting Trade are invited to come to the mass meeting and join the union. Admission is free.