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ALL LABORERS and miners are requested to stay away from Hurley, Wisconsin, at the employes of the Montreal mine are striking against starvation wages.

STAY AWAY FROM BLAIR, NEVADA.

THE COLORADO STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR is now holding its annual convention in Cripple Creek.

THE STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR of California will hold its thirteenth annual convention in San Diego. As there has been some history written in San Diego recently, the delegates to the convention should not find it difficult to discover material for discussion.

STANDARD OIL STOCK is selling at \$1,000 per share. Before the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States was rendered, stock was selling at \$675 per share. But the effect of dissolution has given wings to the stock of the oil trust and it is now soaring towards the stars.

A TELEGRAM reached headquarters last Monday from Tuscarora, Nevada, stating that W. I. Plumb had been fatally injured. Brother Plumb has been a delegate to a number of annual conventions of the W. F. M. and the members throughout the jurisdiction who have met him at conventions will regret to learn that he is now in the shadow of death

IT IS SAID that the police of New York collected annually \$2,400,000 in graft from gamblers, disreputable houses and other forms of blackmail. It is not surprising that such a police force used their clubs on strikers when fighting against the unbearable conditions imposed upon labor by a master class.

THE NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE PARTY, better known as the "Bull Moose," held its convention in Chicago last week and nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president and Governor Johnson of California for vice president of the United States. The platform adopted was couched in vigorous language, but Roosevelt and Johnson, while doomed for the scrap heap in November, may be able to put the Ponderous William in the morgue.

THE MEAT DEALERS in Milwaukee have declared that they are helpless in the grip of the beef trust. They state that the trust is in absolute control of the situation and that they must take whatever terms are dictated by the trust. They declare that no local dealer or butcher can go into the stockyards and buy in the open market.

If the dealers and local butchers are in the grip of the packing trust, then the people, the so-called sovereign citizens, are the prey of all.

Glorious system!

"INJUNCTION BILL" has been notified that he has been nominated by the Republican party, and Ponderous William read a long type-written speech to the committee that discharged the duty of making him aware of the political honors thrust upon him.

But William's speech of acceptance did not have the ring of confidence that he would be the victor in November.

"God Knows" realized that the people will have something to say as to who shall draw a salary of \$75,000 per annum, and until November the suspense will be increased by the bellowing of the Bull Moose candidate for presidential honors.

THE SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE at Washington have sent out a warning notice that counterfeit bills of \$100 denomination are in circulation. It will now be necessary for every wage slave in the United States to make an investigation of the wad which he has laid away for a rainy day in order to ascertain if any of these \$100 bills have crept surreptitiously into his surplus savings.

The working people who handle bills of large denomination should be on the lookout for this counterfeit and should likewise forward a letter of thanks and appreciation to the government sleuths who have discovered and detected this latest scheme to impose on the working class.

THE ACTION of the 4,000 delegates to the convention of the International Bible Students' association, held at Washington, in repudiating hell, has caused a revolution in the religious world, and has torn a powerful club from the hands of pulpit-maniacs who have used the threat of eternal fire to awe and intimidate the credulous, who swallowed the hoary superstition of everlasting torture in a world beyond the grave.

The Bible students manifested some moral courage when they delivered a solar-plexus blow to the imaginary realms of brimstone, and in another quarter of a century the man who stands in a pulpit clinging to a belief in hell will be examined by a medical commission as to his sanity.

Doctrines that come from the dark ages when the minds of men were clouded by ignorance, must give way before the sunlight of an

intelligence that cannot be chained or shackled by the superstition of centuries that are dead.

DR. R. E. DOOLITTLE, who succeeded Dr. Wiley as pure food chief, has suggested as a remedy to all those who cannot afford to buy meat, to purchase beans, nuts, cheese, peas and milk, as he claims that nuts, cheese, peas, beans and milk are splendid substitutes for meat.

Upon such a meatless menu, the successor of Dr. Wiley entertains the hope that the beef barons can be forced to reduce the prices of the products of the packing houses.

Wiley's successor seems to forget that every staple article necessary to sustain human existence is controlled by a trust, and in all probability the magnates of the packing houses would be receiving their profits just the same should the people discard meat and adopt a vegetarian diet.

The beef barons are financially interested in all staple products of consumption, and are in a position to rob the people, whether they eat meat or masticate beans and peas.

Dr. Doolittle is well named, for the gentleman, through a narrow grasp of economics, will *do little* towards ameliorating present conditions.

It is to be hoped that he will be strong enough to draw his salary.

THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE has notified President Taft that there was objection on the part of the committee to the acceptance of Judge Hanford's resignation. If the President accepts the resignation of Hanford then the committee will cease a further investigation of the record of a judge whose conduct on the bench has made him odious to every man and woman who has a sense of justice.

The disfranchisement of Olson on the grounds that he was a Socialist, brought to an end the judicial career of a man who pandered to the corporate interests and who brazenly issued dictums that were bred in a mind mortgaged to Privilege.

The action of the House judiciary committee in raising no objection to the President accepting Hanford's resignation and shutting off further investigation, will meet with criticism, for honest men and women were interested in knowing to what depths of infamy Hanford had descended in serving the interests of a master class.

A strong suspicion will enter the minds of the people that Hanford's resignation was accepted and the investigation closed in order that the *methods* of Big Business might not be disclosed.

The acceptance of Hanford's resignation and the closing of the investigation will be looked upon as nothing more nor less than a clever move to smother the schemes utilized by "predatory wealth" to use the courts in legalizing the damnable conspiracies hatched by corporations and Big Business against the interests of the masses of the people.

The recall is destined to sweep the nation, for the people are determined that *democracy* shall prevail beneath the canopy of an American sky.

FOR MANY WEARY MONTHS Western newspapers, dailies as well as a certain labor organ, have periodically printed sensational stories about how Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, and other officials were to be dumped overboard to make room for more "progressive" men. Circulars were sent through the local unions accusing Moyer, who led the organization through all the Colorado war, of cowardice and incapacity and sneaking insinuations were bandied about that he was stealing "our" money. Moyer bided his time until the Victor convention, where he let loose a whole battery of hotshot and challenged his enemies to make good their charges. Thomas Campbell of Butte, Moyer's opponent in the election and spokesman of the faction that announced its intention of leading the W. F. of M. into the I. W. W., driven into a corner, was forced to go through with his bluff and filed charges against Moyer of misusing the union's funds and general corruption. The trial was held in open convention and consumed several days, at the conclusion of which Moyer was unanimously vindicated and Campbell was expelled from the Federation by a vote of 197 to 27. This is the finis after a campaign of vilification and secret plotting that would do credit to an agency conducting a labor spy and strike-breaking business. As in the recent I. T. U. campaign, the so-called "progressives," but more properly reactionaries, never for a moment attempted to explain how they intended to improve the W. F. of M. and benefit the membership. It was just one long-drawn out display of vituperation and abuse and all-around idiocy. If the copper trust and smelters' trust did not finance the anti-Moyer campaign in the hope of splitting the organization that they fear worse than the devil, then those combines are a bag of money ahead besides having been served faithfully. The W. F. of M. is purely an industrial organization, but still it did not suit the I. W. W. bosses who probably had other more potent reasons for creating turmoil and strife.—Cleveland Citizen.

THE TIMBER WORKERS of the South are now sending out appeals for aid, and these circulars are being sent to all the affiliated bodies of the American Federation of Labor and the labor and Socialist press are requested to publish these appeals in the hope that the Timber Workers may be saved the humiliation of being starved

into submission and forced to go back to the wage-slavery of the lumber trust in the state of Louisiana.

It might be well for the membership of organized labor to know something about the Timber Workers and how they were made dupes of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Last May the Timber Workers held a convention at Alexandria, and there were about forty delegates present, representing a membership of about 4,000.

Organizers for the American Federation of Labor were instructed to attend the convention, with a view of having this body become a part of the American Federation of Labor.

But when the organizers reached the convention they discovered that one William D. Haywood, one of the professional jawsmiths of the I. W. W., had already addressed the convention and had expounded the doctrines of the "International Workless Wonders," and the same W. D. Haywood did not forget to malign and slander the A. F. of L. in order that the delegates of the Timber Workers would vote for affiliation with the "I Won't Works."

The Timber Workers were uneducated men, knew little about the history of the labor movement and had little conception of industrial problems.

Haywood found that these poor, uneducated men were very susceptible, and he was so successful in swaying them by his wind-assaults on the A. F. of L. that the delegates voted to ally themselves with the "Bummery" and refused to even permit the organizers of the A. F. of L. to come on the floor of the convention. The A. F. of L. organizers endeavored for two days to get a hearing, but Haywood, the "Bull Moose" of the I. W. W., had successfully poisoned the minds of his ignorant dupes, and the organizers of the American Federation of Labor were forced to depart without even being granted the courtesy of a hearing.

Haywood, at the convention of the Timber Workers, was extravagant and prodigal in promises, and now, as the Timber Workers are hungry and in distress, this modern Moses, with the big voice and bulky stature, should "deliver the goods."

THE BARNES CASE now threatens to shake the Socialist party to its very foundation. The professionals in the Socialist party are now using a vast amount of space in Socialist publications to air their respective views in regard to the selection of Barnes as campaign manager.

The National Socialist, published at Washington, and edited by W. J. Ghent, the private secretary of Congressman Berger, asks in a scare-head: "Shall the Socialist Party Be Disrupted?" And then, under the caption: "Socialist Party Defense Fund," sends out the following wail for "mazuma":

"The present conspiracy against the integrity of the Socialist party is the most formidable assault that the party has had to meet since it was organized. To get the facts squarely before the membership, funds are required. A committee has been formed to prepare and distribute matter to the rank and file of the membership. This work cannot be done effectively unless money is available to meet the expenses.

"The papers antagonistic to Barnes, such as the *Appeal to Reason* and others, are refusing to print but one side of the controversy. We must see to it that the party's side is given.

"The occasion is critical, and the time is limited. The referendum ballots have already been distributed, and no doubt some of them have already been voted. If you want to see the magnificent organization which has been gradually built up disrupted and paralyzed, you will, of course, pay no attention to this appeal. If, on the other hand, you want to see it maintained and strengthened, and if you are alive to the danger that threatens it, you will contribute liberally, and at once. Acknowledgments of sums received will be published in *The National Socialist*, and a statement of receipts and expenditures will be published after the close of the referendum.

"Send all contribution to

"W. J. GHENT, Treasurer,
"400 Pennsylvania Avenue S. E., Washington, D. C."

According to Ghent and the committee that have launched a "Socialist Party Defense Fund," their appeal must be given immediate response, or the party is "disrupted and paralyzed." According to Ghent and other professors of Socialism who entertain the opinion that their "noodles" are bursting with wisdom, the Socialist party *can be saved from disruption and paralysis*, if only enough of money is forwarded to Ghent & Company who are now struggling to gather ducats from the susceptible, to defend the notorious and ill-smelling Barnes with literature, manufactured in the whitewash factory established at Washington.

The editor of the Magazine predicted the conditions which now confront the Socialist party. He urged, even before the Barnes case became public property, that a house-cleaning should take place, but official rottenness was winked at and tolerated until now the professors have drawn their swords from their scabbards and a battle is on, that in all probability will wreck the party ere peace is restored. The editor of the Magazine is not a prophet, but he is able to reason from *cause to effect* and whether Barnes is *whitewashed* by a referendum vote or whether he is relegated, the party is "disrupted" and may become "paralyzed."

The party officially has suffered from moral leprosy for some time, and it may be too late for the physicians in the party to save the life of the patient.

He Must Have Been Talking with Kirby

GIOVANNI BONZANO, the apostolic delegate sent by the pope to the United States, was interviewed by a representative of the Boston Globe on his arrival in this country, and in the course of his interview he declared that much of the Godlessness of the people is caused by too much prosperity; that we are too well fed and housed; that we have too many bad books and newspapers; that we are giving over to pleasure of the flesh rather than the worshipping of God.

The representative of the pope in making such statements was not very explicit. If Bonzano means that Morgan, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Frick, Belmont, Gary, Guggenheim and others of this ilk are *Godless* through *prosperity*, there may be a number of people who will accept his statements.

But Bonzano did not mean the giants in the financial and commercial domain for the clerical gentleman who represents the pope is too much of a diplomat to make any specific statements that might wound the dignity of the dollar-aristocracy of the United States.

The ambassador of the pope when he landed in this country, must have come in contact with some of the purse-proud and corpulent plutocrats of the sweatshops, mills and factories, and, as he gazed upon these wage slaves robed in silk and satin and sporting sparklers from

the diamond fields of South Africa, the conviction fastened itself upon him that these overbearing, pompous and arrogant victims of exploitation had become *Godless* through being *well fed* and swamped with *prosperity*.

Bonzano must have met with some of those overfed gluttons of the mills of Massachusetts or he may have probably mingled with some of the *nobility* of the Timber Workers of the Southern states, where the lumber trust use the state militia to feed slaves on a lead diet.

Bonzano must have seen the splendor and magnificence of the slums of New York, Chicago, and other large cities, and his humility must have been taxed to the utmost to endure the impudence of the staggering millionaires as they emerged from booze emporiums, after partaking of a free feast washed down by the contents of a *schooner*.

But if Bonzano had met such victims of poverty as Oily John, he would have discovered that "Rocky" during all his life has only accumulated the trifling sum of a billion dollars, and that he is so *poor* that our legislative bodies and judicial tribunals are doing everything within their power to aid the hairless Lazarus to accumulate another billion.

The dignitary from Rome must have been talking with John Kirby, Jr.

Deserving of Serious Consideration

THE ELY DAILY MINING EXPOSITOR, under the heading, "Why Not Fight Now?" has the following to say editorially.

"Economic suicide is what Germany and England face. They will keep on building navies until the balloon bursts. If they must fight, better to go to it now. For every year merely prolongs the agony and piles up the waste.

"When they do fight, the rest of the world will get its fill of war. Their consols are held on earth around and just what they will be worth when the guns begin to boom is not problematical.

"British capital, always far-sighted, is withdrawing from support of the home government and investing elsewhere, that the deluge may be escaped. One of these days there may be a panic in both British and German holdings.

"With Great Britain determined to build twenty-one new dreadnaughts and super-dreadnaughts, and Germany aiming to keep as close as possible to Great Britain's program in this, how pitiful it seems for our country to wrangle as between one or two dreadnaughts! And we with the Monroe doctrine to enforce and defend, too!"

The above editorial in the Expositor will receive but little consideration from the vast majority of the people, and yet, the editorial

should command the serious attention of that class of people that respond to the bugle-call of war.

Aristocracy in broadcloth will not do the fighting on land or sea, but bone and brawn, garbed in shoddy clothes, are the chosen gladiators who appear in the arena of blood, when the organs of a master class appeal to patriotism and declare that the honor of a nation is at stake.

Every war that has ever reddened the pages of history has been launched by the class that rules, and the slaves have done the fighting.

The great mass of the people of Great Britain and Germany are not demanding the construction of machines of murder, but men with millions whose piles of opulence have been reaped from the sweat and agony of labor, are the power behind the thrones of government, who hatch conspiracies that culminate in war. The class that does the fighting has no voice in the building of dreadnaughts, or in proclamations of war, but the class that is voiceless furnish the armies that meet in conflict to decide what combinations of capital shall divide the spoils of blood and carnage.

When the class that fights can penetrate the mask that conceals the heartless brutality of capitalism, bone and brawn will refuse to outrage the Biblical injunction: "Thou shalt not kill!"

Official Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. of M.

FIFTH DAY SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 2 p. m. by President C. H. Moyer.

Communication No. 69 was read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Convention, W. F. M.:

This local would be pleased to have the delegates of this convention take a car ride over the high line to Cripple Creek tomorrow afternoon to visit that place and also the property of the organization there where the W. F. M. also has a Miners' Union hall. If you see fit to adourn at noon tomorrow arrangements will be made to provide cars for this purpose.

Another complimentary dance will be given in this hall tomorrow night, everyone urged to attend; good time guaranteed.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE,

No. 234, W. F. M.

Moved by Delegate Pat Leahy, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Steve Oberto, No. 190, that the invitation be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Vice President C. E. Mahoney, seconded by Delegate Anton Lassich, No. 225, that when the convention adjourns at noon Saturday that they adourn to meet Monday at 9 a. m.

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 70 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention:

Whereas, The indifference of the Miners of the Joplin district to the necessity of organization is caused by their ignorance of conditions which confront the working class not only in their own district but also on the outside, and

Whereas, This indifference can be removed by a systematic plan of education, and

Whereas, Your Executive Board has urged the devising of wages and means of carrying economic education to the working class, I hereby submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this convention instruct the incoming Executive Board to consider the advisability of placing a moving picture machine in this district which will exhibit slides showing the conditions of the working class in the industrial centers, the slums of the great cities and everywhere that labor is engaged in the struggle for existence under unfavorable conditions. This should be a profitable enterprise from the commencement and the money thus obtained could be applied to the organization of the working class in this district.

CHAS. HILLMAN,

Cartersville, No. 221.

Referred to Organization Committee.

Resolution No. 71 read as follows:

Republic Miners' Union No. 28.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention:

Whereas, It has been shown that there are a great many locals of the Western Federation of Miners who are in arrears for dues and assessments to the W. F. M. and consequently in bad standing, and therefore such delinquent locals have had exercised the same pro rata voting and elective powers as locals which were in good standing, and

Whereas, They have been enabled to increase their power in convention by being allowed to vote proxy, which is manifestly unfair to locals which are in good standing, therefore be it

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M. to present the following resolutions to the delegates and officers at the opening of the Convention;

Resolved, "That of a right" the voting and elective power of delinquent locals in convention assembled should be curtailed and

abridged and further that privilege of voting proxies in Convention by delegates should not be allowed. C. H. Towns.

JOS. F. HUNTER,
GERALD ROBINSON, Committee

Referred to Constitution Committee.
Amendment No. 72 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.:

I herewith submit for your consideration the following amendment to Article 4, Section 8, of the Constitution, on page 13, line 24, by striking out the figure \$5.00 and inserting therein the figure \$4.00 and in line 25, after the word "day" inserting the following, "and hotel expenses not to exceed \$3.00 per day, which would make it read as follows:

"He shall receive \$4.00 per day and hotel expenses not to exceed \$3.00 per day for such time as he is actually employed, together with his transportation."

TOM CORRA, Delegate No. 33.

Referred to Constitution Committee.
Amendment No. 73 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the 20th Annual Convention of the W. F. M.:

I herewith submit for your consideration the following amendment to Article 4, Section 1 of the Constitution in page 8, beginning in line 25, by inserting between the words "such" and "organizers," the words "local and general."

In line 28 after the word "president," strike out "and they" and insert "local organizers."

In line 30, after the word "employed," insert the following: "and general" organizers shall receive \$4.00 per day and hotel expenses not to exceed \$3.00 per day together with the transportation.

In line 31 after the word "transportation" strike out the word "expenses."

The section as amended reads as follows:

He may, with the approval of the executive Board, appoint such local and general organizers as the conditions of the Federation may justify. Said organizers shall at all times act under the instructions of the president. Local organizers shall receive not less than \$75.00 per month for such time as they are actually employed, and general organizers shall receive \$4.00 per day and hotel expenses not to exceed \$3.00 per day together with transportation.

Proposed by:

TOM CORRA, Delegate No. 33.

Referred to Constitution Committee.
Telegram No. 74, read as follows:

Butte, Mont., July 19, 1912.

J. C. Lowney, W. F. M. Convention, Victor, Colo.:

East Butte Mining Company refuses to live up to contract; have cut in and about smelter; advises as to action. Reply.

DENNIS MURPHY,
President Butte Miners' Union

Moved by Delegate M. J. Riley, No. 41, seconded by Delegate J. R. Bruce, No. 46, that the communication be referred to the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 75 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention:

Brothers:—As it is well known to the membership of the Western Federation of Miners that members of organized labor have been locked out in the Black Hills since November 24, 1909, and for no other reason but that they were members of a labor union, the mines that they have developed with their toil and sacrifices being closed against them, lying on the strike of the great Homestake mine and adjoining is situated mining grounds of great promise, therefore

We, the delegates of the Western Federation of Miners from the Black Hills, composed of delegates from Lead City No. 2, Terry No. 5, Central No. 3, Deadwood No. 14, by order of our respective unions, offer the following resolution to this convention:

Lying south and adjacent to the property of the Homestake mine lies a great property that we have been trying to gain possession of, believing it to be a great mining proposition. We, knowing you to be not familiar with this proposition, respectfully ask you to appoint a committee of three to investigate this and report to the Executive Board, and if the said committee's findings are favorable the Executive Board stands instructed to invest \$10,000 in this project to the end that our organization may again become a power in the Black Hills.

T. J. GORMAN,
BARNEY McCAFFERY,
T. J. RYAN,
E. FLOW,
J. C. MAY,
M. CONNALLY,

The President stated that there was a report on the table dealing with the same matter, and asked for the reading of the resolution No. 63 and report of committee.

Report No. 76 on Resolution No. 63 was then read as follows:
Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

No. 76.

We, your Resolution Committee, beg leave to report on Resolution No. 63 that C. E. McHugh be heard on this matter.

J. W. DINWIDDIE,
AXEL KOLINEN,
G. W. SMITH,
A. A. LASSICH,
JOS. D. CANNON,
PETER JEDDA,

Moved by Delegate M. J. Riley, No. 41, seconded by Delegate John Krahenbuhl, No. 124, that Mr. McHugh be given twenty minutes to explain the proposition from his point of view.

Mr. McHugh then addressed the convention.

Many of the delegates asked Mr. McHugh questions about the property, to which he replied.

Resolution No. 75 on which action had been deferred was again read. The delegates from the Black Hills were requested to give information on the subject, delegates T. J. Ryan, No. 2, Barney McCaffery, No. 2, Thos. Gorman, No. 2, speaking at length on the proposition.

Moved by Delegate Jas. Ansen, No. 38, seconded by Michael Connolly, No. 14, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the various properties of the Black Hills in conjunction to in the Executive Board, and if one or more of the properties should meet their approval to give it all possible publicity and such financial assistance as the resources of the Federation will permit.

Delegates James Ansen, No. 38, Guy E. Miller, No. 232, Wm. Davidson, No. 81, J. W. Dinwiddie, No. 234, Thos. J. Ryan, No. 2, Leslie Turner, No. 17, E. B. Simanton, No. 60, Jerry Shea, No. 1, Barney McCaffery No. 2, Dan Holland No. 1, and others, spoke on motion.

Moved by Delegate Emma F. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, seconded by Delegate James Ansen, No. 38, that the previous question be put. Motion carried.

Roll call was demanded on original motion, which resulted in: Yes, 143; No, 93; absent, 4; not voting, 2.

ROLL CALL B.

Those voting Yes: Frank O'Connor, 4; Jacob Oliver, 4; James Byrne, 4; Dominic Martin, 4; T. J. Ryan, 4; Barney McCaffery, 3; Thos. Gorman, 3; E. Flow, 1; J. C. May, 1; G. W. Smith, 1; Leslie Turner, (proxy), 1; Tom Corra, (proxy), 1; Al Bordsen, (proxy), 1; Michael Connolly, 1; Leslie Turner, 2; Roderick R. MacKenzie, 1; Roderick R. MacKenzie, 3; George B. Paul, 1; Tom Corra, 1; James Ansen, 4; Michael J. Riley, 1; Steve Carlino, 2; Tom O'Connor, (proxy), 1; E. B. Simanton, 3; F. T. Roach, 1; Thos. O'Connor, (proxy), 1; William Davidson, 2; W. T. Stodden, 3; Thos. Bone, 2; William Davidson, (proxy), 2; R. A. Campbell, 5; William Davidson, (proxy), 1; W. I. Jacobsen, 3; Michael Shea, 4; Wm. O'Brien (proxy), 3; John Krahenbuhl, 3; Neil J. McGee, 1; Ben Goggin, 3; Pat McEvoy, 2; James B. Hanley, 5; Wm. O'Brien (proxy), 1; Frank Szymanske, 1; Steve Oberto, 1; John Valimaki, 4; Marion C. Leake, 2; R. Lee Lashley, (proxy), 1; W. M. Butler, 1; Chas. Hillman, 1; Anton A. Lassich, 3; R. Lee Lashley, 4; W. M. Butler, 1; C. E. Burquin, 4; Guy E. Miller, 1; Thos. O'Connor, 1; J. W. Dinwiddie, 1; E. M. Davis, 2; William O'Brien, 1; Rufus Blaylock, 3; Guy E. Miller, (proxy), 1; A. I. Hill, 2; Mrs. Rosalie F. Murray, 1; E. Flow, (proxy), 1; Emma F. Langdon, (proxy), 1; John Valimaki, (proxy), 1; Barney McCaffery, 1; Mrs. R. Lee Lashley, 1; Emma F. Langdon, 1; Joseph D. Cannon, 1; Dan D. Sullivan, 1; Yanco Terzieh, 1; Jno. C. Lowney, 1; Pres. Chas. H. Moyer, 1; Vice Pres. Chas. E. Mahoney, 1; Sec'y-Treas. Ernest Mills, 1.

Those voting No: Dan Holland, 4; Jerry D. O'Neill, 4; Con Shea, 4; Pat Leahy, 4; Herbert Downing, 4; William Hennessey, 4; Pat Casye, 3; Austin McGinn, 3; Mike Harrington, 3; Dave Powers, 3; Al McClelland, 3; Al Bordsen, (proxy), 1; Al Bordsen, 3; Herbert Gallagher, 3; John R. Bruce, 2; William Hawkins, 2; John Gilbert, 2; Ed McNichols, 2; Patrick Walsh, 3; Andrew Mallon, 2; Mike Walsh, 2; Mickey Munley, 3; John F. Maki, 1; Wm. N. Welsh, 4; John Miller, 4; Albert Nap Gauthier, 5; W. N. Welsh, (proxy), 1; John Miller, (proxy), 1; J. F. Maki, (proxy), 1; Axel Kolinen, (proxy), 1; Alex. Kolinen, 1; John Valimaki, 1; Peter Jedda, 4; Axel Kolinen, (proxy), 1; Axel Kolinen, (proxy), 1; Fred Tuominen, 2; J. F. Maki, (proxy), 1; John R. Bruce, (proxy), 1.

Yes, 143; No, 93; absent, 4; not voting, 2.

Absent, Chas. Ferns, No. 1; not voting, M. C. Dufour, No. 229.

Amendment No. 77 read as follows:

To amend Section 4 of Article 4 of the By-Laws, page 23, to read as follows:

Sec. 4. The property of defunct unions shall be held in trust by the Federation, and where local unions are reorganized within a period of one year, comprising of twenty or more members of the former local, the property so held in trust shall be returned to the reorganized local, but where the locals are reorganized with less than twenty members of the former local, they shall have no claim on the property of the defunct union. At the expiration of one year from the date of the local going defunct, the property shall cease to be held in trust and become the property of the Federation.

C. E. MAHONEY.

Resolutions referred to the Committee on Constitution.

Resolution No. 78, read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention.
W. F. M.:

Whereas, The Western Federation of Miners at the Nineteenth Annual Convention granted recognition to the Women's Auxiliaries of the W. F. M. to present delegates at your convention, and

Whereas, We believe that the organization of the auxiliaries has not been established in a manner to prove a help to your organization inasmuch as there is no uniformity of organization recognized by the auxiliaries. Believing that we might better accomplish our object by adopting a constitution and ritual to be the recognized laws and principles of all auxiliaries affiliated with the W. M. M., allowing local by-laws to be governed by local conditions, yet not conflicting with the Constitution and By-Laws of the W. F. M., therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend the preparation and revision of the constitution and ritual of the women's auxiliaries to conform with the many changes in Constitution and By-Laws of the W. F. M., and meeting the approval of the Executive Board; therefore be it further

Resolved, And we recommend organizers now in the field to exert their efforts to having the merits of women's auxiliaries brought before all local unions and organizing wherever possible, thus covering a larger field of organization and adding no extra expense to the W. F. M., yet getting the mothers of the rising generation to practice as well as teach the solidarity of the working class, in our efforts to progress and reform.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSALIE F. MURRAY, Aux. No. 1,
EMMA F. LANGDON,
MRS. LEE LASHLEY,
TOM CORRA,
JAMES ANSEN,
JOS. D. CANNON,
C. E. MAHONEY,
JERRY D. O'NEIL,
JOHN VALIMAKI, No. 200,
PETER JEDDA,
J. F. MAKI,
ALBERT NAP GAUTHIER, of 46,
FRED TUOMINEN, 215,
AXAL KOLINEN,
ALFRED BORDSEN,
W. N. WELSH,
D. D. SULLIVAN,

Referred to the organization committee. Amendment No. 79, to read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention, W. F. M.:

Believing it to be for the good of our organization that we have some one to audit the books of the different locals at least once in six months and to keep a uniform system of booking in the W. F. M., I submit for your consideration the following amendment to the Constitution:

To amend Article 3, Section 1, by inserting in line 33, page 5, after the word Secretary-Treasurer, the word "Auditor."

To amend Article 3, Section 8, by inserting in line 6, after the words "Secretary-Treasurer," the word "Auditor."

To insert a new section to be Section 4 of Article 4, defining the duties of the Auditor as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Auditor to audit the accounts of the local officers in each local once in each six months, and to report his findings in a tabulated statement of such accounts to the Executive Board. He shall instruct the local officers in a uniform system of book-keeping. His pay shall be not less than \$100 per month, together with transportation expenses.

To amend the following sections of Article 4, as follows:

By changing the present Section 4 to Section 5; the present Section 5 to Section 6; present Section 6 to Section 7; present Section 7 to Section 8; present Section 8 to Section 9; present Section 9 to Section 10; present section 10 to Section 11; present Section 11 to Section 12; present Section 12 to Section 13.

F. SYZMANSKE,

Local No. 190.

Referred to Committee on Constitution. Amendment No. 80 read as follows:

Whereas, Local Unions of the Federation are annually robbed of thousands of dollars through embezzlement or ignorance and incompetency of local officers, and

Whereas, This condition has become not only a source of financial distress to many locals but a patent obstacle in the work of organization, be it

Resolved, That the Constitution be amended as follows:

The following amendment to become Article 5, Sections 1 and 2:

AUDITORS.

Sec. 1. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, one or more Auditors, whose duty it shall be to audit the books and accounts of all Unions of the Federation, and to render to the President a report of his findings in each case.

Sec. 2. Such auditor shall at all times be under the direction of the President. He must be a competent bookkeeper and a member of the Federation in good standing. It shall also be his duty to collect for the use of the Federation such statistics as may be determined by the President and Executive Board and whenever possible solicit subscriptions and advertising for the Miners' Magazine.

Amendment No. 2. Strike out on page 14 the words "Article 5," and insert the words "Article 6."

Amendment No. 3. Strike out on page 15 the words "Article 6," and insert the words "Article 7."

Amendment No. 4. Strike out on page 15 the words "Article 7," and insert the words "Article 8."

Amendment No. 5. Strike out on page 16 the words "Article 8," and insert the words "Article 9."

Amendment No. 6. Strike out on page 17 the words "Article 9," and insert the words "Article 10."

Amendment No. 7. Strike out on page 17 the words "Article 10," and insert the words "Article 11."

Amendment No. 8. Strike out on page 20 the words "Article 11," and insert the words "Article 12."

Amendment No. 9. Strike out on page 21 the words "Article 12," and insert the words "Article 13."

ROBERT R. MACKENZIE,
JAMES B. HANLELY,
TOM O'CONNOR,
MARION LEAKE,
P. McEVOY,
GUY C. MILLER,
ERNEST MILLS.

Referred to Constitution Committee.

Amendment No. 81 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912:

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention, W. F. M.:

Resolved, That Section 6, Article 4, be stricken from the constitution.

JOS. D. CANNON.

Referred to Constitution Committee.

Amendment No. 82 read as follows:

Amendment No. 1. Amend Article 9 on page 17 by striking out all of Section 1.

Amendment No. 2. Strike out on page 17, line 15, the words "Section 2," and insert the words "Section 1."

Amendment No. 3. Strike out on page 17, line 21, the words "Section 3," and insert the words "Section 2."

Amendment No. 4. Strike out on page 17, line 26, the words "Section 4," and insert the words "Section 3."

RODERICK R. MACKENZIE, Delegate No. 26,
JAMES B. HANLEY, No. 151,
P. McEVOY, No. 144,
MARION C. LEAKE,

Referred to Constitution Committee.

Resolution No. 83 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention of W. F. M.:

Brothers: To advance the interests of the Federation we hereby submit the following for your consideration:

Whereas, The educational work along the lines of political economy and industrial unionism has been sadly neglected during the past years in the Western Federation of Miners, and

Whereas, We believe that it is of great importance to the organization to carry on the work of education and agitation not only among those still out of the organization but also among those that are already in the unions, as well in order that they may be enlightened and enabled to conduct successfully the affairs of the organization to the best interest of themselves and others, and

Whereas, We believe that the financial difficulties to a great extent have forbidden the Executive Board of W. F. M. from carrying on this work, therefore be it

Resolved, That the incoming Executive Board be instructed to hire the services of lecturers who are able to teach the membership and miners outside organization along the lines heretofore mentioned and route them from one local into another throughout our jurisdiction, and be it further

Resolved, That the incoming Executive Board be empowered to print such literature in different languages as they deem necessary and proper to educate the membership and to carry on the work of agitation among the unorganized, and be it further

Resolved, That the incoming Executive Board be authorized to levy an assessment of 50 cents per member twice a year, at such time when there are no other assessments for educational purposes in general.

JOHN MILLER, No. 146,
ALBERT NAP GAUTHIER, No. 146,
W. N. WELSH, No. 145,
FRED TUOMINEN, No. 215,
J. F. MAKI, No. 128,
AXEL KOLINEN, No. 195,
PETER JEDDA, No. 203,
JOHN VALIMAKI, No. 200.

Referred to Committee on Education and Literature.

Communication No. 84 read as follows:

Appeal for aid for striking Cigarmakers of Perth Amboy, N. J. Endorsed by Building Trades Council of Middlesex County

Perth Amboy, N. J., July 1, 1912

Dear Brothers and Sisters: On Thursday, June 13, 1912, 1300 girls employed in the cigar factory conducted in this city by United Cigar Manufacturing Company, being unable longer to stand the intolerable and inhuman conditions that existed in the work rooms of that concern, and believing that they might better starve in idleness than starve while piling up millions for a soulless and greedy corporation, went on strike.

Not satisfied with working, these girls long hours for a beggarly pittance scarcely sufficient to keep body and soul together, the managers of the concern inaugurated a system of fines, object being to take from their employes a part of the meagre wage paid them. Can you wonder at the walkout?

The strike has been thoroughly investigated by the representatives of the American Federation of Labor, the International Union of Cigarmakers, and the organized forces of this city, and has been enthusiastically endorsed by these organizations as well as by the New Jersey State Council United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and it is in behalf of these young girls and children that we appeal to you for assistance.

The ranks of the strikers remain as firm and steadfast as when the strike was first declared. But we must have financial help if we are to win the battle for these girls and children. If every organization to which this appeal is sent will assist us we are sure of victory. Will you not do your share and do it quickly?

Respond to this appeal as liberally as possible and help us win this fight against starvation wages, long hours of toil, inhuman working conditions and child labor. Do this and not only win a victory for labor, but enable us to say to this grasping, blood-sucking corporation, "You shall not rob the cradle and the school; you shall not trampie childhood under the heel of gold."

Send all money to William J. Murtagh, 102 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Secretary of the Committee in charge of the strike, and an acknowledgement will be promptly made.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH TYLKOFF,

General Organizer American Federation of Labor.

ARTHUR A. QUINN,

First Vice President Brotherhood of Carpenters.

PHILIP WAGAMAN,

General Organizer Cigarmakers' International Union.

JESSE DAVIS,

Business Agent Middlesex County Building Trades Council.

WILLIAM J. MURTAGH,

Business Agent Carpenters' Union No. 65, Perth Amboy, N. J.

ARTHUR REICHMAN,

Perth Amboy Typographical Union No. 658.

GEORGE S. WALKER,

New York Typographical Union No. 6.

EDW. CROUGH,

Delegate, W. F. M.

Referred to Committee on Education and Literature.

Communication No. 84 read as follows:

Perth Amboy, N. J., July 16, 1912.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention,
W. F. M.:

Brothers: On the 13th day of June, 1912, 1300 girls employed by the United Cigar Company in their factory at Perth Amboy, went on strike because of the intolerable and inhuman conditions in the work rooms and the starvation wages paid to the workers. The average wage paid to the girls is less than \$5 per week and it is impossible to live on this wage. We are asking for an average of \$1 a week increase so that we may be able to retain our self-respect and live like human beings.

The company so far, have been unable to get strike-breakers through our picket line, although they have armed thugs hired from private detective agencies to assist them. Our ranks are unbroken, not even one girl has returned to work. We are sure of a complete victory if we can only support the needy.

The representatives of the various labor organizations here are working day and night to help us win. That we need most at this time is financial assistance and we know the oppressed never appealed to the Western miners in vain. Some of the strikers are sorely in need, not only of food, but also of clothing, so we ask you to assist us as much as possible to win our fight for justice. Send all donations to William J. Murtagh, 102 Smith street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

MARY STUDVA,

MARY GURINAK,

SOPHIE JACHE,

MARY MARCHNIAK,

MARY ROZAUSKY, Committee.

Referred to committee on strikes and lockouts.

After announcements of committee meetings, the convention adjourned at 5:20 to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday, July 20th.

SIXTH DAY SESSION.

July 12, 1912.

Convention called to order at 9 a. m. by President Moyer.

Roll was called and all delegates present.

The president appointed Delegate Ben Goggin, No. 142, as warden. Delegates John R. Bruce, No. 46, and Thos. Gorman, No. 2, were appointed to take up the pass-word. The president stated that any member of the Western Federation of Miners was entitled to remain, and all who had been seated as delegates.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Moved by M. J. Riley, No. 41, seconded by Anton Lassich, No. 225, that Mrs. Joseph D. Cannon be admitted to all sessions of the convention. Motion carried.

Delegate Wm. Davidson called to chair.

The convention then went into executive session and continued until 12 o'clock, the hour fixed for adjournment. At this time it was moved by Guy E. Miller, No. 232, seconded by Roderick McKenzie, No. 26, that the motion to adjourn till 9 a. m. Monday be rescinded and that the convention assemble at 1:30 p. m. Motion lost.

Report No. 85 of the mileage committee read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

We, your committee on mileage, beg to submit the following. We find that delegates to the twentieth annual convention are entitled to receive as follows:

No. 1—James Cassidy	\$ 51.25
No. 2—T. J. Ryan	38.60
No. 3—E. Flow	38.60
No. 5—J. C. May	32.00
No. 6—G. W. Smith	25.00
No. 7—Mrs. R. L. Lashley (L. A.)	45.50
No. 14—M. Connolly	38.60
No. 16—A. Bordsen	60.70
No. 17—L. N. Turner	66.70
No. 26—R. D. MacKenzie	38.50
No. 28—G. B. Paul	93.60
No. 33—Tom Corra	17.50
No. 38—James Ansen	88.60
No. 41—M. J. Riley	10.00
No. 46—J. R. Bruce	75.00
No. 53—Wm. Hawkins	55.00
No. 60—E. B. Simanton	55.10
No. 61—Frank Roach	59.15
No. 81—Wm. Davidson	102.00
No. 83—W. L. Stodden	50.60
No. 90—Thos. Bone	64.60
No. 106—R. A. Campbell	52.80
No. 117—Patrick Walsh	52.50
No. 121—Michael Shea	109.00
No. 124—John Krahenbuhl	81.90
No. 128—J. F. Maki	55.02
No. 132—Neil J. McGee	34.90
No. 142—Ben Goggin	10.50
No. 144—Patrick McEvoy	36.00
No. 145—W. N. Welsh	99.50
No. 146—Albert N. Gauthier	94.55
No. 151—J. B. Hanley	39.50
No. 190—Frank Szymanski	79.80
No. 195—Alex Kolinen	76.62
No. 199—Steve Oberto	36.90
No. 200—John Valimaki	58.80
No. 201—M. C. Leake	32.00
No. 203—Peter Jedda	58.80
No. 215—Fred Tuominen	61.40
No. 217—W. N. Butler	41.90
No. 221—Chas. Hillman	35.00
No. 225—A. A. Lassich	45.50
No. 229—M. C. Dufour	43.05
No. 231—C. E. Burquin	34.00
No. 232—Guy E. Miller	39.50
No. 233—Thos. O'Connor	67.35
No. 236—E. M. Davis	43.34
No. 241—Wm. O'Brien	118.50
No. 242—R. Blaylock	43.30
No. 249—A. L. Hill	32.30
No. 1—Mrs. Rosalie F. Murray (L. A.)	88.60
Total	\$2,809.43

JERRY D. O'NEIL,
ALFRED BORDSEN,
CON SHEA,

JOHN MILLER,
WM. BUTLER,
HERBERT GALLAGHER, Sec.

Several delegates stated errors had been made and that part of the report was referred back to the committee.

Moved by Secretary-Treasurer Ernest Mills, seconded by several delegates, that the report of the committee be accepted except in the case of errors pointed out and the amount be allowed and the committee be requested to bring in a supplementary report, and secretary-treasurer be instructed to draw check for payment. Motion carried.

After announcements were made the convention adjourned at 12:20 p. m., to meet at 9 a. m., Monday, July 22, 1912.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Victor, Colo., July 22, 1912.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 9 a. m. by President Chas. H. Moyer.

Delegates Frank O'Connor, No. 1, R. L. Lashley, No. 225, were appointed to take up the pass-word.

Roll was called and all delegates except D. I. Abbey, No. 192, were present.

Telegram No. 86 was read as follows:

Bisbee, Ariz., July 22, 1912.

Ernest Mills, Secretary Convention Hall, Victor, Colo.:

One hundred and six gives proxy to E. B. Simanton of Globe to be used in conjunction with R. A. Campbell of Bisbee.

M. S. BROWN, Sec'y No. 106.

Referred to credential committee.

Communication No. 87 read as follows:

Millers, Nev., July 17, 1912

To Delegate Welsh of Porcupine, No. 145, W. F. M.

Dear Sir and Brother: Enclosed find proxy of Nome Mine Workers' Union, No. 240, which explains itself.

This union having no delegates, and in view of the fact that No. 240 has turned over their proxy to us, we, the members of Millers' Union, No. 264, request that you represent this proxy in behalf of No. 240 of the W. F. M. in this the twentieth annual convention.

Yours for industrial freedom,

MILLERS, UNION NO. 246, W. F. M.

A. G. PAGE, Sec'y-Treas.

I hereby request that the attached proxy be turned over to Leslie Turner of Wallace M. U. No. 17.

W. N. WELSH.

Referred to Credential Committee.

The president then stated that when the convention adjourned they were under a special order of business and called the chairman of that session, Wm. Davidson, No. 81, to the chair.

The convention then went into executive session and took up the special order of business which was the charges preferred against Member Thos. Campbell as follows:

Victor, Colorado, July 19, 1912.

We, the duly elected and qualified delegates of the Butte Miners' Union No. 1, W. F. M., at the 20th annual convention, W. F. of M., hereby charge one Thomas Campbell, as member of said local, with conduct unbecoming to a union man, and with preferring false and malicious charges against said delegates, and with imputing treacherous and disloyal motives to the present officers of our union, and we request that a committee of seven be chosen from this floor to try the matter.

DAN HOLLAND,
M. D. HARRINGTON,
JACOB OLIVER,
DAVID POWERS,
CON SHEA,
HERBERT DOWNING,

AL McCLELLAND,
PAT CASEY,
WM. HENNESSY,
FRANK O'CONNOR,
JERRY O'NEILL.

Delegates Butte Miners' Union No. 1.

I desire to charge Thomas Campbell, member of Butte Miners' Union No. 1, of the Western Federation of Miners, with having sent out a document or been a party to sending out a document charging the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, myself included, with having deceived the membership of the Western Federation of Miners, and with having lied to the membership of the Western Federation of Miners.

Further, that Thomas Campbell and others have called attention of the membership of the Western Federation of Miners asserting it to be a fact that the officers of the Federation, including myself, were enemies to the membership of the Western Federation of Miners; that during the year in Butte, Montana, he has worked against the interests of the Western Federation of Miners by attacking the motives of the Executive Board, which was carrying out the provisions of the constitution in dealing with one of its local unions; that in a report sent out by Thomas Campbell on his return to his local union following the 19th annual convention he made statements that had for their purpose the poisoning of the minds of the membership against officers who had been selected by the 19th annual convention, which was to the detriment and has worked an injury during the year to the Western Federation of Miners.

CHAS. H. MOYER.

Convention adjourned at 12 m. to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—Seventh Day—July 22, 1912.

Convention called to order at 2 p. m., Delegate William Davidson in the chair.

The password was taken up and Chairman Davidson announced that there were two boxes of cigars here for delegates, the same being presented with the compliments of Tom Tallon, former president of local union No. 40. The same were distributed to the delegates assembled.

President Chas. H. Moyer then proceeded to take up the charges filed against Member Thomas Campbell.

Delegate Cannon then took the floor and questioned member Thos. Campbell.

Executive Board Member J. C. Lowney then took the floor on the question against him by Member Thos. Campbell and requested Campbell to furnish proof on slanderous charges made against him by Thos. Campbell.

Several of Butte No. 1 delegates substantiated the statements of Executive Board Member Lowney and questioned Thos. Campbell and spoke on question.

Executive Board Member Dan D. Sullivan also took the floor and questioned Thos. Campbell and spoke on the question.

Executive Board Member J. C. Lowney then asked further questions of Member Thos. Campbell and Executive Board Member Sullivan.

Delegate Herbert Downing, No. 1, and Vice President C. E. Mahoney, asked questions of Member Thos. Campbell.

Delegate Thos. Gorman, No. 2, and Delegate Jacob Oliver, No. 1, questioned the defendant.

The question was raised as to whether or not the convention continue in session or adjourn.

Moved by Emma L. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, seconded by William O'Brien, No. 47, that the convention continue in session until 7 p. m. Motion lost.

Convention adjourned at 5:17 p. m. to meet at 9 a. m. Tuesday morning, July 23rd.

EIGHTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Victor, Colo., July 23, 1912.

The convention was called to order at 9 a. m. by Chairman William Davidson.

The password was taken up by Delegates Thomas Gorman, No. 2, and James Ansen, No. 38.

Roll called and all delegates reported present.

The Convention then went into executive session on the case of Member Thomas Campbell.

Announcements were made and the convention adjourned at noon to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 2 p. m. by Chairman William Davidson.

Delegates Guy E. Miller and Rufus Blaylock were appointed to take up the password.

President Charles H. Moyer replied to remarks of Member Campbell.

Delegate Roderick MacKenzie, No. 26, then read the following resolution:

Whereas, Thomas Campbell, a member of Butte Miners' Union No. 1, W. F. M., and candidate for president of the W. F. M. in the last election, has been charged by Charles H. Moyer, president of the W. F. M., with conduct unbecoming to a member of the W. F. M., to-wit:

I desire to charge Thomas Campbell, a member of Butte Miners' Union No. 1, of the W. F. M., with having sent out a document or being a party to sending out a document charging the officers of the W. F. M., and with having lied to the membership of the W. F. M.;

Further, That Thomas Campbell and others have called attention to the membership of the W. F. M., to the fact that the officers of the Federation, including myself, were enemies to the membership of the W. F. M.; that during the year in Butte, Mont., he has worked against the interests of the W. F. M., by attacking the motives of the executive board of the Federation when said board was carrying out the provisions of the Constitution in dealing with his return to his local union following the Nineteenth Annual Convention he made statements that had for their purpose the poisoning of the minds of the membership against the officers who had been selected by the Nineteenth Annual Convention, which was to the detriment and has worked an injury during the year to the Western Federation of Miners.

CHARLES H. MOYER.

And whereas, the said Chas. H. Moyer and the said Thomas Campbell, in statements made by each of them to the convention, waived and surrendered all their rights and privileges in their local unions, and placed themselves unconditionally in the jurisdiction of the 20th annual convention to be governed and bound by its decision as the final verdict in the case at issue, and

Whereas, after due, mature, and impartial consideration of all the evidence and testimony presented to the convention by the said Chas. H. Moyer and Thomas Campbell, together with the testimony of such witnesses as were called upon to testify, and

Whereas, after having carefully and impartially weighed the evidence as presented, we find the said Thomas Campbell not only guilty as charged, of conduct unbecoming a member of the Western Federation of Miners, but further of treason not only to the W. F. M., but to the whole labor movement of America, in that he associated himself in a campaign of lies, vilifications and libelous misrepresentation with known enemies of the Western Federation of Miners, he, Thomas Campbell, hindered the work of organization by disseminating the lie that the W. F. M. was floundering on the rocks of destruction and was impotent to protect its membership. He attempted to destroy the confidence of the membership in the honor and integrity of their officers and representatives and maligned the character of all those who opposed him in his work of destruction. Be it therefore

Resolved, By the delegates of the twentieth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, assembled as a committee of the whole to hear testimony and render their verdict in the case, that the said Thomas Campbell be expelled from the Western Federation of Miners.

RODERICK MACKENZIE,
EMMA F. LANGDON,
PAT McEVOY,
TOM O'CONNOR,

JAMES B. HANLEY,
JOHN KRAHENBUHL,
E. B. SIMANTON,
R. A. CAMPBELL,
G. W. SMITH.

Moved by Delegate Jas. B. Hanley, No. 151, seconded by Delegate Emma F. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, that the resolution be adopted.

Delegate Wm. N. Welsh, No. 145, then took the floor on the question, also Delegate Guy E. Miller, No. 245, and Executive Board Member Sullivan.

Delegate Jacob Oliver, No. 1, then spoke in reply to Executive Board Member Sullivan.

Delegate Dan Holland, No. 1, Executive Board Member J. C. Lowney, Delegate John Valimaki, No. 200, spoke on the resolution.

Delegate Wm. N. Welsh, then rose to a point of information, Delegate Valmaki replying.

Delegate Thos. J. Ryan, No. 2, spoke on question, and was questioned by Delegate Guy E. Miller, No. 245.

Delegate Leslie Turner, No. 17, arose to a point of order.

Delegate Thos. Corra, No. 33, spoke on question, also Delegate Albert Nap Gauthier, No. 146, Vice President Mahoney, Delegate John Miller, No. 146, J. F. Dinwiddie, No. 234, Leslie Turner, No. 17, Herbert Gallagher, No. 16.

Delegate Wm. N. Welsh, No. 145, rose to a point of information and was replied to by the chair and Board Member Dan Holland.

Executive Board Member J. C. Lowney asked question of previous speaker, who replied to same.

Delegate J. C. May, No. 5, spoke on question.

Delegate M. J. Riley, No. 41, asked question of Delegate W. N. Welsh.

Delegate W. T. Stodden, No. 83, spoke on question.

Delegate T. J. Ryan, No. 2, rose to a point of order, stating that the penalty clause should be segregated from the resolution.

Roll call demanded, and resulted as follows: Yes, 198; No, 27. The roll call resulted as follows:

Yes—Butte, No. 1; Dan Holland, 4; Frank O'Connor, 4; Jerry D. O'Neill, 4; Con Shea, 4; Pat Leahy, 4; Jacob Oliver, 4; Herbert Downing, 4; James Byrne, 4; Dominick Martin, 4; Charles Ferns, 4; William Hennessy, 4; Pat Casey, 3; Austin McGinn, 3; Mike Harrington, 3; Dave Powers 3; Al McClelland, 3. Lead City, No. 2: Barney McCaffery, 3; Thos. Gorman, 3. Central City, No. 3: E. Flow, 1. Terry Peak, No. 5: J. C. May, 1. Pitkin County, No. 6: G. W. Smith, 1. Burke, No. 10: Tom Corra (proxy), 1. Deadwood, No. 14: Michael Connelly, 1. Creede, No. 20: Roderick MacKenzie (proxy), 1. Silverton, No. 26: Roderick R. Mackenzie, 3. Republic, No. 28: George B. Paul, 1. Cloud City, No. 33: Tom Corra, 1. Rossland, No. 38: James Ansen, 4. Eight Hour M. & S., No. 41: Michael J. Riley, 1. Pueblo, No. 43: Steve Carlino, 2. Randsburg, No. 44: Tom O'Connor (proxy), 1. Virginia City, No. 46: John R. Bruce, 2. De Lamar, No. 53: William Hawkins, 2. Globe, No. 60: E. B. Simanton, 3. Bodie, No. 61: F. T. Roach, 1. Jerome, No. 79: Thos. O'Connor (proxy), 1. Sandon, No. 81: William Davidson, 2. Butte Engineers, No. 83: John Gilbert, 2; W. T. Stodden, 3. Grass Valley, No. 90: Thos. Bone, 2. Silverton, No. 95: Wm. Davidson (proxy), 2. Bisbee, No. 106: R. A. Campbell, 5. Texada, No. 113: Wm. Davidson (proxy), 1. Anaconda, M. & S., No. 117: Ed. McNichols, 2; Patrick Walsh, 3; Andrew Mallon, 2; Mike Walsh, 2; W. I. Jacobsen, 3; Micky Munley, 3. Snowball Union, No. 124: John Krahenbuhl, 3. Negaunee, No. 128: John F. Maki, 1. Bartlesville, M. & S., No. 132: Neil J. McGee, 1. Castle Rock, M. & S., No. 142: Ben Goggin, 3. Park City, No. 144: Pat McEvoy, 2. Tintie District, No. 151: James B. Hanley, 5. Princeton, No. 176: J. F. Maki (proxy), 1. Iron Mountain, No. 177: Axel Kolinen (proxy), 1. Crystal Falls, No. 195: Alex Kolinen, 1. Mercer, No. 199: Steve Oberto, 1. Hancock Copper, No. 200: John Valmaki, 4. Salt Lake M. & S., No. 201: Marion C. Leake, 2. Copper, No. 203: Peter Jedda, 4. Fredericktown, No. 205: R. Lee Lashley (proxy), 1. Palatka, No. 209: Axel Kolinen (proxy), 1. Amasa M. U., No. 214: Axel Kolinen (proxy), 1. Mass City, No. 215: Fred Tuominen, 2. Joplin, No. 217: W. M. Butler, 1. Cartersville, No. 221: Chas. Hillman, 1. Winthrop, No. 223: J. F. Maki (proxy), 1. Flat River, No. 225: Anton A. Lassich, 3; R. Lee Lashley, 4. Webb City, No. 226: W. M. Butler, 1. Desloge, No. 229: M. C. Dufour, 2. Bonne Terre, No. 231: C. E. Burquin, 4. Prosperity, No. 232: Guy E. Miller, 1. Steptoe M. & S., No. 233: Thos. O'Connor, 1. Cripple Creek District, No. 234: J. W. Dinwiddie, 1. Leadwood, No. 236: E. M. Davis, 2. Elvins, No. 242: Rufus Blaylock, 3. Craigs, No. 245: Guy E. Miller, (proxy) 1. Herculaneum, No. 249: A. L. Hill, 2. Thompson M. & S., No. 255: John R. Bruce (proxy), 1. Ladies' Auxiliaries—Rosland, No. 1: Mrs. Rosalia F. Murray, 1. Central City, No. 1: E. Flow (proxy), 1. Eureka, No. 4: Emma F. Langdon (proxy), 1. Hancock, No. 5: John Valimaki (proxy), 1. Lead, No. 6: Barney McCaffery (proxy), 1. Elvins, No. 9: Emma F. Langdon (proxy), 1. Desloge, No. 12: Emma F. Langdon, 1. Executive Board—Joseph D. Cannon, 1; Yanco Terzieh, 1; Vice President Chas. E. Mahoney, 1.

No—Lead City, No. 2: T. J. Ryan, 4. Mullan, No. 9: Leslie Turner (proxy), 1. Great Falls M. & S., No. 16: Herbert Gallagher, 3. Wallace, No. 17: Leslie Turner, 2. Tonopah, No. 121: Wm. O'Brien (proxy), 3. Poreupine, No. 145: Wm. N. Welsh, 4. Cobalt, No. 146: Albert Nap Gauthier, 5. Silver Center, No. 148: W. N. Welsh (proxy), 1. Searchlight, No. 164: Wm. O'Brien (proxy), 1. Zortman, No. 190: Frank Szymanske, 1. Manhattan, No. 241: Wm. O'Brien, 1. Executive Board: Dan D. Sullivan, 1.

Total—Yes, 198; No, 27.

Absent—1. (Mrs. R. Lee Lashley, Flat River, No. 7.)

Not voting—17. (Al Bordsen (proxy), Burke, No. 10; Al Bordsen, Great Falls M. & S., No. 16; Michael Shea, Tonopah, No. 121; John Miller, Cobalt, No. 146; John Miller (proxy), Gowganda, No. 154; Jno. C. Lowney, Executive Board; President Chas. H. Moyer, Executive Board; Secretary Treasurer Ernest Mills, Executive Board.

Moved by Delegate Tom Corra, No. 33, seconded by Delegate E. M. Davis, No. 236, that we, the delegates of the twentieth annual convention of the W. F. M. extend to Chas. H. Moyer, president of our organization, and other officers and members of the Executive Board, a vote of confidence, and we hereby exonerate them of any and all charges maliciously and underhandedly made against them by one Thomas Campbell and others.

Resolution offered as substitute for motion by Delegate James Hanley, No. 151, seconded by Delegate M. J. Riley, No. 41, as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 23, 1912.

To the Delegates and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.

Fellow Delegates and Brothers:

Whereas, Charles H. Moyer, president of the W. F. M., has been charged with deceiving the membership of the W. F. M. and of having acted in a manner detrimental to the interests of the W. F. M., has been charged with deceiving the membership of the W. F. M. and of having acted in a manner detrimental to the interests of the W. F. M. and of being in collusion with the lieutenants of the Amalgamated Copper Company, voluntarily waived all rights as a member of his local union and declared himself ready for trial, and

Whereas, Every act of his official career that had been questioned and was brought to the notice of the convention, not one of which but had been approved by a referendum of the membership and had been carried out along the lines of the referendum after full opportunity for study and discussion, and

Whereas, Not a scintilla of evidence was produced after a most searching investigation showing that Charles H. Moyer had in any instance acted other than with an eye single to the welfare of the Western Federation of Miners, therefore be it

Resolved, By the delegates of the twentieth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, that Charles H. Moyer stands completely exonerated of any act detrimental to the Federation and further that the charges instead of detracting from him have but added to the luster of his devoted services in behalf of the Western Federation of Miners and the working class.

JAMES HANLEY.

Delegate Tom Corra, No. 33, with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion

Roll call demanded and resulted as follows:

Yes, 232; No, 0; absent, 10; not voting, 1.

Yes—Butte, No. 1: Dan Holland, 4; Frank O'Connor, 4; Jerry D. O'Neill, 4; Con Shea, 4; Pat Leahy, 4; Jacob Oliver, 4; Herbert Downing, 4; James Byrne, 4; Dominick Martin, 4; Charles Ferns, 4; William Hennessy, 4; Pat Casey, 3; Austin McGinn, 3; Mike Harrington, 3; Dave Powers, 3; Al McClelland, 3. Lead City, No. 2: T. J. Ryan, 4; Barney McCaffery, 3; Thos. Gorman, 3. Central City, No. 3: E. Flow, 1. Terry Peak, No. 5: J. C. May, 1. Pitkin County, No. 6: G. W. Smith, 1. Burke, No. 10: Tom Corra (proxy), 1. Al Bordsen (proxy), 1. Deadwood, No. 14: Michael Connelly, 1. Great Falls M. & S., No. 16: Al Bordsen, 3; Herbert Gallagher, 3. Creede, No. 20: Roderick MacKenzie (proxy), 1. Silverton, No. 26: Roderick R. Mackenzie, 3. Republic, No. 28: George B. Paul, 1. Cloud City, No. 33: Tom Corra, 1. Rossland, No. 38: James Ansen, 4. Eight Hour M. & S., No. 41: Michael J. Riley, 1. Pueblo, No. 43: Steve Carlino, 2. Randsburg, No. 44: Tom O'Connor (proxy), 1. Virginia City, No. 46: John R. Bruce, 2. De Lamar, No. 53: William Hawkins, 2. Globe, No. 60: E. B. Simanton, 3. Bodie, No. 61: F. T. Roach, 1. Jerome, No. 79: Thos. O'Connor (proxy), 1. Sandon, No. 81: William Davidson, 2. Butte Engineers, No. 83: John Gilbert, 2; W. T. Stodden, 3. Grass Valley, No. 90: Thos. Bone, 2. Silverton, No. 95: Wm. Davidson (proxy), 2. Bisbee, No. 106: R. A. Campbell, 5. Texada, No. 113: William Davidson (proxy), 1. Anaconda M. & S., No. 117: Ed. M. Nichols, 2; Patrick Walsh, 3; Andrew Mallon, 2; Mike Walsh, 2; W. I. Jacobsen, 3; Mickey Munley, 3. Tonopah, No. 121: Michael Shea, 5; Wm. O'Brien (proxy), 3. Snowball Union, No. 124: John Krahenbuhl, 3. Negaunee, No. 128: Jno. F. Maki, 1. Bartlesville, 132; N. J. McGee, 1. Castle Rock M. & S., No. 142: Ben Goggin, 3. Park City, No. 144: Pat McEvoy, 2. Cobalt, No. 146: Jno. Miller, 4; Albert Nap Gauthier, 5. Tintie District, No. 151: James B. Hanley, 5. Gowganda, No. 154: John Miller (proxy), 1. Searchlight, No. 164: Wm. O'Brien (proxy), 1. Princeton, No. 176: J. F. Maki (proxy), 1. Iron Mountain, No. 177: Axel Kolinen (proxy), 1. Zortman, No. 190: Frank Szymanske, 1. Crystal Falls, No. 195: Alex Kolinen, 1. Mercer, No. 199: Steve Oberto, 1. Hancock Copper, No. 200: John Valimaki, 4. Salt Lake M. & S., No. 201: Marion C. Leake, 2. Copper, No. 203: Peter Jedda, 4. Fredericktown, No. 205: R. Lee Lashley (proxy), 1. Palatka, No. 209: Axel Kolinen (proxy), 1. Mass City, No. 215: Fred Tuominen, 2. Joplin, No. 217: W. M. Butler, 1. Cartersville, No. 221: Charles Hillman, 1. Winthrop, No. 223: J. F. Maki (proxy), 1. Flat River, No. 225: Anton A. Lassich, 3; R. Lee Lashley, 4. Webb City, No. 226: W. M. Butler, 1. Desloge, No. 229: M. C. Dufour, 2. Bonne Terre, No. 231: C. E. Burquin, 4. Prosperity, No. 232: Guy E. Miller, 1. Steptoe M. & S., No. 233: Thos. O'Connor, 1. Cripple Creek District, No. 234: J. W. Dinwiddie, 1. Leadwood, No. 236: E. M. Davis, 2. Manhattan, No. 241: William O'Brien, 1. Elvins, No. 242: Rufus Blaylock, 3. Craigs, No. 245: Guy E. Miller (proxy), 1. Herculaneum, No.

249: A. L. Hill, 2. Thompson M. & S., No. 255: John R. Bruce (proxy), 1. Ladies' Auxiliaries—Rossland, No. 1: Mrs. Rosalia F. Murray, 1. Central City, No. 1: E. Flow (proxy), 1. Eureka, No. 4: Emma F. Langdon (proxy), 1. Hancock, No. 5: John Valimaki (proxy), 1. Lead, No. 6: Barney McCaffery (proxy), 1. Elvins, No. 9: Emma F. Langdon (proxy), 1. Desloge, No. 12: Emma F. Langdon, 1. Executive Board: Joseph D. Cannon, 1; Yanco Terzich, 1; Jno. C. Lowney, 1; Vice President Chas. E. Mahoney, 1; Secretary Treasurer Ernest Mills, 1. Amassa M. M., No. 214: Axel Kolinen (proxy), 1

Totals—Yes, 232; No, 0.

Absent—10. Leslie Turner (proxy), 1, Mullan, No. 9. Leslie Turner, Wallace, No. 17. Wm. N. Welsh, Porcupine, No. 145. W. N. Welsh (proxy), Silver Center, No. 148. Mrs. Lee Lashley, Fall River, No. 7. Dan D. Sullivan, Executive Board.

Not voting—Chas. H. Moyer.

Delegate E. B. Simanton, No. 60, stated that he had asked to be heard in the investigation and wished to be heard at this time.

Moved by Executive Board Member Jos. D. Cannon, seconded by Delegate Wm. O'Brien, No. 241, that the rules be suspended and the convention hear Delegate Simanton, No. 60. Motion carried.

Delegate Simanton made a statement giving his position in the past and the present.

Moved by Executive Board Member Jos. D. Cannon, seconded by Delegate Anton Lassich, No. 225, that Delegate Simanton be exonerated from all charges. Motion carried.

President Chas. H. Moyer asked if the resolution adopted by the convention provided for the appointment or election of the committee of three to be sent to South Dakota to investigate the mining project. The resolution read "appoint." He requested that the committee be elected by the convention.

Moved by Delegate Thos. Gorman, No. 2, seconded by Delegate W. I. Jacobson, No. 117, to amend resolution No. 75 by striking out "appoint" and inserting "elect." Motion carried.

Convention adjourned at 5:30 p. m. to meet at 9 a. m. Wednesday, July 24th.

NINTH DAY SESSION—MORNING SESSION.

Victor, Colo., July 24, 1912

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

Roll call showed all delegates present except Mrs. R. Lee Lashley and Executive Board Member Dan D. Sullivan.

Minutes of the seventh and eighth days' sessions read and approved.

Report No. 88 of the credentials committee on telegram No. 86 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 24, 1912.

We, your credential committee, beg leave to report on communication No. 86, referred to the committee from Bisbee, Arizona, asking that E. B. Simanton be allowed to cast the proxy vote in conjunction with R. A. Campbell of Bisbee, No. 106, and recommend that the same be granted.

DAN HOLLAND,
M. J. RILEY,
JOHN VALIMAKI,

MIKE SHEA,
E. M. DAVIS,
JAMES B. HANLEY,
Committee.

Moved by Delegate John R. Bruce, No. 46, seconded by Delegate Andrew Mallon, No. 117, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Report No. 89 of credential committee on communication No. 87 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 22, 1912.

We, your credential committee, report on resolution No. 87 that proxy vote from Nome, Alaska, be not allowed.

DAN HOLLAND,
M. J. RILEY,
JAMES B. HANLEY,

MIKE SHEA,
E. M. DAVIS,
JOHN VALIMAKI,
Committee.

Moved by Delegate Guy E. Miller, No. 232, seconded by Delegate M. C. Leake, No. 201, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Victor, Colo., July 23, 1912.

Report of committee No. 90 on resolution No. 24 read as follows: To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention. W. F. M.

We, your committee on resolutions, herewith report on resolution No. 24: We recommend that the matter be referred to the Executive Board, to be taken up by them with the Executive Board of the mining department of the American Federation of Labor.

J. W. DINWIDDIE,
A. A. LASSICH,
PETER JEDDA,

AXEL KOLINEN,
G. W. SMITH,
JOS. D. CANNON,
Committee.

No. 24—Resolution by Rossland Miners' Union No. 38.

Whereas, District No. 6 is retaining a lawyer for the purpose of upholding the compensation and liability act, and

Whereas, It is taxing the members of the district an enormous amount to maintain said lawyer, and

Whereas, A lawyer is needed to protect the members of this organization, in this province, not only the resident but also the transient members; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention instruct the Executive Board of the W. F. M. to act in conjunction with the U. M. W. of A. in this province and employ or retain a lawyer to defend the members of this organization in all cases where the compensation act applies, at the expense of the W. F. M.

S. STEVENS, President,
H. VARCOE, Secretary.

Moved by Delegate M. J. Riley, No. 41, seconded by Delegate John Valimaki, No. 200, that the recommendation of the committee be concurred in.

Vice President C. E. Mahoney, Delegate William Davidson, No. 81, Executive Board Member Jos. D. Cannon, Delegates J. W. Dinwiddie, No. 234, James Ansen, No. 38, spoke on the question. Secretary Treasurer Mills asked Delegate James Ansen for information and was replied to by Delegate Ansen, No. 38, and Delegate William Davidson, No. 81.

Motion carried.

Report No. 91 of resolution committee on resolution No. 59 was read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 23, 1912.

To Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.

Dear Sirs and Brothers: Your committee on resolutions herewith report on resolution No. 59 that we do not concur.

J. W. DINWIDDIE,
A. A. LASSICH,
PETER JEDDA,

AXEL KOLINEN,
G. W. SMITH,
JOS. D. CANNON,
Committee.

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

No. 59—To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention, W. F. M.

Acting under instructions to use my best efforts to have a minimum wage established throughout the jurisdiction of the W. F. M., and in order to get the matter before this convention for discussion, I wish to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That this convention recommend to all locals of the W. F. M. that they use all means in their power to establish a minimum wage of \$4 per day on or before January 1, 1913, and that the incoming Executive Board be instructed to give them all aid in their power.

E. B. SIMANTON, Delegate No. 60.

Moved by Delegate John Krahenbuhl, No. 124, seconded by Delegate Thos. O'Connor, No. 233, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Delegate E. B. Simanton, No. 60, spoke on the question.

Motion put and carried.

Report No. 92 of resolution committee on resolution No. 23 read as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.

Sirs and Brothers: We, your committee on resolutions, herewith report on resolution No. 23, by recommending non-concurrence.

J. W. DINWIDDIE,
A. A. LASSICH,
PETER JEDDA,

AXEL KOLINEN,
G. W. SMITH,
JOS. D. CANNON,
Committee.

Rossland, B. C., July 9, 1912.

No. 23.—Resolution by Rossland Miners' Union No. 38.

Whereas, During the lockout in the Black Hills, many members became delinquent during the quarters for which they were supposed to pay assessments; therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask the Federation to remit the assessments that may be due from such delinquents.

(Signed) S. STEVENS, President,
H. VARCOE, Secretary.

Moved by Delegate Leslie Turner, No. 17, seconded by Delegate R. A. Campbell, No. 106, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Delegates James Ansen, No. 38, and J. W. Dinwiddie spoke on motion. Motion carried.

Report No. 93 from the constitution committee on amendment No. 16 read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 21, 1912.

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, recommend that resolution No. 16 be adopted as amended.

JACOB OLIVER,
GEO. B. PAUL,
J. B. BRUCE,
B. L. LASHLEY,

F. SZYMANSKE,
WM. I. JACOBSEN,
TOM GORMAN,
BARNEY McCAFFERY,
Committee.

Moved by Delegate E. B. Simanton, No. 60, seconded by Delegate John Miller, No. 164, that all reports on amendments to the constitution be laid on the table until the special committee was ready to report. Motion carried. Action deferred.

Report No. 94 of the mileage committee read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 23, 1912

We, the mileage committee, recommend payment of the following amounts:

S. Carlino, No. 43\$ 8.52
E. F. Langdon, L. A., No. 12..... 50.00

F. L. Rcach, No. 61, balance due	59.15
John Krahenbuhl, No. 124, balance due	12.00
Barney McCaffery, No. 2	34.85
E. B. Simanton, No. 60, balance due	4.00
Wm. Hawkins, No. 53, balance due	9.40
C. E. Burquin, No. 231, balance due	11.00

Total\$188.92

JERRY O'NEILL, HERBERT GALLAGHER,
ALFRED BORDSEN, JOHN MILLER,
CON SHEA, WM. BUTLER,
Mileage Committee.

Moved by Delegate Thos. Gorman, No. 2, seconded by Delegate John R. Bruce, No. 46, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Communication No. 95 read as follows and ordered made a matter of record in the minutes.

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.

Brothers: We, the undersigned delegates, in behalf of the membership of the several locals of the Black Hills, wish to extend to the membership and the general officers of our organization our sincere thanks for their financial and moral support since the inauguration of the lockout.

T. J. RYAN, BARNEY McCAFFERY,
THOMAS A. GORMAN, J. C. MAY,
E. FLOW, M. CONNOLLY,

Report No. 96 of organization committee read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 22, 1912.

We, your organization committee, beg leave to report on No. 41 of the executive board's report dealing with organization referred to us from the special committee.

Your committee approves of the recommendations of the executive board contained in sections 37 to 43, inclusive, regarding the work of organization, and to carry its provisions into effect would recommend that the incoming executive board be granted full authority to levy any assessment deemed necessary to extend the jurisdiction of the Western Federation of Miners.

EMMA F. LANGDON, Chairman. BEN GOGGIN, Sec'y
M. CONOLLY, MRS. R. L. LASHLEY,
PAT CASEY, JOHN GILBERT,
MIKE SHEA.

Moved by Delegate M. J. Riley, No. 43, seconded by Delegate Frank Szymanski, No. 190, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Delegate J. W. Dinwiddie, No. 234, announced that candy and cigars had been brought in to be distributed.

Moved by Delegate Emma F. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, seconded by Delegate Mrs. Rosalie F. Murray, L. A. No. 1, that a vote of thanks be extended to all who had been treating the convention to cigars and candy, etc., including Tom Tallon, former president of No. 40, and the management of the Ideal Theatre. Motion carried.

Report No. 97 of the resolutions committee on resolution No. 12 was read as follows:

Whereas, The Aetna Powder Company is unfair to organized labor, and

Whereas, It is stated that the members of the Western Federation of Miners are the users of the most of the powder manufactured by this company, therefore be it

Resolved, That we demand that the Aetna Powder Company settle its differences with the Powder and High Explosive Workers' Union and be it further

Resolved, That we recommend to our members that they use every possible effort to have supplied for their use powder bearing the label of the Powder and High Explosive Workers' Union, and that this matter be brought to the attention of our members through our local unions, and be it further

Resolved, That our sister organization, the United Mine Workers of America, be and is hereby urged to take similar action, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Aetna Powder Company, one to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and one to Leslie Jones, president of the Powder and High Explosive Workers' Union.

J. W. DINWIDDIE, JOS. D. CANNON,
PETER JEDDA, AXEL KOLINEN,
A. A. LASSICH, G. W. SMITH,
MARION C. LEAKE, Committee.

Moved by Delegate W. N. Welsh, No. 145, seconded by Delegate Jerry D. O'Neill, No. 1, that the report be concurred in. Motion carried.

Report No. 98, of organization committee on resolution No. 87, read as follows:

Victor, Colo., July 22, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.:

We, your organization committee, have had under consideration resolution No. 78, and beg leave to report on same as follows:

We recommend that the part dealing with change in the ritual of auxiliaries be referred to the ritual committee and the sections dealing with the constitution be referred to the constitution committee.

We further recommend that paragraph 4, which recommends that

organizers now in the field exert their efforts to having auxiliaries brought before all locals wherever possible, etc., be adopted.

EMMA F. LANGDON, Chairman, BEN. GOGGIN, Sec'y.
JOHN GILBERT, M. CONNOLLY,
PAT CASEY, MRS. R. L. LASHLEY,
MIKE SHEA, Committee.

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.:

No. 78—1. Whereas, The Western Federation of Miners at the Nineteenth Annual Convention granted recognition to the Women's Auxiliaries of the W. F. M. to present delegates at your convention, and

2. Whereas, We believe that the organization of the auxiliaries has not been established in a manner to prove a help to your organization inasmuch as there is no uniformity of organization recognized by the auxiliaries. Believing that we might better accomplish our object by adopting a constitution and ritual to be the recognized laws and principles of all auxiliaries affiliated with the W. F. M., allowing local by-laws to be governed by local conditions, yet not conflicting with the constitution and by-laws of the W. F. M., therefore be it

3. Resolved, That we recommend the preparation and revisal of the constitution and ritual of the Women's Auxiliaries to conform with the many changes in constitution and by-laws of the W. F. M., and meeting the approval of the executive board; therefore be it further

4. Resolved, And we recommend organizers now in the field to exert their efforts to having the merits of women's auxiliaries brought before all local unions and organizing wherever possible, thus covering a larger field of organization and adding no extra expense to the W. F. M., yet getting the mothers of the rising generation to practice as well as teach the solidarity of the working class, in our efforts to progress and reform.

Respectfully submitted:

JERRY O'NEIL, PETER JEDDA,
J. F. MAKI, No. 146, ALBERT NAP. GAUTHIER,
AXEL KOLINEN, FRED TUOMINEN, No. 215,
W. N. WELSH, ALFRED BORDSEN,
ROSALIE F. MURRAY, L. A. No. DAN D. SULLIVAN,
EMMA F. LANGDON, No. 12, MRS. LEE LASHLEY,
TOM CORRA, JAMES ANSEN,
JOS. D. CANNON, C. E. MAHONEY.

Moved by Delegate Mrs. Rosalie F. Murray, L. A. No. 1, seconded by Delegate Leslie Turner, No. 17, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Report No. 99 of committee on education and literature on report of the editor of the Miners' Magazine, was read.

Moved by Delegate John Krahenbuhl, No. 60, seconded by Delegate John Maki, No. 128, that the report of committee be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Emma F. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, seconded by Delegate Pat McEvoy, No. 144, as an amendment, that report be taken up seriatum. Motion carried.

First section read as follows:

That resolution No. 83, be adopted with clause reading, "that the incoming executive board be authorized to levy an assessment of 50 cents a member twice a year at such times as there is no other assessment for educational purposes in general," be revised to read, "that the incoming executive board be authorized to levy an assessment of 50 cents once a year, at such times as there is no other assessment, for educational purposes in general."

Victor, Colo., July 19, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.:

No. 83.—Brothers: To advance the interests of the Federation, we hereby submit the following for your consideration:

Whereas, The educational work along the lines of political economy and Industrial Unionism has been badly neglected during the past years in the Western Federation of Miners, and

Whereas, We believe that it is of great importance to the organization to carry on the work of education and agitation not only among those still out of the organization, but also among those that are already in the unions as well in order that they may be enlightened and enabled to conduct successfully the affairs of the organization to the best interest of themselves and others, and

Whereas, We believe that the financial difficulties, to a great extent, have forbidden the executive board of the W. F. M. from carrying on this work, therefore be it

Resolved, That the incoming executive board be instructed to hire the services of lecturers who are able to teach the membership and miners outside of the organization along the lines heretofore mentioned and route them from one local into another throughout our jurisdiction, and be it further

Resolved, That the incoming executive board be empowered to print such literature in different languages as they deem necessary and proper to educate the membership and to carry on this work of agitation among the unorganized, and be it further

Resolved, That the incoming executive board be authorized to levy an assessment of 50 cents per member once a year at such time when there is no other assessments for educational purposes in general

J. F. MAKI, No. 128, AXEL KOLINEN, No. 195,
PETRE JEDDA, No. 203, JOHN VALIMAKI,
JOHN MILLER, No. 746, ALBERT NAP GAUTHIER,
W. N. WELSH, No. 145, FRED TUOMINEN, No. 215.

Moved by Delegate John Maki, No. 128, seconded by Delegate Tom Corra, No. 33, that Section 1 of the report be adopted as read.

Delegates John Maki, No. 200, Albert Nap Gauthier, No. 146, Rufus Blaylock, No. 242, Leslie Turner, No. 17, spoke on the question. Motion put and carried.

Section 2 read as follows:

Sec. 2.—We also endorse the suggestion of the editor that a solicitor be kept continually in the field.

Moved by Delegate M. J. Riley, No. 43, seconded by Delegate Mrs. Rosalie F. Murray, L. A. No. 1, that this section be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section 3 read as follows:

Sec. 3.—We would recommend that as soon as conditions permit an assistant editor be employed, the same to be selected by the incoming executive board.

Moved by Delegate Emma F. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, seconded by Delegate William Hawkins, No. 53, that Section 3 be not concurred in.

Delegates John Valimaki, No. 200, Emma F. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, Guy E. Miller, No. 232, Vice President C. E. Mahoney, Delegates Wm. N. Welsh, No. 145, Albert Nap. Gauthier, No. 146, spoke on question. Emma F. Langdon, L. A. No. 12, asked question of Vice President C. E. Mahoney on point of information and was replied to by him. Delegate Emma F. Langdon further explained her motion.

Vice President Mahoney rose to question of privilege.

Delegate Dan Holland, No. 1, spoke on question.

Delegate John Valimaki, No. 200, rose to make explanation in behalf of the committee.

Delegate William O'Brien, No. 241, spoke on question, claiming that the editor of the Magazine had the unfortunate habit of telling the truth.

Delegate Holland rose to a point of personal privilege.

Delegate T. J. Ryan, No. 2, spoke on the question.

Motion was put, and lost, 37 to 41.

Section 4 read as follows:

That we urge the secretaries of all locals and the rank and file generally, to contribute such articles as will make the pages interesting in the welfare of unionism.

Moved by Delegate E. B. Simanton, No. 60, seconded by Delegate A. L. Hill, No. 249, that the report be concurred in.

Amendment by Delegate Guy E. Miller, No. 232, seconded by James B. Hanley, No. 151, was offered as follows: The executive board be instructed to prepare or have prepared a series of weekly lessons on the history of unionism with reference to books and current periodicals.

Section adopted as amended.

Section 5 read as follows:

That the incoming executive board pay more special attention to the policy of the Magazine, and outline a system that will meet with the approval of the Federation.

Moved by Delegate James Ansen, No. 38, seconded by Delegate Jerry D. O'Neill, No. 1, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section 6 read as follows:

We further recommend that at least one lady lecturer be placed in the field to assist in the education of the masses and bringing more fully to the attention of all locals the merits of our auxiliary organization.

Moved by Delegate Guy E. Miller, No. 232, seconded by Delegate A. L. Hill, No. 249, that recommendations of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section 7 read as follows:

We further recommend that a commission of 25 per cent. be paid to all volunteer solicitors on subscriptions secured.

Moved by Delegate John Valimaki, No. 200, seconded by Delegate A. L. Hill, No. 249, that recommendation of committee be concurred in. Carried.

Delegate John Valimaki, No. 200, spoke on the question, also Delegate Ben Goggin, No. 142, Guy E. Miller, No. 232, E. B. Simanton, No. 60, Rosalie F. Murray, L. A. No. 1, M. J. Riley, No. 41, spoke on motion to adopt.

Moved by Delegate Wm. Davidson, No. 81, seconded by Delegate Roderick MacKenzie, No. 26, that the report of the committee as amended be adopted. Motion carried.

After announcements were made, the convention adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet at 2 p. m.

(Continued Next Week.)



CARD LOST OR STOLEN.

Mullan, Idaho, August 5, 1912.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

I want you to publish in the Magazine a notice of a card lost or stolen here in Mullan. The card belonged to Walter F. Walsh, transferred to this union August 15, 1911; transferred to Wallace July 1, 1912. Dues are paid up for July on same. When he transferred on August 15th it was from No. 10, Burke, union. Yours respectfully,

B. G. YOCUM,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

(By National Socialist Press.)

Washington, August.—A Socialist congressman has no snap. Victor L. Berger has learned this. When he first came to Washington the newspapers told the country how Berger's office was daily flooded by requests of all sorts. But today Berger is sighing for those good old days. He then had a little time for himself and family. Today he is in office day and night and Sundays, too.

"I see no relief in sight," says Berger. "The only thing that can help matters is the election of more Socialist congressmen this fall. This job of representing nearly a million voters is too much for one man."

Berger's mail contains everything from requests for his autograph to calling on the President in behalf of some oppressed one somewhere. Persons naming their babies "Victor L." write long and detailed letters regarding the health and general beauty of the youngsters. Old party voters who fail to get satisfaction from their congressmen have no hesitation in unloading their troubles on the Socialist representative.

There are, of course, requests that are worthy of attention. For instance, miners employed by the Alabama Consolidated Iron and Coal Company, which is in the hands of a federal receiver, complain that they do not get their pay. The miners have not been paid in weeks. Some of them have not been paid in months. They ask Berger to see that they get their money or else that the mines be sold at auction.

A letter containing a complaint of this sort means that Berger must take a trip to the Department of Justice. The Socialist congressman has a talk with Wickersham, and the latter says that Judge Grubb of the Alabama district will look into this matter.

The same day or the next will bring an urgent request of Socialists that the police or some other authorities interfered with their rights of free speech. Of course, usually such cases are state matters, and Berger so tells the complainants. But the other day Berger received a letter telling of assaults upon Socialist speakers by drunken soldiers in a town in Washington near Fort Townsend. The letter urged federal interference and assistance.

This means another trip to the departments. Berger calls on the secretary of war. He learns that the matter will be investigated. While at the War Department, the Socialist congressman asks that the orgies and debauches of the militia of Wisconsin and Illinois and the regular army at the recent maneuvers at Camp Douglas be investigated. And so it goes.

On returning to his office Berger picks up a bunch of letters just handed to him by his stenographer to look over and sign. He hardly begins this work when "three bells" are heard. This means a "call of the House." It is the duty of every congressman to attend the House immediately when three bells are heard. Berger goes to the House, which is about four squares from his office, although the Capitol and the House office building appear to be very near each other.

When the Socialist congressman arrives at the House he learns that a parliamentary tangle is on which must be straightened out before a roll call vote on the pending measure can be had. The measure before the House happens to be one that calls for an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Department of Justice to continue its sham battle against the trusts under the Sherman act. The Republicans favor the appropriation and the Democrats think that the trusts can't be busted just that way. But Berger cares not whether the Sherman act is effective or not. He does not want the trusts busted at all. So he votes against the appropriation.

Before he votes a card is handed to Berger. As soon as he is recorded on the measure, Berger steps out in the corridor. A man rushes over to him and grabs him by the hand and says:

"Hello, Comrade Berger. I am from Texas and am visiting Washington. I want to shake hands with the first Socialist congressman."

The comrade from Texas then proceeds to tell Berger all about the movement in Texas, his ideas, troubles, etc.

Technicality Aids the Czar.

Philander C. Knox, secretary of state, has communicated to President Taft to the effect that the United States government cannot, under the law, intervene in the case of Stefan Dabrowski, the American citizen now in prison in Siberia. The case of Dabrowski was brought to the attention of the President by Victor L. Berger, the Socialist congressman.

Secretary Knox states in his letter that Dabrowski has been living abroad since 1900, while the law presumes that a person absent from this country for more than two years has abandoned his American citizenship. The letter of Knox to Taft reads in part:

"Although Dabrowski had been naturalized as an American citizen in 1893, he had been living abroad continuously for about nine years and had been a resident in his native country for more than two years of this time, when arrested by the authorities at Warsaw. There had arisen against him under Article 2 of the act of Congress of March 2, 1907, (the so-called 'Expatriation act') a presumption that he had abandoned his American citizenship—a presumption which he was not able to overcome when the opportunity was offered him to make the affidavit required by law, and which is strengthened by the consideration that on his return to his native country he had, according to his own statement, participated in the political activities of that country in such a manner as may be deemed to have identified him therewith. He has therefore forgone his right to protection as a citizen of the United States.

"It will also be noted that, while Dabrowski states that the 'crime' for which he was deported was that of belonging to an organization which seeks its object by peaceful and legal means and repudiated all terroristic acts; he was, in fact, arrested and convicted by the competent criminal court on the charge of attempting to incite military revolt."

Berger intends to call on Taft again and see whether the fact that Dabrowski had been a citizen of the United States for seven years would not entitle him to some protection from our government. Dabrowski has received a severe sentence—lifelong exile in Siberia—and the Socialist congressman will do all that can possibly be done before he gives up.

Socialist Platform in the Record.

The Socialist platform recently adopted by the Indianapolis convention has been inserted in the Congressional Record by Representative Berger of Wisconsin. The following colloquy prefaces the platform in the Record:

"Mr. Berger—Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to print in the Record a statement of the principles of the Socialist party as contained in the platform adopted at the Socialist national convention, May 12-18, 1912.

"The Speaker—The gentleman from Wisconsin asks unanimous consent to print in the Record a statement of the principles of the Socialist party.

"Mr. Mann—How long is it?"

"Mr. Berger—Not long.

"The Speaker—Is there objection?"

"There was no objection."

Needless to add, this is the first time a Socialist platform or document has appeared in the official publication of the United States Congress.

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THE PURE WATER PROBLEM.

By William R. Shier.

As a political organization the Socialist party must address itself to every question that interests the electorate.

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Otherwise it will not succeed in winning the confidence of the majority of voters.

Now almost every city in America is confronted with a pure water and sewage disposal problem.

How to obtain an abundant supply of pure water is a problem that is threshed out perennially in the newspapers, that is made the bone of contention in many municipal campaigns, that is regarded by citizens as a question of the first importance.

If the Socialist party steps into the arena with clear-cut proposals that deal in a radical, constructive and commonsense way with this problem, it will not only help to secure pure drinking water for citizens, but it will break down considerable prejudice against the Socialist movement and cause people to study the more revolutionary features of our official platform.

Wherever the water supply problem happens to be a live issue, I suggest that the Socialist local appoint a committee to study the question in all its aspects, and that its recommendations after thorough discussion be made known to the public through resolutions, public meetings and special leaflets.

The following recommendations might be embodied in the committee's report.

(1) That the Socialist party declare itself in favor of the city expending any sum of money necessary to secure a satisfactory water supply, regard to be had for the city's prospective growth as well as for its present needs.

(2) That the Socialist party insist that no more water franchises be

granted to private companies, the city to take immediate steps to acquire full control of its water supply system, either by the purchase of existing plants or the establishment of new ones.

(3) That the Socialist party urge that the whole matter be taken out of the hands of politicians and placed in the hands of a competent commission that shall be governed by the advice of engineering experts.

(4) That the Socialist party advocate the city being held responsible for all cases of typhoid fever within its boundaries, families to be compensated for the loss of earnings due to quarantine and the cost of medical attendance to be defrayed out of public funds.

(5) That the Socialist party endorse the proposition to establish a sewage disposal plant, and that it take the lead in bringing pressure to bear upon the national and state governments with the end in view of stopping the pollution of lakes and rivers by municipalities and manufacturing concerns.



THE LAST ACT.

The industrial revolution of the last couple of centuries has been sweeping and complete. The old-time handicraftsman with his petty little workshop and puny handtools has been wiped off the boards and the huge factory, with its power-driven machines and organized and disciplined army of wage-slaves, has gained complete command of the field of wealth production.

The downfall of small production has been swift and complete during the past fifty years. The one-time workingman with his handtools and comparative independence is now little better than a memory. His successor is a wage-slave, dependent upon the uncertain circumstances of a merciless labor market for his narrow and pitiful existence. With every step forward in capitalist development his tenure of employment becomes more insecure, his continued existence more uncertain.

By virtue of the circumstances of agriculture, this particular field of human endeavor has not been so readily invaded by the application of machinery to its processes. But, as the Socialist has persistently pointed out, by virtue of the fact that the vast bulk of farm products must pass through those channels of industry and exchange controlled by the huge combinations of capital that dominate the entire system of the world the values produced by the agricultural workers have been largely absorbed by these dominant capitalist interests. This has long since become so pronounced as to have practically reduced the working farmer to the level of a harried and hard-driven slave whose slavery is hidden beneath the mask of small property. The more perfect becomes the development of big capital, and, therefore the more complete and thorough its exploitations of the working farmer, the more transparent becomes this mask of small property. Small property in agriculture has long since become a farce as far as being an assurance to its owner of anything except a steady job for himself and family at slaves' wages.

The application of gasoline, petrol and cheap oils to power production has been making rapid strides during recent years. The cheap power thus provided has brought the opportunity for capital to invade the field of agriculture, strip the small farmer of his fancied property and convert this horny-handed son of toil into a simon-pure wage slave. No one who has taken note of the rapid application of the gasoline or oil-driven tractor to agricultural purposes will be inclined to doubt that the doom of the small proprietor is sealed and that this horny-handed (and often horny-headed) individual is destined to permanently participate in the joys and beautitudes of the swamps and bogs of wage slavery.

In California it is no uncommon thing to see a huge tractor do practically all of the work upon a big ranch. The plowing, seeding, harrowing, harvesting and threshing and hauling of the crop to market are all done by this monster whose operations are directed and wants attended to by a few wage slaves. An immense acreage can be handled with a single equipment and one small crew of men. By doubling crews the process can be carried on night and day in true factory style.

The same methods are being rapidly applied wherever the conditions of soil, climate and nature of products will allow. In Alberta and the other wheat provinces the tractor is becoming a familiar figure. With its ten or more plows it turns over from 25 to 50 acres per day, with but two slaves to guide it.

It is needless to say that an equipment of this sort will entail no inconsiderable initial outlay. Such an equipment could only be used economically upon a large acreage of land. It, therefore, becomes an impossibility as far as the small farmer is concerned. As impossible for him to purchase and operate it as for the individual artisan to purchase and operate a modern factory. The ability to do in either case requires considerable capital and a wide field of operation.

Agriculture, as well as all other lines of production, will be completely brought under the domination of capital. The means of production will become capitalist property. The operatives (workers) will become wage slaves.

Small property, whether agricultural or industrial is already little better than a sham and pretense; a veritable millstone around the neck of the possessor holding him in fealty and bondage to capital, whose rifling of his pockets he fails to see because of the aforesaid millstone collar.

The capitalization of agriculture, which is now coming rapidly along as a result of discovery and application of cheap power, will speedily remove the millstone from the neck of the small farmer. The property he now fancies he owns, but does not own, in fact, will pass into the immediate possession of capital in such a way that the farmer will understand what has happened. He will discover himself as a wage slave. Rid of the millstone he will be able to stand erect and view things from the standpoint of the slave who is conscious of his slavery. Perchance he will become imbued with the spirit of revolution and a valiant warrior in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalist rule and abolition of wage slavery.

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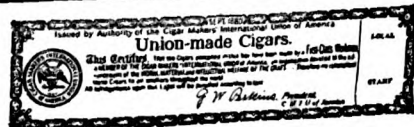


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