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MORNING SESSION.

Chairman Katz called the convention to order shortly after nine o'clock A. M. The secretary called the roll of delegates. THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any reports of committees?

you want three on this committee or five. DEL. AXELSON: I move that the committee on literature and press be composed of five members.

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of general secretary. Referred to committee on organization. Also instructions to delegates from Local Unions 15, 91, 95, 130 and 179, and accompanying resolutions.

Secretary Trautmann next read a resolution or preamble submitted by Delegate Foote, which was referred to the committee on constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before we proceed with my further business it may be proper to hear from the committee on credentials. I understand there are some new delegates that have arrived.

By Aiazzone: Walters. By Levoy: Speed. By Delaney: Jones. By Glover: Rotkowitz.

THE CHAIRMAN: There are six nominees, and five are to be elected. How are we to vote on them? There is no established rule that I know of.

The following additional nominations were made: By Levoy: Keep. By Reigate: Speed. By Schwend: Levoy.

THE CHAIRMAN: The next order of business is the reports of officers. Now, fellow workers, since the report of the secretary is in print, I think it would be only a waste of time to read that long document at this time.

DEL. TRAUTMANN: These are all the communications that have been received so far. THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other communications?

DEL. AXELSON: I believe we will leave the organization committee. THE CHAIRMAN: That comes under the head of unfinished business.

Communication from Coal Miners' Local in Thurber, Tex.; a local that has been in existence about three months and is struggling against the United Mine Workers.

Communication from Local 173, San Francisco, accompanied by recommendations and suggestions, the latter not read.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Has the amendment been seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has not been seconded.

DEL. FENNEL: I would like to tell another thing that happened at the time that this organization was founded in Chicago...

THE CHAIRMAN: Now we will proceed to a vote if there is no one else desiring to speak upon the motion...

DEL. FRANCIS: Point of information. I wish to ask as to what they wanted. I would like to have the information whether they want to be seated or not.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the report Delegate Francis, of your Credentials Committee. They left it to this body. We are now acting on this as a Committee of the Whole.

DEL. FRANCIS: I wish to resign from the Credentials Committee. If my resignation is accepted, I nominate Fellow Worker Finnigan for the vacancy.

THE CHAIRMAN: How is that? DEL. FRANCIS: If my resignation from the resolution committee is accepted I wish to nominate Delegate Finnigan.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will have to come to that later. We do not know whether we will accept your resignation.

DEL. WALTERS: I move that the resignation of Delegate Jones be accepted. (The motion was seconded by several delegates.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It is moved and seconded that the resignation of Delegate Jones be accepted.

SEC. TRAUTMANN: Ask him what reason he has for it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, the motion is made to accept the resignation of Delegate Jones. That is all right.

(The motion was unanimously carried.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is carried and nominations for a delegate to fill his place are in order.

DEL. SPETTEL: I will nominate Fellow Worker Finnigan. Nomination seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further nominations? DEL. THOMAS: Mr. Chairman, I move that the nominations be closed.

(Motion seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is made that the nominations close with the nomination of Delegate Finnigan. (The motion was unanimously carried.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is carried. Now, all those in favor of Finnigan being a member of the committee on resolutions will say aye; opposed, no.

(Del. Finnigan was unanimously elected.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is carried. So ordered. We are still under the head of new business.

There is one thing that ought to come up before this convention now, and that is, regarding when you meet again. You are appointed a number of committees, and they certainly will have their hands full, and I do not know whether they will be ready to report at 9 o'clock in the morning; and in order to give them ample time, I think it would be proper that we should adjourn tonight, so that they have ample time to prepare their reports, giving us something to work on.

DEL. AXELSON: Fellow Worker Chairman, I make that as a motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is that motion seconded? DEL. PINKERTON: I second the motion.

(The motion was seconded by other delegates, as well.)

ports, but if the report is to go to the various committees elected that would not be necessary.

NEW BUSINESS.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are now under the head of new business.

DEL. FOOT: I wish to move that the national organizers be given a seat in the convention with voice but no vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion has been made and seconded that the national organizers be given a seat in the convention with voice but no vote.

DEL. FRANCIS: I move you that this motion be tabled.

DEL. CAMINITA: I second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion is made and seconded to table the motion. It is not debatable.

A vive voce vote leaving the Chair in doubt a roll call was had, resulting as follows: Total number of votes cast, 117; 68 voting aye, 49 voting nay, and the motion was declared tabled.

CORRECTION IN REPRESENTATION.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are now under the head of new business. Is there any other new business before the house?

DEL. TRAINOR: Fellow Worker Chairman, Under the head of new business I notice that there is an omission here of two locals, in regard to the delegates in the city of Paterson; that is, of Local 4, flax dressers, which I represent, and Local 22.

THE CHAIRMAN: Locomotive workers. DEL. TRAINOR: The full amount of votes is here accredited, but it is only accredited to 152.

THE CHAIRMAN: I want to state that I saw that omission, and I was going to call the attention of the committee, of which Fellow Worker Edwards is the chairman. The three delegates from Paterson represent a number of locals, and it is all accredited to 152, mixed. It should be 152. Silk Flax Workers.

SEC. TRAUTMANN: Yes, but it is so on the roll call here. We will correct that.

DEL. TRAINOR: That is the way it should be.

SEC. TRAUTMANN: It is correct in the original.

RESIGNATION OF DEL. JONES FROM RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

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(Motion seconded.)

tees which have been elected will not have any work from now until tomorrow noon.

DEL. AXELSON: The reason I make that as a motion is this: When the credentials committee was elected yesterday we were trying to hurry through there, and we could have done better, I think, if we had taken more time and so, in order to prevent an error of that kind, where an error can be prevented by giving them ample time. I think it is well at this time to give them a sufficient amount of time, so that they can do their work correctly, and avoid all trouble in the future.

DEL. GLOVER: Fellow workers: I am somewhat opposed to the motion for this reason: While I do not object to giving these committees all the time that they require to do their work, at the same time there is a possibility that some of these committees may be in a position to make a report to this convention before 2 o'clock tomorrow; and, consequently, if they are prepared to make such a report, if this convention holds a morning session, they can take up that work and get it over with. Now, I for one want to see the work of this convention done in the shortest time possible, that is, to do it well, and I do not like to see anything done which is going to tend to drag this convention for any length of time; and for that reason I am opposed to this motion.

DEL. KEEPE: I think the motion explains itself, because this work of the committees must be done, and they can not do it by tomorrow morning, but if you give them plenty of time, we can meet here at 2 o'clock tomorrow and do some work. I do not think there is any use for us to come here tomorrow, expecting that perhaps some committee may report, and then just come into the hall, and walk out again.

SEC. TRAUTMANN: That is right. DEL. KEEPE: And you may as well give them that time, and it will expedite more than it will retard matters, because some committee might think they can not do it in a hasty manner, whereas otherwise, if they would take the proper time they would do better work.

SEC. TRAUTMANN: All day tomorrow.

DEL. KEEPE: So I do not see any objection to adjourning until two o'clock tomorrow. That will give them time.

DEL. SCHWEND: Fellow workers, I am opposed to the motion for the reason that we want to transact the business of this convention just as quickly as possible; and I believe that each and every committee that has been appointed will be unable to get through with the work that has been allotted to them by this convention by two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. However, we know that among the many different subjects that have been assigned to the various committees, each committee can meet on an hour, and make a decision on perhaps a few of the subjects which have been assigned to them; and if each committee arrives at an impartial decision they will be able in the morning to make a report, a part of the report, and then to have material enough for this convention to act upon and to consider all day tomorrow. Tomorrow evening the committees can sit again, and go over some more of the business that has been assigned to them, and get it over tomorrow; they will have enough again to keep the convention working all day. But I believe that it will be impossible for the different committees to accomplish this work and make a report by two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. I believe it would be expediting matters to have our regular sessions every day, and let the committees do their work at night. I think they will keep us supplied with ample material to keep things going along, and we will get along faster.

DEL. AXELSON: Fellow Worker Chairman, didn't this motion carry a little while ago?

THE CHAIRMAN: This question was not put. The motion was made, and we are debating upon it.

DEL. COLE: Fellow Worker Chairman: I would like to state, in support of this fellow worker's argument—I can not think of his name.

THE CHAIRMAN: Schwend. DEL. COLE: Schwend—what would be the use of reconvening this convention tomorrow at two o'clock, when the committee must leave the room at three o'clock you would simply get one hour's work done, and no committee could have its work completed. If the committee that is going to wait upon the report are not to have an appointment with them at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon, we will have to leave here about three or 3:30—say 3:30. That would give us an hour and thirty minutes to work. Now, let us either meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, or adjourn the convention until day after tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, and then the committees can have a complete finishing of their work, and the convention can go on uninteruptedly. Otherwise, to take up the fellow worker's argument, let the committees complete as far as they can their work tonight, and re-convene the convention tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, and let us do what we can until three o'clock in the afternoon, and then we can adjourn the convention and allow them to complete their work. I know that there is one committee, the committee on grievances, that has more work than it can complete by tomorrow morning or tomorrow noon or tomorrow at three, finishing the general report to this convention.

DEL. DELEON: Is it understood that when that committee meets the telegraphers, this convention has adjourned?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, not at all. Now, the motion before the house is that we adjourn until tomorrow at two o'clock in order that the committees may have a chance to prepare something to report, and thereby we may save time, and not waste it. Does anyone else want the floor on this question? If not, we will come to a vote.

All in favor of the motion that when we adjourn tonight we adjourn until tomorrow at two o'clock in the afternoon will say aye; opposed, no.

(A vote being taken, the chair announced that he was in doubt; whereupon a call of the roll was requested, and the roll was called upon the motion. Secretary Trautmann announced the result of the roll call as follows: Total number of votes cast, 121; voting aye, 96; voting no, 25.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is carried. Any further new business? DEL. TRAINOR: Fellow Worker Chairman: I have a letter from Gold Road, Ariz., from Secretary Schwedemann, in regard to a donation, or two donations, which were sent to the locomotive builders, in the time of our trouble in Paterson, stating that he had had no receipt from them, and, as Fellow Worker Katz had received all the communications or money that had come there, I gave it to him, and he looked them over, and in his file he could find no communication from him, so therefore we did not get any, and I thought that this was the proper place to bring this up before the convention and have it investigated.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure? DEL. FISCHER: Fellow Worker Chairman: I move that this matter be turned over to the grievance committee, for investigation.

(Motion seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: A motion is made and seconded that the matter be turned over to the grievance committee, for investigation. Are you ready for the question, or do you want to speak upon it?

(The question being called for, the motion was put and unanimously carried.)

THE CHAIRMAN: What is the number of the local?

DEL. TRAINOR: 124.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further new business? DEL. HAGGERTY: Fellow Worker Chairman: May I request the members of the grievance committee, and also of the ways and means committee, to meet at this table after the meeting adjourns? The way and means committee and the grievance committee will meet at this table after adjournment.

DEL. DE LEON: The committee on constitution will meet right here.

DEL. FRANCIS: The committee on resolutions will meet here.

DEL. AIAZZONE: The auditing committee will meet at headquarters at 7 o'clock.

THE CHAIRMAN: The delegates that are on these committees will take notice.

Any other new business? Good and welfare?

DEL. KEEPE: I move that we adjourn, Mr. Chairman. (Motion seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is made and seconded, that we adjourn. ASST. SEC. EDWARDS: Before you adjourn let me make an explanation.

THE CHAIRMAN: If there is no objection, we will have the explanation made.

ASST. SEC. EDWARDS: This is for the committee on the revision of the report. We have discovered that the printer, in the rush of making up his first report, has misplaced a passage of about twenty or twenty-three or twenty-four lines at the end of the report, on the fourth page. Since many of you may have difficulty in placing that which properly belongs, we wish to state that it follows in the remarks of Delegate Kern, on the third column of the same page, immediately preceding the remark of Delegate Walters. Delegate Kern is saying, "Now, that is concerning," it stops abruptly there, and it is from that point that this matter should read, "Now, that is concerning in the report of the committee," it says, in the last column. With that explanation you will all understand where that part belongs.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, a motion to adjourn has been made. All in favor of the motion to adjourn until tomorrow at two o'clock p. m. will say aye; opposed, no.

The motion to adjourn was unanimously carried, and the convention thereupon adjourned to tomorrow, September 18, 1907 at two o'clock p. m.

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