

Cultura Obrera

(LABOR CULTURE) Organ of the Marine Firemen's Oilers' and Watertenders' Union of the Atlantic and Gulf. Published Saturdays in Spanish and English.

No notice will be given unsigned manuscripts.

Subscription rates: One year \$1.50, Six months .75, Single copies 0.05

Although this weekly is the organ of a Union, we shall be glad to receive any donations or subscriptions from those interested in the propaganda work we are carrying on.

Labor Compendium

The development reached by Man is marvelous. He has become a master builder, able to work wonders. Considering nothing too sacred for his investigation, he has dared everything, and so has grown from a pigmy into a Titan.

off will shine upon all alike. If we can but make this compendium one of it's rays of light that no strong wind can put out nor any power dim, we shall be well pleased.

The present social regime in which practically rules can best be synthesized by a single, graphic word: BUSINESS. Immediate, personal utility is the first consideration of everybody.

Business is the industry and commerce of today; business, its politics; business, its religion. Why not make of Labor a business?

ing opposed to it on the ground that it would bring back imprisonment to the Coast-wise trade as they claimed. Comrade Sassen, the agent of the New York Branch of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union being the only delegate representing the Atlantic Seamen at the Convention in Baltimore, wrote a report of the proceedings and sent copies of it to all Branches of the I. S. U. of A. including the Lakes Branches.

Regularly moved and seconded that the three men who backed out of the "Orienta" on sailing day, Dec. 30th, be fined \$5. Agent instructed to give these men Shipping Numbers but to withhold their books until they pay the fine.

WASHINGTON. — On December 21, 1911, the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America closed an agreement with the New York State Railways, providing for the organization of the men on the entire system; therefore furnishing protection to all the employees under the terms of a general agreement.

BOSTON, Jan. 10, 1912. Dear Comrade: As a member of this Organization and as the annual election is about due, I submit to you the following propositions for your consideration:

- Art. 1, Sect. B says that we are subject to the I. S. U. of A's jurisdiction. Taking into consideration our treatment at the last Convention, I move that we eliminate that paragraph.

to take away from the members of such Branch their power, against which I would be one of the first to register a protest.

Art. 7: Believing that the salary of \$300 is too much for the Treasurer to receive, inasmuch as previous Treasurers have been paid only \$75 for their services, I move that the Treasurer be turned over to a trustworthy person outside the three Organizations. I move that the Treasurer be turned over to the Secretary at a salary of \$100 per year additional to his salary as Secretary.

Weekly News Letter Contributed by THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

PROGRESS OF STREET CARMEN

WASHINGTON. — On December 21, 1911, the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America closed an agreement with the New York State Railways, providing for the organization of the men on the entire system.

remarkable dividends, has accumulated to \$41,000,000. The stock of this company is quoted at \$10, putting the thread manufacturing industry in the same class as Standard Oil.

A WIDE AWAKE UNION. WASHINGTON.—The "Bar Association" is the professional title of the organization in which attorneys, solicitors, lawyers and brief writers are all enrolled.

ANALYSIS OF THE CONFERENCE of LAKE SEAMEN HELD IN CHICAGO

January 3 14, 1912. BY WILLIAM FRANK CATTELL.

Dear Comrades:— Perhaps it may seem strange and unusual to the members of the Lake Seamen's Union, for a Delegate to a Conference or to a Convention to write up and express his own individual opinion of what was done or not done and why so and so was done or not done, etc., and to send it for publication to a paper that is not directly connected with the Lake Seamen's Union, however, I have no apologies to make.

every proposition and instructed me to fight and vote for them all. Comrade Steele refused to be instructed by any one Branch, but I on the contrary, feeling that I was sent not to represent myself but the members who had elected me, was glad to be instructed by them, as I think all delegates should be before going to any place in a representative capacity.

Careful notice of the OFFICIAL minutes of the Conference will show that a great many of the delegates said hardly one word during the whole six days of the session; all they did was to vote.

OFFICIAL

HEADQUARTERS: 17 South St. New York. Meeting held Jan. 17th. 150 members present.

Quarterly Financial Committee found an error in Treasurer's accounts of \$2.42, which will come out of the Secretary's pocket. Meeting appointed Comrade Chas. Schmilling, Agent at Newport News, the Cooks' and Firemen's Union paying expenses.

WHEREAS, the last official Minutes from the Headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union show that no result of the recent elections held in that Union have been announced and also show that dilatory tactics are being employed at said Headquarters throughout the interchange of votes vast by the different Branches; and

ONLY A SPOOL OF TREAD.

WASHINGTON.— A spool of thread is such a common necessity that it comes into a home and disappears by use without much thought or notice.

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the New York Branch of the Atlantic Seamen's Union, which is on the ticket for Headquarters, may temporarily need funds in order to obtain a just and fair count of ballots in the result of a fair count being of importance to all maritime Unions of this coast, now therefore,

Marine Firemen's, Oilers' & Watertenders' Union of the Atlantic and Gulf

- Branches: Headquarters, 17 South St., New York City, 28 South St., N. Y. City, 400 West St., N. Y. City, 165-Columbia St., Brooklyn, N. Y., 294 Commercial St., Boston, Mass., 232 S. Second St., Philadelphia, Pa., 802 S. Broadway, Baltimore, Md., 85 Union St., Norfolk, Va., 535 St. Ann St., New Orleans, La., 104 S. Commerce St., Mobile, Ala.

Ball and Concert TO BE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF— The Marine Firemen, Oilers & Watertenders' Union of the Atlantic and Gulf —FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE— Spanish-English Publication, LABOR CULTURE TUESDAY, January 30th, AT 8 O'CLOCK —AT THE— MANHATTAN CASINO 8th. AVENUE Cor. 155th. STREET. ADMISSION 50c. LADIES, FREE.