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IAM 41st Grand Lodge Convention

By Jon Zancanaro

From September 1st through the 6th the IAM held it's 41st Grand Lodge Convention in New York City. The theme for this convention was: Honoring Our Past and Building Our Future. It set the tone for the week as their were a number of resolutions and proposals on the direction of our Union.

A resolution at the last convention allowed the formation of The Committee on the Future. It was made up of members that went around the country and Canada holding listening sessions with members on where our union should be headed. It gave a lengthy and in depth report on it's findings and led to many of the changes that were voted on by the delegation. Due to this action there are some changes that we will be seeing in the near future.

One of the biggest takeaways for me was a proposition on re branding our union. I have asked myself on a number of occasions " who are we, the IAM, the IMAAW, the Machinists, the fighting Machinists and so on." This proposal re brands us as IAM Union. The gear logo will still be used as to not forget our past but to look toward the future. Adopting the IAM Union brand gives us the flexibility to attract industry that might not fall under the machinist industry. It allows for a tailored department name across our union which would include IAM Automotive, IAM Air Transport and IAM Rail just to name a few, It also allows for the play on words and essentially we can just say "I AM Union." That's a powerful and bold statement we can all make.

I want to thank the membership for electing me to be a delegate to this convention. I would also like to recognize Don Aiello, Adam Dudenhofer, Kenny Mullan, Mike Oettel, Hunter Scott and Mike Stark for their part in the convention and shaping our organizations future.



Lodge 66 Delegates L-R: Don Aiello, Ken Mullan, Mike Stark, Jon Zancanaro, Mike Oettel, Hunter

Past Sacrifices, Future Victories: New Orleans General Strike of 1892

New Orleans, Louisiana was a bustling town in post Civil War America. As such, there was job growth throughout the city. Many people migrated there and began to work. Much like everywhere else in the United States in the late 1800's working conditions were poor, hours were long and benefits were barely enough to sustain a family.

An important event that lead up to the general strike was the streetcar workers winning a 10 hour work day and a closed shop clause in their contract. As word of this victory spread, workers in New Orleans began organizing at a fast pace. Before the summer of 1892 there were 30 new unions formed and by the end of the summer there were 49 new unions formed under the American Federation of Labor, representing about 30,000 workers. The Teamsters, Scalesmen and Packers came together to form what was called The Triple Alliance. Many of these workers were African American and would go on to garner support from other nationalities in what would become one of the first major events that showed interracial solidarity.

On October 24th, 1892 2,000 to 3,000 workers of the Triple Alliance went on strike in New Orleans. They were fighting for the 10 hour workday, overtime pay and a closed shop. They were met with harsh opposition from the Board of Trades, a sort of union for employ-

ers who pledged to fight the workers with every means they could muster. They appealed to government to have a militia sent to town to help them break the strike. They even began a race driven campaign to try and turn the striking workers

THE STRICKEN STRIKE.

The Final Agreement Carried Out by Both Sides,

And Union Men Work Side by Side With Non-Union Men.

The Street Car Companies Decrease Their Forces.

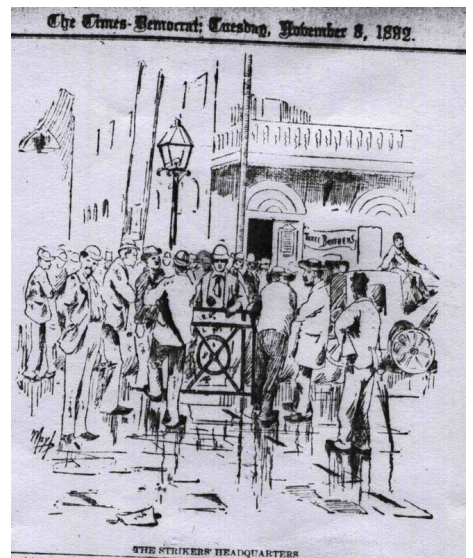
A Satisfactory Arbitration of the Wages and Hours of the Triple Alliance.

against themselves but only did so with the majority white working Scalesmen and Packers to try and turn their backs on the predominantly black working Teamsters. The press would even back the Board of trades and ran stories to try and show the striking African American workers were "mobs of brutal negro strikers."

Other union workers in New Orleans began to call for a general strike to show solidarity for the Triple Alliance. This pressured the Board of Trade to sit down and begin negotiating with the striking workers. Those talks stalled and a general strike was then called for and delivered on November 8th. About 30,000 union workers, roughly half

of the workers in New Orleans walked out on strike as well. They were seeking many of the same things the Triple Alliance were striking for: 10 hour day, closed shop and union recognition.

The city ground to a halt. The press resorted to further race fueled headlines and stories to try and break the strike but their efforts failed and workers of all races stood together in their fight. The strike was relatively peaceful but the Board of Trade pressed the openly racist governor to send in a militia on November 10th. The militia entered the city, found that the strike was peaceful and withdrew the next day.



Within 2 days of the militias withdrawal the Board of Trade sat down to negotiate with the unions. They agreed to the 10 hour day and overtime pay but would not give them recognition or a closed shop.

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Even though the strike was successful in its efforts there were some repercussions for the unions that went on strike. There was a federal lawsuit filed against 46 of the unions, 45 of their leaders who were indicted on breaking the Sherman Antitrust Act. The AFL appealed the indictments and the suits were withdrawn quietly years later.

SETTLEMENT OF THE STRIKE.

This morning at an early hour, after nearly the entire night spent in negotiations, the differences between the employers and the striking employes were practically settled.

The basis of settlement is that the strike is to be called off. Questions as to wages and hours of work are to be arbitrated. The employers are to take back old employes as far as possible without displacing new men whom it is desired to retain. All dealings are to be directly between employers and employes and applicants for employment.

The entire community is to be congratulated on the happy result.

SETTLED.

The General Strike
Called Off This
Morning.



Seniors Corner: Raising the Retirement Age Would Cut Social Security Benefits and It Won't Save the Program

from marketwatch.com

Raising Social Security's full retirement age by two years to age 69 would decrease individuals' lifetime benefits and overall spending by the program, but would not stave off Social Security's expected insolvency in 2034.

Gradually raising the full retirement age to 69 years old, up from the current rule of 67 for those born in 1960 or later, would mean that individuals would get less money over their lifetime, the Congressional Budget Office said in a response to queries by Democratic Rep. Brendan Boyle released Wednesday.

Under the "specified policy" calculated by the CBO, the earliest age at which a person can claim Social Security would remain 62, but the age at which a person could get the maximum Social Security payout would increase to 72, up from 70 currently.

The analysis comes as Social Security faces insolvency in less than a decade and countries such as China have raised their retirement age.

In a letter to Boyle, who represents Pennsylvania's 2nd District and is the ranking member of the House committee on the budget, the CBO said that for workers born in 1965, the full retirement age would be 67 years and three months, and would increase by an additional three months per birth year until it reached age 69 for

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Attn: Wisconsin High School Students

Win \$\$\$ for Essays on Labor History!

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2024-2025 School Year for Wisconsin high school students, grades 9-12. Win cash prizes up to \$500. Write essays of about 750 words on the topic:

“Unions are good for my family, my community, and my nation because...”

Students could win cash prizes:

First place, \$500; second place \$300; third place: \$200;
honorable mention (up to five) \$100.

What to write about . . .

Students are encouraged to write an essay that reflects on why unions have been important in the past and why they might be important today. They can talk to their teachers, family members who have been union members, or do independent research to show how unions have fought for democracy, equality, or other important American ideals. Visit www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org for information and ideas.

Contest Rules

Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. They will be judged on understanding, evidence of original research, writing style and significance. Essays must be submitted by email in Microsoft Word or as PDF file. Submissions must include a cover sheet with the following information: Your name, address, home telephone number, email address, grade in school, name and address of your school, and, if you were encouraged or assisted by a teacher, the teacher's name. Also, list your family's union membership, if applicable. Be sure to let us know how you heard about the contest! If you have any questions, contact: Harvey J. Kaye at kayeh@uwgb.edu.

Deadline for submissions is Feb. 15, 2025.

Send your essays to the following email address: info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org.
Put “essay contest” in subject line.

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christmas party



RSVP at the October or November Meetings or by November 15th by calling the lodge at 414-671-3800. Please leave your name, your children(s) name(s), age(s) and the company you work for.

Your children and/or grandchildren (12 years old and younger) must be pre registered and we ask that all children be accompanied by no more than 2 adults.



**DECEMBER 7TH
10AM TO 1PM**

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1650 S. 38TH STREET
MILWAUKEE WI**



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CHRISTMAS PARTY



7 DECEMBER, 2024

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

1650 S. 38TH ST, MILWAUKEE

CASH RAFFLE AT 8:30 NEED
NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

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workers born in 1972 or later.

The CBO gave these examples of how the higher full retirement age would affect workers’ payouts. For workers born in 1972, claiming Social Security at the earliest possible age of 62 would reduce their benefits by 40%. Under the current law, claiming early reduces benefits by 30%.

Meanwhile, for people born in the 1970s — the first 10-year birth cohort in which all beneficiaries would be affected by the increase in the full retirement age — the average retirement benefits for workers who claimed benefits at age 65 would be 13% less than under current law. The decline in benefits for those born in the 1980s would be similar to that for the 1970s cohort, the CBO said.

What does this mean for the big picture for Social Security?

The increase in the full retirement age would reduce spending for Social Security, in terms of dollars spent and as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP). That would reduce the 75-year actuarial deficit of the program measured in relation to GDP by 24%, from 1.5.% to 1%.

However, the CBO said gradually raising the full retirement age would not change the projection that the trust funds that back Social Security would be exhausted in 2034.

Henry Aaron, senior fellow in the economics studies program at the Brookings Institution, said the change in the full retirement age would affect new Social Security beneficiaries, not existing beneficiaries. And new beneficiaries account for just about 5% of total spending — which is not enough to significantly help change the insolvency date for Social Security.

Also, the change in the full retirement age would be gradually phased in and the full impact of the change wouldn’t occur until the insolvency date already occurred, said Richard Johnson, senior fellow and director of the program on retirement policy at the Urban Institute.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI	District 10 Business Meeting Monday, October 7th At 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, October 8th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is October 25th Submit articles by email: lodge66@gmail.com
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Election Day: Tuesday November 5th

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