

MIDDLE CLASSES OF EUROPE FORM UNION; HOLD MEET

Delegates Representing 300,000 Brain Workers Assemble in Paris.

PARIS, April 22.—Europe's first "middle classes" trade union opened its first congress here today.

Delegates representing 300,000 salaried professional workers of all kinds, organized into 200 local branches throughout France, were in attendance.

The convention will draw up and formally pledge the organization, called the Confederation of Intellectual Workers, to a concrete program designed to improve the situation of the great class of workers with their brains or pens, in offices, accounting rooms, studios, and elsewhere.

This marks the first large-scale move to organize the salaried middle class, hitherto the foothold of organized labor and organized capital, into a permanent protective trade union modeled along the lines of existing labor unions. French leaders hope with this mark the beginning of a similar movement among middle classes of all nations to organize themselves on a plane with the other two factors in production.

New Principle.

With this convention, unioniza-

tion of the salaried professional workers of France becomes a recognized principle in the French industrial system. It is hoped the confederation will soon be able to take its place as an influential force in the relations between employers and employees of all kinds.

Basing their hopes upon the surprising success during the first four months of the union's existence, its leaders predict a membership of a million in the near future. The federation was organized only four months ago.

The confederation is the world's first inclusive middle class combine of wage-earners. It includes doctors, lawyers, newspapermen, teachers, clerks, accountants, civil, electrical and mechanical engineers, authors, playwrights, actors, musicians, artists, in fact people of all kinds who earn their living with their heads.

No person who works with his hands, or who lives from honest work, investment, or who is an employer, can become a member, nor any person already eligible to membership in any existing trade union, affiliated with organized labor.

Program of Activities.

The executive committee will present a declaration of principles for the new confederation, including activities along three main lines:

Legislation in the interest of the salaried middle class.

Advances in wages and introduction of a sliding scale of pay to remove inequalities between experienced and inexperienced workers, now frequently the same wage plane.

Organized propaganda through the press championing the interests of the salaried classes whenever occasion requires.

GRANDMA AT 30; URGES MARRIAGE

Chicago Woman Married at 18, Advocates Marrying While Young.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Eighteen should be the natural age at which girls should marry, and 14 is none too young, it is firmly believed by Mrs. Lorraine Lawson, of Chicago, who was a grandmother when she was 30 years old.

She was married when 13 years old and had a daughter a year later. The daughter married at 15 and presented her mother with a granddaughter when she was 16 years of age.

Now Mrs. Lawson is 47, an attorney, and the mother of 10, including a son who is a college student.

"I suppose they'd try to stone me out of the United States if I advocated the marriage of girls at 14," she said. "So all I will say is that mine is year earlier than that, turned out splendidly."

Mary Young.

"I believe that girls should marry very young, 18 at the very latest. One big trouble with modern young women is that their mothers are too old for them—they simply cannot get the right point of view on their daughters' daily problems."

"I always was more of a companion to my daughter than the mother—she was the mother of the modern type, at least. I took a whole-hearted interest in everything they did and from their viewpoint, and took part

in their affairs just as a girl friend would."

"It is my great hope to live to be 100 years young," and I believe I will. It is easy for a woman to remain young all her life. And she follows the 'Golden Rule' and keeps her face clean. I've done that, and had only two facial massages in my life. And I never worry over trifles, which is an aging habit and a great fault of women today."

Miss Hazel Doherty, Mrs. Lawson's granddaughter, who is now 17, doesn't care to share her youthful grandma's opinions. She says she doesn't intend to get married "for a long, long time."

GRANT CHANGE OF VENUE.

Hyman Silberman, arrested several weeks ago when liquor was found in his possession, was arraigned in the state court Thursday morning on a charge of holding liquor for sale in violation of the state law and was granted a change of venue upon the plea of his attorney, Atty. P. J. Houlihan, was decided upon to hear the case.

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