

# LABOR DAY PARADE IS GREAT SUCCESS

## Feature Floats, Cheering Throngs and Merry Crowds Downtown and at Lakewood Mark Day's Program.

### LABOR DAY PRIZE AWARDS.

- First Prize, Best Float, \$100—Atlanta Building Trades Council, "pipe of peace."
  - Second Prize, Best Float, \$50—Barbers' local, barber shop float.
  - First Prize, Best Appearance, \$100—International Association of Moulders.
  - Second Prize, Best Appearance, \$50—Carpenters' and Joiners' local, No. 1294.
  - First Prize, Best Banner, \$15—Sheet Metal Workers' local, No. 85.
  - Second Prize, Best Banner, \$10—Typographical Union local, No. 48.
- The judges were Arnold Broyles, Carlos H. Mason and Lucian York.

The great rank and file of union labor presented itself in parade to all Atlanta yesterday, and at the conclusion of one of the greatest days in the history of the city it was the unanimous opinion that labor had played a winning hand in the game of holding its audience.

Many of the business concerns tore September 6 from their office calendars and presented the day to the producers, while other houses managed to arrange a half day for their employees. It was evident throughout the day that the holiday was being observed in fitting fashion.

The big parade in the center of the city was the paramount attraction of the day. Then followed games and exercises at Lakewood park. From noon on the trolley service had to be augmented by taxi service. Automobile vendors reaped a harvest carrying passengers to and from the park.

### Parade Big Success.

The parade itself was everything that had been expected. Promptly at marching time the big column moved off, interesting and pleasing the great crowds that lined the sidewalk. Many persons look on labor as so many workers who paint houses, lay bricks, plaster ceiling, repair pipes and otherwise work with their hands. Yesterday offered a picture of labor using its head. It was headwork from start to finish and it was labor at its finest.

The day opened nicely, from a weather standpoint, giving promise of favorable conditions. The long line had barely finished its route when the clouds opened and poured a deluge on the end of the parade. It was fortunate that Jupiter Pluvius held off as long as he did.

The rain was of brief duration and soon the skies brightened and attention was turned to the games and exhibitions at Lakewood. Aeroplane stunts topped a splendid number of events during the afternoon. The feature of the evening was the huge fireworks display. Representatives of one of the big New York fireworks manufacturers came to Atlanta expressly to supervise this display.

William Strauss, veteran member of the tailors' union, was grand marshal of the parade. His aides were chosen from the various crafts affiliated with the Atlanta federation of trades. Headed by a platoon of mounted police, the grand marshal and his aides were followed by automobiles carrying Mayor James L. Key, W. B. Raoul, president of the Georgia Federation of Labor; Walter C. Carraway, president of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, and several past presidents of the city federation, as well as other invited guests.

### Feature Floats.

The federation's float was considered one of the most elaborate in the pageant. It portrayed organized labor's conception of the "open shop."

A barber shop on wheels, a scene in a blacksmith shop, a butcher shop in full operation and two floats entered by the motion picture operators were other features in line. Blue-clad workmen beating a tattoo with their hammers on an anvil offered proof that despite the increase in automobiles there is still need for the mighty smith. Pretty girls handing out "wienies," made the business merchants of Marietta street green with envy. Modern gas ranges, gas meters and similar appliances, everything but the coal to keep these going, was shown in the float entered by the pipefitters' local.

### Judges Have Hard Work.

The judges in charge of the award of prizes for the best floats had their work cut out for them. The large number of exhibits and the excellence of each entry made the selections doubly difficult. First prize for the best float in line was

given to the Atlanta Building Trades Council. This beautiful float emphasized labor's desire for industrial peace. The exhibit consisted of a huge Indian peace-pipe. On the platform stood two men representing "Capital" and "Labor." Each clasped the hand of the other in token of friendship, while two female figures, "Liberty" and "Justice," were seen in the background.

A full fledged tonsorial shop, with customers undergoing facial treatment, entered by the barbers' local, carried second prize. The judges may have taken into consideration that the customers were being attended to instead of waiting in chairs as is the usual custom in barber shops. Also that the framers of the float did not forget the pretty manicure so necessary in any barber shop.

The best prize awarded for appearance was given to the members of the International Association of Moulders. They were represented in the sixth division, headed by Marshall E. O. McLain. Second prize awarded was taken by the Carpenters' and Joiners' local No. 1294. The prize for the best banner was captured by the Sheet Metal Workers' local No. 85. The float and banner entered by this outfit was in combination. It displayed a huge brass urn mounted on a truck and resting beneath a bronze banner of the order over which was emblazoned a brilliantly polished emblem of the union.

### Too Wet for Races.

Everything went off as scheduled throughout the day at Lakewood park with the exception of the bicycle and motorcycle races. It was considered that the track was too wet for these contests and they had to be postponed. The fireworks display was given at full length.

An amusing incident occurred in connection with the fireworks. When it started to rain shortly after 11 o'clock the parade had just about completed its full route. President Walter C. Carraway, of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, noticed the sky clouding up and he immediately thought of the fireworks. He wondered if they had been covered up in the event of rain. He was not certain and had he been able to take an aeroplane he would have hastened to the park in that way.

The official had \$12,000 tied up in the fireworks and he did not want anything to happen to prevent the exhibit. The money had been donated by business men and organizations of the city, as well as a contribution by the city and county. He hurried to the park in an automobile, where he found that the fireworks had been carefully covered for such an emergency.

Although the track conditions were a little muddy, the contestants in the various races did not seem to be handicapped in any way. The contests were close throughout and thoroughly pleased the large crowd that watched the events.

### Summaries of Events.

The summaries follow:

50-yard dash for girls, 12 to 16 years—First prize, won by Josephine Davis, West avenue, Lakewood; second prize, Gertrude Gillman, 337 Central avenue; third prize, Louise Diaz, 144 Bellwood avenue.

50-yard dash for boys, 12 to 16 years—First prize won by Wesley Orr, 16 Hightower avenue; second prize, James Ham, 105 Jones avenue; third, J. B. Van Houten, 185 Plum street.

100-yard dash for union men only—First prize, W. B. Webb, Plumbers' union No. 72; second, V. S. Morrow, Machinists' local No. 43; third, B. F. Haley, Carpenters' No. 253.

100-yard dash, open to all—First prize, M. D. Ryman; second, W. C. Hutchinson; third, L. G. Cartledge.

First 10-mile automobile race won by Costley, Ford car; second won by Roberts, Ford car. Time, 12:42.

Second 10-mile automobile race won by Gordon, Elgin car; second, Roberts, Ford car; third, Captain Luden, Hupmobile roadster. Time, 13:18.