

# ARMY OF 50,000 WORKERS PARADE

## Demonstration Made to Increase the McNamara Defense Fund Brings a Coin Harvest.

### 500 WOMEN IN THE LINE

#### Brigade of Seamen Turn Out for the March Down Fifth Avenue to Washington Square.

The annual Labor Day celebration here yesterday brought out 50,000 organized workers, who paraded down Fifth Avenue from Central Park Plaza to Washington Square. Of this number about 500 were women. The parade started at 10 o'clock, and it was almost 2 o'clock when the last of the ranks reached Washington Square.

Along the line of march great crowds gathered. Traffic in Fifth Avenue was suspended, and the crosstown car lines were allowed to keep up only an irregular schedule. Through the district of the loft buildings in lower Fifth Avenue the windows were filled with girls who had failed to get a holiday.

Along the upper part of the avenue decorations had been hung out in many places. The wooden platforms put up where the widening of the street is in progress became so many temporary reviewing stands and offered fine points of vantage for seeing the marchers. Labor leaders endeavored to make the celebration this year a demonstration in favor of the McNamara brothers, now under arrest on the charge that they blew up the Los Angeles Times Building.

Near the head of the procession a large banner was carried with the inscription: "We Demand Justice for J. J. McNamara," with a picture of the accused labor leader. Behind this eight men carried a large American flag, into which contributions were expected to be thrown for the McNamara defense fund. When the flag reached Fourteenth Street the silver in it would have filled a gallon measure.

A man who did not give his name threw a coin into the flag and came running after the bearers a moment later saying that his diamond ring had slipped off his finger when he threw in the coin. He had not intended to contribute the ring, he explained, and wanted it back. The flag was set down on the pavement and the money it contained was hastily raked over till the ring came into view. It was restored to its relieved owner and he hurried off.

Small pennants were carried by the marchers in great numbers, bearing the same legend: "We Demand Justice for McNamara," and others bore inscriptions recalling the McNamara incident. One read: "Otis is a Labor Hater, Burns is a Labor Baiter." The McNamara Defense Committee of about fifty members marched in the middle of the procession and were cheered all along the line of march.

#### The Socialists Out.

The Socialist Party displayed banners calling on workmen to put the union label on their ballots by voting the Socialist ticket. Other banners suggested that capitalists were robbing the workers to get more luxuries for themselves.

"We will make chains, but we will not be chained," said the jewelry workers. But where these emblems were the most militant the band was usually playing: "Kiss Me, Mah Honey, Kiss Me," or "All Alone," and the manner of the marchers was not militant. Some of the unions rode in carriages and the marshals all rode fine horses. Silk sashes were worn by some of them, and many smoked big cigars.

The women of the Trades Union League were conspicuous in white and yellow. A float marked "Life and Labor" formed a part of their display. Two young women bearing shields inscribed as Life and Labor rode on a high dais, and below them sat six others carrying shields with mottoes pertaining to the dignity and necessity of toil.

The seamen in the line of march were numerous, and had fine banners. Their language differs from that of the other unions. "Down with the Crimps," said one banner, where the others talked about scabs. "Seamen are the Poorest Paid of All Workers, Yet We are Men," was another. "We Man the Ships of the Sea; Don't We Deserve a Decent Livelihood?" asked a third.

With the American seamen the British delegation carried a banner declaring their late victory in England. "The seamen of Great Britain have beaten the Shipping Federation. What could the seamen of the world do?" said their banner. Behind them marched a great number of foreign seamen who happened to be in port.

The union largest in number of representatives was the garment workers' organization. With the strike of last year still in mind and the Triangle shirtwaist fire, they bore banners demanding better working conditions and recalling the tragedy of the fire.

The number of the Tunnel and Subway Constructors was impressive, and the question was asked more than once what they had found to do while the Board of Estimate and the Mayor have been wrangling over the work that concerns them.

Inspector Schmittberger was in command of the police arrangements, and had 150 policemen under him. Forty of them marched at the head of the parade. Then came the Grand Marshal, Matthew McConville, and his aids, and then the Central Federated Union Band. The divisions formed on the side streets below the Plaza, and fell in as the parade passed down the avenue.

#### The Parade.

Grand Marshal McConville; aids, Edward I. Hannah and Albert Abrahams; Secretary Labor Day Committee, John C. Hilsdorf; color bearers, Elias Wolf, John Hill; Assistant Grand Marshals, James P. Holland and Edward Gould; aids, Harry De Veaux, Michael Neyland, Joseph Healy, William Krell; President C. F. U., Thomas J. Curtis; delegates of the Central Federated Union.

#### FIRST DIVISION.

Charles Shay, Marshal.  
 Theatrical Protective Union.  
 Theatrical Calcium Light Operative Union.  
 United Housemiths and Bridgemen, No. 40.  
 Inside Ironworkers.

#### SECOND DIVISION.

John C. O'Brien, Marshal.  
 International Brotherhood of Teamsters' Locals.  
 Eccentric Firemen, No. 56.  
 Pattern Makers' Association.  
 Beer Drivers' Union, No. 25.

#### THIRD DIVISION.

William Cronin, Marshal.  
 Tunnel and Subway Constructors.  
 Pavers and Rammerman's District Council.  
 Machinists' District Council, No. 13.  
 Engineers, No. 184.  
 Engineers, No. 181A.

#### FOURTH DIVISION.

T. J. Welsh, Marshal.  
 Atlantic Coast Seamen.  
 St. Gregory's Ambulance.  
 Riggers' Protective Union, No. 783.  
 Typographical Union, No. 7.  
 Longshoremen's Unions.  
 International Brotherhood of Electricians, No. 20.

Women's Trade Union League.  
 Journeyman Tailors, No. 330.

#### FIFTH DIVISION.

Samuel Martin, Marshal.  
 Joint Executive Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.  
 Local, No. 9 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.  
 Local, No. 17 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

#### SIXTH DIVISION.

E. J. Deering, Marshal.  
 Local, No. 20 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.  
 Local, No. 35 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.  
 Local, No. 21 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.  
 Local, No. 64 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.