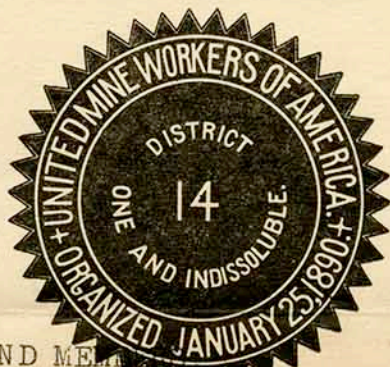


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United Mine Workers of America



Pittsburg, Kansas
July 19, 1926

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
ALL LOCAL UNIONS, U.M.W. of A.,
DISTRICT NO. 14

GREETINGS: -

The following communication has been submitted to your District Executive Board:

"Pittsburg, Kansas
July 8, 1926

Pres. Matt Walters,
Dist. 14, U.M.W.A.

Dear Sir:

Your hearty encouragement in this hour of discouragement, urging the renewal of the struggle between the open shop merchants and Retail Clerks is greatly appreciated. Various crafts are responding by placing special assessments on their membership, some as high as two (\$2) dollars a month per member. Others are to follow in this campaign to re-finance these loyal and fighting clerks who are, after all, fighting the battle of organized labor in this district.

In the offer to place the U.M.W. of A. into the line of battle, we suggest that ten cents (10¢) per working member bi-monthly or twenty cents (20¢) a month should be sufficient to supplement the funds from other sources.

Gratefully yours,

A.L. Taylor, R.Secy."

The District Board, in considering this communication this morning, instructed that we transmit same to you and recommend that in the name of Unionism, that you immediately take steps to place a ten (10¢) cent per half assessment upon your working membership. This is not a large amount, but it will be all that will be necessary in addition to what the crafts located in Pittsburg are now paying, and if our working membership pays it. The continual picketing of these stores will finally win this battle entirely, but it costs something in excess of One (\$100) Hundred dollars a week for pickets alone. We again request that this receive your prompt and serious consideration.

All moneys so collected shall be immediately forwarded to Ira Hall, Secretary of the United Trades and Labor Council, 420½ North Broadway, Pittsburg, Kansas.

With best wishes, we are

Fraternally yours,
DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD.
M.L. Walters, President
Dan O'Donnell, Vice Pres.
Harry W. Burr, Secy-Treas.

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