LABOR'S "DAY OFF" SPENT IN PICNICS

Parade Is Omitted, for First Time in Years, by Vote of the Federation.

200,000 SHARE IN OUTINGS.

Many Women Workers Take Part in the Procession Held in South Chicago.

Labor day was celebrated in Chicago without the usual ceremonies of a parade. The Chicago Federation of Labor, instead of a display of strength in a street demonstration, sent off to workmen in the various industries, with their families and friends, spent the day at various picnics and outings where they indulged in sports and engaged in dancing, music and athletic sports. It was only in the suburbs and the outskirts of the city where the parades were kept alive this year. Labor parades were held in Blue Island and in South Chicago. More than 5,000 people, including 200 members of the Women's Trade Union league of Chicago, participated in the parade in South Chicago, which was held under the auspices of the South Chicago Trades and Labor Assembly.

Speakers Address Crowds.

At the picnics and outings speakers recounted the progress and triumphs achieved by organized labor during the past year, predicted a successful onward march of the trade union movement and outlined the ends which it seeks to attain.

President John Fitzpatrick of the federation celebrated the day by making one of the opening addresses at the celebration at the Armstrong Cigar Factory, an organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. He praised the trade union movement as one which all but selfish men must unite to strengthen and be consoled employers who take advantage of the ignorance, religion, and prejudices of foreign born laborers who seek the United States as a refuge from governmental and economic oppression.

200,000 Spend Day in Outings.

It was estimated that more than 200,000 organized workers spent the day in some outdoor form of recreation. Hundreds of scholars and their families spent the day in the country, taking trips on the Interurban cars, and the lake excursion trains and large business in carrying members of labor unions to and from Michigan summer resorts.

It was the quietest Labor day in the history of organized labor in Chicago. A large number of business houses and mercantile establishments closed all or part of the day in honor of labor's national holiday, and as a result thousands of labor families were given a holiday on account of the occasion.

Unorganized Workers Join Fun.

Many of the unorganized workers joined in the celebration, taking part in the picnic and outing. Principal mistakes we given at practically all the theaters, crowded houses were the rule all of the day. All afternoon and evening the downtown theaters were jammed with large audiences, who sought to make the most of the day's part in honor of national holiday.

A crowd estimated at 50,000 attended a picture at Illinois park given by the South Chicago Material Trades council. Members of the carpenters, machinists, and Negro tailors were invited in by the crowds both Sunday and Monday. Secretary Edward N. Nook of the federation spent the day visiting various labor picnic locations where labor leaders took an active part in the fun.

Prefer Rest to Parade.

It was the first time in several years that the labor parade was omitted in Chicago. The proposition was made down town conventionally by the unions affiliated with the federation, the members taking the attitude that it would be better to spend the day at a more thorough recreation, with their wives and child than to "dance the day through the streets."

The idea has been growing a long time and Labor day should be a day of rest.