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EDGAR T. DAVIES, of Chicago, Illinois
Elected President of the International Association of Factory Inspectors
at Lincoln, Nebraska
September, 1911

**SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION THE ASSOCIATION HAS HELD
THE FOLLOWING CONVENTIONS AT THE
PLACES AND DATES GIVEN**

- First—Held at Philadelphia, Pa., June 8, 9, 1887.
Second—Held at Boston, Mass., August 8, 9, 10, 1888.
Third—Held at Trenton, N. J., August 6, 7, 8, 9, 1889.
Fourth—Held at New York, August 27, 28, 29, 30, 1890.
Fifth—Held at Cleveland, Ohio, August 11, 12, 13, 14, 1891.
Sixth—Held at Hartford, Conn., September 6, 7, 8, 1892.
Seventh—Held at Chicago, Ill., September 19, 20, 21, 22, 1893.
Eighth—Held at Philadelphia, Pa., September 25, 26, 27, 1894.
Ninth—Held at Providence, R. I., September 3, 4, 5, 1895.
Tenth—Held at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 1, 2, 3, 4, 1896.
Eleventh—Held at Detroit, Mich., August 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 1897.
Twelfth—Held at Boston, Mass., September 5, 6, 7, 8, 1898.
Thirteenth—Held at Quebec City, Canada, August 29, 30, 31, 1899.
Fourteenth—Held at Indianapolis, Ind., October 3, 4, 5, 1900.
Fifteenth—Held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 24, 25, 1901.
Sixteenth—Held at Charleston, S. C., December 9, 10, 11, 1902.
Sevncteenth—Held at Montreal, Canada, August 25, 26, 27, 1903.
Eighteenth—Held at St. Louis, Mo., September 21, 22, 23, 1904.
Ninccteenth—Held at Detroit, Mich., August 15, 16, 17, 1905.
Twentieth—Heid at Columbus, Ohio, June 19, 20, 21, 1906.
Twenty-first—Held at Hartford, Conn., June 4, 5, 6, 1907.
Twenty-second—Held at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 23, 24, 25, 26,
1908.
Twenty-third—Held at Rochester, N. Y., June 15, 16, 17, 18, 1909.
Twenty-fourth—Held at Hendersonville, N. C., and Columbia, S. C.,
August 23, 24, 25, 1910.
Twenty-fifth—Held at Lincoln, Neb., September 18, 19, 20, 21, 1911.

A list of papers read at the annual Conventions of this Association, giving their title and author, and date when read may be found in the 1910 Proceedings.

(A full reference to these papers and the discussions thereon may be found in the annual reports for the years named. Secretary).

Our Next Convention
WILL BE HELD AT
WASHINGTON, D. C.
June 4th to 8th, 1912



HON. HENRY DORN, Columbus, Ohio.

HON. HENRY DORN

Hon. Henry Dorn, Columbus, Ohio, was the founder of the International Association of Factory Inspectors. By his efforts the first Convention of the International Association of Factory Inspectors was held at Philadelphia, Pa., on June 8-9th, 1887, Mr. Dorn being the first presiding officer, and was subsequently elected Secretary-Treasurer. Three years later he was elected an honorary member for life. Died December 7, 1911.

The Honorable Henry Dorn, first Factory Inspector of Ohio and first President of the International Association of Factory Inspectors, passed away at his home on Reinhart Ave., Columbus, Ohio, December 6, 1911, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Mr. Dorn was well and favorably known by all the members of our Association, who recognized his sterling worth and appreciated the intense interest he had always shown in the success of the work and our organization, and it is only fitting that we should at this time express our deep sorrow and regret in the severe loss that the Association has sustained in his death, and to acknowledge his unselfish labor, his untiring and unceasing efforts in behalf of the Association and the cause of labor generally, and to express our sincere appreciation of the grand service he has rendered to both in the course of a well spent life.

He had not only always manifested the deepest interest in the work of factory inspection, but was always ready and willing to lend his assistance and advice in all things that concerned the Association and its members, and for the good and welfare of the cause.

Mr. Dorn's career has been an eventful and fruitful one, which, I am sure, will be interesting to every member of the Association.

He was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, February 16, 1843, and began life as a pupil in the public schools which he attended until he was fourteen years of age. His next movement was the study of machinery, serving as an apprentice from 1857 to 1862. During this time he entered the night college of his native city and took up the subject of draughting, which he readily mastered by reason of a natural aptitude for that difficult and important science.

Mr. Dorn was next heard from in Paris, France, where he found employment in the Northern Railroad Company, which then employed three thousand men. For the next four years his time was spent in the shops and the drawing rooms. After leaving this Company he found employment with other Companies on stationary engines, tools, telegraph instruments and in other branches of mechanism. In this manner he became a master of mechanical engineering, and by attending night college, this with his fine knowledge of the French language well fitted him for the triumph and successes that came to him later in life.

In 1869 Mr. Dorn came to America and found work at his trade with Wm. Sellers & Co., of Philadelphia, one of the finest machine shops of the country. He next found a field for his varied talents by establishing a cigar factory, but disliking this, entered the service of Henry Disston & Co., the famous saw factory people of Philadelphia, working on an invention for large circular saws.

Mr. Dorn was next heard from in Cleveland, Ohio, where he accepted a position with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, where he remained for six years, leaving that service to take a position with the American Telegraph Supply Co., building for Col. Brush the first electric light. Mr. Dorn was next heard of as superintendent of the Cleveland Superior Street Viaduct, one of the finest structures of the kind in the world, and subsequently found employment in the Civil Engineer's Department of Cleveland, laying the first block pavement in some of the streets of that city. During his employment with the H. P. Wire Nail Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, in the early part of 1881, he received injuries through the carelessness of the general manager, which rendered him a partial paralytic on his right side for nearly three years.

In all his varied career Mr. Dorn had never taken any part in politics or accepted public station, but during the administration of Gov. Hoadly, beginning in 1884, and at the urgent request of the Cleveland Trades Assembly, his home at that time, he was made the first Chief Inspector of Workshops and Factories in Ohio.

In this position Mr. Dorn succeeded in getting on the statute books many wise and beneficent laws, and succeeded in giving the office not only a state but a national reputation. In 1888 he brought to light and exposed a most iniquitous scheme to enrich the proprietors of the various glass works of the State who were making a dumping ground of Ohio for the homeless and outcast children of New York. At one time over sixty of these children under twelve years of age were brought to the State to work in these establishments, the first six months for their board, and the last six months at the rate of one dollar a week and board. He appealed to the legislature against this iniquity, and appealed to labor throughout the State, to assist in inducing the legislature to pass laws prohibiting this practice, and eventually succeeded in having laws enacted that formed the basis of the present statutes protecting child labor, and incidentally laying the foundation for compulsory education in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Dorn had always been recognized as one of labor's most intelligent and ablest champions, and was for fourteen years the President of the Cleveland Machinists' and Blacksmiths' Union, Secretary of the Executive Board of the Mechanical Engineers of North America, and later their President.

In 1872 and '74 he represented the United Labor Unions of Cleveland in the Industrial Congress of the United States. He was one of the founders of the Cleveland Trades and Labor Assembly, and Vice-President of that organization. He joined the Knights of Labor in 1880.

He took a conspicuous part in the labor trouble of 1877, and to his wise counsel and intelligent effort the City of Cleveland was spared the horrors that overtook the city of Pittsburg, Pa., for which he received great credit from citizens and officials for his manly acts in preserving law and order.

During the great coal strikes in 1884, Mr. Dorn was sent by Governor Hoadly into the coal regions to make a complete investigation of the existing conditions. He returned in a short time with a true and comprehensive report of the conditions, which report is said to have been responsible for the Governor's refusal to send troops into these mining districts.

After being relieved of his duties as Factory Inspector of Ohio, and having decided to make Columbus his home, in which city he was very popular, Mr. Dorn was prevailed upon to take a more active part in politics than he had taken in former years, and at the solicitation of his friends and admirers, in 1890 became a candidate for water works trustee, to which office he was elected by over thirteen hundred majority, but the Heffner ripper act deprived him of the just fruits of his victory, and the people of their choice.

In 1897 he made a gallant but unsuccessful canvas for the Mayoralty nomination, notwithstanding the fact that he carried every ward in the south end where he lived and was best known. In later years Mr. Dorn was employed in the City Engineering Department of Columbus, for a period of three or four years, during which time he superintended the construction of a sewage disposal plant then being erected in this city.

Mr. Dorn's activity and efforts in the International Association of Factory Inspectors is probably well known to every member of the Association.

In the year of 1886 Mr. Dorn taking a deep interest in the work of factory inspection, he concluded that much could be accomplished by forming an Association of State Factory Inspectors, with a view to getting them together for the purpose of exchanging views, ideas and experiences in the work, which he felt would be beneficial to all, and he therefore made an appeal to all offices of that kind in the United States, and by untiring efforts succeeded, after many months of correspondence, in organizing the First National Convention of State Factory Inspectors ever held in this country