

THE TOLLER

G.N.W. OPERATORS FORCED TO STRIKE

The Company Used the Spy System to Get at the Doings of the Union.

McMICHEAL, THE UNION HATER Will Not be Allowed to Triumph Over Honest Canadian Men and Women With His Americanisms—Fight for Freedom.

In connection with the G. N. W. strike which was called on Tuesday the International President, W. C. Long, furnishes some interesting matter as a leader-up to the present difficulty. Mr. Long's little resume of history reads as follows: 'It may not be generally known but it is a fact that the G. N. W. Union was organized in 1882 by the late Mr. W. C. Long, a Canadian...'

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McMICHAEL KNEW. When the first move was made across the border to get the telegraphers into line it was explained to Mr. McMichael by Mr. Long that the object of this new union was primarily the elevation of the younger telegraphers...'

WAGES PAID. The company officials, in interviews to the press, have sought to convey the impression that operators were well paid, a statement which the men strongly refute. The scale of wages given out by the officials in interviews are very misleading...'

Whatever the outcome of this fight, which started on Friday at 12 o'clock, the company can feel assured that they have justice on their side, and we believe also that they have the business men with them...'

FIGHT IS ON. 'The public, however, need have no fear that the telegraphic business of Toronto will suffer from any action the union may be obliged to take to uphold its honor and protect its members...'

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employment where the business goes and the poor old G. N. W. will be in distress like its running mate, the Western Union. THE LATEST. The latest in the strike situation is the effect of the G. N. W. on the public...'

THE EVIDENCE IS CONTINUED Surprising Interest Taken in Recital of Evidence Before Special Examiner Bruce. 448. Q.—I want to get at the rights of both parties as to notice—your strict legal rights as to notice with the men? A.—What I mean is this. If a man is going to leave you, they usually give you notice as soon as possible, but there is no time to notice either from us or from them...'

449. Q.—Now you said something about discharging union men who were protesting one thing and worked secretly for the firm—what did you mean by that? A.—Mr. O'Donoghue asked me about discharging a lot of our union men; there were four of our own apprentices—they were then out of their time—but they had learned their trade with us and they had always secretly been working for the firm...'

450. Q.—You are speaking of when the strike was on? A.—No, I do not think so; I think they drew the others out in January and the Moulders' Union in sympathy with the other two—certainly these three united, and that they were in conjunction with the other two unions, and certainly the three unions worked together against us...'

451. Q.—And the strikers that we have referred to by the joint committee of these unions? A.—Most decidedly, and then the Moulders' Union could not get control of the shop as a union shop, and they might be in some way, and they might have struck the shop, but they did not strike without any notice or warning...'

452. Q.—What do you complain about with regard to the Scotch moulders leaving? We complain that we brought these men out at a great expense to the concern, and that it was through the influence of the lion moulders here that these men broke their contracts with us, did not start work and we believe were sent away by the Iron Moulders' Union at their expense...'

453. Q.—And will you swear that he left your employment on account of any action of these defendants in this? A.—He was not in our employment; he was our agent, representative in that city...'

454. Q.—There may have been some other reason for all you know? A.—All that I know of—that he was boycotted and could not make a living in that city...'

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The Circulation Committee of the District Labor Council submitted to the Directors of THE TOLLER PUBLISHING CO., the following proposition: 'That a trophy valued at \$50. be presented to the Section of the District Labor Council sending in the most subscriptions by the first of September, 1904. Not less than 300 subscriptions will be necessary to win the trophy.'

The Directors have accepted the proposition and will offer the following prizes to be competed for between the 1st day of May, 1904, and the 1st day of September, 1904, inclusive:

To the Section returning most subscriptions \$50.00 TROPHY (300 subscriptions necessary to win.) To the Union sending in the greatest number HANDSOME ROLL-TOP DESK Value, \$25.00

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The prospectus of the 'Independent of Labor' an organization recently formed at Cheyenne, Wyo., by Hugo Panzica, an attorney, is regarded by local labor leaders as the most remarkable document yet issued by those who desire to treat with their employers individually instead of collectively. The new order teaches that it is wrong for workingmen to delegate to an agent the task of making an agreement for them as to wages or other conditions of employment. Only workingmen who are admitted individually with employers will be admitted to the order.

Ernest H. Crosby tells of a factory he inspected where the manufacture of cheap socks was carried on. The machinery showed him 400 machines that did the entire work of making a sock without the aid of a human hand. The machines run 24 hours a day, and only 50 boys are needed for all shifts. Five thousand dozen of socks are made daily, which under old methods would have required for labor of 50,000 persons.

T. V. Powderly, former master workman of the Knights of Labor, has met a law officer in Washington. Recently Powderly and his old enemy, John W. Hayes, buried the hatchet and the former has been reinstated as a member of the Knights of Labor. During their fight several years ago Powderly was expelled through Hayes' influence.

Steel workers employed in the sheet mills of the Inland Steel Co. at Indiana Harbor object to the reduction of 10 per cent in wages agreed to by President Theodore Shaffer at a conference in Cleveland. At a meeting recently the local voted to support the candidacy of J. P. Sheridan for president of the Amalgamated.

The Victor Fuel Co. of Colorado has brought suit against John Mitchell and others for \$100,000 damages as a result of the coal strike.

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