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LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Interesting Items, Facts and Figures—A Bird's-Eye View of the World of Industry

CANADA.

CHARLES MASTEN, a G.T.R. brakeman, slipped under the wheels of his train at Niagara Falls, Tuesday, and had both legs crushed. Amputation was performed, but the poor fellow soon died. He was twenty-four years old and very popular.

A DESPATCH has been received at the Ontario Crown Lands Department to the effect that Andrew Carnegie of Pittsburg, has received from the U.S. War Department a contract to supply 85,000,000 of nickel steel for the New American cruisers. He will order the nickel from Sudbury and mining will be by the Harvey process.

THE Builders Laborers' Union of Montreal, which has been in a condition of suspended animation for some time, held a meeting on Tuesday, the 9th inst. for the purpose of re-organizing. Mr. Paul Doroser presided, and addresses were delivered by J Easton, G. S. Warren and Joseph Gingras. A large number of new members were enrolled.

MR DANIEL ERWIN, who died on Wednesday, the 10th inst, at his residence on St. Patrick street, Montreal, was an energetic and indefatigable worker in the labor cause. He has been a member of the Knights of Labor almost since their organization in this city, and was a charter member of Maple Leaf Assembly at the time of his death. His brethren of the order deeply regret the loss of such a true-hearted worker

THE Grangers, Patrons of Industry and members of the Farmers' Alliance of Elgin and Middlesex picnicked at Port Stanley on the 11th inst. Over 5,000 persons were in the grounds, and during the afternoon addresses were delivered by John A. Gleaning, Master of Elgin Grange; Fergus Kennedy, Grand President Patrons of Industry, Peter Stalker, H. T. Godwin, M.P.P., Dr. Reilly, Thos. Barley, Rev. Mr. Baker; Frank Hunt and Missca Cole, Creighton add Brown.

WANZER's large sewing machine factory is standing idle and not a machine is now made in Hamilton. The Singer sewing machine agency on King street east, however, imports car loads of American made machines, which are sold in Hamilton and other places in Canada. Then how does the National Policy protect the Canadian Workingman? Before the N.P. was introduced Hamilton had many sewing machine factories, and the hundreds of men employed earned big wages. Now it has not one. Some of the men are now earning laborers' wages at other work, but dozens upon dozens of them have been driven out of the country. The N.P. is a cheat and a fraud.—*Hamilton Times.*

UNITED STATES.

BALTIMORE traction conductors want $2 a day; gripmen demand $2 50.

NEW YORK has a consumers' league which only patronizes houses using their employees fairly.

DENVER's Trade Assembly will issue a bulletin showing the number of idle men in each occupation.

ONE hundred and seventy-five stone-cutters in Detroit, Mich., are on strike for $4 for eight hours' work.

THE sixth annual convention of the Order of Railway Telegraphers of North America is in session at St. Louis.

FIVE hundred lathers in Chicago are on strike for an increase of twenty per cent. in wages. All the big contracts in the city are interrupted.

THE first shipment of block tin, consisting of seven tons, from the Temesca tin mines in San Bernardino County, Cal., has been received at San Francisco.

THE Freedom Labor Club, L.A. 9,733, New York City (Women's Mixed Assembly), is trying to get the women church choir singers to join their Assembly.

THE New York Board of Walking Delegates and the lumber trade association have effected, it is hoped, a lasting peace. All "pool" lumber will be handled by union men.

THE International Typographical Union in convention last week adopted an amendment of the constitution so as to make the President a delegate ex-officio to the American Federation of Labor.

THE annual meeting of the supreme council of federated railway employes began at Chicago Monday night. It is probable that two new orders will be admitted to the federation, one from Illinois and one from Iowa.

THE striking miners at the Dunfermline and Williams Mines at St. David, Ill., have won a victory and will return to work at once. The operators have agreed to comply with the recent law passed by the Legislature in the interest of the miners

MISS HALEY, the newly appointed Massachusetts inspector of factories, has been examining the factories of Fall River, and has prosecuted the Agent of the Union mills for violating the law against employing minors, and other prosecutions are to follow.

COMPLETE stagnation is reported among the lumber firms at Bangor, Maine, owing to the boycott of the lumber trade in New York. A number of vessels are lying idle in the harbor awaiting cargoes. Nearly all the saw mills have suspended operations, and no lumber whatever is being shipped.

RECENTLY a member of the Knights of Labor, a stranger, arrived in New York City from a Western city and fell into bad hands. He was arrested after being beaten. He told his story to a reporter, ingeniously weaving into his statement the distress cry of the Order. Knights of Labor saw it in the newspapers, and now they are telling how they helped this brother.

THERE are seventy two alliance co-operative stores in the state of Kansas which divide with or return the net profits to the purchasers who are stockholders in the concerns. This plan has proved successful in Europe and in the United States, wherever conducted on a cash basis. The state exchange at Kansas City, Kan., is doing a business of nearly $2,000 per day, and all for cash

THE strike of the Midland railroad employees in Indiana to which reference was made last week, still continues. The people of Waveland have addressed a monster petition, containing the names of all the principal business men, to the manager of the road, telling him that the claims of the strikers are just and must be conceded, and expressing their intention not patronize the road until the employees are paid.

IN Sullivan County, in it is State, unimproved, timberless land is to day worth from $1 to $3 per acre. Within a year a lot of practically barren land (from which a building had at considerable to be removed) sold at the rate of *fourteen million dollars an acre.* Yet we presume that a serious proposal to make land values the sole basis of taxation in New York State would be denounced by Sullivan County farmers as a proposal to increase their burden of taxation.—*New York Standard.*

THE June *Carpenter* says that last year the United Brotherhood had, in all, 111 strikes and lockouts, involving 47,240 men. Since February 1, of this year, there have been 167 strikes and lockouts, disputes, involving 51,300 men. Twenty-two of the strikes were for eight hours a day, 107 for nine hours, twenty-four for wages, six for card system, and one for eight hours Saturdays. These strikes and lockouts involved 258 local unions, and the results so far show 148 victories, with nineteen fights still on.

GREAT BRITAIN.

ON Irish railways women are much employed as booking clerks, and in Dublin tickets are given almost entirely by women.

THE 'bus strikers in London resolved on Friday last to accept the employers' offer of twelve hours work per day and a slight increase in wages. Traffic was resumed on Saturday.

THE London County Council has reduced the weekly hours of labor of the Parks and Open Spaces Outdoors Staff to forty-eight hours for the winter, and fifty-four for the summer.

THE strike of the London carpenters has been in progress for six weeks. The employers are importing men from Germany to take the places of the strikers, and are likely to obtain a full working force.

NEARLY five thousand men employed by Messrs Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., Middlesbrough, have received a fortnight's notice to terminate their engagement, in consequence, it is stated, of scarcity of orders and unremunerative quotations.

GLASGOW operative tailors on May 23rd resolved to support the London men in their demands for workshop accommodation, abolition of partnership, and a uniform time log. A Vigilance Committee was appointed to prevent "strike trade" being done in Glasgow.

THE circulation of the *Labor World* established last year by Michael Davitt and which has just officially stopped publication, has been rapidly declining since the first "burst" of its early success. The *Labor World* started with a phenomenal sale of 150,000 copies.

OWING to the decreased demand from America, forty-three Welsh tin plate works will shut down during the whole of July, locking out 26,000 men. It is feared the stoppage will extend beyond July. A mass meeting will be held in Swansea tomorrow to protest against the lockout.

THE recent official statistics in the British cotton industries show that 23 per cent. of the operatives are men, 17 per cent. boys, 41 per cent. women, and 16 per cent. girls. In the linen industries, 17 per cent. are men, 10 per cent. boys, 50 per cent women, 17 per cent. girls. In the jute industries, 15 per cent. are men, boys 14 per cent., women 58 per cent., and girls 13 per cent.

THE laundresses of London, Eng., supported by numerous trades societies, aggregating 80,000 persons, held a demonstration in Hyde Park, Sunday. They marched to the music of bands, many of them carrying banners, and they presented a curious spectacle. John Burns and all the labor leaders spoke in favor of the workday of eight hours, and Louise Michel harangued the crowd from the socialist platform

GENERAL BOOTH, head of the Salvation Army, seems to be bent on adding the practical to the sentimental in doing good. Says the *Labor Tribune* of West Broomwich, England, May 16th. "We open fire this week with a free advertisement for General Booth. He has just opened his match factory, and the workers are to have 4d a gross instead of the 2½d. or 2¾d per gross paid to workers in other factories. This will enable a good hand to earn 15s. as against 9s 6d. Good old General! Every humanitarian should encourage this kind of social salvation by buying the 'Lights in Darkest England' matches Fire volley!"

AT an early hour on the morning of the 10th there was a meeting of laundress ses in North London, and after speech making and some wrangling 300 of the women announced their intention of striking, and they did. The laundresses demand the eight-hour day and forty-two pence for a day's labor. The demands are considered excessive by the employers. The strikers, enraged at the fact that all the laundresses of North London did not join in the strike, marched in a body to the establishments where the "blacklegs" were employed, and, after smashing the windows of such establishments, the striking laundresses invaded the laundries and, with many taunts and jeers, dragged the blacklegs away from their work, upset or emptied the washtubs, overturned the ironing tables, kicked over the clothes-horses and played havoc generally with the masses of clean linen. The police were utterly powerless to prevent the demonstration.

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL.

A GERMAN labor editor was fined recently for publishing the list of workmen killed in a mine disaster alongside of the amount distributed as dividends among the owners of the mines.

THE Trans African Railroad has been completed from Loanda to Ambaca, 160 miles in the interior. It has been built by native workmen, and daily trains are run over the line. Four years have elapsed since the line was started.

OFFICIAL measurements, for statistical purposes, of 10,313 boys and 10,830 girls in Germany show that the children of the wage-workers are smaller and less developed than the children of the wealthy and middle class people, the result of under-feeding and proletarian misery.

THE workingmen of the French and Italian Cantons of Switzerland have held a congress at Lausanne on June 14th, the purpose of which is to found a Latin Work men's Union and to demand the appointment of factory inspectors in the French Cantons and that provisions be made by the State for the unemployed and the aged.

THE leader among the striking K. of L. mine workers in Belgium is Jan Callewaert of Gobyssart, near Charleroi. He is one of the powers of the land, as about twenty thousand men will obey his command. The Order was established in Belgium in 1886, when several Knights of Labor were sent to Belgium to prevent the importation of "scab" glass-blowers

HUNDREDS of immigrants are camping upon the Plazo de Pazo at Riode Janeiro, Brazil. They cannot find work, and the promises of the Government to subsidize them for the purpose of establishing colonies in the interior of Brazil have not been kept. But the immigration still continues in order to enrich a steamship company, who appears to have a firm grip upon the Government.

THE OLD-FASHIONED AND THE NEW-FASHIONED TRUST.

SOME of the Legislatures are quite behind the times. Here, for example, is that of Illinois, which has just passed one of those old, back-number, anti-trust bills, forbidding corporations to form agreements to regulate prices or reduce production. The Illinois legislators ought to read the papers. If they did, they would know that the sort of trust made up by the federation of distinct corporations, such as this bill is directed against, has become old-fashioned. The new form of trust is one in which the former distinct corporations are wholly merged, and is entirely legal. The first experiments in trusts were attended with some mistakes in details of organization which lost them in the courts. But now that they are properly organized they are invulnerable. They are merely extra-sized corporations, and the size of a corporation cannot be made a ground of legal discrimination against it. The result has simply proved the truth of the doctrine of the nationalists that the trust represents a tendency toward consolidation and concentration in business which results from an economical necessity of the period, and must continue till it shall end either in a plutocratic industrial despotism or the nationalizing of industry.—*New Nation.*

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