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LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

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CANADA.

THERE are now twelve men working in Thackray's mill on Sparks Street, Ottawa, who at one time on Labor Day had some of their fingers cut off while at work.

W BRAY, Wallace Temple, Thomas Glassco, R Heamah, F. Coyne, F. Desmarrie and P. Thittle, all union tailors, were arrested in Windsor on Sunday night, charged with having taken part in a brutal assault on William McBain, a non-union tailor.

MESSRS. BOOTH, and Bronson & Weston, of Ottawa, are shipping large quantities of lumber to New York and various American points. Some three trains leave the Chaudiere yards every night, there being upwards of 400,000 feet of lumber on each train.

DANIEL OSBORNE, a Grand Trunk Railway brakeman, at Brockville, was caught between the drawbars of two cars and the link pin was driven through him. His cries were heard and he was released. He died two hours later, after much agony. He was a Montreaker.

THERE was a large gathering of the city clerks in Labor hall, Ottawa, last Friday evening, for the purpose of discussing matters connected with obtaining shorter hours of labor. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. E. Mathe, and Mr. E. L. Ouilette acted as secretary. Very satisfactory progress was reported.

Two canning factories at Picton, conducted by Messrs. W. Boulter and A. Miller, M.P., have quite revolutionized farming operations in the immediate vicinity, and in fact elsewhere throughout the county. Over two hundred hands are employed by the two factories during the busy season. This season it is estimated that not less than 1,500,000 cans will be manufactured for use.

THE annual excursion of the employees of the Hamilton Nail and Bolt Works department of the Grand Trunk Railway to Niagara Falls and Prospect Park, took place on Saturday. The excursionists left Hamilton early in the morning by two special trains. The runs to the Falls were made in good time. The greater number crossed the river to Prospect Park, while others took in the beauties of Old Niagara on the Canadian side. A most enjoyable day was spent. The committee of arrangements were B. Palmer, J. Bryer, F. Weyr R. Renton, G. Hall, J. Donovan, A. Cassels, B. Biggs, J. Mellroy, M. Morris and J. O'Neil.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK letter-carriers want to be retired on half-pay after twenty years' service.

ABOUT 600 clerks were dismissed on Saturday from the Census Bureau at Washington.

THE organized workingmen of Cincinnati, to the number of about 20,000, have passed resolutions protesting against giving the city subways to private corporations.

THE State Assembly of the Knights of Labor of Nebraska has decided to publish an organ of its own. It will be known as the *Knight of Labor*, and it is to be located at Omaha.

Two hundred moulders in the stove foundries of Thomas White and Comstock, Castle & Co., at Quincy, Ill., have returned to work, the employers yielding to the demand of the men in the case at issue, but not the principle involved.

THE striking Omaha smelters on Monday of last week agreed to go to work on the old terms, and the work of starting the furnaces was at once begun. It is believed by to-morrow all of the 750 men will be back in their old places.

FOUR hundred cloakmakers and tailors employed by Julius Stein & Co., New York City, who struck last week to compel recognition of their union, returned to work, there having been concessions on both sides. The cloakmakers at Freedman Bros.' shop are still on strike.

It is claimed that through the boycott against the Anheuser Busch Brewing Company for discriminating against the Knights of Labor, that concern sold 25,000 barrels of beer less than the Pabst Brewing Company last year, while in former years its sales were far ahead of all its competitors.

JULIUS MENKE, a leader of the Cloth Hat and Cap Operatives' Union, has been indicted by the New York Grand Jury on the charge of extorting money from employers During a strike Menke demanded and obtained of the employers $100 to be distributed among thirty-three men constituting the executive committee of the strikers. Menke's counsel says that the money was designed to pay the men for the time and trouble involved in treating with the bosses.

At the Briceville, Tenn., coal and iron mines, where serious disturbances occurred because of the substitution of convict for free abor the State Board of Prison Inspectors ordered the convicts from the works in August 12th because it was found that the mines and stockade were in a shocknigly unsanitary condition. The Board also adopted a resolution providing that hereafter convicts must be kept at the places established and operated as branch prisons, and must not be employed elsewhere, unless the Board is notified and their permission obtained.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THERE are 10,000 coal miners on strike in the Aberdon district of South Wales

THE House of Lords, sitting as a Court of Appeal, recently decided that employers are liable for injuries to workmen laboring in dangerous places, unless they have specially warned them of the perils to which they are exposed.

THE Bolton ironmasters have conceded an hour per week in working hours, reducing them from fifty-four to fifty-three. The men gave notice of the reduction in May last, and the negotiations have extended until now. The system of "daylight to dark" for outworkers in the winter months is abolished.

A FRIGHTFUL explosion took place in the Abercanaid pit near Merthyr Tydvil, Wales, on Monday, while all the men were at work. The number of the dead and imprisoned is unknown. Sixty have so far been rescued amid the most exciting scenes. Searching parties so far have found only two killed, but many are yet missing.

ON Monday, August 10th, 1,600 engineers in the employ of the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding yards struck work. The cause of strike was that a piston to a large hydraulic ram which could not be made at Messrs. Samuda Brothers owing to the strike now going on there, after being taken to several other firms to be made, was sent to the Thames Ironworks. Upon this the whole of the engineers struck work.

THE large firm of Leyston & Sons have abandoned their old-time locations at Tipton and Tuedale, and are about to erect tin works in the United States The construction of the American plant is said to have already begun under the personal supervision of Mr. Leyston, sr., who has succeeded in obtaining the American rights in valuable patents for timing machines. This is the first step in the beginning of a general movement of the tin-plate and allied industries from Great Britain to America as a result of the new American tariff on tin-plate.

A CONFERENCE of Labor representatives took place on Saturday afternoon, August 8th, in Edinburgh, at which sixty-seven delegates representing 84,500 members of trades in Scotland were present. The following motion was carried:—"This conference, recognizing the need for direct representation of Labor in Parliament and on local administrative bodies, recommends that wherever a candidate is put forward by recognized local Labor organizations, and whose candidature is in no wise connected with either political party, every possible effort should be made by the trade organizations of this country to assist him, financially and otherwise."

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL.

THE delegates to the International Socialistic Workmen's Congress were entertained at Ghent, Sunday. They returned to Brussels in the evening to attend a banquet given in their honor.

THE French Senate has passed a bill to regulate the working of women and children in factories. The bill establishes a ten-hour working day, forbids night work, and prescribes one day of rest in every seven.

AMONG the labor men elected to the New South Wales Parliament, is Arthur Rae, the delegate of the striking shearers, who was sent to prison for conspiracy. He beat his opponent, Mr. Dibbs, a so-called Liberal, by 459 votes.

THE International Socialist Workingmen's Congress at Brussels, closed its session on Saturday, after passing a resolution declaring the absolute equality of the sexes and calling for the repeal of all special legislation for women.

THE South Australian Parliament has set aside $25,000 to purchase land near Petersburg for workingmen to build on. The Free Education Bill, advocated by the labor organizations, has also been carried by a two thirds majority.

THERE years ago Austria had 103 labor organizations with 15,500 members, and eleven labor papers with 15,400 subscribers; it has now 209 labor organizations with 47,000 members, and forty-one labor papers with 127,850 subscribers.

A PAMPHLET has been issued by Russian refugees in Switzerland, which states that the workmen in Russia are unorganized, and their aims are retarded by terrible tyranny, therefore it would be useless for Russian Socialists to be represented at the Brussels Congress With the building of railways opening up Asia an improvement is beginning, and they hope to be in a position to take part in the next congress

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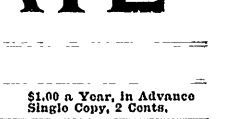

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AFFIDAVIT OF MEMBERS OF THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.—NO ACTION TAKEN.

ON the 14th inst, Messrs. F. C. Cribben, T. W. Banton, W. Burnill, and George Bradley, prominent members of the Trades and Labor Council, forwarded to Mayor Clarke charges against some of the aldermen in relation to the sale of the Street Railway franchise, accompanied by a letter from Mr. G. B. Gordon, pointing out that in order to furnish ground for an investigation, specific charges against individuals were not necessary. An answer was received from the Mayor, under date of August 15th, to the effect that if they would furnish an affidavit or satisfactory declaration made by all of the four persons who signed the charges, or by any one or more of them pledging his or their oath of their belief in the truth of the charges laid in the document furnished, and that they believe they can furnish evidence to substantiate these charges, he would call the Council together, and recommend a reference to the county judge. The following affidavit was then forwarded:—

Dominion of Canada, In the matter of Kloiz-Everett tender for the Toronto Street Railway.

County of York,

to wit.

We, Frederick C. Cribben, Thomas W. Banton, and Walter Burnill, all of the City of Toronto.

Do solemnly declare that the charges made by us and forwarded to the Mayor of Toronto are made honestly and in good faith, and in the belief that some of the aldermen have been guilty of malfeasance in office, and we believe that evidence can be adduced on an inquiry before the county judge that will establish said charges or some of them. We are induced to this belief by the following facts which we believe to be true and unquestioned:—

That an employee of one member of the said syndicate, who had not the money of his own, paid $4,500 to shut off an inquiry made by a private individual, and when such payment was made public, pretended that it was made only in order to prevent that individual from procuring a delay in the acquisition by the syndicate of the road, whereas the fact was that no injunction had been issued, the City Council were not paying the slightest attention to those legal proceedings, and no injunction ever would issue until some evidence establishing actual bribery would be brought upon that inquiry.

(2) That an American, a resident of Cleveland, and not in any way known to the aldermen, and who is said to be a commission merchant there, was brought to Toronto, and offered by said syndicate $10,000 to secure the necessary majority of the aldermen.

(3) That several of the aldermen have been unusually and immoderately energetic in pressing forward the interests of said syndicate.

(4) That the same aldermen and some of the daily newspapers of Toronto that have come to be known as the organs of the syndicate have zealously opposed an inquiry into the facts and are embracing every opportunity to discredit those citizens who are pressing for such inquiry.

And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the "act respecting extra-judicial oaths.

F. C. CRIBBEN,
THOS. W. BANTON,
WALTER BURNILL

Declared before me at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, this 21st day of August, A.D., 1891.

(Sign.ed) F E TITUS,
A Notary Public

At a meeting of the Street Railway Committee the matter was brought up and it was resolved to take no action.