

LABOR AND WAGES.

AMERICAN.

The Apollo Musical Union of Brooklyn has endorsed the boycott of Typographical Union No. 98 against the Eagle.

The labor organizations of Cleveland, Fort Worth and Decatur are making arrangements to build meeting halls of their own.

Bakers' Union No. 94, of Philadelphia, resolved last Sunday to join the International Bakers' and Confectioners' Union.

Cicero J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, who became a millionaire by the manufacture of grape sugar, has cut down the wages of his men 10 per cent.

The painters of Frank and Miller, Sixth avenue, between Fifty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, New York, are on strike against low wages.

The Painters' Council, of St. Louis, composed of seven local unions of the Brotherhood, has opened an employment bureau and reading room.

The drivers of the Diamond Ice Company, Paterson, N. J., compelled their bosses to pay an increase of wages, by striking two days last week.

Branch A of the United Machinists, New York, has engaged a lawyer to prosecute a boss for failing to keep his contract with several members of the union.

About ninety persons, among whom sixty are young women, are on strike at Roebing's wire netting factory in Trenton, N. J., against a reduction of wages.

D. A. 49 is agitating against the atrocities perpetrated upon the inmates of State prisons. A resolution was adopted demanding that Governor Hill have the matter investigated.

A workingmen's municipal political league has been organized in New Orleans, to act with the Farmers' Alliance of Louisiana. Branch clubs are being formed in all wards of the city.

Andrew McElroy, J. T. Campbell and Robert McGraw are the special committee appointed by the Journeymen Stonecutters' Union of America to agitate against convict contract labor.

The Order of Railway Trackmen has amalgamated with the Brotherhood of Railway Section Foremen. John W. Wilson is the new president and D. A. Russell has been elected secretary.

The 1,000 union cabinet makers of Chicago went on strike on Tuesday for eight hours as a day's work. The employers say this is a dull season and they can afford to let their shops lie idle for a time.

The Boston restaurant waiters have demanded \$10 a week; waiters for club dinners, private parties and weddings, \$5 per day; headmen and seconds, \$1 more; Sundays and holidays, \$1 extra.

President Strasser, of the International Cigarmakers' Union, has notified Union No. 90, of New York, that they are entitled to but five delegates to the coming annual convention and that the sixth delegate elected by them will be contested.

Mathilde Conrad, a very handsome young woman, attempted suicide in Central Park, New York, by taking oxalic acid. She had been employed at 251 West 24th street, and had been cheated out of her wages. Penniless and friendless she became desperate.

The local strike committee of the International Cigarmakers' Unions in New York charges that the apprentices working at the scab cigar shop of Samuel Josephs & Co., 305 East Seventy-first street, were furnished by the United Hebrew Charities. It is well known that the Baron Hirsch Fund is being misused by these so-called "charities" for breaking down strikes.

EUROPEAN.

The miners of Courcoelles, France, lately determined to go on strike. Their wives held a meeting, resolving to abandon their husbands if they persisted in striking. The men did not strike.

In several provinces of Brazil candidates have been recently elected to the National Legislature of the Republic. An Italian Socialist who made speeches during the campaign, was expelled from the country with consent of the Italian Ambassador.

The labor organizations of Belgium are charging M. DeSmet, whom they elected to Parliament and who was chairman of the committee on Universal Suffrage, with playing into the hands of the Government and the Conservatives by delaying the report of the committee.

The Workingwomen's Union of Halle, Germany, has been dissolved by the police and its funds were confiscated because at several meetings the suffrage question and women's political rights were discussed. In Germany it is against the law for women to discuss politics.

The clerks and salesmen of Durban, South Africa, recently had an early closing parade, burned the mayor of the town in effigy for opposing labor organizations and forcibly closed a number of shops and stores. Then they resisted the police, who finally overpowered the men.

The Social Democratic party of Denmark has at present about 120 political organiza-

tions, with about 15,000 members, and it is affiliated with 281 trades unions, comprising about 32,000 members. Five members have been elected to the National Legislature; their names are C. C. Anderson, P. Holm, C. Hordum, Harald Jensen and P. Knudsen.

CANADIAN.

Seven union tailors of Windsor, Ont., who were charged with conspiracy to keep Wm. McBain from working at his trade and also for slugging him with a sand bag have all been bound over for trial at the fall assizes. A very nice law point is involved in the trial of this case, which may yet involve the whole principle of unionism in Canada. If the prisoners are found guilty of conspiracy then every member of a trades union in Canada is also equally guilty, as the first principle of unionism is to protect its brothers against scab labor. It is therefore likely that the prosecution of the seven Windsor tailors will be made a subject for general discussion before the Ontario Tailors Union and probably before the International Tailors Union.

The Wine Expert.

The wine expert is a man born with such a keen sense of smell and taste that he is able to take different wines and find in one a trifle too much acid, another is too thick, still another is too thin, and so on. After looking them all over he is able to blend them together and make a clean, full bodied, palatable wine. Almost any ordinary man with good "horse sense" can learn the mechanical part of winemaking, but when it comes to getting wines through their fermentation without disease, preparing them for the bottle—what we call "finishing"—an expert wine taster is required. Such men, abroad, earn from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year, and some of them even larger salaries; in this country they receive from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per annum.—New York Epoch.

Left and Right Handedness.

Physiologists and others have given much time to the discussion of left and right handedness as exhibited in the human species. The opinion now generally held is that the preferential use of the right hand is not due in individual cases to early training, but to a superior development of the left lobe of the brain, which, as is well known, is connected with the right side of the body.

The general use of the right hand in preference to the left may be ascribed to the education of the races through generation after generation. No animal shows any unusual inclination for the special use of the right limbs. The attribute belonging solely to the human race probably arose gradually from the use, by the earlier races of men, of the right arm in fighting, while the left side arm was reserved to cover the left side of the body, where wounds, as their experience showed them, were most dangerous.

Those who neglected this precaution would be most likely to be killed; and hence, in the lapse of time, the natural survival would make the human race in general "right handed," with occasional reversions, of course, by "atavism" to the "left handed" condition. The more frequent and energetic use of the right limbs would react upon the brain and bring about the excessive development of the left lobe of that organ, such as now generally exists. The left hand should be used as much as possible, thus adding strength to both mind and body.—St. Louis Republic.

Some Girls Are Mean.

Girls are certainly not kind to each other, especially if each other is pretty. Now, there is that girl who wears a little false fringe. Her own hair is pretty, goodness knows, only you see it isn't curly and the sea air plays the dickens with it. No one can blame her for wearing a little "front." Of course when she pins her hat on the pin gets its best hold through this front, and, would you believe it, I have seen one of her summer friends deliberately borrow just those hairpins that chiefly secure the false piece, and then coax the wretched wearer into a breeze that the hat, treacherous hat, may blow off and carry therewith the front, and—well! words fail.

The tears actually blinded me when I saw that hat sail off down the beach, a scalplike fringe hanging to it, and beheld a poor, innocent and beautiful girl in one fell instant changed to a hideous, bald looking creature, with a lot of queer nobby things done in rags about her forehead. The other girl could hardly contain her joyful shouts. Oh, yes! and that is not all I have seen.

One girl goes to another and says, Oh, Maude, is my sash all right? and Maude says: Just a minute, Kitty dear, and meanwhile she "fixes" the sash crooked, and then Kitty dear says, Maudie, your rouge has smudged, and she wets a bit of handkerchief, puts it over her finger and scrubs a little white place right in the midst of Maudie's cheek, and then the two girls look happy and run away from each other, and set the men looking at the ruin they have wrought. Oh, it just makes my heart ache.—Cor. Cleveland Leader.

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