

THE WORLD OF LABOR

Gleaned From the Exchanges and Other Sources
A Budget of News for Those Interested in Labor

State Labor Commissioner Woodman has revoked the license of an employment agency in Houston, Texas, which was found guilty of sending workers to places where no demand for labor existed.

Electrical workers in Detroit, Mich., on strike to raise wages, are meeting with success, a majority of employers having agreed to the new rates, which increase wages from 50 cents to \$1.25 a day.

Stove Mounters' Union, No. 61, of Newark, Cal., secured an agreement with the James Graham Manufacturing Company. Day rates are advanced to 49 cents an hour, and piece prices are raised 10 per cent.

It is stated that the Carnation Milk Products Co., of Kent, Wash., is employing 400 strike breakers to replace 180 workers forced on strike because of low wages. The company paid as low as 14 cents an hour.

After a short strike, plumbers' laborers in St. Louis, Mo., raised wages to \$3.75 a day and secured an agreement with the Master Plumbers' Association. Time and one-half rates will be paid for Saturday afternoon work.

The 2 platoon system for St. Paul's municipal firemen has been adopted. These employees were recently organized and are affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Organized machinists have asked contract shops in Bridgeport, Conn., to raise wages 15 per cent, on account of continuous increase in living expenses.

Machinists employed by the Nickel Plate Railroad in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Stoney Island, Chicago, have raised wages 4 and 4 1/2 cents an hour, respectively.

Organized sheet metal workers in Portland, Ore., have won their strike for increased wages and better working conditions. A union shop agreement has been secured.

The Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union of Tacoma, Wash., has secured a union shop agreement with employers. Wages are increased 50 cents a day, and the working day is reduced to 10 hours.

The International Brotherhood of Papermakers is strong in Thorold. The larger number of its members are employed at the Ontario Mill, which now has a plant which with recent additions cost two million dollars.

Welland, Ont., became a city on Dominion Day. Ten years ago this bustling industrial centre was hardly known it was entirely of the labor map, but since then it has made such rapid headway that it is now styled the Birmingham of Canada. Big factories, workshops have been established the population has grown rapidly, a strong labor movement is being built up, and it has a live labor party that is making splendid progress and will be a factor hereafter in the political field.

The fight of the custom tailors in Montreal is still on, and the bosses profess to wonder why the union is keeping up the fight. They are liable to find out if they do not settle up before the fall season sets in. The tailors propose to fight things-out to a finish; they have already won the best shops and are satisfied if the rest of the boys and girls who are out stand pat the master tailors must come over. The bosses are apparently beginning to realize that it is a blue outlook for their business. In other words, it looks as though the union has them where their hair is long with a down-hill pull.

St. John (N.B.) labor is making steady headway; it was never before in as good shape as it is to-day; the different local organizations are all adding to their members, and the central labor body is a live institution. The international unions now have all the call, and the movement has grown to be an influence that even the politicians have come to realize must be treated with a whole lot more consideration than has been accorded to it in the past. Just another illustration of the fact that if you want anything you have got to organize and assert yourself. It's the way you do things that brings results.

London cigarmakers are supporting a baseball team, the Blue Labels, which is putting up a great game. The team is managed by Ernie Dinsmore, of Canadian League fame, and the veteran Jo Jo Keenan is on its line-up. In a recent contest with the Chatham team they took its count by the score of 6 to 5. The Chatham team is managed by C. Brundage, who played first base for the Brantford Canadian League club. The Chathamites made all their five runs in the first three innings, holding the Blue Labels runless; then the latter tightened up and blanked their opponents in the last six innings, came from behind and pounded out six runs, with 15 base hits to their credit, and pulled in the game.

Boilermakers announce that the Great Northern Railroad shops in St. Paul, Minn., are 95 per cent. organized.

As a result of thorough organization, the Horseshoers in Hamilton, O., have raised their wage rates \$3 a week.

Every iron foundry in Jackson, Mich., but one, has signed the \$4.50 a day agreement of the Iron Moulders' Union.

Organized metal polishers employed at several large plants in Hamilton, O., have raised wages 5 cents an hour.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters has organized a local ship caulkers in Baltimore, Md. Over 100 workers have enrolled.

Workers employed at the Linton cold storage and ice plant, Linton, Ind., have raised wages \$5 a month after a three day strike.

Machinists employed at the Vulcan Iron Works, St. Louis, Mo., have secured average wage increases of 6 cents an hour and the 8 hour day.

At a hearing before the public service commission it was shown that the New York Edison Company has piled up a surplus of \$59,193,705 in 16 years.

The Papermakers' Union of Thorold, Ont., which is one of the strongest labor organizations in Welland County at a bumper meeting recently gave a big reception to speakers who addressed them on behalf of the recently formed labor party. They were given a great reception and the boys are all in line and will get right into the game. A. W. Mance, of the Industrial Banner, spoke on the necessity of supporting the labor press, the result was that a motion was passed to subscribe to have the Banner sent to all its members and that the union assist the new labor party to the fullest possible extent. The speakers were also asked to arrange to visit them again and were promised if they did so all expenses would be paid and hall provided and a guarantee given for a full-up house.

About 1,200 shipwrights, joiners, caulkers, and boat builders are benefitted by the new wage scale which was negotiated by the San Francisco maritime bay district council of carpenters. Former rates of \$4.75 for new work and \$5.50 for old work are increased to \$5 and \$6 respectively for an eight-hour day.

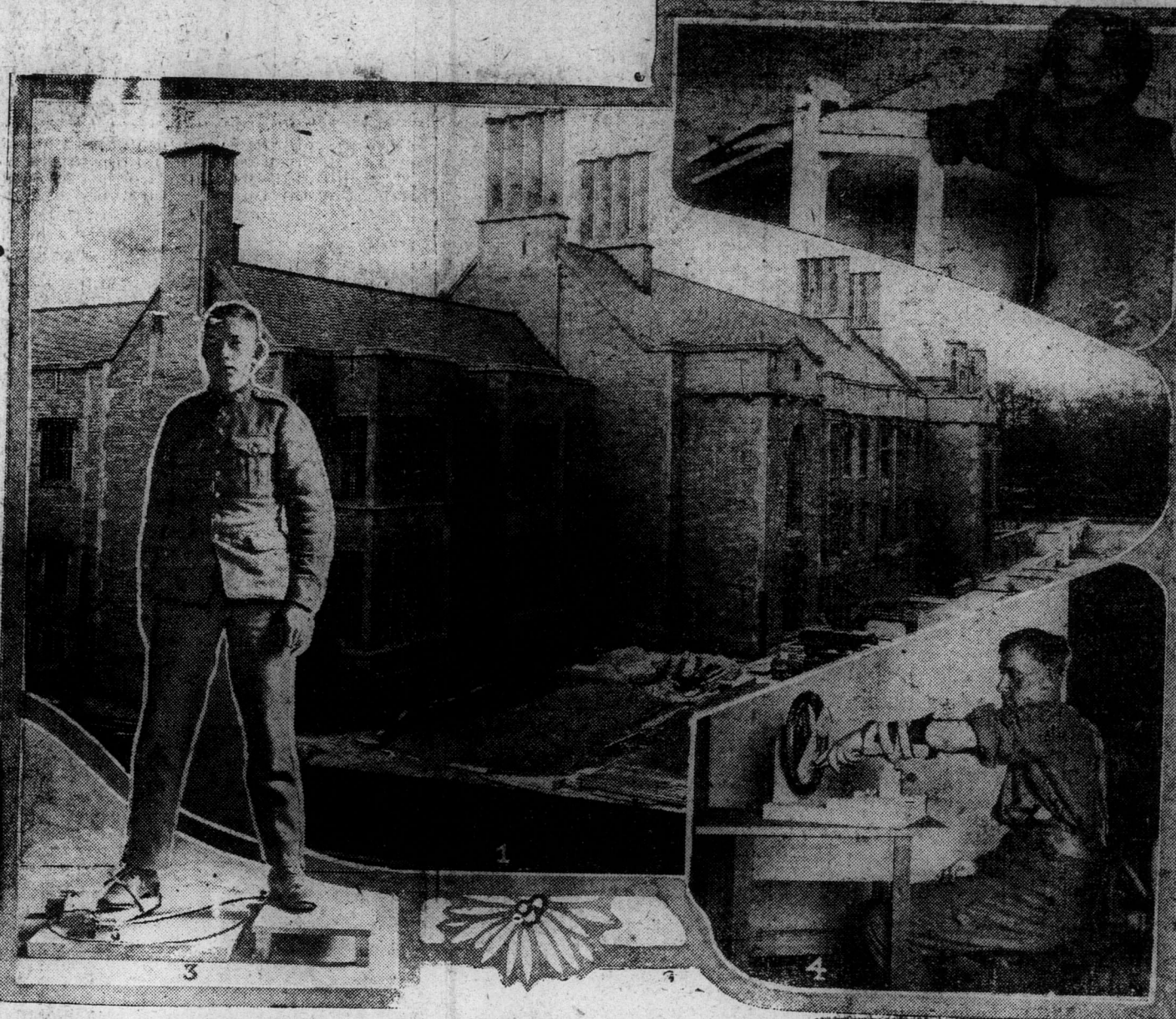
The new child labor passed by the Texas state legislature, is now in effect. No firm or corporation or their agents, shall employ any child under 15 to labor in or about any factory, mill, workshop, laundry, theatre or other place of amusement or in messenger service in towns of more than 15,000 population.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad shop federation has secured the eight-hour day for all journeymen, apprentices and helpers, and practically all others in the motive power and car departments, excepting seven-day men in the latter department. The federation is now discussing rates with the railroad management.

MOLASSES COOKIES
One cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup lard, 1 cup water, 4 even teaspoons soda, 2 teaspoons ginger, 1 teaspoon salt.

Children Cry FOR HATCHER'S CASTORIA

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SIMPLE DEVICES OVERCOME SOLDIERS' DISABILITIES
The Military Hospitals Commission with headquarters at Hart House, Toronto, has introduced the Amar treatment of functional training of Canada's disabled soldiers. This treatment has reached a high stage of development. (1) Hart House; (2) Soldiers practicing wrist flexion and extension; (3) ankle abduction and adduction (angles are marked on the semi-circle around the wheels travel) (4) wrist torsion.

POOR PICKING
FOR PIRATES

Four French Vessels Destroyed During the First Week of July

NINE SHIPS ESCAPED

Over Thousand Entries Into French Ports During The Week

By Courier Leased Wire
Paris, Thursday, July 12.—Three French merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons, and one under that size, were sunk in the week ended July 8 by mines or submarines the admiralty announces.

The following official announcement was made:
"Three French merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons, and one under that size, were sunk in the week ended July 8 by mines or submarines. Nine merchantmen were attacked unsuccessfully."

"In the same period, 1,067 ships entered and 1,009 left French ports. French patrolling seaplanes attached to naval air depots made 2,627 flights."

French patrol boats in the Atlantic on July 1, towed into port a large steamer which had been submerged and abandoned by the crew. A steamer which had been run ashore near Yeu Islands to escape a submarine was refloated on July 6, and taken to port on the same day. Another steamer which was ashore in the same vicinity and was considered a total loss, was towed off and brought to port."

DRESS REFORM
(By Helen Holmes.)

The trouble with dress reform as a crusade is that it lends itself to the absurdities of a few crankies who advertise themselves by wearing grotesque things and who render the movement unpopular by their inane utterances.

To my mind dress reform is already an accomplished fact. Surely nothing could be more sensible than the short skirt of the present mode, which only a few years ago would have caused our mothers to elevate their hands in horror. Yet nobody outside a few negligible busybodies, finds fault with the short skirt now-a-days.

Then there is the sensible riding habit for women, the tall boots, breeches, long coat and derby or silk hat. Certainly this costume is a great and sensible improvement over the quite recent and still occasionally encountered long riding skirt that pre-supposed use of the side-saddle.

There are mighty few side-saddles in use by women to-day in the larger cities of the United States. New York and Chicago women who ride wear the modern costume and ride comfortably and safely astride, as nature intended they should.

Then think of the petticoats women used to wear—great bunches of ostensibly, but which were more effective in gathering disease germs and in making the wearer look a fright. How many women to-day wear more than one extra skirt?

The fact is, so far as dress reform may be concerned, that every woman should be her own reformer.

When we develop in this country the individuality of style that characterizes French women's dress, we shall understand that one style cannot be cut to suit a hundred different types of women. That is the trouble with dress now. We all try to hang the same models on ourselves, and not all of us suit the models. In the sense of cultivating individuality in style and selection, I am decidedly in favor of dress reform.

Announcement was made in Washington on June 30th that the Brazilian navy had begun to co-operate with the American warships in South American waters in hunting for German sea raiders and submarines.

A Trenton police captain refused a \$1.00 reward for the arrest of a burglar because the offer came from R. C. Roehling, who had been "good to the police."

MCGRAW CASE

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, July 13.—The adjourned investigation of the authenticity of the alleged McGraw interview at Pittsburgh, on June 14th, was resumed to-day with two witnesses for the New York club manager waiting to be heard. In addition to all of the National League club presidents, forming the Board of Directors, the base ball writers interested and all others in any way involved in the case were included in the call to be present at to-day's hearing.

DROWNED

By Courier Leased Wire

Winnipeg, July 13.—Lorne Henderson, a former employee of the Dominion Bank here, has been drowned while bathing at Birds Hill, Man.

AUTO BUS SERVICE.

(Associated Press)

Tokio, July 14.—Tokio is planning to inaugurate a public auto-bus service.

Adam Gahn, a Columbus steeplejack, has climbed hundreds of feet without mishap, then he fell twelve feet and was seriously injured. He was working in a moving picture theatre and his ladder slipped.

Sporting
Comment

Covaleskie Looks Good.

(By H. C. Hamilton.)

Shining brightly in the heroic effort of the Cleveland Indians to head off the Red Sox and White Sox in their efforts to carry away the American league pennant stands Stanley Covaleskie.

Covaleskie is pitching perhaps the most remarkable ball of any pitcher in the American league, not even excepting the brilliant staff of the Red Sox or the predominant work of some other beauty.

Appearing in twenty-four games this year, Covaleskie has won no less than seven of them by shutouts. With the season half over he already has stepped over the half-way mark compared with the number of innings he worked last year. This year he has faced opposing batsmen in 171 1-3 innings and has allowed fifty runs. He has been touched for 119 hits.

On one occasion he held Chicago to two hits, winning his game 1-0. Three times he has twirled three-hit games, St. Louis suffering twice and the Tigers once. His only extra-inning combat was a ten-inning affair, in which he was a 1-0 victor over Detroit on May 29. New York and St. Louis share the honors of having hammered this star most lustily, each team having batted out nine hits in a single game.

Covaleskie stands an excellent chance of equaling or bettering the shutout record hung up a year ago by Grover Alexander. He has almost reached the half-way mark now. His best pitching should come with continued hot weather. It is by his efforts, mainly, that Lee Fohl is able to obtain a gall with the leaders. Without him the Indians would present a much weakened front.

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