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

CANADA.

TIMES are extremely dull at Copper Cliff Most of the miners, with their families, have either left or are about leaving.

THE employees of the Air Line railway and their friends to the number of about 2,000, held their annual picnic in St. Thomas, on Saturday. The 7th Battalion band, of London, was in attendance.

A large excursion consisting of 700 farm laborers left this city for the North-West and Manitoba, Tuesday night, by the C.P.R. They are taking advantage of the cheap fares to go up and work in the harvest.

MINING circles in Ontario are very much agitated over the news of the discovery of a rich gold mine, south of Vermillion Lake. The property is but a few miles from Sudbury, and the vein is supposed to be a continuation of the famous Fairbank vein.

THE London plumber's difficulty is as far from being settled as ever, and probably no amicable arrangement will be reached. The bosses say it would pay them better to shut up shop altogether than submit, because outside men would come in and work at the old figures.

THE transatlantic arrivals at Quebec up to July 24th, are 129 sailing vessels and 138 steamships. This, as compared with the same time last year, shows a falling off of 94 sailing vessels and 79,000 tons, and a 31 steamships and 34,077 tons. This showing is bad enough, but the indications are that it will be worse before the season is over. To the large number of people who gain their livelihood from the shipping business the outlook is bad, a regular poorhouse one in fact.

FREE sugar, free tea, free coffee—a free breakfast table!—*St. John Sun.* The water used in the tea, coffee and sugar continues to be lifted by a pumping engine taxed 20 per cent.; it passes through iron pipes taxed $12 per ton and lead pipe taxed $30 per ton, and when the brass cock, taxed 35 per cent., is opened, the water falls into a copper kettle taxed 35 per cent., or a tin kettle taxed 25 per cent. The tea or coffee having been made on a stove taxed $16 per ton, or not less than 30 per cent., it is poured from a teapot taxed 30 per cent., into a cup taxed 30 per cent., and the sugar is stirred with a spoon taxed 30 per cent. The table is taxed 35 per cent., the chairs the same, and the tablecloth 25 per cent. What a jolly thing it is to have a free breakfast table!—*Hamilton Times.*

UNITED STATES.

THE Girard Coal Company at Girard, Ill., has refused to obey the weekly payment law, and all its mines are out.

BENJAMIN J. CASTLES, of Scranton, has been appointed a deputy factory inspector for Pennsylvania. Mr. Castles is an active Single Tax man.

A LARGE number of coke workers, who returned to work when the strike was declared off, were recently discharged for attending a union meeting in Pittsburg.

THE State Inspector of Shops and Factories of Ohio has ordered a number of cigar manufacturers of Dayton, Ohio, to discharge minors in their employ as required by the new law.

THE conductors and motor men of the rapid transit electric street railway, of Newark, N. J., struck Monday morning, and the entire line is tied up. The cause of the strike was an increase of working hours from ten to thirteen, without increase of pay.

THE Census Office has issued a bulletin relating to copper production in the United States. It shows the United States to be the largest producer of copper in the world, its produced for 1889 being 226,055, 962 pounds or 113,028 short tons. To-day Montana leads all other states in this production.

HERE is another instance of anarchistic capitalists boldly defying the law. The Pullman Company at Pullman, Ill., has threatened to discharge any of the employes demanding weekly payment of wages. The weekly payment law, brought about by labor agitation, went into force a few weeks ago.

THE strike of the coal miners at Spring Valley, Ill., has been settled on the terms proposed by the men, which includes the gross-weight system of weighing, in accordance with the new law, and semi-monthly pay-days; other conditions same as last year. The mines which have been idle since May 1st, will be started at once.

THE 700 workmen at Carnegie's Duquesne Steel Works have lost their fight for recognition of their union, and the leaders will be black listed. Carnegie has sworn a solemn oath never to recognise any labor organization. He himself wants to be recognized, but he denies that right to others, and this he calls "triumphant democracy."

A CORRESPONDENT of the Pittsburg *Trade Journal* says that in a wooden mill in Lycoming county, Pa., men, who have worked here for eighteen years, get but $1.12 per day, and the engineer gets but $1 per day. The best wages paid in the mill is $1.50 a day, and from that down to fifty cents, and the hours of labor are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

THE Socialist-Labor Party of Massachusetts have nominated a full State ticket as follows:—Governor, Henry W. Robinson, Boston; Lieutenant-Governor, George E. Pierce, Lynn; Secretary of State, R. W. Themert Holyoke; Treasurer and Receiver-General, Carl French, Boston; Auditor, S. E. Putney, Somerville; Attorney General, James Wallock, Boston.

THE Bowdoin Paper Company of Brunswick, Maine, has paid its second semi-annual division of profits to its operatives, amounting to over seven per cent. on the wages paid in the past six months. The total bonus for the year amounts to fifteen per cent. on the wages earned. The plan is to be continued for another term of six months, and if found successful, a more comprehensive plan will be devised

TESTS to ascertain the relative qualities of all steel plates and nickel steel plates for use in arming the protective decks of naval vessels have just been made at Washington. The wonderful toughness and strength of nickel steel was again demonstrated. It showed decided superiority over the all-steel, and it is highly probable that the result will be that nickel steel will be extensively used for protective deck plating.

THE low rate of wages paid to women employed in the canneries in California is receiving the attention of the labor and reform bodies. At a meeting preliminary to taking steps to organize the operatives, one girl stated that her average wage was $1.16 per week, and the statements of several others showed that $1.90 a week was a good average; another woman who acted as an overseer, said she received $10 for four weeks' work.

THE official statement of iron production during the first half of the year 1891, shows an output, of only 3,372,000 gross tons, as against 4,560,000 gross tons in the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of twenty-six per cent. The decrease in production of Bessemer steel alone in that period was forty-four per cent., owing to the decline of activity in railway transportation and construction, consequent upon the short crop of last year.

THE Altruist community, of St. Louis, has concluded to remove to Kingsland, Ark. A weekly southerner, E. M. Davies, of Kingsland, has contributed materially to the enterprise, and the community will shortly be hard at work manufacturing and farming upon its principles of business and fraternity. A Voorhees, recently a member of a Brooklyn, N.Y., Nationalist Club, will give information to anyone addressing him at Kingsland, Cleveland Co., Ark.

DUNCAN WRIGHT died in Scranton, July 11, after an illness lasting eight weeks. He was born in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland, in November, 1820. In 1853 he came to America, settling at Philadelphia. In 1867 he went to Scranton and has since resided there For several years Mr. Wright has been foreman of the pattern department in the Scranton Stove Works. He was allied closely to the labor movement, and was master workman of Local Assembly 222, Knights of Labor, at the time of his death. Mr. Wright initiated General Master Workman T. V. Powderly in the order. He was a man of uprightness and sterling character. The funeral took place on Monday, the 13th inst. Mr. T. V. Powderly and District Master Workman Campbell acted as pallbearers. In his later years Mr. Wright was an active worker for the Single Tax.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THREE thousand fustian cutters in Macclesfield, Congleton, Lymm, and other parts of Cheshire are now out. At a mass meeting held recently the wrongs of the cutters were lucidly stated by Messrs. Dickenson, T. Dodd, and D. Graham (of the Winsford LabLabor Council), and E. Townsend, the organizer of the Federation.

THE seventeen-year-old boy Pratte, who turned the wrong switch and sent a train on the Manchester Ship Canal Railway over an embankment, causing the loss of eleven lives, has been acquited of the charge of manslaughter. The magistrates who disposed of the case strongly censured the company for employing boys at switches.

ON Sunday afternoon, July 12th, some thousands of London carpenters and joiners, locked out and on strike, assembled, with bands and banners, on the Thames Embankment, and afterwards marched to Hyde Park, where a mass meeting took place in furtherance of the eight-hour movement. It is estimated that about 10,000 persons were present, the meeting being unanimous and demonstrative in character.

IN the House of Commons on the 28th inst., Henry Bruce asked whether the Government intended to take stringent measures to prevent the immigration of indigent foreigners. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, President of the Board of Trade, denied that there was any necessity for special measures, as the total number of aliens arriving in England in June, 1891, was 200 under the number which arrived in June, 1890.

HEART-RENDING scenes have been witnessed at Gateshead, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, where the condensers of the chemical works collapsed, causing the death of several workmen and the injury of several others. The bursting of the condensers shattered the building and caused the huge chimneys to topple over. It was the falling of these masses of brick and stone that crushed the victims. The wrecked building is surrounded by an excited and lamenting throng.

THE official returns of the number of miners, the production of coal and the cost of life in that production, in the United Kingdom show that last 167,61 tons were produced, some 6,000,000 more than in the preceding year. It is gratifying to notice the diminution in the loss of life—the general average being one life for every 178,225 tons. If it were the lives of capitalists which were endangered instead of workingmen, coal mining would long since have been made as safe as work above ground.

THE progress of science, if it is doing nothing else, is educating the workers by force. In the Camlachie Division of Glasgow, Scotland, which Cunninghame Graham *is to represent* in the next Parliament, one of the important industries has been revolutionised by a great development of mechanical skill. It has been the custom in the steel trade to hammer all the ingots, the doing of which in Parkhead Forge employed something like fifty men; a cogging mill has now been started, twelve men can now do with this machinery three times as much as the fifty men did with the old system of hammering. The men are beginning to see that trade-unionism on the old lines is powerless to fight against such conditions and that the only remedy is to abolish capitalism.

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL.

AMERICAN laborers in Central and South America are starving and idle. They get thirty-five cents a day.

FIFTEEN thousand marks have been appropriated to induce 500 German children of the weaving persuasion to quit the trade and become farmers or servants to the feudal barons.

IN consequence of the compositors' strike in Vienna about 800 members of the union in that city have been blacklisted by the bosses, although higher wages and the nine-hour workday had to be conceded.

ALDERMANIC RECORD.

AT the meeting of the City Council held on Monday the 27th inst., the principal question discussed was the by-law to suppress poaching and public speaking in the parks and public places. Ald. Bell moved to suspend the operation of the by-law until some modification of its provisions could be made. The resolution was defeated on the following vote:

FOR:

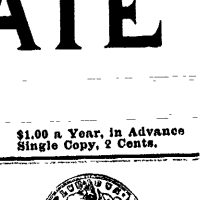
Allen, Bailey, Bell, Burns, Graham, Foster, Hill, Joliffe, Phillips, Stanley.

STEWART—11.

AGAINST:

Mayor Clarke, Atkinson, Farquhar, Fleet, Gibbs, Hall, Hallam, Hewitt, Leslie, Lucas, Macdonald, McMath, Maloney, Macdougall, McMurrich, Orr, Rose, Saunders, Score, Shaw, Small, G. Verral.

J. E. VERRAL—23.



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