

GERMAN HOURS OF LABOR.

(From the Chicago News.)

Now that the hours-of-labor question is given such prominence in the United States politico-economic field, it will be of interest to know what these hours are in other countries. The reports of the German inspectors of factories for 1885 have just been issued. Classifying the returns, it is found that most factories work ten or eleven hours daily, with at least six full days in the week. Those working ten hours form a large majority of the whole, not reckoning overtime. In Dusseldorf the time is from eleven to fourteen hours. In Bavaria eleven to twelve. In corn mills and bakeries the hours run up as high as twelve to seventeen, or from seventy-four to seventy seven hours per week! In some glass-polishing works the men work six days in the week without interruption, and only on Sundays get a proper sleep. In the Feldberg villages the nail-makers and wire-drawers, and in the Westernald the potters, begin work in the summer at four or five, and in winter at six, continuing till eight at night. With such hours as these it is matter for wonder that there are not even more socialists in Germany than the government is already called to deal with.

THE GLASS-MAKERS' COMBINATION.

At the late meeting of the representatives of the Flint and Lime Glass Protective Associations (eastern and western) a combination was formed. It is said of the association as now formed: Out of 57 establishments in the United States 51 signed, the three undersigned firms assuring the association they will sign in the January meeting. This is important, in that the summer shut-down will not be universal, and "all terms and discounts will be the same in the east and west." The cuts heretofore made by the associations "proved disastrous" to the industry, and the action taken "will hereafter settle all trouble that has existed."

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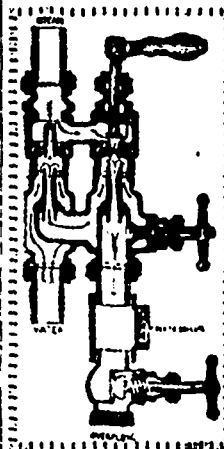
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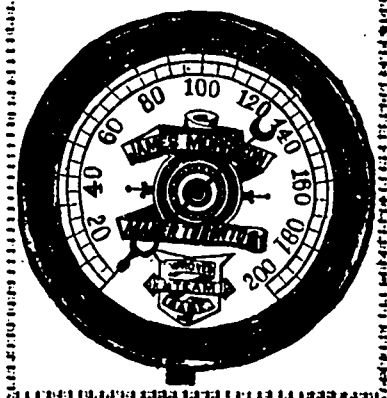
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