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## WORK AND WAGES.

### LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

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

A NUMBER of the locked-out Windsor tailors have gone to Chicago.

MR. JAMES EMBROCK, foreman of the Aylmer canning factory, has accepted the appointment of manager of the new factory at Dresden.

THE Toronto Rubber Company of Canada will open a new factory at Fort Dalhousie on August 1st, which will employ a hundred hands. Mr. T. Mellory will be manager.

An emergency meeting of the Canadian Iron Workers' Association has been held in Hamilton, and it was decided that the strike should continue until the Association and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers Company have come to the conclusion that faith is being broken, and gave notice that they will withdraw.

A foundryman said that if the combine breaks, prices will drop fifteen or twenty per cent, and there will be a loss of \$100,000 to the firm.

WE have this week to record the sudden death of Mr. Thomas McGinir, composer of the "The Union" march.

THE stone-masons of Pittsburgh, 600 in number, have returned to work at the old hours and wages.

NEW YORK gas-fitters went eight hours. Union mills will work for members of the Boston union only.

OF the 73,000 members of the Kansas Farmers' Alliance there are only 7,000 whose farms are not mortgaged.

THE San Francisco Typographical Union talks of assessing each member \$1 to send unemployed men out of the city.

SOME New York cannakers struck against depositing part of their wages as guarantees that they would not strike.

LOUISIANA's great tobacco factory at Jersey City is closed by a strike, and 4,000 persons are out of employment.

FROM the vital statistics of the large cities in this country it appears that at least 10,000 children starve to death every year.

A NATIONAL convention of textile-workers will be held at Fall River on August 3rd. Address: T. P. Cahill, Lawrence, Mass.

THE Cigar-makers International Union has disbursed \$1,238,750 since 1879. The increase in membership that year was 7,069.

THE San Francisco International Union members have been out sixteen months. They have induced 400 imported men to not take their places.

THE Olympic stadium Company has decided to erect several elevators in Manitoba this year, each of which will have a capacity of 30,000 bushels.

INDIANapolis street-car stallions can't get more wages and shorter hours, and they threaten with other union men to tie up the street with their bodies.

OVER ten hundred laborers who were established during the last four years went out of existence again because they were not supported by organized labor.

ALL but one of the fourteen that and window-glass factories in Findlay, Ohio, have shut down for the summer. Over 2,000 employees get a twenty-five per cent reduction.

SIX hundred men and boys in the Broad Top (Pa.) coal region are becoming idle because the starvation straits them in the face on account of the three-month shut-down.

Six hundred and fifty employees of the Union and Lake Erie Rolling-mill Company in Cleveland, Ohio, have struck because the new Amalgamated scale was put in.

ALL the men in the railroad mines in Belmont, Jefferson, Cumberly and Harrison counties, Ohio, have struck since the 1st of April, having worked for fifteen hours a day and the Columbus scale.

THE striking coal miners in both mines in the North-Western region of Ohio, have been settled by the W. D. Wright of the General Executive Board, who went from Columbus for the purpose.

THE five leading companies engaged in the manufacture of Alabama have combined, and formed a corporation under the name of the H. W. Johns Manufacturing Company, which will control most of the Alabama output.

THROUGH street railroads would ten hours, eighteen cents an hour for conductors, seventeen cents for drivers, \$1.58 a day for hostlers, twenty-eight cents an hour for overmen and one and one-third pay for Sunday work.

THE Dolanville Coal and Iron Company, of Birmingham, Ala. has made contracts for the sale of over 40,000 tons of iron at an average price of \$10 per ton, the iron to be delivered as fast as produced. The iron is to go north and west.

THE Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers at Birmingham, Ala. has signed with the Birmingham Rolling mill Company its old scale of wages for the coming year. The rolling mill is the largest in the State and employs about 1,000 men.

THE Huntington Manufacturing Company at Huntington, Pa., which is controlled by the Iron Car Equipment Company of New York, has indefinitely suspended operations, throwing 350 men out of a job. The suspension is due to lack of orders for cars.

A CALL has been issued for a general convention of the Farmers' Alliance and all industrial organizations in the State of Kansas, at Topeka, August 20th, for the purpose of organizing a co-operative association for the control of all farm products and exchange of supplies.

ENTRY-one city laborers at New Bedford, Mass. has been discharged by order of Mayor Ashley, in compliance with the law that all employees of the city must be naturalized citizens. The law was a requisition for men has been sent to the civic service officials in Boston.

A LOCK shoemaking firm in Dunbar having signed an agreement to pay the uniform scale of wages the men have returned to work.

DENSE mill-workers have resolved to ask for an advance of five per cent on the wages of workers in the hatching, spinning and reeling departments.

A FIRE in the West Hatching calicoery, at Consett, near Durham, on the 13th inst., wrecked the pit-head and destroyed most of the machinery. Loss will exceed \$300,000. Five hundred men are thrown out of work.

THE dispute in the London building trade still drags on its weary road, with apparently but little sign of settlement. Two earlier meetings were held on Sunday June 28th, at Finsbury and Victoria Parks, and there is a probability that other firms and shops may be struck.

ONE hundred and two locomotive engineers at Green Bay petitioned the National Union of Railroads to make the minimum wage for their industry fifteen hours, as they have no other means of support. They hold that any reduction of their present wages would be tantamount to their interests. It is hardly conceivable that such men should still be found in any civilized country.

A MOST successful conference of the National Federation of Trades and Unions Employees has been held in Manchester, N. H., by W. F. Cotterill, National Secretary. The report of the Executive showed the Federation to be in a sound financial position. Resolutions embodying a demand for a universal ten hours day and sixty hours week were enthusiastically carried.

AN agitation has broken out, not an hour too soon, amongst the domestic servants, male and female, and at last they themselves to their conditions and their only true remedy—unionism. On Sunday, June 28th, two very successful meetings were held in Hyde Park, and the resolutions delivered and the unanimity displayed it was quite evident that the domestic slaves can be well left to look after their own affairs. A union is being formed which laid to be highly successful.

SOME statistics of interest are contained in the annual report of the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants of England. The Society has a total membership of 27,000 and all railroad employees, being an increase of 7,000 during the past year. Its total income for the year amounted to \$1,100,000 and it has a reserve fund of \$1,000,000 of half a million dollars and no liabilities. The Society is supporting the cause of the railroad workers who were killed on May 9th at the Columbus scale.

THREE hundred and twenty-five workmen recently were struck at the Harbors, Russia. They were all arrested and every one of them received twenty-five lashes.

THE directors of the West Australian Land Company have declared a dividend of 44 per cent, shortly after having reduced the wages of their employees.

A REPORT from Bremen says that the strike of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company's stokers and coalers has

ended, the company partly conceding the strikers demands.

THE Italian workmen have been organized in Australia, forming a national union and having pledged themselves to assist the native laborers in their struggle for emancipation from capitalistic oppression and greed.

WORN comes from Russia that the Russian harvest promises to be the poorest on record. The price of cereals is hourly rising, and already in some places famine has been declared. The situation is becoming more and more serious. The land is barren and waste, and the horrors of a year are added to those of a longer. Some papers contain advertisements of children for sale. Revels are anticipated among the peasantry, and the peasants are taken by the government; but taxes are collected with the usual regularity, under penalty of severe flogging for non-payment.

IN conformity with the recommendations of the Berlin Conference a commission of the Spanish Cortes has recommended the restriction of work by women and children, supervision of factories and sanitary arrangements, and the creation of a union of laborers societies and savings banks. A government bill has been framed in accordance with these recommendations. It prohibits Sunday work, except in cases of urgent necessity; limits working hours for women between 10 and 12, and for men, 12 hours; the employment of women in mines, in underground work, in unsanitary occupations, or when working long hours; the employment of children under the age of 10 and 14 boys, and 10 and 15 if girls, in limits hours of work to six days.

CIVILIZED BARBARIANS.

It is said that the living creatures that inhabit the depths of Amazonian forests do not flee from approaching travelers, they only act in their panic and watch their intruders with curious eyes, for not having had experience in the cruelty of mankind they do not know the danger of being slain by their hunters.

The other day I tried to make friends with a hungry cat. She evidently had been accustomed to long continuous feedings, at any rate memory had made her wary, so she eyed longingly the bait laid out to her, but she continued her daily life as usual, and she continues her of the honesty of my intention. A few days later I offered her a raw slice to a young cat who needed my help, and she, after the cat, looked at me with suspicion evidently supposing that I meant, in some mysterious way, to make money out of her misfortune.

When an honest intentioned reformer gives earnest effort to enlighten others, or to help children who have had the luck of wise doubt. There is always reason for this overgrown distrust. It does not grow without long continued bitter experience in outrageous fact, a long trial of unimpaired of aggressive might. What laborers are civilized people are—San Francisco, Boston.

The city of Jacksonville, Fla., protects capitalists in the river as scavengers. It is a 85 ton to catch one of them, and the fish seems to know it. The river is full of them, and they stay in size from a baby to a 200-pound man.

