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Things have been happening at Kingston during the past week. The Germans are getting restless, and have started leaving Kingston. This has been very trying to Mr. Birmingham, and upon the occasion of Mr. Samuel Leader's visit there last Saturday night he expressed himself very strongly to that gentleman. He told Sam, speaking for himself and others of his caliber, that "we will make this the most expensive job for you, you ever undertook, and it will be a long time before you will monkey with a job like this again," etc. Along the same lines he has a letter from one of the Germans, which reads as follows:

Three more of our comrades leave here tonight for Toronto. We demanded our trunks from Mr. Birmingham, and he handed them over. He was compelled to do so, as we all as a man refused to return to work unless the baggage was at once given us. You can depend on it that in two weeks several colleagues will leave here. By that time you can rely upon it there will be a decided change in things here. Now that we have successfully struck against the holding of our baggage and beat the company, we intend to strike tomorrow against the wages received. We held a meeting tonight (Sunday), and to a man signed a petition not to return to work less than 25c an hour; we now receive 18 and 20 cents. As the matter stands now, several of the colleagues who previously had decided to stay here and not leave with us have decided to go, and in a short time not a man will be left.

Two German colleagues. This shows how the wind is blowing in Kingston. It is a fair wind for the Locomotive Works, Messrs. Birmingham, Hardy & Co. Six of the Germans have already passed through Toronto, and the episode of the holding of baggage has done more to disgust the rest of the Germans than anything that could possibly have happened.

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The Executive Board of the Cigar-makers' International Union has just reported favorably on the granting of eight new charters.

The third annual report of the General Federation of Trades Unions of Australia, that 77 general organizations are affiliated with it, and the total membership had advanced to 419,606. It has a reserve fund of more than \$300,000.

Mayor Morris, of Ottawa, spoke of technical education in his inaugural address with some flattering remarks on the Toronto school, as follows:

"Canada is marvelously blessed in the extraordinary extent of its varied and rich natural advantages of mine, forest and water power, while in the matter of manufactured articles the Dominion is forging to a front place among the nations. Yet much remains to be done towards fully developing the one, and improving the general as well as special character of the other. Both ends may be attained by and through our own people, rather than by the slower, more costly and more uncertain method of drawing upon outside scientific ability, did we possess the required technical training or the means of securing it. In the matter of making proper and adequate provision for the imparting of a general education—primary, intermediate and collegiate—Ottawa is not behind its neighbors, and by the end of the year I trust we shall have seen our present facilities added to by the opening of the Ottawa Public Library. But there is a sad deficiency in another direction, and that is, we have no school in which those desirous of securing it—and they are legion—may receive a scientific industrial training. This is not as it should be. Ottawa should have an industrial technical school, which I believe is even preferable to a public library, if it came to a matter of choice. As you are doubtless aware, the aim and object of such schools are not to induce young persons to enter mechanical pursuits, but rather to make better mechanics of those already following trades, and who unfortunately have not had opportunity in their youth of securing proper scientific training, as well as furnishing a proper groundwork for those who may adopt a mechanical calling as a business of an after life."

The position of the agent at Watford is only one of a thousand where one man is required to do the work of two men. These positions in almost every instance mean long hours, big responsibility and meagre pay. Hundreds of these faithful men not only serve from 12 to 16 hours every week day, but the greater part of the Sabbath day as well. Indeed, it would be difficult to find any class of men of whom so much is expected and for whom so little consideration is shown. That is many old and reliable men and the management of untried youths; the disgraceful condition of many of the waiting rooms along branch lines especially, no man would prefer to stand there in the winter if he could avoid it.

The Cataraugus Journal of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Jan. 14th, gives the following account of Mr. Robert Gloeking's visit to Niagara Falls last week:

Mr. Gloeking, of Toronto, secretary of the Ontario Labor Bureau and brother of Edward Gloeking, one of the best known labor leaders in the city and last fall a prominent candidate for alderman in the 6th Ward, is at Niagara Falls today on official business, he having come from Toronto in an attempt to break through the barrier of being turned out to the mercy of the strikers.

Readers of the Cataraugus Journal will remember that some weeks ago, trouble arose between the contractors Dawson & Riley, and the members of the Rock Drillers' & Helpers' Union, resulting in a strike that never has been settled. The city, which is the seat of an arbitration Council of Conciliation and Arbitration for Settling Industrial Disputes, when application is made by five or more parties, registers a suit to the effect that it is in the public interest to effect a settlement if such be possible.

Mr. Gloeking is commissioned as such registrar by the Ontario Government, and this morning visited the scene of the trouble. He met the representatives of the firm, and after a conference learned that they were perfectly willing to pay the union scale of wages for thoroughly competent men, but they have refused to sign the union scale, maintaining that some men are not as competent as others. Mr. Gloeking also saw representatives of the Rock Drillers' Union. The only question at issue is the signing of the seal, and Mr. Gloeking will attempt to bring about a conciliation in some way.

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In closing his remarks, the speaker dwelt at some length on the necessity of the working man looking after his own interests on election day by voting for the men who are friends of the organization. His whole address was a masterpiece, and was loudly applauded.

Joe Marks, from London, reports another federal labor union added to the list in the Forest City.

The Barbers' International Union routed 14 new charters last month, suspended one local and received one charter by surrender.

Ten new charters were granted last month by the Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union. The old as well as the new organizations are in the "growing time."

There are now sufficient federal unions of glove makers affiliated with the A. F. of L. to form a separate international union, and a consultation has been called to meet at Washington, D.C.

The druggists, retail cigar dealers and barbers who sell cigars, have all joined the Cigar-makers' Union in Chicago in fighting the trust of the American Tobacco Company.

The A. F. of L. is now in a position to announce the amount of strike benefit for federal labor unions affiliated directly with that body. This fund has only been recently started, but has already accumulated many thousands of dollars. Four dollars weekly after the first two weeks is the amount decided on; \$5,000 will always be kept as a reserve fund.

J. E. McBride, of Toronto, the Canadian representative of the Truckers' National Protective Association, is arranging a meeting between C. E. Meisse, of Chicago, the grand president of the Ontario Trades Congress, at which the question of affiliation will be discussed. Mr. Meisse will visit Toronto shortly.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York, thinks that the 22 Italians who were kidnapped during the recent coal strike by the Erie Railroad and Pennsylvania Coal Company, have a good case. The men are suing the president and officers of the company. The case is based on an amazing story told in the sworn affidavits of twenty-two men, who state that on the false pretense of doing railroad work for the Erie Company they were taken to Hoboken, put aboard a train, locked in a railroad car, forcibly carried to the Pennsylvania coal region and compelled to act as "strike-breakers" under threats of being turned out to the mercy of the strikers.

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