

LABOR AND WAGES.

Cleanings From the Industrial Field of the World

AMERICAN.

The Knights of Labor and trades unions of Pittsburg have resolved to form a central labor organization.

The Ohio factory inspectors have caused the discharge of all children under 16 years from the cigar factories at Cincinnati.

Judge Rumsey quashed this week the indictments against the conspiring boss clothiers upon the pretext that there was no evidence to convict.

The glass blowers considered at St. Louis the matter of the schedule of prices, and except in a few immaterial instances, decided to make no change.

A circular will be issued soon calling for a State convention of the Retail Clerks and Salesmen's Association, with a view to forming a State League.

Thirty-five employees on the Long Island Railroad were this week summarily dismissed because they had made complaints against Superintendent Chas. Thompson.

Since the persecution of the leaders in Rochester, N. T. A. 231, K. of L., garment workers, has received 23 applications for charters from newly organized local unions.

Typographical Union No. 6, New York, has appointed a committee to confer with the managers of the daily papers upon the subject of the weekly reduction of hours of work to 59 a week.

The conductors and motor men of the Rapid Transit Electric Street Railway, of Newark, N. J., struck on Monday morning, and the entire line is tied up. The cause of the strike was an increase of working hours from 10 to 12 without increase of pay.

A new anti-truck store law will go into force in Pennsylvania on Aug. 1. The former law was declared unconstitutional on the ground that it violated the alleged freedom of contract; and now the corporations announce that the new law will also be contested.

The New York Enterprise Association of Steamfitters and the Progress Association of Steamfitters ratified an agreement with the Master Steamfitters' Association calling for eight hours work a day, beginning August 1. The agreement also calls for one helper for each steamfitter.

The Trades and Labor Assembly of Chicago, representing the various trades unions of that city, decided to ask all affiliated labor organizations to refuse to endorse Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, as candidate for the office of president at the next national convention, upon the ground that he had lost touch with the labor movement during his prolonged tenure of office.

The expected tie-up of all the street car lines at Newark, N. J., on Tuesday, did not take place. The places of the strikers on the Rapid Transit line are being filled rapidly and the road is now in running order. The strikers gather along the line and jeer at the men taking their places. Several rows have occurred. Torpedoes were placed on the Springfield avenue tracks and when a car passed over there was a loud explosion and the passengers were greatly frightened. Obstructions have been placed on the tracks at different places.

EUROPEAN.

The miners of Charleroi, Mons, Luettich, etc., Belgium, are again on the point of striking. They demand great improvements.

At Lisbon, Portugal, 500 men until recently employed in the cork factories, but now thrown out of work by reason of the fitful and planless working of capitalism, clamorously demanded work. The troops were called out just like in the United States.

The resumption of the Welsh tin plate works is only partial, and by firms fortunate enough to secure orders. The work will only continue while the orders last by week to week contracts with the men. No appreciable reduction of stocks in America is noticed. Prices are still unremunerative: During July the shipments from Swansea have been under 1,000 tons weekly, against 40,000 to 50,000 tons in the same month in 1890, while the stocks now on hand amount to 400,240 boxes against 1,590,000 boxes in the corresponding week in 1890.

CANADIAN.

A branch of the International Bakers' Union has been formed in Vancouver, B. C. The London, Ont., plumbers' 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 figure.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chicago has 15,000 Italians.
Austria has 50,000 union men.
Georgia has a woman train despatcher.
Illinois has adopted the weekly payment law.
Indianapolis hasn't a non-union stone cutter.

Uncle Sam has 1,000,000 French Canadians.

World's fair buildings employ 15,000 hands.

The order of railway conductors has 17,000 members.

California glassblowers want the limit of a week's work fixed at 36 hours.

Forty five compositors were sent to Siberia for working on a Nihilist paper.

Thirty per cent. of the people of London do not earn enough either to practice thrift or to riot in drink.

Fifty years ago hours of work were longer and wages were less, but work was free and certain; industry meant sure success. Today work is uncertain; success is a per-venture; and anxiety is on the brow of the rich and poor alike. In this struggle to simply hold one's own the poor lose all strength for nobler thought; each is taught to live above all else for the dollar. A change of the system is needed to save civilization from utter destruction.—New York World.

Saw Her Son's Spirit.

There lived in Allegheny City at the breaking out of the rebellion a widow by the name of McDowell. She had one son, John by name, who lived with his mother in a two story frame house on Robinson street. The widow and her son were devotedly attached to each other, and when he came home one night and told her that he had enlisted at one of the recruiting booths on Federal street she was inconsolable.

On the afternoon of April 6, 1862, Mrs. MacDowell sat in an easy chair at the second story window of her home. It was the first day she had felt strong enough to leave her bed. It was warm and the sun was shining brightly. As she sat alone with her wan cheek resting against the pillows, she heard a heavy step on the narrow stairway. She described the succeeding events to the first neighbor woman who reached her side as follows: "The instant I heard the step I knew it was John. As he reached the head of the stairs I turned toward the door and tried to rise and meet him, but I was too faint, and besides there was something in his face that drove all the blood from my heart. He was dressed in his uniform and was carrying a big sword in his hand.

"He stopped in the middle of the room and I saw under his cap, which was pulled back, a broad bandage stained with blood around his forehead. Suddenly he waved his sword and I saw an awful look, such as I had never seen before, come into my boy's eyes; he waved his sword three times, looking backward over his shoulders as he did so. I saw the sword fall from his grasp, but it made no noise on the floor; he reached both hands to me, and the fierce expression died out of his eyes as he cried out, 'Oh, mother,' and then before I could say a word he was gone."

A week from that day the widow MacDowell was buried in the Hilldale cemetery. On the afternoon of April 6, the day when the apparition of her boy appeared to her in the sick room, he was killed while repulsing a Confederate charge at Pittsburg Landing. He was struck by a spent ball upon the forehead early in the day, but tying a handkerchief around his forehead he remained in the fight. All the officers in his company had been killed or wounded, and he was leading his company with the sword of a dead Confederate in his hand when he was hit and instantly killed by a second bullet. His last utterance as he fell was the pathetic cry, "Oh, mother!"—Philadelphia Press.

A Strong Women's Union Labor.

Amid all the cynicism which has been shown regarding the organization of women workers, there is one organization which has stood the test of time and shows that women can organize as well as men.

This is the Lady Gotham association, known as local assembly 2,545 of the Knights of Labor and affiliated with district assembly 49.

It was officially reported that there had been large accessions in membership to this union within the past month, and there are probably 600 members of the union in good standing. The Lady Gotham association is composed of shirt operatives, and is probably the nucleus of a very powerful organization. George W. Murray, master workman of district assembly 49, said yesterday to a Journal reporter in reference to the organization:

"The Lady Gotham association is a triumphant refutation of the statement that women do not make good organizers. This union is as well organized as any union of men in New York, and its success will inspire the girls in other trades to follow the example of its members."

Miss Delia Maloney, the president of the association, is a very bright and pretty young lady, a good speaker and an effective organizer. She has a good deal of personal magnetism, and has the knack of keeping a body of girls together.—N. Y. Journal.

Fred S. Mangfield, champion tennis player of Canada, is playing in the Longwood Cricket Club's tennis tournament at Boston this week.

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