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WORK AND WAGES.

LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

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CANADA.

The millmen's strike in New Brunswick continues.

The men on the canal extension at Perth are on strike on account of their wages being lowered from \$1.50 per day to \$1.10.

The largest railway engine in the world is now being built at Kingston for the Chicago & North Bay Railway Company. It will weigh one hundred tons.

An informal meeting of prominent citizens of Kingston has been held on the Stevenson piano factory to consider the advisability of forming a joint stock company to purchase and operate all the city factories and have one large concern.

Messrs. T. Kilbourne, J. Haywood and J. Shaw, masons, employed on a building in course of erection at Glenora, near St. Thomas, for Mr. Geo. Weeks, were severely injured on Saturday by the scaffolding upon which they were working falling and precipitating them a distance of sixteen feet. All three were severely cut about the head and neck, and Mr. Kilbourne was so severely injured internally that his recovery is doubtful.

At the meeting of the Hamilton City Council on June 25th it was moved by Ald. McAndrew, seconded by Ald. Brock, that the city clerk be authorized to instruct to notify all the heads of departments that the city after the first day of July next nine hours shall constitute a day's work for all salaried employees of the corporation.

The Industrial Brotherhood of Canada in convention at the Labor Hall, London, on Dominion Day. The platform of the Association is: Parliament to be abolished; the farmer to be the basis of the nation; the surplus population of our towns and cities be offered inducements to settle on North-West lands; that the Government obtain the control of all steamship lines, telegraphs, telephones and railways; and that measures be adopted to restrict the importation of emigrants. The platform binds the adherents of the party to have a present competitive wage system superseded by a co-operative industrial system. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. J. McKay; Woodstock; (General Vice-director, E. O. Light, Port Huron; General Secretary, Joseph J. Follett, Toronto; Treasurer, J. W. Webb, Toronto; General Executive, William Lytle, London; W. C. Cole, Port Huron; Auditors, T. L. Marshall and J. Eakins.

SEATTLE, Wash., is said to have 2,000 idle laborers standing around the streets with no prospect of work.

At the last meeting of the Jewish trades of New York, it was resolved to urge all the members to join the Socialist Labor party in their respective Assembly districts.

New York milliners average \$2.50 a week; shirtmakers, \$3; underwear-makers, \$3; cloak-makers, \$3.50; box-makers, \$4; feather-workers, \$4; men's clothing-makers, \$4.

Honors has a Workmen's Loan Association with a capital of \$100,000 and was formed for the purpose of loaning money to members on security at the rate of one per cent. per month.

THREE HUNDRED employees in a New York office house have been given notice to look for another place owing to the introduction of an automatic weighing machine. It is evident that this machine displaces as well.

The General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor has decided upon Toledo, Ohio, as the meeting place for the next session of a general assembly of the body. The convention will be held November 10th.

In reply to the resolution recently adopted by the International Union at Boston, the Typothetae of New York have passed a resolution, expressing its intention to refuse compliance and to fight the workmen.

of the nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants of New York about 10,000 out of the whole city and there are only about 18,000 people possessing any real estate. The true value of the city is not what we see but what is not seen—the labor movement—which will do away with landlordism altogether.

Members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers have formed what will be known as the International Telegraph Company. The capital stock will be \$500,000 of which \$25,000 has already been paid by subscribers of the Order. As soon as \$125,000 is subscribed the first 1,000 miles of line will be built. The Order has now about 20,000 members.

The last Congress passed a resolution instructing the President to negotiate with Mexico and Great Britain to prohibit the entry of Chinese coolies from Canada and Mexico into the United States. From diplomatic correspondence just published, it appears Great Britain received the proposition favorably and referred it to the Canadian Government.

The average earnings of the mine-workers in Pennsylvania in 1890 were ninety-three cents per day. The average earnings of the company. They buy their groceries provisions and dry goods at the company's store. An account of the end of the semi-monthly period they take the amount the superintendent sees fit to give them and ask no questions.

FOUR men were killed and four others seriously injured in a colliery accident at Rotterdam, Eng., Wednesday.

The Miners' conference at Cardiff on the suggestion of Mr. J. H. Williams, M.P., decided itself on the principle of the Eight Hours' Bill.

In nearly all the large retail shops in London the saleswomen sleep and eat as well as work in the building. Even the black all dresses they wear during their working hours belong to their employers.

OUR 1,145 strikers in England last night, in which 434,000 people took part, 476 have been successful, 308 were partly successful, 397 were a failure and ninety-four were unaccounted for. The average length of these strikes was sixteen days.

LOOKERS have struck work in a third check-weigher or tally-man. The strikers' Federation is looking after the interests of the owners. It is said that a number of men have left Glasgow to fill the places of the strikers.

SAYED that titled ladies in England are in the dress-making business, and others are disporting themselves on the music hall stage. Various problems have been solved by the "cable-punchers" in the far West, and one is earning a living in London by playing a barrel organ.

THE two principal Glasgow locomotive firms are very busy. Messrs. Neilson and Co., Hyde Park Works, Springfield, have about 2,000 hands employed, and Messrs. Dalziel and Co. have over 2,100 engaged upon engines for Japan, New South Wales and other parts of the world.

ONE year ago Frederick Hamilton was the only workman in the London County Council. When he made the motion to introduce the eight-hour day for municipal employees, it was laughed at. But the Council's composition has changed, and some time ago the eight-hour proposition was carried by a vote of sixty-two to thirty.

THE London omnibus companies are now arranging a time whereby the men will have to work alternately a long and a short day, instead of a uniform day of twelve hours, as was understood at the time of the settlement. The men are opposed to acquiesce without objection, in order to avoid a renewal of the trouble, in spite of the urgings of the leaders in favor of resistance.

THE workmen's stormy scene at the meeting of committee "A" of the Royal Labor commission on the 2nd. Mr. Donovan, stove, was questioned regarding the composition of the committee. He replied and began a warmly worded speech which so disturbed the feelings of the chairman, the Earl of Kimberley, that he promptly adjourned the "bed steeplechase." Ben. Tillett, the workmen labor leader proposed himself in place of the chairman.

THE state of the workmen's strike, saying the state municipalities ought to co-operate in the work, erect workshops and find employment for the unemployed. The state should provide technical education for youths and adults, and should find the necessities of life for the unemployed.

Mr. Tillett said that in his opinion all a lady would not see she ought not to eat. The state, continued the labor leader, should be the universal employer, and as it was the recognized duty of the state to teach convicts a trade, the state should at least extend the same benefit to the unemployed. Mr. Tillett then proposed making serious charges against certain persons when the Earl of Derby, who was present, had long been exhausted, ordered the court to be closed.

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL.

SIX HUNDRED workmen in the royal mill factory at Erfurt, Germany, have been dismissed.

The statistics of the Metal-workers' National Union of Germany, show that



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The farm hands in Bretagne, France, have established a permanent organization, as the result of a convention held by them at Port Domingo, a month ago.

The formation of labor unions in Finland had reached the point of resolving to hold a general meeting in Helsinki for this summer, but a clause from the Czar stopped it entirely.

The Socialists of Hamburg are building an enormous co-operative bakery. The enterprise of co-operative baking has been organized in many other places.

The Berlin Social Democrats are so well pleased with their schools for working people that efforts are being made to extend the system both in Berlin and other large cities of Germany.

Following an old custom, the Queen of Holland has made application for membership in the Bricklayers' Union of Amsterdam. Her father and other predecessors also were honorary members of different labor organizations.

One half of the population of Basle, Switzerland, have an income of less than \$100 per year each, and there are 111 millions in the Bricklayers' Union of Amsterdam. Her father and other predecessors also were honorary members of different labor organizations.

Several at a banquet at Tours, France, M. Yves Guyot, the Minister of Public Works, stated that the Government was quite decided to see the law respecting trade unions enforced, but the members of such unions must not attempt to abuse the privileges.

One of the first strikes on record is the miller's strike in 1162 at Villigen, Germany. They asked for more wages and better treatment. The City Council had them arrested and they made oath never to strike again, and each of the strikers was fined 400 florins in gold.

The workmen of the industrial center of Genoa, Naples, Livorno and Messina have voted the expenses of a deputation to Rome to press the claims of the workmen in regard to the Maritime Interior, Nicotini. They request that the public works in contemplation shall be undertaken by the workmen, and not to foreign contractors.

The victory of the Paris and London bunion seems to have cheered the heart of another white slaves chaser. The agitation for a twelve hours' day has extended to Genoa, Italy. The men of the General French Trades Union Committee have held a meeting, formulated their demand not to work for more than twelve consecutive hours, and appointed a deputation to wait on the strikers.

A COOPERATIVE hunter shot up into a tree at which he thought to be an empty crow's nest, and was very much surprised to see a twenty-five pound cone crashing through the branches.

A TURTLE four feet across the back has been looted in Current River, Mo., for fifty years. The other day a hunter shot it between the eyes, but the ball cleared off and the turtle still held its own. The turtle swam placidly in deep water.

"WICKED has been the treason of Judah, the persecution of tyrants, and the sinning of robbers. Still the blood of all these together has been concentrated in your; you are the source of fraud, and root of lies and matter of deception."—St. Imbrose.