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CANADA

The nephew of one of England's most prominent peers is working as a common miner in the Lethbridge collieries.

Louis Leblanc, of Central Street, Hull, a mill hand in the employ of Mr. J R. Booth, was killed by a dynamite explosion in the mill at noon on Monday

About a year ago the wages of operatives at the Kingston cotton mill were reduced ten per cent. Last week an order was issued that wages be increased ten per cent

A Grand Trunk brakeman named S. Hark, of Brockville, lost his left leg below the knee at Midland on Saturday through getting his foot caught between the wing rails and being unable to get out of the way of a freight train.

Osgoode was the scene of a serious fire on Saturday morning, when the Osgoode shingle mill, owned by Mr Joseph Larose, of Hull, was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at $4,000, and the fire will throw fifteen men out of employment

Patterson & Corbin, street car manufacturers of St. Catharines, are manufacturing twelve cars for the new Ottawa street railway They have received orders for larger cars from New Westminster and have tendered for supplying cars to St. John, N B, Kingston, Gal.

A new company composed of Hon E H Bronson, M P.P, Mr C. Berkeley Powell, Mr G. B Pattee, and other local business men, has been organized in Ottawa for the purpose of supplying electric motive power for machinery of all kinds throughout the city. The company will also incidentally undertake to supply light.

The annual meeting of the Montreal pilots was held at Deschambault on the [illegible] members of the Pilot's Committee, and at a meeting of the committee Mr. Narcisse Perrault was elected president and Mr. Tancrede Beralle secretary.

At a meeting of directors of Hochelaga and Ste. Anne cotton mills at Montreal, on the 11th inst., it was decided that those mills would join the Dominion Cotton Companies Association Eleven out of the thirteen "white" mills are now in the syndicate, the mills comprising which will work jointly from January 1st, when an advance in cotton may be looked for

Another of the Grand Trunk's old and trustworthy employees was suddenly called on Saturday, the 6th. Mr. W. Wolfenden, known among his fellow workmen and citizens of Point St. Charles generally as "Billy-on time." Mr. Wolfenden was for a great many years driver of the St. Lambert "sub." He was taken ill when bringing in his train at the Bonaventure station and died a few hours afterwards. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 9th inst., with Masonic honors.

A Winnipeg dispatch to the Toronto *Mail* says —"The contract for the extension of the Great Northern Railway west has been awarded to Shepherd, Sons & Co. As a result laborers are in great demand, and these contractors have sent to their agent here asking him to hire all the men he can get at $2 per day." Statements such as this should be received with caution, as contractors have been known to promise high wages to laborers with the object of inducing a rush of unemployed men to the neighborhood and so glutting the market and enabling them to get all the help they required at low figures.

A special meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons' Union, of Ottawa, was held in Labor Hall, on the evening of the 11th inst. Mr Seguin, vice-president, occupied the chair Officers were nominated as follows President, Messrs. R. A. Crane, sr., and H. Thorne, vice-president, Louis Guneau, corresponding secretary, Messrs. M. J Mahon and R. Crane, and secretary, P Canty Mr. A. McDonald retired from the position of corresponding secretary The following were nominated as delegates to the International Convention at Toronto Messrs. A. McDonald, P. Canty, Seguin, R. Crane, J Maguire and J. St. George. The voting was by ballot and Messrs. McDonald and Canty were selected by a big majority.

The *Canadian Gazette*, the English organ of the Dominion Government, says "Let mechanics and such like who may think of emigration to Canada in the spring take warning by the report which one Joseph Hannington, a bricklayer, sends home to the *Reading Observer*. He went to Toronto in April last as a bricklayer, and was for four months out of work, and is now in the States. 'Of course,' he states, 'I am not saying there are no openings, but still there are very few for a new-comer, as I found to my cost, and if there had been no bricklayers' strike it would have been worse for me. I was four months in Canada earning 80 cents, and then not at my trade, there being no demand for building men at all Moral Don't go to Canada unless you mean to go on the land, or unless you have definite employment there secured before you leave England For capable men going on the land there is no lack of employment, but even these should first consult the Canadian Government agents here."

UNITED STATES

New York Post Office Clerks Association demand eight hours.

The Piano Varnishers' Union, New York, has won the nine hour work day in twenty five factories.

The Oliver Iron and steel mills, of Pittsburg, employing 3,000 men, have shut down for an indefinite time.

In the United States the average production for each employee in 1880 was $720, of which the laborer got $340 and capitalism $374.

The Bessemer Rolling Mill Company, of Birmingham, Ala., has failed. The cause was the loss of $[illegible],000 The mill will be kept running.

The cornice and skylight makers of New York introduced the eight hour system on Monday Their employers granted it without trouble and all is harmonious in the trade

The Druid Mills Manufacturing Company, of Baltimore, has assigned The concern is the largest cotton duck manufactory in the country. The failure is due to the stringency of the money market.

Representatives of the Standard Oil Company have leased one thousand acres of land, near La Grange, Indiana, and are negotiating for more. Experts pronounce the prospects for an abundance of gas excellent.

In 1870 the number of female operatives was little over a million and a half in 1880, two and one-half millions. Of children employed between ten and fifteen years of age, there was, in 1870, 739,164; 1880, 1,118,356.

In 1880 the wages paid to American mechanics and operatives in manufacturing industries represented 25 per cent. of the value of the finished products. Since then the share of labor in that product [illegible] It was 20 per [illegible] in 1870 and 17 [illegible] of 18[illegible] unquestionably show a further decline.

The Federation of Labor Convention, which has just been concluded in Detroit, adopted a resolution to send a delegation to the Convention of the International Bricklayers' Union which is to be held in Toronto next January, with a view to inducing that union to affiliate with the the federation. The delegation will consist of President Gompers and two others.

The Nationalists of Detroit and other citizens who advocate the reduction of street car fares to one cent are industriously distributing a small folder bearing printed arguments in support of the proposition. They purpose that the city charter be so revised and amended that the city shall have power to own and operate its own lines of local transportation under the supervision of a board or commission.

In the reports and statistics compiled by the chief of the Ohio Labor Bureau he states that "the present amount of wages annually paid does not give the wage worker comfortable means of support, and enable him to lay by even a moderate fund to meet the necessary exigencies he is sure to encounter That an evil growing out of the condition is the increase of child labor, and this cannot be prevented until the head of the family, by his own exertion, can earn an adequate support."

The locked-out union shoemakers of Rochester have been greatly encouraged by the action of the American Federation of Labor which, at its recent convention in Detroit, voted them assistance at the rate of $70,000 per quarter until the difficulty was settled. Taylor's factory, employing 190 persons, has declared the lock-out off and the unionists have returned to work on the understanding that they are to be allowed to retain their membership in labor organizations, while the proprietor is permitted to introduce any machines he desires, preference to be given to present employees in working them

Everett Glackin, a well-known Labor Reformer and member of the Typographical Union died at Brooklyn on the 1st inst. of kidney disease from which he had suffered for some time. He served two terms as President of Typographical Union No. 6 Mr Glackin had been for a number of years a student of the labor problem. The New York mayoralty campaign of 1886 found him in the ranks of those who advocated Mr. George's candidacy In 1887 he stumped the state for Mr George, who was a candidate for Secretary of State. What gave Mr Glackin great prominence was an address on "What we Want," delivered by him at the Academy of Music. In his death the labor movement has lost one of its most effective and influential leaders.

The present strike among the coal miners in the Monongah field promises to be the most serious in the history of strikes in West Virginia. One thousand miners are out. The entire Camden system of railroads depends almost entirely upon the coal outputs for freight and will be seriously crippled The company has been paying twenty five cents per ton for mining, and the reduction that has caused the strike is one of five cents per ton, or to twenty cents On the night of the 11th a desperate fight occurred, in which Jason Hall, master workman of the Miners Assembly, was shot and killed Hall went with a number of strikers to persuade a party of men to leave work They refused, and the strikers assaulted them About thirty men were engaged in the fight Hall was shot through the heart by a man named Jenkins, who escaped Hundreds of miners are looking for him, and if caught he will be lynched. Such is the account given of the affair by the Associated Press despatches, which are probably colored in the interests of the monopolists

GREAT BRITAIN

The threatened strike of weavers at Ilkton has been averted, the employers having conceded an advance in wages

Cunninghame Graham, M P, has been conducting a vigorous campaign in Northumberland for the compulsory eight hour day.

The Scottish Ploughmen's Union has during the past twelve months largely increased its membership, and secured a general advance of wages with the Saturday half holiday, in several counties.

Seven hundred plush weavers, employed by Lister & Co., of Bradford, have struck against a reduction of wages. Three hundred will strike to-morrow, and 400 more at the end of the week The reduction in wages is said to be due to the McKinley tariff law

More than 300 persons have subscribed to the "Nationalisation Society of Labor" in England, the aims of which are, in brief, "to promote universal brotherhood, to protest against the present system of industrial competition, and to propagate the principles of national co-operation."

The workingmen of Dundee, Scotland, having returned two of their number to the City Council, have now raised sufficient funds to pay these two representatives their regular wages for the next three years, the term for which they are elected By this plan the workingmen councillors will be enabled to devote their whole time to civic affairs.

A serious strike, threatened by the Burton-on-Trent maltsters [illegible] has been temporarily averted. The authorities of their grievances is the excessive amount of work they have been called upon to do. Mr Abbotts, on behalf of the firm, has expressed his willingness to accede to several of the demands. Some of the men complain that they are frequently compelled to work from five o'clock in the morning until nine at night.

The English railway men met at Carlisle a recent Sunday, and unanimously resolved that if the Scotch railway men come out on strike their English fellow workmen will handle no passenger or freight trains from Scotland, and will subscribe money weekly in support of the strikers It was stated that the executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants for Scotland had fixed Wednesday, December 24th, as the day on which all work should cease on the Caledonian, the North British, and the Glasgow and South-Western Railways.

Negotiations for an advance of wages and re-arrangement of working hours that have been going on for some weeks between the officials of the Hull Dockers' Union, on behalf of the Hull Oil Millers, who are affiliated with that body, and the employers, have just come to an amicable termination. The rate of wages varied at almost every mill, and a revised scale was submitted which made the wages uniform, and this has been agreed to with some slight modifications The increase will vary from five per cent to twenty per cent., according to the rates paid at the mills. There is also a slight reduction in the hours of working.

According to an official return just issued relating to the number of accidents occurring among workpeople in factories, mines and railways during the year, as compared with the total number employed in these branches, the figures were as follows There were 3,220,835 persons employed in factories, and of these there were 443 fatal, and 7,524 non-fatal accidents; also of the 676,779 persons employed in mines, there were 1,176 fatal, and 5,074 non-fatal accidents, and on railways there were 381,636 employed, with 451 fatal and 10,389 non-fatal accidents, or a grand total of 4,277,080 persons employed, with 2,070 fatal and 22,987 non-fatal accidents. The figures relating to mines and railways naturally show the highest number of injuries and fatalities. In the case of mines last year, one man was killed to every 523, and one injured to every 135 employed. The respective proportions on railways were one in every 846, and one in every thirty six

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL.

The porcelain factory at Cemilow, Russia, owned by Prince Lobesky, was burned on the 12th. Eight employees lost their lives.

A general strike has been declared in the coal mines of Fries-Kaisin, one of the most powerful companies in the basin of Charleroi, Belgium. There are a great number of workmen employed at the works.

ROBERT GLOCKLING.

PRESIDENT OF THE TORONTO TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

The subject of the above portrait, who at present occupies the position of President of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council, is an Englishman by birth, having first seen the light in London, Eng., in 1854 At the age of twelve he was apprenticed to the bookbinding trade and in 1869, three years afterwards, came with his parents to Canada and finished his term of apprenticeship with The Copp, Clark Co. of this city In the year 1871 he joined the Bookbinders Union and the year following took an active part in the strike for the reduction of the hours of labor to nine Shortly afterwards he went to the States and worked in several American cities. Returning to Canada he has since been prominent in trade union affairs Mr Glockling served creditably several terms as president of the Bookbinders Benevolent Society which in 1886 changed its form of organization and became an assembly of the K of L. He was elected its first financial secretary and afterwards chosen Master Workman Mr Glockling represented this body at the Dominion Trade and Labor Council held in Toronto in 1886 and has also been their representative in District Assembly No 125 K of L since its formation in 1886. He was elected District Financial Secretary in January 1887, District Recording Secretary in October 1888 and District Secretary-Treasurer in January 1889 which position he still retains. He represented [illegible] A. at the [illegible] Labor Congress at Hamilton in 1887 and at London in 1888 on which latter occasion he was chosen Vice-President of the Congress.

Mr Glockling has been a delegate to the Toronto Trades and Labor Council from the Bookbinders Assembly since 1886 and was elected president of the Council in July 1889 He represented the Council at the Montreal session of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council in 1889 and at the session held in Ottawa this year when he was chosen a member of the Executive Committee. He represented D A 125 at the General Assembly of the K of L at Denver, Col., last month.

As will be seen from the list of positions he has filled, Mr Glockling is one of the most assiduous workers in the ranks of organized labor. His qualities admirably fit him for a presiding officer He is uniformly courteous, fair-minded and impartial and possesses a fund of practical common sense in addition to a good technical knowledge of parliamentary rules of procedure In private life his sterling worth and many good traits of character have secured him a wide circle of friends.

The French sugar-beet crop of the present season has failed to a large extent so as to make a shortage in the sugar product of 300,000 tons. Four hundred and thirteen beet-sugar factories, employing 72,000 horse-power and 28,000 workmen, now exist in France.

The strike of the typographical printers at Budapesth is almost over At the outset there were 900 printers and 500 young girls on strike The latter worked as folders and receivers at the machines Amongst other things the strikers demanded twelve florins (about £1) a week, and a working day of nine hours, which demand has been conceded by most of the houses. The female element gave a splendid example of unity in the demand for their rights. In one house where the printers feared to strike, the women left in a body, because their demands were not acceded to. The result was that the masters yielded. The authorities took the side of the masters, and about thirty printers have been sent to prison

The brave strikers of Firminy, France, have come to the end of their resources, and were obliged to yield the last point in dispute about the reinstation of Citizen Lamendin and the fourteen others dismissed by the company A procession of 500 miners accompanied Lamendin and his comrades with great enthusiasm along the route to Lens. The crowd were most pacific, and sang the "Marseillaise" and the "Miner's Song" (Chant des Mineurs). At the Place Gambetta, near Epinoy, they were attacked by thirty gendarmes, who forced the miners to disperse The dismissed miners, seeing that the strike had lasted fifty-one days, and that their comrades and their families were plunged in the deepest misery, insisted on their resuming work, and abandoning the battle on their behalf—a touching example of solidarity.