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LABOR WORLD

News and Views of the Ever Advancing
Army of Workers.

Business Agent Moore is endeavoring
to organize the Art Woodwork-
ers.

Think of it, boys, a bankers union
was formed in the City Hall on Mon-
day last.

Cleveland Moulders obtained an in-
crease of 15 cents a day in wages by
their recent strike.

The latest union to be formed in the
Yukon is that of the Carpenters
with a membership of 60.

The Guelph Bartenders have issued
a handsome card showing the hotels
employing union bartenders.

A conference was held on Wednes-
day afternoon between the boss
painters and representatives of the
union.

The striking painters of Pittsburg
have returned to work. Their wages
will hereafter be \$3.20 per day of
eight hours.

Don't forget the Bakers' open meet-
ing in Richmond Hall on Saturday
night. Every baker in the city will
be made welcome.

Mr. Louis Rindfuss was in town
this week in the interests of the Bar-
tenders. He reports the local here
as going ahead in a satisfactory man-
ner.

The municipal council of Phoenix,
B. C., has passed a resolution asking
the Dominion Government not to
spend any more money on immigration.

Despatches tell us that seven Cana-
dian mechanics were stopped at Buf-
falo and sent back, because they had
letters on them which were in the
nature of contracts.

The Jewelry Workers are going in
for a nine-hour day with four hours
on Saturday. They held a good
meeting on Wednesday night in Rich-
mond Hall.

Your name should be on our sub-
scription list. You need an up-to-date
labor paper in your home that will
give the people the truth about labor
conditions.

Twelve new candidates and fifteen
new propositions is pretty good for
one meeting. The Machine Woodwork-
ers were served in that way at their
meeting on Wednesday night.

The Longshoremen of Halifax have
inaugurated a strike for an increase
of wages from 20 cents an hour to
25 cents. There is a general tie-up
all along the Halifax water front.

The business agents of the city have
opened nice convenient offices at
Room 36, Victoria Arcade, 18 Victo-
ria street. The office will be open
all day with one of them always in
attendance.

A convention of all workers inter-
ested in reform is to be held at Kam-
loops, B. C., on April 14th, for the
purpose of forming an association to
take part in politics. The convention
is called by the Western Federation of
Miners.

The town of Thorold reports to be
thoroughly satisfied with the princi-
ple of municipal ownership. They have
given it a trial by running their own
electric light plant. They serve the
citizens with light at a very low
rate.

The Employing Painters would like
the public to believe that the men are
asking for too great an increase, but
the people are pretty thoroughly in
sympathy with the men and recognize
that when the slack times in the
trade are considered, even 30 cents an
hour is too low a wage.

Mr. J. H. Kennedy returned this
week from Kansas City where he has
been in attendance at the meeting of
the general executive board of the
Sheet Metal Workers' International
Union. He leaves again this week for
Ottawa and Montreal on business con-
nected with the Sheet Metal Workers.

The regular meeting of the Printers
will be held in Room 4, Richmond
Hall, Saturday night. Saturday is
also election day among the printers
and a hot contest is on for the hon-
ors of representing the union at the
Trades Council. There are seventeen
candidates out of which a choice of
thirteen is to be made.

The Painters lockout is the all-ab-
sorbing topic in labor circles this
week. The men are confident that
their demands will be conceded. The
employers' move in locking out their
men has not been by any means gen-
eral, even among members of the As-
sociation. The men are talking seri-
ously of taking contracts on their
own behalf. This would be the solu-
tion of the whole difficulty, and there
is no doubt but what they will do
this should their demands not be con-
ceded shortly.

So far there is great rivalry among
several individuals for the prizes of-
fered by this paper for the greatest
list of subscribers sent in before the
1st of May. Several organizations are
also going out for the prize given the
union with the greatest percentage of
its members on the subscription list
before that date.

There is a proposal on foot to
start a branch of the Amalgamated
Carpenters Union in the West End.
They have started to grow in earnest
since putting out a business agent,
and with every prospect of the short-
ening of hours it is altogether likely
that this season will see the carpen-
ters thoroughly organized.

Messrs. Anderson and Wallace, both
good labor men of Guelph, were in
the city last week and attended the
meeting of the Trades Council on
Thursday night. They were seeking
information on the question of techni-
cal education, which made them
pay a visit to our excellent technical
school. They returned to Guelph on
Good Friday night, after being shown
the town by some of the boys.

The Bakers are still keeping up
their agitation for abolition of night
work. There is no very good reason
why the Bakers should be called upon
to work at night. Bread which comes
from the oven to-night should be
in good enough condition for the
use of the public the next morning.
The union feels the need of keeping up
the fight for abolition of night work
and a shortening of the hours of
labor. It is about time they cut out
the ten-hour work day they think, as
all the other trades have a shorter
day than that. The union holds an
open meeting on Saturday night, to
which they invite all bakers. A gen-
eral discussion of trade matters will
be had with a view of reforming con-
ditions surrounding this branch of
industry.

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sulting in his loss of employment. A
thrive or energetic man who is
thrown out of work will generally, if
he is in earnest, be able to find some-
thing to which he can turn his hand,
which will make up in part at least
for the loss of his regular employ-
ment, and not infrequently it is found
that the chance employment thus
picked up has resulted in securing
better and more permanent and pro-
fitable work than that which he
thought himself unfortunate enough
to lose. It is surprising how many
fields of occupation are open to a
man who is in earnest about getting
work.

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There is trouble brewing at Port
Dabhouse between the rubber workers
and the management of the rubber
factory. A cut was made in wages,
affecting mostly the girls. The work-
ers are members of a federal union,
with a charter from the A. F. of L.,
and are represented in the Trades
Council of St. Catharines. Both are
interesting themselves in the affair.

The Boss Painters have made an-
other proposition to the men, which
was considered at a meeting in Rich-
mond Hall on Thursday morning. Af-
ter some discussion the meeting ad-
journed until the evening in Victoria
Hall, when they will no doubt reach
a conclusion that will mean the end-
ing of the trouble. The nature of the
new proposition will not be given to
the public until a decision is reached
by the union.

Many shoe dealers often use the ar-
gument to the uninitiated: "They
haven't got a label on them because
it costs 25 cents to have label put
on, and that would make them cost
you a quarter more." The Boot and
Shoe Workers' label is a little stamp
indented in the leather and like all
other labels is inexpensive and does
not cost the manufacturer a penny a
million, as they are put on free of
cost by the union.

The Patternmakers have had a
trouble on with the Polson Iron
Works for some days. At a confer-
ence held this week between the men
and the firm an attempt was made to
settle the difficulty without results.
The men hold out for an increase in
wages, which the firm are unwilling
to grant. The city is so thoroughly
organized that the firm find it impos-
sible to get a single man to take
the places of the strikers.

Vice-President Tatem, of the Book-
binders International, was in the
city the latter part of last week and
the fore part of this. He also, with
Mr. Glockling, visited Hamilton and
organized the bookbinders of that
city. A visit was paid to Buffalo in
an endeavor to settle a little diffi-
culty there over the refusal of a firm to
pay the scale to a member of the
union. He left the city for Chicago
on Tuesday night after attending a
joint meeting of the Bookbinders
Unions, both male and female.

The American Federation of Musi-
cians has diplomats at the helm.
Local 104, of Springfield, Mass., fined
seven of its members \$20 each for
violation of the laws of the order.
Said seven immediately set about to
secure an injunction, restraining the
local from enforcing the laws of the
federation. As soon as the injunc-
tion was granted the international re-
voked the charter of 104 and declared
the local void. It at once organized
a new local, No. 171, which complete-
ly absorbed the membership of the
old local and several new members,
barring the seven injunctionists. The
seven have since sent a check for \$140
and had the injunction dissolved. This
is a new way to beat an injunction.

The big strike of the employees of
the Singer Sewing Machine Company,
at South Bend, Ind., has brought to
light some interesting figures in re-
gard to the wages paid by this wealth-
y concern. Skilled mechanics have
filed statements of their earnings,
which show them to have received
from \$1.25 to \$1.35 per day. One of
the strikers, who neither chews,
smokes, drinks, gambles, nor squan-
ders his money in any other way, had
just 35 cents left from a month's
earnings after paying his household
expenses. These figures indicate an
appalling state of prosperity (?) among
the Singer Company's employees. It
is no wonder they are on strike for
the betterment of their condition and
higher wages.

Judge Chetlain, of Chicago, has
shocked his colleagues of the bench
by refusing a sweeping injunction to
the Tarrant Manufacturing Company
against striking machinists. The in-
junction was granted, but worded as
follows: "Workmen may use the
streets and highways for the purpose
of entreaty, inducement and peaceable
persuasion in good faith, and a pa-
trol or picket may not necessarily im-
plicitly force or threat of bodily harm."
They may individually or collec-
tively quit the work of an employer
and use all peaceable means to in-
duce other workmen to quit, even if
the works of the employer in conse-
quence be closed and loss ensue. The
law accords to capital the right law-
fully to combine to get for itself as
much as it can. It accords to labor
the same right. In the determina-
tion of what is best for its own pro-
tection the law must give to both
capital and labor a broad field for ac-
tion.

At the close of his decision the
judge expresses a personal opinion
that violators of an injunction in
such cases should be tried for crime
by a jury and not by a judge for con-
tempt.

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The Injustice of the Economic System
of To-day to the Poor.

The following letter has been sent
to the Ministerial Association by the
Trades Council, in reply to the com-
munication of the former body re-
gretting inability to hold a joint con-
ference on the relations between the
churches and the workmen:

Reverend Sirs—We beg to acknowl-
edge the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst., stating that it would not
be convenient for you to meet the
members of this Council in a confer-
ence. While we regret your conclu-
sion, we feel that it is only proper
that we should bring before your at-
tention some of the considerations
which we would have been pleased to
discuss with you had the occasion of-
fered.

When some men, without doing the
first productive act can claim for
themselves tens of thousands or hun-
dreds of thousands of dollars yearly,
while women are compelled to make
shirts for thirty cents a dozen, is it
not evidence that somehow and some-
where there is

AN UTTER FAILURE
to carry out the doctrine of the
Golden Rule and the injunction: Ren-
der to every one his due.

Are we not right when we ask the
question: Of what avail the most elo-
quent preaching and the most beau-
tiful ceremonies, if they fail to estab-
lish justice, if they succeed not in en-
throning righteousness? Of what avail
all the grandest ecclesiastical ma-
chinery if it bring forth by its neg-
lect a condition that inevitably
splits society in twain, compelling
one part to toil like slaves and the
other part, without bearing the
slightest burden of production can re-
vel in excessive abundance?

Of all the questions before the
world at the present day, is not this
failure of religion to realize justice,
the most important? Do not all ques-
tions of textual criticism, Spiritual
interpretation, theological erudition,
or ecclesiastical organization, sink
into insignificance in comparison with
this problem: How shall we make a
success of the

JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
which true religion imperatively de-
mands?

That we may contribute something
to the solution of this problem, we
call your attention to one phenom-
enon, which is especially manifest in
the growth of every city. A century
ago the land of this city had no
value; to-day the value amounts to
\$80,000,000. From the nothing of a
hundred years ago, the value has in-
creased with every increase of the
population. This value, caused by
the conjoint presence of the commu-
nity, has been treated as the rightful
possession of individuals, so that to-
day we see certain families who en-
joy every luxury of excessive fortune
not because they have produced that
fortune, but because they have been
allowed to charge their fellows more
and more simply for the occupation
of the face of the earth. Where labor
had to surrender at one time but a
mere trifle for the occupation of the
land, to-day it has to pay a tribute
of tens of thousands per acre yearly.
Let this process continue and let the
city grow till the population be-
comes many times what it is at the
present day, and the amount of this
tribute that must be paid for the oc-
cupation of the land must grow and
grow till we develop all

THE WORST FEATURES
of the largest cities of the world—
mansions regal in their splendor
at one end, while the toilers who
erect these mansions and furnish them
with all their grandeur and beauty
doomed to the degradation of the
stuffy tenement or the pestiferous
slum. The churches will grow grand-
er, their funds will swell greater, but
what about the growth of that king-
dom whose foundations must be laid
in justice, whose buttresses are bas-
ed in righteousness, and whose spir-
it breathes the equities of brother-
hood?

Does not every consideration of jus-
tice point inevitably to the conclusion
that the value that thus comes to
the land from the communal growth
and organization belongs properly to
the community, and that its only
appropriate destination is the public
treasury for public purposes? So long
as we continue to place our taxation
on the products of industry and thus
allow the value of the land to be ap-
propriated as private wealth, do we
not inevitably place men in

UNJUST RELATIONSHIPS
so that one part will forever de-
grade the other part, and thus
spoke the success of religion and civi-
lization an impossibility?

Shall the labor party look for the
active and sympathetic co-operation
of those who are the leaders in re-
ligious thought and actively to push
these truths on the attention of the
public, or shall we hear from the pul-
pits only the duty of individual good-
ness, without any adequate investi-
gation into the adjustments that
must be effected so as to realize the
equities of the reign of brotherhood?

Signed on behalf of the Toronto
Trades and Labor Council.

D. W. KENNEDY,
Secretary.

No Christian who knows the gospel
can possibly believe that it warrants
him in living uselessly by the sweat
of another man's brow.—Goldwin
Smith.

The art of being a man of the
world is the art of being an arch dis-
simulator.—Wertheimer.

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